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Jackson off ballot, can't be a write-in

Darren Jackson, once a cinch to become Scurry County sheriff for another four years, officially learned Friday that he is not only off the general election ballot, he is ineligible to run as a write-in candidate.

A ruling received Friday afternoon from the Secretary of State's election division office cleared up two weeks of conflicting information concerning the Democratic incumbent's options, but left murky the picture of who will be sworn in as sheriff on Jan. 1.

Since there were no Republican candidates for sheriff, only the Democratic party executive committee may nominate a candidate whose name would appear on the November ballot.

But such nominee could not be Jackson who disqualified himself by affiliating himself with more than one political party.

Another option would be for a candidate or candidates to declare as a write-in for sheriff. But again, Jackson is not eligible as a write-in candidate, state officials have ruled.

One option for Jackson, it appears, is to be appointed sheriff by the commissioners' court, assuming the office is vacant or becomes vacant.

Jackson was declared ineligible after voting in the Republican primary, saying he was interested in the justice of the peace race because that office works closely with the sheriff's department.

Jackson said once he was made aware of the election code violation, he immediately reported it to the Secretary of State's office and to Billy Haynes, the county Demo chairman. Haynes on Monday reluctantly declared Jackson ineligible as the Democratic nominee.

The Secretary of State's office once indicated that Jackson could run as a write-in candidate, but later corrected that verbal opinion.

County Attorney Mike Hartman, because of the conflicting information from Austin, Monday requested a written opinion.

Signed by attorney Ann McGeehan, the opinion stated that neither the statute nor the case law suggests that a lack of opposition would serve as a mitigating factor in the statute that prohibits a candidate from voting in another party's primary.

The Scurry County Democratic Party was scheduled to have its county convention Saturday morning, but party chairman Billy Haynes said the convention would name delegates to the state convention.

"I don't think we'll discuss it much. We will meet at a later date to consider our options," Haynes said.

County to again look at hospital board nominee

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Although it has been a month since Dr. Mark Weaver submitted his resignation from the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board, the Scurry County Commissioners' Court has yet to name a replacement.

The court will discuss the item again Monday when it convenes at 10 a.m.

The item was on the commissioners' March 20 agenda, but was tabled in a split vote with Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey opposing.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer made the motion to table the item, saying it would allow the court more time to research additional people.

Lindsey countered with, "We had two qualified people to choose from. We had two weeks. That is plenty of time to research it."

Judge Ricky Fritz said the process of finding a board appointment, whether it is for the hospital board or any other of the county boards, begins with either someone submitting a name or a person calling a commissioner and expressing interest in serving.

"Sometimes we'll see people that we think will be good on the board and a commissioner will ask them if they'd like to serve."

Pertaining to the hospital board appointment, Fritz said, "We've heard a lot of names kicked around."

The court's job will be to sort through those names and find the best possible person for the job.

Fritz and all four commissioners agreed they wanted a person who had the best interests of Cogdell Memorial Hospital at heart.

Lindsey said that in a board member she looks for someone who has ties to Snyder and is stable. "And someone who has interests in having a good hospital and a good county. Someone who cares."

Limmer said he looks for a person who has the desire and time to serve.

"I think we have a lot of intelligent people in Snyder that would be good board members, but what I look for is a person who is willing to take time from their daily regiment to devote to the hospital and to learn how the operation works, so they can make intelligent decisions."

In his letter of resignation, Dr. Weaver said he thinks a physician is a valuable asset to the board and he hopes the court "will strongly consider one of the other local doctors to take [his] place."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom said, "Whether it is a doctor or a layperson, I just want the best possible person we can find — a person who has the time and the energy to devote to the hospital. That's what I look for in all board appointments."

Lindsey said she was not opposed to appointing another doctor, but she did not see it as a necessity.

"I don't think a physician is necessary or a requirement because we have a chief of staff and we have a director of nurses."

Fritz echoed similar sentiments.

"We have a chief of staff that reports directly to the board. I don't think it is a necessity to have a physician on the board, the chief of staff represents the medical staff. The board has access to medical expertise."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey said the expertise from the medical community would be a benefit to the board, but overall he looks for someone with a desire to serve in the best interests of the hospital.

"I am looking for an individual that is interested, more than anything else, in the hospital and the well being of the hospital. One that is willing to spend the time necessary to understand and know the inner workings of the hospital."

Fritz said the ideal situation is to find an appointment that the court can agree upon.

"What we like to do is have a board member that all five members of the court are happy with, but that's not always possible."

Dr. Weaver resides in Precinct 3, but Fritz said it is not required to appoint someone from that precinct.

"All four precincts are represented, so the person doesn't have to be from a specific one," Fritz said.

Current board members and their precinct include E.D. Walton of Precinct 2, Dink Foree of Precinct 3, Terry Williams of Precinct 1, Stanley Martin of Precinct 2 and Jim Bob Cave of Precinct 4.

Cave favors physician

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board chairman Jim Bob Cave leaves no doubt about his feelings of having a physician on the hospital board.

"I think Dr. Mark Weaver should be replaced by another physician," said Cave. "Dr. Weaver gave us insight from the medical community, and I feel that is important."



Cave

"As to the point raised about a physician having undue influence on the board, he or she would have only one vote - just like the rest of us."

Jr-Senior Prom



ALMOST READY - Juniors Kayla Phillips (left) and Melinda Langham work on decorations for the Snyder High School junior-senior prom. The event was set to begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the armory. Parents and others may view the decorations until 7 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Runoff voting to start

Early voting for the April 11 runoff election in the Republican and Democratic primaries begins Monday on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Voters may cast a ballot through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Voters are asked to bring their yellow registration cards with them.

County Clerk Joan Bunch reminds voters that they must vote in the same primary in which they voted in the March 14 election.

Bunch said a person is eligible to vote in the runoff election even if they did not vote in the primary elections.

The runoff will decide the Democratic choice for Precinct 1 Commissioner between incumbent Ralph Trevey and Cloyce Scarberry.

There will be no Republican candidate in the general election.

Only six votes separated the two with Scarberry garnering 126 and Trevey receiving 120. Bill Baldwin received 33 votes, forcing the run-off.

A runoff is also necessary between Republican Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace candidates Deborah Boyd and Ben Smith.

Boyd, a clerk in the JP office, led the ticket with 465 votes in the March 14 primary while Smith garnered 420 votes. The two will be vying for the spot vacated by Charlie Reynolds who resigned in January.

H.E.P.A. attorneys readying suit

Attorneys for the group opposing the implementation of new flight-training routes by the Air Force over an eight-county area, including Scurry, are currently preparing a lawsuit to be filed in Federal District Court in hopes of shooting down the new training area.

Santa Fe attorney Frank Bond said he did not know the exact date the suit would be filed as he had to wait until the Air Force releases its final record of decision before he began wording of the lawsuit.

The decision was announced Wednesday, a move that could ultimately create 33 civilian jobs in Snyder.

"It's a very complicated issue," Bond said. "And it will be a difficult process, but one I have been through before."

Bond said he is also representing a group of ranchers in New Mexico who are suing the Air Force over flights from Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogardo.

"That process has been on-going since September, 1998. The record of decision was filed in June of that year," Bond added.

Bond also said he expects FAA approval of the proposed B-1 and B-52 flights to take several months to go through the bureaucratic process.

"The Air Force has a lot of hurdles to clear if they expect to be flying in 2001," said Bond.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY

See Story Page 11A

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If Gore invented the Internet, the election should already be over."

Don't know what the folks in the national news media are trying to tell us, but we're sure there must be a message.

Look for the anti-Texas and anti-Bush bias to really pick up steam between now and November.

The national press never liked George H. Bush, and those TV boys tried their best to derail the George W. Bush presidential bandwagon.

Having failed to successfully promote Sen. John McCain into the GOP nomination, look for full-scale and even blind-sided attacks on the popular Texas governor.

It seems the thing that irritates the national journalists the most are five things. 1. He's from Texas. 2. He smiles with a smirk. 3. He's from Texas 4. He often is flippant. And 5. He's from Texas.

What those folks don't understand is that all that means the same thing. Being a Texan means enjoying life, even when the cowchips are down.

If you step in one of those, you are supposed to smirk and say something witty. A non-Texan would get mad and suggest some kind of federal regulation describing in detail when and where cows could excuse themselves.

The thing that makes Yankees (defined as anyone who lives north of Amarillo) suspect of a guy like George W. Bush is that what you see is what you get.

Some of the Eastern media types don't want to see the real George Bush. He likes the oil business, he loves baseball, he adores his family and he's unafraid to admit that his Christianity is important.

That last one really bakes the critics, admitting out loud that Christ has made a real impact on his life. The foes are still trying to figure out how to respond to that.

We think Al Gore is what you see also – a staid, uncompromising liberal who may give us more of the Clintons.

Should Hillary lose her bid to win a New York Senate seat, there is speculation that a President Gore would make her Secretary of State.

And an even more chilling prospect (assuming he's not indicted, convicted and disbarred after leaving office) – a William Jefferson Clinton on the U.S. Supreme Court.

We hope the voters have enough Texas grit to say – no cigar.

ASK US

Q-Is there a special price for the evening performances of the West Texas Western Swing Festival in May?

A-Yes. Tickets will be only $10 each after 6:30 p.m. These tickets are currently on sale at the chamber of commerce.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 58 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Saturday, 44; .22 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 7.53 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy, 30% rain chance; low 40-45; NE wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, cloudy, 20% rain chance. High 60-65; N wind, 5-15 mph.



Bailey Richardson
Rain Chance

Sunset:
7:04 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:31 a.m.
Of 91 days in 2000, the sun has shone 89 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is a no deposit, no return endeavor.

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Local Lions sponsor special eye exams for elementary kids

A child's "lazy eye" can be corrected if caught in time. That is why the Lions Club has established a photoscreening program for elementary school children.

For the first time, Snyder's five elementary schools — Stanfield, Central, East, Northeast and West — had their eyes examined last week with a photoscreening camera. The screenings were for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students.

Members of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club conducted the examinations earlier this week. However, the local Lions Club paid for the film.

The screening consists of taking two photographs of a child's eye. Each photograph is later examined by a doctor of optometry to detect any light refraction abnormalities. The film taken in Snyder will be interpreted by Dr. Bryan Cave, local optometrist, and the results will be fowarded to the SISD school nurses, Chris Bane and Angel Duncan.

Besides "lazy eye," the photoscreening will also detect the presence of eye disorders including far and near sightedness, astigmatism, strabismus (misaligned eyes), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), and media opacities (i.e. cataracts)

No physical contact is made with the child's eyes and eye drops are not necessary.

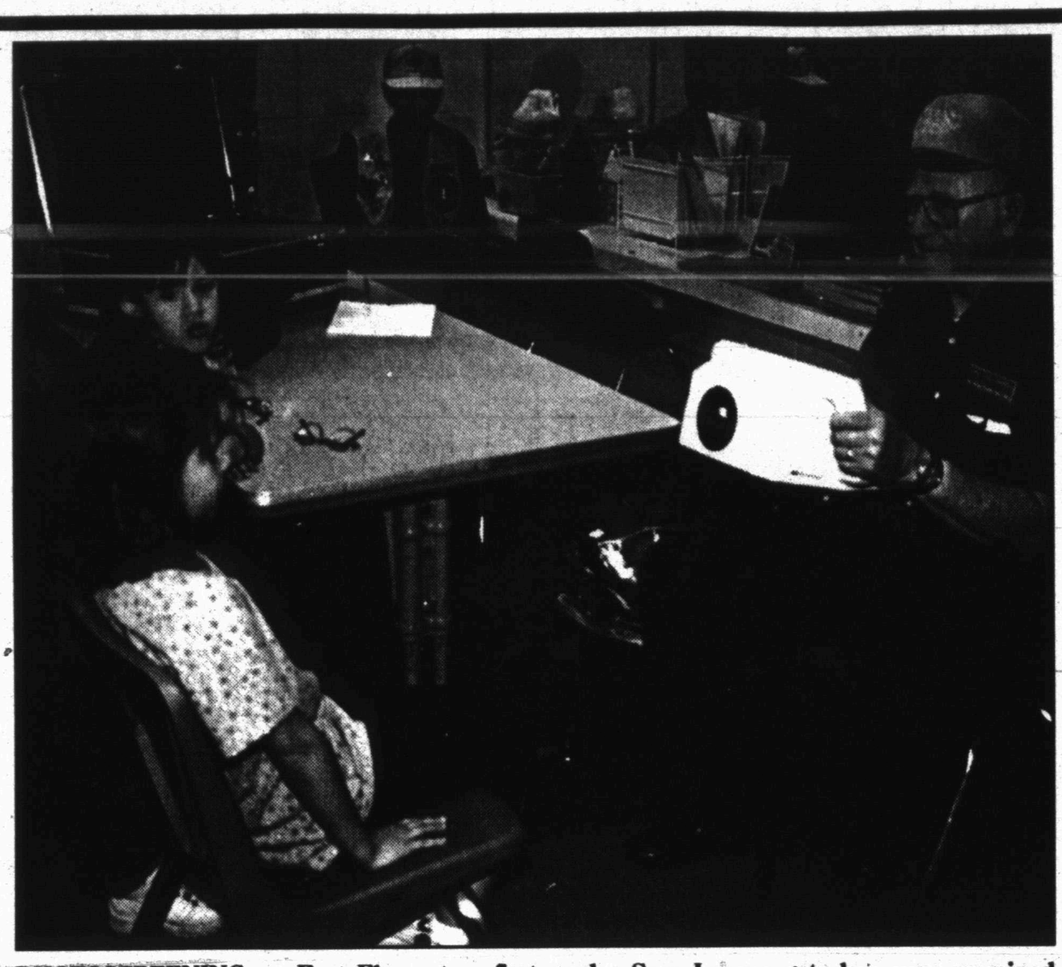
The information obtained from the vision screenings are considered a preliminary procedure only and does not constitute a diagnosis of vision problems.

Parents are often unaware that their child has amblyopia or "lazy eye." Because amblyopia usually affects only one eye, children can see — but don't realize they should be able to see through both eyes.

Two to three percent of the population has amblyopia. When this condition is detected before the age of three, approximately 95 percent recover their vision.

After the age of six, it can be difficult to totally correct.

The Big Springs Evening Lions have used photoscreening in Big Spring, Coahoma and Westbrook Schools during the 1997 and 1998 fall session to identify up to six vision deficiencies of students in the Head Start, kindergarten and first grades in the area public and private schools.



PHOTOSCREENING — East Elementary first grader Sara Lepape gets her eyes examined while fellow first grader Macy Bilano waits her turn. Elvin Bearden of the Big Spring Lions Club uses a MIT Photoscanner by Polaroid to screen for some six eye problems. Bill Birrell, also from the Big Spring club, is shown in back. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Report says fed bookkeeping is better but still inadequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agencies are doing a better job of keeping their books but still keep inadequate financial records on programs worth billions of dollars, a government report concludes.

Getting a clear picture of government assets, liabilities and costs is difficult, Congress' General Accounting Office said, because of "significant financial systems weaknesses, problems with fundamental record keeping and financial reporting, incomplete documentation and weak internal control."

Still, the GAO said in a report compiled together with the Treasury Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget, there has been real progress compared to a decade ago, when almost no agencies prepared and issued audited financial statements.

"More agencies are completing their financial statements on time, and the quality of the data continues to improve," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers wrote in the report.

It found that in audits of 24 federal agencies for fiscal year 1999, 13 got clean ratings, up from six, when the first survey was conducted in 1996, and 12 last year.

Another four agency statements got qualified, or acceptable with problems, opinions, and five — down from 13 in 1996 — came back with disclaimers, meaning the auditors were unable to determine the reliability of significant portions of the statements. Two did not meet the filing deadline.

The Office of Management and Budget's Joshua Gotbaum said another "significant milestone" for the year was that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants recognized federal accounting standards as "generally accepted accounting principles."

But Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who discussed the report Friday at a hearing of his House Government Reform Committee panel, said agencies as a whole still earned no better than a "D+" in providing reliable, accurate financial information.

Horn acknowledged some progress but said he was "disheartened, but not surprised," that significant accounting discrepancies and financial weaknesses remain. Horn graded all 24 agencies, giving A grades only to NASA and the National Science Foundation.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the comprehensive audit, the third in the nation's history, was an exercise in frustration. "It is simply unacceptable that any federal agency," he said, "cannot be held accountable for the way it spends taxpayer money."

Horn also asked why trustees of the Medicare and Social Security trust funds came out with a report on Thursday, just a day before Treasury's report, that gave a far rosier outlook of the financial solvency of the two programs.

General Accounting Office Comptroller General David Walker agreed that the lack of coordination in the two reports "makes the government look foolish."

Walker praised the Social Security Administration for making good progress in financial management, while singling out the Pentagon, which holds a large percentage of government assets, for being unable to consistently produce auditable financial statements.

The government was "unable to support significant portions of the $1.76 trillion reported as the total net cost of government operations," the GAO said.

It said $313 billion reported as a liability for remediation of environmental contamination and disposal of hazardous waste may not be complete, and data were not available for an accurate estimate of a reported $196 billion military retirement health benefits liability.

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Boy testifies he did not shoot girl

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Dwarfed by the witness stand he was coaxed into taking, a 6-year-old boy who police say fatally shot classmate Kayla Rolland meekly said her killer was another first-grader.

Only his eyes and nose were visible over the witness box, where for 45 minutes Friday he testified barely above a whisper during a hearing for the man prosecutors say gave him easy access to a pistol believed used in the Feb. 29 shooting.

In charging Jamelle James with involuntary manslaughter in Kayla's death, prosecutors allege he carelessly stored the .32-caliber semiautomatic handgun investigators say was used in the classroom shooting in nearby Mount Morris Township.

James' preliminary hearing resumes Tuesday.

The boy's 8-year-old brother testified that the 6-year-old showed him a gun at home before school the morning of Feb. 29. He said he knocked on James' bedroom door to tell him, but there was no answer.

"I told him when the door was closed," the 8-year-old said, adding he thought James might be sleeping.

The 6-year-old boy, who isn't charged in the shooting, testified he had seen James playing with the gun and demonstrated how James twirled it in his hands.

The boy said he had seen the gun and some quarters in a shoebox in James' room — an answer he gave after assistant prosecutor Daniel Stamos reminded him that was what he had told police.

The boy said he remembered Kayla being shot but shook his head "no" when asked if he shot her. He blamed another boy to whom he said he had given the gun.

Bullard named to honor roll at SMU

DALLAS — Christina L. Bullard, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

She is the daughter of Drew and Carol Bullard of Snyder.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 22 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

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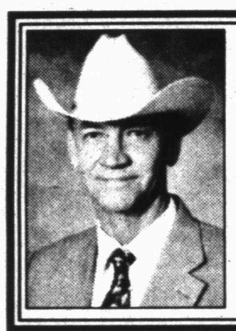
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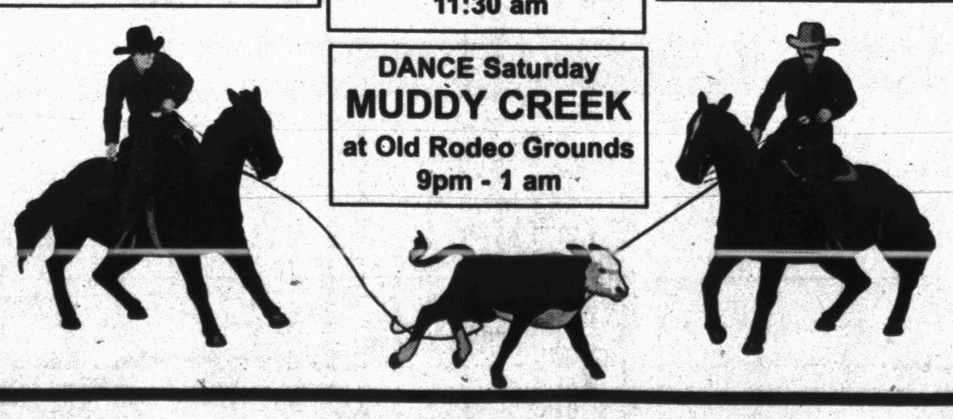


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RECEIVE CERTIFICATES — Three Snyder area office employees show the service certificates received during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. Mike Molter, left, is the Snyder area engineer. In addition, to his 10-year service certificate, he received a 10-year pin and coffee mug. Stewart Chapman, second from left, is an engineer technician. He has been with TxDOT for five years. Jerry Beard, right, design project coordinator for the office, has been with the department for 25 years. He received a certificate, a 25-year pin and a wooden desk clock. Bill Hale, second from right, made the presentations. Hale is the Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT Photo By Mary Beth Kilgore)

U.S. accuses trade partners of erecting unfair barriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Argentina to Zimbabwe, the Clinton administration is accusing countries around the globe of erecting unfair trade barriers that U.S. officials contend are costing billions of dollars in lost sales for American exporters.

In an effort to demonstrate it is acting to lower America's record trade deficits, the administration on Friday accused 55 trading partners, including major ones such as the European Union and Japan and tiny ones such as Uzbekistan, of unfair practices.

"Our goal is the creation of an open and fair world economy, which will support higher-wage jobs in the United States and enhance prosperity for American workers, farmers and businesses," U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said.

The administration's allegations were contained in a 434-page "Foreign Trade Barriers" report that said American manufacturers, farmers and service companies were being discriminated against.

From the long list of problems cited in the annual report, the administration will select at the end of April a smaller number of "priority" countries for investigations that could lead to filing of cases with the World Trade Organization.

"Vigorous monitoring and enforcement of trade agreements is a top priority of this administration," Barshefsky said. "Full implementation is critical to securing the full benefits of trade agreements for the United States."

The country drawing the largest attention, as measured by the number of pages in the report, was Japan, with 60 pages expressing disappointment over its slow pace toward eliminating "unnecessary, costly and excessive regulations that cover about 40 percent of all economic activity in Japan."

The 15-nation European Union was second in terms of the number of complaint pages at 34. China, which has been singled out for sharp criticism in past reports, took up 17 pages in the 2000 edition.

However, a senior U.S. trade official said that if Congress approves permanent normal trade relations for China, the concessions China has promised in exchange for being allowed into the WTO will solve virtually every problem raised in the report.

The official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, denied that the administration softened criticism of China in this year's report to try to win congressional votes for the China deal.

The EU in recent years has released its own report complaining about unfair barriers in the United States to trade and investment from Europe. Last year's report of European complaints about U.S. trade barriers totaled 62 pages.

In all, the U.S. report covers 52 nations individually and three trading blocs, the Arab League, cited for its trade boycott of Israel; the Gulf Cooperation Council and the EU.

Among complaints raised in the report, South Korea was cited for barriers to the sale of American cars, Mexico for restricting sales by U.S. telecommunications companies and Canada for barriers to American farm products.

On the Net:
Site for the U.S. Trade Office: http://www.ustr.gov.

Bush, oil business good to each other

AUSTIN (AP) — The oil business has been good to George W. Bush, and in 1999 the Texas governor was good to the oil business.

The first major bill Bush signed during Texas' most recent legislative session was a $45 million tax break for small oil and natural gas producers. The bill's numerous, bipartisan supporters said the help was needed to keep small producers pumping under what then were low crude-oil prices.

"These are tough times for the oil and gas industry, and this legislation says our state is committed to helping this vital industry," Bush, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, said in signing the bill last March.

This year, with oil prices now soaring, Bush has said he is considering endorsing suspension of a 4.3 cent-per-gallon federal gasoline tax hike that was approved as part of President Clinton's 1993 economic recovery plan. Congressional Republicans call it the "Gore tax," because the vice president cast the deciding vote.

The Republican-led Senate already is considering suspension of the tax increase but has put off action on a rollback bill until this coming week. But the measure uncertain prospects in the House, and even proponents admit a rollback would offer modest relief for motorists at best.

Bush said the Clinton administration should be blamed for prices averaging well over $1.50 per gallon because it squandered the goodwill built with oil producers by his father, former President Bush, in the Persian Gulf War and because it lacks an overall energy policy.

As president, Bush said he would urge Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Mexico to "open the spigots" and would remind them of the U.S. role in the 1991 war and of its economic bailout of Mexico.

A handful of opponents to the Texas tax-break bill protested that it provided corporate welfare to oil companies while offering little long-term relief to the industry. They said other businesses suffered economic downturns without eliciting similar help.

Noting efforts to hold down spending elsewhere, Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, said of Bush: "He's got a tender spot for (oilmen) that's not apparent in some other areas."

Like his father, Bush began his business career in the West Texas oil fields, and he has received substantial support from the industry since entering politics in 1994.

An analysis of his fund raising by the campaign finance group Texans for Public Justice found that $5.6 million of the $41 million Bush raised for his two gubernatorial races came from the energy and natural resources industries.

"He's been friendly to that sector, policy-wise, and they've been good to him in return," said Craig McDonald, director of the group. "He rewarded them with tax breaks when they cried that they weren't making enough money."

Analyzing Bush's presidential campaign finance reports, the Washington-based Center for Responsive Politics ranked oil and gas eighth among top industries giving to Bush, accounting for $1.42 million thus far.

Bush campaign spokesman Scott McClellan said there was no connection between political contributions and Bush's support for the 1999 tax break.

"The governor supported the legislation to help small, independent oil producers, oil field workers and Texas families who depend on the oil and gas sector. (They) were in a desperate situation last year," McClellan said.

It's clear Bush feels a kinship with those in the industry.

After graduation from Yale and the Harvard Business School, Bush returned to Midland, Texas, where his father had entered the oil business after World War II.

Starting as a landman, who checks deeds and mineral rights, the younger Bush founded an exploration firm in the 1970s that put together private partnerships for drilling ventures. He named it Arbusto, meaning "bush" in Spanish.

By 1982, Arbusto was on hard times. The company had less than $50,000 in the bank and was about $420,000 in debt. Bush changed the name to Bush Exploration Co. and took the business public.

The company later merged, first with Spectrum 7 Energy Corp., a firm of Cincinnati-based investors, and later with Harken Energy, an Irving, Texas, corporation.

Bush and his partners got $2 million in stock in the latter merger, and he became a consultant and director of Harken. It was during this time that Bush's business dealings came under increased scrutiny.

One incident involved a potentially lucrative offshore drilling project awarded by the government of Bahrain in 1990 to Harken, even though the company had never drilled a well in water.

The news media questioned whether the Middle Eastern country was trying to curry favor with Bush's father, then the president. The younger Bush has said he had nothing to do with the Bahrain deal.

Six months later, Bush sold almost two-thirds of his holdings, or $840,000 in stock, at $4 a share. A week later the company announced a major loss, and its stock closed down about 40 percent.

The Securities and Exchange Commission investigated the sale as possible insider trading but brought no action against Bush.

Two life sentences for former convict

PHOENIX (AP) — An ex-convict who pleaded guilty to murdering a power boat racer and stealing his plane has been sentenced to two life terms in prison without parole.

In U.S. District Court on Friday, Bobby Joe Keesee, 65, admitted he shot Harry M. Christensen, 48.

Keesee pleaded guilty in November to felonies that included air piracy, interference with commerce and murder using a firearm. To avoid a possible death sentence, he agreed to serve two life terms without parole.

Keesee said he shot Christensen on Jan. 6, 1999, at the Lake Havasu City airport, then flew to Albuquerque in Christensen's Cessna 340.

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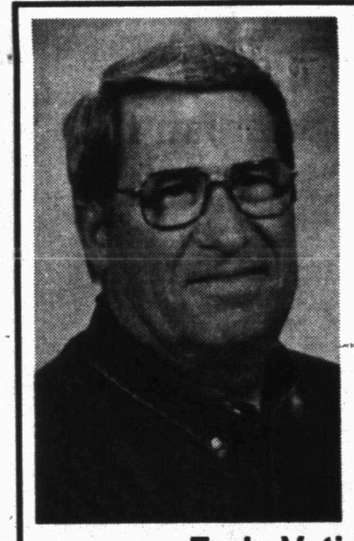
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16	17 SGA Easter egg hunt	18 PTK Officer's Meeting 10:45 ASU and UTPB Reps. 9:30 SC	19 Spring Formal 9:00-1:00 National Guard Armory	20 Volleyball 6:00 p.m.	21 Good Friday Campus Closed	22
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APRIL 2000

U.S. sues to recover federal health spending on implants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government wants to recover millions of dollars it spent treating thousands of women allegedly injured by silicone breast implants, and it's trying to get in line ahead of the women for its money.

The Justice Department on Friday sued six companies and a settlement fund that the companies set up to compensate women claiming injury by the implants. The lawsuit, filed in Birmingham, Ala., seeks to recover money spent by Medicare and other federal health care plans to treat silicone breast implant injuries.

It asked that the money come out of the settlement fund, and it called on the court to halt settlement payments to those who use federal health plans until the federal government gets reimbursed for its costs.

As of last April, 81,000 women had been sent payments from the settlement fund, which is expected to operate for 15 years. The Food and Drug Administration banned most use of silicone gel-filled breast implants in 1992.

The lawsuit did not put an exact figure on how much the government is seeking, but a Justice Department statement said it was in the millions of dollars.

The Medical Care Recovery Act permits the government to recover the cost of providing medical care to people injured as a result of the wrongful acts of a third party, the department said.

The government "demands payments from the MDL (multi-district litigation) settlement fund of its reasonable costs or providing to or paying for hospital, medical, surgical or dental care on behalf of claimants who were, or will be paid through the MDL settlement fund and-or the common benefit fund for injuries alleged to be caused by a breast implant," the lawsuit said.

Justice spokesman Charles Miller said the lawsuit took this form because negotiations to recover the money from the implant manufacturers had been unsuccessful after several years of talks.

The government said the class action settlement provided women with $3,000 for surgery to remove the implants and additional payments for those with diseases or injuries allegedly caused by the implants.

Of the women who have received payments from the fund, 17,000 got $3,000 for removal surgery, the lawsuit said. An additional 26,000 women also received payment for a breast implant-related disease and another 10,000 received a one-time $2,500 payment to waive all future claims.

As of last May, 52,118 implant recipients had refused to join the class action, preserving their right to press their claims individually, the lawsuit said.

It said the companies and the settlement fund administrator failed to determine whether any of the women making claims had been Medicare beneficiaries before sending them payments from the settlement fund. And it said the defendants had not paid the government on behalf of any Medicare-treated women who obtained settlement payments.

The companies named in the lawsuit were Baxter International Inc., Baxter Healthcare Corp., Bristol-Meyers-Squibb Co., 3M Co., Union Carbide Chemical and Plastics Co., and Union Carbide Corp. Edgar C. Gentile III was named in his capacity as escrow agent of the settlement fund.

Scurry County Court

Twenty-three cases were heard in Scurry County Court in March.

These cases include a 17-year-old male convicted of assault — family violence. He received a sentence of 60 days in jail and court costs of $209.25.

A 17-year-old male was sentenced to 60 days in jail and $200.25 in court costs for violation of a protective order.

A 19-year-old male was sentenced to 20 days in jail and court costs of $210.25 for resisting arrest.

Revocation of probation and driving while license suspended sent a 38-year-old male to jail for 60 days and assessment of fines of $250 and court costs of $224.25.

A 33-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .180. His sentence was 30 days in jail, 180 days license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI, with a blood alcohol level of .130. He received 60 days in jail, probated for one year. He also has to attend DWI school and was fined $500 and court costs of $235.25.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone. He was given one year deferred probation, and assessed court costs of $235.25 and a $1,000 fine.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor. He received six months deferred probation with $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. His sentence was 30 days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He received a sentence of 180 days in jail, probated for one year. He was also ordered to attend DWI school and was fined $1,000 with court costs of $235.25.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, probated 2 years, and court costs of $235.25.

A 42-year-old female pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. She received a sentence of three days in jail, was fined $100 and assessed court costs of $200.25.

Probation was revoked on a 48-year-old female for DWI and breath test refusal. Her sentence was 90 days drivers license suspension, and 60 days in jail. She also had to pay $235.25 in court costs.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and court costs of $235.25.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .115. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for 1 year, one year drivers license suspension, $235.25 court costs and $500 in fines.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol of .08. He was sentenced to 150 days in jail, 365 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

A 24-year-old male pleaded guilty DWI with a blood alcohol level of .116. He received 30 days in jail, 90 days drivers license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

A 50-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He received 30 days in jail and assessed court costs of $210.25.

A 49-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI and refusal to take a breath test. He was given 120 days in jail, probated for 18 months, DWI school and $235.25 in court costs and fined $750.

A 44-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI and refusal to take a breath test. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 90 days drivers license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 32-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class A theft. She received two years deferred probation, court costs of $235.25 and ordered to pay $941.40 restitution.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class A criminal mischief. He received 60 months deferred probation, court costs of $235.25 and ordered to pay $374.02 restitution.

A 37-year-old female pleaded guilty to failure to identify. She was given six months deferred probation and court costs of $235.25 and a $250 fine.

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Financial Focus

If you own mutual funds, you may be paying close attention to which way the share price moves. And you're probably inclined to cheer when the price goes up. Actually, although it may be somewhat counterintuitive, you should hope the share price goes down sometimes -- that is, if you plan on buying more shares.

"Why should I want the share price to drop?" you might ask yourself. "Won't I be losing money?"

It's not that straightforward. To understand why you should hope for falling share prices, you need to consider your behavior as a consumer. Did you hesitate to buy a personal computer because you knew the price would fall? If so, you were smart -- personal computer prices have fallen markedly. How about a new car? Did you wait until the new model year came out so you could buy last year's model at a discount? If so, congratulations -- that was another smart move.

As a rational consumer, you're always hoping for the price to go down before you buy. Why wouldn't you? You work hard for your money, and you want it to go as far as possible. But many poeple don't realize that their purchasing behavior also should extend to their investments. If you're investing in stock mutual funds for the long term -- and you should, because they're not suited for the short term -- then your situation is clear: Everytime the share price rises, it costs you more to invest. When it falls, it costs you less.

You can start putting this concept to work immediately. The next time you get your mutual fund statement, for example, look for the column that gives the "share balance." Unless you've sold shares, this figure will always be increasing. And that's exactly what you want -- more shares, not a higher share price.

In fact, if you follow an investment strategy called dollar cost averaging, you may be able to achieve a lower average share price over time. Here's how it works: You invest the same amount of money into your mutual fund at the same time interval, such as once a month. When the price of your fund is down, you will automatically buy more shares when the price is up, you'll buy less.

Is there ever a time when you should want the share price to go up? Certainly -- just before you sell your shares. But if you're following a solid, long-term investment strategy, you're spending far more time buying mutual fund shares than you are selling them. If your fund's investment objectives and management style still fit your individual needs and goals, and if you feel confindent in the fund's future, then you may want to hold on to it for many years.

If you view mutual funds as a method of investing for the long term, then share prices really have little to do with your plans. The time to invest is when you have investment funds available. However, you should always welcome those price dips -- and use them as an opportunity to buy funds "on sale."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 2, 2000

Past experience will arm you with the ability to gratify your material desires in the year ahead — if you don't repeat old mistakes. In fact, you could be quite fortunate in this area.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Heed your innate intuition, as well as the obvious information that is available to you, and collectively they could make you pretty sharp in the commercial world today. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't hesitate to offer advice to an associate today when asked. What you have to say may be more helpful to this person than you realize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because today you'll demonstrate that once you give your word you'll follow through on whatever it is you promised to do, your reputation will soar in the eyes of your peers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Whether it be someone you need to get in touch with or someone you've neglected, this is an excellent day to contact these people. Something very good will come out of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In situations where you are motivated to succeed, you can expect to be both clever and persistent today. Concentrate your efforts on these ambitions, regardless of the obstacles involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be better equipped to handle tough issues today than usual, and this will have a secondary benefit. Probing around for the answers enhances your mental faculties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Since you're inclined to view conditions realistically today, you're not likely to expect anything for which you don't work or to which you are not entitled. This attitude brings contentment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The best way to handle a person with whom you're closely involved but who is often hard to please is to make the few minor concessions called for. It will help you with the relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pick up the pieces today and tie the loose ends together concerning a matter another has bungled. You'll win over this person for life. It pays to have good allies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others with whom you're involved today will have as much faith in your ideas and concepts as you do because of the way you'll present them. Success is in the winds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Capitalize on minute opportunities, because you're capable of making much out of little. If you put your mind to it, today could be personally profitable for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) No matter how tough it may be to do so, you'll have the fortitude to say what must be said to those who need to hear it. Instead of taking unkindly to it, they'll appreciate the truth.

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Monday, April 3, 2000

Where you'll make the most inroads in the year ahead will be through large organizations, clubs or groups. By being a joiner and working with others, much can be accomplished.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you may witness some signs that your influence over your peer group could be much more substantial than you realize. Use this power wisely. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Share your thoughts and philosophies today with those with whom you associate. In doing so, you could subsequently help them with their thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) By remembering what others have done for you in the past when you needed support or help will inspire you today to perform with similar compassionate gestures.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) To your credit, even though you may be taking a great deal of personal pride in achieving a goal or ambition, you won't go around tooting your own horn today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because you may find yourself far more creative than usual today, the ideas you cook up at this time are apt to be bright ones. Put them to good uses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lucky you today! Chances are you could be treated in an extremely generous fashion by two separate persons, unbeknownst to one another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your remarkable way of dealing with friends and loved ones has them taking to heart any advice you give them today. It'll be because you'll show them you truly care about each and every one of them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A project that is tied to work or career could provide you with some very gratifying results today, mostly because you'll think of it more like working on a hobby.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll be especially noticeable at social gatherings today; a mystique you have about you of late will be found very charming and pleasing to those around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a strong possibility that your financial base could be strengthened today through the benevolence or kindness of another. Remember to reciprocate when you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is one of those days when you can sprinkle an important presentation you must make with a small touch of theatrics. It will help your message to be remembered.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something material for which you've been hankering might come to you today through a person who does not want to be recognized out in the open for giving it to you. Keep the secret.

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FOR In The



Senior Center Menu

Monday

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, oatmeal cookie

Tuesday

Beef and cheese enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, sopapillas

Wednesday

Beef tips on rice, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cucumber/onion salad, brownie

Thursday

Chicken patty w/cream gravy, broccoli/corn casserole, asparagus, tomato wedges, banana pudding

Friday

Fried fish, tater tots, green peas, creamy coleslaw, peanut butter chewies

Senior Center News

Make plans to attend the Golden K Kiwanis fish fry from 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Sunday at the Senior Center. The cost per pate is $6.50. Tickets may be purchased at the center or from any Golden K Kiwanian. Tickets will also be available at the door. Takeouts are also available.

The American Red Cross has scheduled a disaster-training workshop April 13-15. The Red Cross considers a disaster any event having to do with house fires, tornadoes, hail storms, hazardous material incidents, hurricanes, floods and earthquakes.

The class will be from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The class on April 15 will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The training will be in the center's dining room.

The training is free and open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to pre-register by calling 1-800-219-2154. Walk-ins are also welcome. The classes will include:

*April 13: Introduction to Disaster and Damage Assessment (A prerequisite for all other disaster classes).

*April 14: Mass Care and Shelter Operations

*April 15: Emergency Assistance to Families I

Easter holidays will be here soon, so all seniors are invited to take part in the festivities on April 20 beginning at 10:45 a.m. Seniors are encouraged to decorate a hat or bonnet and enter the contest.

Five weeks until Mayday — May 6. Make plans to help with the fund-raising effort. An army of volunteers is needed to make the day a success. Call the center at 573-4035 if you can help.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 and the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Senior swimnastics will meet at Western Texas College on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday

A volunteer will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. to help seniors with income tax filing. Call the center for more information. The Kitchen Band will perform at Snyder Healthcare at 11 a.m. Line dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and clogging begins at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric-painting class begins at 9 a.m. The Sunshine Choir practices at the center at 10 a.m. The domino tournament begins at 10 a.m. Seniors interested in entering the contest should be at the center by 9:45 a.m. to register. Swimnastics at Western Texas College will from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10; exercise at 11; and the sing-a-long begins at 11:30 a.m.

Actor to buy loft

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Edward Burns has negotiated a deal to buy John F. Kennedy Jr.'s loft apartment in the trendy TriBeCa neighborhood, the Daily News reported Saturday.

Burns, who has appeared in such films as "Saving Private Ryan" and "She's The One," negotiated a bid less than the reported minimum $2.5 million asking price, the newspaper said.

The 2,400-square-foot loft, in a nondescript former commercial building, has been on the market via sealed bids by Sotheby's International Realty. Kennedy paid $700,000 for the loft in 1994.

Burns, a native of Long Island, still must receive approval from the property's co-op board.

A spokeswoman for Sotheby's realty declined comment to the Daily News. Mara Buxbaum, Burns' publicist, said the actor had no comment.

TriBeCa — the nickname comes from the phrase "triangle below Canal Street" — is a former industrial area of 19th century warehouses, factories and lofts whose facades belie the luxury conversions within. Actor Robert DeNiro and other notables live in the area.

Many Web sites face money troubles

AUSTIN (AP) — Financial troubles at drkoop.com are the first signs of a spreading ailment, according to several analysts.

"This the first real online health entity that's taken the fall and it's fallen from on high," Claudine Singer of Internet research firm Jupiter Communication said Friday.

"I think the day of reckoning is upon us for the health information content," said Carin Taylor, an analyst at E-Offering in San Francisco. "They're all going to have tough times ahead of them."

Drkoop.com, the Austin-based health information Web site started by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, has been losing so much money that its auditors voiced "substantial doubt" that it can stay in business.

Release of the letter by PriceWaterhouseCoopers in the drkoop.com's annual report late Thursday sent the already beaten-down shares of the company crashing an additional 41 percent Friday.

Drkoop.com is one of several consumer-oriented Internet sites that have joined the critical list.

Other recent examples include music retailer CDNow Inc. and grocer Peapod, both of which are highly popular with Web surfers, but which been unable to turn a profit because of competition and high costs of operations and marketing.

Drkoop.com has also faced the additional burden of a series of corporate missteps including allegations of improper trading of its stock by insiders.

All three companies are desperately seeking financing to stay afloat.

Koop, 83, built a reputation as a strong public health advocate when he served as surgeon general from 1981 to 1989. He is most remembered for taking on smoking and the tobacco industry.

He founded the site with other investors in 1997. Koop, who owns 7 percent of the company that bears his name, was unavailable for comment Friday. No one at the company returned phone calls for comment.

Analysts said that health information sites like drkoop.com face a cash crunch because many rely largely on advertising for revenue.

Although drkoop.com is the second most frequently visited health site behind onhealth.com, there are more than 17,000 health sites on the Internet. As a result, the competition for advertising dollars is fierce.

The company raised $88.5 million when it first sold stock to the public last June, but had only $35.7 million left at the end of 1999. The company lost $56.1 million last year after taking in just $9.4 million in revenue.

The company also had to deal with two violations of federal securities laws that bar corporate officers from profiting from a stock sale within six months of purchasing shares.

Company director Richard Helppie sold shares of the site's initial public offering three days after purchasing them in June. In August another director, ABC correspondent Nancy Snyderman, acknowledged she violated rules when her husband sold shares only a month after the IPO.

Letters like the one from PriceWaterhouseCoopers are rare and are only written if the auditors believe a strong likelihood exists that the company may go out of business within the next year.

Shares of drkoop.com on Friday fell $2.56 to $3.69 on the Nasdaq. Last July, shortly after its initial public offering, the stock sold for more than $36.

In its filing with the SEC, the company acknowledged its problems, but said it planned to raise more money by either selling stock or getting loans.

"We think there are two options for the company," said Taylor, the E-Offering analyst. "One is bankruptcy and one is a merger. It's going to be difficult for them to raise additional equity financing."

While Web sites that cater to consumers have fallen out of favor on Wall Street compared to business-to-business sites, Barry Parr, an analyst with International Data Corp., cautioned against painting all sites with a broad brush.

"It doesn't mean that the Internet is a bad place to do business, it just means that there are winners and losers," Parr said.

On the Net:
Peapod:
http://www.peapod.com

San Antonio man accused of being fraud mastermind

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man described by former associates as a high roller and world traveler is in jail, accused of masterminding a stock fraud scheme that will ultimately cost its victims at least $10 million.

A federal magistrate has set bond at $1 million for Jon Jeffrey King. He and his family are accused of conning unsophisticated investors into buying stock in risky companies.

Prosecutors requested the high bond, claiming that the 59-year-old investment consultant frequently travels to the Bahamas and has access to $300 million in stock.

King's son, wife, sister-in-law and two associates were charged in the grand jury indictment alongside King with money laundering. All but King's wife, Patricia L. King, 45, also were charged with one count of conspiring to commit securities, wire and mail fraud.

King's son, Michael J. King, 34, is being sought. He faces a charge of bankruptcy fraud.

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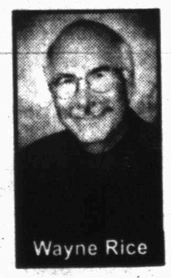


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SPORTS

Lady Tigers pay back Maidens with 6-3 win

The Snyder Lady Tigers got the redemption they were looking for Friday night.

Snyder, which suffered its only district setback at the hands of Lake View, got a solid performance from pitcher Kristin Martinez and avenged the earlier loss with a 6-3 victory at Cates Field.

The win keeps Snyder in a first-place tie with Big Spring at 5-1, as the Lady Tigers make their bid for the 5-4A crown under new Head Coach Robbie Dickenson.

"We needed this win to prove to ourselves that we could beat them," Dickenson said. "We have an advantage in the second half of district play because Big Spring comes to our place. We have to take care of business against everybody else, and then deal with Big Spring when they come here."

Martinez was masterful on the mound, surrendering only four hits and two walks to go along with four strikeouts. All three of Lake View's runs were unearned, thanks to four Snyder errors.

"Kristin did a great job on the mound, and we played pretty good defense through the first four innings," said Dickenson. "We made some errors in the last couple of innings that allowed Lake View to get on the board, but they never really threatened. We held them at bay, most of the night."

Unlike the first meeting, when Snyder struggled at the plate in a 1-0 loss, the Lady Tigers jumped on the Maidens early in Friday's action.

Courtney Rinehart reached on a fielder's choice in the first, and scored the opening run on a double by Cameron Mackey.

Next up, Martinez blasted a triple to drive in Mackey, and scored two batters later on a Kira Diaz single to give the Lady Tigers a 3-0 lead.

Snyder padded its cushion with a run in the second. After Whitney Webb belted a double, Lake View made a bad throw on a ground ball hit by Rinehart, and Webb trotted home for a 4-0 advantage.

"We have some team speed, and that forces teams into some mistakes sometimes in the field," Dickenson stated. "We're very aggressive on the base paths, and there's a lot of times when our opponents make errors they usually wouldn't make, because our girls are constantly putting the pressure on them."

Snyder stretched the margin to 5-0 in the third inning when Shelley Fisk reached base on an error and later scored on a ground ball from Jennifer Newman.

The Lady Tigers scratched out their final run in the fifth. Mackey slapped her second double of the game, then moved to third on bunt by Fisk. A Diaz single plated Mackey for a six-run cushion.

"The top half of our order really came through and produced," Dickenson said. "The middle half of our line-up had been kind of carrying us lately, but this time it was the top half. We have kids who can hit all the way through our order, so anybody can step up and get the job done at any given time."

The Maidens trimmed the tally to 6-2 in the sixth, scoring a pair of runs on a two-out error by the Lady Tigers.

Lake View capped the scoring with its final run in the seventh.

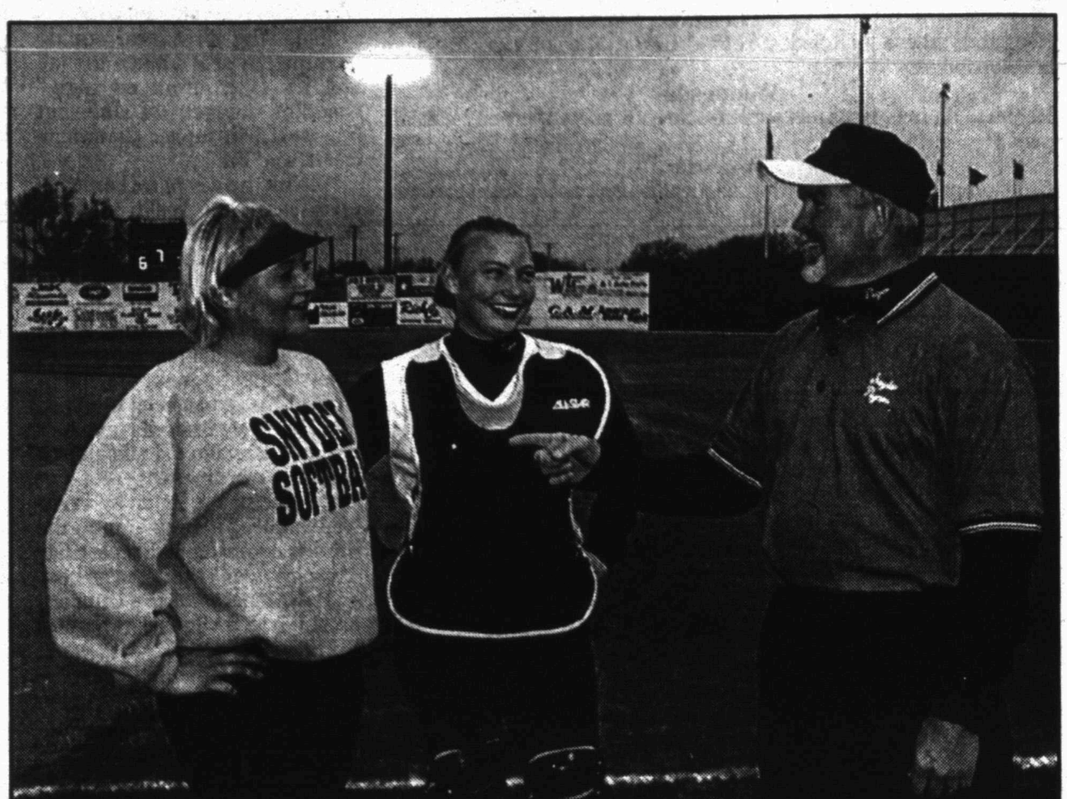
After avenging their earlier loss, the Lady Tigers travel to Andrews on Tuesday where they'll face a Lady Mustang, which also has revenge on its mind.

The first time they met, Snyder pounded Andrews, 11-1, in only five innings, but Dickenson believes the Lady Mustangs will be ready this time around.

"That's going to be a tough ballgame over there," the SHS skipper said. "They'll be looking for some payback from the first game, and it's always tough anytime you play at Andrews. We just have to play solid defense, and take advantage of scoring opportunities when we have them."

Mackey paced the Lady Tigers at the plate, with two doubles.

Webb slapped a double and a triple, while Martinez belted a triple. Diaz notched two singles, and Rinehart and Angie Shoemake had one single apiece.



STRATEGY SESSION — Snyder softball coach Robbie Dickenson (right) jokes around with Whitney Webb (left) and Chaelyn Robinson prior to Friday's district ballgame with Lake View. The Lady Tigers toppled the Maidens, 6-3, to remain in a first-place tie with Big Spring. (SDN Staff Photo)

UNC's hopes led by freshman

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Joseph Forte is a rarity in a North Carolina system that emphasizes seniors.

The freshman was voted to carry the team's green trainer's bag this season — a longstanding tradition started under former coach Dean Smith.

But the 6-foot-4 Forte also is carrying a little heavier load these days for the Tar Heels at the Final Four.

"I don't feel like a freshman any more," Forte said Friday after North Carolina's practice at the RCA Dome in preparation for tonight's NCAA national semifinal against Florida.

"Once the end of the season came and the NCAA tournament started I felt like I was an upperclassman and I tried to play like one."

Forte hasn't disappointed. The guard is on pace to become the first North Carolina freshmen to lead the team in scoring (16.7) since freshmen became eligible in 1972-73.

The Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year had 22 points in North Carolina's victory over Tennessee in the South Regional semifinals, then a season-high 28 against Tulsa as the Tar Heels advanced to their 15th Final Four.

Forte's older teammates appreciate the maturity of his game.

"He's showing what sort of player he is," Jason Capel said. "We know he's a good shooter. But to me he's a player. You shut down one part of his game on offense and he'll find another way to score. He's a very complete player, a great scorer and a fierce competitor."

Forte remains soft spoken, even after former North Carolina player James Worthy compared his game to the Tar Heels' most famous basketball star — Michael Jordan.

"It is the highest compliment I can receive as a player," Forte said. "It's just great. I don't think I am him or have surpassed him. There is no pressure, just opportunity to go out there and prove the nice things people say about me are true."

Forte was a high school All-American at prep powerhouse DeMatha in Maryland. He heard about the North Carolina tradition of freshmen playing subordinate roles and didn't expect to crack the starting lineup when he arrived in Chapel Hill, N.C.

"I thought I would come off the bench and just help the team by hitting a couple of threes and sit back down," he said.

Junior all-stars suffer setback to Plainview

LAMESA — After an opening-round rout, Snyder's junior all-stars were in for a battle Friday night.

Plainview held off Snyder down the stretch to post a 48-43 victory in the junior division semifinals of the Little Dribblers regional tournament.

The contest was tight throughout, with the halftime score knotted at 21-21.

Plainview pulled ahead by a bucket in the third quarter, before outscoring Snyder, 18-15, in the final stanza.

Brooks Gafford poured in 20 points to lead Snyder, while Lance Day added 12 more.

Brent Bollinger drained seven points, and Colton Brewster registered four.

Snyder's junior squad was to have been in action Saturday morning against Andrews, with the winner earning a trip to the national tournament.

Major all-stars secure spot in national tourney

LAMESA — Snyder's major all-stars used solid defense Friday to earn a trip to the Little Dribblers national tournament.

Snyder held Plainview II to single digits in all four quarters to register a 44-26 victory at the regional tourney and secure a berth in the national event.

Snyder set the tone in the opening quarter, outscoring Plainview, 9-4.

Chris Smith and Barrett Bowlin poured in eight points apiece to lead Snyder, with Jason Cave and Cade Simpson adding seven each.

Garrett Pinson and Eric Martinez tallied four points apiece, while Jay Weaver dropped in three. Blake Scott drained two points, and Blake Seale chipped in one.

Snyder was to have played Plainview I Saturday afternoon for the regional tournament championship.

The national tournament is scheduled for April 19-22 in Fairfield.

The Women's Final Four

All Times EDT
THE FINAL FOUR
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
National Semifinals
Friday, March 31
Tennessee 64, Rutgers 54
Connecticut 89, Penn State 67
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Tennessee (33-3) vs. Connecticut (35-1), 9 p.m.

The Men's Final Four

All Times EST
THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
Wisconsin (22-13) vs. Michigan State (30-7), 5:42 p.m.
North Carolina (22-13) vs. Florida (28-7), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times Eastern

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	45	26	.634	—
x-New York	45	27	.625	½
Philadelphia	42	30	.583	3½
Orlando	37	36	.507	9
New Jersey	31	41	.431	14½
Boston	30	42	.417	15½
Washington	26	47	.356	20

Central Division

x-Indiana	48	24	.667	—
Charlotte	40	31	.563	7½
Toronto	40	32	.556	8
Detroit	36	35	.507	11½
Milwaukee	34	37	.479	13½
Cleveland	28	43	.394	19½
Atlanta	26	45	.366	21½
Chicago	14	57	.197	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	49	22	.690	—
x-San Antonio	47	25	.653	2½
x-Minnesota	44	28	.611	5½
Dallas	31	41	.431	18½
Denver	29	43	.403	20½
Houston	27	45	.375	22½
Vancouver	19	52	.268	30

Pacific Division

x-L.A. Lakers	61	12	.836	—
x-Portland	52	19	.732	8
x-Phoenix	47	25	.653	13½
x-Sacramento	41	30	.577	19
x-Seattle	41	31	.569	19½
Golden State	17	56	.233	44
L.A. Clippers	14	59	.192	47

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 107, Toronto 103
Miami 105, Chicago 80
Minnesota 122, Houston 90
San Antonio 102, Golden State 90
Portland 96, Dallas 85
Milwaukee 104, L.A. Clippers 85

Friday's Games
Indiana 109, Minnesota 85
Washington 104, Boston 102
Orlando 103, New Jersey 97
Phoenix 98, Detroit 97
Charlotte 110, Toronto 101, OT
Utah 114, Golden State 97
Seattle 123, Sacramento 108
New York 89, Vancouver 83
L.A. Lakers 100, Philadelphia 88

Saturday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
San Antonio vs. Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 9 p.m.

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11 HD Black & black baldie - heavy-bred Brangus type
8 HD Charolais bulls - 16 to 15 months old
8 HD Reg Angus bulls - 16 to 24 months old
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SPORTS

With strong defensive effort...

Tigers hold off Mustangs, 2-1

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The explosive offensive performance from Tuesday was gone, but in its place was a solid defensive effort.

In the end, that was enough to keep the Snyder Tigers in the district lead.

Snyder battled cool weather, rain and a pesky Sweetwater Mustangs squad Friday night to notch a 2-1 victory at Newman Park.

The win improves Snyder to 9-10 on the year, but more importantly keeps the Tigers atop the district standings. Snyder and Andrews share the league lead at 2-0, with the 1-0 Lake View Chiefs in action Saturday against Big Spring.

After pounding out three home runs and 13 hits in Tuesday's win over Fort Stockton, the Tigers managed only six hits against the Mustangs. But Snyder returned the favor by limiting Sweetwater to only three hits.

Senior pitcher Sonny Cumbie handed out three walks to go along with the three hits, but the Tigers came up with key defensive plays when they needed them.

Sweetwater left runners in scoring position in the first, third and sixth innings.

After a pair of walks put runners on first and second in the opening frame, Cumbie got Rusty Rainbolt to pop-up and third baseman R.J. Hernandez made the catch.

The Mustangs threatened again in the third when two more runners reached base on a single and a walk. Cumbie buckled down to strike out Rainbolt, ending Sweetwater's second threat.

Snyder also had its share of missed opportunities, leaving 10 runners stranded.

The Tigers loaded the bases in the top of the first, but were turned away when the Mustangs turned a double play on a line drive off the bat of Matthew Grimmett.

The Tigers left two more men on base in the second, before breaking the scoreless deadlock in the third.

Josh Ward bounced a slow-rolling ground ball in front of the plate, but advanced all the way to third when the throw from Sweetwater catcher Zach Newberry went into right field.

Next up, Cumbie drove in Ward on an infield grounder for a 1-0 Snyder advantage.

The Tigers killed another scoring chance by the Mustangs in the fourth when Eric Gomez tried to stretch a single into a double. Grimmett fielded the ball in center field, and relayed the ball to Josh Ward. The SHS shortstop tossed to Duane Allred in time to tag a sliding Gomez at the bag.

With lightening flashing on the horizon, the Tigers left the bases loaded again in the top of the sixth.

A bunt for a base hit put Grimmett aboard, followed by walks to Brandon McGuire and Jesse Haines. But with two outs, Rainbolt struck out Brian Gordon to keep the Mustangs in the game.

Sweetwater's momentum carried over into the bottom of the frame. Rainbolt finally reached base after beating out a throw on the back end of an attempted double play, and moved to third on a single by Anthony Delacruz.

The Tigers' second error of the inning allowed Rainbolt to knot the game at 1-1.

But like Tuesday's contest, when Snyder saw a 6-0 lead evaporate in the sixth inning, the Tigers answered in the final stanza.

With rain pelting the field, Ralph Ramon chased Rainbolt with a double to left field. Ward then belted a single off reliever Kirby Cerda to drive in the winning run.

Cumbie retired the Mustangs in order in the seventh to preserve the win.

Snyder committed only two errors on the night, both of them in sixth inning. Sweetwater finished with five errors.

The Tigers will in action again Tuesday when they host Big Spring at Moffett Field.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon c	4	1	1	0
Ward ss	4	1	2	1
Cumbie p	3	0	0	1
Jones lf	3	0	0	0
Grimmett cf	4	0	1	0
Beck 1b	4	0	1	0
Hernandez 3b	2	0	0	0
McGuire ph	0	0	0	0
Haines dh	2	0	1	0
Gordon rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**2**	**6**	**2**

Sweetwater	ab	r	h	bi
Bishop rf	4	0	0	0
Forbes 2b	3	0	0	0
Newberry c	3	0	1	0
Campbell 1b	1	0	0	0
Rainbolt p	3	1	0	0
Delacruz lf	2	0	1	0
Soto ss	3	0	0	0
Gomez 3b	3	0	1	0
Carr cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**1**	**3**	**0**

Snyder	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	—	2 6 2
Sweetwater	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—	1 3 5

DP - Sweetwater 1. LOB - Snyder 10, Sweetwater 7. 2B - Ramon.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cumbie	7	3	1	0	3	7
Sweetwater	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Rainbolt	6	5	2	1	5	4
Cerda	1	1	0	0	0	1

Sports Briefs

WGA season starts Tuesday

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will start its season Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Players are asked to meet at the pro shop prior to tee-off. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

MGA tees off Tuesday

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will begin its season Tuesday at 6 p.m. Players should arrive early to take care of annual business. Format will be a two-man scramble.

Senior league needs help

Snyder Senior Baseball League is in need of board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board, or helping in any capacity, should contact Joel Hook at 573-4872 or 573-5213.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Softball tourney scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host a men's softball tournament April 14-16 at Winston Field.

Deadline to enter is April 12, and entry fee is $110 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, call Ricky Garcia at 573-5996, Henry Ramos at 573-2037, or Ygnacio Benitez at 573-6401.

Horseshoe pitching set to start

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club will start league play Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. Everyone is welcome to participate, and play will be handicapped 80 percent to level the competition.

The Duncan Classic will be April 15 at 10 a.m. Only sanctioned pitchers can participate in the event, and pitchers must sign-up by 9 a.m.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Eustachy, Martin earn AP honors

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy and Cincinnati Bearcats center Kenyon Martin were honored by The Associated Press as coach and player of the year.

Eustachy's team was 32-5 and won the Big 12 regular-season and conference tournament titles.

Martin, who was one vote shy of being a unanimous All-America selection, averaged 18.9 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.4 blocks.

The 6-foot-8 senior broke his leg three minutes into a quarterfinal loss to Saint Louis in the conference tournament. That cost the Bearcats the No. 1 ranking, a position they held this season for 12 weeks.

Martin, a three-time defensive player of the year in Conference USA, was followed in the voting by AP member newspapers and radio stations by Marcus Fizer of Iowa State, Mark Madsen of Stanford, A.J. Guyton of Indiana, Troy Murphy of Notre Dame and Chris Mihm of Texas.

Martin is the first player from Cincinnati to win the Adolph Rupp Trophy, which was first awarded in 1961.

Eustachy is the first Iowa State coach to win the award, which was first presented in 1967.

He was followed in the voting by Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, John Brady of LSU, Mike Montgomery of Stanford, John Chaney of Temple, Bob Huggins of Cincinnati and Lute Olson of Arizona.

District 5-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	2	0	9	10
Andrews	2	0	12	7
Lake View	1	0	8	9
Big Spring	0	1	7	8
Fort Stockton	0	2	6	6
Sweetwater	0	2	10	8

Friday's results: Snyder 2, Sweetwater 1; Andrews 9, Fort Stockton 5.
Saturday's game: Lake View at Big Spring.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times Eastern
Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 1:05 p.m.
San Diego at New York Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Los Angeles at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5
Los Angeles at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9:35 p.m.

American League
All Times Eastern
Monday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
New York Yankees at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Kansas City at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
New York Yankees at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
New York Yankees at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Daylight Donuts	110	58
State Farm	98	70
Stephens' Office	92	76
The Shack	89.5	78.5
Headquarters	87.5	80.5
McLeod Jewelers	86.5	81.5
Rose Barber Shop	81.5	84.5
C&M Roofing	69.5	98.5
G&W Trucking	64	104
Wal-Mart	59.5	108.5

High series: David Lyle, scratch, 565; Charles Bennett, handicap, 637.
High game: Mark Thompson, scratch, 214; Bill Stephens, handicap, 238.
Splits and special mentions: Jeff Smith and Chris Goebel, 3-10; Barney Tate, 5-7; Don Pavlovsky and Roger Pavlik, 2-7; Bill Stephens, 5-6; Ricky Clayton, 2-5-7; Manuel Garcia, 3-6-7-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	27.5	12.5
Countryplace	24	16
Clayton & Mills	22	18
BCEC	20	20
Ratliff Insurance	16	24
Alley Kats	10	29.5

High series: Scratch, 556; Cindy Reyes, 44[illegible]th, Smith, 622; Cindy Reyes, 605.
High game: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 232; Donna Smith, 160; Handicap: Jeff Smith, 254; Cindy Reyes, 208.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Martin Herefords	78	34
Baze Gun Repair	77	35
KSNY	75.5	36.5
Spirit Energy	64	48
Lawrence IGA	63.5	48.5
Snyder Lanes	45.5	66.5
Gutter Dodgers	27.5	84.5

High series: Cindy Reyes, scratch, 526; Jackie Martinez, handicap, 621.
High game: Tracy Smith, scratch, 214; Cindy Reyes, handicap, 265.
Splits and special mentions: Alma Posey, 5-10; Betty Boatman, 4-5-7; Dorris Martin, 5-6; Jackie Martinez, 2-7; Tracy Smith, 214, 506; Cindy Reyes, 213, 526.

Western Texas nabs spots in short round

BIG SPRING — After not riding in the opening performance of the Howard College rodeo, the Western Texas women's team showed its stuff Friday night.

Five Lady Westerners moved into the top-10 in their events, while two WTC men took the top spot in the long round, putting Western Texas in position for another run at the team title.

Casey Henard posted a time of 2.8 seconds to sit in first place in breakaway roping, while Brandee Brock's 16.96 put her in second in the barrel racing.

The Lady Westerners' most solid showing came in the goat tying event where WTC had three competitors qualify for the short round.

Sequin Downey tied down a time of 9.9 to put her in fifth place, followed by teammate Jill Childers in sixth with a 10.1. Only one spot back in seventh was teammate Terra Bynum at 10.2

The WTC men also did there share final-round qualifying.

Wes Stevenson bucked his way to a 77 to win the long round in the bareback riding. Stevenson is joined by teammate B.J. Scott whose 63 on Thursday has him sitting sixth after two rounds.

Rawley McFarland's 76 in the saddle bronc event on Thursday held up, giving the WTC cowboy top honors in the long round.

Brandon Mayberry slipped from fourth to sixth with a 68, and Harper Sharp moved down from seventh to 10th with his 59.

In the calf roping, Ryan Brewer registered the fast time of the rodeo with a 9.6. Brewer's first place effort bumped teammate Cimmaron Boardman from third to fourth, with Dusty Arrott fifth at 10.5.

Brewer proved equally effective in the team roping where he and his partner posted a time of 5.9 seconds to sit atop the standings.

Cody Hunicutt and his partner, fifth after Thursday's action, slipped into seventh place.

In the bull riding, Wacey Barta scored a 73 to put him in 10th place.

The final performance was scheduled for Saturday night.

Western Texas returns home to host its collegiate rodeo, beginning Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum.

No. 1 UConn advances

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Top-ranked Connecticut ran away from Penn State and its pesky Philly connection. Up next, a dream matchup against Tennessee.

With the biggest stars from UConn's glorious past in the stands, the Huskies ended Penn State's run of upsets Friday night with an 89-67 victory over the Lady Lions.

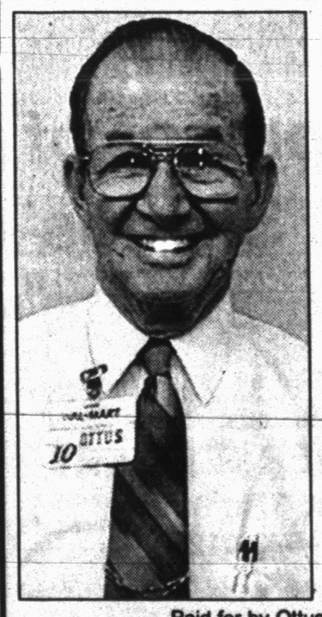
UConn (35-1) gets a chance to repeat its glorious title run of 1995 in a rematch Sunday night with the Lady Vols, who beat Rutgers 64-54.

Sue Bird led the Huskies with 19 points, hitting five crucial 3-pointers and running Penn State (30-5) ragged all night. Swin Cash had 9 points, all in the second half, when UConn went on a dizzying 24-6 run that sealed their NCAA finals showdown with Tennessee.

Svetlana Abrosimova had 14 points and 10 rebounds as former Huskies stars Rebecca Lobo, Kara Wolters and Jennifer Rizzotti watched from the stands.

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Reputed mob boss, 10 others indicted

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After years of infighting and prosecutions, the Philadelphia mob may have been dealt its final blow.

Its reputed boss and 10 others on Friday were indicted on charges of murder, racketeering, extortion and gambling.

"I cannot overstate the significance of this case," said U.S. Attorney Michael Stiles. "Not only does it reach to the highest levels of organized crime, significant evidence comes from the highest levels of organized crime.

"That in my judgment represents a complete collapse of this criminal organization," he said.

The indictment of Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino and 10 others was aided by jailed former mob boss Ralph Natale, who has been cooperating with authorities since the summer. Natale, the highest-ranking American Mafia figure to flip sides, allegedly appointed Merlino as his successor in 1998.

The defendants are accused of three murders and an attempted murder. They also allegedly operated a protection racket that preyed on bookmakers, numbers operators, video poker machine operators and others in Philadelphia and southern New Jersey.

"If there is a mob operating in Philadelphia, it's on its last legs," said Fred Martens, former executive director of the now-defunct Pennsylvania Crime Commission. "The federal government has decimated the mob in Philadelphia."

Merlino already is jailed on drug charges. Of the others, eight were arrested Friday, and two were arrested earlier and freed on bail.

Merlino and three others could face the death penalty if federal prosecutors decided to seek it, Stiles said.

Merlino attorney Joseph Santaguida said his client denied all the charges.

The Philadelphia mob has declined since the 1960s and 1970s, when Angelo Bruno ruled with a firm hand. Since Bruno was gunned down in a car in front of his home in 1980, his successors have been taken down, one by one, by prosecutors.

Slain woman and child are identified

LYTLE (AP) — Authorities say a woman and child who were found dead in a mobile home in southwest Bexar County have been identified as Tiny Earlene Neagley, 33, and her daughter, Christina Megan Hasler, 8.

Sheriff's investigators say both were beaten and stabbed. They were found in the bedroom of their mobile home on Tuesday, but officials say they had been dead for several days.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



New photo technologies bring both opportunities and flaws

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment on a letter from the president of a large photo company. Even the great yellow father, Kodak, now makes digital cameras and programs to print them on one's own computer.

Any picture taken with the most expensive digital or automatic camera, down to the homemade Boy Scout cardboard camera, is a photograph.

Any color photograph will in time fade if left in sunlight or fluorescent light.

The ink in computer printers is heated to a high temperature before being blasted onto the receiving paper. The photos are being developed as high-tech as possible, and, as yet, have not been able to pass the test of time.

With the digital camera, a photograph can be taken, and in a matter of minutes be sent by e-mail to all parts of the world.

If anyone doubts the statements I have made, they can be verified with Kodak or Fuji films or Canon or Hewlett Packard. — **JOHN R. BURNS JR., CHESAPEAKE, VA.**

DEAR JOHN: I received more than a few letters from individuals who thought that the letter I printed was biased — and attempting to promote a business that is threatened by digital technology. I did not regard it that way, and printed it because I thought it would help people protect their photographic images.

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DEAR ABBY: Mr. Robertson, the president of 1-Hour Photo Corp., made a very good point about backing up priceless family images with film negatives. What he neglected to say was that color prints, even properly stored, have a life expectancy far less than that of one human generation.

The solution? Black and white, of course. Black-and-white images, when printed on high-quality black-and-white photographic paper and developed properly, should last approximately 200 years. But I must caution your readers: Do not be taken in by processors who would tell you, "Black and white is black and white." Not so! Some developers are now printing black-and-white images on color photographic paper. Those images will fade as quickly as if they were printed from a color negative.

Of course, you should shoot the colorful balloons at your baby's first birthday party in color. But please take some black-and-white pictures, too. In a few years, the frosting on the birthday cake is going to look moldy in those color prints. When you must use color, nothing can beat slides. Prints can be made from them for albums, but the brilliantly projected image on a screen can't compare with passing around a 4-by-6-inch piece of paper.

"Monochrome" images can be oil-tinted, sepia-toned or left alone. But one thing is for sure: No matter the race of your family, the faces of your grandparents will never turn green or purple if they are preserved in black-and-white. — **DENNIS C. HUNT, FRESNO, CALIF.**

DEAR DENNIS: I'm sure many readers will be as surprised as I was to know that color prints have such a short "shelf life" — and that they must be so specific about the kind of paper they want black-and-white pictures printed on. Thank you for the input.

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DEAR ABBY: I think I'm losing my sanity — or am I being extremely sensitive?

My husband of nine months and I were having a discussion recently regarding a newspaper article we had read about a man who drowned trying to save his wife in the ocean. Unable to swim, he dove in, trying to save the life of his love, and they both drowned.

I foolishly asked my husband if he would try to save me if I was drowning, and got a very unexpected response. He told me that if it appeared that both of us would drown, he would not jump in to save me.

We have one child together, and he is the stepfather to my three children. When I asked him if he'd jump in to try to save his infant son, he immediately replied, "Yes." When I asked him to explain why he wouldn't die trying to save the love of his life, he stated that in all lifesaving classes, people are taught to evaluate the situation (i.e., make sure the rescuer wouldn't also die) before trying to save another life.

I'm sorry, but I would die trying to save my four children or him, for that matter, even if I had less than a 1 percent chance of living through the ordeal. I wouldn't be able to live with myself if I didn't at least try to save a loved one.

Please tell me I'm not crazy. Maybe I'm just a hopeless romantic, but something seems very wrong here. — **HURTING HEART**

DEAR HURTING HEART: You are neither crazy nor hopeless. However, you should be aware that it is impossible for a person to project accurately what he or she "would" do in a life-threatening emergency. In other words, if your husband were to see you going down for the third time, there's no telling for certain that he wouldn't throw caution to the wind. And as you're the mother of four children, there's also no guarantee that you'd jeopardize your own safety to pull him from a burning building.

My advice to you, for the sake of your marriage, is to stop playing "What if?"

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DEAR ABBY: My question concerns two stray cats, one male, one female, who appeared at my back door within the last year or so. Both are somewhat timid, but look as though they are in good health, aside from being very hungry. They don't bother my other cats, and it's no problem for me to feed and shelter them.

Here's the problem: Neither of these animals has been "fixed." I have made numerous attempts to find the owners, with newspaper ads and walking the neighborhood, but no one has come forward. I would like to take them both to the vet, but since I'm not sure there is an owner, I don't know if this is the "proper" thing to do.

I hate to think of the number of unwanted kittens that could be created because of this type of neglect, but do I have the right to do this to an animal that isn't really mine? — **KITTY LOVER**

DEAR KITTY LOVER: If you are feeding and sheltering the cats, and no one in the neighborhood knows to whom they belong and no one has answered your newspaper ads — then the cats were probably dumped or left behind by their owners. By all means have them neutered. You'll be doing your little furry friends an enormous favor — not to mention acting like a responsible and generous adoptive parent. Bless you!

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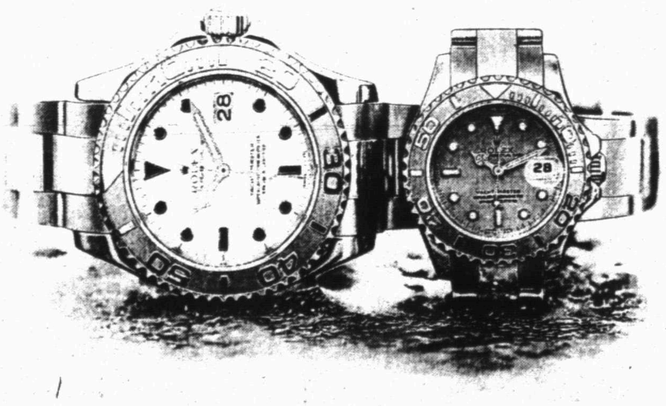
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Weather satellites celebrate 40th year

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1900, a hurricane slammed into Galveston, Texas, without warning, killing as many as 8,000 people. Such storms can no longer sneak up on major cities, thanks to technology celebrating its 40th anniversary today.

The first weather satellite took to the sky on April 1, 1960, sending back a fuzzy gray cloud image that forever changed the way we look at the weather.

"The fact is, the satellite is indeed the primary observing system in the tropics. I just can't imagine doing our job now without" it, said Max Mayfield of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"Just the simple fact that people can see the hurricane threat every day on television now" helps them understand the threat, he said.

Today the blurry first image has been replaced by a stream of brightly colored images tracking hurricanes, pinpointing twisters and measuring the power of El Nino and the drift of volcanic ash.

"What weather satellites represented was putting a sentinel in a guard tower up above the Earth," said Jamison Hawkins, chief of services at the National Weather Service's Office of Meteorology. "The atmosphere is a jigsaw puzzle, and without satellites we have a lot of pieces missing."

The Weather Bureau, as the weather service was known then, didn't pick up the Galveston storm until water was lapping over the docks, Hawkins said.

Four days before the hurricane destroyed Galveston, there had been reports of a storm in Cuba, but no one believed it could cross the Gulf of Mexico, he said. "If we had had a satellite, imagine."

"Compare that with Hurricane Andrew, where we drew a bead on that storm over a week in advance when it was a cluster of thunderstorms out in the Atlantic ... It caused $30 billion in damage and only 14 people died," Hawkins said. The 14 deaths were direct storm fatalities in Dade County, Fla. The final toll including other states was about 40 deaths in the storm, still remarkably low.

Former National Hurricane Center director Robert Sheets once said that if he had only one tool to do his forecasting job, it would be the geostationary weather satellite.

And today's satellites do more than just show cloud tops. They measure radiation from the ground and air, allowing scientists to take the temperature below; they can sense water vapor in the air, indicating where clouds and storms may form and they can even track plankton in the ocean.

In the case of deadly tornadoes in Oklahoma last May 3, satellites showed moisture boundaries, telling forecasters that conditions were right for powerful storms to form, recalled Hawkins, who worked at the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service before joining the Weather Service. NESDIS operates the nation's weather satellites.

And severe weather isn't the only use for satellites.

Marine and aviation programs also rely on information collected by weather satellites covering huge expanses of ocean.

"We see the jet stream, we see the Gulf Stream, we see the interaction of the ocean and the air," Hawkins said. "In short, it is a workhorse we find absolutely entwined in every forecast process we now conduct."

That first satellite — Tiros — quickly revealed the value of watching weather from on top.

Meteorologists saw that clouds banded together in strange ways they had not expected. Patterns emerged that helped them make better predictions. Even strange upward lightning strokes were discovered — a phenomenon long umored among pilots but never before recorded scientifically.

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Jury convicts former cop of theft

HOUSTON (AP) — It looked like a routine traffic stop in Houston. But Houston police officer Cedric Rodgers had received a tip that the occupants had $30,000 and were on their way to make a drug buy 16 months ago.

A jury agreed Friday with that argument by prosecutors and convicted Cedric Rodgers, 37, of using his position to steal the $30,000 from them. The federal court jury found that Rodgers violated a person's right to be free from unreasonable seizure and deprived him of personal property without due process.

Rodgers resigned two months ago from the Houston police department.

The occupants said Rodgers approached them with his service revolver drawn and ordered the driver out of the car.

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Employment

Entry level office help. General office duty, will train. Send resumes to P.O. Box 949B.

Experienced Grill/Cook needed, 4p.m.–closing. Apply in person @ Lota' Burger.

LVN's needed. Apply in person, Snyder Oaks Care Center, 210 37th, Snyder, TX. See Priscilla or Roxie. **573-9377.** EOE

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITIONS: SPEECH INSTRUCTOR DEPARTMENT: Adjunct Faculty SALARY: College Scale DUTIES: Instruction in the fundamentals of public speaking. EMPLOYMENT: part-time. QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree with a minimum of 15 graduate hours in subject field preferred. Experience in community college desirable. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: April 22, 2000. SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO: Ms. Ruby Smith, Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549-9502. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: May 30, 2000 PHONE: 915/573-8511, EXT 310.

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Manager needed for local Dairy Queen location. Need friendly, customer service leader. Drug test required. Richeson Companies, Barbara at 940/549-5041 or fax resume to 940/549-6106.

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Part Time week-end help wanted. See Cindy @ Laserwash, Monday thru Friday 10–6.

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Send resume to:
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Snyder, Texas 79549
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POSITION: ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR DEPARTMENT: English SALARY: College Scale DUTIES: Teaching in developmental English, freshman composition, sophomore literature, and working with the writing lab. Courses will be offered both day and evening on campus, at extension centers, and in units of the TDCJ-Correctional Division. EMPLOYMENT: Full-time, 9-month contract. QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree with a minimum of 18 graduate hours in subject field preferred. Experience in community college and in teaching developmental courses desirable. Texas Department of Criminal Justice security clearance required. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: May 10, 2000. SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO: Ms. Ruby Smith, Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College, Ave. Snyder, TX 79549-9502. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: August 14, 2000 PHONE: 915/573-8511, ext. 310.

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SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: KID'S COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education DUTIES: Planning curriculum and activities for instruction in designated class. EMPLOYMENT: Temporary, June 12-22, 2000. QUALIFICATIONS: Past experience teaching preferred and ability to communicate well with children. SPECIAL SKILLS: Teacher certification a plus. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: April 24, 2000 SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO: Ms. Ruby Smith, Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549-9502. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: June 12, 2000 PHONE: 915/573-8511, EXT 310.

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SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES SALARY: COLLEGE SCALE DUTIES: Perform all phases of payroll, employee benefits, worker's comp, ADA, Affirmative Action, etc. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: ASAP TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT: Full-time, 12-month contract. 90-day probationary period. QUALIFICATIONS: Education or experience equivalent to an Associates Degree. Two to five years payroll/accounting experience preferred. SPECIAL SKILLS: Knowledge of employment laws and IRS requirements. Excellent communication, office, ten-key, calculator and computer skills. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: April 10, 2000. SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO: Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549-9502. PHONE: 915/573-8511 ext. 308.

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406 32nd 3-1-1 Great Buy	$27T	2307 41st 3-2 CH/A Make Offer	$29.5T
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2 bedroom house, $350, water paid. 27th & Y, 573-7008.

2 bedroom, partially furnished house for rent. $200/mo. plus $100/dep. Call 573-5911 after 4:30p.m.

3-1½, fenced backyard. 2803 Ave. X. Need references. **Call 573-8739.**

3904 Eastridge, 3-2-2, newly painted, CH/A, nice backyard. $450/mo., $150/dep. Call 573-2219.

For Rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bath, CH/RA. References required. 2108 29th Call **573-9068.**

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Time to set the clocks ahead again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Set the clocks ahead tonight.

Daylight-saving time returns at 2 a.m. Sunday, providing an extra hour of evening sunshine until Oct. 29 for most of the United States.

It's also a good time to replace batteries in smoke alarms, safety advocates urge.

On the Net:
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TNRCC offers chance to get ride of unwanted pesticides

The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering area residents the opportunity to dispose of banned or unwanted pesticides, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters, and lead acid batteries free of charge.

The purpose of the cleanup campaign is to offer rural areas disposal and recycling opportunities for farm and ranch wastes and recyclables. Since 1991, 18,080 participants have disposed of 3.1 million pounds of pesticides and 6.84 million pounds of recyclables through Agriculture Waste Pesticide and Texas Country Cleanup Collections.

All collections are from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Collections will be held at the following locations:

*Monday — Snyder, Scurry County Coliseum Annex.

*Wednesday — Brownfield, Birdsong Peanut, 3.2 miles south of Brownfield on CR 474 Westside.

*Friday — Hereford, Deaf Smith County Bull Barn from Hwy 385 go east on Hwy 60 to Dairy Road.

Disposal costs for a 55-gallon drum of pesticide could cost a farmer $1,500 to $2,000 at a commercial facility. All agricultural chemicals will be accepted excluding pesticides or herbicides containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex explosives; compressed gas cylinders, fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures; or pesticide or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. There is a two-drum limit per a participant on oil filter recycling and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee. Empty household containers will not be accepted that can be disposed of in the trash.

Tire collection is not available at any of these cleanups. Chemicals will not be accepted from chemical manufacturers or from out of state vehicles.

Agricultural Waste Pesticide and Texas Country Cleanup Collections are co-sponsored by the TNRCC's Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Brazos River Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority and USAg Recycling.

For more information about the collection program contact your local county extension agent at 573-5423.

Organic cropland doubled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers doubled the nation's organic crop acreage in the 1990s, and production of organic eggs and milk increased even more to meet rising consumer demand, the government says.

The amount of certified organic cropland grew from 403,000 acres in 1992 to 850,000 in 1997.

The number of organic laying hens jumped from 43,981 to 537,826 during the same period, a time when public concern about bacterial contamination of eggs was on the rise. The number of organic milk cows grew from 2,265 to 12,897.

"Organic farming became one of the fastest growing segments of U.S. agriculture during the 1990s and producers, exporters and retailers are still struggling to meet consumer demand," according to a study by the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

Organic farming is still a very small part of U.S. agriculture, however. About 0.2 percent of U.S. cropland was certified organic in 1997, compared with 1.5 percent in Europe, where farmers are offered government aid to convert to organic agriculture.

The amount of organic pasture and rangeland actually declined from 1992 to 1997, from 532,000 acres to 496,000 acres. Economists say organic production of meat and poultry lagged during the decade because they could not be labeled as organic until February 1999.

A summary of the USDA study was released Thursday.

Organic farming practices prohibit the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides for crops or antibiotics or hormones in liv stock. New national standards for organic food that the department announced earlier this month are expected to stimulate growth in the industry by bolstering consumer confidence and making it easier to export the products.

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GTE	71	+1/8
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2310 Sunset	2-1-1 $24.5T	3001 Crockett	4-3-2cp.....Now..$79.5T
2601 Ave. W	Assume Loan 3-2-1 $45T	4608 Ave. R	3-1 and 2-1-one acre $49T
3310 Ave. V	3-2-2 w/extra lot $69.5T	Commer. Site-Office	10 A's Hwy 84 & 180
3604 Ave. V	3-2-2 $69.5T	Commercial	Industrial Lot N.College
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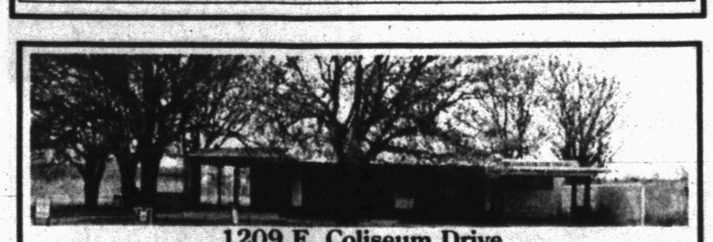
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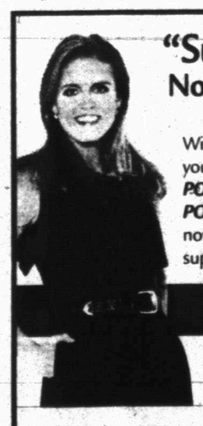


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Taxpayer privacy advocated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broad new taxpayer rights legislation will begin moving in the House next week to protect sensitive tax information from computer hackers and give people breaks on IRS interest and penalties, a top Republican lawmaker said Saturday.

Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, also said his panel will hold a three-day "summit" beginning April 11 to examine proposals to replace the current complicated tax code with a national sales tax, a flat tax or some other system.

"The tax code is too complicated and confusing, and we'd like to do more to get the IRS out of the lives of American taxpayers," Archer said in the weekly Republican radio address. "In the meantime, we need to make sure the current system treats taxpayers fairly, while protecting their rights and privacy."

Timed to coincide with the final weeks of federal income tax filing season, the legislation would add to the "taxpayer bill of rights" enacted by Congress in 1998 as part of a broad reform of the Internal Revenue Service. The Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to vote on the measure Wednesday, Archer said.

"As the old saying goes, there's nothing certain but death and taxes. We can't do anything about death, but we can and should make taxes as fair and easy as possible," he said.

Cost estimates were incomplete, but congressional aides said the bill would cost several billion dollars over 10 years, paid for out of projected budget surpluses.

To safeguard taxpayer data from hackers or other misuse, the legislation would:

—Toughen consent requirements for access to tax information by financial institutions, requiring that lenders verify a consent form was completed and dated and that they certify that all information will be kept confidential.

—During an audit, prevent IRS agents from examining tax returns of a taxpayer's representative, such as an attorney or accountant.

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Ex-cemetery director indicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former director of the historic Congressional Cemetery has been charged with embezzling more than $175,000 from dozens of cemetery clients — including an FBI charity.

Federal prosecutors charged in an indictment that 64-year-old John Hanley used the money to buy racehorses, among other things.

Law enforcers said the theft included a $4,545.80 check in August 1996 intended to help maintain the gravesite of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1912	*	1.90	.77	.72	1.68	2.54	1.30	.76	.80	2.80	*	1.12	14.39
1913	.25	.58	1.57	2.48	1.52	2.44	2.58	.24	2.44	3.45	3.79	3.05	24.39
1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
1921	.13	.96	1.05	.30	.87	7.05	.70	.40	3.15	.70	*	.03	15.34
1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.65	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.13	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
1927	1.25	1.20	.90	1.83	.70	3.05	6.35	3.80	5.30	.05	**	.50	25.85
1928	.40	.80	.40	.27	5.35	1.17	5.87	2.82	.98	.35	1.52	.28	20.21
1929	.60	*	1.99	1.05	3.97	.50	2.76	.61	2.51	1.61	.52	.10	16.22
1930	1.02	**	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
1931	1.40	1.15	.57	1.62	1.30	1.10	1.74	.18	.13	5.35	1.80	1.80	18.14
1932	1.78	3.01	.05	2.25	3.57	3.12	1.12	5.79	10.60	.43	*	4.10	35.82
1933	.20	1.63	.70	.10	2.30	.02	3.60	1.90	**	2.63	1.20	1.13	15.46
1934	.35	.22	2.70	.56	.65	.30	.21	1.25	1.58	.24	2.69	.03	10.78
1935	.05	1.03	1.61	.42	4.07	4.09	4.58	.21	2.54	1.79	2.11	.67	23.13
1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
1940	.22	1.50	.32	1.44	1.37	2.81	.30	3.51	.78	.49	2.63	.29	15.66
1941	.91	2.04	2.20	4.85	5.97	5.39	6.70	2.66	2.37	9.81	.21	.91	44.02
1942	.14	.09	.54	1.50	1.10	1.48	2.56	6.35	3.59	3.61	1.80	1.50	24.26
1943	.15	**	1.30	.60	4.37	2.17	.19	.05	.37	.25	1.31	1.49	12.25
1944	.83	1.84	.20	.69	7.34	1.11	6.04	1.13	2.22	1.05	2.49	2.41	27.35
1945	1.20	.36	1.25	1.03	1.45	2.51	5.44	3.00	2.60	4.02	.34	.48	23.68
1946	1.53	*	.53	.41	3.49	2.42	.04	1.52	.97	2.71	.75	2.60	16.97
1947	.30	*	.92	.36	6.64	2.13	.80	1.08	1.77	.37	1.81	1.60	17.76
1948	.21	1.98	.06	.29	4.38	1.67	7.30	*	*	2.55	*	*	18.44
1949	2.30	.47	.23	3.22	3.69	3.70	1.04	1.94	2.32	1.82	*	.55	21.28
1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
1952	.12	.18	.80	2.19	1.60	*	3.18	1.85	2.42	*	1.89	.90	15.13
1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
1954	.30	.03	.10	2.93	3.55	1.20	.18	.81	**	.64	.55	.07	10.36
1955	.46	.18	.39	.21	6.21	1.40	3.21	.61	1.59	3.39	.10	*	17.75
1956	.19	.11	*	2.97	2.50	.45	1.88	.24	*	1.77	.28	1.01	11.40
1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
1958	1.01	1.11	.94	3.72	2.73	2.32	.55	2.06	1.44	2.41	.55	*	18.84
1959	**	.21	1.03	.97	2.46	6.95	5.05	.37	.57	2.23	.20	1.22	21.22
1960	1.40	.28	.02	.28	.97	.47	6.28	2.56	.35	3.40	*	1.18	17.16
1961	1.87	.54	.66	.71	2.12	5.90	3.63	.26	2.95	2.22	3.36	.56	24.79
1962	.01	*	.60	1.16	.22	5.16	2.23	1.36	6.47	2.30	.69	.81	21.01
1963	**	.23	.43	1.16	3.05	2.46	.17	.47	1.63	1.15	2.21	1.13	14.09
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1967	*	.14	1.59	.47	.10	8.44	1.58	.94	3.19	1.91	.91	.57	19.64
1968	2.19	1.68	2.02	3.39	2.90	1.60	1.44	.87	.74	.37	3.30	.19	20.63
1969	*	.40	1.24	1.01	5.72	2.46	.70	.55	2.95	3.65	.62	1.98	21.28
1970	*	1.15	2.25	1.31	3.30	1.40	*	.50	2.11	2.42	*	.26	14.70
1971	*	.49	*	.56	3.77	2.02	1.78	16.7	4.0	3.62	.27	.45	33.66
1972	*	.05	*	3.35	2.95	1.03	1.07	7.60	7.59	6.25	.29	.03	30.21
1973	2.09	2.47	3.19	1.25	1.12	2.07	.87	*	4.14	.29	*	*	17.49
1974	.19	.35	.50	2.32	.62	2.37	.10	6.41	8.24	5.80	.63	1.08	28.61
1975	.33	2.04	.15	.31	3.33	1.14	6.24	2.43	5.38	.58	2.36	1.01	25.30
1976	.02	*	.31	4.79	1.09	.56	6.16	.45	5.30	6.69	.12	*	25.49
1977	.58	.63	1.77	3.81	1.35	4.03	4.71	5.38	.07	.37	.30	.09	23.09
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1979	.62	.68	1.26	.17	3.88	3.02	4.05	2.73	.02	.44	1.19	2.40	20.46
1980	.50	.53	.48	.59	5.77	1.94	.96	.60	11.91	.44	.55	1.43	25.70
1981	.56	.70	.59	6.60	1.51	3.08	1.53	.81	.58	3.27	.70	.16	20.09
1982	.68	.35	.81	2.25	8.04	6.59	2.71	1.19	.52	.28	1.48	1.72	26.62
1983	2.91	.43	.47	1.17	3.11	1.37	.42	1.22	.20	4.33	1.06	.10	16.79
1984	.52	.01	.30	*	.81	1.75	1.76	2.0	2.70	4.15	1.78	2.40	18.19
1985	.10	1.06	2.71	4.55	5.28	2.30	3.16	.18	2.96	4.79	.36	*	27.45
1986	.19	.35	.29	1.19	3.73	3.98	3.58	3.89	3.88	6.53	.71	1.88	30.20
1987	.18	2.62	.15	.71	7.76	3.17	1.35	*	1.96	.06	.05	.92	19.13
1988	.25	.55	.77	1.06	1.61	1.20	3.81	4.51	1.02	5.52	.22	.72	21.24
1989	.76	1.72	.19	.53	.48	2.95	.11	2.71	1.21	.82	.03	.16	11.67
1990	1.14	1.90	3.11	4.20	.19	.21	5.69	4.16	5.30	1.60	1.57	1.42	30.49
1991	1.64	*	*	.19	3.68	5.83	4.10	1.90	5.16	2.21	.93	4.27	29.91
1992	1.81	4.48	.56	1.61	6.04	3.87	2.43	2.07	.95	*	2.10	1.79	27.71
1993	.96	.80	1.25	1.83	1.25	3.32	1.58	1.27	1.55	1.83	.46	.19	16.29
1994	.53	.47	.11	.81	3.40	*	.54	.23	2.76	2.16	.41	.79	12.21
1995	.81	.90	1.29	.48	6.40	1.93	.88	1.23	5.11	.64	.12	.19	19.98
1996	.21	*	.39	1.33	.29	2.75	1.22	3.33	2.82	1.10	4.80	*	18.24
1997	.42	4.48	.18	5.55	2.07	6.74	.31	1.52	.68	1.25	0.36	2.13	25.69
1998	1.20	1.56	2.03	.21	.31	.26	.18	.76	.02	1.43	2.28	0.26	10.50
1999	.95	0	1.74	2.12	1.55	7.23	3.68	2.04	1.83	.66	.00	.06	21.86
2000	.73	.75	5.83										
Avg.	.65	.83	.93	1.88	3.12	3.15	2.14	2.20	2.50	2.28	.97	.83	21.42

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Hospital food is a joke

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on hospital food. Can you make this humorous?

DEAR READER: Gladly. I'll try.

Traditional hospital cuisine has been, well, less than four-star. Health professionals recognized and accepted the reasons for this: Patients weren't supposed to like hospital food; if they did, they'd insist on staying in the institution, unnecessarily taking up beds that could have been better used for someone who was really sick — someone on IVs who was so famished that he would gobble up orange Jello with a gusto most of us reserve for filet mignon with bernaise.

In a bygone era, patients chose from a maniacally restricted menu. More often than not, they were served something that seemed entirely different from what they ordered. This was usually mystery meat, gelatinous mashed potatoes, and carrots that had the consistency of bottle caps. Each patient mechanically moved the steamed and overcooked material around a thick, cold, white ceramic plate. This lasted for a few minutes. Then the patients would focus on the cake and applesauce, because the milk was warm, the tea cold, the salad indescribably wilted. In short, the whole meal was a mess. It really made you appreciate home-cooking when, after discharge from hospital, you returned to such delicacies as greasy hamburger, Kraft macaroni and cheese, and Junket with brown sugar on it.

In contrast, today's hospitals want to woo patients by eagerly giving the erroneous impression that they are concerned about patients' nutritional needs. Menus have been spruced up and the food redefined or served under assumed names.

For example, I'll list the components of a dinner that was offered to patients at our healthcare institution (read: hospital). Following each course, I've translated the ingredients (in parentheses).

SOUP: Homemade cream of asparagus. (Canned asparagus concentrate with powdered milk.)

SALAD: International salad bar; fresh vegetable selection from the garden. (Where else, I ask you, are you going to get vegetables, from a hog? This uncooked gray matter was imported from South America and sat in the sun for a week on the docks before being delivered.)

ENTREES: Boneless breast of chicken in a natural apple glaze. (Stringy, unidentifiable poultry parts, marinated in their own salmonella bacteria, overcooked to the point of dessication and served with a crust of synthetically sweetened applesauce.)

Filet of sole wrapped in spinach, flavored with fresh ginger, and lightly steamed. (Leathery fish scraps bought below wholesale from an unlicensed Japanese fishing trawler off Nova Scotia, frozen for two years, wrapped in a lettuce leaf (see Salad, above), sprinkled with weird dried herbs, and warmed on the shelf in the evaporation of the simmering asparagus soup.)

VEGETABLES: Fresh carrots cut into coins and cooked in honey and mint. (Those bottle-top carrots again. This time, the suckers stick together because of an artificial honey-and-mint coating that dries to the consistency of airplane glue.)

Braised fennel with white wine. (Shredded stems of spinach that were too spoiled to be wrapped around the fish, cooked for 10 hours in big cauldrons. To each five-gallon pot was added two tablespoons of cheap muscatel.)

DESSERT: Homemade ice cream prepared with strawbery wine. (Homemade by the ton in a fully-automated factory in Newark. To each air-laden scoop was added a dollop of wine cooler.)

Despite the fact that my comments are supposed to be tongue-in-cheek (and most hospital chefs make a genuine effort to cook palatable food), the next time you're visiting a hospital, try the food. Don't order it; just taste selectively from various patients' trays. It's all the same. I'm sure you'll agree that anyone who turns up his nose at these meals deserves to be home.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 13 and just caught chicken pox from my younger brother. What is this disease? How long will it last?

DEAR READER: Chicken pox, a highly contagious disease of children, is caused by a herpes-like virus called varicella zoster virus. VZV primarily infects the skin, where it produces itchy blisters that eventually scab over.

Most children with chicken pox are sick for one to two weeks. Once the blisters stop breaking out, the patient is no longer infectious and can return to school and other normal activities. Thereafter, immunity to chicken pox is permanent.

Occasionally, severe cases of VZV can progress to bacterial skin infection, pneumonia, blood poisoning, inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or liver inflammation (hepatitis). In adults, chicken pox can cause serious complications, but in youngsters and adolescents, it is usually self-limited and benign. Scratching the blisters and scabs can produce deeper infection and scarring, so use calamine lotion or other anti-itch compounds to relieve symptoms.

Chicken pox is less prevalent than it was years ago, because many children are undergoing anti-chicken-pox vaccination as a part of their normal immunization program.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a sunken muscle in my forearm that my doctor believes is due to a pinched nerve. What tests will prove this? Can therapy be used instead of surgery in this situation?

DEAR READER: When muscles are deprived of nerve stimulation — from injury, damage or nerve compression — they tend to weaken and shrivel. A sunken spot on your forearm could well represent an atrophied muscle. If your doctor is correct that you have a pinched nerve in your neck as a cause of your difficulty, an MRI or CT scan would help identify where the nerve is being compressed. Also, a nerve conduction study could yield important information.

Once you have a diagnosis, you can consider treatment options. You might require surgery to decompress the nerve or medicine to reduce swelling around it. In any case, you will surely need physical theraphy to retrain and strengthen the atrophied muscle. Before deciding what to do about your forearm, allow the doctor to establish the cause of your problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the symptoms of tsetse?

DEAR READER: Tsetse is not a disease; it is an African fly that carries the microorganisms causing trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness). The affliction is marked by fever, enlarged lymph glands, painful skin swelling and rash — progessing to tremors, headache, apathy, convulsions and coma.

The diagnosis is established by identifying the trypanosomes in the patient's blood or spinal fluid. The treatment itself is dangerous and prolonged. Travelers to certain parts of Africa must take special care to protect themselves against the bite of the tsetse fly.

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Man stows away on Northwest 946

SEATTLE (AP) — A man traveled more than 2,000 miles to Memphis, Tenn., while hiding in the cargo hold of a Northwest Airlines flight.

The stowaway settled into the heated and pressurized front section of the cargo hold, where pets are kept, as Flight 946 left Seattle on Friday morning, KIRO-TV reported.

On arrival in Memphis, he asked baggage handlers for a ride to the terminal, KIRO reported. When the handlers challenged him, he fled.

"You don't anticipate that there will be a person when you open the cargo door," said Kathy Peach, a Minneapolis-based Northwest spokeswoman. She said the man appeared to be in his late 20s. His identity is unknown.

The Federal Aviation Administration and Seattle port police were investigating, said Scott Ingram, a Northwest spokesman in Seattle.

The FAA here referred questions to a suburban Atlanta facility, where a person who answered the phone Friday evening said FAA involvement was unknown.

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Clinton urges compliance with census

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today urged all Americans to participate in this year's census, and took direct aim at Republicans who have grumbled about the intrusiveness of some questions.

"Those who suggest that filling out your census form isn't essential are plainly wrong," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. His remarks coincided with Census Day, the April 1 once a decade on which Americans are asked to tell the government who and where they are.

"I know Americans are concerned about their privacy, and that's why I also want to stress that the information you provide is strictly, absolutely confidential," Clinton said. "Individual information will not be available to anyone outside the Census Bureau for any reason."

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush has said he's not sure he would fill out the 53-question "long form," which includes questions about income, education, employment and health. The "short form" asks only a few basic questions.

"We want as accurate a count as possible but I can understand why people don't want to give over that information to the government," Bush said Thursday during a campaign stop in Milwaukee. "And if I have the long form, I'm not sure I would either."

The Texas governor didn't advise people not to complete the form. But he said, "If they're worried about the government intruding into their personal lives, they ought to think about it."

White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Friday it is disturbing for elected officials to suggest less than full compliance with the census, which is used to apportion federal aid and congressional representation.

Uganda seeks day of prayer for victims

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Struggling with a lack of equipment after uncovering a string of mass graves, police are regrouping before tackling yet another compound where more victims of a doomsday cult may be buried.

The death toll from the mass killing now stands at 924, after police raised the number who died when a cult church was set ablaze with hundreds of members sealed inside. Since then, mass graves at three other compounds have uncovered more bodies.

The government called a day of prayer Sunday to "console surviving relatives and assure the country that action is being taken in pursuit of the criminal perpetrators."

Government and religious leaders will attend a memorial service Sunday in Kanungu, the village where the cult slaying was first revealed with the church inferno.

While Ugandan authorities promised to apprehend the perpetrators of the stabbings, burnings and stranglings, investigators showed no signs of being able to track down sect leaders or even of being able to confirm which — if any — survived.

Investigators indefinitely postponed plans Friday to search a fifth sect compound, deep in a rainforest near the Ruwenzori Mountains along the Congolese border. Police said they would wait until they had proper equipment.

Commissioners will meet on Monday; 5 new items on agenda

Along with consideration of a person to replace Dr. Mark Weaver on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board, Scurry County Commissioners' Court has five items of new business to consider at Monday's meeting.

The court will discuss what to include in a letter to the U.S. Air Force in response to the selection of the Lancer military operations area (MOA) as its choice for conducting training flights for B-1 and B-52 bombers.

The MOA includes the eight-county area of Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Borden, Dawson, Lynn and Garza counties.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the letter will discuss any concerns the county has and will also invite Air Force officials to come and tour the Scurry County Airport.

Commissioners will consider the employment of Jessica Williams on a full-time basis in the county clerk's office. Williams is currently employed part-time.

Fritz also has asked the court to consider consolidating the job of county judge's secretary and 911 addressing coordinator.

Julie Williams held both positions, but she has resigned. Her salary was paid partly from county funds and partly from West Central Texas Council of Government funds and she received two separate checks.

"The judge's secretary has been acting as 911 addressing coordinator, which has been funded through the Council of Governments. I am requesting the county consolidate those two positions and run the COG funding through the county and consolidate those salaries," Fritz said. "Since the job is vacant, now is the time to do it."

Commissioners will also discuss appointment of Pat Alexander to the Precinct 1 constable position and Jeff Duck to the Precinct 2 constable position.

The two won their bids for the positions in the March 14 primaries but will not take office until Jan. 1, 2001.

"It was requested that we go ahead and appoint them, so they can start serving right away," Fritz said.

He said both positions have been vacant for some time.

Fritz explained that the constable position is a "constitutionally required job."

"It is similar to what a sheriff deputy does," Fritz said. "In Scurry County they have been inactive jobs, but a constable can serve civil papers, bailiff courts, write tickets and run traffic stops."

The position is a paid one.

In one last item of business, the court will consider an exception to the travel policy for Chief Deputy Delwyn Davis.

Fritz said Davis is attending a training seminar and the host motel where the school is being held charges more than what the county's travel policy allows.

The judge said the court can consider making an exception to the travel policy if the request is made in advance.

Spivey SDN winner

Albert Spivey of 1949 Chamber is the March winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the name of those who subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Violating probation results in an arrest

A felony warrant for probation violation resulted in the arrest of a 35-year-old female Friday.

Deputies arrested Kimberly Arelene Villareal of 601 29th Street at 9:37 a.m. in the 3400 block of College on the felony warrant. In addition, the subject had Municipal Court warrants for dog at large and failure to appear.

Department of Public Safety troopers took two females, ages 20 and 21, into custody at 12:26 a.m. Saturday, one mile north on U.S. Hwy. 84. The subjects were charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Earlene Stroud contacted officers at 3:04 p.m. Friday in reference to someone taking a decorative sign from her porch. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

At 9 p.m. Friday, Virginia Flores notified officers that a subject forced his way into her residence. Officers took a report for burglary of a habitation.

Obituaries

Vera Holsinger

1909-2000

Vera Periman Holsinger, a retired school teacher who never retired from community service, died at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services for Mrs. Holsinger, 90, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Vera Holsinger

Born Dec. 31, 1909 in the White Bluff Community, 10 miles north of Snyder, she was reared there. She attended White Bluff school and then transferred to Snyder High School.

She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1935. She explained it took seven years to earn the degree because she took time out to work to earn enough money to return to college.

Her first teaching job was in Kress. She returned to Snyder to teach home economics and later taught in Graham.

During World War II, she served in the United Service Organization, assisting service men and their families. She represented the YWCA and was director of the USO for seven years.

After the war, Mrs. Holsinger returned to Snyder where she continued to teach school until her retirement in 1971. She referred to many Snyder residents she had taught as "my kid."

The day following her retirement, June 26, 1971, she married Wirt Holsinger. He died Nov. 28, 1975.

A lifetime member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club, she was a former member of the board of directors and a member of the Alpha Study Club and Art Guild.

An active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, she was an active member of the First Baptist Church where she served as director of the Adult II Department for many years. She served as a greeter, was a member of the Women's Missionary Union and served as chairman of the Mission-in-Action.

She financed the building of one church building in Mexico in honor of her late husband. She and her siblings built two other churches in honor of their parents, Lyman Nelson and Alice Turner Periman.

Mrs. Holsinger once expressed her philosophy of life: "Fight the devil," and "You can do anything you want to do if you are willing to work for it."

While president of the Alpha Study Club, she helped finance and spearhead a community-wide cleanup campaign.

She also was preceded in death by four sisters, Ogla Spain, Lena Pierce, Pearl Nance and Grace Bell; and a brother, Judge Carl Periman.

Survivors include a sister, Ila Bee Mitchell of Seminole; three nieces, Mary Nell Coles of Fort Worth, Jane Hilfer of Austin, and Betty Sue Hendricks of Corpus Christi; and a nephew, Dr. Phillip Periman of Amarillo.

Austin Davis

1930-2000

Austin Davis of Snyder died Friday, March 31, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Davis, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Ira Baptist Church, will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born on March 27, 1930 in Bearden, Ark., he married Martha Lee McClure on Aug. 18, 1952 in Bearden. Mr. Davis was a member of Ira Baptist Church.

He had been a Snyder resident since 1957. Before retiring, he had worked for C.E. Knight Co. and the Cortez Corp. for some 20 years.

He was preceded in death by one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Davis of Snyder; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bobby Davis, Donald and Cindy Davis and Ricky and Julia Davis, all of Snyder; and five grandchildren, Cory and Amanda Beltz of Oklahoma City, Adam and Jennifer Davis of San Angelo, Jessica Lynn Davis and Rena and Ray Wright, all of Snyder, and Robert McWhorter of Austin.

Rainfall Reports

Friday, Saturday morning

Snyder	.22
North of City	.30
East of City	.10
West of City	.25
Lake Thomas	.20
Hermleigh	.20
Fluvanna	.35
Polar	.20
Loyd Mountain	.20
Camp Springs	.10
Dunn	.20
Ira	.90
Dermott	.20
Union	.30
Gail	.30

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ONGOINGS

Grand jury

Only two felony cases are expected to be presented to the Scurry County grand jury when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Aggie moms meeting

The Rolling Plains Aggie Moms will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Buck's Steakhouse in Sweetwater. For more information contact Caron Perkins at 573-4729.

Retirement reception

The City of Snyder will host a retirement reception in honor of Odell Cox and Paul Gutierrez from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at city hall.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for the 2000-01 school year begins Monday. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesday for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

Apostolic Faith concert

Apostolic Faith Bible College will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at the Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St.

Band boosters meeting

SHS band boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Love That Serves God," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 7."

Joy School registration

Pre-registration for the Eastside Church of Christ Joy School will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday in the East foyer of the church. Joy School runs from Monday through Friday for age 18 months to Pre-K. For additional information, call 573-3554.

Northeast parent council

Northeast Elementary parent council will have a dutch-treat meeting at noon Tuesday at the White Buffalo Café.

Brisket dinner

Snyder Senior Little League will sponsor a brisket dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Moffett Field prior to the Tigers' game with Big Spring. Cost is $6.50 per plate.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. The topic Tuesday is "Expanding Your Child's Reading Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit's immunization clinic will be held each Thursday in April from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

TRA meeting

A meeting on the Texas Teachers Retirement System will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday in the East Elementary auditorium. Una Taylor will discuss TRA benefits and options and Jack Kelly will discuss teachers and Social Security.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. next Sunday at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m, next Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

CHIP program signup

A representative of CHIP, a program to provide children's health coverage for parents who can't afford private insurance, will be in Snyder from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. Applications and assistance will be available at 1212 37th St. For more information call 1-800-592-7433, ext 21.

Summer, fall pre-registration

Pre-regisation for Children's Day out at the First United Methodist Church is underway through May 15 for the summer and fall. The program provides childcare on Tuesday and Thursdays during June and July. The fall session begins in August. Call Barbara at 573-4770 for more information.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-0

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 55-03-76-11

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 36-7-4-20-9

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Date Books

Saturday, April 1, 2000
Today is the 92nd day of 2000 and the 13th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1920, five members of the state legislature of New York were expelled for being socialists.

On this day in 1957, the single "Bye Bye Love," written by Boudleaux Bryant and performed by the Everly Brothers, was released.

On this day in 1963, the daytime television drama "General Hospital" was broadcast for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nikolai Gogol (1809-1852), writer; Edmond Rostand (1868-1918), dramatist; Lon Chaney (1883-1930), actor; William Manchester (1922-), writer, is 78; Jane Powell (1929-), actress-singer, is 71; Ali MacGraw (1939-), actress, is 61; Annette O'Toole (1952-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Villanova defeated Georgetown 66-54, winning the NCAA basketball championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In human relations kindness and lies are worth a thousand truths." — Graham Greene

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 27) and new moon (April 4).

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Sunday, April 2, 2000
Today is the 93rd day of 2000 and the 14th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1513, Ponce de Leon, searching for the Fountain of Youth, arrived in Florida and claimed it for the Spanish crown.

On this day in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany, declaring that "The world must be made safe for democracy."

On this day in 1980, Yukiko Nagata and Toshiaki Shirai, both of Tokyo, Japan, kissed underwater for a record 2 minutes, 18 seconds.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Girolamo Casanova (1725-1798), writer-adventurer; Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875), writer; Emile Zola (1840-1902), writer; Buddy Ebsen (1908-), actor-dancer, is 92; Alec Guinness (1914-), actor, is 86; Marvin Gaye (1939-1984), singer-songwriter; Don Sutton (1945-), baseball player, is 55; Emmylou Harris (1947-), singer, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, the New York Mets acquired the rights to the pitching services of Tom Seaver.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When angry, count 10 before you speak; if very angry, an hundred." — Thomas Jefferson

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 27) and new moon (April 4).

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Al Gore's political views said changing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore is moving to please voter constituencies he'll need to win the presidency, whether that means breaking with the White House over 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez or shifting positions to court homosexuals, labor groups, blacks and women.

On Friday, Republican George W. Bush challenged his Democratic rival to prove he's "not playing Florida politics" in the case of the Cuban boy caught at the center of a U.S.-Cuba custody battle.

Political analysts are divided over whether the vice president's conversions weaken his credibility or help him establish his own identity apart from President Clinton.

"I think it says more about his chutzpah than his character," said Bob Zelnick, a former TV reporter who wrote a biography of the vice president titled, "Gore: A Political Life."

"For seven years he was the man in the blue suit and red tie, crowding into every photo op. Now he wears different suits and acts like it's an alien administration," Zelnick said.

Merle Black, a political scientist at Emory University in Atlanta, thinks the Gonzalez case in particular shows that Gore is a cunning candidate.

"I think what he's trying to do is show he's a bold leader and he will do what he thinks is right, which to him may have the happy result of winning votes or at least neutralizing the opposition of others," Black said.

On Thursday, Gore broke with the administration by saying that he supported legislation that would grant Elian Gonzalez and his Cuban relatives permanent U.S. residency. He also wants the case heard in a family court, not decided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The administration argues that Elian should be taken from his Miami relatives and reunited with his Cuban father. That position has enraged Cuban Americans in South Florida — and Bush.

"If the vice president is serious and not playing Florida politics, he ought to stand up and say to the attorney general, 'You've got the power to back the INS off so that the fate of this young man will not be determined by bureaucratic decree,'" Bush told reporters while campaigning in Wisconsin.

With 25 electoral votes, Florida is the fourth-biggest prize in November's general election. The state generally votes Republican in presidential elections, but Clinton won it in a three-way race in 1996, gaining 40 percent of the Cuban-American vote.

Gore, who runs strong among Florida's seniors, hopes to win enough of the Cuban-American vote as well to threaten Bush with a loss in a state that's run by his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush.

Bush, the governor of Texas, gets indignant when asked about Gore's changing positions.

"This man will say anything to get elected," is his constant refrain.

That echos the sentiments of Bill Bradley during the Democratic primary campaign.

"He claims these issues are priorities for him," Bradley said of Gore in February, after he accused his rival of trying to co-opt his positions. "But priorities come from convictions, not through polls."

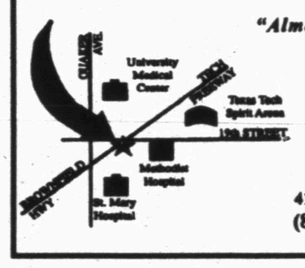
Some examples of the vice president's shifts:

—During a January debate, Gore courted homosexuals by saying he would require that his appointees to the Joint Chiefs of Staff agree that gays be allowed to serve openly in the military. When that triggered criticism, Gore backpedaled, saying, "I did not mean to imply that there should ever be any kind of inquiry into the personal political opinions of officers in the U.S. military."

—Meeting privately with AFL-CIO officials in mid-February, Gore reportedly told the union bosses that, if elected, he could negotiate a better trade deal with the Chinese than the administration on the issues of environmental and working conditions. When a business group complained to the White House, Gore issued a statement saying he stood behind the administration's landmark agreement to permit China enter the World Trade Organization.

—Speaking to Jewish leaders in New York in early March, Gore hinted he would support moving the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, despite Palestinian opposition. "My desires are the same as your desires," he said. Gore also has met with Al Sharpton, a black leader in the state.

—Several days later, Gore bid for supporters of former presidential candidate John McCain by pledging to make the Arizona senator's signature issue — campaign finance reform — his own political centerpiece. The vice president said he had learned from the "mistakes" he made raising money during the 1996 presidential election.

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Disoriented pilot flew plane into ground, AF says of crash in Kuwait

JACKSONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The Air Force has determined that the deaths of three U.S. servicemen during the aborted landing of a C-130 transport in Kuwait last year stemmed from pilot and crew error.

The air crew failed to follow procedures and made an improper approach to a runway, according to Col. Frank Laras. The pilot also didn't keep an eye on instruments and became disoriented, not realizing how close the plane was to the ground or how far it was from the runway at Al Jaber Air Base southwest of Kuwait City, he said.

"Basically, yes, he flew the plane into the ground," said Laras, who headed the Air Force investigation of the crash.

The plane hit the ground, breaking its landing gear, then flew back into the air and made an emergency landing without landing gear on a foam-covered runway at nearby Kuwait International Airport, Laras said.

The pilot and three other crew members could face disciplinary action by the Air Force, according to Col. Joseph Heimann, a lawyer with the Air Mobility Command. No decision on that has been made, he added

The flight engineer has been cleared to resume flying, Laras said, but the other three remain grounded, performing other duties at Little Rock Air Force, officials said, pending a decision on disciplinary action.

The plane, assigned to the 61st Airlift Squadron at the air base here, was ferrying 86 military passengers the 23 miles from Kuwait International Airport to Al Jaber before dawn on Dec. 10. Three passengers were killed when shafts that raise and lower the plane's main landing gear — four wheels in the middle of the fuselage — broke from the impact with the ground and penetrated the plane's metal skin, according to Laras' report. Also penetrating the plane's skin, Laras said, were structural beams to which the landing gear assemblies were attached.

Seven other passengers were injured, two of them critically, the report said. The two badly injured airmen are expected to recover completely.

Man used fake bomb to pull off bank heist in S. Antonio

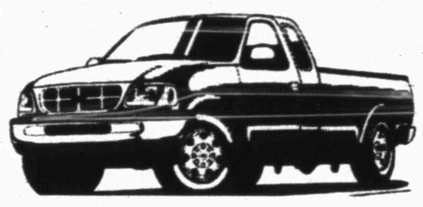
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This isn't what Compass Bank in San Antonio had in mind for their drive-through window.

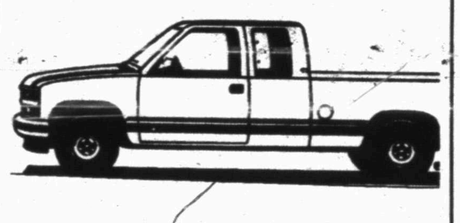
A man fled with an undisclosed amount of money on Friday after pulling up to the bank's drive-through window, giving a teller a box resembling a bomb and demanding money.

Police say the robbery came about two hours after the man apparently failed in a similar attempt at a Citizens State Bank in northwest San Antonio. Bank employees said the man drove away when the teller slipped away to show the manager the box she received via the pneumatic tube.

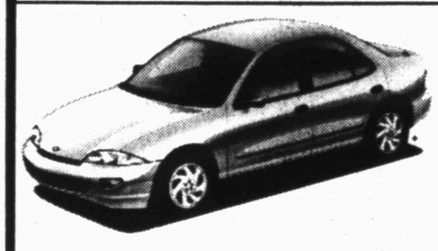
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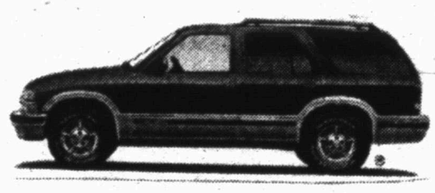
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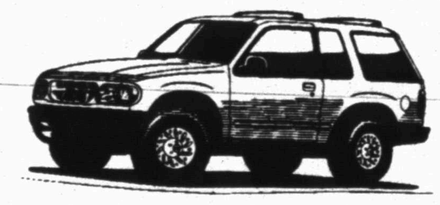

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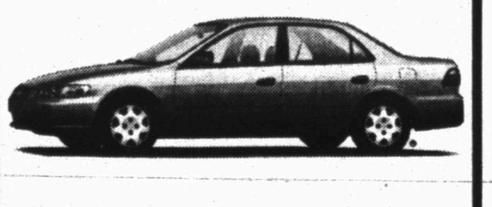

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Cotton Patch Crafts doing well after 12 years

Visitors to Cotton Patch Crafts can easily lose track of time, just browsing or working on a project.

Darlene and Jerry Beard founded the little shop 12 years ago as a way to make extra money, and since then it has twice outgrown its original quarters.

Darlene operates the shop out of the Beard home seven miles west of Snyder. It's a real family affair, Darlene said, one that includes the couple's two children, Jennifer and David.

Though Cotton Patch Crafts caters to people who like to make arts and crafts, she said, "You don't have to be artistic to do this. If you can slap paint on a wall, you can do this. You are only limited by your imagination."

Decals of various designs can be permanently baked on an item by firing it twice in the kiln. "It looks very artistic when it's finished," Darlene said.

Stained glass is very versatile and can be used to create many things including stepping stones, coasters, and benches.

The stained glass lamp kits are so easy to follow she said beginners can make them.

Darlene said they do not charge for their lessons, which include classes in stained glass, glass etchings, air brushing, ceramics, porcelain dolls, glass bead making, and sand blasting.

Cotton Patch Crafts is well-stocked with retail that includes the supplies to make all of the projects they offer, including ceramic lamps, humming birds, banks, personal and custom-made gifts as well as gifts for men and Christmas trees.

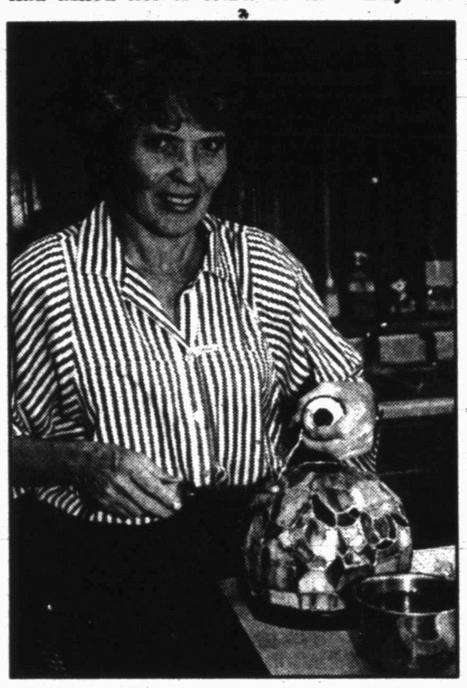
Darlene does not like to make porcelain dolls, but will do so if a customer requests it. Customers had asked her to learn so she could teach them. She does enjoy making animal dolls such as tigers, lions and reindeers.

Besides patterns and project sheets, she said they also have various books and newspapers such as *Stained Glass News* which customers have access to. They also rent their equipment and "how to" videos.

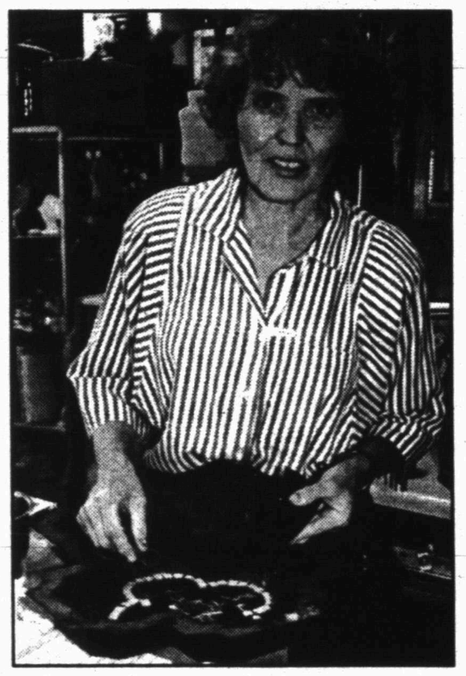
Darlene is proud of their inventory.

"I try to be very customer oriented. I don't have a huge supply, but my goal is to keep enough supplies on hand so that no one has to go somewhere else."

What she doesn't have in stock she can usually locate, though it may take some time.







A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING —Cotton Patch Crafts has something for everyone. Owner Darlene Beard is pictured with a porcelain lamp at left, a ceramic piece, center, and a mold at right. She and her husband, Jerry, started the shop 12 years ago. SDN photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Cotton Patch Crafts isn't fancy and it's a bit crowded, but that's okay with Darlene. "My customers have been just wonderful," she said.

She wants them to feel at home, whether they are browsing or working on a project.

She noted that they offer things that aren't always available elsewhere. For instance, the price of the ceramic figurines Darlene sells includes using their paint and two firings in the kiln. She prefers it that way so customers won't have to buy several bottles of paint if all they need is a small amount of each. However, there is a separate charge for silver or gold trim.

She noted that today's acrylic paints are so much better than those available just five years ago. At one time, if an item was to be kept outside it had to be glazed. Acrylic painted items can now be kept outside too. Now the paints can also be easily painted over.

Darlene said they will fire their kiln up anytime a customer needs something. "We don't wait until we have a kiln full. If in a hurry, a customer can get the item back 24 hours later."

Jerry is also certified to repair kilns.

Unlike most craft shops, Darlene said they don't have a "If you break it you buy it" policy. If a customer breaks an item they purchased from her she will replace it free as long as she has the mold.

She does this in part because green ware can have a hairline crack, which is impossible to see.

Darlene said they also have about 350 sheets of stained glass on hand. Because it is so fragile and uninsurable, they prefer to pick up their order rather than have it shipped.

She noted that they have over 30,000 ceramic molds made out of plaster of paris that they can pour, and, as far as she knows, they have one of the largest supplies of green ware (raw clay) in this area. It's fragile, but easily repaired if broken or chipped, she added.

They can also do porcelain and stoneware, but don't encourage either because both are much more expensive than the ceramic molds.

Darlene is also certified to restore and repair antiques, dolls and collectibles. She likes restoring items, but doesn't really push that side of the business because it is very time consuming and expensive work. She will, though, if that is what a customer prefers. However, she does not teach restoration classes.

She can also repair stained glass windows and once worked on an 8x10 church window that she estimated was about 100 years old. It was too large for her shop, so she worked on it outside.

Darlene said companies that sell craft supplies sponsor a wide variety of classes. In past years, they also had an instructor from New York teach classes at the shop.

Darlene's hours are very flexible, and they work for her and her customers. "If I'm home I'm open," she said.

She has had customers drop by as early as 7:30 a.m. Others have come at midnight after they got off work.

She likes working with people. Some customers work there on a regular basis while others do so

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BRIDAL SHOWER — Mary Hollis, bride-elect of Ramsey Castillo, was given a bridal shower at the First Christian Church. The couple will exchange vows in a 2 p.m. ceremony on April 8 in the First Baptist Church. Pictured from left are D'Ann Beck, mother of the bride-elect; the honoree; Mildred Hollis, the honoree's grandmother; Carolyn Greene, the honoree's aunt. Ramsey's mother, Judy Castillo from Amarillo, and his grandmother, Gloria Tecero from Snyder, were unable to attend. (Contributed Photo)

In Snyder Church of God...

Reynolds, Clayton pledge vows

Angie Lynne Reynolds became the bride of Ricky Don Clayton on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Snyder Church of God.

The bride's parents are Dennis and Tommie Lynne Reynolds and her grandparents are Nate and Johnnie Pyburn, all of Snyder.

The groom's parents are Dean and Kathy Howard of Comanche and Jimmy and Lynn Clayton of Kermit. His grandparents are Jimmy "Hoss" and Nell Clayton of Snyder and Lennie Wells of Comanche.

Parents of the bride gave her in marriage and her father escorted her down the aisle. The groom was escorted and given in marriage by his daughter, Kaycee Clayton.

The church decorations included a brass archway adorned with greenery, and two nine-branch candelabras.

Various love songs were played by John Pyburn, uncle of the bride, during the seating of the guests. During the ceremony, he sang "I Cross My Heart," "Keeper of the Stars" and "I Swear," accompanying himself on the keyboard.

Candlelighters were Brandy Pyburn, cousin of the bride, and Lisa Beevers, friend of the groom. Both wore floor-length purple dresses.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a full skirt flowing into a chapel-length train that had lace insets and clusters of satin rosettes. It featured a scalloped hemline accented with pearls and iridescent sequins. The gown had a dropped waistline, sweetheart neckline and short, sheer sleeves. The bodice and sleeves were covered with pearls and sequins.

Her double-layered elbow-length veil had a pouf that attached a headpiece of three satin rosettes and pearls.

Something old was the hoop that was also worn by her mother 24 years ago. Something new was her wedding gown and accessories. Something borrowed and blue were a diamond and sapphire wedding set belonging to the bride's mother.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white, purple and teal roses accented with white tulle, greenery, pearls, silver, purple, teal and iridescent ribbons.

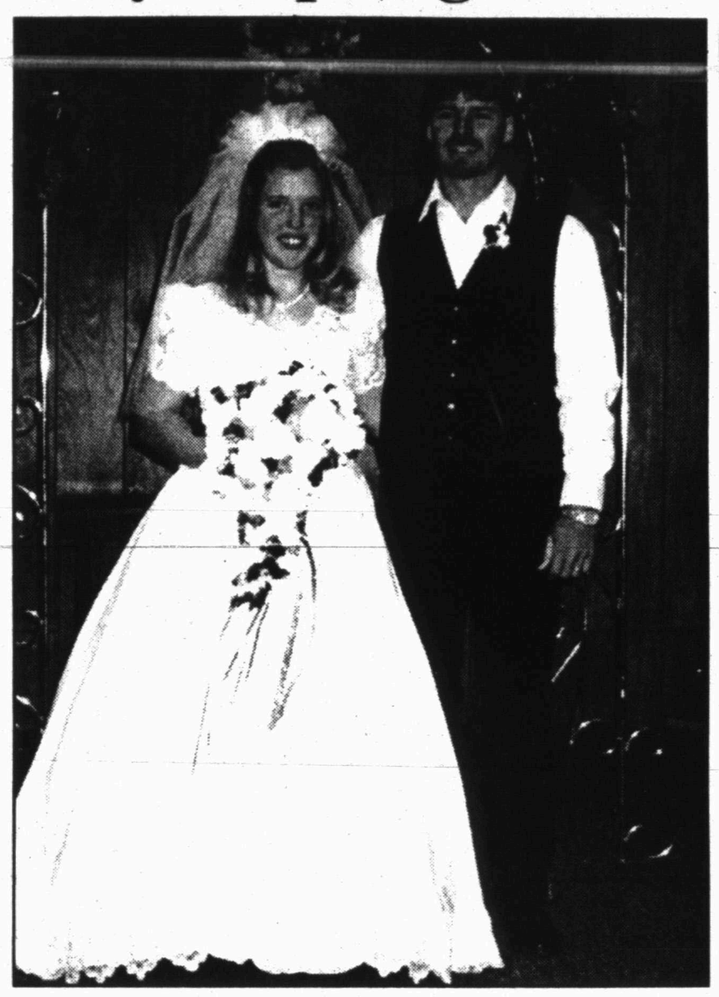
The bride's mother designed all wedding flowers.

Maid of honor was Amy Jewell Reynolds, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Amanda Holloway, cousin of the bride. Both were attired in floor-length satin dresses made by LaVerne Kitchens, the bride's aunt. Amy's dress was purple and Amanda's was teal. Each attendant carried a matching, smaller version of the bridal bouquet.

Ring bearer was Christopher Luna of Kermit, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Karlie White of San Angelo, sister of the groom's daughter.

Groomsmen were Dean Howard of Comanche, stepfather of the groom, and Donny Mills of Big Spring. All male attendants were dressed in black wranglers, long sleeved white western shirts and black boots. The groom also wore a black leather vest.

Following their vows, the couple lit their unity candle and then presented silver heart pendant necklaces to the groom's daughter, Kaycee Clayton, and the groom's daughter's sister, Karlie White of San Angelo.



Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Don Clayton
(Contributed Photo)

Sarah Pyburn, cousin of the bride, registered guests. The registry table, covered with a lace cloth, held the bride's throw bouquet and a teal plume pen.

The reception was held at the Christian Student Center on the Western Texas College campus. The bride's table was covered with a lace cloth over a teal cloth and held a five-tiered cake made and designed by the bride's grandmother, Johnnie Pyburn. Three tiers sat atop 16-inch Roman pillars with a fountain flowing with teal-colored water. A staircase was attached to the side of a two-tiered heart-shaped cake. All tiers were decorated with purple and teal roses and pearls.

The table also held a crystal punch bowl with teal punch, nuts and mints, and was centered with the bride's bouquet.

Serving were LaVerne Kitchens and Cris Pyburn, aunts of the bride.

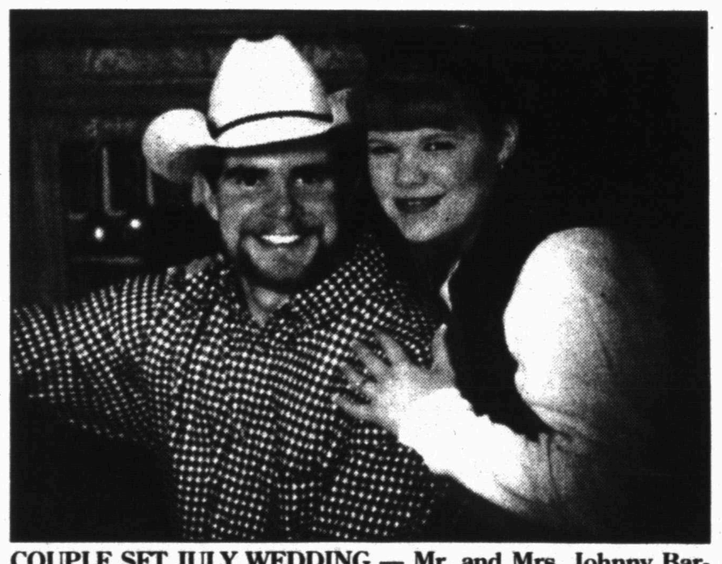
The groom's table was covered with a purple cloth topped with a lace cloth and held a cake decorated with a western theme. The table was centered with the bride's throw bouquet and a set of crystal Disneyland bride and groom toasting glasses, a gift from the bride's aunt and uncle, Mike and Bernice Cosgrove of Norwalk, Calif.

Serving at the groom's table was Gaylon Beevers of Big Spring.

Individual tables were centered with bales of hay holding floating purple, teal and pink balloons.

Cristen, Dawna and Rebecca Pyburn, cousins of the bride, passed out bubbles and Hershey hugs and kisses from the bride and groom. Stella Bailey and Pamela Maresch also helped with the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton reside in Snyder where the bride, a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School, is employed by Town and Country. Mr. Clayton is a self-employed roofer and works for York Transport.



COUPLE SET JULY WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Barrow of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stribling of Fluvanna announce the engagement of their children, Candace Denise to Justin Clayton. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. on July 8 at the First Baptist Church in Snyder. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridal Registry

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Rachel Huddleston and Justin Locknane
Rachel Moore and Ralph J. Shanafelt
Stephanie West and Cody Lewis
Angel Scarber and Robert Kee Patterson
Laura Collins and Matthew White
Kelly Gonzalez and Banks Alexander
Kathryn Robbins and Scott Hall
Jamie Bass and Daniel Schlumpfi
Amy Lewis and Chad Martin
Mary Hollis and Ramsey Castillo
Amanda Keils and Heath Porter
Karrah Griswold and Todd Iglehart
Karan McAnelly and Charles Kittles
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South: ♠ --- ♥ J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 7 6

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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Opening lead: ♠ A

On a droll day

By Phillip Alder

On this day for hopefully harmless practical jokes, here is an amusing set-up, taken from Jose le Dentu's book, "Droles de Donnes" (Funny Deals). If each player were allowed to be declarer, what contract should he pick?

What is the law when someone revokes?

Both East and West can make seven in either minor. West just has to be careful if North leads a spade. And North-South? Well, they can make three no-trump! However, when Zia Mahmood used this deal in The Guardian newspaper in England, he received a letter from a reader saying that that wasn't true. The correspondent suggested that West should start with the ace and another spade. Declarer finesses dummy's jack and calls for the heart queen, but West revokes, discarding a minor-suit ace. East runs that minor, during which West jettisons his other minor-suit ace. So, the contract would end eight down. There is a two-trick revoke penalty, leaving South six down. Is that correct? If not, what is the correct ruling?

All things being equal, if someone revokes and his side wins that trick, it loses that trick. And if the same pair wins at least one more trick, it loses one of those as well. However, if the revoke costs declarer more than two tricks (as it does here), the law is to return the result to what it would have been without the revoke. So, West's revoke gains nothing. And if it is felt he did it on purpose to try to improve his result, a disciplinary committee will at the least issue a stern warning and might even mete out a suspension.

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge games were played at the Snyder Country Club with Monte West directing Friday and Tuesday games and Jane Hinton directing Sunday.

Friday, March 24

A Group

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal
3. Coleen Palmer, Bette Byrd.

B Group

1. Betty Courtney, Nonnie Ward.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
3. Suzy Reed, Martha Fagin.

Sunday, March 26

Swiss Team

1. TIE: Margaret Birdwell, Mippy Brownlee, Jane Hinton and Nina Nesbit tied with Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood, Barbara Yorgesen and Nona Morrison.

Tuesday, March 28

1. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
2. Jane Hinton, Dot Casey.
3. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.

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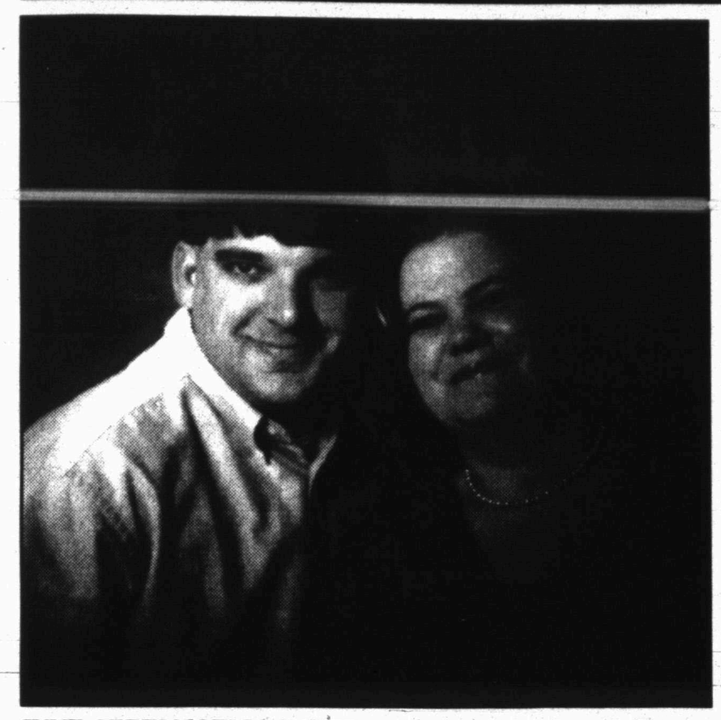
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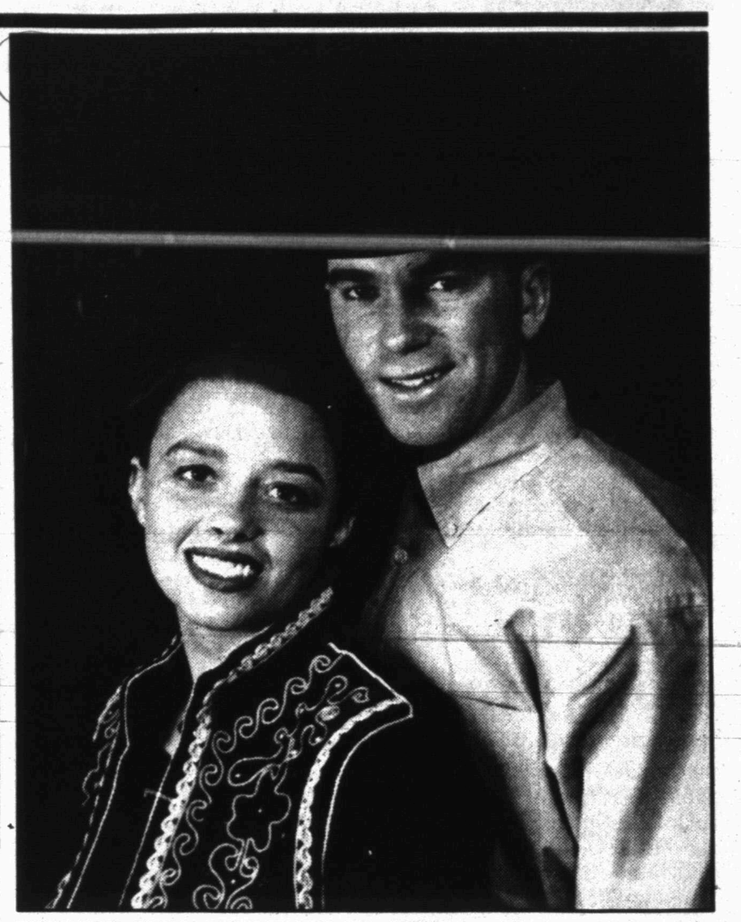
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JUNE CEREMONY PLANNED — Karen McAnelly and Charles Kittles, both of Snyder, announce their engagement and approaching marriage set for June 3 at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Chapel. Karen is the daughter of Wanda McAnelly of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Don McAnelly of Hamlin. Charles is the son of Phyllis "Pete" Haley of Snyder and James R. Kittles of Athens. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Padon of Arlington, and the late Charles Musslewhite. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



OUTDOOR WEDDING PLANNED — Amanda Williams, daughter of Leroy and Cheri Williams of Snyder, and Tanner Means, son of Dale and Jeana Blythe and James and Nancy Means of Abilene, are planning a 7 p.m., June 10 wedding at the Jack Greene park. (Photo by Harley Bynum)



FORMER WTC STUDENTS TO WED — Mark and Annette McCloy of Morse announce the engagement of their daughter, Sahala Ann McCloy to Lance Adam Gaillard of Texhoma, Okla. Lance is the son of Bud and Annette Gaillard. The couple will marry on May 27 in the Gruver United Methodist Church. Lance and Sahala graduated from Western Texas College in 1998 and were members of the WTC Rodeo Team. Sahala is the granddaughter of Robert and Anita Erwin of Ira. (Contributed Photo)

Lynn Baldwin Studio presents Faith Feaster in senior recital

Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music will present Faith Feaster of Roscoe in her senior piano recital on April 2 in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder at 3 p.m.

Faith is the daughter of Randall and Elizabeth Ann Feaster and the granddaughter of Cecil and Ruby Perry of Abilene and Demp and Doris Darden of Colorado City.



Faith Feaster

A senior at Highland High School where she will be valedictorian, Faith is head cheerleader, participates in One-act play, basketball, National Honor Society and UIL Literary Events. She is also the assistant pianist at Champion Baptist Church where she is active in the youth program.

Last November, Faith was a participant in the 1999 Texas Farm Bureau Convention's State Talent Find Contest held in Corpus Christi. She was the third runner-up in the 1999 West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Pageant and has also participated in the Sweetwater Snakecharmer Pageant.

She has studied piano for nine years under the direction of Lynn Baldwin and received high ratings at various competitions including LMTA, MMTA, Pastorale and Music Festivals, All-State competitions, Whitlock State Theory Exams and Piano Guild Auditions which entitles her to receive her high school diploma in music this spring.

Following graduation, Faith plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University.

The public is invited to her recital and attend the reception in the garden room.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Key to New Flower Show Designs," by Wanda Sparkman; spring luncheon hostesses are Bonnie Fry, Sonya Vinson and Betty Wood; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

SC Library News & Views

National Library Week is April 10-15.

"We hope you will come in and see all of our new computers and books during April," said librarian Janie Romine.

The Scurry County Library staff has planned a 30-day "spring cleaning" to round up overdue books.

The staff has been busy the past few months converting records from the old system to the new system. In doing so it was discovered how many outstanding fines and overdue books were in the old system that was unable to prevent those patrons with outstanding records from continuing to check out books.

There is now a complete listing of all persons who owe the library video fines and late books for the past 30 years. If you are one of those persons having an outstanding debt to the library, you should have received two mail-outs to notify you of that debt. In addition, you should have received one notice a month after the books were overdue, and another one a month later.

During April, the library plans to make it easy to return books with a "spring cleaning" special. The staff would like to "clean up" the outstanding debts and offers these incentives:

Video fines – For every dollar you owe, bring the library one can of food for the Food Bank, or pay only 50% of the amount in cash to clear the fines.

Paperback Books – Bring another title in that is in good condition.

Unfortunately, for hardback books, the library can only accept the book or the original purchase price. Remember, no matter how overdue the book is, there is no library fine on the book. The library only wants the books back.

During April, call or come by to see if you are on the list of people with outstanding debts.

In May, the names of people who have not settled their records in the library will be published in the newspaper. This is not to embarrass anyone, but is an attempt to locate persons who owe books or video fines to the library.

Remember, April is "spring cleaning month" to clear up the records at the library.

The Casserole Company
"We Cater to the Busy Family"
3311 College Avenue
574-2000
M-Tu-Th-Night
4-7 pm
This Week:
Chicken Spaghetti
Chicken Pot Pie
Texas Tater Tot
Beefy Spanish Rice
Swiss Ham & Noodle
Breakfast Sausage

COUNTRYPLACE
MERLE NORMAN COSMETIC STUDIO
573-1817
Florist
AFS Wire Service
Gifts
Collectables
Registry
"Bride & Groom"
Karrah Griswold & Todd Iglehart
Amanda Keils & Heath Porter
Amy Lewis & Chad Martin
Michelle Roemisch & Matthew Byrom
Tabitha Gilbreth & Chad Carter
Mary Hollis & Ramsey Castillo
Karen McAnelly & Charles Kittles
Kathryn Robbins & Scott Hall
Rebecca Ramey & Jeff White
Christa Rosson & Brett Littlejohn
Angel Scarber & Robert Kee Patterson
Laura Collins & Matthew White
Rachael Huddleston & Justin Locknane
Deanna Moss & Dustin Moore
"Baby Shower"
Banks & Kelly Alexander
Scott & Shelly Bolton
Free Setups, Call In Orders Welcome, Decorated With Personal Touch
School Personnel Register
(with purchase)
For $100 Giveaway
February Winner
Edilyn Smith, Central Elementary
Full Service Floral - Fresh & Silk
•Tuxedo Rentals•
1219 College Ave. 916-573-1817 Snyder Visa Discover Mastercard

New Brighton Watches

All Ladies Fall Clothing Now 65% Off
3 Large Racks
HACKFELD'S
Quality Clothing ...with a Personal Touch
"Advocare" Nutrition Products • Free Gift Wrap • Gift Certificates
3219 College Ave. Snyder, Texas 573-6763
Store Hours: M-F 9-6; Sat. 9-5:30

APRIL 2000

Gore team ponders California governor

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — When Gov. Gray Davis wanted more federal aid for California public schools last year, he picked up the phone and called Al Gore.

They discussed it again aboard Air Force Two and Gore delivered a few months later, announcing $129 million in aid to help reduce class sizes in upper grades in California.

After two decades of friendship, these longtime public servants have a symbiotic personal and political relationship that has made Davis an appealing prospective running mate for Gore.

But the first-term governor repeatedly has said, in the strongest possible terms, that he is not interested in the job. He's even dismissed the vice presidency as a mere advisory role.

The message, however, hasn't sunk in among Gore advisers. Gore has refused to discuss his selection process, but some of those close to Gore are open admirers of Davis.

One Democratic strategist with ties to Gore's campaign noted that Davis' focus on education dovetails with Gore's.

California's 54 electoral votes make it the biggest prize on Election Day, but the cost of advertising and traveling here is immense. A Gore-Davis ticket would boost Gore's chances in the state and allow Gore to channel some of his resources elsewhere.

A top-level Gore adviser said he will look for a running mate who can tip the scales in a state that Republican George W. Bush must win. Davis could fit the bill, as could Florida Sen. Bob Graham.

Davis has strengths that would aid the ticket outside California, Gore aides said. He is Roman Catholic, which could help Gore in certain Midwestern battleground states.

He has proven appeal among Hispanics, the nation's fastest-growing ethnic group. And he and Gore could take credit for putting a Hispanic in the governor's office if a Gore-Davis ticket was elected. Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, a fellow Democrat, would automatically become governor.

Davis, 57, is a Vietnam War veteran, which could lend him commander-in-chief credentials.

He was elected in a 1998 landslide and retains his sky-high approval ratings.

Davis and Gore also are strikingly similar in background, outlook and demeanor.

Both are known for dry personalities and plodding styles. Davis likes to josh that he has recruited Gore as his "charisma adviser."

Both went to law school and to Vietnam. Both marched steadily through the ranks of government, carving niches as cautious, moderate "New Democrats" who refuse to be outflanked by Republicans on GOP issues such as crime and taxes.

Last year, his first year in office, Davis burnished that centrist image with an impressive string of achievements.

He gave California the strictest regulations in the nation on assault weapons and cheap "Saturday Night Special" handguns.

Davis took steps to fix the deplorable state of California's public schools with new plans for high school graduation tests, special help for poorly performing schools and a new school ranking system. He gave patients the right to sue their HMOs as part of a sweeping health care package.

Mayor Giuliani raises more funds than Hillary

NEW YORK (AP) — Rudolph Giuliani has raised about $19 million for his New York Senate campaign, outpacing Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has $12 million in her campaign coffers.

Giuliani, New York City's Republican mayor, raised about $7 million during the first three months of this year, adding to nearly $12 million raised last year, according to figures released Thursday.

The first lady, a Democrat, raised a little more than $4 million for the Jan. 1 through March 31 period. She raised $8 million last year.

With seven months left to go before the election, Giuliani has raised more money than the total raised by Chuck Schumer for his successful Senate campaign in 1998.

"When a candidate does this well raising money, it's reflective of the fact that the candidate has tremendous support," said Giuliani's campaign manager Bruce Teitelbaum.

Of course, the candidate with the most money does not always win. Recent high-profile races in which Republicans have outspent Democrats but lost include Al D'Amato's campaign against Schumer, Oliver North's campaign against U.S. Sen. Charles Robb of Virginia and Michael Huffington's campaign against U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California.

Clinton's spokesman Howard Wolfson said he was happy with her fund-raising results and was not surprised that Giuliani raised more.

"We've had an outstanding period," Wolfson said. "They raised more than us in the last period. Given the strength of their secret fund-raising campaign, I suppose that will be true this period as well."

The Clinton campaign has complained about the Giuliani campaigns refusal to release the texts of their direct-mail fund-raising solicitations. Teitelbaum on Thursday said there was no need for the Giuliani campaign to release the letters because the Clinton campaign had already made them public.

Neither campaign had estimates of their cash on hand, which would reflect how much has been spent.

Meanwhile, Republican Gov. George Pataki is helping to raise money to help defeat Clinton. However, the aid is for the Conservative Party, which may not support Giuliani.

Cotton Patch Crafts thrives

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once in a while. Children even work on projects. Her youngest customer so far has been four and her oldest in the great-grandparents age range. Some customers have finger painting parties and some high school students turned a crafts project into a date.

She said ceramics work is very relaxing, and some doctors even advise their cancer patients to take it up as hobby.

Darlene also accepts custom work but said many people prefer to make their own gifts for Christmas and other occasions. "It's cheaper and a handmade item tells someone you care enough about them to make something for them," Darlene said.

While Cotton Patch Crafts is well-established today, that wasn't the case 12 years ago.

In 1986, the Beard family lost their home in a fire. They had problems with their insurance, but had excellent credit, so they were able to rebuild.

They moved in before their new home was completely finished. Then they realized they had over-committed themselves and needed an additional income to meet all of the payments.

A relative who owned a flower shop suggested they make ceramic pots to sell. They learned how to do it and purchased green ware, a kiln and one mold, investing money they could not afford to lose. They set the items they made on the one dresser that had survived the fire.

Then the relative sold the flower shop, which left Darlene pretty discouraged. They decided to sell the pots to other flower shops, but soon realized that they could not make them cheap enough to compete with the ones bought in Mexico.

Then Darlene learned that many companies offered classes about various arts and crafts techniques. She traveled to and from Odessa for a year while she took classes to become certified in many areas.

"We started with nothing," Darlene said. And in the early years, what money they made was applied to fire-related bills rather than being invested into the business.

The early years were tough, but as "word of mouth advertising" spread the business began to grow, though slowly at first. Ultimately, they needed more space and added a garage and then had to build a second garage to accommodate the continued expansion. They now store their molds in an old donated house that they attached to a mobile home. The molds are divided into rooms by categories such as Christmas etc.

Even though the business has again outgrown its present quarters, Darlene said, they are not going to expand anymore.

During the early years, she said they built their own add-ons. Jerry also built the first molds they used.

Now they purchase most of their molds at auctions or from buying a business' inventory. They sell the duplicates.

With all Cotton Patch Crafts offers, there is still something else Darlene wants to learn how to do — blow glass. They can already fuse and slump glass.

For the first eight years after Cotton Patch Crafts was opened, Darlene continued to teach home economics at Snyder Junior High School. She retired about four years ago because the pace of keeping up two jobs was getting to be too much for her. She chose to keep Cotton Patch Crafts because it allows her to teach, which she enjoys. Darlene said.

And the crafts shop is something they can continue to operate when her husband retires.

She taught 22 years in all, including one year at Snyder High School. Since leaving her junior high position, she has substitute taught at the high school.

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Cotton Patch Crafts' e-mail address is dbeard@nwol.net

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk; breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Pizza

Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa

Thursday
Biscuits w/Cream Gravy

Friday
Pancake w/Syrup

LUNCH

Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Taco
Lettuce and Tomato
Refried Beans
Chilled Fruit

Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Carrots
Chilled Fruit

Wednesday
Pizza or
Stuffed Potato
W.K. Corn
Tossed Salad
Apple Crisp

Thursday
Burrito or
Lasagna
Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Chocolate Pudding

Friday
Corn Dog or
Rib Sandwich
Baked Beans
Broccoli w/Cheese
Cookie

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Chicken Ala King
Vegetable Salad
Cake
Crackers

Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Creamed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pears

Wednesday
Hog Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cookies

Thursday
Chimichangas
Refried Beans
Corn
Brownies

Friday
Hamburgers
Chips
Oranges

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Student Holiday

Tuesday
Juice
Toast & Jelly

Wednesday
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy

Thursday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

Hermleigh

Continued

LUNCH

Tuesday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Biscuits
Apple Cobbler

Wednesday
Barbecued Pork Rib Patties
Macaroni & Cheese
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Fruit Bars

Thursday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Fruit Cup

Friday
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
Cardinal Cake

Lawmakers are among laggards who do not pay their tax bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Internal Revenue Service employees can be summarily fired for nonpayment of taxes, but not the members of Congress and their staffs who helped write that law and owe about $10.5 million in unpaid taxes.

IRS data released Thursday shows that the nonpayment rate as of October 1999 for the House was 8.4 percent, while that in the Senate was 7.5 percent. The 1998 Internal Revenue Service reform law passed by Congress made nonpayment grounds for immediate dismissal of the agency's workers.

The president of the National Treasury Employees Union, Colleen Kelley, said in a letter to congressional leaders Thursday that the immediate firing provisions for IRS employees are "especially harsh when compared to the fact that no similar penalty of any kind applies to members of Congress or congressional staff."

"It seems patently unfair to hold those who write the tax laws to a lesser standard than those who must enforce them," Kelley added.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth agreed.

"Members of Congress and their staffs have an obligation, like all taxpayers, to pay their taxes in full and on time," said the Delaware Republican, who frequently gets extensions to pay taxes but is not running behind, a spokeswoman added.

The agency did not release the names of those who owe.

The total for most civilian agencies of the executive branch was 6.2 percent, but some Cabinet agencies were much higher. The Education Department, for example, had a 9.2 percent nonpayment rate; Housing and Urban Development's was 8.5 percent and the Labor Department was 7.7 percent.

Other high nonpayment rates: 8.2 percent for the FBI and 7.9 percent for the Coast Guard. The CIA's nonpayment rate was nearly 4 percent, while the Federal Reserve System rate was 8.2%.

GOLDEN TERRACE Village IV

Resident of the Month



Mr. & Mrs. Austin G. McQueen moved to Snyder from Coleman in July, 1983. They had been married 57 1/2 years when Mr. McQueen passed away on June 3, 1996.

Mrs. McQueen has two (2) children, a son, Roy McQueen of Snyder and one daughter, Betty Neal of Catulla, Texas. She has four (4) grandchildren and five (5) great grandchildren. She enjoys quilting and working with her flowers.

Mrs. McQueen says she really enjoys living at Golden Terrace because of her good neighbors and the quiet neighborhood.

2006 37th St., 1607 52nd St. & 1911 Martha Ann Blvd.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

573-1416

JOY School

Loving and caring for children since 1977.

Pre-registration

for the 2000-2001 school year

April 4

11:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

in the East Foyer
East Side Church of Christ
201 31st Street
(915) 573-3554

A licensed, Christian Preschool
Choose your days Monday - Friday
Ages 18 months through Pre-K

PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CELEBRATE PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Officials from the Texas Department of Health and other health organizations and institutions from across Texas are marking April 3-7 to celebrate National Public Health Week.

"Public Health Week serves as a way to recognize the valuable contribution of public health professionals and prevention services to every Texan, every day and in every part of the state," said Cindy Nix, of Scurry County Health Unit.

"Over the past 170 years, the efforts of public health workers have added 25 years to the life expectancy of the average Texan. Those gains could stall if we don't get to the root of the problems children face such as poor eating habits, lack of physical exercise, obesity, of injury, and use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. These concerns can only be addressed if we work together as a community to give children what they need to make better choices."

Public health efforts have eradicated diseases such as smallpox and eliminated polio from the Western Hemisphere. The work of public health professionals protect all Texans by assuring safe food and clean water, providing immunizations, regulating health professions and facilities, preventing and controlling diseases in humans and in animals, and educating the public about healthy behaviors that result in a longer, happier, healthier life.

"This year we are working to address the public health concerns of children and young people. **Texas youth are our keys to a healthy future,**" Cindy Nix said. "If we can encourage our children to engage in healthy activities now, we prevent problems down the road."

Mother's Day Out Pre-registration

for the 2000-2001 School Year



Begins
Monday, April 3
9:00 a.m.

Ages 3 months- 5 years

First Baptist Church
1701 27th Street
915/573-7401

Q & A

What is BAC?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

What is BAC?

This abbreviation brings back some expensive memories for some people. Those who have received DWIs, DUIs, PIs and some MIP are a little more familiar with this abbreviation than they would like to be.

First let us begin with saying what BAC stands for. Blood alcohol concentration is the way law enforcement and medical professionals measure the amount of actual alcohol in a person's blood.

Let's trace one wine cooler through the body to see how this works. Now one thing you need to understand is that ethyl alcohol is the one active ingredient that all alcoholic beverages contain.

So it does not matter whether you're drinking hard liquor or a glass of expensive wine or cheap beer. They all have the same active ingredient. The test is not measuring how much beer or whiskey is in your blood but how much actual alcohol is present.

Now back to our wine cooler. A wine cooler contains about four to seven percent of alcohol. When consumed it goes right through the stomach into the small intestine. From there the alcohol in the wine cooler goes into the blood stream. The rest of the wine cooler is digested normally. All blood is filtered through the liver.

One of the livers duties is to filter impurities out of the blood. Alcohol is a poison and the body knows that so it begins to filter it out. There is just one problem. No human liver can process more than one half ounce of alcohol per hour. So the rest stays in your blood stream. This is where your get acute alcohol intoxication. Some know this as alcohol poisoning.

While in the blood stream, alcohol literally goes to your head. It takes about 30 seconds for the first amounts of alcohol to reach the brain. The brain is the first major organ to be altered by alcohol. Since the alcohol is in your blood every organ will be impacted.

BAC can be understood in two ways. One is as a ratio of parts of alcohol versus parts of blood. The legal explanation is stated as grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. The other way it can be understood is breath alcohol concentration.

It is understood as grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. According to the instructor's manual of the Alcohol Education Program for Minors, legal intoxication for those 21 or older can have two definitions. One is a BAC of .08 or more or not having normal use of mental or physical faculties because of alcohol or other drugs.

The other thing to be discussed is the way BAC is determined. There are different factors that come into play in determining one's BAC. Some are of these are gender, weight, and amount of alcohol consumed.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has a BAC calculator. On this rotating chart you match up your weight with number of drink consumed in one hour and that should give you a good idea of your BAC. There is also a place for hours spent.

The chart can only give you an estimate. Each person's tolerance level is different. The only thing that will sober you is time. That is all - not coffee, exercise, or a cold shower. All of these will get you a cold, wet, tired, awake drunk. So on the chart it will help you estimate your BAC two, three, up to six hours after drinking.

It's really not that complicated. But it can be rather dangerous. For those who know the facts and continue to drink please be careful and don't endanger your life or those around you. Too many times innocent people get hurt and the BAC of the one intoxicated is a small detail in the newspaper the next day. Remember you can always choose not to use!

Send questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

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The Portugese man-of-war is not a single creature, but a colony of creatures. It is made up of several hundred members of the same species.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Sammie Jarrell, 2000 Lincoln Navigator from Wilson Motors.

H.D. Turner, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing and Arrow Construction, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Edith D. Stokes, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Jimmy and Shirley Grimes, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marshall and Charlene Erwin, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Skip Sohrweid, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Mike and Sandy Ward, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charlotte Bradberry, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ismael and Debra Ortegon, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Howard and Billie Jo Sterling, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

James Skelley, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Glen R. and Carla Springer, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dwight Yarbrough, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rick and Shelby Condon, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Carol Hodges, 2000 Lincoln Navigator from Wilson Motors.

Sheryl and Charles J. Vondra, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Darrell Neal, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Max Drum, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Cesar Jaime Valadez Morales and Robin Michelle Proctor, both of Snyder.

Jose Manuel Noyla and Sherri Mae Smith, both of Snyder.

James William Tatom and Amber Faith Martinez, both of Snyder.

Colby Dustin Moore and Deanna Michelle Moss, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Polly Echols vs. Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Eddie Williams, dba Williams Construction, et al, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Don Osborne, et al, order granting non-suit.

Deed Records

Martin D. and Mary Jane Palacios to Billy Joe and Linda Mojica, the east one-half of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 41 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Ford Spikes to Virginia Wade, Lot 1 in Block 4 of the Park View Addition, Section 4.

Caleb and Jo Ann Vaca to Richard Ed and Faith H. Blocker, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 15 of the Bootheland Addition.

Mary C. Sappington to Kathy J. Scott and L. Denise Brown, the north 35 feet of Lot 5 and the south 30 feet of Lot 4, both in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

R.N. Gray Jr. to Dan Cotton, an 0.94-acre tract in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

R.N. Gray Jr. to the Dunn Cemetery Association, 5.385 acres in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dan and Jane Ann Cotton to the Dunn Cemetery Association, 1.439 acres in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Rafael Rios Jr. to Esequiel and Martha Patricia Infante, the east 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 26 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Kathy Jean Scott and Lavada Denise Brown to Lonnie Michael and Janice Lorrain Upton, the east 50 feet of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, both in Block 64 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Lynn B. Tankersley, attorney-in-fact for Winnie Lee Tankersley, to Aline Whitby Parks, Lot 1 in Block 45 of the Baze and Dodson Replat of Blocks 45 and 47 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Marvin and Mary Evelyn Hanson to Lance Edward and Dianna G. Egan, Lot 25 and the north 30 feet of Lot 24, both in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Thomas Joe May and Janis May Taylor, independent co-executors of the estate of Aubrey Joe May, to Thomas Joe May, tract one being Lot 4 in Block 54 of the Original Town of Hermleigh; tract two being an undivided one-eighth interest in 426 acres in the J.B. Scarborough Survey No. 2; tract three being Lot 14 in Block 3 of the Kittrell Heights Addition; tract four being Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Floyd Glen and Dorothy O. Reddell to Jose A. and Gloria A. Lopez, the west one-half of Lot 3 in Block 67 of the Grayum and Nelson Addition.

Texas Savings Bank to L.R. and Jeanette Alexander, tract one being 5 acres out of the east 10 acres of Lot 24 of the Round Top Acres Subdivision of Sections 185 and 186, both in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the south 6.038 acres out of Lot 12 of the Round Top Acres Subdivision of Sections 185 and 186, both in Block 3, H&GN survey.

C.B. and Virgie Martin to Mary C. Garcia, tract one being Lot 9 in Block 1 of the Von Roeder Heights Addition; tract two being Lot 8 in Block 1 of the Von Roeder Heights Addition.

Donna Laster, guardian of T.C. Laster, to Raymond and Vera Stansell, an 0.499-acre tract out of the southwest part of Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Edna Laster, Donna Laster, Bill Laster, Mark Laster, Dennis Laster and Chad Laster to Raymond and Vera Stansell, an 0.499-acre tract out of the southwest part of Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mary Louise Lynch to David Michael Lynch, all of Lot 5 of the Smith Replat of Block 66, Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Ann L. Lord to Alice Daniels, Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Highland Terrace Addition.

Pauline Broyles to Allen Broyles Sr., Paula R. Webb and Ferrell R. Broyles, the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Helen Gean Grinslade to Milburn Ray Matthews, the west 70 feet out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Arthur U. White to Antonio and Esperanza Renteria, Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Meloney Kay Early to Rick L. and J. Lynnie Langley, all of Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition, Section 2.

Charges dropped against dad

EASTPOINTE, Mich. (AP) — A father who offered his 10-month-old daughter for sale did a despicable thing, but didn't violate the law as written, a judge said in dropping charges against the man.

District Judge Paul Cassidy said Lawrence B. Schaub's action did not amount to child abandonment as defined in Michigan law, and dropped the charge against him Tuesday.

"We are going to file our appeal," prosecutor Carl Marlinga said. "We are working on paperwork, and we should have that ready by the first of next week."

Schaub, 30, of Clinton Township, was arrested March 15. Police said he tried to sell his daughter for $60,000 to an undercover police officer.

Police located the mother, Idora Schaub, 29, in Garland, Texas, near Dallas, on March 22 working at a gas station. Chesterfield Township police had listed her as a missing person Monday.

Idora Schaub told investigators she and Schaub have been estranged for the past several months and she has a new boyfriend. She claimed she came to Texas after arguing with Schaub over his fathering a child with another woman and his refusal to sign papers to put the couple's 10-month-old daughter up for adoption.

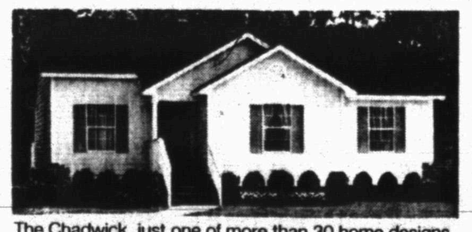
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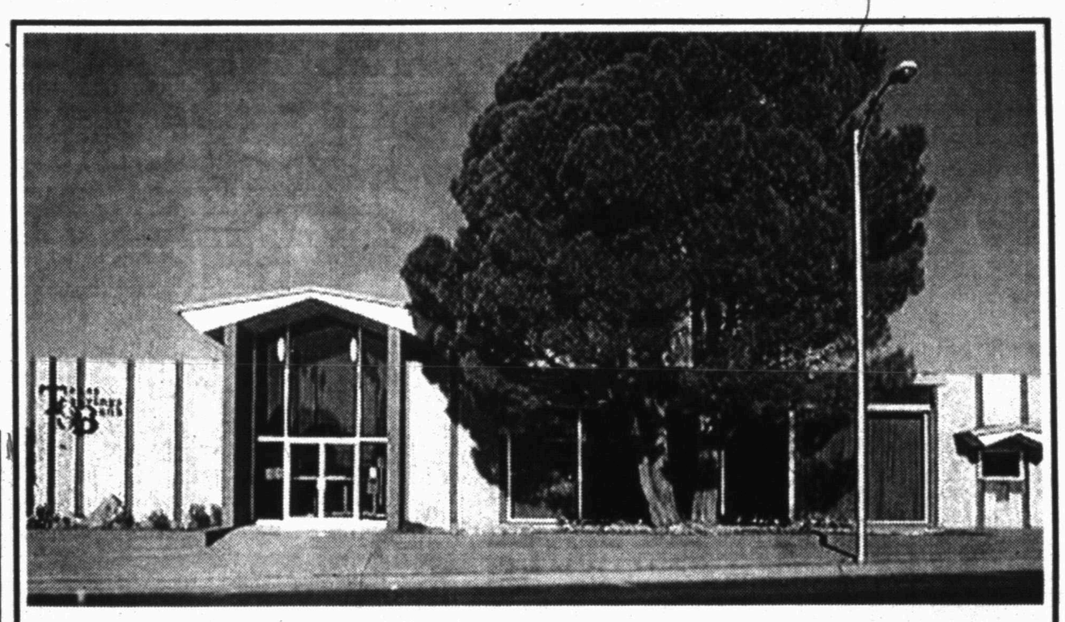
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Letters to the editor

Thankful for expert care

Dear Editor:

Recently, while visiting relatives in Snyder, my husband, Bill, became ill and had to go to the emergency room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

From the moment we walked through the door until we left two days later, every person with whom we came in contact was kind, considerate and professional. Bill commented that these were some of the nicest people he had ever met.

We are so grateful for the expert care he received and our thanks go to Doctors Kerr, Odal, Thompson and to the entire staff at Cogdell.

The citizens of Snyder are indeed fortunate to have such a fine facility.

Doris Turner,
Midland

Let the board do its job

Dear Editor:

To any interested person — please listen.

I have lived in Snyder since 1956 and in all that time have never written a letter criticizing any elected official. I hope that this letter, if it helps, is not too late. I'm so very afraid that Snyder is in the process of losing some of our most prized possessions — doctors and surgeons.

Most of our problems have been caused by the bickering with, and harassing of the management and personnel at our hospital by our county judge and commissioners court.

This fussing and fuming has made working at the hospital at best, not enjoyable.

Please, county court, swallow about $4.00 worth of your false pride and your seeming determination to run our hospital. Let the hospital board do its job and keep our fine staff of doctors and surgeons in Snyder.

Many of us feel that it would be much easier to replace a county judge and four commissioners than to try to replace the lost doctors and surgeons. We need them here. Let's do everything possible to keep them here.

Joe Williamson

Thanks for everything

Dear Editor:

Thank you seems so insignificant a term to express the deep appreciation our entire family feels for the community of Snyder, Texas during the loss of our grandson, Kelton Clayton.

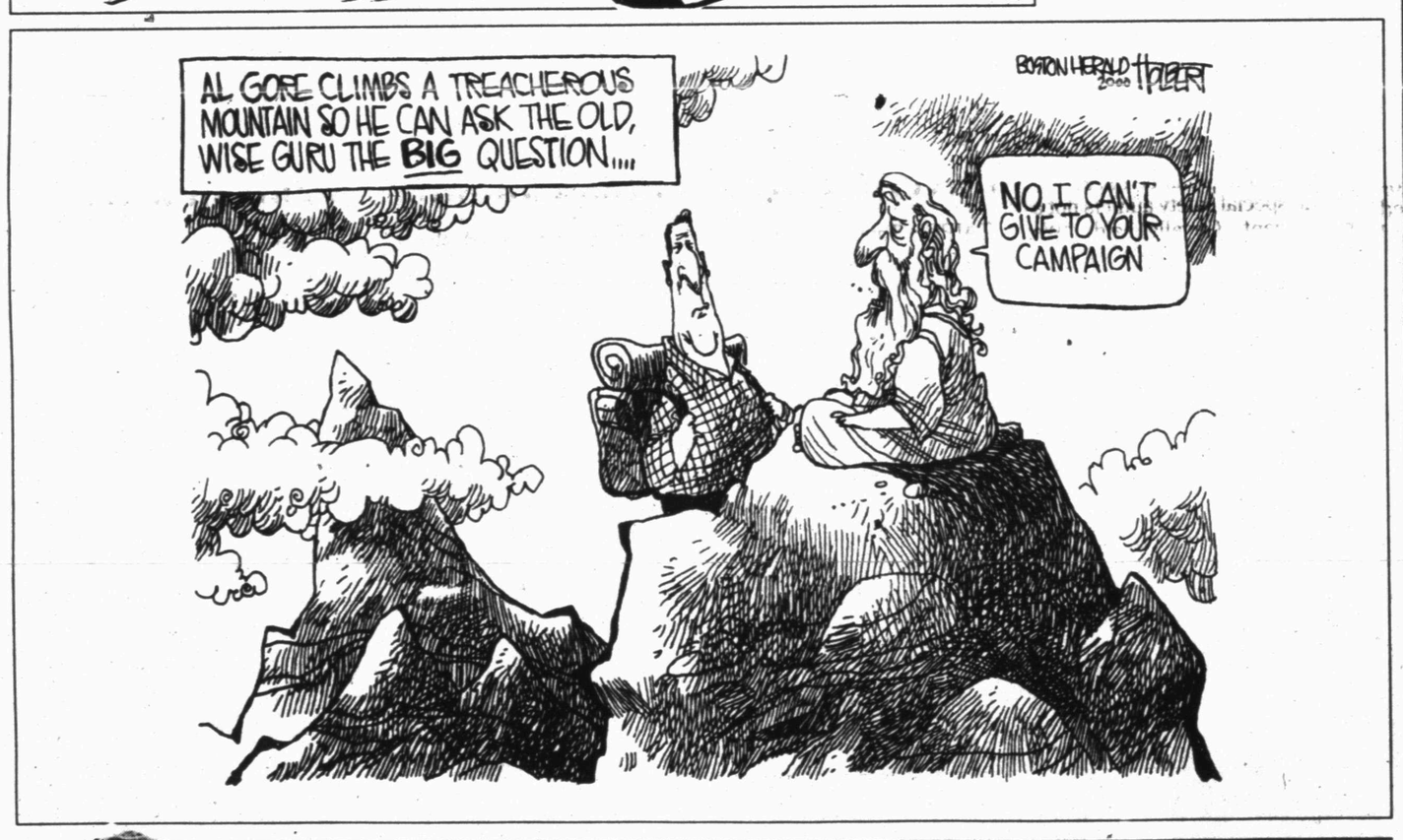
The entire medical community, the entire religious community and the entire education community of this town are so overwhelmingly responsive and supportive and are such a blessing to us all.

We could never list all of you, some of whom we have never met, who have offered help, comfort and support. Please know that we consider Snyder people a very select, caring neighborhood, and we are so blessed to be surrounded by the abundance of Christian love.

Most importantly, please feel comfort in the knowledge that your children are overflowing with strong Christian values and beliefs, you have done your job well establishing "the village" necessary in which to raise children of outstanding moral values.

Thank you.
George & Donna Roberts
Chuck & Forest Clayton
Lisa & Virginia Clayton
Patti and Damon Tipping
& all Kelton's great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.





EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

On poverty as campaign issue:

Long before dawn on most mornings, you can find young mothers scrambling to get their children dressed and fed so they themselves can head out to the bus stop along Ross Avenue in East Dallas. There, come rain or shine, they catch a pre-dawn bus to work, perhaps transferring a time or two before the mothers even arrive at their workplace. ...

Dallas has numerous organizations and individuals that are committed to fighting poverty. But these stories may seem as removed from some of our daily lives as reports about the most recent space shot appear.

It isn't that we mean to ignore the poor amidst us. But the time we spend rushing from appointment to appointment, tending to our own families, pushing the technology envelope, can provide little chance to intersect with the working poor or hidden homeless or whatever sociological term is used these days to describe people stretching to survive.

But, rest assured, they are there.

Legions of Americans live "in the shadow of wealth," as writer James Fallows put it in a recent New York Times Magazine profile of America's invisible poor. They don't benefit from 401Ks. They probably have no health insurance. They don't surf the Web. And they sure don't invest in stocks.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

On Asian trip dividends:

No region of the world contains more promise and peril than South Asia. President Clinton's journey to Bangladesh, India and Pakistan demonstrated the United State's recognition of the importance of promoting social and economic progress, democracy and regional peace for global stability and prosperity.

India, of course, was the president's primary destination. Relations between the two countries have needed serious improvement for decades. As Clinton said at the start of his journey: "The United States and India share common values and common goals. After 50 years of missed opportunities, it is time that America and India become better friends and stronger partners."

Nevertheless, while in India, Clinton did not hesitate to call upon India and Pakistan to abandon their nuclear arms programs and focus their resources on the economic development they both need to improve living conditions and expand opportunities for their people.

After complimenting India on becoming "one of the world's software superpowers," Clinton said that while millions of Indians are connected to the Internet, "millions more are not yet connected to fresh water."

Waco Tribune-Herald

On taxing the Internet:

It is fascinating to hear the limp rationale as to why sales on the Internet should go untaxed.

(1) We want to "keep this new economy rolling."

(2) These are boom times; states don't need the revenue.

(3) The technology of applying sales taxes through thousands of taxing districts is beyond our ability.

They say bad things come in threes. In this case, they are right. Three bad arguments.

(1) New economy? What about the new retail businesses getting penalized competitively for selling wares over a counter that counter being just one of the overhead factors that puts the average retailer at a cost disadvantage against someone who sells online?

(2) Boom times? Indeed these are, which ought to mean that taxing online sales could help spread the tax burden more thinly lowering sales taxes among those who now shoulder the greatest burden.

(3) An impossible task? The same argument has been used against taxing mail-order sales, but years ago the logistical argument was dismissed. The reason? Computers. We have a system that rings the globe with instant data transfer. Yes, we can apply sales taxes to online sales.

This week, convening in Dallas, the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce recommended a six-year moratorium on sales taxes for online sales. It was an unfortunate call, one which Washington should disregard.

San Antonio Express-News

On discrimination hurts:

No entity is more aware of the exorbitant cost of discrimination than the federal government. On consecutive days recently, Uncle Sam won and lost record-breaking lawsuits.

On March 21, the Adam's Mark hotel chain settled with the Justice Department in the largest race discrimination case ever brought by Justice against the hotel industry.

The hotelier agreed to pay $8 million to blacks who claimed they were discriminated against last spring during Black College Reunion in Daytona, Fla. The black guests said the hotel, among other things, charged them more for comparable accommodations and made them wear neon-orange wristbands that white customers didn't have to wear.

Part of the settlement will go to four historically black colleges in Florida for scholarships and hotel management interns.

On March 22, the situation was reversed when the federal government agreed to the largest award ever in an employment discrimination lawsuit: $508 million. That ended a lawsuit filed 23 years ago by hundreds of women denied jobs and promotions at the U.S. Information Agency and Voice of America. For years, the Justice Department fought those claims despite a preponderance of evidence that women were denied advancement because of gender.

Ultimately, the solution to ending the idiocy of racism, sexism and other discrimination lies in the changing of hearts. But until the individuals and institutions guilty of such transgressions undergo such a transformation, they must pay for the humiliations and roadblocks to advancement they've inflicted on others.

Beaumont Enterprise

On drug budget:

This nation's war on drugs is being fought on two fronts: supply and demand.

The traffickers who produce or import drugs must always be looking over their shoulders, as should the addicts within our country who consume these destructive substances. But unless society wants to spend a lot of tax dollars repeatedly arresting and incarcerating drug abusers, it makes a lot of sense to give them the treatment they need to get clean and sober and stay that way.

Unfortunately, the state of Texas recently bungled part of its responsibility in that regard. The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse underestimated its needs for its year 2000 budget, ending up with nearly $30 million less than it needs for treatment programs statewide.



North of 40 By Red Green

Old friends save time

When I was younger I would make friends easily and drop them the same way. I was easy-going then. Not so judgmental. And anybody who says otherwise is a moron.

But now that I'm a little more experienced, or "previously enjoyed" as the luxury used-car salesmen say, I've changed my whole approach toward friends. At my age, I don't want to make new friends. I want to keep the old ones.

With the old ones I don't have to waste precious time explaining things. Like how I got that scar or why I'm not allowed to cross the border. In Hollywood they call it backstory. I don't have the time or energy to go through my backstory. I want to be with friends who already know it and are sick of hearing about it and who would rather pretend to have forgiven me for it than to force me to bring it up.

And I know a few embarrassing things about them too, so it's a level playing field.

My advice is, if you have old friends, stick with them. They are a great source of comfort for the rest of the trip. And the fact that somebody who has known you for a long period of time still finds you tolerable is a great compliment — and flies in the face of many of your wife's theories.

E IS FOR ENOUGH

I know I've been somewhat critical of technology from time to time, but when it comes to e-mail, all is forgiven.

E-mail is the greatest form of communication since the wink. It's quick, it's effortless, it's free, and you don't have to lick anything. There is no better way to contact people or even call your mother.

For one thing, it's undaunting. It's a small space you have to fill. By the time you say hello and mention the weather and your bursitis, you only have room to say goodbye.

And it's the best part of communication — the transmitting part. Not the receiving part. It's every man's dream — a one-way conversation.

Oh sure, people can e-mail you back, but you can delete that without reading it. Is this a great thing or what? If any of you disagree with this, please send me your comments. My e-mail address is likelcare@I'll-getrightonthat.com.

KEEP LOOKING FORWARD

There is a tendency as we get older to spend too much time looking back. It's natural. At this age, your life is like looking at yourself naked in a mirror — the biggest part is behind you.

A little reminiscing is OK, but you're better off staying focused on the future, and the shorter it is, the more attention you should pay to it.

The trick is to stay optimistic about the future, so here's a list of things you can look forward to in your declining years:

— Nobody's going to ask you to help them move.

— Friends will stop trying to set you up with their sisters.

— Life insurance salesmen will stop calling.

— Product warranties will become less of a concern.

— You can have a young woman live with you and people will assume she's a nurse.

— You can stop trying to lose weight.

— You can be the center of attention by always taking your will to family gatherings.

THE NOT SO SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

OK, here's the thing that's bad about successful people. They tend to be successful in most things. If they're good at running a successful business, they're probably good at running a successful family too.

That's fine, and congratulations to them, but the last thing you need is to spend time with a person who not only makes 10 times your annual salary but who also gets along better with his kids.

And no matter how much you think you get along with that successful guy, somewhere deep down inside, each of you is thinking, "What a dink."

Quote of the Day: "It's very humbling when the voices in your head are talking to somebody else." — **Red Green**

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Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

Inspectors find widespread problems with railroad tracks

WASHINGTON (AP) — CSX Transportation announced an internal review of its track maintenance Friday after federal railroad inspectors found deteriorating conditions in its system used by passenger, freight and commuter trains up and down the East Coast.

The Federal Railroad Administration had begun a special safety audit of the railroad in February after a series of derailments.

George Gavalla, associate administrator for safety, said the agency audited CSX in 1997 and became concerned because it hadn't seen a reduction in derailments and other problems.

John W. Snow, chairman and chief executive officer of CSX Corporation, responded that his company "has repaired or is in the process of repairing all of the defects identified in the report. Where work is in progress, operations have been modified to ensure safe movement of trains."

The company said Snow will personally head an internal company review of all track maintenance and improvement programs.

"The main concern," Gavalla said in a telephone interview, "was the lack of quality control in CSX track inspection maintenance programs." He said the railroad has promised to initiate safety programs that go beyond federal standards.

Problems were found in track conditions used by Amtrak and commuter rail lines and in one case insufficient repairs were made following a derailment, Gavalla said.

The audit found a 60 percent increase in track-caused accidents over five years on the 22,700-mile system, according to a report in The Washington Post.

The review found many instances in which the distance between the rails had spread wide enough to risk derailments.

Two such wide areas were found in the District of Columbia on the line used by Amtrak, Virginia Railway Express and all north-south CSX freight trains. The defects were repaired immediately after they were found.

Defects were also found in Florida, Pennsylvania and Maryland

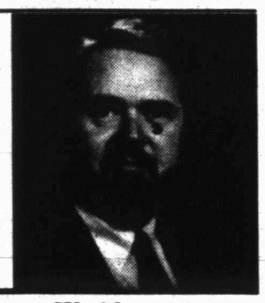
Two of three recent track-caused derailments were caused by wide track, including a minor derailment of Amtrak's Chicago-Washington Capitol Limited at Connellsville, Pa., on Jan. 30.

Federal safety standards dictate conditions for railroad track including the gauge, or distance between tracks. Railroads are supposed to inspect their tracks twice a week and, when a problem is found, either make immediate repairs or slow traffic over the area until it can be fixed.

The special safety audit is not a rare event, Gavalla said. "We always have inspectors on every railroad virtually every day."

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Working at Play or playing at Work?

A wise friend told me years ago that if I could find a way to make work fun, I would be successful. Through the years, I've watched some very successful business owners who practiced this maxim.

Gary Abramson is creating his own dream job and having fun while doing it. His dream for the past few years has been to earn a good living while helping other people have a rip-roaring good time.

His dream is a $3.85 million dream called Fire-Water Water Park. And today he is seeing his dream turn into reality. From 14 acres of barren land, Gary is constructing an exciting, thrill-packed theme park that will contain 12 attractions when it opens in May. And this is only phase one of the dream.

I've known Gary for several years. He is known in West Texas for his character and the quality of programs that he's been involved in.

I wasn't surprised when he decided to chase his dream. I've seen thousands start down the path toward entrepreneurial success. I was mildly surprised — and very pleased — when he carefully planned and capitalized the venture. You see I've watched many start the journey, but very few actually make it to the finish.

Not long ago, I had a good visit with Gary. I asked him about his dream, and how he had made the transition from concept to reality. Here are his thoughts on beginning the journey toward success.

Dare to dream a big dream. Gary recognized that he would spend most of his life doing something. He decided to do something with his family, and to do something big.

George Bernard Shaw said, "Some men see things as they are and ask why. I dream things that never were and say, why not?" Gary did not see an empty field, he saw families enjoying hours of good, clean summer fun. He envisioned an oasis of relaxation for thousands. And today on the north side of Interstate-40 just east of Whitaker Road, the big dream is becoming reality.

Don't give up. There is no short cut between conception and completion. Gary told me several times during the early stages of the project he considered quitting. It wasn't easy, and the hurdles seemed insurmountable. His wife and family offered a lot of support and encouragement during those times.

"I'm so glad I didn't give up on the project. Way down deep inside I knew we could do it if we just kept at it. It wasn't easy then, it isn't easy now, but so far we've overcome every adversity," Gary said.

Expect to learn a lot. Benjamin Disraeli said, "There is no education like adversity." Gary found this to be quite true.

"We learned a lot as we did the research for the project. However, our education has continued every day, " Gary said. He admitted that he is still learning at every new phase of construction.

Opportunities still exist. Gary is optimistic about his project, business in general and America's free-enterprise system. "We've proved that opportunities still exist," he said.

Should others pursue their dreams? "Yes, without a doubt. We live in a great land with great opportunities. If you have a dream, give it your best shot," Gary said.

And, I agree. Success is only achieved by those with the courage to try, the willingness to work hard and persevere and the desire to learn. Thanks for the lessons, Gary. We hope Fire-Water makes a big splash in the Amarillo economy.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

2 from Scurry on honor list

SWEETWATER — Two Scurry County residents have been named to the President's Honor Roll at Texas State Technical College for the winter 1999 quarter.

They include Scott Edmonds of Snyder and Everett Wilson of Ira.

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Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Maverick presidential candidate forms new party

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Riding the momentum from his strong showing, the second-place finisher in Taiwan's presidential election announced the formation of a new political party Friday that could siphon support away from the once-powerful Nationalists.

James Soong, a former top Nationalist official, finished close behind the winner of last month.

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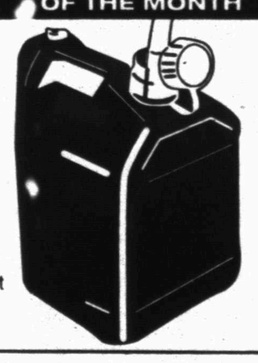
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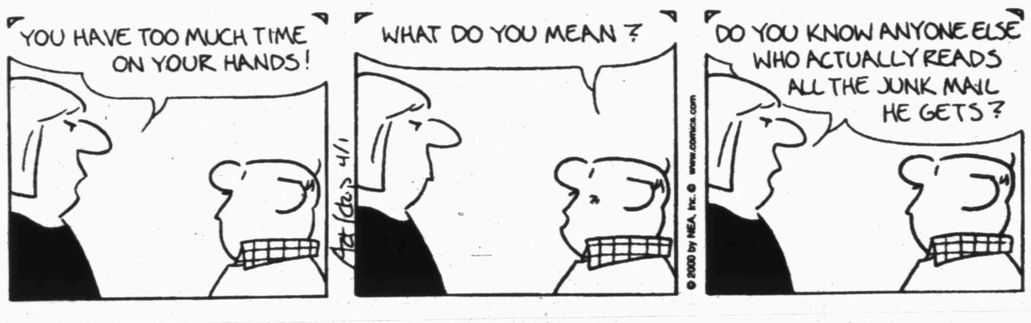
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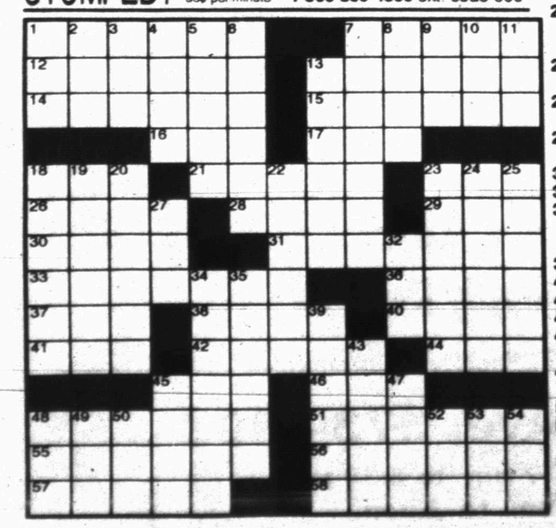
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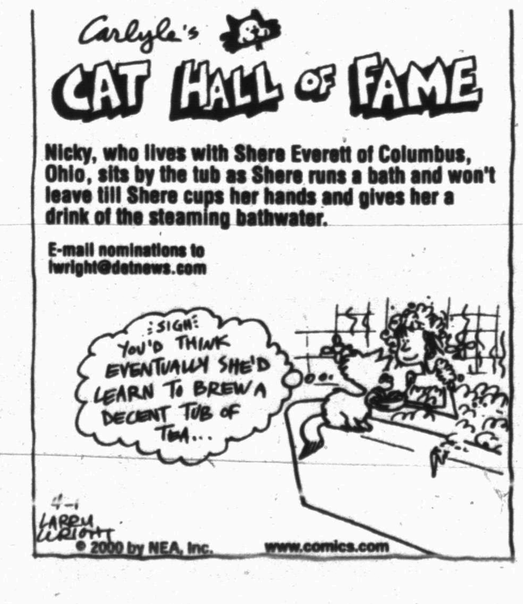


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Pro-hunting lawmaker against cockfighting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Collin Peterson, a pro-hunting, pro-trapping congressman from rural Minnesota, may seem a strange ally for the Humane Society of the United States, but the two have joined forces against one target: cockfighting.

"I don't think anyone would label me an animal rights person," said Peterson, co-chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen Caucus. "I have a zero record from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and these groups. I'm for trapping; we have mink farming in my district."

He added, "I wouldn't want to see dogs fighting to the death, and this (cockfighting) isn't something we should be doing either."

Peterson, a Democrat, is sponsoring legislation that would ban the interstate transport of birds for cockfighting. In the matches, birds wear razor-sharp implements and often spar to the death. Onlookers often place bets on which bird will win.

Federal law allows fighting roosters to be shipped from any of the 47 states where cockfighting is illegal to one of the three where it isn't — New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Law enforcement officials in states where the sport is illegal say that is a loophole that makes their job more difficult.

About 40 senators and 170 House members have signed on as co-sponsors to the legislation. The Senate version — sponsored by Colorado Republican Wayne Allard, Congress' only veterinarian — passed the Agriculture Committee last month.

Peterson has been unable to get a hearing in the House Agriculture Committee's livestock and horticulture subcommittee, due at least in part to a lobbying effort by opponents, led by the American Animal Husbandry Coalition, the trade organization for gamefowl breeders.

The coalition hired two former senators to lobby against the bill: Steve Symms, R-Idaho, and J. Bennett Johnston, D-La. They claim passage will lead to more restrictions involving animals.

"The people that are pushing the bill — PETA and the Humane Society — next they'll outlaw rodeos and horse racing," Symms said.

In addition to sportsmen like Peterson, the Humane Society has collected the endorsements of dozens of law enforcement groups to try to counter arguments that it has a broader agenda with the bill.

"Cockfights are cruel and inhumane," James L. Vermeersch, executive director of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association, wrote in a letter seeking support from Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo. "Roosters are drugged with stimulants to increase their aggressiveness, fitted with razor-sharp implements on their legs, and placed in a pit where they are forced to fight to the death."

Symms said chickens raised for food don't fare much better.

"We hatch a bird and grow it in a cage where it never walks outside for four or five months," he said.

Symms also said fighting roosters are raised primarily for export to other countries.

"Most of the people who grow these birds are farmers," he said. "The big bulk of these birds are shipped to Hawaii and then to Southeast Asia. If this bill passes, it would stop hundreds of millions of dollars of exports, and put honest farmers out of business.

"It's one thing to say we're against this, it's inhumane, and another to be holier-than-thou and say we shouldn't allow them to fight in other countries."

Allard said the legislation would not ban exports.

"It may have an impact on a few growers, but it will have a minimal impact," he said.

Regardless of the outcome of the bill, cockfighting may soon be legal in one less state. Oklahomans will vote this fall on a referendum to ban cockfighting, and a recent poll showed overwhelming support for the measure.

Candidate apologizes for remarks

UNION CITY, N.J. (AP) — In a state where one out of every four Democrats is of Italian descent, U.S. Senate candidate Jon Corzine was quick to apologize for cracking jokes about Italian-Americans and the mob.

Corzine said Thursday, he's of Italian descent and has the backing of Italian-American politicians.

"I never intended to cause embarrassment. I never intended to offend," Corzine said at a news conference where he accepted the endorsement of the Unite garment workers' union. "I shouldn't have said what I am reported to have said, and if I did, I apologize."

Corzine, the former Goldman Sachs chairman, is battling former Gov. Jim Florio for the Democratic nomination in the race to succeed retiring Sen. Frank Lautenberg.

He is also being criticized for recent remarks that might be considered insulting to Jews.

With the primary set for June 6, a Quinnipiac College poll released Wednesday found Corzine trailing Florio 2-to-1, despite spending $4 million to grab the public's attention.

He's received plenty of publicity this week.

Manny Alfano, chairman of the Italian-American One Voice Committee, demanded an apology from Corzine for "ethnic slurs." Alfano said Corzine's first offensive remark was made several months ago, at a Newark restaurant where he was seeking the support of six prominent Italian-Americans.

After being introduced to a lawyer named David Stein, Corzine remarked, "He's not Italian, is he? Oh, I guess he's your Jewish lawyer who is here to get the rest of you out of jail," according to Alfano, who wasn't at the meeting.

Alfano said the second remark occurred two weeks ago when Corzine met an Italian-American contractor and quipped: "Oh, you make cement shoes."

Corzine campaign manager Steven Goldstein said the candidate "never, ever" uttered the alleged reference to the "Jewish lawyer." Stein acknowledged he met Corzine in the past six months, but doesn't recall the comment.

Corzine didn't dispute the remarks about Italian-Americans, though he said he doesn't remember the exact wording.

Alfano said Thursday that he has not yet decided who to support in the campaign, but said the Italian-American stereotypes had to end.

"This constant barrage of mob movies," he said, "people think they can say anything to Italians and we're not going to be offended."

A coalition of four national Italian-American groups also said Corzine's comments showed "both insensitivity and arrogance."

He found support Thursday from Italian-American politicians including U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli, state Assembly Minority Leader Joseph Doria and more than 20 other Italian-American politicians who said Corzine's apology was "sincere and heartfelt."

As for Florio, also an Italian-American, he said: "I am proud of my background." To make "derogatory stereotypes of whole classifications of people is at a minimum insensitive and at a maximum is callously stupid."

On the Net:
Corzine campaign:
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Applications being accepted for U.S. military academies

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced the beginning of the 2001 United States Academy cycle.

At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Congressman Stenholm, along with Congressmen Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla, will again sponsor an Academy Day orientation for all high school students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire an education at one of the academies.

The Academy Day will be held Sunday, April 9, from 2-4 p.m. at the Math-Computer Science Building on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo.

Parents, counselors, and friends of students are welcome.

The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of the nomination procedures, and a videotape of life at each academy.

There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. citizen.

Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. Senators from Texas, and from the Vice President of the United States.

Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores.

Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure.

Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Stenholm, 1211 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 for further information.

Deaf people to receive help

WASHINGTON (AP) — To settle a federal investigation, the city of Houston agreed Friday to provide sign language interpreters or other aids for the deaf and to retrain city workers in its police department, municipal courts and jail.

The agreement ends an investigation by the Justice Department's civil rights division for possible violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It also will be submitted for court approval as part of the city's settlement of two private lawsuits brought by deaf men. The city denied the allegations in both complaints.

"The city of Houston should be commended for working with us to develop a set of policies that will serve as a model for other cities," acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee said. "It is vitally important that people who are deaf or hard of hearing are treated fairly by the criminal justice system."

The Justice investigation began after a deaf man complained that he did not know why he was arrested by Houston police or where he was being taken because he could not communicate with them. He also alleged that he was not able to communicate with any jail officials. He filed one of the private suits against the city in federal court.

During its investigation, the Justice Department learned that a second deaf man had filed another lawsuit with similar complaints. The second man also complained he could not communicate with Houston police officers who arrested him.

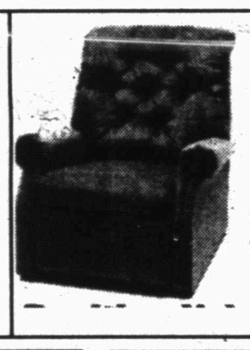
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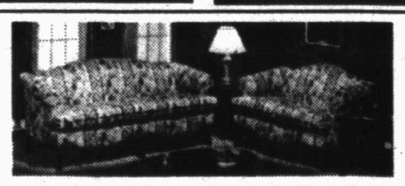
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Can we determine frame size?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I'm curious to know how a person determines his or her body frame size. Weight charts always ask for a body frame size so a person's ideal weight can be determined. Thank you. — **N.N., Nashville, Tenn.**

Dear N.N.: Besides a dispassionate evaluation in front of a mirror, there are a couple of ways to calculate one's frame size. The more scientific approach involves calculating the ratio of one's height in inches to the circumference of the wrist measured in inches. The wrist measurement should be taken at the wrist crease, which is the area between the wrist bone and the bottom of the hand. The ratio should be interpreted as follows:

FOR WOMEN
11 or higher = small frame
10.1 - 10.9 = medium frame
10 or lower = large frame
FOR MEN
10.4 or higher = small frame
9.6 - 10.3 = medium frame
9.5 or lower = large frame

A less accurate, but definitely more convenient, method is to try to touch your thumb and index finger around your wrist crease. If your fingers do not touch, you have a large frame. If they just meet, you have a medium frame. If they overlap, you have a small frame.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have recently started getting back into health and fitness. A health food store employee suggested I try a product that contains ephedra extract. I was told by a co-worker that Ephedra is terrible for my liver. I was wondering if this is true or not. I don't want to take a product with the assumption that I'm building my body up when, in reality, it's detrimental to my health in the long run. Please help. Thanks a million. —**B.M.**

Dear B.M.: Perhaps the forerunner to being healthy and fit is making the decision to set good fitness as a goal. You have my congratulations on making moves in that direction. You use the words "getting back," which would indicate that this is not unknown terrain. I am concerned, however, that you felt the need to consider an ephedra-containing product to help you along the way. (Your co-worker, by the way, did you a favor in cautioning you.) Ephedra is a short-acting stimulant that is chemically similar to the fight-or-flight hormone epinephrine. It is the hormone that's released when we are frightened, and it leaves us feeling shaky and uncomfortable.

I want to point out that ephedra is used in traditional Chinese medicine in treatments for a number of respiratory ailments. It is listed as approved for this use by the German "Commission E" monographs, a recognized source of information on the use of herbs. There are potential side effects, so unless cleared through one's health professional, ephedra is not generally recommended. This is especially the case for children, pregnant or lactating women, and individuals with heart, kidney or thyroid problems, preexisting anxiety and restlessness, diabetes, benign prostatic hypertrophy, glaucoma, or high blood pressure. There are also the dangers of ephedra's potential interactions with other medications. This long list of cautions should be a tip-off that this is not a compound to be trifled with.

Even more to the point, though, is that it's questionable how this herb could be of help to people seeking ways to improve their level of health and fitness. Simply put, it is not going to build up your body. It won't destroy the liver as your co-worker warned, but there are some risks, and they outweigh any potential benefits.

Finally, in regards to where you heard about this product: I want to state that there are many knowledgeable individuals working in health food stores. Unfortunately, it is difficult to know if the person advising you knows what he or she is talking about or if the person is simply repeating something the sales rep said. It is always best to research products before you buy.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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U.N. warns of drought in Horn of Africa like 1980s

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations has warned that up to 16 million people are at risk from a major drought in northeastern Africa, where a devastating famine 15 years ago left nearly 1 million people dead.

As in the mid-1980s, Ethiopia again is most in danger, facing a severe food crisis because of poor and infrequent rains and continued fighting with neighboring Eritrea, said Carolyn McAskie, deputy U.N. emergency relief coordinator.

But six other Horn of Africa countries have also lost food stocks to the drought, fighting and continued instability from refugee flows — including Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and Djibouti, she said at a news conference Thursday.

In a bid to draw attention to the crisis and mobilize the necessary relief operation, Secretary-General Kofi Annan has asked the head of the World Food Program, Catherine Bertini, to travel to the region next month as his envoy, McAskie announced.

"We are facing the real prospect in two months from now of another catastrophe which can be averted with the right kind of donor assistance," McAskie said.

The United Nations estimates that it will cost $205 million to bring the needed 410,000 tons of food and other assistance to the 12.4 million people at risk of famine in the seven most-affected countries.

But U.N. officials estimate that the crisis may eventually affect 16 million people, including people in Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi, requiring more than a million tons of food aid.

Ethiopia is by far the worst affected and will account for 80 percent of the aid requirement, McAskie said.

During a drought in 1984-85, nearly 1 million people died of starvation or related illness in Ethiopia, according to estimates. The images of emaciated Ethiopians in the West prompted an enormous relief effort.

"Without increased donor support for immediate food relief assistance, the international community may be confronted with the sort of food crisis the region tragically had to deal with 15 years ago," a U.N. statement said.

"It is urgent that pre-emptive measures are now taken to avert such a catastrophe."

The United Nations has issued an appeal for food aid of $190 million just for Ethiopia, half of which has been met. But there has been no response to the U.N. appeal for neighboring Eritrea, McAskie said.

The magnitude of the problem may well increase since prospects for the rains expected in May and June are uncertain.

Bertini plans to travel to the region beginning April 11, visiting Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea and Kenya to try to raise awareness about the situation and press governments to give aid workers secure access to the needy.

Aid workers have often been prevented from reaching at-risk groups in countries such as Sudan due to fighting. In southern Somalia on Thursday, the United Nations stopped its air and ground operations after gunmen shot at one of its aircraft.

Pentagon: Taiwan's military is outdated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A highly classified Pentagon report warns Taiwan may have trouble defending itself against air and missile attack from China and concludes that the island's military capability has been weakened through years of diplomatic isolation, The Washington Post reported today.

Taiwan's military is technologically outdated and faces a "host of problems" that make the island vulnerable to attack, according to the 40-page report described to the newspaper.

The Pentagon report, which suggests Taiwan is much more vulnerable to attack from China than generally recognized, come after aggressive Chinese threats related to the recent presidential election in Taiwan. A pro-independence candidate was elected, further rankling China, which sees Taiwan as part of greater China.

The Pentagon report says the Taiwanese military has poor security at its bases and is failing to train senior personnel to properly operate weapons systems.

Taiwan's military has missed the information revolution, the report suggests, failing to integrate advances in information processing into its operations. Among other things, these advances allow for militaries to detect fast-moving and hidden targets, transfer the information and guide weapons to their targets.

"There is no other military in the world that experiences the kind of isolation Taiwan's does," a Clinton administration official told the Post, summarizing the report. "They don't train or have contacts with anyone. And as warfare has become more complex, it has become more difficult for them to handle all these new technologies."

The report could become important in the debate over whether the United States should sell Taiwan four sophisticated Aegis guided-missile destroyers and other advanced military equipment.

Asia faces spreading scare over contagious cow disease

TOKYO (AP) — Dozens of cattle have been slaughtered, barns have been toppled and burned and bans have been placed on meat imports.

It's reminiscent of the scare in Europe over mad cow disease, but in Asia the new fears stem from an older and better-known cattle contagion — hoof-and-mouth disease.

The trouble started last week, when cows on seven farms 30 miles northeast of Seoul developed fever and blisters in the mouth, the telltale symptoms of the disease.

Since then, farmers have killed off herds suspected of the highly contagious infection, and importers were quickly slapping restrictions on foreign food.

South Korea, the hardest hit country, announced Friday that it will slaughter 350,000 head of cattle within a 12-mile radius of Paju, the focus of the outbreak.

So far, 105 head of cattle there have been slaughtered, the movement of all cattle and pigs in the area has been prohibited and barns housing the diseased animals were burned.

"We are taking strong quarantine measures," said South Korean Deputy Agriculture and Forestry Kim Dong-keun. "The government wants to tell the people that it's safe to consume the meat ... now on the market."

Seoul had earlier said it has successfully contained the spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, 13 head of cattle on two farms in southern Japan were slaughtered after some of them showed symptoms. Officials have not confirmed whether hoof-and-mouth is the culprit, however.

The response by importers was swift. Japan and South Korea quickly banned imports of each other's beef, followed by similar restrictions in Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Australia.

Unlike mad cow disease, which is believed to cause a brain-wasting ailment in humans, hoof-and-mouth disease cannot be passed on to consumers. A mad cow disease outbreak in Britain in recent years led to a global ban on exports of British beef, largely over fears that a variation of the disease could be transmitted to humans.

But hoof-and-mouth can ruin beef and milk cow herds. The virus causes fever and blisters on the feet and mouths, sapping the animals' appetite and causing weight loss and possibly death.

The disease is a major concern for big meat producers like Australia, which sold $788 million in beef to Japan last year.

"The Australian authorities must take action to ensure that Australian agriculture is not at risk," Australian Agriculture Minister Warren Truss said today.

In an effort to reassure the public, Kim and other top Korean government officials held a public meat-tasting event.

"We will declare that the region is clean within the next six months," Kim said.

The slaughtering will continue for two months, and the government will launch a massive fumigation and cleanup operation in the region, he said.

The whole project will cost $90 million, Kim said.

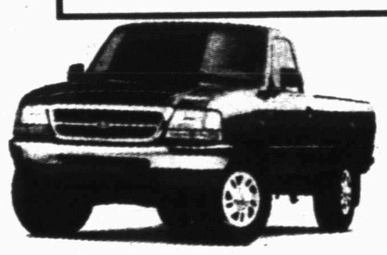
The last outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease in Asia occurred in Taiwan in 1997, when ranchers were forced to destroy 3.6 million pigs, or more than 80 percent of the nation's hog population.

It isn't clear when Taiwan will be able to resume exporting pork, because it takes up to 10 years to get rid of the disease. Japan's last case of hoof-and-mouth disease was in 1908.

The bans will likely have little effect on either consuming or exporting countries because Japan's and South Korea's beef exports are small. Japan, for example, exported just 300 tons of beef in 1999, a fraction of the 1.05 million tons that United States shipped overseas during the year.

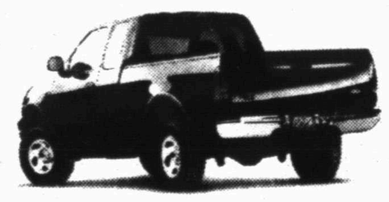


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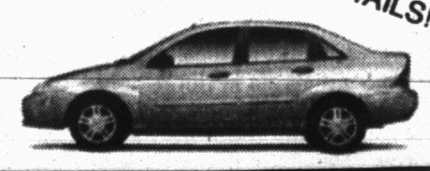


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