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Home Of Sandra Graves

Over Scurry, seven other counties...

Air Force to release study on low-level flying plans

The Air Force will release the long-awaited Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) in two weeks.

On March 19, the 45-day public comment period begins for the Air Force.

The DEIS will be sent to area libraries, agenices, and citizens in West Texas, Northeastern New Mexico and parts of Colorado and Arkansas.

In addition, copies will be available at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

The RBTI is a plan in which the Air Force says will improve aircrew training by linking exsisting low-altitude training routes with a military operations area, and providing electronic simulations of actual combat conditions.

The plan is to conduct the flying missions over an eight-county area, which includes Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Lynn and Dawson counties.

It has drawn the opposition of many landowners in these eight counties.

Those in opposition to the low-level bomber training organized a group known as the Heritage Environment Preservation Association (H.E.P.A.).

The group strongly feels that the flying missions will significantly impact the economy of the counties the Air Force will be flying over, and in turn impact the way of living of every citizen.

Those in opposition state that the area in and around Scurry County will become one of the most active training grounds for the B-1 and B-52 bombers in the entire country if the Air Force proceeds with its plan.

Opponents say the Air Force will begin its pilot training with the giant bombers flying at 3,000 feet, but would soon drop that level to as low at 500 feet.

This would essentially eliminate hunting in the eight-county area, opponents say, and cost tens of millions of dollars in lost sales at stores, motel, restaurants and for hunting leases.

HEPA supporters state that medical studies have demonstrated the harmful effects of jet noise, including the startling effect on humans, and livestock as well.

In conjunction with the environmental impact study, the Air Force has scheduled a public hearing on the RBTI on April 7 at Snyder High School.

The planned four-hour meeting is the only one currently scheduled in the affected eight-county area.

Members of the H.E.P.A. board of directors who have spearheaded the opposition to the Air Force's plan are Buster Welch, Cindy Spires, Buddy Baldridge, Giles Darby, Rich Anderson, George Begg IV, Dick Hart, Judy Holmes, Sid Hardegree, Vick Burk, Bert Wallace, Charles Cannon, John Ward, John Oudt, Sid Johnson and Jimmy Sterling.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Two can live as cheaply as one — if one of 'em is a sparrow."

Every now and then we come across something troubling, something we just can't shake.

We read where today's freshmen in college were born in 1980 — you know - just the other day. The list reveals why there is a generation gap.

Most of today's college freshmen have never played Pac-Man and don't remember the fateful night when J.R. Ewing was shot on "Dallas."

The following reveals how quickly our frames of references shift with each generation. Most people born in 1980:

--Have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan era and did not know he had ever been shot.

--They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was fought.

--Black Monday, 1987 is as insignificant to them as the Great Depression.

--They have likely not feared a nuclear war. "The Day After" is a pill, not a movie.

--They have no idea that Ameicans were ever held hostage in Iran.

--AIDS have always been around.

--"Star Wars" looks fake, and the special effects are pathetic.

--They have never used a dial telephone.

--There have always been telephone answering machines.

--They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

--They have no idea when or why Jordache jeans were cool.

--They didn't know there were hard contact lenses.

--They never took a swim and worried about "Jaws."

--They never heard the commercial asking, "Where's the Beef?"

--Roller skating has always meant in-line for them.

--The expression "You sound like a broken record" means nothing.

--The only way to cook popcorn is in the microwave.

--The Titanic was found? I thought we always knew where it was.

--There has always been MTV.

Scurry County to be focus of Edward Jones film crew

A three-person television crew will arrive in Snyder Sunday — and as a result — the city and Scurry County could receive national and international attention.

Tim Riggan, local Edward Jones representative, Monday is joining local offices around the country in featuring the chief executive officer of General Electric, in a live satellite broadcast.

Those attending the broadcast will then be featured in a presentation being filmed by another Edward Jones film crew from St. Louis.

"They will arrive about noon Sunday and will film around the county — things like the White Buffalo, coliseum, Billionth Barrel pumpjack, Lorber and the industrial park.

They want to show local people watching the telecast at 4 p.m. Monday, and then they will stay over Tuesday and interview 10 or so people," Riggan explained.

The presentation being filmed in Snyder will be used in training seminars throughout the 50 states, Canada and the United Kingdom, Riggan said.

"This is very unusual," Riggan added. "I'm not sure why they selected Snyder, but it is a very good opportunity to spread positive word about our community."

Voted top CEO by Business Week magazine, Welch will speak about techniques of motivating a multi-billion dollar company. The program is free, but seating is limited in the Edward Jones conference room at 4204 College.

Riggan has been with Edward Jones since 1980, and he established the local investment office in Febuary, 1981.

WTC honor society to induct members

Spring induction ceremonies for Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for junior and community colleges at Western Texas College, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Psi Zeta, the WTC chapter, is one of approximately 1,300 chapters internationally, and has been recognized for its projects in scholarship, leadership and service.

Students are invited to membership upon completion of 12 semester hours of college work in which they achieve at least a 3.2 grade point average.

There will be 15 inductees from the fall semester and 41 from the current spring semester at WTC.



ADVANCE TO STATE — These Snyder High School band students received a first division on a Class I solo or ensemble during the regional contest held Saturday in Lubbock. They now advance to the state contest slated at the end of May. Front row, from left, Laura Billingsley, Hayli Henderson, Amber Schwertner, Melinda Langham, Ashley Baremore, Amanda Greenwood; back row, Isaac Nakamura, Michael Borrego, Thomas Bishop, Audra Reneau, Lynn Fogleman, Zach Allred, David Thames, Eric DeLeon. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



SWAP MEET — The annual Snyder Wheels Car Club show and swap meet was scheduled to continue through 6 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Pictured is vendor Joe Benavides of Jayton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Group meets to discuss area industrial corridor

Some 17 men, representing four different counties, met for two hours Friday afternoon to discuss the possibility of forming a six-county regional economic development alliance.

Representatives were present from Jones, Fisher, Scurry and Nolan counties.

Howard and Mitchell county representatives were also invited to the exploratory meeting, but had prior engagements, according to J.B. Cooper, a Roscoe cotton farmer and chairman of the Nolan County Economic Development Corporation, who chaired Friday's gathering.

The purpose of the meeting, Cooper said, was to "look at where we've been involved in ... and see where we can go from here."

What the group hopes to do by making the six-county alliance is to make this area of West Texas a

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Fourth annual Golden Apple Awards planned

Snyder Independent School District has set the fourth annual Golden Apple Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Snyder Country Club.

St. Louis native Diane Day, a leader in the field of behaviour management for 25 years, will be the featured speaker.

The annual banquet is hosted by SISD as an appreciation to the community for all its hard work and involvement with the schools.

Honored banquet guests will be community volunteers, parents and businesses who have given many hours of volunteer service and have provided incentives for numerous programs in the district.

This year, tickets to the banquet are available to the public for $7. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez.

Diane Day has personally trained more than a half million teachers, 100,000 parents and 10,000 bus drivers. During the summer, Diane teaches at eight major U.S. universities. Her teaching career has included every grade at elementary, intermediate and secondary levels. She has taught special ed children, as well as severely emotionally disturbed adolescents.

President Clinton awarded her the prestigious "Arkansas Traveler" Award — originally bestowed upon Charles Lindbergh — for her contribution to education. She has her own television show in Los Angeles.

She serves as president of Cedar Crest Youth Ranch Academy, a non-profit facility for abused or parentless adolescents. She owns Permanent Press and Day Dreams Mail Order Catalogue.

Day's theme next Tuesday will be "A Hero Lies in You." Her mission is to encourage everyone to set high expectations and goals for themselves and strive to become their personal best.

ASK US

Q—The PBS program "Washington Week" is undergoing major changes. To whom can a letter of comments be written?

A—Address your correspondence to WETA, 3700 South Four Mile Drive, Arlington, Va. 22206. The telephone number is 703-998-2600.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 78 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Saturday, 42; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy, breezy. Lows, lower 40s. Sunday, mostly cloudy, windy. Slight chance of afternoon storms. Highs, mid 60s.



Kimberly Harlan
Slight Chance

Sunset:
6:45 p.m.
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7:04 a.m.
Of 64 days in 1999, the sun has shone 63 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The foundation of excellence lies in self control.

H.L. Bougher

'Grease' play dates continue at SJHS

Snyder Junior High School's choir and theater departments' presentation of "Grease," a 1950s rock and roll musical, continues Saturday at 7 p.m. at the junior high auditorium.

Two other performances are slated for 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Tickets are $4 if purchased early and $5 at the door. Originally, the play was to be performed over three nights, but, due to brisk ticket sales, a fourth performance was added.

The musical is under the direction of Marci Dennis and Janeen Patterson. Judy Brown will play the piano and Judy Haines has been the choreographer for the production.

Brandon Gonzales plays the lead role of Danny Zuko and the role of Sandy is played by Gerrico Greenlee. The character of Roger is played by Josh Knox; Sonny, Caleb Durham; Knickie, Trey Roland; Doody, Clark Reed.

The other leads are Kellie Dodson as Jan; Sara Cantu as Frenchy; Rachel Cave as Marty; and Laura Hager as Rizzo. Jordan Dea is Eugene and Jacinda Judah is Patty Simcox.

Bobby Sands is playing two parts — Johnny Casino and the teen angel. Jacob Pechacek is Vince Fontaine. Bradley will sing the "Grease" intro and is one of the T'Birds.

The other T'Birds are Michael Thamez, Tyler Trout, Jadon Guynes, Peter Perez and Randall Rich. The role of Cha Cha DiGregorio is played by Molly Haire and Catherine Whitworth is Mrs. Lynch.

The girls who sing and dance are Kristel Fitts, Jackie Beccue, Jessie Keller, Zina Guidos, Andra Dunham, Aaryn Stewart, Ashley Jenkins, Sarah Boley, Molly Mason, Erin Cooley, Sarah Crawford, Laura Calmes, Gretchen Hollis, Cozy Jones and J.J. Mandrell.

The two assistant directors are Lillie Valdez and Christan Curry. Chaelyn Robinson is the stage manager. Wendi Whittenburg will run the lights and Chance Greenwood, Jade Taggart and Zipporah Peoples are on spotlights.

Kameron Harrison is in charge of sound. The make up crew will consist of Cassi Guerrero, Kasey Wemken, Whitney Jones, Shell Hembree, Beth Clements, Katie Chandler and Sara Thornhill.

Set and prop crew are Veronica Maldonado, Paige Smith, Abby Levens, Paula Fritz, Emily Long, Erin Burleson and Kelby Drum. Kristina Mayer is the house manager for the production.

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SCENE FROM 'GREASE' — Jordan Dea portrays Eugene and Jacinda Judah is Patty Simcox in Snyder Junior High School's "Grease" which continues Saturday, Monday and Thursday. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

New book due out very soon

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — Between raising eight children — seven of them born on the same day — Bobbi McCaughey also has become a two-time author.

Mrs. McCaughey's "Celebrating the Wonders of Motherhood" is due out in early April, in time for Mother's Day.

"We're not setting her up as an expert, but there's some very nice anecdotes and wonderful pictures," said Wes Yoder, the family's agent.

'Mouthpiece' runs for mayor

LAS VEGAS (AP) — After more than three decades of being what some call the mouthpiece to the mob, attorney Oscar Goodman says he's ready to take on a new challenge — as mayor of the nation's fastest-growing city.

Goodman, who calls himself an advocate for the underdog, announced Friday that he would seek the mayor's office in the city where he built a reputation of being the top counsel to some of America's leading wiseguys.

He joins a crowded race to replace Mayor Jan Jones, who is stepping down after eight years in office. The election is May 4.

In a news conference in his office near the city's Glitter Gulch, Goodman addressed the image issue.

"I've represented people as vigorously as I know how, protecting their constitutional rights," said Goodman, 59. "I've represented judges and mayors. If anybody has a problem with that, they shouldn't be allowed to vote."

Goodman's client list over the years includes former organized crime czars Meyer Lansky, Nick Civella and Anthony Civella; Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal, a former sports book operator who left Las Vegas after his car was bombed; and boxer Mike Tyson.

Goodman gained additional fame by playing himself in the movie "Casino," and in a new documentary, "Mob Law," in which he defends his passion for defending the mob.

Among Goodman's best-known clients is Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, obtaining his acquittal on two Chicago murder charges and defending him in a federal racketeering case that ended in a mistrial.

Adam and Eve were the first SWAT team when they went after the mosquitoes in the Garden of Eden.

Local on ASU winning team

SAN ANGELO — Kelly Hart of Snyder is a member of Angelo State University's wool-judging team which placed high in the National Western Stock Show competition in Denver City in January.

Hart placed fifth in individual competition.

She is the daughter of Kinney Hart of Snyder and Sandra Bownds of Midland.

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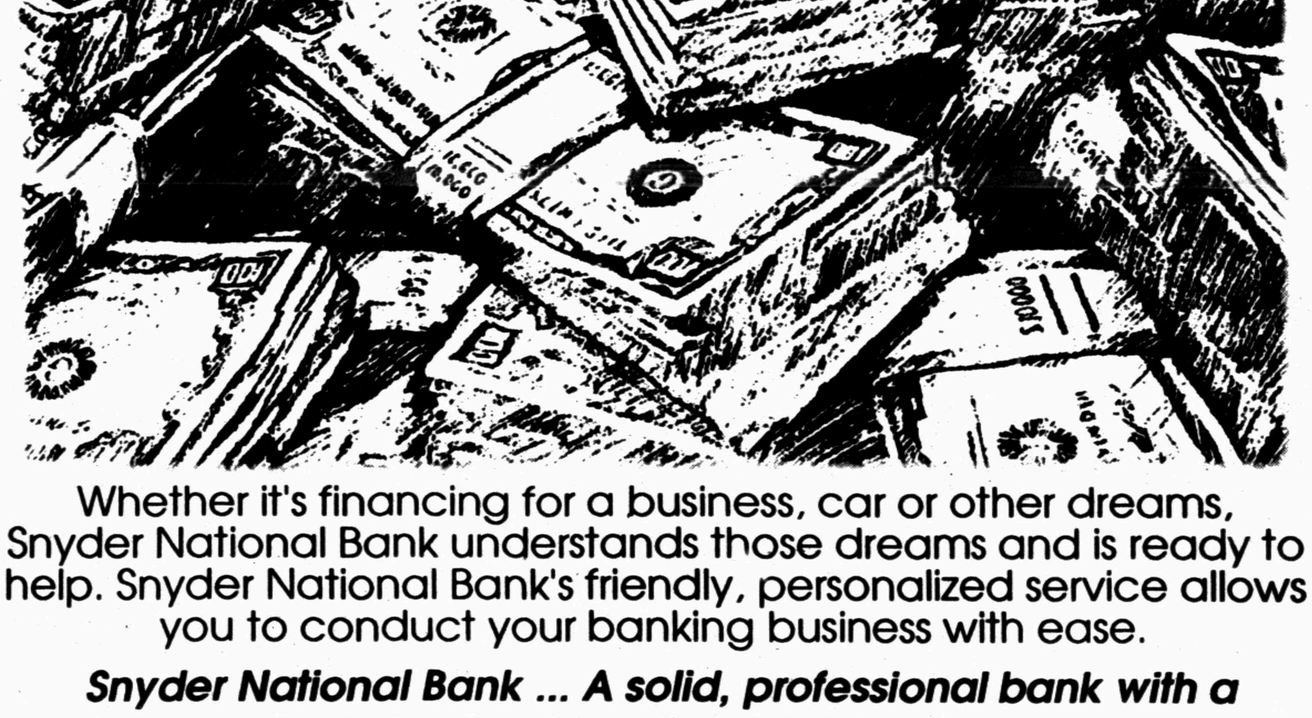
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Employee Of The Month
March, 1999



Julie graduated from Snyder High School in 1982. During her junior and senior years, she was enrolled in the ICT program and worked half days at Cogdell Memorial Hospital as a nurse aide. She also served as a volunteer Candy Striper with the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary. Julie completed LVN school at Western Texas College and received her license in 1983 and worked in Lubbock as a dialysis nurse for several years. She has been employed as recovery room nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital since October, 1996.

She has two children; her daughter, Hollie, is in the 4th grade at East Elementary, and her son, Zane, is in the 2nd grade at Stanfield.

About her profession, Julie said, "I've always enjoyed nursing because I love helping people. I hope that I help people feel better and recover quickly".

She was selected for this honor by co-workers. Comments on nominating ballots for Julie included: knowledgeable about her job...very dependable and conscientious...a dedicated employee...willing to learn and accept additional responsibility...one of the hardest workers I have ever been associated with...does an excellent job...kind and concerned about her patients...courteous to everyone.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

WTC sweeps contests at national swine event

The Western Texas College agriculture science judging students swept the competition at the National Hampshire Swine Judging Contest held Feb. 23 in Sweetwater.

The WTC team placed first and second in a 10-team field of two and four-year schools.

Kyle Long of Andrews was the first place individual, Matt Pond of McCaulley was third place individual, Cody Cribbs of Snyder was fourth place and Randy Dudley of Merkel was fifth place.

Other team members were Jamie Ellis of Colorado City, Cody Dunn of Seminole; Cody Lawrence of Dalhart and Chris Jones of Andrews.

In the Women's Division, Jenny Majkszak of Conroe was first individual, Crystal Smith of Lubbock was third and Lisha Leatherwood of Snyder was fourth.

Western Texas College's meats team ended the year with a fifth place finish at the National Championship sponsored by the Houston Livestock Show on Feb. 28.

The team placed third in beef grading and pork judging and was fifth in questions. Kyle Long from Andrews was fourth in beef grading and sixth in lamb judging, 10th in pork judging; and 11th in the overall contest. Matt Pond of McCaulley was 10th in beef grading.

Other team members were Jamie Ellis of Colorado City, Jenny Majkszak of Conroe, Lisha Leatherwood of Snyder, and Chris Jones of Andrews.



SWEEP COMPETITION — Western Texas College brought home an array of awards from the National Hampshire Swine Judging Contest held Feb. 23 in Sweetwater. Seated, from left, are Jenny Majkszak, Lisha Leatherwood, Jamie Ellis, Crystal Smith; back row, Cody Cribbs, Randy Dudley, Kyle Long, Chris Jones, Matt Pond, Cody Lawrence. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira School sets open house events

In conjunction with Texas Public Schools Month, Ira School will host an open house Monday. A hamburger supper will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Rooms may be toured from 7-8 p.m.

Drama students will present a one-act play from 8-8:45 p.m.

Other attractions will include Saxon Phonics, Shurley Method Language Arts, Excel Math, Technology/computer lab; and Troll Book Fair in the Library.

Post is placed on SMU honor list

DALLAS — Christopher Post, a sophomore economics major at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Post and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman, all 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 21 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

La Nina dries SW, soaks NE

DENVER (AP) — It's been so mild and dry this winter that Coloradans have been trading parkas for T-shirts, and cactuses in Arizona likely won't bloom.

Folks in Seattle, meantime, suffered 90 days of rain in the four months leading up to March — a record for soggy gloom in a region usually boastful about its wet climate.

Blame La Nina, a phenomenon that has delivered a feast-or-famine winter to the West, dousing the Northwest with record rains while keeping the Southwest mostly dry.

"We expect that these types of patterns that we have seen will continue," said Marty Hoerling, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologist. "If you will, the rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer."

La Nina is the lesser known sibling of El Nino, which warmed the waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean and disrupted weather around the world for about a year until easing last May.

The current La Nina shows the opposite pattern, with sharply cooler ocean temperatures fostering the unusual weather.

And it has been unusual.

Mount Baker in Washington state has about 70 feet — that's 70 FEET — of snow, while more than 5 feet of rain has hit parts of the Olympic Peninsula since Nov. 1.

But down in the Southwest, firefighters already fear that parched forests are a spark away from wildfire. Although the potential for summer blazes depends on spring rains, the risk of fire already is high in Arizona and New Mexico forests.

"We're going to be looking at getting a lot of firefighters on early," said Dougger Hughes of Arizona's Prescott National Forest.

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, March 7, 1999

In the year ahead, you could be luckier than usual in getting involved in projects or programs that could improve the lot of others, and in turn may work wonders for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll not only have the happy faculty of recognizing good ideas when you hear them today, but you'll also have the ability to tailor them to serve your own purposes. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a strong possibility today that you could be included in a profitable arrangement initiated by another. It'll be chance that fits you into the picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Long-range benefits could result from any partnership situation you might begin arranging today. Start talking to the people who might fit this bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be afraid to use innovative techniques in pursuing your goals today, because substantial gains can be made at this time in the fulfillment of your ambitious aims.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you don't treat your involvements more seriously than they deserve, things will go rather smoothly for you today. Make molehills from mountains, instead of mountains from molehills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a good day to bring attention to someone whose approval you need in order to implement a change you're desirous to make. Consent is likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Compliments will come easily for you today when you link up with your mate on endeavors of mutual interests, be it something frivolous like a tennis match or serious like a work project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Use your ingenuity today to sit down and try to come up with ways to better your material lot in life. Financial conditions favor you at this time, so look into various options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be surprised today if companions collectively nudge you to the top of the plate to bead a mutual project. Your leadership qualities will be quite evident to those around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep rubbing your rabbit's foot and hope for the best today, because you could be extremely lucky in ways or situations you'd least expect. Lady Luck is looking kindly on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because of your good nature today, companions will be inclined to go out of their way to do you favors should you need any. It pays to smile a lot!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There are two important areas where you could be lucky today, so you should spend your time and energy cultivating them. One pertains to finances, and the other involves your reputation.

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Your Birthday

Monday, March 8, 1999

Through experience and knowledge you've acquired in the past, you'll now be capable of realizing ambitious objectives you've established for yourself in the year ahead. Move onward and upward!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give money matters top priority and make every effort to fatten your bank account today. You are now in a cycle where you could reach your financial expectations. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Spend your day designing or launching projects that have broad public appeal. Your chances for succeeding are excellent during this time frame.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually, it's more prudent to solely depend on your logic than on your instincts when assessing important points of view. Today, however, your keen insights may come from hunches.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If a face to face meeting with someone is called for today, don't attempt to use any other means to get your message across. Only a one-on-one contact will be successful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Especially where the stakes are emotionally or materially high, you should do rather well competitively today, so don't be afraid to get drawn into an involvement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Any negative influences can be minimized today by adopting an expectant, optimistic outlook. In fact, it could be your greatest asset in furthering a personal interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Provided persons understand how they can benefit from a collective involvement, they will be

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Industrialized nations make progress on Y2K problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the United States is working to avoid potential problems from the Year 2000 computer bug, it may not be immune from such troubles overseas.

Failures by computers abroad could still cause disruptions here because countries the United States relies on for imports lag behind, administration officials told the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem.

Most industrialized nations are making progress, the officials said Friday. But developing countries are further behind, in many instances because of inattention to the problem, scarce resources and little time left to make critical repairs.

"It is becoming increasingly clear that there will be Y2K-related failures in every corner of the globe, some of which could prove harmful to U.S. interests," testified Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers, the State Department inspector general.

The problem exists because many computers use two digits for dates, and the fear is that many systems will treat 2000 as 1900 and malfunction.

Areas that could affect U.S. interests include foreign nuclear reactors and power grids, military early warning systems, trade, worldwide shipping, oil and gas sectors and air transport, said Lawrence Gershwin, a CIA officer.

"No country will be completely immune from failures," Gershwin said.

Some European nations are lagging in Y2K work because of the attention they paid to converting to a new currency, the euro, on Jan. 1, he said.

In Asia, the economic crisis interfered with repair efforts. But after getting off to a slow start, China is racing toward a March 31 deadline, he said.

Among the possible fallout areas cited by Gershwin:

—Foreign strategic missile systems may experience computer-related problems. "We do not see a problem in terms of Russian and Chinese missiles automatically being launched or nuclear weapons going off," he said, but Russians may have trouble with the early warning systems that monitor foreign missile launches.

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Air Force announces changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force is moving to limit overseas deployments, setting a new standard of 90 days in every 15 months for most service members based in the United States.

"We're going to take a lot of unpredictability out of people's lives," Acting Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters said Friday.

The changes, to take place no later than next January, are an attempt by the Air Force to ease the strain of frequent foreign missions, low morale and a troubling exodus of pilots to higher-paying airline jobs.

The overhaul, the first major one for the Air Force since the end of the Cold War, establishes 10 main "expeditionary" groups that would rotate responsibility for foreign deployments.

In addition to the forces for military-type missions, an additional five groups were set up to handle humanitarian missions such as last year's delivery of aid to victims of Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

And for the first time, members of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard would be included among the rotations.

"You'll still be pulling some travels, you'll still be flying jets or whatever you do. But you're going to know when that's going to be," Peters said in an interview.

A group of disillusioned military pilots told a House Armed Services subcommittee earlier this week that it wasn't just the bigger salaries at airlines that were coaxing them to leave the military — but also poor working conditions and almost constant overseas assignments, sometimes coming with only a few days' notice.

Under the new structure, Air Force crews would know well in advance when they might be sent overseas — and for how long they'd have to stay.

Peters said almost 70 percent of the 365,000 active-duty personnel are married, many with children, a reversal of the force during the Vietnam War, when a similar percentage was single.

"Some people are being run pretty ragged," he acknowledged.

For military missions, the new groups are intended to deploy anywhere in the world within 48 hours.

Each "air expeditionary force" unit will average about 15,000 people and about 175 planes, including fighter jets and heavy bombers, as well as reconnaissance, electronic warfare, refueling and transport aircraft.

The aircraft will be based at separate airfields, but air crews will train together. Two groups will be on duty at any given time.

Senior Center News

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Line dancers will be entertaining at Snyder Healthcare at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

88 play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Swimnastics is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15 p.m to 3:45 p.m.

Social Security agents will be at the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Kitchen Band will be entertaining Snyder Oak residents at 10 a.m. The AARP board will meet at 10:30 a.m. and the center's advisory board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Anne Gregory will be playing the piano beginning at 11:30 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

Assistance in filing income tax returns is available on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will practice at 10 a.m. Game night will begin at 6 p.m. All seniors are welcome to join the fun.

FRIDAY

Bridge play and the blood pressure clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10 a.m. and seniors may play dominoes and pool; but due to preperation for the senior banquet at 6:30 p.m., the dining room will be closed and the sing-a-long will be cancelled.

There will be no congregate meal at noon. Home-delivered meals will be delivered as regularly scheduled. The building will be closed on 3 p.m.

Seniors needing transportation to the banquet are asked to contact Valerie at 573-4035. All seniors are encouraged to attend the banquet, but are asked to RSVP by Wednesday.

The ARC garage sale is in need of volunteers to sort clothes. For more information, call 573-4035. The ARC garage sale is just one of the non-profit organizations that benefit from the volunteer program. Anyone with extra time who has an interest in helping others may contact the center for more information.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Chicken pot pie, fried cauliflower, Harvard beets, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie

TUESDAY

Boneless BBQ rib, scalloped potatoes, Brussel sprouts, sliced pineapple w/cheese, chocolate pudding

WEDNESDAY

Chicken spoonbread w/ giblet gravy, whipped potatoes, Italian green beans, cucumber/onion salad, pecan pie

THURSDAY

Fried fish, tomatoes w/croutons, baked beans, perfection salad, pineapple upside down cake

FRIDAY

No noon meal

Recognition banquet: glazed ham, candied yams, broccoli w/cheese sauce, green pea salad, cherry cobbler

Bobby Darin story to become movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Bobby Darin story is headed for the big screen.

Dick Clark's company announced Thursday plans to make a feature film about the 1950s idol, who rocketed to fame with hits including "Splish Splash," "Mack the Knife" and "Dream Lover."

Darin died of complications from heart surgery in 1973 at age 37.

"He was a very gifted man who was an outstanding live performer," Clark said.

Bullard's Computer Solutions to add 40 56K V.90 modems

Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc. is installing 40 56K V.90 modems to meet the growth of its Internet service. Twenty-four of these are in the process of being activated at present.

"We have been steadily growing," said Drew Bullard, president, "and usually add about ten modems at a time when we're sure that they are needed. This time we are going to bite the bullet and put out a substantial investment all at once."

"We've found that our customers want two things from an ISP (Internet Service Provider). One is reliable busy free service and the other is help every once in a while if things go wrong. They like talking to someone they know. During certain periods of rapid growth due to snags in getting the equipment installed, our customers might get a busy signal for a short period of time, but we always add modems to keep up with demand. We started out with 29 modems and now have well over a hundred," added Bullard.

"When the Internet doesn't work, sometimes it is not the ISP's equipment but rather the user's computer or software or a noisy telephone line. Since we're a local computer store as well as an ISP we can figure out the problem and either walk you through it or physically check your computer out. This is a big advantage over talking to someone you don't know at a distant location. We handle 98% of the questions brought to us. For the other 2% we can refer the customer to specialists. One way or the other we get the problem solved," said Bullard.

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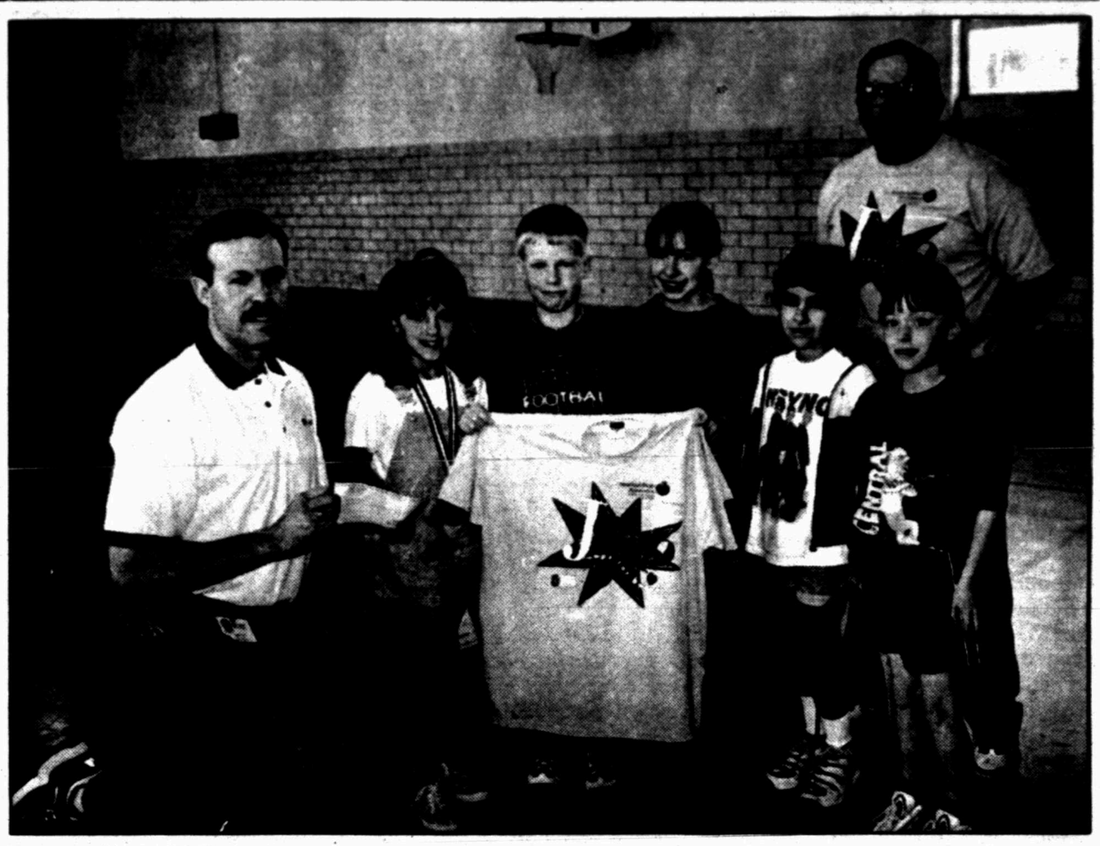
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TOP TWELVE — Twelve students at Stanfield earned the most money in the annual Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser. Front row, from left, Keagan Herrley, top medalist; A'Lex Koonce, Roxann Renteria, Jessica Bilderback, Lecy Blauvelt, Brittany Mitchell; back row, Jesse Conner, Amy Fogleman, Kari Lord, Tilatha Akins, Heather Steelman and Jill Porter, who coordinated the school's event. David Strayhorn is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



TOP MONEY MAKERS — Central students raised $4,230.57 in the annual Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser. The top money makers presented the check to Matt Cross, American Heart Association representative. From left are Brittany West, Loren Toombs, Nicole Means, Laura Landa and Tatum Norwood. Coach Kenneth Parker, who coordinated the school's event, is shown at right. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

'Heart' events earn monies for the AHA

Students at Central and Stanfield students have raised more than $8,000 for the American Heart Association through their annual Jump Rope For Heart fund-raisers.

Central students collected $4,230.57 and Stanfield students raised about $4,000.

The top money makers at Central are Brittany West, $200; Loren Toombs, $144; Nicole Means, $126; Laura Landu and Tatum Norwood, both $125.

Stanfield students who collected the most include Keagan Herrley, $140; A'Lex Koonce, $135; Roxann Renteria, Jessica Bilderback and David Strayhorn, all $129; Lecy Blauvelt, $115.50; Brittany Mitchell, $101.25.

Others are, Jesse Conner, $95; Amy Fogleman, $86; Kari Lord, $81; Tilatha Akins, $79; Heather Steelman, $71.

Jump Rope For Heart is an educational event sponsored by and benefitting the American Heart Association and the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Participating students are eligible for prizes based on how much money they raised. Those earning $6 to $34.99 received a jump rope; $35 to $59.99, T-shirt and jump rope; $60-$124.99, Touch Moon Light, jump rope and T-shirt; $125-$299.99, mini-super sound clip-on radio, jump rope, T-shirt and Touch Moon Light; $300 or more, "flip phone walkie talkies, jump rope, T-shirt, Touch Moon Light, mini clip-on radio.

The basic monetary unit of Romania is the leu, and its chief fractional unit is the ban.



TOP MEDALIST — Keagan Herrley, the top medalist in Stanfield's Jump For Heart fund-raiser, earned $140. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Judge OKs pipeline settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — An environmental analysis will be completed and opportunities provided for public input before a 48-year-old pipeline can be used to ship gasoline across Texas under a lawsuit settlement accepted Friday by a federal judge.

The lawsuit was filed by ranchers concerned about the potential effects of a leak.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks earlier had put the project on hold and ordered an environmental impact study.

The analysis called for could be conducted in a shorter period of time, officials said. But if problems are found, it also could prompt a more lengthy assessment.

"We were able to tailor the environmental study specifically for this pipeline and the areas it's crossing through, instead of having a cookie-cutter kind of approach under basic federal regulations," said lawyer Renea Hicks, representing landowners and the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District.

"We got an environmental assessment-plus," she said.

The landowners' effort was joined by the conservation district, city of Austin and Lower Colorado River Authority, which said every major tributary into the river is crossed by the pipe.

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SPORTS

Late run lifts Eden past Ira

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — When the season began, the Ira Bulldogs had a goal — advance to the regional tournament.

It took 24 victories in 32 games for the Bulldogs to reach that goal, and it took Eden just over two minutes to make sure Ira didn't reach another one.

With Ira's leading scorer in foul trouble, Eden erased an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit with a 10-0 run, then hung on down the stretch to seize a 56-54 regional semifinal victory Friday night at Kimbrell Arena.

After leading for most of the contest, Ira saw its bid for the state tourney slip away in the final minutes.

"The best team tonight is sitting right there in our locker room," first-year Ira coach Bubba Edwards said, following the game. I truly believe we were the better team.

"Experience was a factor. We definitely had our chances tonight. We had some pretty good leads, but couldn't put them away, and Eden did what it had to do to get the job done.

"Our goal before the season started was to make it to the regional tournament. I told our guys that next year's goal is to make it to the state tournament."

Ira, which led by as many as 12 points in the second half, was in control of the action with a 47-39 advantage, early in the fourth quarter.

But Eden, whose confidence was sinking, got the spark it needed at the 6:33 mark.

Ira's 6-7 post Logan Daves was whistled for his fourth foul, heading to the bench with 20 points. With Daves sidelined, the momentum shifted.

Eden's Caleb Waggoner poured in eight consecutive points as part of a 10-0 run which gave Eden its first lead of the night, 49-47, with 4:03 remaining.

Ira wouldn't see the lead again.

Daves returned at the four-minute mark, seconds before Jerek Brown knotted the tally at 49-49.

Three points from Eden's Kendal Castleberry, combined with Ira's 18th turnover of the contest, ran the tally to 52-49.

After Brown and Waggoner swapped free throws, Ira's Drew Wall evened the game at the 42-second mark with a slashing layup and a free throw.

On its next possession, Eden connected once from the stripe, giving Ira a chance with 24 seconds left on the clock.

But Brandon Marks forced Ira's final turnover with 11 seconds left. Marks hit one free throw, before Ira's final shot at the buzzer glanced off the rim.

"Give credit to Eden, they knew that if they were going to win they had to pick up the defensive pressure in the second half," Edwards said. "And that's what they did. They pushed us out underneath and didn't let us run our low post offense like we wanted in the second half."

Ira drained 47 percent of its shot attempts on the night, while Eden connected at a clip of just 37 percent. Ira's hot shooting allowed it to open a nine-point first-half lead.

Eden capped the opening half with a 11-4 streak which cut the margin from nine points to only a bucket.

In the third quarter, Ira quickly extended its lead to 12 points with a 13-3 run.

Eden managed to close the gap in the opening minute of the final period, leading to Daves' fourth personal foul.

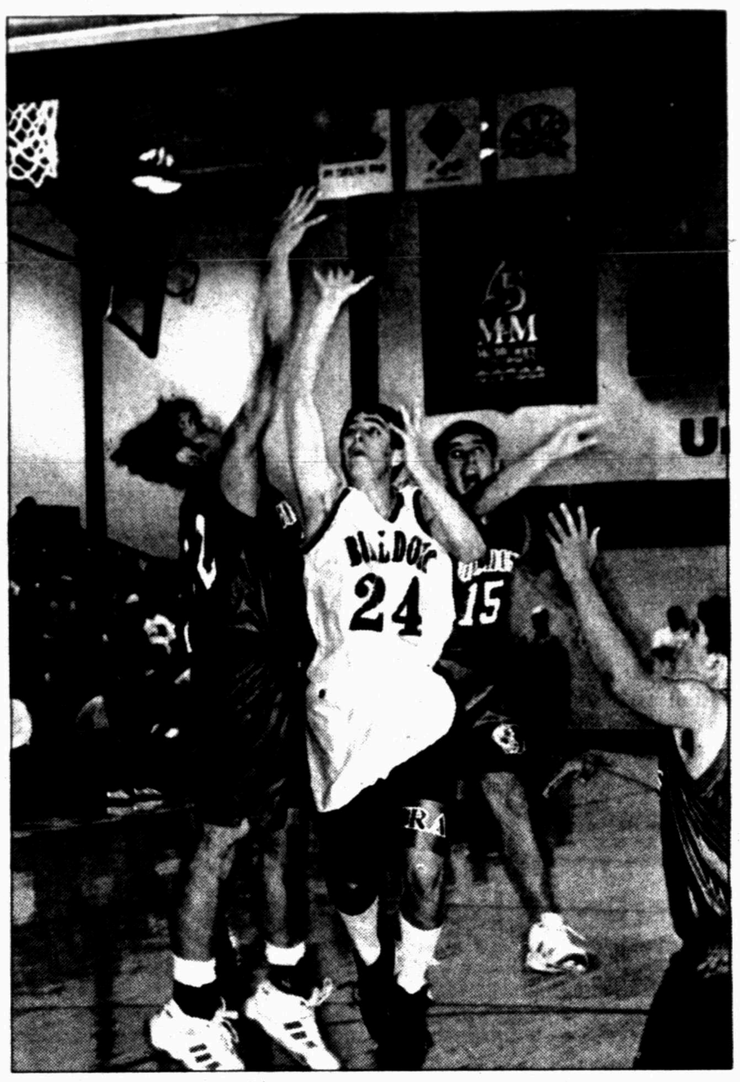
Ira ends its season with a mark of 24-9, while Eden advances to face Ponder in the regional finals. Ponder knocked off Munday, 60-47, to earn a spot in the finals.

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Ira	**17**	**11**	**15**	**11**	**— 54**

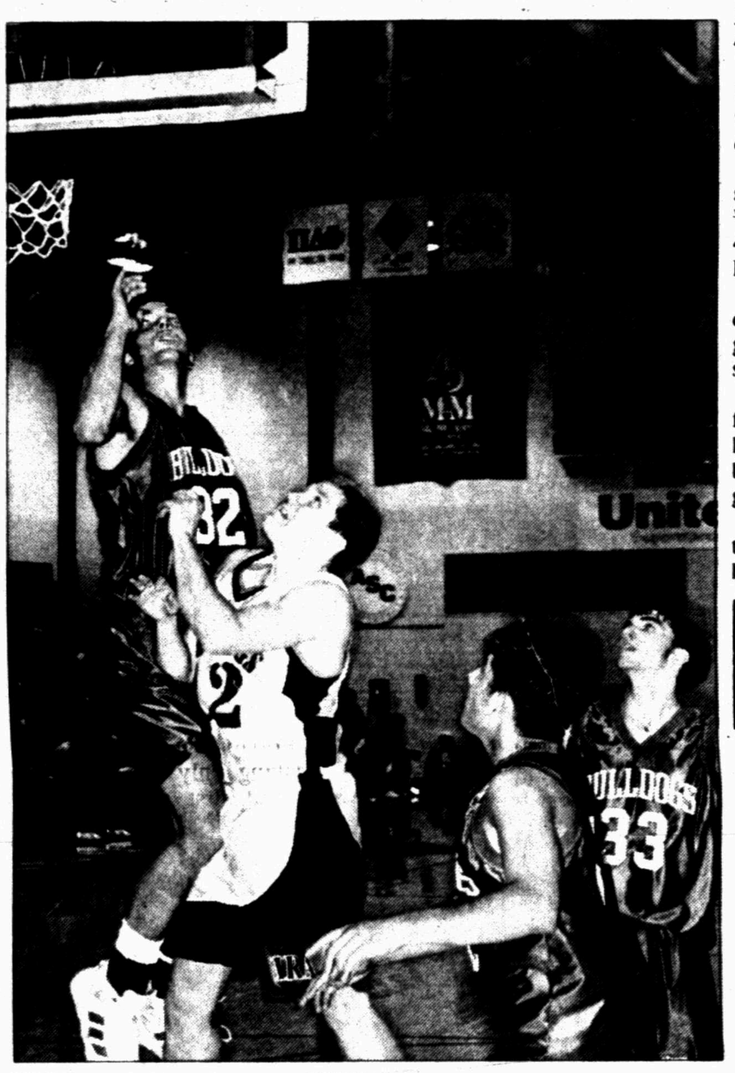
Eden
Waggoner 7 7-10 23, Castleberry 7 4-5 18, Marks 1 2-4 5, Rodriguez 1 0-0 2, Rodgers 2 1-2 6, Tally 1 0-0 2, Torres 0 0-2 0. **Totals 19 14-23 56.**

Ira
Daves 9 2-2 20, Brown 6 3-7 15, R. Wilkins 5 1-2 11, Wall 2 1-1 5, Smith 1 1-2 3. **Totals 23 8-14 54.**

Three-point goals: Eden 4 (Waggoner 2, Marks, Rodgers). Rebounds: Eden 26 (Castleberry 10), Ira 32 (Daves, Brown 10). Total fouls: Eden 16, Ira 18. Fouled out — none.



DRIVING TO THE HOOP — Ira's Drew Wall splits a pair of Eden defenders during regional semifinal action Friday in Abilene. Wall tallied five fourth-quarter points, but Eden rallied for a 56-54 victory. (Photo by Katie Howard)



PIGGY-BACK RIDE — Eden's Kendal Castleberry lands on Ira's Jerek Brown while battling for a rebound Friday night. Brown posted 15 points in the 56-54 Ira loss. Castleberry finished with 18 points. (Photo by Katie Howard)

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Semifinals set in Big 12 tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Three teams with a chance for a three-game sweep were all denied Friday by the Big 12 tournament's second round.

But don't try to tell Kansas coach Roy Williams it means anything, although his Jayhawks were one of the three to avoid the broom.

"I don't think the two previous games have anything to do with it," Williams said after Kansas avoided getting swept by Nebraska. "I just think it gives (the media) something to talk about. It just doesn't matter."

In the day's biggest upset, Kansas State avoided getting swept by Missouri. And Oklahoma State defeated Oklahoma after losing twice to the Sooners in the regular season.

In the second round, the Wildcats ousted Missouri 84-74, Oklahoma State defeated Oklahoma 60-57, Texas got past Colorado 82-76 and Kansas defeated Nebraska 77-53.

In the semifinals today, Texas (19-11) plays Oklahoma State (21-9) at 1 p.m. and Kansas State (20-11) plays Kansas (20-9) at 3:20 p.m.

So Kansas better hope Williams is right as the Jayhawks try to beat the Wildcats for the third time this season. And one of those losses suffered by Kansas State was an absolute humiliation in Manhattan.

"I don't think anybody expected them to come in here and beat Missouri and they did," Jayhawks guard Ryan Robertson said. "The thing is, Kansas State is playhe thought he would need for an NCAA bid, but a chance to beat the Longhorns is appealing too.

"I told our team there wasn't any way we could get in the NCAA tournament if we didn't win two games here," said Sutton. "Now we've done that and we get a chance to play the best team in our conference tomorrow."

Kansas State took advantage of a terrible first half by Missouri, and then withstood repeated rallies by the Tigers. Missouri (20-8) shot 7-of-29 in the first half (24 percent) to fallasketball they have played.

Oklahoma State came out on top in a game that Sutton said was one of the best college games played, especially if you weren't partisan.

Glendon Alexander had 22 points, including two key free throws in the final seconds, and Alex Webber pulled down some crucial defensive rebounds as the Cowboys won for the fifth time in six games.

With about four seconds left, Michael Johnson was short with a 3-point try for the Sooners (20-10).

"If Michael's shot at the buzzer goes in, we're still playing," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson. "I thought it was going in. He had a good look. You have to tip your hat to them."

Adrian Peterson, the Big 12's leading scorer, missed his first five shots and wound up with only three points, 15 below his average.

"You don't see that happen very often," said Sutton.

Texas' big advantage up front didn't mean much the way Colorado's Kenny Price was hitting 3-pointers.

The Longhorns knew they couldn't count on a 14-point lead being enough.

"We knew they would make a run. They're a dangerous team," said Chris Mihm, Texas' 7-foot sophomore who scored 24 points. "They've done that all year. It was great of us to step up there in the last four minutes like we did and do what we had to do to win."

Price, a 6-foot-4 senior, made all six of his 3-point tries in the first half to tie his own tournament record. He finished the game having made 9-of-11, but it wasn't quite enough for the Buffalos (17-14) to extend their five-game winning streak.

Nebraska (19-12) had stormed into the second round by forcing Texas Tech into 26 turnovers in the first game Thursday. Suddenly, it was the Huskers who couldn't hold on, committing 27 turnovers against Kansas.

With Kenny Gregory leading the way, Kansas swarmed over the loose balls in the second half to swamp the Huskers.

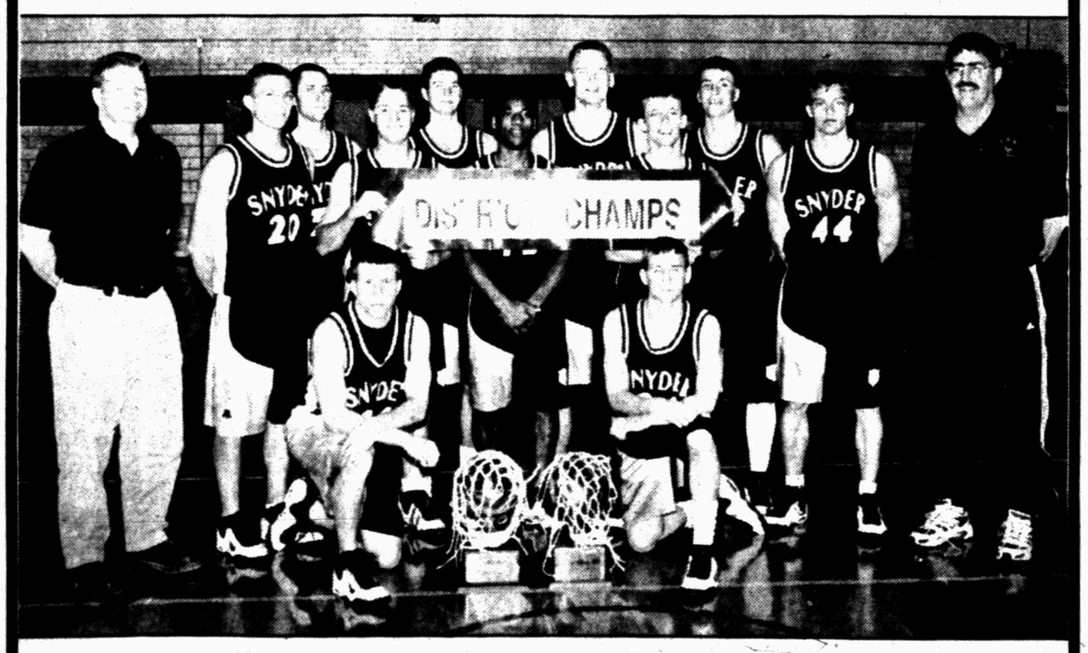
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SPORTS

Tigers drop two at Frenship tourney

WOLFFORTH — Lubbock High got the job done without heroics, and Snyder got a district preview during second-day action at the Frenship Invitational baseball tournament.

After topping the Tigers on Tuesday with a seventh-inning home run, Lubbock jumped on top early then held on for a 11-8 victory Friday.

Snyder closed out pool play with a 10-7 setback to fourth-ranked Andrews, a fellow District 5-4A competitor.

Against the Westerners, SHS coach Roland Herrera sent five players to the mound, with Josh Ward getting credited with the loss.

Lubbock posted five runs in the opening frame and four more in the second, before Snyder woke up with three runs in the fifth frame and four in the sixth.

Johnny Pena and Clint Hook belted a double apiece in the contest.

After getting off to a slow start against Lubbock, the Tigers repeated their performance against Andrews.

The Mustangs sent four runners home in the bottom of the first to grab a three-run lead.

Four Snyder hurlers saw action, with Wes Wilson taking the loss.

Matt Rodgers, James Allen Shields and Matthew Grimmett all slapped doubles for the Tigers.

Snyder was to face Frenship this morning in the seventh-place game.

Following tourney action, the Tigers travel to San Angelo Central for a 4 p.m. match-up on Monday.



ALL FOR ONE — Lady Tiger softball players join Coach Carmen Bohannon in a huddle between innings Friday. Snyder knocked off Clyde, 5-4, improving its mark to 7-4. (SDN Staff Photo)

In softball action...

SHS edges Clyde, 5-4

After dropping three consecutive contests, the Lady Tigers righted their ship and are once again sailing toward softball success.

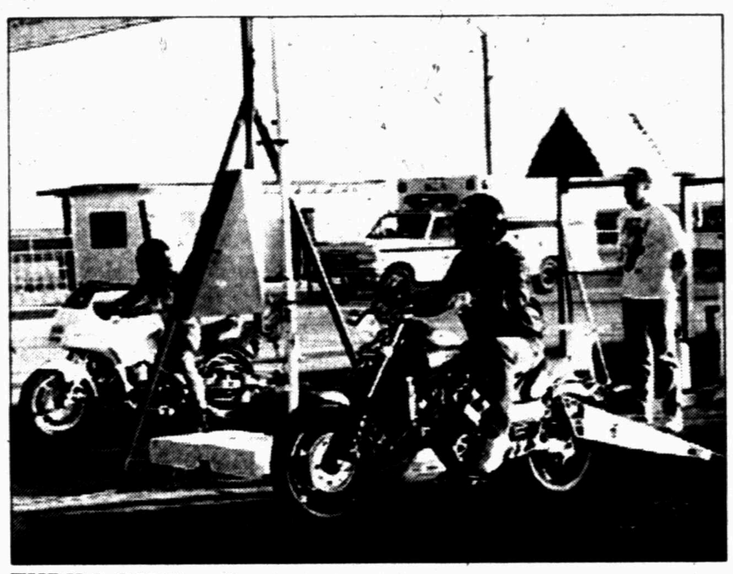
Snyder pounded out nine hits and Kristin Martinez struck out eight batters Friday as the Lady Tigers grabbed a 5-4 decision over Clyde at Cates Field.

The win improves Snyder's ledger to 7-4 on the season, heading into Saturday mornings match-up with Coahoma.

Martinez threw all seven innings for the Lady Tigers, surrendering only six hits and walking five.

At the plate, it was Jennifer Newman and Cameron Mackey leading the way for Snyder. Newman and Mackey belted a pair of singles apiece, while Martinez, Christy Tomlinson, Starla Davis, Angie Shoemake and Amber Haarmeyer tallied one hit each.

Following Saturday's action, the Lady Tigers will be back on the diamond Tuesday at Merkel at 4 p.m.



THRILL RIDE — Snyder's Todd Stinson leaves the line during competition at Wall Dragway. Stinson took first place in the motorcycle classification of the season-opening event. (Contributed Photo)

Jazz survive Mavs' rally

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As Utah coach Jerry Sloan watched from home recovering from knee surgery, his team gave him some nervous moments in the fourth quarter of a 106-95 win over Dallas on Friday night.

Though the Jazz nearly blew a 21-point lead in the final quarter, they prevailed for the third time against the Mavericks this season and the 24th straight time in the last five seasons.

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 29 points, and Shawn Bradley and Dirk Nowitzki each scored 10.

Utah built a comfortable lead, 84-63 after a 3-pointer by Howard Eisley with 1:37 left in the third period. But Dallas charged back in the fourth, outscoring Utah 21-10 in the first nine minutes to pull to 94-87 with 2:50 to play on Hubert Davis' 3-pointer.

Stinson nabs first place

WALL — Two local competitors got the racing season started on a fast note.

Snyder's Todd Stinson grabbed top honors in the motorcycle classification of the season's opening event at Wall Dragway, while David Baremore took third place in the super-pro class.

Stinson eliminated last year's overall points winner by defeating him twice in the elimination round.

After taking on sponsors in the off-season, the local racers will be competing for the points championship throughout the year.

Robert Roland, who also competed at Wall, had his car on display during Saturday's car show at coliseum. Stinson had his two-wheeled racing machine on display, as well.

The racers return to Wall for the next event, scheduled for March 20-21.

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Minnesota	10	6	.625	3
Houston	9	7	.563	4
SanAntonio	8	8	.500	5
Dallas	6	12	.333	8
Denver	5	12	.294	8½
Vancouver	4	12	.250	9
Pacific Division				
Portland	12	3	.800	-
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Friday's Games

Golden State 102, Indiana 83
Miami 89, Philadelphia 78
Washington 86, Charlotte 85
Boston 102, Denver 94
Orlando 89, Toronto 84
Milwaukee 88, New York 87
Utah 106, Dallas 95
Portland 97, Minnesota 85
L.A. Lakers 103, Seattle 100

Saturday's Games

Golden State at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Stars suffer goal slump in 2-1 loss

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo rookie goaltender Martin Biron recorded his first NHL win and Michael Peca scored the winning goal on a power play as the Sabres beat the Dallas Stars 2-1 Friday night.

Making only his third career start and first since 1995, the 21-year-old Biron made 26 saves in his second complete NHL game and sixth appearance in the league.

Wayne Primeau also scored for the Sabres, who snapped a three-game winless streak against the Stars and stopped goalie Ed Belfour's eight-game unbeaten string.

Joe Nieuwendyk extended his goal-scoring streak to four games with a goal for Dallas, which had gone undefeated in its previous 10 road games.

Sports Briefs

49ers keep Stokes

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The 49ers kept J.J. Stokes in San Francisco, signing the star wide receiver to a seven-year deal.

Details weren't released, but it was believed to be worth $3.3 million a year with the last two years voidable.

Stokes had 63 catches for 770 yards and eight TDs last season.

Baylor hoops coach resigns

WACO (AP) — Harry Miller quit as basketball coach at Baylor, one day after the Bears finished the season 0-16 in the Big 12 Conference.

Baylor lost to Oklahoma State 83-57 Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 tournament, completing a 6-24 season.

Track meet volunteers needed

Snyder High School is in need of volunteers to help next Saturday with the Canyon Reef Relays.

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WTC booster club

The WTC basketball booster club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral.

Pitching clinics scheduled

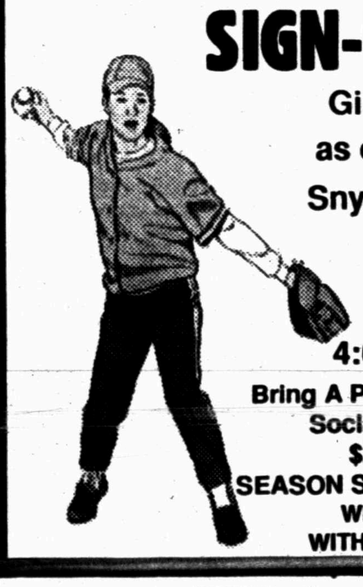
Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball will be held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Softball umpires needed

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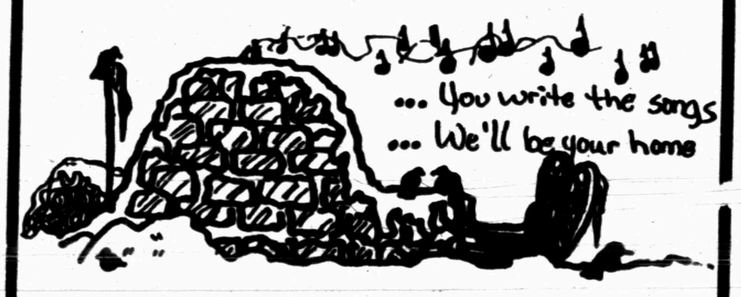
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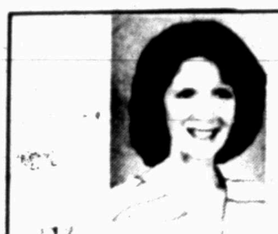
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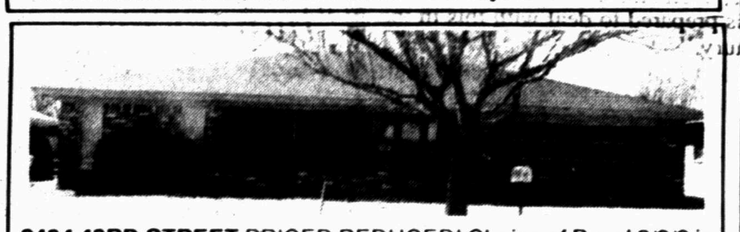
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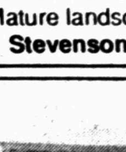
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3774 Avondale 3-2-1	$40's.	4508 Galveston Inviting Pool	$90's.
On Denison 4-1½	$50T.	4005 Midland 4-3-2 Nice!	Call to see.
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Brick 4-1-cp	$40's.	3309 Houston	$100's.
Eastridge 4-2-2	$30's.	New! 4002 Midland	$90's.
West 30th 3-2-cp	$40's.	New! 3309 Irving.	
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$36 million settlement for four wrongly convicted of murder

CHICAGO (AP) — Four black men wrongfully convicted of murdering a couple nearly two decades ago have won $36 million from the county in what their lawyers say is the biggest settlement ever reached in a civil rights lawsuit over police misconduct.

The four had sued Cook County, claiming the sheriff's officers who investigated the 1978 case were racists who hid evidence that would have helped the defense while ignoring leads pointing to the real killers.

"No amount of money can be satisfactory for what has been done to us," said one of the men wrongly sent to death row, Dennis Williams.

"If someone asked me 18 years ago, 'Can I buy your life for $100 million or can I borrow your life for $100 million for 18 years?' I would have said hell, no."

The four were freed from prison in 1996 and pardoned after a group of student journalists at Northwestern University proved a state witness had lied. Three other men were later convicted of killing the couple.

Attorney Mark Ter Molen, who represents one of the group now known as the Ford Heights Four, said Friday he would petition the county's chief criminal courts judge for a special prosecutor to investigate the case.

"The amount of the settlement reflects the gravity of the misconduct that occurred in this case," Ter Molen said. "We believe the evidence we found warrants review by a special prosecutor."

010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: Yellowhouse Canyon River Ranch: To Whom It May Concern: I have surveyed the property located at 2603 Avenue F, (Lots 4-9, Block 26, Wilmeth Addition to the City of Snyder). I declare this structure to be unsafe as defined in Ordinance 324 and intend to order the demolition of the structure on or about March 15, 1999.

(s) Tom Valentine
Building Inspection Department
City of Snyder
(915)573-4959

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for Replacement of Computer Cable on Monday, March 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: Bobby C. Russell; I have surveyed the property located at 308 29th Street, (E50' of W100' Lot 2, Block 26, Grayum and Nelson Addition to the City of Snyder). I declare this structure to be unsafe as defined in Ordinance 324 and intend to order the demolition of the structure on or about March 15, 1999.

(s) Tom Valentine
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(Maintenance Project)

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OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
CSJ No. 6033 00 001

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Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
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UNTIL 2:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999.
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ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE FOR THIS CONTRACT.

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Bidding proposals and plan viewing will be available ON AND AFTER MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1999 at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office located at:

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CONTACT: SAUNDRA J. COLLINS

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Thank You

The family of Billie Holt would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful flowers and cards and wonderful food. We also appreciate all the calls, thoughts and prayers for us during this most difficult time.

Terry Holt,
Lance & Sherry Autry, Terryn & Taylor,
Bill & Kerry Holt, Cody, Jody & Dusty
Terry E. Holt

Thank You

The family of Tommy Strickland takes this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow (when our loved one was called away.) We deeply appreciate the kind words, cards and beautiful flowers that were sent; also the food that was prepared. May you have just such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home. May Heaven's richest blessings fall on each of you.

Words will never be able to express our sincere thanks to each of you that prayed, sent cards, called, prepared food, etc. It is such an humbling experience to see how this community pulls together in a time of crisis. Because of so many dedicated Christians, we have once again experienced a miracle. It is my prayer that each of us continue a close walk with our Lord, we find comfort and peace in that walk, and that you and yours be richly blessed for your faithfulness. God is Alive! Lately, we have seen Him a lot in your faces.

May you always be caught living each day as if it were your last.

In Christian love,
Mel, Sheryll, Brady and Wendy Reed

Thank You

A special thanks to all the people who came by the hospital, called, sent cards or helped in anyway. We appreciated it very much. May God bless each of you.

Joe & Juanita Ellington

Number of calls handled Friday

Scurry County sheriff's dispatchers handled a number of calls Friday and early Saturday morning, but most were of a minor nature.

Six arrests were made Friday, including one person on a blue warrant for parole violation.

Officers arrested Andrew Garza, 21, of 905 27th St. at 7:56 p.m. in the 200 block of 29th Street on a Texas Department of Criminal Justice warrant.

Two persons were arrested at 8:51 a.m. in the 2100 block of 41st Street on outstanding misdemeanor warrants from Nolan County. Taken into custody were a 39-year-old male and a 38-year-old female.

Outstanding city warrants resulted in the arrest of a 24-year-old male at 5:16 p.m. in the 3700 block of Avenue O. The warrants were for no liability insurance and failure to appear.

Deputies arrested a 57-year-old male at 10:09 p.m. on an outstanding warrant for criminal mischief. The man was taken into custody in the 100 block of 23rd Street after first causing a disturbance on Ennis Creek Rd.

At 10:42 p.m., officers arrested a 29-year-old male at the Sonic for public intoxication.

In other activity Friday, Verna Sellars requested to speak to an officer at 4:58 p.m. in reference to some items from her porch being missing.

Officers were notified around 5:30 p.m. Friday that a 14-year-old female and a 14-year-old male had failed to return home to their respective residences after school. The male was later located about an hour later. An attempt to locate was maintained on the female.

A report for loud music was made at 6:27 p.m. from the 2200 block of Avenue Z.

Several juveniles were detected by officers at 9:32 p.m. while writing on the windows of vehicles parked at Subway. The parents of the juveniles were notified and the parents did pick them up.

Early Saturday morning, Rose Stitzel notified officers that her residence in the 2000 block of West Drive had been burglarized.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Hopes and expectations on your part could be elevated today through some interesting developments. Even if they sound too good to be true, it won't dilute their potential.

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Education board discusses charter problems

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education likely will be called on to revoke Texas' contract with one or more independent charter schools in the near future, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said Friday, citing such financial problems as unpaid teachers at some campuses.

The publicly funded schools, which are free of many state regulations, were touted by backers including Gov. George W. Bush as a way to encourage educational innovation.

The board has approved 168 of the campuses, including nine given the OK on Friday. One of the first charters approved surrendered its contract without opening after getting more than $240,000 from the state. Eighty-eight schools are already operating, officials said.

Moses said he remains a supporter of charter schools that do their job, but that it's wrong for any of them to shirk their financial obligations.

"Not paying your TRS (Teacher Retirement System) contributions, not paying your withholding tax and not paying your teachers on time are inexcusable ... What really bothers me (is) when we send them money and then their teachers write me letters and tell me they haven't been paid," Moses said.

He made the remarks after the board reversed a decision it made last year to ask lawmakers not to authorize more charter schools until the state can evaluate the ones it has. State Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock, had suggested last year's resolution meant the board was abdicating its authority.

With a revised membership in the wake of November's elections and Bush's appointment of new board Chairman Chase Untermeyer, the panel voted 8-7 Friday to encourage lawmakers "in the creation of more charter schools."

The resolution emphasized the board's "readiness, willingness and ability to oversee the same at the behest and direction of the Texas State Legislature."

The Legislature in 1995 authorized the board to grant 20 charters. A 1997 state law allowed up to 100 more charter schools under the same criteria as the first ones, plus an unlimited number for at-risk students.

"I think if the board is serious— I know you are — about wanting to retain your ability to assign charters and to also look at those that are effective and not effective, that it will probably become necessary in the next two to three months to revoke one, possibly two or three, charter schools," Moses told the board.

He declined to identify the charters that might face revocation.

Board members heard a report on several charter schools including one that has received attention, the Emma L. Harrison charter school in Waco.

Among other items, the report said the school had operated with a deficit of more than $275,000 from August 1998 until a recent audit; payroll hadn't been met on two dates in February; and no payments had been made to the Teacher Retirement System or the Internal Revenue Service since last August.

"I will not pass judgment on the Waco situation today, but I will tell you that I am very, very concerned and very unhappy about it, and there will be a sanction, and at the very least that school will be assigned a master," Moses said.

It would be the first independent charter school to be assigned a master to oversee operations, said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe. A Houston charter school has been assigned a financial monitor. The commissioner has power to assign a master, while the board has power over charter awards, changes and revocations.

Ida Pinkard, chief executive officer of the Waco school, said she would welcome state help and that she could have used more assistance earlier.

Mrs. Pinkard said no money had been mismanaged and disputed the $275,000 deficit figure; said employees were paid in February, although paid late; and said the school experienced problems when its state funding was cut based on average daily attendance.

"Every startup charter school has financial problems. ... If monitors are available after they get in trouble, they should be available starting out," Mrs. Pinkard said, adding, "We have not mismanaged money."

Military is still vulnerable to cyber-terrorism, Weldon says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Year 2000 computer problem is a "piece of cake" compared with the challenge of safeguarding the Pentagon's computer network against an attack by high-tech terrorists or a rogue nation, the head of a House Armed Services panel says.

Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., chairman of the subcommittee on research and development, said a recent episode in which computer hackers were able to break into the network through the Internet in a new fashion only underscores the problem.

The Defense Department says it was able to stop the latest episode of computer hacking. It said the intruders did not penetrate the "closed" part of the network and thus were not able to access any classified material.

But Weldon said Friday, "I would be shocked and surprised" if the Pentagon had been successful in thwarting the recent efforts to break into the network.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre gave a closed-door briefing to House members last week regarding efforts to hack into the Pentagon's computer system.

Congressional and administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hamre told the lawmakers that a new, potentially more damaging method of penetrating the Pentagon's computer system had been detected.

A military computer server near San Antonio was probed for several days in January by hackers who entered the system through an overseas site on the Internet, the sources said. The intrusions were detected by the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

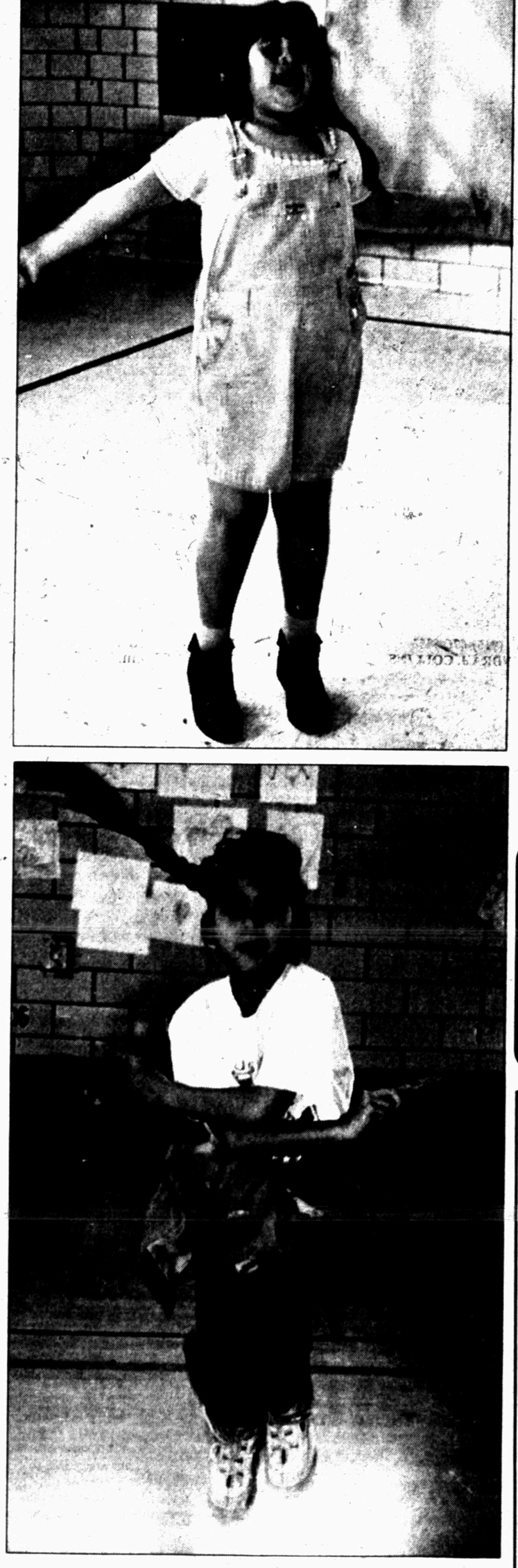
The new method for intruding "is larger and much harder to understand" than previous assaults by hackers, Weldon said.

"I know they have made progress" in coming up with better surveillance systems and programs, Weldon said. "The frustration I have is I don't think the military is prepared to deal with this in the way that we have to in the next century."

Weldon called for a full-scale effort to find innovative ways to safeguard the computer network.

Otherwise, he suggested that the first war "of the 21st century is going to be an attack we don't even know about until it's under way."

He said the amount of attention given to the Year 2000 computer problem is "laughable." Compared with the problem of safeguarding the Pentagon's computers, "the Y2K problem is a piece of cake. It's identified, and you know how to deal with it," Weldon said.



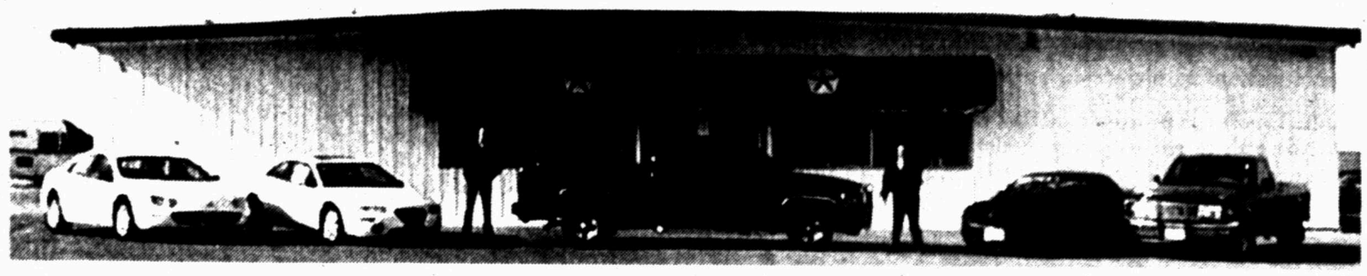
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — Stanfield and Central have recently held their annual Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser. Students shown jumping are (top photo) Esperanza Gonzales, Stanfield; (bottom photo) Jessica DeLeon, Central. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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BOY SCOUTS DONATION — Snyder Noon Kiwanis recently made a donation to the Cub Scout Pack 177. Accepting the donation from Kiwanis President Henry Valdez is Webelos den leader Rhonda Fletcher. (SDN Staff Photo)

Prescription drug cuts create big controversy

BOSTON (AP) — Prompted by the loud complaints of senior citizens, Massachusetts' secretary of state has given health maintenance organizations three weeks to convince him they really are nonprofits.

If they fail, the matter could be referred for court action barring the companies from doing business.

Secretary William Galvin's demand on Thursday followed the decision of several HMOs to stop providing unlimited prescription coverage to seniors.

Until recently, the state was the only one in the nation to require such coverage, but a federal judge in Boston ruled in October that HMOs needn't provide it.

The insurers have implemented limited drug benefits and special plans to help lower-income people pay for their drugs, but activists say the elderly are still hurting. An estimated 10,000 will end up paying more for their health-sustaining prescriptions.

Oil war brewing on several fronts

LUBBOCK (AP) — Anyone who lives in the oil patch can sense increasing desperation.

Threats of legal action against producers of foreign oil are escalating into action. Legislators are adding a strong dose of nationalism to their calls for an end to imports of cheap oil. Those without the stomach for a lengthy battle are cashing in their chips.

Oilmen from Oklahoma met with their Texas counterparts this week in Midland to prepare to file a lawsuit. They're seeking compensation under trade laws prohibiting import price-slashing that causes substantial harm to at least 25 percent of those in an industry.

"We've got to do something, even if it's the wrong thing," said Mike Cantrell, former president of the Oklahoma Independent Producers Association, who attended Tuesday's meeting. "Otherwise, we will be out of business. Our backs are against the wall."

Oilmen say that at best, the suit would permanently bar foreign producers from flooding U.S. markets with cheap oil. At worst, they say, it would would grant some sort of temporary injunction against imported oil.

The industry is experiencing its worst downturn in decades. The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States plummeted to an all-time low of 562 last month. Analysts blame a worldwide surplus of oil for dropping prices.

The meeting, which drew dozens of oil company owners, gave the Petroleum Club the air of a war room.

Ted Collins, who owns Collins and Ware Inc., was among those who said he will contribute to the legal fees involved with filing the lawsuit.

"It may sound a little farfetched, but it is better than trying to get tax relief or loans," Collins said Friday. "We need higher oil prices."

Collins said the lawsuit, while aimed at foreign producers, will effectively give the oil industry the same protection other industries receive.

"It can be successful because we protect every market in the world except oil," he said. "If Sony started selling televisions far beneath the market price because they can afford to, it would be hindered to protect a company like RCA."

Philip Anderson, of Anderson Oil near Midland, said he wishes the group the best of luck, but the action is too little, too late for his company.

"I just don't have the money to support anything other than myself right now," Anderson said. "I'm looking for a way out."

As oilmen rally their forces, local legislators have stepped up efforts to besiege the Clinton administration with constant criticism over the crisis.

"This administration has the ability to stop imports and put a fee on these imports and incredibly, the U.S. has been buying 320,000 barrels of oil per day from Iraq," said U.S. Rep. Larry Combest. "The U.S. has become the largest buyer of Iraqi crude oil, while our domestic industry is struggling to stay afoot."

The Lubbock Republican said the purchase of Iraqi oil is irrational.

"We have spent $6.1 billion keeping Iraq from invading its neighbors," Combest said. "U.S. fighter pilots are in daily dogfights and retaliatory bombing missions, yet the U.S. keeps buying Iraqi oil while we allow our small American domestic producers to waste away. This administration is financing a government and industry against which they are also engaging in military action. That is indefensible."

Texas Tech petroleum engineering professor Loren Davis said the current frenzy in the industry indicates how badly domestic oil producers are hurting.

"There used to be a 20-25 year cycle for the oil industry but we've been on a continuous downturn since 1983," Davis said. "This is another steep decline that has caught everyone's attention."

Oil prices

By The Associated Press

The following is a list of the average price of crude oil per barrel since January 1997. The price figure is commonly referred to as the domestic first purchase price, the price for which a company owner can sell a barrel of oil for before taxes.

1997	
January	$21.76
April	$16.63
August	$16.19
December	$15.04
1998	
January	$13.48
April	$11.64
August	$10.18
December	$8.14
1999 (estimated)	
January	$8.19

Source: Energy Information Administration

Separatists...

Texas governor's security staff uninformed about death threat

DALLAS (AP) — A plot to kill Gov. George W. Bush by militant separatists that preceded the group's West Texas standoff was not relayed from federal agents to the governor's security staff, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The newspaper, in a copyright story for Saturday's editions, said an FBI informant who infiltrated the antigovernment Republic of Texas revealed the threats six months after the April 1997 standoff when he testified at leader Richard L. McLaren's kidnapping trial in Alpine, Texas.

Texas Department of Public Safety officers, responsible for protecting the governor, told the newspaper they were blindsided and stunned — but kept their concerns private.

Texas DPS Director Dudley M. Thomas contends his agents should have known about the threats. But FBI agents said they didn't confide in the DPS because the threats were not considered credible.

"We were unhappy," said Thomas. "I view it as an isolated incident, a one-in-a-million occurrence.

"But my comment to the FBI has been and always will be that if it was a 180-degree situation and we had an informant telling us that individuals were trying to get him to help with or devise a plan to assassinate the president, vice president, attorney general, a congressman, director of the FBI or a city police officer, we would pass the information on to the appropriate agency to make sure they could evaluate their security," he said.

The governor's office had no comment on the threats.

One suspect died in a shootout with officers during the six-day Republic of Texas standoff in 1997. Members contend the annexation of Texas as a state in 1845 was illegal and that their leaders constitute the legitimate government of an independent nation of Texas.

An FBI spokesman in El Paso said the agency followed its policies.

The FBI informant said he is now willing to divulge details of the investigation because of disagreements with the FBI over money and security for his family.

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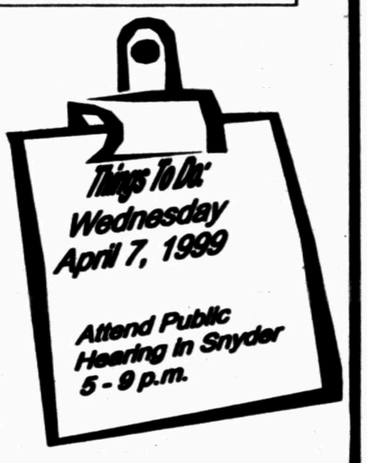
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Obituaries



Alvis Minton

Alvis Minton

1908-1999

Funeral service for David "Alvis" Minton, longtime Scurry County resident, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Minton, 90, died Friday, March 5, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital after a brief illness.

Born on Oct. 9, 1908 in Pilot Point in Denton County, he was married to Iva Merritt, Helen Sandell and Orene Nettleton, and they all preceded him in death.

Mr. Minton had lived in Scurry County since 1924. He worked for Ezell-Key Grain Co. for 45 years, many of those years as manager.

Mr. Minton was a deacon at the First Baptist Church, and he was active in the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Clarence Minton on April 5, 1985; four brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherry Haden of Abilene; three sisters, Floy Moore of Harlingen, Sadie Calfee and Mary Haney, both of Menard; three grandchildren, Cathy Reed of Snyder, Terri McDonald of Abilene and David Minton of Alvin; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Noah Project, Box 425 in Snyder; or to the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford in Abilene.

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W.N. Stone

1915-1999

Funeral service for W.N. Stone is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Stone, 84, died Friday, March 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born March 4, 1915 in Mt. Vernon, he married Viola Mayes on Dec. 25, 1940 in Stephenville.

Mr. Stone was a farmer and rancher and had lived in Tahoka from 1944-67. He had lived in Comanche since 1967 and moved to Snyder in July, 1998.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Stone of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Mike Roberts of New Orleans; a son and daughter-in-law, Charley and Dana Stone of Snyder; a sister, Ruby Thompson of Jacksonville, Fla.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Nancy Martin

1922-1999

SWEETWATER — Nancy L. Martin, the mother of Jan Lanier of Snyder, died Friday, March 5, in an Abilene retirement center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Martin, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the McCoy Chapel of Memories. Dr. Joel McCoy will officiate and burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Born March 27, 1922 in Rockwood, she married Melvin Martin in 1941 in Abilene.

Mrs. Martin attended Draughan's Business College in Abilene and had been a resident of Sweetwater since 1949. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and past-president of the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include a son, Greg Martin of Dallas; another daughter, Linda Fry of Amarillo; three sisters, Cecile Doyle of Abilene, Fern Chadurgian of Hollywood, Fla., and Joan Isom of Dallas; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Doyle Price

1934-1999

LEVELLAND — Doyle Price, the brother of Joe Price of Snyder, died Friday, March 5, in Lubbock's Covenent Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Price, 65, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors Chapel. The Rev. Steve Vernon, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery.

Born March 4, 1934 in Seymour, Mr. Price moved to Levelland from Sundown in 1948. He married Rosine Rose on Oct. 25, 1951 in Levelland. Mr. Price was a former tool pusher in the oilfield.

Survivors include his wife, Rosine Price of Levelland; a daughter, Suzanne Stewart of Levelland; three other brothers, Dan Price of Portales, N.M., J.B. Price of Odessa and Jerry Price of Lamesa; two sisters, Christine Swan of Odessa and Wanzell Bowers of Midland; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

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Group

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"distribution hub" for major companies transporting out of Mexico and from the West Coast port areas.

"To make a distribution hub in this sparsely populated area of West Texas. That is the big picture," Cooper said.

Questions arose during the meeting as to why an alliance was needed.

"Package," said Homer Taylor, Texas State Technical College president, explaining that it is easier to sell to bigger companies if the area is united.

The group visualizes using the area's resources, including two railroads and two major highways — U.S. Hwy. 84 and Interstate 20 — that pass through the area to help sell the package.

Trips have been made both to Mexico and California to talk to prospects.

County Judge Ricky Fritz, who joined the group visiting California, said prospects looked good.

"They have something we want and they want to be our partners. I'm convinced they are the real deal."

The downturn in the oil economy and the drought-stricken cotton farmer were also mentioned, as alliance supporters pointed out this area needed to turn in new directions.

"We need to be inventive enough to help create a market so we can hold our young people here and hold on to some of our trained manpower. If we don't turn this around, we are going to get very sparsely populated," Taylor said.

Speaking from the TSTC standpoint, Taylor said right now he is "in the export business."

"Export of talent," Taylor said. "We are seeing 98 percent of our graduates go elsewhere. We do not have jobs to provide."

At this point, Cooper said the group is working on getting organized and testing the waters in the six counties to rally support.

Also, Jim Wilks, a Sweetwater attorney, is working on a bill that would allow the six-county consortium to become a bonding authority.

Cooper said the group is not asking any of the counties for money at this point.

"Right now we are a bunch of talking people. We are seeking committment from the counties and trying to get organized."

Three counties have committed — Jones, Nolan and Fisher.

Amy Carter expecting

ATLANTA (AP) — Former first daughter Amy Carter and her husband are expecting their first child in July, the 10th grandchild for former President Carter.

Carter, 74, let the news slip Thursday in Orlando, Fla., where he was addressing the American Society on Aging.

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Mt. Olive anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ave. M and 34th Street, is celebrating its 79th anniversary at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Robert Sweet and members invite the public to participate.

MAWC luncheon

The Martha Ann Woman's Club has scheduled a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Reservations can be made by calling 573-3427. Adult plates are $8.50, while a child's plate is $4.50. The meal will be a buffet including chicken fried steak, baked chicken, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, plus tea and coffee.

Abundant Life special service

Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church, 31st and Ave. C, will hold special services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Evangelist Manley and Mrs. Manley will provide singing and preaching.

Ira open house

In conjunction with Texas Public Schools month, Ira School will host an open house from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Hamburger supper starts at 6:30 p.m. and room tours at 7 p.m. followed by the one-act play at 8 p.m. The reception is at 8:45 in the new gym foyer. Troll Book Fair is 7 p.m.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair starting Monday. It will be open on Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is sponsored by the Parent Council.

Retired teachers meeting

The Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Jean Sealy will present the program.

SHS Forensics Boosters

SHS Forensics Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the speech room. Parents with students competing on the Forensics team should plan to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Forsaking God for the World," followed by "Letting Jesus Reclaim Your Life From Alcohol and Drugs."

Pleasant Hill reunion

A Pleasant Hill reunion planning committee will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Center. Call Mary Farris at 573-8641, or Connie Key at 573-7465 to give names and addresses.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center for a board meeting.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet Thursday in the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What the definition of sex is

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: With all due respect to President Clinton, I don't understand the ambiguity of the term "sexual relations." What happened in the Oval Office was clearly a sex act. Is there some kind of medical definition that will clear up the confusion?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, there isn't. At least, there isn't a phrase that covers all the bases. What is sex for one person may not be for another. Let me explain.

I was astonished to read a recent article (Journal of the American Medical Association, January 20, 1999) in which researchers from the Kinsey Institute in the U.S. and the Copenhagen Hospital in Denmark, asked 600 students about what behavior constituted "having sex." Although virtually 100 percent of respondents agreed that penile-vaginal intercourse was sex, the students failed to agree about other forms of intimacy. Here is a synopsis:

— Two percent of men and women defined deep (French) kissing as having sex.

— Three percent considered nipple-kissing in the same category.

— Twelve percent of women and about 18 percent of men viewed touching a partner's genitals as having sex.

— Oral-genital contact was considered sexual by 37 percent of women and 44 percent of men.

— Penile-anal intercourse was deemed "having sex" by about 80 percent of men and women.

I don't know about you, but I find these last data extraordinarily shocking. Oral-genital sex was considered to be "not having sex" by a substantial majority of students. My question is: If it isn't sex, what is it? Moreover, 20 percent of the men and women did not define anal intercourse as "having sex"! Good grief, gimme a break.

Once upon a time, I would have defined "having sex" as any activity involving the genital organs. Now, it seems, that definition is far too broad. Or is the problem, as I suspect, that the above survey included only naive and inexperienced adolescents? It's hard for me to believe that a woman who was savagely sodomized at a fraternity party would claim that the activity was not "having sex." Similarly, oral and manual sex, while not technically intercourse, certainly fit the bill for having sex.

Maybe our President is not too far off the mark. Perhaps all activity, including sex, is definition-dependent. At the time of this writing, the impeachment issue has not been resolved. But if I were one of the Clinton lawyers, I'd surely get the Kinsey study on the Senate floor. The final sentence of the study shows to what extent politics has shouldered its way into medical research. "These data indicate that prior to the current public discourse, a majority of college students attending a major Midwestern state university, most of whom identified themselves as politically moderate to conservative, with more registered Republicans than Democrats, did not define oral sex as 'having sex.'"

Aha, I get it now. A person's political orientation defines how he or she views intimate behavior. That doesn't make sense to you? What's your problem?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just delivered a healthy baby, but I am anemic. To counteract this, my obstetrician prescribed iron pills. Now I am severely constipated. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Change brands. Most iron supplements cause constipation, which can be quite troublesome. To counteract this tendency, some manufacturers add a stool softener to their iron products. Ask your doctor to prescribe a different iron supplement.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I paint ceramics. The overglaze carries a warning that the paint should not be used on food-bearing surfaces. Why?

DEAR READER: Such paint often contains dangerous compounds that can cause illness if breathed or consumed in trace amounts over many years. For example, cadmium can produce abdominal cramps, vomiting, difficulty breathing, headache, exhaustion and cancer. Lead can cause cramps, diarrhea, mental disturbances, paralysis, convulsions and shock. As a general rule, hand-painted ceramics are best used for decoration than in the kitchen.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes Guillain-Barre syndrome? Following a flu shot last year, I became completely paralyzed from the neck down. I am making a slow recovery. Although I can now walk, I have no reflexes in my lower legs, and my balance is poor. It's a strange disease and I don't understand how I got it.

DEAR READER: Guillain-Barre syndrome is a frightening, unexpected and unpredictable form of nerve swelling that can follow seemingly innocuous viral infections and trivial immunizations. The cause is unknown. Some patients have a few mild symptoms, such as minor weakness and drowsiness. However, many patients experience total paralysis that requires critical care and assisted respiration.

There is no treatment, other than supportive management, during the active phase. After a few weeks or months, the disease ordinarily resolves spontaneously, leaving no serious physical consequences.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 2-year-old son has had middle ear infections, for which his pediatrician prescribed cefaclor, erythromycin and amoxicillin on three separate occasions. The child developed an allergic reaction to all three antibiotics, including a high fever and a rash. Are there ways of treating such infections in allergic children? Are the allergies outgrown?

DEAR READER: Cefaclor and amoxicillin are related to penicillin; therefore, your son may be cross-reacting to them because of a penicillin allergy. Erythromycin, however, is not related to penicillin and is considered to be an appropriate substitute for penicillin in sensitive individuals. I'm concerned that he appears to be allergic to that, too.

Sulfa can be substituted for the three antibiotics you mention; it may not be as effective, though. Because your son may need antibiotics in the future, I think it's important that he be examined by an allergist to clarify the allergy. Such information could be lifesaving.

Children often develop rashes and fever during an illness, confusing parents and doctors, who may unfairly blame a certain drug. Although children can outgrow medication allergies, I would not feel comfortable administering an antibiotic to a child whose allergic status is unclear. My advice: get the allergy evaluation.

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To be inducted

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Walter Cronkite is making news in his native Missouri, where he is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Famous Missourians next week.

Cronkite, 82, who hails from St. Joseph, will be joined by Gov. Mel Carnahan and other state officials for the unveiling of a bronze bust of the newsman in the Capitol rotunda on Monday.

As an anchorman for CBS News, he became known as the most trusted man in America.

"Mr. Cronkite has led a long and distinguished career, marked by his integrity and dedication to his profession," said state House Speaker Steve Gaw, who oversees the hall. "His contributions to journalism and the world will be forever remembered."

Cronkite, who was the CBS anchorman during most of the network's coverage of space flights in the 1960s, came out of retirement to cover astronaut John Glenn's return to space last fall.

Other famous Missourians immortalized in the hall include Mark Twain, Harry Truman, Laura Ingalls Wilder, George Washington Carver and Walt Disney.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Potluck party produces a confusion-causing pot

DEAR ABBY: I had a potluck party at my house seven weeks ago. A friend who was a guest at the party left her Crock-Pot at my house.

I have been waiting for her to call me to arrange a time for her to pick it up. She hasn't called. After the new year, she remarked, "So how long are you going to hold my Crock-Pot hostage?" I was too aghast to respond to her. Abby, how can I get her to pick up her Crock-Pot at my house? She lives 30 miles away. Is it my responsibility to drive 30 miles to return it? Or should she pick it up?

CROCK-POT CONFUSED IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR CONFUSED: Why stand on ceremony? Make a lunch or dinner date with your friend and meet her halfway. She did you a favor by bringing food to your party, so pick up the phone and arrange to return her Crock-Pot. It would be a gracious gesture.

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DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the letter from the woman who purchased an answering machine to monitor calls while her husband was terminally ill? It lifted the burden of responding immediately to callers, and the messages people left were a source of comfort and support to her husband.

Several years ago, my husband was in the hospital. In order to keep friends and family updated on his condition, I put a message on my answering machine. That way, they did not wonder how he was, and it saved me many repetitive phone calls. Everyone appreciated the message, which I updated frequently, and they did not hesitate to call because they knew they were not bothering me.

MARIA BREMER, MCHENRY, ILL.

DEAR MARIA: Putting a message on the "greeting" tape of the answering machine makes great sense. Not only did it provide reassurance to worried friends and relatives concerned about the condition of a family member, it could also keep families informed during disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, etc.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter from Carol Rushing in Omaha, concerning a fatal accident that involved a driver using a cell phone: I am a senior driver and senior accident investigator for SuperShuttle Phoenix, registered with the National Safety Council. When I teach drivers the DDC (Defensive Driving Course), I tell them they must not use a cell phone while driving, and to be doubly alert when approaching a driver who is using one. I tell them to treat those drivers almost the same way they would an intoxicated driver, because the person is not driving with 100 percent concentration. Many traffic problems are caused by cell phone users who swerve across lanes and cause near-collisions.

In some countries, drivers are ticketed if they do not pull over and park before using a cell phone — and I hope this restriction will be adopted in the United States to establish better safety for everyone on our streets and highways.

MELVYN RATTNER, SENIOR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATOR, PHOENIX

DEAR MELVYN: Your opinion as a safety professional is greatly appreciated. The majority of mail I received on this subject came from angry cell phone users who were outraged that I suggested the use of cell phones in automobiles should be regulated. Obviously, they are not aware of the degree to which distracted drivers jeopardize other motorists.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I had a child three years ago. (I know we should have waited until we were married, but we didn't.) I also have other children.

When his parents learned I was pregnant, they wanted me to have an abortion. I refused. Ever since my daughter was born, they have become doting grandparents. They want her to themselves as much as possible.

Abby, they treat me and my other children badly, and they get upset when I call it to their attention. Please help to convince them to treat the children equally and to be civil to me.

ALMOST DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR ALMOST DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Being an "almost" daughter-in-law is like being a "little bit" pregnant. Either you are or you aren't. Perhaps they are waiting until their son makes you part of the family before they feel comfortable treating you that way.

However, as disapproving as they may feel about your relationship with their son, they should be told that their obvious favoritism for their granddaughter is creating ill feelings among the other siblings. And they should curb it because it's unfair to her to be resented for something over which she has no control.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to relate our tragic story in the hope that other lives may be saved. Last May, our beautiful 2-year-old nephew drowned in the backyard pool. His parents were diligent about safety gates, locks and latches in their home. They had thought of everything the baby could possibly get into.

Tragically, they didn't think of one thing — the pet door. While his mother was making homemade ice cream, he slipped through it and into the back yard. By the time she had raced through the house twice looking for him, it was too late.

This has been the most difficult thing our family has ever been through, and we will never get over it. I pray every day for his mother and father. The guilt and heartache they both feel are unimaginable.

Please, Abby, tell your readers that no matter how small a pet door is, a child may still be able to go through it. There didn't have to be a pool involved; he could have just as easily have gotten into the street and been hit by a car.

AUNT PHYLLIS IN N.C.

DEAR AUNT PHYLLIS: My deepest sympathy to you and to the child's grieving parents for your tragic loss. Thank you for wanting to alert other parents of small children that if they have pet doors in areas where children can play, those doors should be secured or the little ones confined to another area. Constant adult supervision is imperative.

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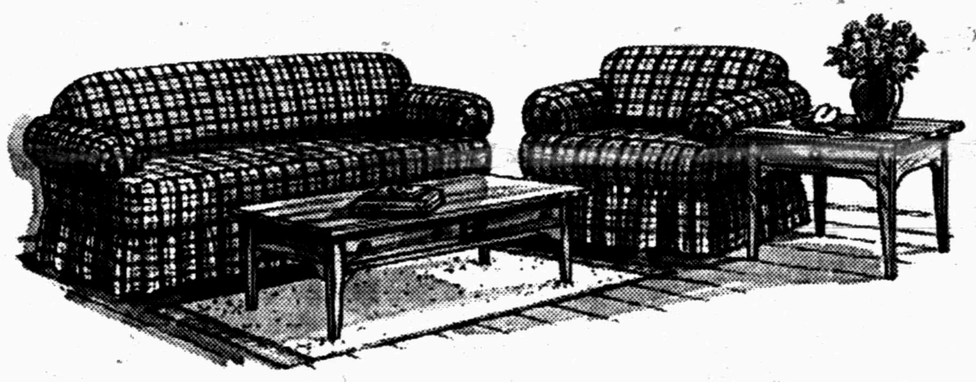
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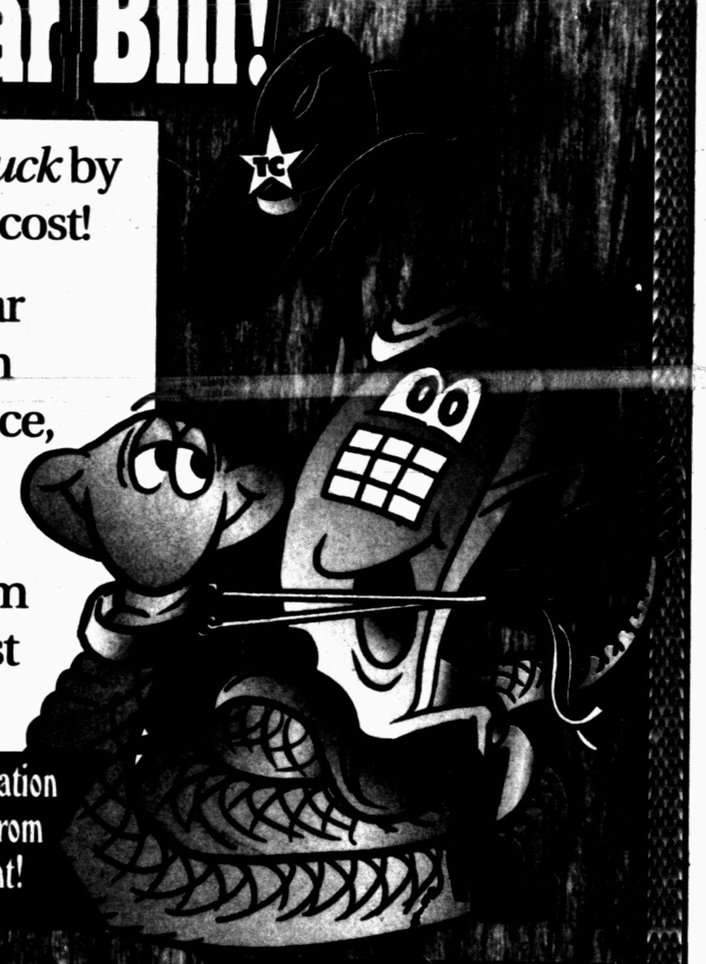
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Juan Duran...

Snyder resident sworn in as new U.S. citizen

Juan Duran will never forget Nov. 18, 1998, and neither will his family. That's the day he became a U.S. citizen.

Tears of joy and relief streamed down his face when — at long last — he had achieved his dream. He was a citizen of the country where he had found work that enabled him to feed his three children in Mexico.

Juan's story begins in 1958 when he illegally crossed the U.S. border for the first time. For about 10 years he was "in and out" of San Antonio, finding work where he could. Then he moved to Snyder in 1968 and went to work for a local farmer.

Before leaving Mexico that first time, Juan left his three children — two girls and a boy — in the care of relatives and set to find work across the border.

He had obtained a permit to buy groceries in Del Rio, but once there he "just kept going." The Border Patrol wasn't as strict then, so Juan was able to walk across on his own.

Whenever he missed his children, Juan would let himself get "caught" and deported so he could visit them. Then he would cross the border again to look for work.

After moving to Snyder in 1968, Juan worked for Dickie's for 18 years. Osteoporosis later caused his knees to wear out and, in addition to other knee surgeries, he eventually had to have both knees replaced. He is unable to work now, but does serve as the family's mechanic.

Juan met his wife, Lupe, after he moved here. She had invited him to attend Immanuel United Methodist Church, but he hadn't done so yet. When she ran into Juan and a friend at the Minute Market, she invited them both to attend services.

She is a Robstown native. Her family migrated to wherever they could pick cotton or harvest onions. They stopped in Snyder in 1961 and decided to remain.

When Lupe and Juan married in 1969, Lupe "took on the responsibility" of taking care of his three children in Mexico.

Every two or three weeks she traveled the approximately 500 mile round trip, bringing food, toys and clothes. In the days before the free trade agreement, she learned early on to limit her items and to disguise new clothes as "used" by washing them first.

She said she felt awkward if she didn't bring the children very much, but if she brought too many things, the Mexican officials would keep most of what she brought, especially new clothes.

On Feb. 22, 1971, Juan received his permanent visa. When he applied for the permanent visa, he asked and received pardon from the American counsel in Monterrey, Mexico, for the times he had crossed illegally into the U.S. and was deported.

Juan did not try to hide the facts because a single lie would have been enough to derail his application for citizenship, which was his ultimate goal.

On Dec. 3 of 1971, he and Lupe were able to bring his three children to live here. Though, not yet U.S. citizens, they did enter this country legally.



NEW U.S. CITIZEN — Juan Duran, third from left, is a new U.S. citizen, having been sworn in last November in Lubbock. He is shown with from left, his daughter, Patty; Jesus Bermudez, district superintendent of the Rio Grande Conference of the United Methodist Church; and his wife, Lupe. They all attended the swearing in ceremony. (Contributed Photo)

In April of 1996, Lupe applied for U.S. citizenship for her husband. The process took two years to complete. During that time, he studied U.S. history. In September of 1998, Juan was interviewed by the immigration office in Dallas. He also passed a 100-question test about the United States in English.

For Juan and his family, the swearing in ceremony was a very happy day. Besides being married to a U.S. citizen, he was now one himself.

Lupe encouraged her husband to tell his story so that others may be encouraged to pursue their citizenship also.

Juan's new status means that he is now eligible to vote, something he is really looking forward to doing.

Juan also wants to visit Mexico and he especially wants to take Patty, the only child he and Lupe have, because she has never visited outside of the U.S.

Of Juan's three children, one is a U.S. citizens and two are in the process. Mary Duran, who lives in Snyder, became a U.S citizen in 1986.

Another daughter, Martha Sanchez, lives here. A son, Tony Duran lives in Levelland. Both have applied for citizenship.

Lupe's sons from a previous marriage were both born in Snyder. Herman Guzman lives here and George Guzman lives in California.

Lupe said she "claims them all because I raised them." She noted their home is "like a banquet room" because their kids are always there. She said they did not have to celebrate her husband's citizenship because "every day is a celebration for us."

Lupe added that people in Snyder have always been good to her husband.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Court-ordered bagpipes are the punishment in Fort Lupton, Colo.

FORT LUPTON, Colo. (AP) — They don't take requests at this after-hours club and there's definitely no karaoke. The DJ is a police officer, and he's ready to bounce anyone who dances or talks.

Employing something like the aversion therapy in the movie "A Clockwork Orange," Municipal Judge Paul Sacco requires people convicted of violating the city's noise ordinance to listen to music they don't like.

The noise scofflaws — most of whom got in trouble for playing their stereos too loud — gather once a month, on a weekend night, to listen to court-selected songs. The offenders are mostly young, so there is a heavy dose of lounge music, including Wayne Newton and Dean Martin, plus some Navajo flute music, bagpipes and John Denver songs.

During the most recent session, the group of seven heard one of the judge's own jazz compositions, "I'm Sleeping in My Car."

Seventeen-year-old David Mascarenas was apparently scared straight.

"I'm not going to jam no more," he said. "I took my stereo out already. I don't want to be hassled no more."

Court coordinator Patrice Redearth, who suggested the one-hour music treatment, said she got her first playlist by asking her 17-year-old "what the kids would hate."

The worst selection was the "Barney" theme song, said Ryan Bowles, 21, adding, "If you laugh they cite you for contempt."

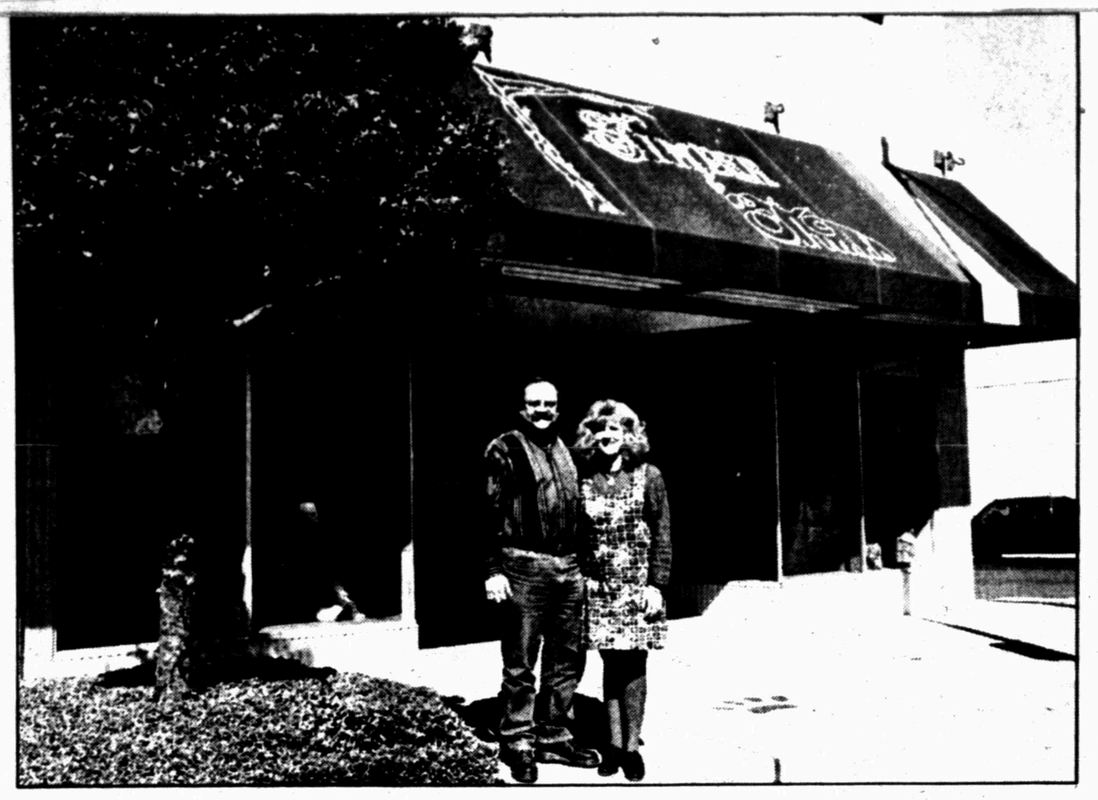
The DJ policeman, Joe

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BUSINESS ON THE SQUARE — Timber and Threads has been chosen by the Snyder Beautification Committee and the Snyder Garden Club as "Business of the Month On The Square." Timber and Threads has been on the Snyder square for just over five years. It is owned by Rob and Tina Sanders who said they are proud to be a part of the square and the community. Timber and Threads is a specialty shop that has a variety of gifts such as Brighton leather products, candles, pictures and beanie babies. It also is the home of Shia D'Sign, a ladies' apparel line manufactured right here in Snyder and sold throughout the United States. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Coping with the mess of remodeling

By The Associated Press

Rare is the family that can move out when major remodeling is being done on the home. Here are some tips on making the experience go more smoothly:

— Empty rooms completely and get the furniture and other items out of the way.

"We tell clients to rent a storage container to put on their property. That way, we can empty the affected rooms instead of piling everything into the other rooms, which makes them unusable," says Doug Dervin, a contractor in West Hempstead, N.Y., and president of the New York/Long Island chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Container prices vary. In the Long Island area, the cost is about $200 a month, Dervin says.

— Shield the rest of the house from the mess. To isolate the area being worked on, ask the contractor to install a plastic wall with a zipper door. Heavy-duty sheeting can be used over carpeting and wood floors. There is even a paint product that protects a tub while the tile is going up around it. When the job is done, the painted protection can be peeled off like rubber.

— Anticipate dislocation for about two weeks for a bathroom and up to a month for a kitchen.

"Go on vacation or try to stay at a relative's house during the these major jobs.

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Auxiliary announces winners

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary had a drawing for a "Loveable, Huggable, Wild Thing" stuffed animal during February. Joshua Paul, a 10 year old patient in the hospital, was the winner.

Response for the project was successful and the auxiliary had a drawing for a second stuffed toy, a "Snyder Tiger," won by Rodney Dupree.

The toys were from the auxiliary's Gift Shop, located near the front lobby, where new items arrive daily for selections for special occasions. In addition, the shop has an abundant supply of greeting cards. Proceeds are used to benefit auxiliary projects at CMH.

Class of '49 sets reunion

The Snyder High School class of 1949 will hold its 50th reunion Friday and Saturday evenings, May 14-15, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. and banquet festivities will begin at 7 Saturday.

Planners have been unable to locate Alvin Caudle, Bobbie Millhollon, Laverne Smith, Dolores Ann Williams and Dorthea Williams. Anyone having information about these classmates may call 573-2246.

This is the first reunion for the class of 1949 and everyone is invited to visit the group on Friday evening.

Posh Spice has 7-lb baby boy

LONDON (AP) — There's another little Spice: Victoria Adams has a baby boy.

The 24-year-old Adams, better known as "Posh Spice," gave birth Thursday to a 7-pound son, Brooklyn Joseph, at Portland Hospital for Women and Children. Mother and son were doing fine.

"We are both overjoyed," said Posh Spice's fiance, soccer star David Beckham. "Victoria is fantastic."

The newest Spice mom was "drinking champagne and has spoken to the other girls," he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-06-99
♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 6
♣ A K J 9 8

West
♠ 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K 10 7 5 4
♣ 10 6 4 3

East
♠ 8
♥ A K 10 8 6 3
♦ A 8 3
♣ 7 5 2

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 9 2
♣ Q

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	1 ♥
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

There is no substitute

There is one more signal: suit-preference. However, I wish to delay looking at that until next week. The final deal of the week is something that highlights the necessity for thought. Although you think you can see the killing defense, don't forget to follow the advice of Blaise Pascal, a French scientist and philosopher. He pointed out: "We run carelessly to the precipice, after we have put something before us to prevent ourselves from seeing it." Ask yourself both what might go wrong, and if an alternative defense might do better.

How should the defense proceed against four spades?

It looks so obvious for East to play three rounds of hearts. Surely partner can ruff higher than the dummy. Yet if East plays that third heart, he ends up a loser. As West cannot beat dummy's top spade, declarer ruffs (or overruffs) in dummy, draws trumps, overtakes the club queen with dummy's king, and discards two diamond losers on the ace-jack of clubs. He gets no overtrick, but who cares when there were four top losers?

East should have asked himself this question: "What if partner cannot beat dummy's top spade?" Then the best chance for the defense is to try to cash two diamond tricks. At trick three, East should introduce an intermezzo: He should cash the diamond ace and look closely at his partner's signal.

If West can overruff the dummy, he will drop his lowest card to discourage a diamond continuation. But here, he will signal enthusiastically with the 10. Now East will lead another diamond to defeat the contract.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Dot Casey directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

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Feb. 26

1. TIE: Anita Talbott, Susie Reed and Margaret Birdwell and Dot Casey.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.

SUNDAY
Feb. 28

Jane Hinton directed.

1. TIE: Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen and LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.

TUESDAY
March 2

Jane Hinton directed.

Swiss Team

1. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard, Barbara Yorgesen, Jane Hinton tied with Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall, Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.





Robert and Wyvonne Hicks
(Contributed Photos)

Hicks celebrate anniversary

Robert and Wyvonne Hicks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with a family dinner.

Robert (Bob) was born in Rotan on Feb. 11, 1928, and his wife, the former Wyvonne (Bunny) Wilson was born in Dermott on Jan. 17, 1931. They met in February, 1949 in Dermott while Bob was working with a traveling paint crew for the Santa Fe Railroad. After a three-week courtship, they married in Sweetwater on March 5, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks' first home was the cook's quarters on a Santa Fe train as the young bride assumed the cooking duties for the traveling paint crew. They traveled with the Santa Fe Railroad for 1½ years and lived in Lubbock briefly before making Snyder their home 47 years ago.

Bob has been a self-employed paint contractor for 45 years and Bunny, a homemaker, is still his favorite cook.

Their children and spouses include Linda and Ted Winter, Gary and Tori Hicks, all of Snyder, and Robby and Mary Hicks of Nashville, Tenn. They have eight grandchildren.

The Hicks are members of Trinity Methodist Church.

Scurry County Library News & Views

Scurry County Library has periodicals that may be checked out for a two week period. Most of the periodicals are located in the adult reading room. Also, there are some children's titles located in the children's reading room.

The library subscribes to over 70 titles. All issues except the most current ones may be checked out with a library card.

BOOK FEATURE

"Clearly Delicious," by Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz.

The author shares the joys of preserving the flavors of summer and autumn for year-round enjoyment. All the techniques essential for creating this mouthwatering feast of recipes are explained step-by-step.

Illustrated with spectacular color photographs, each process is demonstrated step-by-step. Fruits and vegetables may be transformed into pickles, conserves, jams, jellies, syrups, flavored vinegars and more.

NEW NON- FICTION

Rick Bayless's Mexican Kitchen," by Rick Bayless.

"Chicken Soup For the Couple's Soul, by Jack Canfield.

Anti-aging Zone," by Barrya Sears.

NEW FICTION

"The Midnight Hour," by Karen Robards,

"Tek Net 1997," by William Shatner.

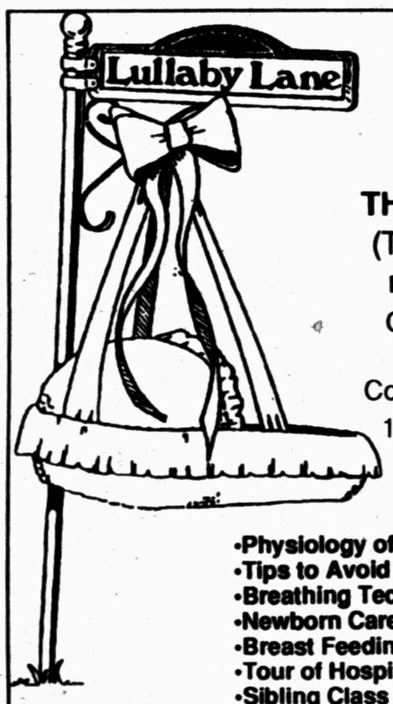
"Backflash," by Richard Stark.

LIBRARY HOURS

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60th ANNIVERSARY — Ross and Ena Carroll celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday. They were married in Arp on March 6, 1939. In 1982, Carroll retired following 47 years of service with Sun Oil Co. They have lived in Snyder since 1951 and are members of the First United Methodist Church. The family celebration included their daughters and son-in-law, Molly and David Kattes and Janie Carroll, all of Snyder, and their two granddaughters and their families, including four great-grandchildren. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors meeting; clubhouse; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday evening at the Snyder Svings and Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave. No reservations needed, for more information call 573-2850; two-night course is 6 to 9 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program "Cottage Industry," by Fran Farmer; Barbara McGee and Martha Schiebel, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; country club; "An Evening of Poetry," by Janeen Patterson; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters Study Club; MAWC; book review by Jo Ashley, Geleska Baze and Shirley Stewart, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for 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 Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal on W. 37th; Paul Hudgins, program, Karen Rinker, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Three support groups — Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents, will meet at the First Baptist Church; for more information call the church office at 573-2631; anyone is welcome and child care is provided; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 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.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; for more information call 573-2850.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Nielson Media top ten

By The Associated Press

Prime-time ratings compiled by Nielsen Media Research for Feb. 22-28. Top 10 listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses.

1. (1) "ER," NBC, 20.2, 20.0 million homes.
2. (3) "Frasier," NBC, 17.7, 17.5 million homes.
3. (2) "Friends," NBC, 17.6, 17.4 million homes.
4. (X) "41st Annual Grammy Awards," CBS, 16.6, 16.5 million homes.
5. (5) "Jesse," NBC, 15.0, 14.9 million homes.
6. "The NBC Sunday Night Movie: Alice in Wonderland," NBC, 14.8, 14.7 million homes.
7. (4) "Veronica's Closet," NBC, 14.3, 14.2 million homes.
8. (8) "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 14.2, 14.1 million homes.
9. (7) "60 Minutes," CBS, 14.1, 14.0 million homes.
10. "Home Improvement," ABC, 12.9, 12.8 million homes.

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

TUESDAY

Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

WEDNESDAY

Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

THURSDAY

Juice
Cinnamon Toast

FRIDAY

Student Holiday

LUNCH

MONDAY

Smothered Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Bars

TUESDAY

Weiners/Cheese Sauce
New Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Apple Burritos

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Spaghetti
Italian Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Peaches/Whipped Topping

THURSDAY

Stromboli
Potato Wedges
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. Each breakfast on the menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal and juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Waffle w/Syrup

TUESDAY

Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Burrito

THURSDAY

Biscuit & Sausage

FRIDAY

Cinnamon Roll

LUNCH

MONDAY

Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Chilled Fruit

TUESDAY

Hot Dog on a Bun or
Homemade Pot Pie
Roll
Tossed Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Orange Half

WEDNESDAY

Pizza or
Pork Choppette
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Fruited Gelatin

THURSDAY

Burrito or
Frito Pie w/Corn Bread
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Homemade Cookie

FRIDAY

Corn Dog or
Stuffed Potato
W.K. Corn
Tossed Salad
Ice Cream



SHOWER — Sunshine Johnston, bride-elect of Wesley Davis, was honoree at a bridal shower on Feb. 20 at the historical Cornelius-Dodson House. They are planning an April 24 wedding ceremony. From left are April Johnston, the honoree's sister-in-law from Burleson; Virginia Johnston, her paternal grandmother; Abbie Davis, the future groom's mother from Irving; the honoree from Arlington; Linda Johnston, her mother from Arlington; and Rena Faye Heinz, her maternal grand- mother from San Angelo.

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Wayne Kennedy...

Longtime principal enjoys working with students

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Profiles in Education

by Shirley A. Gorman

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles about Scurry County school administrators.)

Wayne Kennedy has been an elementary school principal almost as long as he was an elementary school teacher.

The 1998-1999 school year marks his seventh at East and his 20th as a principal. Previous principal post's include two years at West, five at Northeast and six at Stanfield.

Prior to that he taught the fifth and sixth grades at Central and the sixth grade at West for a total of 22 years.

Reflecting on his years at East, Kennedy points to the Accelerated Reader program as an example of some of the school's greatest changes.

Students take STAR tests which place them at their appropriate reading level. They then read AR approved library books and take computerized tests when they finish each book. Points are awarded on the basis of the number of correct answers as well as how difficult the book is to read.

Students' names are placed on a large map of Texas in the main entrance area and as they accumulate points, they "travel" across the state. They also receive other incentives.

Since the AR program was instituted, Kennedy said most of the classrooms and the library have earned the "model" rating. He also noted that they have added "a tremendous amount of books" to the library.

Perhaps the biggest change though is that greater emphasis from the state has been placed on the TAAS tests. He said that "more and more" they explore ways "to approach the TAAS tests."

East has also begun using the Shurley Method English program which offers a "very oral approach to language and is very interactive between the teacher and students." Kennedy noted that the students "seem to be doing very well with it."

When asked how students have changed over the years, Kennedy said that "in a lot of ways, they haven't changed a whole lot."

When he entered the education field in 1957, he said students did not have the worldliness that their counterparts have today. Due largely to television and even the Internet, he said they now mature faster and are more "streetwise."

For all of his 42 years in education, Kennedy said he has always enjoyed working with students. As a teacher, he had closer contact on a daily basis which allowed him to get to know them better.

As a principal, he enjoys "finding ways to help students get what they need in school. Being around kids helps keep you young," he added.

Kennedy also enjoys working with parents. "One of the best parts of being a principal," he said, is meeting and working with wonderful parents. They help keep me focused."

His guiding philosophy is "if you can deal with kids and parents in the same way you would like them to deal with you, it makes things go a lot smoother."

He wants parents to understand that "here at school we want the same things for their kids that they do." The more openly and tactfully parents are approached, the more supportive they will be, he added. "We need that support."

Kennedy, a native of Post, grew up on a ranch, but attended school in Post. During his senior year, his family moved to Post.

He had earned an undergraduate degree at Hardin-Simmons University, when he was drafted in November of 1955. Given a choice, he chose the U.S. Navy over the Army. That was the first time the Navy had accepted draftees. Stationed on a destroyer based in San Diego, he also visited Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong and San Francisco.

After 20 months, Kennedy said the Navy decided to discharge all of the draftees. Needing a job, he applied in Snyder and was hired to teach at Central. That was in October of 1957.

His college degree was in business and he had minored in economics and education. His master's degree and administration certification were both earned at Texas Tech.

While student teaching at Abilene High School, a requirement of his education minor, he said he enjoyed it so much that he decided to make a career of it.

He said his goal was always to become a principal, but "had not been in any great hurry to do so."

Student teaching had "kind of sold him on education," and he has never regretted the decision.

Looking back to his first day in the classroom, Kennedy said he was probably more nervous than his students.

Classroom memories include the girl who told him, "my head hurts, my leg hurts, and my throat is so sore I could barely swallow the peanuts I had for breakfast."

Kennedy and his wife, Peggy, married in 1966 and since her maiden name was Nixon, he said they received a lot of kidding about it.

She graduated from Trinity College in San Antonio and completed post graduate studies at Texas Tech University. She taught English at the junior high for several years before she became a counselor.

They have three sons and a grandchild on the way. Sean, the eldest, teaches and coaches at Lorenzo. Damon is working on his doctorate at Texas Tech. He earned his bachelor of science and master's degrees at the University of Texas at Permian Basin. Brett will graduate from West Texas A&M in May.



LONGTIME SNYDER EDUCATOR — So far, Wayne Kennedy has logged 20 years as an elementary school principal and 22 as an elementary school teacher for the Snyder Independent School District. His current assignment is principal at East. He is pointing to the Texas map which charts students' progress in the Accelerated Reader Program. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Milk producers predict historic price drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Milk producers enjoying record-high prices will experience a sharp drop over the next month — the largest change in one month in history, the government said Friday.

It's good news for consumers who should see a decline in the prices of milk, cheese, butter and other dairy products, economists say.

The Agriculture Department said the basic milk price received by producers will drop from $16.27 per hundred pounds of milk to $10.27.

The largest month-to-month decline ever recorded was a $2.52 dip, said Chris Nubern, an economist with the National Milk Producers Federation.

The upcoming price decline is earlier than normal. Prices paid to producers usually drop in the summer when it's hotter and milk production declines.

"Those are some very low prices for dairy farmers," Nubern said. "Ten dollar milk is not very profitable for dairy farmers."

"Everyone across the country is going to feel some of the price decline in some shape or form," he said.

Nubern said the dip is partly due to increased production prompted by record prices: "We're in a market where a lot of milk is being produced and that's driving prices down."

Despite the size of the drop, the price will not reach the lowest level dairy farmers have seen. In February 1991, for instance, prices were at $10.04, Nubern said.

Producers also have a cushion waiting for them. Congress included $200 million for dairy producers in last year's emergency farm aid package.

Bagpipes ordered as punishment

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Morales, said there's something annoying for everyone, and it works. He recalled having problems "with one kid three or four times. He came here once and he hasn't been back."

A requiem might have been the most appropriate choice for the most recent session, Feb. 26. It certainly looked like a funeral. One teen wore a shirt that read, "I hate this town."

"If they fall asleep their eyes will be pried open," said clerk Patrice Redearth, in a joking reference to "A Clockwork Orange," in which a gang member involved in a rape is forced to watch sickening videos, his eyes pinned open, while listening to Beethoven, his favorite composer.

Sacco's program debuted Dec. 5 in this agricultural and industrial town of 5,200 people 30 miles north of Denver. The sessions are held in City Hall. Most of the offenders are rap-loving teens. But not all.

"There was a guy who was 45 who got a ticket for listening to Bob Seger," the judge said.

Sacco, who is 45 himself and has been playing blues guitar since he was 10, said the point he is trying to make is that "it's wrong to impose your music or style on someone else."

"You've got guys going around now with 15-inch speakers in a small car with a 1,000-watt amplifier," the judge said. "Maybe the ordinance will help them save their ears."

Cars of drunken drivers could be seized in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — People accused of driving drunk in Houston would face having their automobiles confiscated under a proposal by a city councilman.

Councilman Carroll Robinson said he has asked the city attorney's office and Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford to look into the idea of seizing a person's vehicle when he or she is pulled over for suspicion of drunken driving.

The owner would have to fight a civil court forfeiture proceeding to recover the vehicle, even if the driver is acquitted, the councilman said.

"I'm really interested in doing something that focuses on reducing drunk driving," Robinson said Thursday. "I think if you hit people in the pocketbook real hard, it's a far greater incentive and motivation not to drive drunk."

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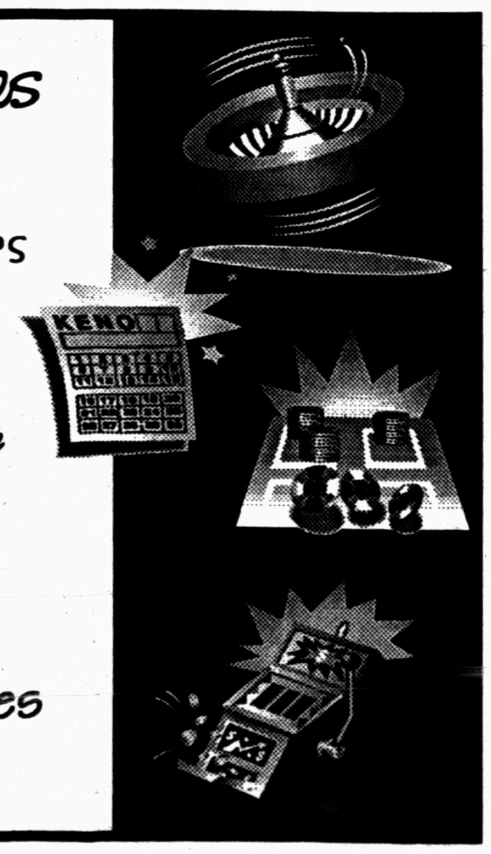
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New Vehicle Registrations

Mark and Deloris Longoria, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

George H. Bradley, 1998 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Tommy G. and Tommy K. Swaringen, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Edgar Rogers, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

James Crowder, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Gayle Lomax, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Ryan Teague, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Terrie Powell, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

D.C. Pearson, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Gaylon R. Rodriguez, 1998 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

Stanley and Doris Adams, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Gerald Jenschke, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

L.F. and Mary Greer, 1999 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Donnie Rowland, 1999 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Douglas Phipps, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby and Diane Beard, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Williams Cleveland Jr., 1999 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Kelly Gaskins, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Wayne Hogan, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Owen Barron, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Billy and Brenda Barnett, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Simon Ray Gutierrez and Brenda Claire Gutierrez, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court9

Reef Chemical vs. Omni Operating Co. Inc., suit on sworn account.

Providian National Bank vs. Mel Heard, suit on account.

Action in District Court

Dennis and Blanche Chisum vs. R.E. Meyer, judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Curtis Tony Hayley and Josiefina Hayley, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Margie Ruth Helm, independent executrix of the estate of Lewis Helm, to Margie Ruth Helm, 2 acres in Section 135, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Linda Lee Dunn, independent executrix of the estate of Inez Wilson, and Jimmy Ward Wilson to Linda Lee Dunn, the north 2 acres of 8 acres out of the east 37 acres of the north one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Linda Lee Dunn, independent executrix of the estate of Inez Wilson, to Jimmy Ward Wilson, the south 6 acres out of 8 acres out of the east 37 acres of the north one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Myron Fenton to Adran Martinez, the north 85 feet of Lot 21 in Block 29 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Myron Fenton to Paula Ortiz, all of Lot 1 of the Fenton's Replat of Lots 4-6 in Block 5 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Robert A. and Debora K. Lang to Rodney Trent and Theresa Annette Daniel, Lot 10 in Block 7 of the Bassridge West Addition.

Del Wayne and Julie Ann Parks to Carl Allen and Sandra G. Hodges, a tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Carl Allen and Sandra G. Hodges to Kevin W. and Kristi M. Carter, the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Michael T. and Kathryn L. Kelly to Prudential Residential Services, all of Lot 5 of the Cedar Creek Lynwood Addition (Section 1), a subdivision of a part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Prudential Residential Services to Benny Ray Sherrod, all of Lot 5 of the Cedar Creek Lynwood Addition (Section 1), a subdivision of the northwest one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Tom and Kay Valentine to Josie Haley, all of Lot 27 in Blog G of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Linda and Thomas Lowery to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, all of Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Highland Terrace Addition.

Mary Jo Harrell and Robert Garrett Cromwell to Albert and Darla Deloera, all of Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Michael R. and Mary Kay Brasuel to Vance L. and Wendy Reynolds, 2.50 acres in the northeast part of Section 10, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jodi Dee Rinehart to Leslie Neil and Shaleah Robin Rinehart, all of the south one-half of the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 298, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Juanita Cochran to Thomas and Beverly Kay Valentine, Lots 1 and 3 in Block 25 of the Blakenship Addition.

Big County Incineration and Services Inc. to J. Burton Sandefur and Robert L. Curtis, Lots 1-24 in Block 44 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Anyone over 40 in the family should be profoundly grateful for small children, who know how all the cyberspace gizmos work.

Q&A

How do you say 'no' to drugs, alcohol?

(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.)

How Do I Help My Child say "No"?

How to Say "NO"
To Alcohol and Drugs

1. Talk with your child about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.
   a. Let them know the truths of alcohol and drugs.
   b. Let them know that not everybody is doing it.
   c. Answer any question they may have truthfully

2. Learn to listen closely to your child.
   a. Your child will talk to you if they know you are listening
   b. Listen and talk this will let your child know you care.
   c. Make time to listen to what is being said.

3. Help your child have good self-esteem about him or herself.
   a. Give them praise for what they do and accomplish
   b. Criticize the action and not the child.
   c. Be and encouragement to them in all they do.

4. Help your child develop strong Morals and values.
   a. Set goals and rules for your child.
   b. Teach them to respect themselves and others as well
   c. A strong value system can help your child say no.

5. Be a role model and an example to your children.
   a. Abide by the rules you set.
   b. Let them see you doing and saying positive things.
   c. Be involved in what your children are doing.

6. Help your child cope with peer pressure.
   a. Help them distinguish between negative and positive friends.
   b. Encourage them to be an example and say "NO"
   c. Let them know that they can walk away from drugs and alcohol.

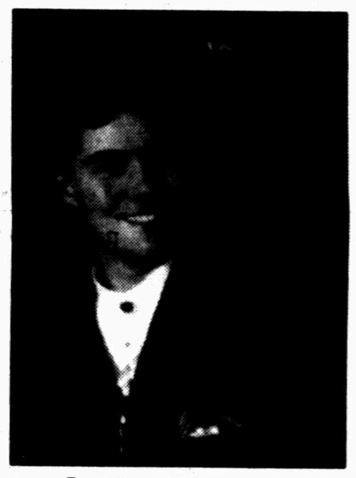
7. Make family rules.
   a. Let them know that the rule to not use drugs or alcohol not only applies at home but wherever they may be.
   b. Be specific about the rules, leave no room for doubt.

8. Encourage good activities.
   a. Help your child find interest in hobbies
   b. Encourage participation in school events.
   c. Engage in good healthy activities as a family

9. Form a parent group.
   a. You along with other parents support one another in keeping your children drug and alcohol free.
   b. Help reinforce the guidance that is being provided at home.

10. Know what to do if you suspect drug or alcohol use.
    a. Learn the signs
    b. Stay informed.
    c. Get help.

Please send your 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.



Jack David Hedges

Hedges named to SMU honor list

DALLAS — Jack David Hedges, a first-year student at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

He is the son of Byron and Brenda Hedges.

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Steakley named to SMU honor list

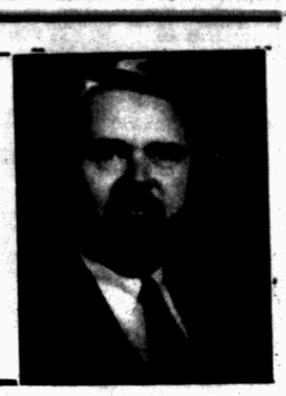
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Five Elements of H.A.P.P. Customer Service

Service is a critical element of success in a service economy. For all businesses, of all sizes quality service is a must.

However, today's customer is a tough and unforgiving judge. The customer demands better care and we must delivere better service to survive. Here are some thoughts to guide you on your quality improvement journey.

H.A.P.P. Care

•**Hassle free.** I define hassle-free service as "quick, convenient and complete."

Several weeks ago I rented a car from a local company. As I approached the desk, three young men were in sight. (Two on the phone and one behind a cubicle wall apparently doing paper work.)

After a brief wait, one of the men on the phone cupped his hand over the receiver and shouted across the room to tell the one not on the phone to "get the guy at the counter." A few seconds later I was "gone."

They had rented all of the car models I'd reserved, so I accepted the minivan offered at the same price. Then the real wait began. I had to wait several minutes while the back seats were replaced. Then I waited 10 more minutes while they added gas to the tank. When I checked the gauge there was a quarter tank of gas. I commented on this and the retail clerk replied, "No problem, just bring it back with the same amount." Quality service is simple. Have the car reserved, eliminate the wait and fill the tank so the renter doesn't have to add gas twice.

My rental car experience was neither quick, convenient nor complete. My advice for the company who picks you up: Try harder.

•**Always improving.** One thing I've noticed about companies who give great service is that they never give it a rest. Today's great service is never good enough. Their long-term goal is perfection. Their short-term goal is excellence.

To improve your service you must measure how you're doing. Then you must find ways to please the customer even more. Look outside your own company for improvement ideas. Adapt good concepts and raise the standard.

•**People centered.** The key to great service is great people. Quality service can only come from people who are trained carefully and love to serve.

My advice is to hire C.U.T.E. people. The "C" stands for caring and friendly, the "U" for untiring, the "T" for truthful and the "E" for enthusastic.

•**Promise keepers.** Keeping your promises is not the ultimate goal of a company focused on improving its customer service. Being a promise keeper is the foundation of great customer service. It is a minimum base to build on.

For example, if you repair automobiles and promise to have a customer's car ready by 5 p.m., you haven't given great service if you finish the car at 5 p.m. Build on the foundation by vacuuming the carpet, cleaning the windows, or picking the customer up at work, etc.

•**Yearly assessment.** Great service companies give themselves regular checkups. They ask tough questions. I've included a few thought starters, but you can probably add many to these.

Assessment questions: In what areas can we document that our service improved? What skills did we acquire this year in our company that allowed us to serve our customers more effectively? Who has responsibility for improving service this year? Does our use of technology support improved customer service. Do our service policies provide genuine value to our customers? Are we out-serving our competition?

You can improve your service quality. Try the H.A.P.P. system. It may just make a few customers smile.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Cheech Marin receives special award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cheech Marin's humanitarian work hasn't gone unnoticed.

Marin, a star of CBS's police drama "Nash Bridges," was honored Thursday with an American Latino Media Arts Award for helping improve educational opportunities for Hispanic children.

Marin also produced a bilingual children's album, "My Name is Cheech, the School Bus Driver."

His work in "Paulie" also earned him a nomination for one of the National Council of La Raza's awards to actors who portray positive Hispanic images.

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Deanie Francis Mills

Taking care of his birds

...I don't know about you, but I was sure relieved when I found out that Bobby had arranged for someone to take care of his birds before he died. It had been bothering me ever since Bobby's tragic death from a diseased heart when he was still a young man. His wife, much as she loved him, never had any interest in the homing pigeons he'd raised and cared for his whole life.

So it was a relief to learn that he had indeed left a letter with instructions for the birds' care with the strange little man who managed the apartment building Bobby had inherited from his grandmother. And the man — who is nothing if not unpredictable — not only named all the birds, but he cross-referenced the names with their numbers on a special computer disk. He also did everything Bobby had asked, including driving them upstate and releasing them so they could fly back home to New York. It's nice to know the birds will still be loved.

By now, many of you have recognized exactly who I am talking about: the character of Bobby Simone, played with powerful grace by the inimitable Jimmy Smits, on the popular television program, "NYPD Blue." Yes, this is a fictional character. And yes, I cried real tears when he died. I do not apologize for this.

My husband and I discussed this phenomenon recently. We were debating whether Ally McBeal should give in to the temptation to reunite with her former college sweetheart — who happened to be married now to the beautiful Georgia — and all of whom work together in the same law office. Kent and I were both vehemently opposed to this, since, well, Billy is MARRIED NOW.

And then Kent said, "This is so silly. Talking about a TV show like these people are real."

But there's nothing silly about it, really, and I'll tell you why.

Storytelling is one of the most venerated and ancient traditions known to humankind, beginning with the oral tradition. Before the written word; families and clans and tribes gathered 'round the fire and listened, spellbound, while the respected tribal storyteller preserved that tribe's history by telling and re-telling the stories of the culture, not just to entertain their listeners, but to educate them as well. Many of the most revered Bible stories, in fact, were part of an oral tradition that was handed down and treasured through the generations before finally being put to paper.

By the nineteenth century, many of the most popular authors of the day were serialized in the weekly newspaper. If you've ever wondered why the books of Charles Dickens are so long, consider this: he was paid by the chapter, which would then be printed in serial form in the newspaper. On the day the paper was delivered, there would be near-riots in the streets as fans fought to receive the latest copy and find out what was going to happen next.

In the early days of motion pictures, adventure stories were serialized in much the same way, and people hurried to the movie theatre every weekend to see the latest installment of their favorite adventure. Radio saw the creation of the "soap opera," another serialized drama, and of course television has developed the form to high art. Think how many millions of people waited anxiously all summer long just to find out who shot J.R.

All good stories — whether movies, television programs, or novels — begin with good writing. The best writing sheds brilliant prisms of light on the darkest depths of the human heart, to reveal with a mirror of the human condition. We watch or we read and we relate. We say, Yes, that's just the way it is, isn't it?

In his book, "How to Write Bestselling Fiction," Dean Koontz explains that he never feels the need to apologize for what he does. "In a world that encompasses so much pain and fear and cruelty," he writes, "it is noble to provide a few hours of escape, moments of delight and forgetfulness." He adds, "I write in order to communicate my ideas, feelings, hopes and dreams; It is the author's function to reach out to all the lonely, frightened people and let them know that, at the core, we are all alike, every one of us."

As many of you know, I am now collaborating on a novel with a former CIA agent, to be written under a pseudonym. Recently, we were discussing the themes of our book; that is, the deeper issues that we would like to examine within the context of a page-turning thriller. We both agreed that this would lend a greater sense of value to the work we are trying to do.

And my partner said, "Many moral and ethical issues can best and most effectively be dealt with in fiction. The ability to use imagination, creativity and drama both to personalize and to illuminate a moral conflict allows an author to bring his readers to an understanding of larger issues in a meaningful and memorable way that isn't possible in any of the drier, more scholarly forms of discourse."

In other words, I'm glad that Bobby found someone to take care of his birds. He was a good person, and even if we never watched that particular program, we all know someone just like him. And that — as the story tells us — is the most reassuring part about being human.

Deanie Mill's column appears weekly in the Snyder Daily News

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fair census for Texas

San Antonio Express-News

Partisan skirmishing about the 2000 census heated up again as the Census Bureau announced plans to conduct a two-track count.

Taking a position that is damaging to Texas, Republican House leaders oppose the use of statistical sampling even for determining the amount of federal dollars that flow to states in population-based programs.

The nonpartisan National Academy of Sciences helped draft plans for using sampling, but the GOP leaders want to stay with the traditional head count that produced a serious undercount in 1990.

Minorities and the poor are the groups missed most by census officials, who confirmed their undercount problem during the Bush administration.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that sampling can't be used for redrawing congressional districts but opened the door to employ sampling for other purposes, including redrawing legislative lines.

A showdown is expected in the House this summer because census operations were funded only through June as a result of the census dispute.

The dual-track census is expected to cost about $2 billion more, according to some reports. Republicans want to use additional resources to beef up the traditional head count, but experts say that will not be enough.

But in 1990, Texas alone was deprived of $1 billion in federal funds because of the undercount.

The Census Bureau admitted 3.9 percent of San Antonio's population, or more than 38,000 people, was not counted.

Texas, where almost half a million people weren't counted, had the second-highest undercount of any state in the 1990 census.

Democratic members of the Census Monitoring Board are predicting that a similar undercount in 2000 would cost the state $2.18 billion in federal funds.

Texas Republicans should place the state's interest ahead of partisan loyalty and support the dual-track census.

Kosovo peace talks

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Now that Yugoslav army and ethnic Albanian rebel forces have resumed fighting, the scheduled resumption of the recessed Kosovo peace talks in Rambouillet, France, on March 15 looks increasingly iffy and perhaps pointless.

Although the effort must be made, it now may be impossible for the United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization to broker a peace between peoples whose present-day disagreements are rooted in centuries of ethnic antagonism.

It was on the plain of Kosovo in 1389 that the Ottoman Turks routed the combined forces of the Balkan peoples and extended their control over most of the region. That watershed event exacerbated a problem of competing ethnic groups that dated to the thi[illegible] century, when the South Slavs began settling in the Balkans.

Ottoman control of the Balkans extended through most of the 19th century, thrusting Islam into the hostilities between the Roman Catholic Croats and Slovenes and the Eastern Orthodox Serbs.

In the early 1800s, the Serbs -- who are now viewed as the aggressors in the region -- were the good guys. They took the lead in the movement that led to the detachment of the nations that ultimately formed Yugoslavia from the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires.

From the start, the South Slav state of Yugoslavia, formed in 1918, was a combustible mixture of nationalities and ethnic groups. Parliamentary government under a constitutional monarchy proved unworkable because of ethnic strife. That gave way to the dictatorship of the Serbian King Alexander, who was assassinated by a Macedonian in 1934.

During World War II, the Axis powers accelerated the Balkanization of the Balkans. Germany annexed part of Slovenia, giving the rest, along with Dalmatia, to Italy. Albania, which was controlled by Italy, took over Kosovo.

Croatia became a quasi-independent fascist state, which also controlled Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slavonia. The Croatian fascists, called the Ustasha, launched an ethnic-cleansing campaign, killing off Orthodox Serbs or forcing them to convert to Catholicism.

After the war, Yugoslavia enjoyed its longest period of stability (1945 to 1980) under the leadership of Josip Broz, a.k.a. Tito, who organized a government in which the leadership -- under the control of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia -- alternated among representatives of Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Macedonia.

That arrangement held together under Tito's strong, charismatic leadership. But it fell apart when he died, and within a dozen years Yugoslavia virtually ceased to exist. In time, the Serbs, no longer the good guys, had initiated their brutal ethnic-cleansing campaigns in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Today, Serbia dominates a Yugoslavia that consists only of itself, Montenegro and Kosovo, which now wants its independence.

On the grounds of protecting its Serb minority in Kosovo, the regime of Slobodan Milosevic has resorted to a campaign of brutal repression. Perhaps the Serbs fear that an independent or truly autonomous Kosovo would forge strong ties with Albania or ultimately join it. And, of course, they also view the Muslim Albanians of Kosovo as descendants of the Turks who triumphed over their ancestors 600 years ago.

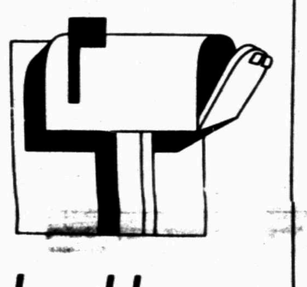
So why do we care? Why are the United States and NATO trying to bring peace to a region that appears to want nothing more than to settle its historic scores violently? Kosovo is a long, long way from these shores.

We are there because the story tells us that what happens in the Balkans has ripple effects throughout Europe, and that those repercussions ultimately will threaten our interests -- or us directly.

Strife in the Balkans provided the flash point for World War I, which set the stage for an even greater global conflagration. That could happen again, particularly because of the close ties the Serbs have to their Slavic cousins in Russia, who despite U.S. wishes are quick to rally to the Serbs' defense. The Kosovo Albanians also have strong links to the increasingly volatile Muslim world.

And just for humanitarian reasons, we and the rest of NATO must do our utmost to prevent the situation in Kosovo from devolving into the kind of slaughter that occurred in recent years in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

To stop the killing and avoid its global repercussions, we must be willing to put more of our troops in harm's way as peacekeepers in the Balkans. And that also may require us to use airstrikes to persuade the Serbs to behave like the good guys whom they were perceived to be, once upon a time.



Letters to the Editor

Choices to make

Dear Editor:

It is no secret "times are tough" in Snyder, Texas right now. I don't remember the "Great Depression," but, I do remember the "bust of the 80s, and I never thought it would be that bad here, again. However...

Now, as a town, we have some choices. We can either whine and moan, criticize and groan, or each of us, on an individual basis, can do what we can to keep our businesses open and our town alive until this passes, and it will. As Max von Roeder keeps telling me, "it's going to rain again — someday," and when it does, the grass will grow and the tanks and lakes will fill up again, the crops will grow and the cattle prices will pick up again.

Our politicians are currently working on the crisis in our West Texas oil fields, and, hopefully, by the time the Good Lord lets it rain again, our elected officials will have found a way to ease the oil situation. In the meantime, we fight, like everything to survive.

I would like to thank the 50 plus interested, responsible citizens who accompanied us to Austin for Snyder Day. Without citizens willing to help, we can't possibly do the things that are necessary to give Snyder an equal chance at the state funding, grants, etc., that will be applied for by every other town in West Texas in 1999 and in the future.

Thank you for helping with all the loading, unloading, decorating, greeting, meeting, delivering and hosting all of the House members, senators and state officials and their aides that attended our appreciation luncheon. At least to the over 300 that attended, Snyder now has a face. They know us personally, and they won't have to ask "now where is Snyder," when we go to Austin for future favors.

We also received lots of help from our Representative, David Counts, and David's staff, including our Mayor David Holt, Lisa, Jeff Levens and George; as well as Senator Tom Haywood and Shannel Woodard; Speaker of the House Pete Laney and the State Preservation Board staff, there in the Capitol. (Even thanks to Gov. Bush, who honored us with a private session and photos with him.)

I would like also to thank those who contributed monetarily, for without your help, we couldn't have possibly taken on such a huge task. I'd especially like to thank Lorber Industries of Texas who paid for half of the expenses.

Mr. Lorber and his staff are to be congratulated for not only choosing Snyder for the new home for his Texas mills, but for rolling up his sleeves and helping us fight our fight for survival. He could have put his mills anywhere, but he chose Snyder, Texas, as did all of us who choose to continue to live and work here.

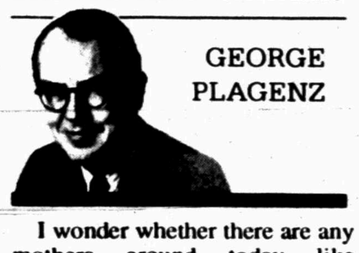
You would have been proud of the image Snyder portrayed in Austin, and of those who represented our town. We hope the rewards we reap in the future will be worth all the hard work, but, at least, we're all trying!

We can whine and moan, criticize and groan, or we can fight for survival. Thanks to the "soldiers" who helped. We applaud your "choice" to do so, and encourage the rest of you to enlist.

Thanks for a job well done!

Donna Fowler

SAINTS AND SINNERS



GEORGE PLAGENZ

I wonder whether there are any mothers around today like Leonard Stone's mother. Every day she would wrap Leonard's lunch in the sports section of the previous day's Cleveland Press so I could read it in the school cafeteria at lunch time.

Like a lot of families, we could afford only one paper and my father liked the Plain Dealer. I preferred the Pres[illegible], which had a better sports section.

One day in the cafeteria I noticed that Leonard's lunch was wrapped in the Press sports section. I devoured it more eagerly than my peanut butter and marshmallow-whip sandwich. I asked Leonard whether his mother would mind packing his lunch in the sports pages every day.

Well, she did it. It must have been a nusiance for her. There was another kid — Billy — in the family to pack a lunch for, not to mention Mr. Stone. It had to be a pain to hunt for yesterday's sports section every morning on top of everything else.

Do you know any mother today who would go to all that bother for the neighbor boy? Most mothers, I bet wouldn't do it for their own sons. For one thing they are too busy getting ready for work themselves.

But I am living in the hopes that the old-fashioned mother is coming back. There are signs. "Smart women do stay at home and love it," says the founder of Women at Home. "They are surprised to find out how much they use their education and creative abilities raising children."

Women in foreign countries are even more devoted to their kith and kin at home. The daughter of Anwar Sadat, the slain Egyptian leader, once told a group of American businesswomen: "You can take a few lessons from Moslem women. Go back to being good mothers. You get so busy with your work that you forget your basic role. You are responsible for that child."

In Japan, when a child is sick, the mother shows up for class and takes notes that she brings home for her child to study.

The popular magazine writer Judith Viorst said she never felt more fulfilled than while "sitting in the big stuffed chair in the living room sewing seams and replacing lost buttons. I recall the lost luxury of lingering over simmering pots and child's play and mending.

She and Leonard Stone's mother would have gotten along well. I am not so sure about Katie's mother.

Fifteen-year-old Katie was listening as her mother and I were talking about working mothers and how it affects their children.

"You don't mind that I'm not here when you get home from school do you?" Katie's mother, a bank executive asked.

"I guess it would be nice if you were home," said Katie.

"But you have my phone number at the office," said her mother. "you can always call me if you need me."

"Oh, I don't need you," said Katie. "I just said it would be nice if you were here."

What those of us with old-fashioned mothers probably remember most about them is that they were always there when you came home from school.

Sometimes all we said to them were things like, "Ma, where's my catcher's mitt?" Maybe she didn't know, but she would help you look.

Most of all, she was there — for you, or in the case of Leonard Stone's mother, for the kid next door who could count on her like his own mother.

But that was a long time ago, when we still used the Old Reliable and before the New and Improved came along.

As we later learned, the Old Reliable was better. Including mothers.

SDN letter policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.

Praises to EMS

Dear Editor:

In the past, I have read many letters to the editor praising our EMS.

Last weekend I personally had need for the EMS. I cannot say enough good things about them and all of the other people who came to our aid.

Snyder is lucky to have such a professionally run EMS. It seems that the police and fire department were both there in the blink of an eye also.

If you were there early Sunday morning, you have our heartfelt thanks for taking such good care of Sonny and myself.

The emergency room nurses and doctor were great also. It's comforting to know you are there in times of need.

Thank you all very much.

Gwen Cumbie
Snyder

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Report: Biotechnology used to protect soybeans in U.S.

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — The oddly named "hairy root" might help University of Illinois scientists solve a multimillion-dollar problem for farmers

The target is tiny, greedy soybean cyst nematodes.

Up until now, farmers have been told to rotate their crops to control the pests, which attack the roots of soybeans and result in lower yields — costing Illinois farmers from $70 million to $140 million a year.

Other plant scientists are using classical breeding techniques to find a resistance to soybean cyst nematodes in existing soybean germplasm, the genetic material of a plant.

But that could result in resistance to just one type of nematode, when there are at least 16.

So University of Illinois researchers have developed a system that lets them import genes into soybean roots from sources such as bacteria or other species of plants that might kill or deter the pests.

"The basic idea is we want to find a characteristic that we can put in the soybeans that will prevent the nematode from infecting the soybean root," said Steve Farrand, professor of molecular biology in the university's Department of Crop Sciences.

"It doesn't even have to kill the cyst nematode. It just has to prevent the cyst nematode from attacking," said Farrand, who is working with a plant physiologist, a nematologist from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a postdoctoral research associate on the project.

The key to their work is a bacteria called Agrobacterium rhizogenes. When the bacteria is introduced to the soybean plant, it forces the plant to produce what is called a "hairy root."

This root is somewhat different from the normal roots produced by a soybean plant, but nematodes do not seem to mind and attack it anyway, Farrand said.

At the same time the bacteria is causing the hairy root to form, it can also serve as a conduit to transfer other types of DNA that are then expressed in the root.

"You get a hairy root that is expressing the gene you want to test, and the hairy root is the substrate for cyst nematode infection," Farrand said. "So we have a wonderful way now of assessing the capacity of any given gene to confer resistance to cyst nematode infection."

Now that they have an efficient testing medium, which they continue to fine-tune, the researchers are looking for a substance that will kill or deter nematodes.

They are searching for something that would promote resistance in more than one type.

For instance, all nematodes have a coating that is made up of complex chemicals, including collagen. If the researchers could introduce a type of bacteria that would produce collagen-digesting enzymes in the root, that could be a form of resistance, Farrand said.

Farrand said the hairy root system of testing DNA is efficient, quick and allows research to be done in the controlled environment of a laboratory instead of a greenhouse.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

Y2K, with optimism

By CURT ANDERSON
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is confident its computers are ready for the Year 2000, but taxpayers should watch out for any unexplained glitches.

"We're going to try to avoid these things, but they could happen," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti. "Although there might be some inconvenience, we're not going to allow any taxpayer to suffer any financial harm."

Computers worldwide that use two digits for years could recognize 2000 as 1900 unless their software is fixed, which would create problems in information systems used by government and business.

By early 1999, IRS officials say they will finish work and testing on 70,000 computer programs, a process that has taken 1,000 people two years to complete. IRS workers have rewritten some 40 million lines of computer code.

"By the end of January, every computer program we have will by Y2K-compliant," predicted John Yost, who oversees the effort at IRS.

Much of the work on mainframe computers — the ones used by IRS for processing refunds and payments — was finished prior to the 1998 tax return filing season. There were some errors last year in computation of penalties and interest and in some notices for taxes due.

"It did occur, but it wasn't a big fraction of the total," Yost said. "Overall, we had a good filing season."

Now most of those bugs have been ironed out. This year, the IRS computers that deal with customer service and with collections and audits will have the new lines of rewritten code.

Despite testing, the sheer scope of the changes and the complexity of tax laws make mistakes possible. Yost, however, said the major danger is that some programs just won't work.

"They tend to be either on or off," Yost said of these computers. "Either the system is up and working and giving good information or the system is down."

Independent observers say IRS has done a good job of dealing with the Y2K problem. Rep. Steve Horn, a California Republican who chairs the House subcommittee on government management, said many in Congress who were "convinced that IRS wouldn't make it" have been pleasantly surprised.

"They did make it, and that was good news that IRS is turning around," Horn said.

Taxpayers who believe they've gotten inaccurate IRS tax information, notices or other data should call the agency at 1 (800) 829-1040.

The total bite

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tax bite on Americans from all levels of government is projected to top $2.66 trillion in 1998, according to an independent analysis.

The non-profit Tax Foundation estimates that federal, state and local governments will collect an average of $26,434 for every household in the country — or an average of $9,881 for every U.S. resident.

Of those total collections, the federal government accounts for almost 68 percent at about $1.8 trillion. The biggest chunk is individual income taxes, at $792 billion, followed by payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare at $682 billion.

State and local governments take another $861 billion, according to the Tax Foundation. This figure includes sales taxes of nearly $273 billion, property taxes amounting to $221 billion and income taxes of $169 billion.

Corporate income taxes total $226 billion at the federal level and $40 billion with state and local governments.

Datebook

March 6, 1999

Today is the 65th day of 1999 and the 76th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1836, after a 13-day siege, the Alamo was stormed by a Mexican army. All 187 defenders were killed, including Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie.

On this day in 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt declared a national bank holiday in order to protect the nation's banking system. Most banks reopened 10 days later.

On this day in 1981, Walter Cronkite retired as anchorman of "CBS Evening News."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michelangelo (1475-1564), artist; Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861), poet; Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), composer; Lefty Grove (1900-1975), baseball great; Ed McMahon (1923-), TV personality, is 76; Alan Greenspan (1926-), Federal Reserve chairman, is 73; Gabriel Garcia Marquez (1928-), writer, is 71; Willie Stargell (1941-), baseball great, is 58; Rob Reiner (1945-), director, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Julie Krone became the winningest female jockey in history when she won her 1,205th race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As many men, so many minds; every one his own way." — Terence

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 2) and last quarter (March 10).

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March 7, 1999

Today is the 66th day of 1999 and the 77th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone.

On this day in 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered troops to invade the Rhineland. The action broke the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

On this day in 1969, the Who released "Pinball Wizard" in Britain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Luther Burbank (1849-1926), botanist; Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), composer; Anna Magnani (1908-1973), actress; Janet Guthrie (1938-), auto racer, is 61; Daniel Travanti (1940-), actor, is 59; Franco Harris (1950-), football great, is 49; Joe Carter (1960-), baseball player, is 39; Ivan Lendl (1960-), tennis player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles defeated Jersey Joe Walcott in a 15-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little." — Plutarch

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 2) and last quarter (March 10).

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Lawyers agree on dividing settlement from Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Now that Paula Jones and her attorneys agree on how to divide her $850,000 settlement from President Clinton, the key remaining question in the sexual harassment case is whether Clinton will be cited for contempt.

The money paid in November was held by the courts when Mrs. Jones' former and current lawyers disagreed on how it should be divided. The agreement was noted but not detailed in an order entered in federal court Thursday.

Mrs. Jones is to get $200,000. Lawyer Joseph Cammarata said that he and fellow attorney Gilbert Davis would get $350,000 from Mrs. Jones, who they represented in the earlier stages of the case.

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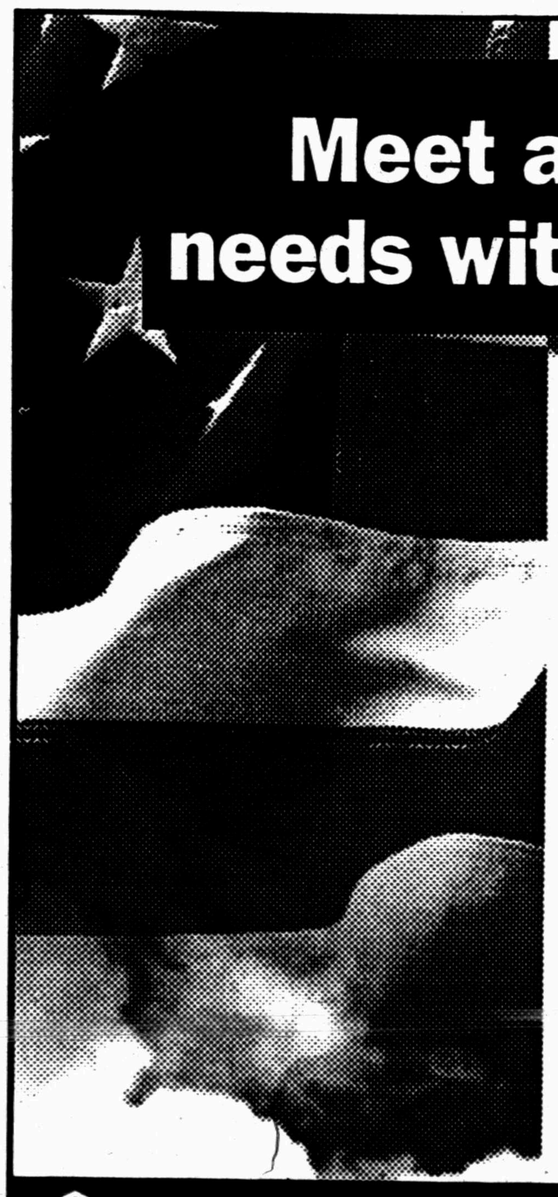
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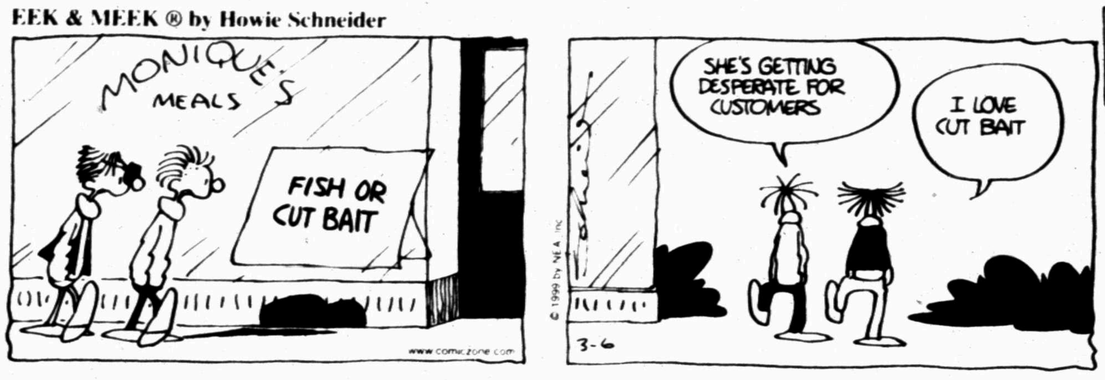
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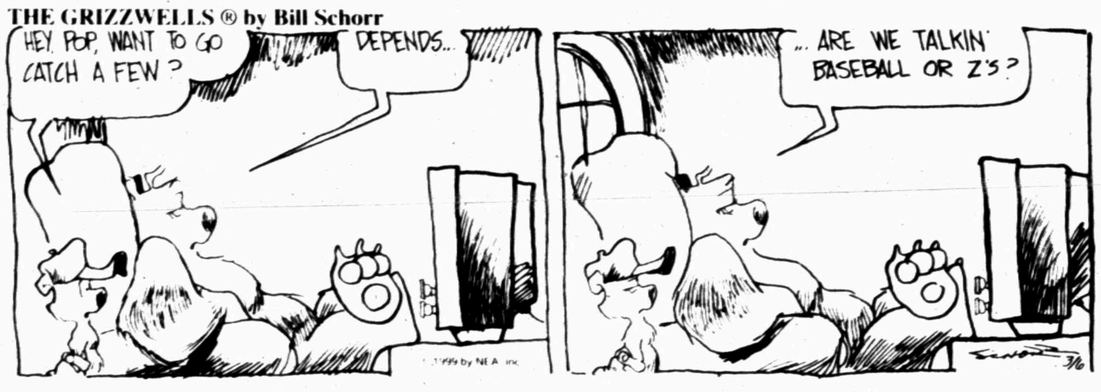
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7 Subtract
13 Sent away
14 Close-fitting jacket
15 Cared for
16 Brightly colored bird
17 Give — — whirl
18 Apr. 15 addressee
20 Artful
21 Content
25 Most meager
28 Three-piece suit parts
32 "Gigi" star
33 Small bottle for medicine
34 "— We All?"
35 Actress Keaton
36 Moisten the turkey
37 Pulled away violently
39 Not at sea
41 Nonprofit TV
44 Dawn
45 Greek letter
48 Chalk remover
51 Set of four
54 In abundance
55 Girl at the Plaza
56 Tidbit for Rockefeller?
57 Raised places

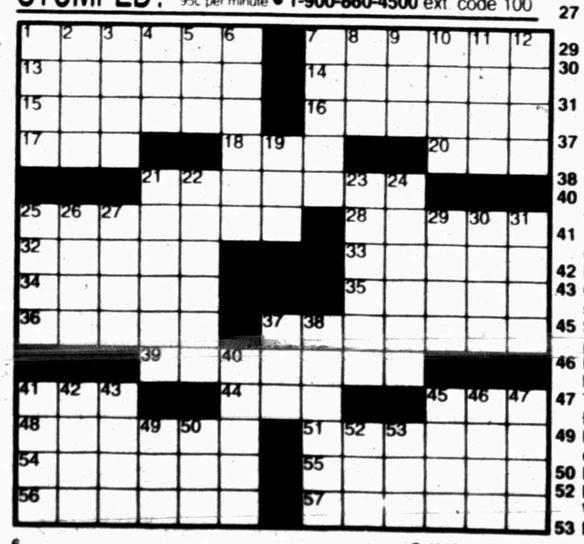
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1 Actress Moore
2 Doorway sign
3 One of a 1492 trio
4 Antiquated
5 Golf peg
6 Whirlpools
7 Refuse
8 Poetic contraction
9 "Agnus —"
10 Flying saucers: abbr.
11 Room in a jail
12 Playing card
19 Lab animal
21 At once
22 Of pre-Easter
23 Dodger
24 Passing
25 Strikebreaker
26 Prefix for medic
27 Mars' Greek counterpart
29 Petty quarrel
30 Adjust, as a motor
31 Runnered vehicle
37 Owl's question?
38 List
40 More withered
41 "— — My Heart"
42 Donkey's cry
43 Chemical salts
45 Self-righteous person
46 Return envelope: abbr.
47 The 15th of March
49 Habitual drunkard
50 Before
52 Inventor Whitney
53 Bushy clump

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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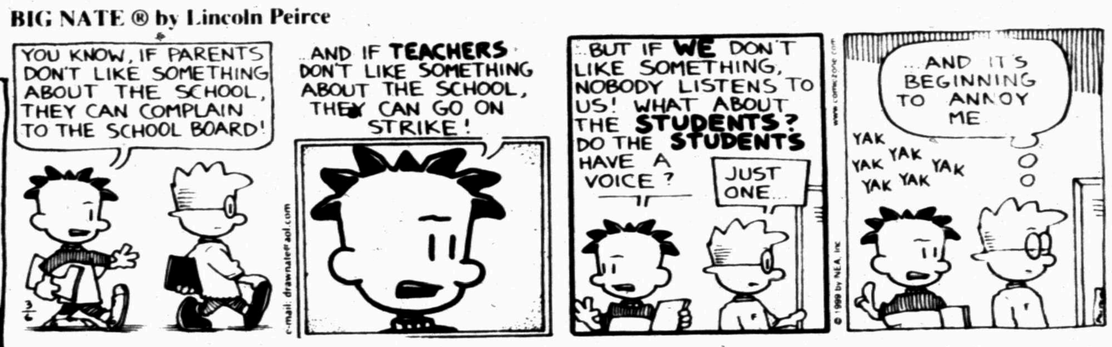
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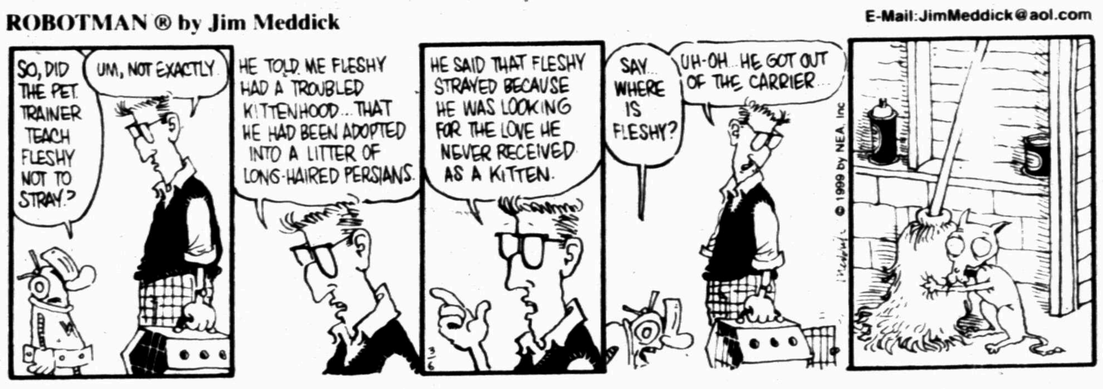


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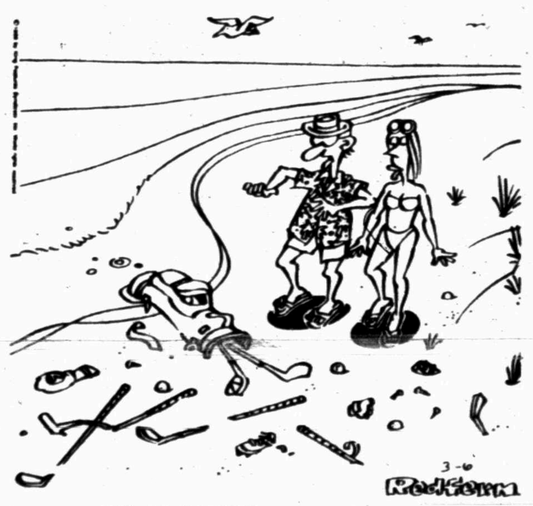


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WEST ELEMENTARY PLAY — "Cock-A-Doodle Dandy" was performed at West Elementary by students of Brenda Billings, Kay Hensley, Willita Farmer and Sherry Kidd. In the top photo, bottom row (from left), are Kayli Brewster, Amanda Midwell, Megan Smith, Cody Davis, Rebekah Brown; middle row, Jacob Kemp, Colton Curry, Kanaan Short, Rachael Dupreee, Jonathan Kerr; top row, Bailey Minor, Nicholas Smith, Remington Bloom, Eric Trammell, Hunter Price, LaTekka Richardson, Amanda Browning, Tayla Wesson and Joshua Taylor. In the middle photo, bottom row, are Nathan Rose, Riley Wood, David Sosa, Ashley Browning, Jose Rodarte, Britni Grady, Joe Alaniz; middle row, Kylie Moreland, Justin Iglehart, Cassie Benitez, Jake Crenwelge, Lindsey Urias, Cassie Gunset; top row, Qaisar Islam, Kelsy Scott, Alex Hernandez, Kaden Seale, Michael Strong, Daniel Escobedo, Matthew Stansell, Marc Fisk and not pictured, Jimmy Wells. In the bottom photo, bottom row, are Tanner Hunter, John Wilson, Keven Arias, Zack Ball; second row, Kevin Bowers, Devyn DeLoera; third row, Annie Stribbling, Amy Brunson, Branden Porter, Matthew Rios, Jessica Steelman, Cassandra Benitez, Allen Mehrafshan, Christian Kuliga; fourth row, Cody Lee, Mary Guerra, Kelsi Fulford, Seth Naizer, T.J. Wright, Hayden Chandler and Tiffany Roemer. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

District judge cuts Noriega's prison sentence by a decade

MIAMI (AP) — Manuel Noriega's prison sentence has been cut by 10 years, a move that means the former Panamanian dictator now has a chance to win release as early as next year.

Noriega, 62, won the reduction Thursday from U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler after arguing that he deserves credit for helping the United States pursue its interests in Latin America while he was in power.

Noriega must be released around 2007 — and he could have a chance of getting out of prison as early as next year, his attorney said.

"We think the judge appreciated the general's contribution to the United States over the many, many years he was head of the Panamanian government," said defense lawyer Frank Rubino.

Without the sentence reduction, Rubino said, Noriega would not have been released until 2019 at the earliest — when he would be more than 80.

Noriega was captured after the United States invaded Panama in 1989 and was sent to prison for money laundering and drug trafficking. He has spent nearly nine years by himself in a two-cell suite at a federal prison near Miami since Hoeveler granted him special status as a prisoner of war.

Rubino said the ruling means Noriega will have a better chance to win release at his first parole hearing in 2000. The parole board had said that under the original sentence, Noriega would not be approved for parole until at least 2019.

"Basically, we are talking about getting out of jail at a time where he can still enjoy life," Rubino said. "He then can enjoy his wife, his family, his grandchildren. It's a significant reduction."

Hoeveler said he shortened Noriega's sentence after considering the nature of his confinement and the "disparity between the defendant's sentence and the sentences served by his co-conspirators" — some of whom are out of prison.

"What the defendant may have done to the citizens of Panama or to his political opponents are not factors that I can properly consider," the judge said.

Parole was abolished in the federal system, but Noriega was still eligible for parole because he was sentenced prior to its elimination. All federal prisoners can earn time off for good behavior or other considerations.

Raised by adoptive parents in a Panama City slum, Noriega joined the army in 1962. He rose to power under Omar Torrijos, who seized power in a 1968 coup. Torrijos was killed in a plane crash in 1981

Noriega took control of the Panamanian government two years later, and U.S. officials often praised him for his role in fighting drug traffic and paid him hundreds of thousands of dollars. But relations began to sour in the late 1980s, amid reports of Noriega's involvement in drug trafficking and corruption and his increasingly independent political stand.

In December, Noriega had asked the judge to reduce his sentence to no more than 15 years for his help to the United States. Former U.S. officials testified that his assistance was crucial to U.S. foreign policy objectives in South America in the 1980s.

Donald Winters, chief of CIA operations in Panama, said Noriega brokered deals with South American leaders, acted as a liaison to Cuba's Fidel Castro, provided details on guerrilla and terrorist activities and even gave the former shah of Iran a safe haven.

Neuharth: Newspapers here to stay

MACON, Ga. (AP) — The Internet is not likely to replace newspapers anytime soon, USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth told an audience at Mercer University.

"Newspapers have two major advantages: They are cheap and portable," Neuharth said Thursday at the university's Executive Forum.

"The Internet will certainly continue to grow dramatically, but it won't replace the written word," said Neuharth, retired chairman of Gannett Co. Inc.

His speaking partner was Charles Overby, chairman and chief executive officer of the Freedom Forum, a foundation set up in 1991 under Neuharth's direction to protect freedom of speech. Overby foresees a merger of broadcast, print and Internet.

"I think you'll see a large telephone or cable provider purchase a major newspaper chain like Gannett or Knight Ridder soon," Overby said. "Then you'll have the delivery system and the information source in place. I think you'll have a screen that can receive television, Internet, phone and media. I think we'll see this in the next 10 to 15 years."

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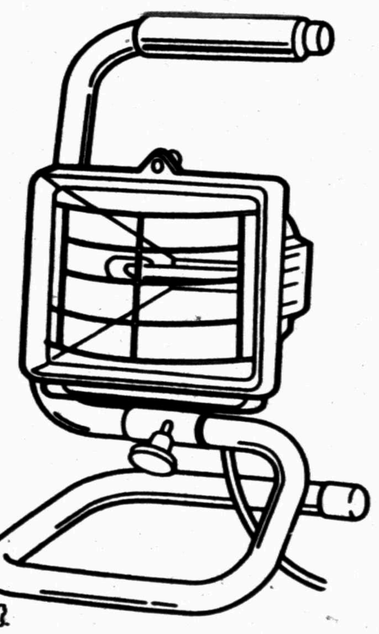
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March 8, 1999 thru March 12, 1999

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A Volunteer Banquet will be held at The Snyder Country Club Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Please note the following schedules:

Stanfield Elementary

Monday:
Book Fair begins 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday:
Book Fair 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Muffins for Moms 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
1st Grade Play at 8:45 a.m.
"Sesame Street Salute"

Wednesday:
Book Fair 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Donuts for Dads 7:15 - 8:15 a.m.
1st Grade Play at 8:45 a.m.
"Sesame Street Salute"

Thursday:
Last Day of Book Fair 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Friday:
Playground Dedication
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.



East Elementary

Parents are encouraged to call the school at 573-1769 for visitation schedule. Lunch schedules will be sent home with the students.

Thursday:
Donuts for Dads

Central Elementary

Monday - Friday:
Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children. Please call the office in advance 573-8592.

Students will complete special worksheet emphasizing Texas History, crossword puzzles on "Texas Basics," and be given the opportunity to saddle up the library computers and ride across the state on the Travel Tex World Wide Web.

Tuesday:
Diana Day, author of Vision Management will present a MAPS workshop for Central staff.

Friday:
Grandparents are invited to eat with their grandchildren.

Northeast Elementary

Monday - Friday:
Parents are invited to visit the classrooms and also eat lunch with their child any day of the week. They are especially encouraged to visit sometime during their child's computer time and see their work on the internet. Please call 573-2643.

Monday - Friday:
Book Fair

Thursday
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Parents need to call the school for activities and time schedules at 573-3538.



Snyder Junior High School

Monday:
Performance of "Grease" at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Tuesday:
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Wednesday:
7th grade parents are invited to have lunch with their students.

Thursday:
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