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Home Of Terrie Moore



TRASH DAY — Bernie and Bob Sealy were among several VFW Post 8231 members picking up trash along Hwy. 208 Saturday. The post adopted the stretch of highway about four years ago. (SDN Staff Photo)

Commissioners expected to appoint Boyd to JP position

Scurry County Commissioners' Court Monday will consider the resignation of interim peace justice Wanda Rushing and likely appoint Deborah Boyd to the position.

Boyd won her nomination for the Precinct 1 justice of the peace office in Tuesday's Republican runoff election, defeating Ben Smith by 65 votes. She has no Democratic opponent in November.



Boyd

Rushing was appointed to the interim position Jan. 31 following the resignation of Charlie Reynolds.

Other business on the court's 10 a.m. agenda is the swearing in ceremony for newly appointed hospital board member Nan Swanson and Board of County Development board members Tony Scott, David Kattes, Terry Hefner, Jerry Martin and David Koonce.

Also to be sworn in are Pat Alexander as Precinct 1 constable and Jeff Duck as Precinct 2 constable.

The court voted April 3 to appoint the two to the positions after winning in the March 14 primaries. Otherwise, they would not have taken office until Jan. 1.

In other business, the court is expected to declare April as Child Abuse Awareness month.

Charlie Bell, county treasurer, will present the first quarter financial report.

Also on the agenda is an amendment to the county's travel policy to allow employees to stay in a host hotel while attending a county-approved training.

The change stems from a request from Chief Deputy Delwyn Davis April 3 that the court consider an exception to the travel policy to allow him to stay in a host hotel while attending a law enforcement training in San Antonio.

Davis requested the waiver because the host hotel where the school is being held charges more than the policy allows.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom suggested that the court make an amendment to the policy, rather than having to make exceptions each time.

In other items of business, commissioners will discuss switching long distance carriers and seeking for bids for a motor grader.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, *"Great Expectations"* was written by a guy who never had to deal with the IRS."

Moaning is the American way. You know the ole story about people griping about waiting in a long line to get a welfare check.

We all joke about the government, and none of us like to pay taxes, but we do all enjoy many benefits from living in the greatest, if not perfect, country in the world.

Nowhere else in the world can you poke fun about the tax collectors or the bureaucrats and still enjoy the freedom to drive down a federally-funded freeway.

Tomorrow, when dropping that income tax return in the mail, just remember many of the advantages of living in the USA.

And it could be a lot worse. Just think of the poor chap without a job who didn't make enough money to have to pay taxes.

Like a coffee-shop chum said. "I've been in both situations. There have been years when I didn't make any money and didn't pay any taxes. And there have been years when I made money and had to pay plenty."Frankly, I like paying a lot better."

And sometimes you can't get even…

Over in Gaines County, an IRS agent from the city bought a small farm next to a crusty farmer he had audited several times.

The IRS agent liked to spend the weekend out plowing in the field. One day, the agent's tractor got stuck in wet sod.

His neighbor drove by. The veteran ag man told the weekend farmer that what he really needed was a mule to plow wet ground.

"Do you know where I can get one," asked the city slicker.

"Just happen to have one for a hundred bucks," thinking he could take advantage of the government guy."

The agent agreed and immediately started counting out the money.

The fulltime farmer explained that he would use his new trailer to deliver the mule the next day.

About middle of the morning, the resident farmer pulled up and told the government guy his sad story. "I got some bad news. I went out after breakfast this morning and found the mule dead."

The IRS agent demanded his money back. The farmer grinned, saying it had already been spent.

The agent told the farmer to unload the dead mule, that he planned to raffle him off.

The farmer worried the rest of the month about the dead mule, and finally had to ask.

"I raffled him off," bragged the IRS agent. "I sold a hundred tickets at two bucks apiece and made a $98 profit."

"Didn't anyone complain?" asked the veteran farmer."

"Just the guy who won," said the bureaucrat, "so I gave him his $2 back."

For sheriff...

Demos make plans for nominating candidate

Scurry County Democratic Party leadership will change hands May 1, and a nomination of an individual for county sheriff to be on the general election ballot is expected shortly thereafter.

Former county commissioner Jerry Gannaway will take over as Democratic party county chairman from Billy Haynes following Gannaway's primary election.

Gannaway said that he must wait until 20 days after the runoff election and then he will call a meeting of the Demo executive committee to consider a nomination to run for sheriff.

Sheriff Darren Jackson, the Democratic nominee, was disqualified as the party's uncontested nominee after voting in the Republican primary in March. The state election code prohibits any individual from affiliating with more than one political party.

State election officials in the Secretary of State's office said that Jackson may not be the party nominee, nor may he file as a write-in candidate in November.

Both Haynes and Gannaway have said the party is looking at the possibility of nominating an individual who would be elected and then either not take office, or resign so that the commissioners' court could then appoint someone to the vacant sheriff's office.

The Democratic Party is hopeful that the commissioners' court would then appoint Jackson as sheriff. The commissioners' court currently is made up of three Republicans and two Democrats. There were no Republican candidates for sheriff in the primary, so the GOP is not allowed to nominate a candidate, state election officials said.

Both the current and newly-elected Demo chairman said they want to be open and honest about the intent. "We would want people to know that a vote for the party nominee would actually be a vote to send a message to the commissioners' court that citizens want them to appoint Jackson."

One name that has been mentioned is that of retired Sheriff Keith Collier who said such an arrangement would be up to Jackson.

"I need to do some further checking to make sure this is possible. I would want the people to understand that I do not plan to serve as sheriff and I would not campaign for the office."

Any write-in candidate for the office must declare by filing with the county judge and paying the standard filing fee of $600. The filing period for write-in candidates is Sept. 8-Oct. 6.

Community Holy Week Services

Monday - Thursday, Noon - 1 p.m.:
First Presbyterian Church
Worship & Lunch
Friday, 7 a.m.:
First United Methodist
Worship & Breakfast
Everyone is invited

Development on Lake Alan Henry is started by two Snyder natives

Two Snyder natives are developing the first housing project on Lake Alan Henry at Justiceburg.

LaWayne Fagan and L.J. Ashley have purchased some 1,500 acres of land which includes 2 1/2 miles of shoreline.

"There will be a total of about 168 home sites," said Fagan.

Fagan said the lots will range from two to 10 acres, and prices will start at $25,000.

There will be a total of 64 waterfront lots with acreage ranging from two to 6 1/2 acres each.

"I think the economic impact of this development will be over $15 million when it is completed," added Fagan. "We are using local Scurry County contractors whenever possible at the site."

Fagan said Bill Price began working on the roads Monday, and that Stewart Surveying is handling the survey work.

Electricity to the site will be provided by Big County Electric, said Fagan.

The home sites are located on the south side of the lake's spillway on Grape Creek.

"I believe this development will be a boon to Snyder because it is only about 25 miles from there," said Fagan.

"This will be a nice subdivision with the minimum size house set at 1,250 sq. ft.," said Fagan. "There will be deeded restrictions."

Fagan said local attorney David Cotton is handling the legal work.

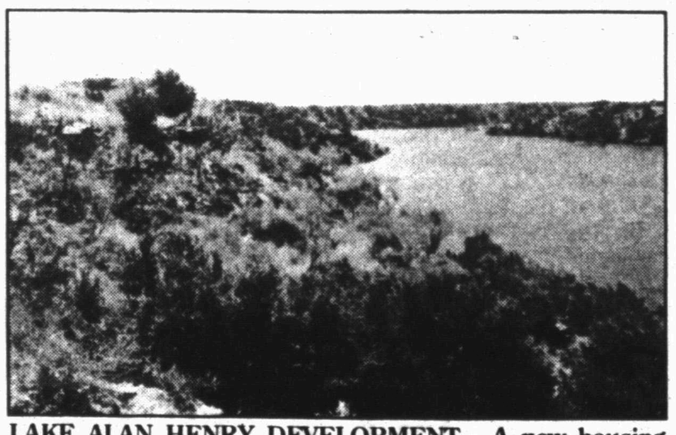
Plans are to construct a private boat launch for use by the residents, and eventually an RV park well away from the home sites.

"There's going to be 400 acres with homes on them, and some 1,300 acres available for riding and other forms of recreation," said Fagan.

"No one will be crowded out here."

The property is being marketed by J. Martin Basinger Company out of Slaton.

"You can contact him at 806-828-6854 for information about viewing the home sites," added Fagan.



LAKE ALAN HENRY DEVELOPMENT - A new housing development at the lake is less than 30 minutes away from Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Shooting results in indictment

A Nolan County grand jury has indicted a Roscoe man in connection with the shooting death of Snyder resident George Larralde.

Torivio Zapata, 40, has been charged with killing Larralde, 42, on April 2 in the parking lot of Kmart in Sweetwater.

Larralde died of two gunshot wounds after being shot at least two times with a 9-mm semi-automatic pistol.

Zapata remains in Nolan County Jail under a $25,000 bond.

Sweetwater Police Chief Jim Kelley said after the shooting that Zapata throught his wife was seeing another man, and he found her car in the store's parking lot.

"He waited until they came back, and then shot Larralde," said Kelley.

Zapata was later arrested by Department of Public Safety trooper Jason Graham on a Farm-to-Market Road in Nolan County.

Larralde was a 20-year employee of the Texas Department of Transportation where he worked as a roadside maintenance technician.

He also played in a band, Los Diamentes de Texas.

City clean-up to start

Snyder's citywide clean-up campaign begins Monday and continues through Thursday with dump trucks to be in selected areas of the city each day.

On Monday, dump trucks will be in the area west of College Avenue and south of 30th Street.

Dump trucks on Tuesday will be in the area east of College Avenue and South of 30th Street and on Wednesday in the area west of College Avenue and north of 30th Street.

On Thursday, trucks will be east of College Avenue and north of 30th Street.

These services are for individuals and are not to be used by persons in the business of demolition or clean-up.

The service will be limited to one load per residence or business inside the city limits.

The campaign is sponsored by the City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Beautification Committee.

ASK US

Q—I noticed in the Plainview paper that Cox Communications is raising fees for cable service there. Is a rate hike planned for Snyder?

A—No, says an official in the Lubbock office. She said Plainview rates are going up because of additional channel offerings.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 89 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Saturday, 62 degrees; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly clear. Low 45-50. W wind, 5-10 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High mid 80s. SW wind 5-15 mph.



Sam Lee
Sunny

Sunset:
8:13 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:25 a.m.
Of 105 days in 2000, the sun has shone 102 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The merit in action lies in finishing it to the end.
—Genghis Khan

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'Early Show' hits new ratings low

NEW YORK (AP) — There is more bad news for CBS's "Early Show."

A week after getting a bad first quarter ratings report and a spate of embarrassing publicity to go with it, the morning news show sank to its lowest viewership levels yet.

"The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel and Jane Clayson had an average of 2.2 million viewers last week, its smallest audience since debuting in November.

CBS spent a reported $30 million to build a new studio that looks out over Central Park, enticed former "Today" show host Gumbel back to morning television and revamped its old morning news show.

Yet viewership last week was 22 percent lower than the audience the show it replaced had a year ago, according to Nielsen Media Research.

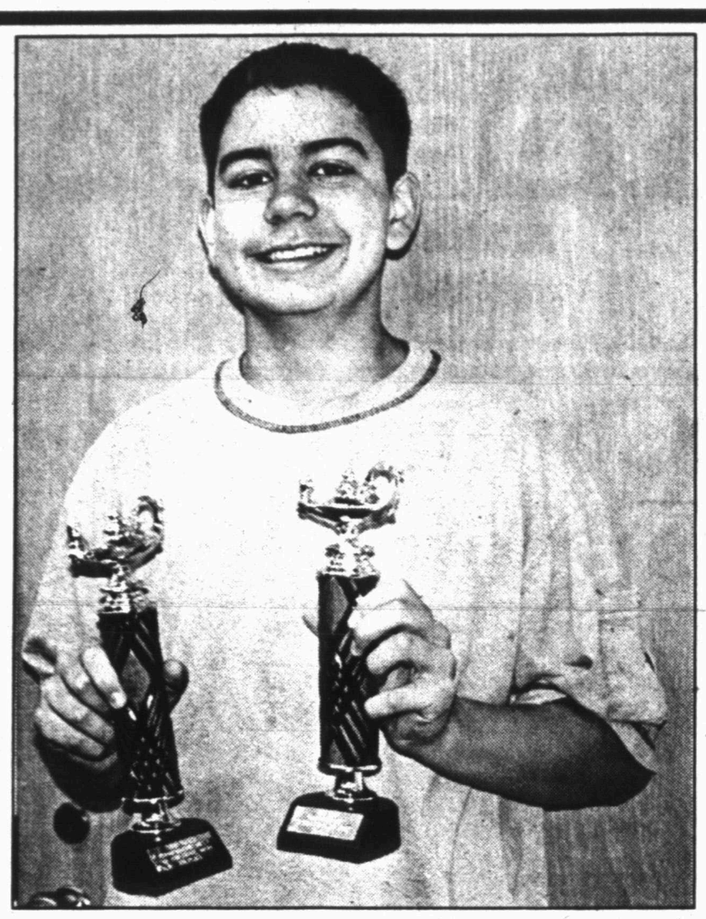
The three network morning shows all had a smaller audience last week than during the first three months of the year, since viewership tends to drop in the spring and summer months. But both NBC's "Today" show and ABC's "Good Morning America" are running ahead of last year's numbers.

The frontrunning "Today" had 5.9 million viewers last week, a 6 percent increase over 1999, and the surging "Good Morning America" had 4.6 million, up 20 percent from last year.

Despite published reports that some CBS affiliates are getting anxious about the poor performance of "The Early Show," a CBS spokeswoman said Friday that no major changes were planned.

"The feeling at CBS News is the broadcast is journalistically strong," spokeswoman Sandra Genelius said. "Bryant and Jane are developing a nice chemistry. We knew from the start that this broadcast would take time to see a significant uptick in the ratings."

Gumbel has also been buffeted with bad publicity, particularly in the New York area, stemming from a nasty divorce case.



MATH WINNER — Snyder Junior High eighth grader Josh Kemp won two awards last Saturday at the state Texas Math and Science Coaches Association contest in San Antonio. He placed first in eighth grade math and third in number sense. Both are 4-A events. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Woman faked having cancer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Two years ago, after Charlene Zimmerman told her husband and three children she was dying of cancer, people all over Des Moines rushed to help.

Friends, neighbors and strangers brought food for Thanksgiving and toys for Christmas. More help came in January when the family's house burned down. Schoolchildren collected about $1,000 and donated clothing and other goods.

But Zimmerman, 34, didn't have cancer. She had shaved her head to mimic the effects of chemotherapy, and the scars she displayed weren't from biopsies — they were self-inflicted.

The lies led to a police investigation and a charge of felony theft for taking more than $10,000 from charities and well-wishers. On Thursday, Zimmerman entered a so-called Alford plea to a reduced theft charge, admitting no guilt but conceding that prosecutors had enough evidence to convict her, said her attorney, Peter Berger.

Zimmerman was ordered to pay $1,400 in restitution and was given a deferred sentence. She will serve no jail time if she completes two years' probation, and her record will be expunged of the charge.

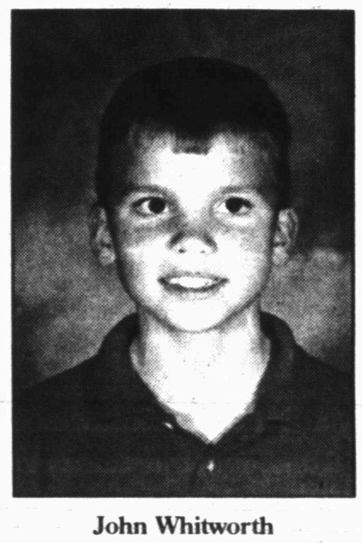
"What happened to Charlene was the result of psychological problems," Berger said. "She truly believed she had cancer and didn't intend to profit from it."

Zimmerman had told neighbors in suburban Waukee, population 5,000, that she wouldn't live past a certain date. She didn't die, her story changed and people grew suspicious.

Zimmerman must write a letter of apology to be published in a Dallas County newspaper.

Zimmerman, her attorney said, suffered "multiple traumatic events in her childhood" and has been "in treatment off and on again for a long time."

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE — Snyder High School graduate Andrew Gutierrez has been hired as the chief of police in Jonestown. He is the brother of several local residents, Ray, Julian, Tino, Manny, John, Jesse, Cecil and Daniel Gutierrez, Joan Maldonado and Adella Saucedo. (Contributed Photo)



John Whitworth

Whitworth earns high marks in advanced test

John Whitworth, a fifth grader in Donna Farley's gifted and talented class at Northeast Elementary, recently participated in an out-of-level test administered by the Duke University Motivation for Academic Performance Program.

The tests are designed for and given annually to thousands of eighth graders and thus provide a higher "ceiling" than typical in-level tests administered to fifth and sixth graders at school.

The test had four parts, English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning, John scored in the top 95 percentile of eighth-graders who took the test.

He is the son of Jack and Libby Whitworth.

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When John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, it was not a federal felony to kill a president of the United States.

Push to raise standards for teachers needs incentives

ATLANTA (AP) — A national push to raise the standards for training and hiring teachers is doomed to fail unless it is accompanied by better pay and working conditions, some education experts say.

A report released Friday by the American Federation of Teachers, calls for stricter requirements for would-be teachers — including standardized tests, higher grades, better grounding in basic subjects and more student-teaching experience before licensing.

The group is the nation's second-largest teachers union, representing nearly 1 million educators.

"Teachers are still paid less than professions that require comparable education and skills," said Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association. "Until this fact is addressed, all attempts to improve the quality of teachers will ring hollow."

Wayne Johnson, president of the 300,000-member California Teachers Association, said a widespread teacher shortage makes raising standards "an exercise in futility."

"If you had people lining up to be teachers, that would be fine. But we are not attracting enough new people into the field," he said.

Johnson said a "schizophrenic system" of raising standards while the number of teachers dwindles has resulted in California issuing 50,000 emergency teaching credentials in the last two years.

AFT president Sandra Feldman said about 220,000 teachers will have to be replaced each year over the next decade. She said improvements the report suggests should be made now.

"If we enhance teacher education programs and raise requirements for new teachers now, we will be able to make dramatic improvements in the effectiveness of teachers and in student performance for years to come," Feldman said.

The report, presented at the annual meeting of the Education Writers Association in Atlanta, recommends rigorous national exams for those entering teacher education programs as well as those seeking licenses to teach.

The NEA, which represents 2.5 million elementary and secondary teachers, said national tests could delay efforts to enforce higher standards already in place in most states.

"What we need to have is all states implementing these tests and to set the bar high for passing them," Chase said. "The development of a new test may delay this progress."

A staff member on the committee that issued the report, Joan Earatz-Snowden, said state tests are inadequate and that some national measuring stick is necessary.

Shooting leaves 2 teens dead

PETERSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy fatally shot a 16-year-old boy with a rifle he didn't know was loaded, then used the gun to kill himself when he realized what had happened, authorities said.

Ian Fuiek, 13, apparently shot James Prough with a rifle that was in Fuiek's home, State Police Sgt. Matt Wright said.

Fuiek "pointed the rifle at the 16-year-old, not knowing the rifle was loaded. The rifle discharged, striking the 16-year-old and fatally wounding him," Trooper Jeffrey Hanna said.

The boy called 911 for help before his death on Friday.

"We have a tape of the 911 call, and we are studying it to determine the sequence of events as told to us by the witness," Wright said.

A relative of Prough's told The Daily News of Huntingdon that Prough and the 13-year-old had spent the night at the Fuiek home since they had Friday off from school.

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The tail propulsion of dolphins is moe efficient than that of ship propellers dolphins take less energy to achieve a given speed.

Animal protection agent's dog killed

BEND, Ore. (AP) — A German shepherd belonging to a top state Humane Society official was found shot and hanged from a tree.

The dog, named Donner, belonged to Kimball Lewis, director of the Humane Society of Central Oregon. The dog was killed Tuesday night or early Wednesday. Lewis found the dog hanging by its neck from a juniper at his rural home.

Byron Maas, president of the society's board of directors, said the chapter has been more aggressive in pursuing animal abuse and neglect cases since Lewis arrived last June. Some in Bend speculated that his dog was killed in retaliation or as intimidation.

The reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed the 7-year-old pet has reached $20,000, including an anonymous $10,000 donation and $5,000 from the Humane Society of the United States, based in Washington.

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In Memory of
Annie Ruth Hernandez



God looked around His Garden
And he found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And He lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.
He knew that you would never get
well on earth again.
He saw the road getting rough and
The hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids and
whispered "Peace is thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.
Though the smile is gone forever
And your hands we cannot touch
We will always have sweet memories
Of the one we loved so much.

Love your daughters
Rene', Diana, Teresa,
Vanessa, and Melanie

GOD for US

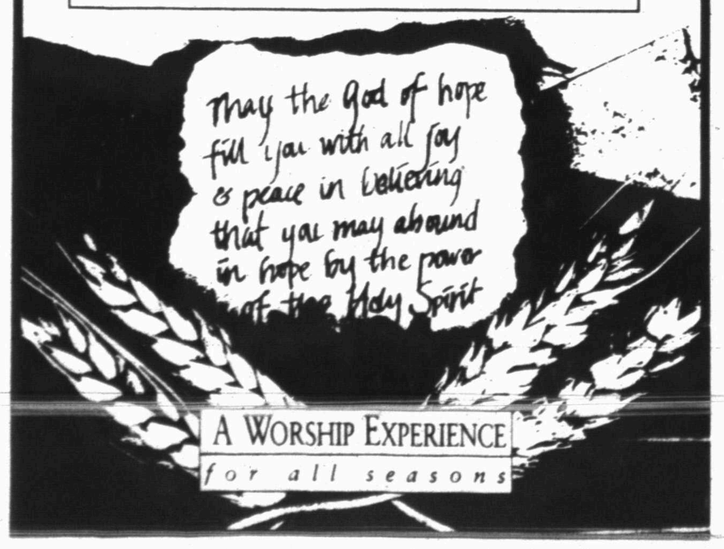
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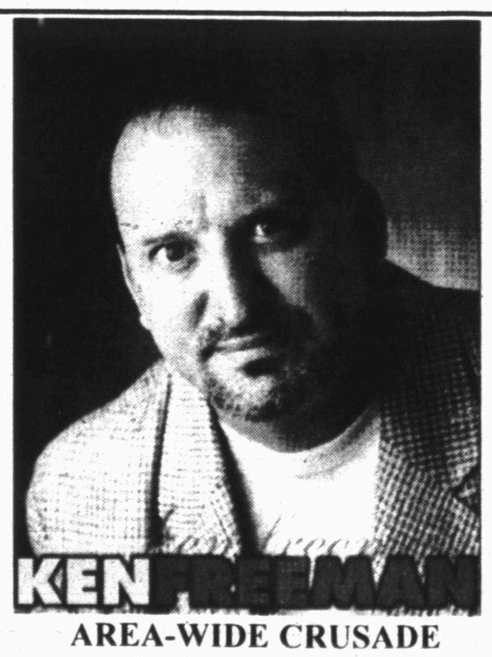
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Sailor is arraigned in court

DETROIT (AP) — Police say John E. Armstrong's mood changed frequently as he told them about killing woman after woman.

"His demeanor was shifting quite often from being calm to irritable to sometimes sad," Wayne County sheriff's Detective James Hines said. "Once he began to talk, he was freely giving very intimate details about the case."

The former Navy sailor fought back tears Friday as he was arraigned on charges of killing five prostitutes by strangling them. Police around the world, meanwhile, are trying to match Armstrong's account of at least 11 other slayings to unsolved murders in their cities. The first slaying was believed to date to the early 1990s.

Police said Armstrong told them the reason he killed was because he hated prostitutes.

Armstrong, 26, of Dearborn Heights, was arraigned on five counts of premeditated first-degree murder and three counts of assault with intent to murder. The charges address crimes in the Detroit area in the past year.

As police whisked Armstrong into the Dearborn Heights courthouse, reporters shouted questions at him, asking him how he felt.

"So bad," he whispered in reply.

Asked if he had anything to say, he replied: "Sorry."

Innocent pleas were entered on his behalf. He is being held without bond at the Wayne County Jail.

Police said Armstrong is suspected in at least 11 other slayings since 1992: three in the Seattle area, including the lone male victim, two in Hawaii, two in Hong Kong and one each in North Carolina, Virginia, Thailand and Singapore.

Armstrong, who from 1993 to 1999 was a Navy refueler aboard the USS Nimitz, may have killed while the ship was in port around the world, police have said.

Some investigators warned that Armstrong, a husband and father, may be exaggerating. Though local police say they have physical evidence linking him to the deaths of five Detroit-area prostitutes, agencies elsewhere said they have been unable to tie him to any unsolved slayings.



RECEIVE AR MEDALLIONS — These six Central third graders received AR medallions recently. The awards are based on the number of points they have earned in the reading program. Front row, from left, Kasey Young, 226 points, bronze medallion; Jared Cave, 300, silver medallion; Kari Lord, 214, bronze medallion. Back row, from left, Wes von Roeder, 212, bronze medallion; Rubi Jaimes, 528, gold medallion; Will Stewart, 217, bronze medallion. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Editors examine youth news

WASHINGTON (AP) — News outlets need to give reporters more time to ask the questions that give youth and school stories more depth, editors were told by critics of how the media cover young people.

"There has to be a crime, usually a serious crime, to get any coverage," said Beth Frerking, director of the University of Maryland's Casey Journalism Center for Children and Families. "It's more than covering a school shooting."

Speaking at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Frerking said news reporters either ignore stories about youth and families or provide only superficial coverage when they do write about child abuse, schools or foster care.

A survey released at Friday's discussion suggests that editors and reporters have much work to do to improve their ways.

Responses showed that:

—Three in five reporters and editors said there's too little coverage of youth and family issues.

—Seventy percent said they've covered school violence, compared with 51 percent who say they've worked on stories about early childhood development.

—Eighty percent said journalists need special training to cover youth and families.

The survey, released by the Foundation for American Communications, is based on 420 randomly selected journalists interviewed this winter. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.9 percentage points, said the Champaign, Ill.-based Research Survey Service, the pollster.

A tally of newspaper articles published this winter found only six reports about homeless children, although about a fourth of the nation's homeless are youngsters, said George White, who directs journalism programs for the Pasadena, Calif.-based communications foundation.

The group's report also included a quiz of journalists' knowledge of certain youth topics: It found that while media workers are relatively well-informed about homelessness and parental custody laws, few realized that the juvenile crime rate is declining and that few schools use metal detectors.

The biggest untold story is the lack of preschool education, said former Miami Herald publisher David Lawrence Jr., who now heads the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation at Florida International University in Miami. Children are starting school malnourished, abused and otherwise unprepared to learn, he said. Yet news media often neglect to report research that shows such facts as that of 100 first graders who can't read, 88 still will be unable to read when they are in fourth grade.

"I don't need to tell you the future of the newspaper business depends on people who can read," he said. "Everyone including journalists are the products of an education system that has dis-

Central Awards

Central Elementary School presented Positive Action Super Kid and Unit Recognition Awards April 7.

Third graders receiving Positive Action Super Kid Awards were Kendra Iglehart, Erma Rodriguez, Amy Fogleman, Gage West, Humberto Farfan, David Strayhorn, Douglas Brunson, Wes von Roeder, Randy Loveall, Chantell McGaha, Kaycee Westlund.

Primary Super Kids are Rodolfo Rodriguez and Estefany Olivarez, pre-kindergarten; Daniella Vasquez, Darius Biggers, Flavio Borrego and Jainie Fuentez, Mercedes Navarette, Armando Monroy, all kindergarten; and Deirdre Foree, Adrian Benavidez, Lupe Garza, Jordan Rodriguez, Lindzey Larrea, Anna Rivera.

Third graders receiving Unit Recognition Awards are Leticia Aguilar, Zachery Warren, Alex Martinez, Lucy Colunga, Nancy Rubio, Crystal Flores, Tilatha Akins, Teryn Sullenger, Sharla Nolan, Lauren Price, Jon Ryan Hernandez.

Students who had earned 25 Accelerated Reader points were recognized.

Four students received bronze medals: Kasey Young, 226 points; Will Stewart, 217; Kari Lord, 214; and Wes von Roeder, 212. Jared Cave received a silver medal for 300 points. Rubi Jaimes received a gold medallion for 528 points.

Son of NAACP leader sentenced

WASHINGTON (AP) — A son of NAACP president Kweisi Mfume has been sentenced to four years and nine months in prison for federal drug and weapons convictions.

Ronald T. Gray, 29, pleaded guilty last October, admitting he sold cocaine in Washington for more than two years. At his arrest last May, federal Drug Enforcement Administration officers found cocaine, a scale, packaging materials and $8,500 cash at his District of Columbia home.

"Mr. Gray was a calculated drug dealer," U.S. District Judge Henry H. Kennedy said Friday, before giving him time less than minimum recommended under federal sentencing guidelines. A drug conviction for amounts of cocaine between 3.5 and 5 kilograms carries penalties of 70 to 87 months in federal prison.

Kennedy said the guidelines were too severe because of Gray's efforts toward rehabilitation since his arrest. Gray has regularly attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to hasten his rehabilitation and has lived in a halfway house while working as a restaurant busboy.

Mfume, who once used the name Frizzell Gray, was in the courtroom with other family members. The NAACP president was among several family members who pleaded for leniency.



LOOK WHO'S 24!

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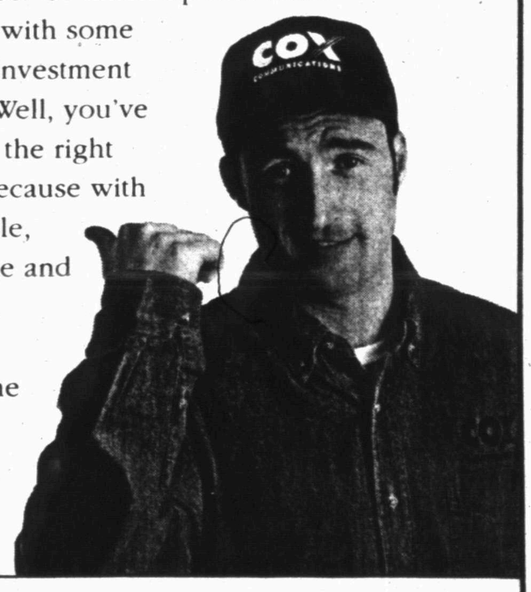
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SURVEY FORMS — Drana M. Cole, seated left, and Sonja Maxfield, right, look over forms for state sponsored children's health insurance program with the help of Elida Medrano, case manager and Scurry representative. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



TEACHER YOU CAN COUNT ON — For the second time this school year, a Snyder teacher will be featured as a Teacher You Can Count On on KCBD, Channel 11 in Lubbock. Robert Bailey, far right, is a resource teacher at Snyder Junior High School. He is being interviewed by Steve Divine. Mike Robles is the camera man. This segment will air twice. First at 6:45 a.m. Friday and again during next Sunday's 10 p.m. newscast. The Teacher You Can Count On program is jointly sponsored by Channel 11 and Texas Tech University. The first recipient of this recognition was Kem Fogleman, Stanfield Elementary reading teacher. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Black farmers: USDA is not doing enough on civil rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after they settled a civil rights lawsuit, black farmers say the Agriculture Department still isn't doing enough to address discrimination against minorities.

"The only thing you can credit the Agriculture Department for is ... the fact that they admitted something happened and had the guts to look at this. That's the only progress we've made," said John Boyd Jr., president of the National Black Farmers Association.

USDA won court approval a year ago Friday for the settlement of a lawsuit filed on behalf of black farmers who claimed that they had been systematically discriminated against for years when they applied for loans and subsidy programs.

Some 18,000 farmers filed claims under the settlement. Some 7,329 cases have been approved so far, and payments of $50,000 each have been made to 3,594 of those, according to a report that the department is releasing later this month on its civil rights record. Another 4,742 claims have been denied.

"From hiring practices to program outreach to accountability and disciplinary action, we have taken strong steps to ensure that all USDA employees and customers are treated with the fairness, dignity, and respect that they deserve," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says in the preface to the report.

Under terms of the settlement, farmers who can show some evidence of discrimination are entitled to $50,000 each and have outstanding loans forgiven. An additional $12,500 is being sent to the Internal Revenue Service in the name of each farmer to cover the federal income taxes that he or she would owe on the settlement.

Another 142 farmers who believe they have stronger evidence of discrimination are seeking higher levels of damages.

The department now is being sued by American Indian farmers and also has been battling several discrimination complaints filed by groups of minority employees.

USDA's inspector general has been critical of record keeping and management in the department's civil rights office.

A top-level official in the department should have been removed as a signal to the rest of the department, which has 84,000 employees, that discrimination would not be tolerated, Boyd said.

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Computer gaming will be spectators' brave new world

DALLAS (AP) — Game masters frantically tap keyboards and computer mice, clicking their way through digital warehouses, castles and space stations with one goal — annihilate everyone else.

And Angel Munoz is certain people want to watch.

When it comes to 21st-century sports, cyberathletes skilled with hand-eye coordination and fast reflexes are going to be the stars people pay to see, he says. After all, if people watch football, auto racing and golf on TV, why not computer gaming?

"Think high adrenaline. It's an extreme sport," says Munoz, who founded the Cyberathlete Professional League. "Think of a great boxing match. That's what our events are like."

The league is holding its latest round of competition this weekend at a convention hall in Dallas. It's the eighth such contest since Munoz, a former investment banker, developed the idea of league play in 1997.

"I thought, 'Why not?'" he said. "Now I have the opportunity to do something that I think is exciting. How many times in your lifetime do you get a chance to create a new sport?"

The CPL runs leagues in Asia, Europe, Canada and the United States and plans to expand. This weekend's event, the Razer/Cyberathletes Professional League $100,000 Tournament, is expected to draw several hundred contestants and a larger audience online.

Hundreds of spectators also flock to the show. Projection screens in the arena show games in progress, and amateurs can bring their own computers, plug them into a network and play each other while the pros shoot their way through the qualifying rounds.

Gaming may be short on celebrities, but that could change with players like Jonathan Wendel, who is known as "Fatality" and is considered a favorite to win the $40,000 first-place prize.

The 19-year-old from Kansas City, Mo., has practiced for this event for two months, logging up to 12 hours a day on his computer to hone his skills. He already has won $4,000 at a competition in Sweden, and $2,500 at an event in California.

Like any self-respecting athlete, he's lining up sponsors. Razor, the mouse-design company putting up the $100,000 purse, helps pay the bills and helps Wendel, as he puts it, "not work."

"When I found out you can make money for playing these games, I got very excited," he said.

Wendel, a white male teenager, is typical of the gaming set. Munoz, 40, thinks that will change over the next decade, when he predicts the development of a billion-dollar industry based on computer gaming, akin to today's Superbowl or PGA Tour.

Sportswear maker Nike is sponsoring this weekend's event alongside a roster of technology companies such as Gateway and Nortel Networks.

"I see us being covered by ESPN, with announcers and normal coverage like any other sport," Munoz said. "We're not going away any time soon."

David Fudurich and his son Matthew, 16, trekked 20 hours by car and plane from British Columbia to attend the tournament. Fudurich said he doesn't necessarily understand what his son is doing as he dodges cyber missiles, bullets and lasers, but he sees many benefits.

"We don't look at it as only just a game," he said.

On the Net: CPL Tournament: http://www.razercpl.com
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Date Book

Saturday, April 15, 2000
Today is the 106th day of 2000 and the 27th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, David Ramsay contested the election of William Smith to the U.S. House of Representatives. It was the first contested election in the history of the House of Representatives.

On this day in 1955, the first McDonald's restaurant opened, in Des Plaines, Ill.

On this day in 1967, the song "Happy Jack," by the Who, was released in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Wilson Peale (1741-1827), painter; Henry James (1843-1916), writer; Thomas Hart Benton (1889-1975), artist; A. Philip Randolph (1889-1979), labor leader; Bessie Smith (1894-1937), singer; Elizabeth Montgomery (1933-1995), actress; Evelyn Ashford (1957-), track-and-field athlete, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, the Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup, having defeated the Montreal Canadiens in four straight games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of." — Blaise Pascal

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 11) and full moon (April 18).

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Sunday, April 16, 2000
Today is the 107th day of 2000 and the 28th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1922, Belvin W. Maynard, an ordained Baptist minister, delivered the first sermon preached from an airplane. Maynard, who was know as "the Flying Parson," broadcast the sermon from his airplane by radio.

On this day in 1935, the NBC radio comedy show "Fibber McGee and Molly," starring Jim and Marian Jordan, was broadcast for the first time. The show ran until 1957.

On this day in 1947, in New York City, NBC demonstrated the first zoom lens.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilbur Wright (1867-1912), inventor; Anatole France (1844-1924), writer; Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977), comedian; Lily Pons (1904-1976), singer; Peter Ustinov (1921-), actor-writer, is 79; Henry Mancini (1924-1994), composer; Bobby Vinton (1935-), singer, is 65; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947-), basketball great, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, pitcher Bob Forsch of the St. Louis Cardinals pitched a no-hitter against the Philadelphia Phillies. The final score was 4-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A classic is a book that survives the circumstances that made it possible yet alone keeps those circumstances alive." — Alfred Kazin

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 11) and full moon (April 18).

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IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE — Three first grade classes at Central Elementary recently presented *It's A Jungle Out There*. Paula Howard is the music teacher. Pam Hart's students (top photo) are bottom row, from left, Deirdre Foree, Jim Torres, Jansi Hernandez, Lucero Espinoza, Eddy Herrera; top row, Anthony Thurmond, Jessica Hernandez, Andrea Alfaro, Michael Garza, Mystery Thurman, Amber Lucio, Jason Mendoza, Glorianna Medrano, Daniel Ramirez. Daniel McVey is not pictured. Josefina Velasquez' students (middle photo) are back row from left, Roxana Arellano, Eddy Estrada, Anna Rivera, Tania Rodriguez, Lizthe Olivarez, Myrlea Infante; top row, Mayra Benitez, Ana Cabrera, Lindzey Larrea, Frida Corona, Liliana Hernandez, Juan Medina; Florence Lewis' students (bottom photo) bottom row from left, Ariel Villazana, Gina Garcia, Trent Ruiz, Marlon Garrett, Taijavee Dean; row two: Johnathan Castanada, Caedra Botts, Ayeshia Greathouse, Shanerica McGaha; row three: Marissa Medrano, Jordan Rodriguez, Kanesha Anderson, Lupe Garza, Christopher Tippens, Edward Yruegas, Antonio Silva. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bo Diddley sues Nike over 'You Don't Know Diddley' T-shirts

NEW YORK (AP) — Nike has struck a wrong chord with Bo Diddley.

The guitar legend sued Nike in U.S. District Court late Wednesday, saying the company had been marketing T-shirts with his name, likeness and the words, "You Don't Know Diddley."

"I'm sorry that it's come to this but what's right is right," Diddley, 71, said in a statement.

The lawsuit, filed with Diddley's real name, Ellas McDaniel, said Nike went ahead last year with T-shirt sales even though he never accepted the terms of a contract proposal.

Nearly 28,000 T-shirts were sold worldwide for more than $200,000 after the company concluded it had an oral agreement with Diddley, the lawsuit said.

The campaign was a revival of one a decade earlier when Diddley was featured in a Nike television commercial with athlete Bo Jackson.

Vada Manager, Nike's director of Global Issues Management, said the Beaverton, Ore., company had not yet seen the lawsuit.

He said the company had authorized a royalty payment of between $10,000 and $15,000 to be paid to Diddley and was prepared to negotiate further if that was unacceptable.

Distant object is found

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — A quasar that appears in telescopes as a red speck of dust in the constellation Sextans may be the oldest, most distant object ever glimpsed by humans.

The discovery by a Princeton University graduate student and three other scientists gives a better idea of what the universe was like in its infancy.

"Redshift 5.8 Quasar" is 12 billion light years from Earth. The generally accepted age of the universe is 13 billion years, so that means the light left the quasar when the universe was just a billion years old.

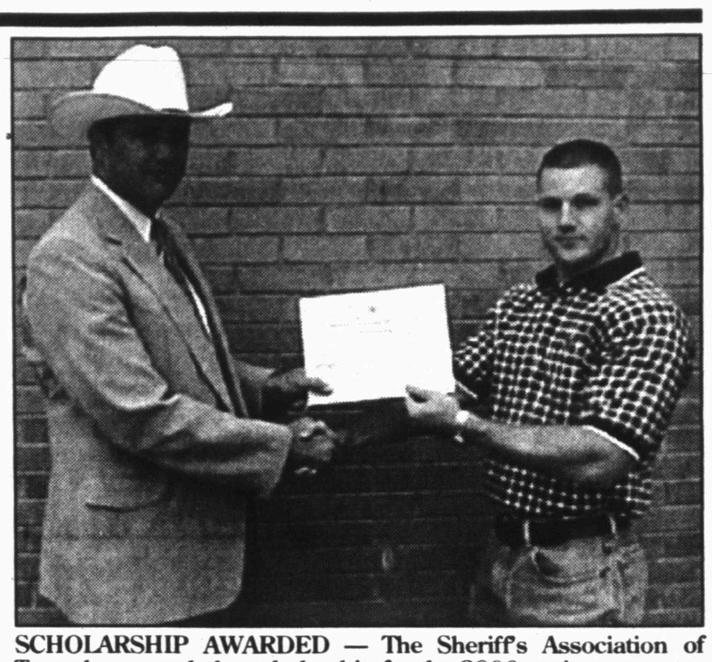
"We're zooming in to the time when the galaxies were very young and the light first appeared in the universe after the Big Bang," said the Princeton astrophysics student, Xiaohui Fan, referring to the explosion generally thought to have resulted in the creation of the universe.

"Because it is so exceptionally luminous, it provides a wonderful opportunity to study the universe when the galaxies that we see today were young," said Robert Lupton a Princeton researcher and astronomer with the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, an international team of scientists trying to map out half of the northern sky.

The $80 million, five-year project is expected to collect data on hundreds of millions of galaxies, stars and other celestial objects.

Fan and three other scientists made the discovery in April in Hawaii at the Keck Telescope, the world's largest, using data collected in March from a telescope at Apache Point, N.M.

The quasar, an emission of light from matter pouring into a massive black hole at the center of the galaxy, surpassed the previous record holder for the most distant known celestial object.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED — The Sheriff's Association of Texas has awarded a scholarship for the 2000 spring semester to Bryan W. Billings, son of Johnny Billings, Texas Ranger. Billings is a student at Hardin Simmons University. Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson (left) makes the presentation. (Contributed Photo)

AP gave wrong number in recall story

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Associated Press erroneously reported on April 11 the telephone number for consumers to call if they own Homelite blower-vacuums, manufactured by John Deere Consumer Products Inc., that were recalled because of a fire and burn hazard. The correct number is 1-800-242-4672.

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SPORTS

In district finale...

Lady Tigers shine in 12-0 rout of 'Stangs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Snyder Lady Tigers didn't get a share of the district title, but they did pick up some all-important momentum for the playoffs.

Snyder was on top of its game in Friday night's district finale, making short work of Sweetwater in a 12-0 five-inning victory at Jerry Collins Complex.

The Lady Tigers finish 5-4A play with a 7-3 mark, grabbing the runner-up spot in the league race, thanks to Big Spring's 4-3 win over Andrews.

Snyder will face Brownwood in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The contest is tentatively set for Friday. Possible sites are Abilene or San Angelo.

While the Lady Tigers fell short of the district crown, Coach Robbie Dickenson likes the way his team is playing, heading into the postseason.

"We were hoping for an Andrews win, but we found out before the game that it didn't happen," Dickenson said. "Our girls didn't let it get to them though. They kept their focus and got the job done."

After a scoreless first inning, Snyder chalked up a pair of runs in the second, before blowing things open in the third.

The Lady Tigers started the seven-run third frame with a base hit by Kristin Martinez, followed by four consecutive bunts.

Sweetwater misplayed two of the bunts, and the Lady Tigers were off and running.

"Sweetwater had some trouble with the bunt, the first time we played them," the SHS skipper said. "We work on laying down the bunt every day in practice. We work on it hard, so we have a lot of girls who can do it well."

In the third, Snyder scratched out its seven runs on six hits and four Lady Mustang errors. Angie Shoemake and Courtney Rinehart added singles, before Whitney Webb belted a double and Martinez added her second single of the inning.

Martinez was 2-for-3 with two RBIs at the plate, and was solid on the mound as well.

The senior hurler surrendered only one hit and struck out four in three innings of work, before giving way to a nagging quadricep injury.

Courtney Rinehart came on in relief in the fourth, with Jacque Alavarez working the final frame.

"Kristin was throwing a great ball game, and I didn't want to take her out," Dickenson stated. "But she was hurting and needed out. Hopefully a week of rest before the playoffs will give her time to heal up."

Kira Diaz was also 2-for-3 on the night, with Courtney Rinehart also slapping a pair of singles.

Sweetwater managed only two hits and was retired in order in all but two innings. The Lady Mustangs committed 11 errors in the field, to only one for the Lady Tigers.

In the district's other match-up on Friday, Fort Stockton knocked off the Lake View Maidens 4-2, to earn the district's final postseason spot.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	4	0	1	2
Rinehart dh	4	1	2	1
Mackey cf	3	1	0	0
K.Martinez p	3	0	2	2
L.Martinez rf	1	2	1	0
Fisk ss	4	1	0	0
Diaz 3b	3	1	2	0
Newman 1b	4	3	1	0
Robinson c	3	1	1	1
Shoemake rf	2	2	1	2
Hernandez rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	12	11	8

Sweetwater	ab	r	h	bi
Solis 1b	2	0	0	0
Price cf	2	0	0	0
Ballenger c	2	0	1	0
Mera ss	2	0	0	0
Kite 3b	2	0	0	0
Hanna lf	2	0	1	0
B.Rivera rf	2	0	0	0
A.Rivera 2b	2	0	0	0
Clemens p	2	0	0	0
Leven p	2	0	0	0
Totals	18	0	2	0

Snyder	0	2	7	1	2	—12	11 1
Sweetwater	0	0	0	0	0	— 0	2 11

LOB - Snyder 9, Big Spring 3. 2B - Webb.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Martinez	3	1	0	0	0	4
Rinehart	1	1	0	0	0	1
Alvarez	1	0	0	0	0	1

Sweetwater	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Clemens	4	9	10	0	2	0
Leven	1	2	2	0	0	1



TWO DOWN — Kira Diaz signals that there are two outs as the Lady Tigers congratulate pitcher Kristin Martinez on her second straight strikeout during first inning action Friday night in Sweetwater. Snyder trounced the Lady Mustangs, 12-0, in the district finale. (SDN Staff Photo)

NHL Playoff Glance

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FIRST ROUND
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Wednesday, April 12
Dallas 2, Edmonton 1
Toronto 2, Ottawa 0, Toronto leads series 1-0
St. Louis 5, San Jose 3, St. Louis leads series 1-0
Thursday, April 13
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 2,
Pittsburgh 7, Washington 0, Pittsburgh leads series 1-0
New Jersey 4, Florida 3, New Jersey leads series 1-0
Detroit 2, Los Angeles 0, Detroit leads series 1-0
Dallas 3, Edmonton 0, Dallas leads series 2-0
Colorado 6, Phoenix 3, Colorado leads series 1-0
Friday, April 14
Philadelphia 2, Buffalo 1, Philadelphia leads series 2-0
Saturday, April 15
Washington at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 16
Dallas at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

District 5-4A Softball

Team	District W	District L
Big Spring	8	2
Snyder	7	3
Fort Stockton	5	5
Andrews*	4.5	5.5
Lake View*	4.5	5.5
Sweetwater	1	9

*A Lake View-Andrews game was halted with a tie score. Each team was given half of a win.

Friday's results: Snyder 12, Sweetwater 0; Big Spring 4, Andrews 3; Fort Stockton 4, Lake View 2.
End of regular season

Sports Briefs

WGA holds weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill.

SCC to host Pro-Am

The Snyder Country Club Pro-Am golf tournament will be Monday, with shotgun starts at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Teams will be comprised of a local PGA pro, his guest and SCC members. Format is team low-ball, using full handicaps.

Entry fee is $35. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Lions Club to host tourney

The Lions Club golf tournament will be April 29 at Western Texas College. Format is a four-person scramble, and each team must have a combined handicap of at least 50.

Entry fee is $50 per player, including green fee, cart rental and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five teams, with $1,000 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a $5,000 CD and a 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up.

The field is limited to the first 20 paid teams. For more information, call 573-7627 or 573-1423.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

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

Bagwell grand slam powers Astros' win

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jeff Bagwell loves hitting at Qualcomm Stadium.

Bagwell hit a grand slam to highlight a six-run sixth inning in the Houston Astros' 10-4 victory Friday night over the San Diego Padres.

It was Bagwell's 15th career home run at Qualcomm, more than at any other visiting park. He has a .337 career average in San Diego with 43 RBIs.

"It's nice to get that one," said Bagwell, who entered the game hitting .250 with one homer. "Hitting is tough, it's a lot of work. This is my 10th year and it's still hard."

Bagwell homered off Padres reliever Kevin Walker, who made his major league debut. Entering the game in the sixth with runners on first and second, Walker loaded the bases with a walk to Roger Cedeno.

"He probably took one look at my swing and walked Roger on purpose," Bagwell joked.

Bagwell then lined a 2-2 fastball over the right-field wall to cap the six-run sixth and give Houston a 9-3 lead.

Shane Reynolds (2-0) was not at his sharpest, allowing three runs and 10 hits in five innings. But the right-hander was able to pitch out of trouble, and he helped himself with a solo home run.

"He threw a lot of pitches right down the middle," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "That's not typical of him."

Reynolds looked better with his bat, homering off Brian Boehringer (0-2) leading off the fifth inning to tie the game.

Boehringer pitched five-plus innings, allowing four runs on eight hits.

Houston took control in the sixth. Moises Alou led off with a single, knocking Boehringer from the game. Billy Spiers followed with an RBI double off Will Cunnane and Tony Eusebio had an RBI single.

After a two-out walk to Craig Biggio, Walker entered the game.

"It was to be expected he'd be a little nervous," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's a tough job facing Bagwell with the bases loaded."

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	6	3	.667	—
Baltimore	5	5	.500	1½
Boston	5	5	.500	1½
Toronto	4	7	.364	3
Tampa Bay	3	8	.273	4
Central Division				
Cleveland	7	3	.700	—
Kansas City	8	4	.667	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	½
Detroit	4	6	.400	3
Minnesota	4	8	.333	4
West Division				
Seattle	6	4	.600	—
Anaheim	5	5	.500	1
Texas	5	5	.500	1
Oakland	4	6	.400	2

Friday's Games
Texas 7, Cleveland 2
Oakland 13, Boston 6
Detroit 10, Tampa Bay 5
Seattle 11, Toronto 9
Chicago White Sox 9, Anaheim 4
N.Y. Yankees 7, Kansas City 5
Minnesota 10, Baltimore 9

Saturday's Games
Kansas City (Rosado 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 1-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Clark 1-0) at Cleveland (Colon 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gooden 0-0) at Detroit (Weaver 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Bottenfield 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 1-0) at Toronto (Halladay 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 0-0) at Minnesota (Bergman 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	6	5	.545	—
Montreal	6	5	.545	—
Atlanta	5	5	.500	½
New York	5	6	.455	1
Philadelphia	4	6	.400	1½
Central Division				
St. Louis	7	4	.636	—
Houston	5	5	.500	1½
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	1½
Chicago	5	7	.417	2½
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	2½
Pittsburgh	4	6	.400	2½
West Division				
Arizona	8	3	.727	—
Los Angeles	7	3	.700	½
Colorado	6	5	.545	2
San Diego	5	6	.455	3
San Francisco	3	8	.273	5

Friday's Games
Florida 9, Chicago Cubs 4
Los Angeles 8, Cincinnati 1
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 6, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 8, Pittsburgh 5, 12 innings
Colorado 6, St. Louis 2
Houston 10, San Diego 4
Arizona 3, San Francisco 1

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 0-0) at Milwaukee (Haynes 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 2-0) at Colorado (Arrojo 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 2-0) at San Francisco (Ortiz 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Irabu 1-1) at Philadelphia (Ashby 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 0-0) at Los Angeles (Gagne 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-1) at San Diego (Williams 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Montreal at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Florida at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.

WTC gains steam for rodeo finals

CANYON — After a slow start in the opening performance, Western Texas began filling the short round with team members during Friday's action.

Heading into Saturday morning's slack, Western Texas occupied 14 slots in Saturday night's finals of the West Texas A&M rodeo.

Anchoring WTC was a trio of Lady Westerners that held the top three spots in the breakaway roping.

Jill Childers sits atop the standings with a time of 3.1 seconds, followed by Tibba Smith's 3.3 and Brandee Brock's 3.6.

Smith was also second in the goat tying, after registering a 9.1. Terra Bynum's time of 10.3 had the Snyder native in sixth place.

Jamie Standifer posted the fastest time in the barrel racing through two rounds with a 17.30. Brock was fourth at 17.52.

On the men's side, Luke Richards wrestled down a time of 4.2 to grab the early lead in the steer wrestling.

In the bareback riding, B.J. Scott was second with a 72, one point ahead of teammate Wes Stevenson.

Bill Herbert tallied a 71 in the saddle bronc event to put him in second place, with Jeff Cavey in sixth after a score of 65.

Bobby Sellars and Cody Lawrence tagged up to notch the third-fastest time in the team roping at 6.4 seconds. Rawley McFarland and Jeff Cavey were ninth.

Slack was to have continued Saturday morning, followed by the short round Saturday night.

Els takes lead at tour event

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Ernie Els put his runner-up finish in the Masters behind him with another loss the next day.

A day after finishing three strokes behind Vijay Singh at Augusta on Sunday, Els headed to Cherokee Plantation to film a Shell's Wonderful World of Golf match with David Duval — which the South African lost.

Els focused on Harbour Town, where he hadn't finished better than 10th before. He opened with a 3-under 68 on Thursday and shot a 67 on Friday.

Only Love, after a 66 Friday, did any better at the halfway point.

Maybe it also helped Els that he was grouped with Love the first two rounds.

National Basketball Association

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	50	29	.633	—
x-New York	49	30	.620	1
x-Philadelphia	47	32	.595	3
Orlando	40	39	.506	10
Boston	33	46	.418	17
New Jersey	31	49	.388	19½
Washington	29	50	.367	21
Central Division				
y-Indiana	53	26	.671	—
x-Charlotte	46	33	.582	7
x-Toronto	44	35	.557	9
Detroit	41	37	.526	11½
Milwaukee	39	40	.494	14
Cleveland	30	48	.385	22½
Atlanta	26	53	.329	27
Chicago	17	62	.215	36
WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division				
x-Utah	53	25	.679	—
x-San Antonio	50	29	.633	3½
x-Minnesota	49	30	.620	4½
Dallas	37	42	.468	16½
Houston	33	46	.418	20½
Denver	32	47	.405	21½
Vancouver	21	58	.263	32½
Pacific Division				
y-L.A. Lakers	66	13	.835	—
x-Portland	57	22	.722	9
x-Phoenix	52	27	.658	14
x-Sacramento	44	35	.557	22
x-Seattle	43	36	.544	23
Golden State	19	61	.238	47½
L.A. Clippers	14	65	.177	52

x-clinched playoff berth, y-clinched division

Friday's Games
Boston 106, Chicago 91
Orlando 96, New Jersey 88
Philadelphia 104, Atlanta 92
Indiana 105, Miami 101
Toronto 86, New York 71
Charlotte 109, Milwaukee 106
Dallas 117, Seattle 103
Denver 105, Golden State 97
Phoenix 112, L.A. Clippers 88
Minnesota 104, Vancouver 94, 2OT
L.A. Lakers 121, Sacramento 114

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 11 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Charlotte at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
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SPORTS

Brown, Bulldogs bash Loraine, 17-7

IRA — Good hitting ballclubs can overcome any shortcomings in the field. And it doesn't hurt to have a solid left-hander on the mound.

Solid hitting mixed with the pitching of Jerek Brown was Ira's recipe for a district victory Friday as the Bulldogs put away Loraine, 17-7, at Bulldog Field.

Ira improves to 2-1 in the district standings and 9-3 overall, while Loraine falls to 0-2, 5-5.

The Bulldogs committed eight errors on the night, and Loraine added nine of its own. But Ira made up for the fielding blunders with its bats, belting out 14 hits through six innings.

"The wind was blowing out to right field and it made it difficult on the right fielders," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "But our guys did a good job at the plate. They were patient, and waited on a pitch they could hit. And when they got one, they hit it hard."

Brown anchored the Bulldogs at the plate, blasting a double, a triple and a home run. The senior's homer was a two-run shot in the second inning that gave Ira a 9-1 lead.

The Bulldogs had a total of eight hits for extra bases. Jeremy Bowden slapped a triple, with Seth Sterling smashing a pair of doubles. Eric Dickerhoff and Nathan Smith also doubled.

On the mound, Brown was just as sharp. The southpaw surrendered only three hits and three walks while striking out seven in four innings of work.

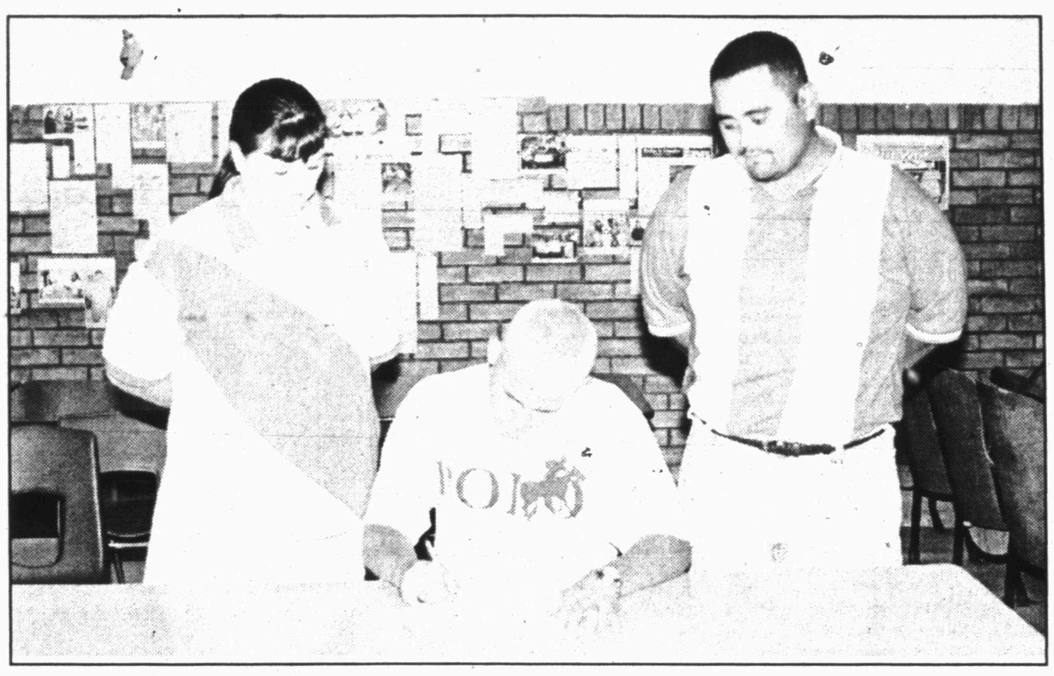
Jase Olvera threw the final two frames, recording two more strikeouts and giving up only two hits.

"I think we're going to start bringing another pitcher in the late innings to keep our guys fresh," Edwards said. "Rather than letting a guy get in trouble, we'll get him some relief before he tires out. We have so much depth on the mound, that there's not that much difference when we bring another guy in."

Ira tallied five runs in the bottom of the first, before posting four more in the second. Loraine's biggest output came in the fourth when it put four runs on the board.

The Bulldogs answered with four of their own in the fifth and two more in the sixth to end the game on the 10-run mercy rule.

Ira will be on the diamond again Tuesday in a non-district matchup with Paducah at Aspermont. Game time is 7 p.m.



FUTURE MCMURRY GRIDDER — Hermleigh's Caleb Callaway on Friday committed to play football at McMurry University in Abilene. Looking on are Caleb's mother Diean Callaway and Hermleigh head coach Juan Rios. (SDN Staff Photo)

Callaway headed to McMurry

HERMLEIGH — Hermleigh's Caleb Callaway will make the jump from the six-man gridiron to college football, and he'll do it at McMurry University in Abilene.

Callaway on Friday committed to play for the Indians who compete in the American Southwest Conference.

Callaway will receive an academic, rather than athletic scholarship, but Hermleigh coach Juan Rios believes his former player is ready for college ball.

"Caleb is a hard worker, and anytime you work hard, coaches like you," Rios said. "If he keeps working and keeps improving, he'll do pretty well over there."

Callaway, who led the Cardinals in receiving the past two seasons, knows there will be a big difference between six-man football and the college game.

"I know the game will be played at a much faster pace," Callaway said. "But the first thing I'll have to get used to is playing with 10 other teammates on the field, instead of five. I'll have to adjust to the style of 11-man football. But I'm looking forward to it."

Caleb is the son of Jimmy and Diean Callaway of Hermleigh.

Arrington tops NFL draft list

NEW YORK (AP) — Running back Thomas Jones earned his psychology degree in three years at the University of Virginia and then stuck around to break school records for all-purpose yards (2,195), single-season rushing (1,908), and career rushing (4,108).

So while other top NFL prospects sipped soft drinks at a predraft luncheon, Jones displayed his priority, carrying a football under his arm, just in case some team was watching.

And if they had overlooked him — unlikely — Jones provided a scouting report on himself.

"Quick. Strong. Catches the ball well. Blocks well. Durable. Smart."

Then he paused. "That's what I'd say about myself," he said. "I watch films. I try to be perfect on every play."

Even though he seems a bit undersized at 5-foot-10 and 205 pounds, Jones figured to be the No. 1 running back chosen in today's draft, ahead of bigger guys like Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne.

"I feel I'm a good back," Jones said. "There are a lot of good backs in the draft. To be the first one taken wouldn't be a bad thing, either."

He might be the first running back to go but he didn't expect to be the first pick of the draft. That distinction was expected to go to one of two Penn State defensive stars — linebacker LaVar Arrington or defensive end Courtney Brown.

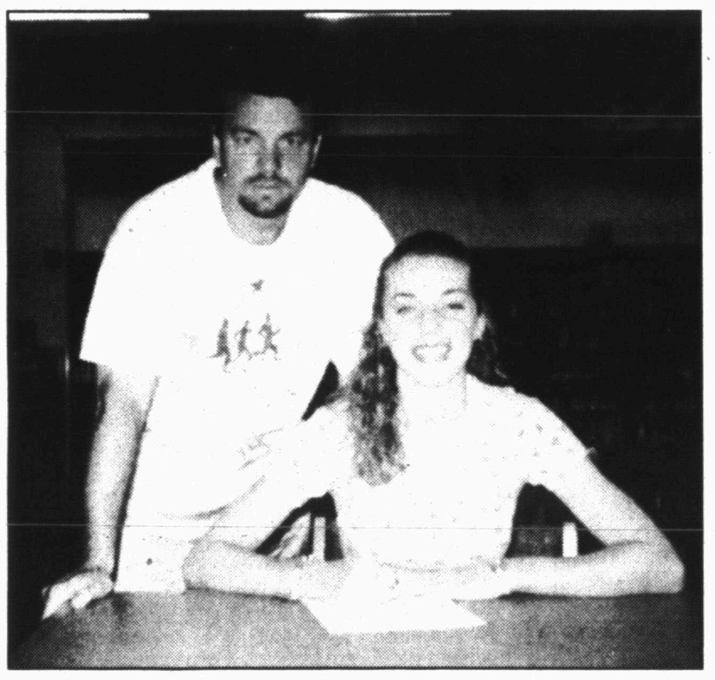
Cleveland owned the first pick followed by Washington with both Nos. 2 and 3 and then Cincinnati at No. 4.

Barring any last-minute trades, the Redskins were expected to choose whichever Penn State player Cleveland leaves for them and follow that with offensive tackle Chris Samuels of Alabama. That would leave wide receiver Peter Warrick for Cincinnati.

Arrington was asked if that sounded logical to him. The linebacker, who is described by some scouts as the next Lawrence Taylor, smiled.

"You never know what's going to happen," he said. "I might know, but I'm not telling."

Warrick, once considered a likely No. 1, slipped because of a scrape with the law in his last season at Florida State. He was arrested after paying $21.40 for $412.38 worth of clothing in a department store, and was suspended for two games.



COLLEGE HOOPSTER — Borden County's Julie Mayes, a standout for the Lady Coyotes for the past four years, signed a basketball scholarship with Texas A&M-Kingsville. Looking on is Borden County coach Gailan Winegarner. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rangers spoil Indians' home opener with solid 7-2 victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — Baseball's schedule makers did it to the Cleveland Indians again.

Opening the season with a nine-game, coast-to-coast road trip — their longest in 94 years — was bad enough. But when the Indians finally got home, they had to face the Texas Rangers in their home opener.

What, the New York Yankees were busy?

Texas and New York are the only visiting teams with a winning record at Jacobs Field, and the Rangers wrecked Cleveland's home opener Friday with a 7-2 victory.

Rick Helling (2-0) allowed four hits in eight innings and David Segui, Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez homered for the Rangers, who prevented the Indians from beginning a new era of baseball in Cleveland with a victory.

"You want to do better on opening day, especially this one," Indians catcher Sandy Alomar said. "But it was a boring game for us. We didn't pitch good, and we didn't hit."

Helling was the main reason for Cleveland's hitting woes.

After giving up a two-run homer to Omar Vizquel in the first, Helling didn't let another runner get to second and retired 18 of the final 21.

The right-hander entered the game with a 7.84 ERA at Jacobs Field, his highest at any AL ballpark, but once he got past the first inning, Helling was in total control. With the ball carrying well to right, he stayed low in the strike zone and finished with two walks and nine strikeouts.

"I don't want to pat myself on the back," Helling said. "But when you face a lineup like that, if you can throw up seven zeros in a row, you're doing a pretty good job. I haven't had much success against those guys."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said it was the best he's seen Helling in two years.

"I'm not sure I've ever seen anyone pitch that well against that lineup," Oates said. "He was in command."

The Indians began their 100th season on the road by going 7-2 on a trip that included opening day matchups in Baltimore and Tampa Bay. Despite having a day off Thursday, Helling made the Indians look tired.

"He went at our hitters hard," Indians rookie manager Charlie Manuel said. "He got ahead in the count and then used changeups. He hit the outside corner real well. Travis Fryman came back to the dugout and said, 'Watch out, boys. He's on that outside corner.'"

On a cloudless, 70-degree day, Cleveland's opener began sentimentally as former owner Richard Jacobs was introduced to the 374th consecutive sellout crowd at the ballpark bearing his name.

Jacobs had to be talked into taking part in the pregame festivities by Larry Dolan, who purchased the Indians from him this winter for $323 million.

Standing alone in the middle of the diamond, Jacobs, who owned the Indians since 1986 and was responsible for Cleveland's baseball renaissance, was visibly moved when the crowd saluted him with a long standing ovation.

"He sincerely enjoyed it," Dolan said. "I thought he deserved that moment."

In a symbolic passing of the torch, the 74-year-old Jacobs then bounced his pitch to Dolan, who made a nice bare-handed stop.

Indians starter Dave Burba didn't pitch much better.

Burba (1-1) gave up six runs and nine hits in four-plus innings. He walked three and struck out four. During Cleveland's six-game winning streak, Indians starters went 5-0 with a 2.72 ERA.

Mayes signs college hoops scholarship

GAIL — After a standout high school basketball career, Borden County's Julie Mayes will continue her playing days at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Mayes, four-year starter for the Lady Coyotes, averaged 14.2 points per game and helped lead her squad to the state tournament her junior season.

The Beta Club and National Honor Society member also advanced to state in cross country and track, and will play in the Six-Man All-Star Basketball Game in Lubbock this summer.

Julie is the daughter of David Mayes of Snyder and Sue Jane Mayes of Gail. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mayes of Snyder, and former Snyder residents Guy and Lillie Sullivan.

Ex-Hoosier calls coach a coward

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Toronto Raptors coach Butch Carter depicts Bob Knight as a "self-serving coward" who maintains control through threats and once used a racial slur at a black player.

Knight, who coached Carter more than 20 years ago at Indiana, already is under investigation by the school for allegedly grabbing a player's throat during practice.

Carter also said Knight hurt his coaching career by refusing to provide a recommendation.

The remarks are in a book co-written by brother Cris, a Minnesota Vikings receiver. Excerpts from "Born to Believe," which goes on sale May 1, were published in Friday's National Post of Toronto.

A woman at Knight's office Friday said the coach was out of town.

According to Butch Carter, who was a team co-captain at Indiana in 1980, Knight stormed into the locker room after a practice and berated another player. He said he would end up like "all the rest of the niggers in Chicago, including your brothers."

"Knight felt he was at such a superior level that he could make a statement like that to a player in front of his teammates and he had no obligation to apologize to him or the rest of the black players."

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Daylight Donuts	127	69
Headquarters	112.5	83.5
The Shack	112	84
Stephens' Office	112	84
Rose Barber Shop	105.5	90.5
McLeod Jewelers	101.5	94.5
State Farm	100	96
C&M Roofing	75.5	120.5
G&W Trucking	71.5	124.5
Wal-Mart	62.5	133.5

High series: Rick Mammolite, scratch, 570; Darrell Grant, handicap, 656.

High game: Glen Coy, scratch, 225; Jeff Smith, handicap, 242.

Splits and special mentions: Charles Bennett, Kirk Taylor and David Lyle, 3-10; Bill Stephens, 5-8-10; Wayne Monroney and Charles Evans, 3-10 (2).

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Martin Herefords	85	35
Baze Gun Repair	84.5	35.5
KSNY	76.5	43.5
Lawrence IGA	70.5	49.5
Spirit Energy	69	51
Snyder Lanes	49.5	70.5
Gutter Dusters	28	92

High series: Daphne Thompson, scratch, 519; Betty Boatman, handicap, 654.

High game: Cindy Aikin, scratch, 248; Cindy Aikin, handicap, 290.

Splits and special mentions: Alma Posey and Betty Boatman, 3-10; Norma Seabourn and Rosemary Hernandez, 4-5; Cindy Aikin, 248, 513; Daphne Thompson, 215, 519; Wanda Johnson, 515; Cara Lindsey, 507.

Girls' Little Dribblers

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Rockets 20, Little Tigers 18

Rockets: Erin Hogan, 10; Tilatha Akins, 5; Pinkerton, 3; Amanda Sanchez, 2. **Little Tigers:** Shelbie Talavera, 6; Chelsea Young, Erma Rodriguez and Chassie McDonald, 4; A'Lex Koonce, 2.

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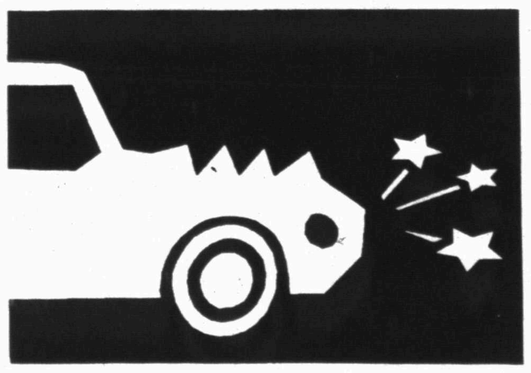
Lady Raiders 27, Nikes 25

Lady Raiders: Glyn Wright, 12; Alana Culp, 11; Sydney Wright and Wendy Reed, 2. **Nikes:** Ashton Wall, 14; Temi Thompson, 4; Kendra Burns and Candace Chandler, 3; Megan Crisp, 1.

Panthers 41, Jazz 18

Panthers: Sequoya Powell, 19; Terann Ragland, 8; Jordan Stansell, 6; Morgan Bilderback and Ciara Latta, 4. **Jazz:** Brittany Dickerhoff, 15; Whitney Payne, 2; Jessica Odom, 1.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Removing waxy build-up

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from hard wax deposits in my ears. Before having them removed — an annoying and uncomfortable procedure that I endure every month or two — I apply oil, hydrogen peroxide or Debrox in an attempt to soften the wax. No good. The removal is still torture. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Ear wax can be like concrete and may adhere to the ear canal, making removal difficult. Traditionally, doctors have advised that oil or other substances by introduced into the ears the night before wax removal. If this technique is ineffective, there is an ingenious next step. Instill a few drops of Colace, a capsule used as a stool softener, into each ear about 30 minutes before wax removal; following this, the waxy plug can be easily pulled out or flushed away.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 59-year-old husband died last year of lung cancer. He smoked more than a pack of cigarettes a day for most of his adult life. How do I go about suing the tobacco company?

DEAR READER: Most adults who began smoking in the 1940s and 1950s were, at best, only vaguely aware that tobacco was harmful. Even after the evils of cigarettes were widely publicized, many smokers blissfully continued their habit. Clearly, the tobacco companies are at fault for not taking active steps to inform the public of the hazards of smoking. And they are in the process of paying for this irresponsible corporate behavior, as a result of lawsuits initiated by both the federal government and individuals. So liability is very much in the mind of the courts.

If you wish to investigate the possibility of suing, I suggest that you contact your state attorney general to learn the names of attorneys who might be willing to represent you, either in a class action or an individual suit.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Where do you get your information? I live in the South and am 65. I have NEVER heard of mixing lard with butter and serving it with grits. For the record, contrary to popular belief, we do not all eat grits. As children, we ate oatmeal.

DEAR READER: A good choice, certainly better than the high-cholesterol lard and butter combination. Actually, the letter I quoted came from a reader in Georgia, so your criticism should more properly be directed to one of your own Southerners. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard that the drug Enbrel can be dangerous. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, yes. Enbrel is a new treatment for rheumatoid arthritis. According to the Food and Drug Administration, certain patients on Enbrel have died from infection. Therefore, the agency advises caution in prescribing Enbrel to diabetics or to patients with even trivial infections. For my part, I'd avoid the drug entirely, because the risks seem to outweigh the benefits, and other choices are readily available.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My 80-year-old father is in a nursing home. For the past year, his blood pressure has been too low (78/62), causing him to be lightheaded and faint when he stands. How can we get his blood pressure into the normal range?

DEAR READER: First of all, make certain that he is not taking prescription medicine that could lower his blood pressure. Many elderly nursing home residents have been prescribed drugs for heart conditions and other afflictions. These drugs may also adversely affect blood pressure. In a word, your father may be dangerously over-medicated. You should review his medications with his physician or nursing staff.

Second, oldsters can develop low blood pressure if they are dehydrated or if they consistently follow a low-salt diet. If your father's medicines are not to blame, encourage him to drink more fluids and to relax any salt-restriction. Using this strategy, I'd be surprised if his blood pressure failed to rise slowly into the normal range (140/80).

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the value of phytoestrogens? They seem to be getting a lot of media play.

DEAR READER: Yes, they are, and this attention is premature. Phytoestrogens are plant compounds that are converted to the female hormone estrogen during digestion. The most prevalent sources are soy and lignans (cereals, fruits, vegetables and legumes), especially black cohash and red clover. "Natural" food supplements and herbal remedies that contain phytoestrogens are receiving much public attention as a substitute for prescription hormones. However, there are scant studies indicating their effectiveness. In short, phytoestrogens are not especially useful. In a recent issue of the Medical Letter (Feb. 21, 2000), authorities concluded that "some plant products, particularly dietary soy, may have a weak estrogenic effect and some antiestrogenic effects. The dosage and purity of commercial phytoestrogens and their possible adverse effects are unknown."

I advise you to save your money and rely on more traditional estrogen replacement, in the form of products prescribed by your gynecologist. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Healing Fads." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle an argument. My friend insists that if you can tomatoes when you're having your period, they will spoil. I say this is nonsense.

However, my mother used to caution us girls not to go near the tomato patch when we were menstruating. To test this theory, at the age of 13, I sat in the middle of the patch when I had my period. Nothing happened.

DEAR READER: I'm not surprised. You proved the fallacy of this belief by performing a perfectly rational scientific experiment as a child. You are correct. The tomato/menstrual relation is non-existent.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm amused by all the publicity about erectile dysfunction, because I have the opposite problem. I awaken every morning — and I mean every morning — with a full erection, even if I had sex the night before. Sometimes the erections are uncomfortable. Hey, I'm 56 and this has been happening for about two years. Is this an age thing?

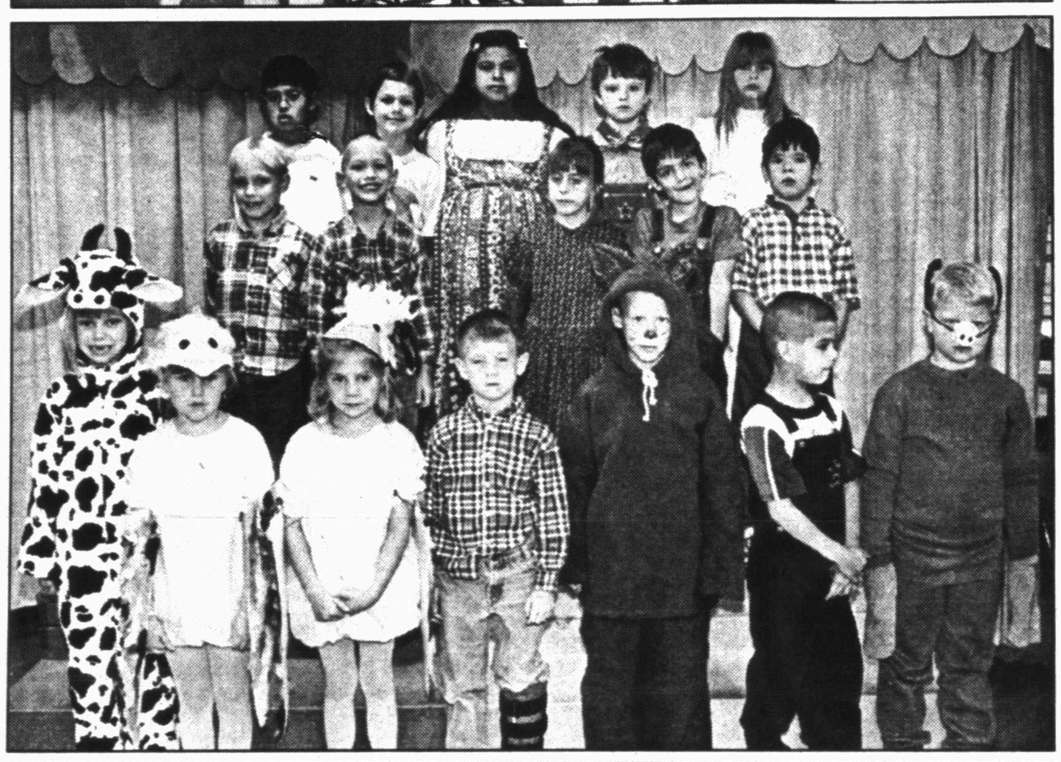
DEAR READER: Don't we all wish.

Morning erections are the rule in teen-agers and young adults. This tendency tends to disappear with age, which may cause concern or relief, depending on the individual.

If your morning erections resolve in a few minutes, I doubt that they are caused by any significant health problem. My advice? Thank God for small favors.

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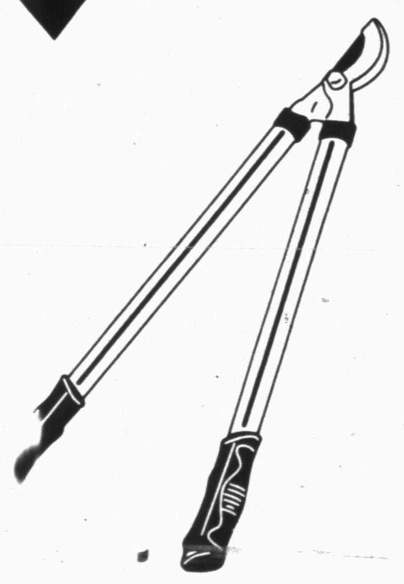




LITTLE RED HEN — Three first grade classes at Stanfield Elementary School recently presented *The Little Red Hen.* Kristina Reneau is the music teacher. Students in Jana Glass' classroom (top photo) are back row from left, Audriana Rascon, Leslie Rosas, JDee Early, Lyndsie Dunson, Ashley Kenner, Alex Hook; middle row, Megan Quintana, Carrie Harlan, Xalee Northcutt, Emilio Felan, Dylan Rodriguez, Michael Brasher; front row, Taylor Freeman, Chance Young, Kelissa Craig, Brandon Scott. Jean Baugh's students are (middle photo) top row from left, M.J. Diaz, Jordan Irwin, Michelle Flores, Nelson Sears, Lauren Sullivan; middle row, Shawndon McVey, Cody Duncan, Kimberly Halkowitz, Christopher Johnston, Jordan Olvera; bottom row, Brianne Perry, Kaylee Lord, Emma Nunley, Kaden McCarter, Will Toombs, Isaac White, Tyler Wilkinson. Linda Cozart's students (bottom photo) are back row from left, Brennen Baze, Robert Velasquez, Ozzy Raines, Lorin Martin, Briana Rose, Freddy Lopez, Meagan Robbins; middle row, Eboni Jackson, Jacob Mitchell, Dillon West, Ashton Burton, Blaire Toombs; front row, Bryce Doty, Krysha Burleson, Syndey Glass, Skylar Morris, Darian Clayton. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

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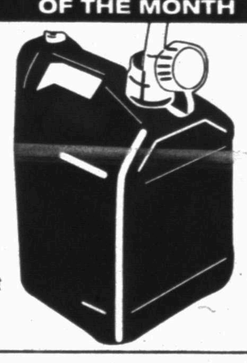
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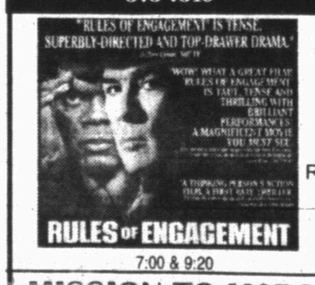


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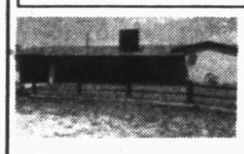
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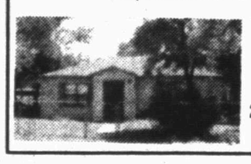
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF Trustee **ELECTION**
(AVISO DE ELECCION regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Ira, **Texas:**
(A los votantes registrados del Ira *Texas:)*

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 20 00 **, for voting in a** Trustee **election, to** elect two (2) trustees .
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 *de* mayo *de* 20 00 *para votar en la Elección para* elegir dos (2) regentes .)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Ira Community Center, Ira, Texas
El Centro Publico de Ira, Ira, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
Ira ISD Administration Office; la oficina de administracion de Ira
(location) *(sitio)*
between the hours of 8 **a.m. and** 4 **p.m. beginning on** April 19, 2000 **(date)**
(entre las 8 *de la mañana y las* 4 *de la tarde empezando el* 19 de abril, 2000 *(fecha)*
and ending on May 2, 2000 **(date)**
(y terminando el 2 de mayo, 2000 *(fecha)*

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date *(Fecha)*	Hours *(Horas)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)
Carolyn Carter, Rick Howard, Karen Waller
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)
P.O. Box 240
(Address) *(Dirección)*
Ira, TX 79527
(City) *(Ciudad)* **(Zip Code)** *(Zona Postal)*
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
April 28,2000; 28 de abril, 2000
(date) *(fecha)*

Issued this the 10th **day of** April, 20 00.
(Emitado este día 10 *de* abril, 20 00.)
Rick Howard
Signature of Presiding Officer *(Firma del Oficial que Preside)*

**If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.*

AUCTIONS

ESTATE AUCTION

Sale Time 10 A.M. Sat. April 22, 2000
RUBY LEE MITCHELL ESTATE
1517 C.R. "L" Lamesa, TX

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy. 87 (N.E. Edge of Lamesa), go West on 22nd St. Approx. 1 Blk. Then North on Woody Rd. Approx. 1 mile to auction site. From Hwy. 137 go East on 22nd St. to Woody Rd. then North to auction site. WOODY RD. IS LOCATED BEHIND WAL-MART SHOPPING CENTER.

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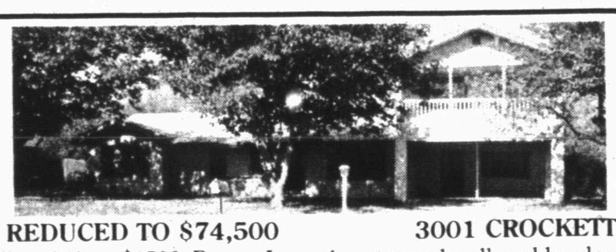

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3200 Irving 3-2-Corner..... $80's	3-1-3/4 on 3 Acres w/roping arena.... $78T
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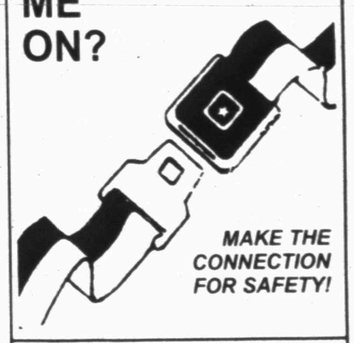

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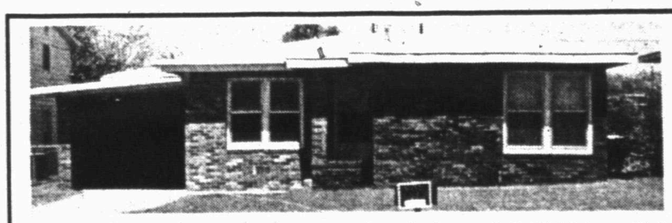
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Thank you is such an inadequate phrase. Following the loss of my husband, Bill, the entire community has rallied around me with love and concern and I am overwhelmed with the generosity you've shown. My husband was such a fine man and a wonderful husband. Your kindnesses in the form of food, flowers, memorials, cards and phone calls as well as your visits have been extremely comforting.

The funeral service was just beautiful and I would particularly like to thank the church members, Pastor Tommy Culwell, Larry Wesson and the choir and especially Miller Robinson. I couldn't have been more pleased.

I wish everyone could be as fortunate in having a family as loving and caring as I. My mother, my brothers and sisters-in-law and my nieces and nephew and other family members have surrounded me with love and I am so appreciative. I do not know what I'd have done without them.

The staff and faculty at Central have showered me with love and have helped my class function as normally as possible. The SISD administration and TDCJ Windham Schools have been supportive and helpful as well as giving me comfort. We were so blessed to work with such fine people.

For the beautiful tribute to Bill, I offer my sincerest thanks and love to each of you. I will never forget you.

JUDY MOSS

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to all of our friends and neighbors who brought food, called and sent cards. To Central Baptist Church for the use of their Fellowship Hall; To the ladies who prepared the dinner; To Brother Jim Townsend for the eulogy; To Bell-Cypert-Seale for a lovely funeral. All was greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF A.M. MELTON

THANK YOU

It has been a year since our Dad (Cleckler Smith) went to his Perfect Home. Throughout the year we have been reminded of how special he was, and also of how special his (and our) friends have been. We have once again listened to messages left by you on his answering machine when he was in the Austin hospital, and we've looked through cards, memorials, and lists of those who visited and brought food. And even though we tried to make every effort to express our thanks personally, we just want to tell you again that we are very thankful to each one who had a part in Dad's life. You were special to him and we know he was special to you. Thanks again for all you have done! The memory lives on, and we love you!

Carolyn & Odell Cox Tom & Sharon Smith
Phil & Jolene Smith

THE FAMILY OF PILAR LUNA SR.



wishes to express its sincere appreciation for your kindness, thoughtfulness, and most of all your prayers during this time of our great loss.

Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, cards and to relatives and friends who helped us through this difficult time. May God Bless you.
Special thanks to Father Leo Moras, Wright Colonial Funeral Home and the Knights of Columbus.

Anson Luna Sr., Pablo Luna, Maria Luisa Luna
Pilar Luna Jr., their children & grandchildren

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE LARRALDE

We take 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 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.

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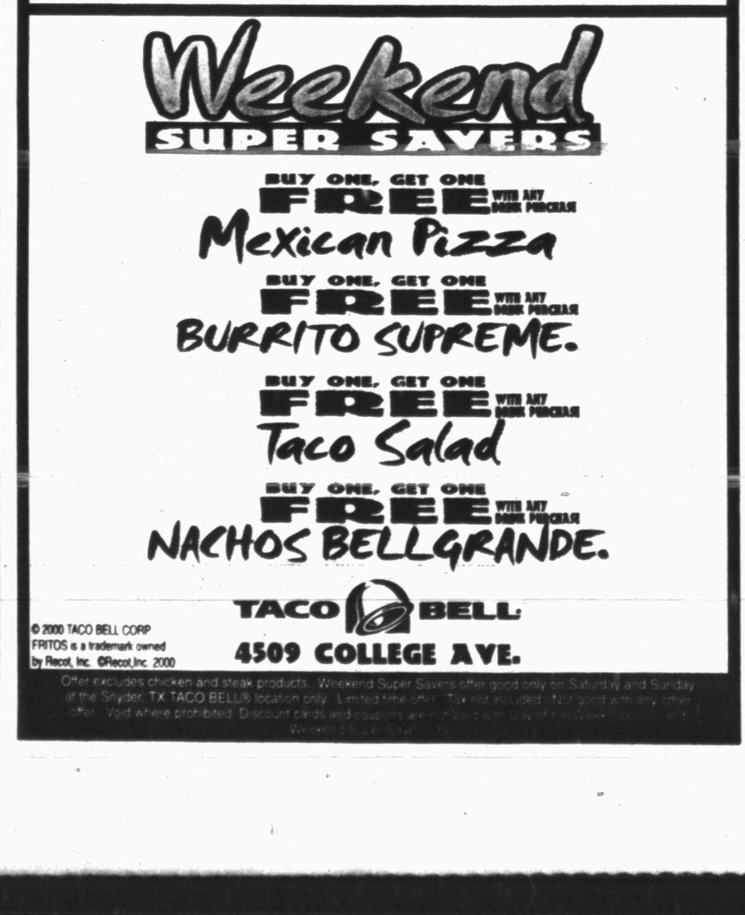
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Man killed in car accident in Missouri

HAYTI, Mo. (AP) — A Texas man died when the car he was riding in ran a stop sign on a rural Missouri road and was hit broadside by a second vehicle, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

Travis Holder, 37, of Karnack, Texas, was killed Wednesday night while driving on a rural road in the Missouri Bootheel, about five miles south of Hayti. Both Holder and a second passenger were thrown from the car





Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

SUNDAY, April 16, 2000
Don't plow over any seeds you've already sown, because a number of ventures that have never really paid off could be brought to fruition in the year ahead. Keep hoeing your garden.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) At first it might annoy you that you're called upon to set aside your personal goals for the moment, but once you realize it's for the greater good of others, you won't mind a bit. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone in high places might put you on the track to a large opportunity today. Although this person's assistance will be substantial, you'll still have to make the most of the chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Thank goodness your popularity will be at a high point today, because your friends will immediately go to bat for you should you have to deal with one person who isn't too pleasant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone you know who is quite sharp with financial affairs may offer to help you sort out yours. Don't be resistant; be grateful for the expert help in bettering your lot in life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although you're likely to be somewhat of a slow starter today, your ideas are very imaginative and creative. Don't sit on them; drop frivolous pursuits and get moving on the new concepts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even if this isn't normally a work day for you, exploit a couple of opportunities that come your way today that deal with your commercial prospects. You might not be able to do so tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might be more obvious to others that your leadership qualities are accentuated today. If asked, don't be modest about taking charge if leadership is foisted upon you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People with whom you'll be involved today may treat you in a more generous fashion than usual. Their kindness will chase away any blues you might have been feeling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't lower your sights today; instead elevate them a bit higher, because you're still in a fortunate cycle where you can get things done to fulfill your hopes and expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you find yourself battling a project today, start following the lines of least resistance. Things will go a lot smoother for you when you stop beating your head against the wall.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It will be your know-how that will give you the edge over persons with whom you're involved today. These lessons from the past can be utilized quite effectively at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you may have thought you were being left out of an arrangement being orchestrated by a friend, chances are you'll be contacted today to join in on the event.

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Monday, April 17, 2000
An unusual condition could develop in the year ahead that may end up proving to be extremely fortunate for you financially. Be ready to take advantage of it when it springs open.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone with whom you're associated may surprise you today by announcing his or her support of your initiative. It's a person who has never stepped forward on your behalf previously. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instinctively, you'll know how to turn things to your advantage today, especially when at work or in competitive situations. Being fast on your feet wins the race.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An invitation of a social nature might be in the offing today, and it's one you'll want to take advantage of. Don't feel guilty about switching plans at the last minuet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Chances are you have a lot more staying power under your wings than you may realize. Today's events could demonstrate what a good stretch runner you really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who has rarely agreed with you regarding issues of importance might surprise you today by aligning himself or herself to your cause. It'll be a good addition to your team.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Due to an unexpected change in circumstances, a job you had under way will cost you far less than you anticipated. It will mean more money in your pocket.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to structure your day too severely today, because chances are what pops up on its own will be more enjoyable than planned activities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Not all things people keep to themselves are bad, as evident by today's events, when you stumble upon a little known fact about someone you hold dear that will warm your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A project that you're involved in may take on a new twist due to some very interesting pieces of information that are offered to you to today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone in a position to do so may see to it today that you're not overlooked when it comes time to passing out well-earned compensation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A good friend may pop up with a clever solution today to a social dilemma with which you've been confronted. You'll instantly realize the soundness of the plan.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A good friend of yours may make something possible for you today that you thought was feasible only in your dreams. It could have something to do with money or romance.

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40 killed in Congolese airport blast

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Distraught relatives milled through the hallways of a hospital overwhelmed by the dead and injured after explosions rocked Kinshasa's airport, killing at least 40 people, Belgium's Foreign Ministry said Saturday.

There were conflicting explanations of what caused the blasts, ranging from a short circuit to a soldier's dropping ammunition while unloading a plane full of weapons.

Congolese state authorities did not release any casualty figures from the explosions Friday and were not immediately available to comment on the Belgian report.

Ambulances raced between the airport and city hospitals, ferrying those injured in the blasts, which reportedly sent fuel and ammunition depots up in flames and destroyed several buildings.

The Kinshasa General Hospital was swamped by the number of victims, said staff members who declined to give numbers.

U.N. sources in New York said there were unconfirmed reports that at least 27 people were injured. Congo's state-run radio, however, reported Saturday that at least 10 people were killed and it was feared more bodies would be found.

Family members waited in hospital hallways and clustered around the emergency room hoping to get news of the missing.

The explosions Friday set off a brief panic in Kinshasa, where people who live near the airport fled their homes for the city center, fearing that Congolese rebels might have reached the capital.

State-run radio reported that a series of explosions that shattered all the windows of the airport terminal were triggered when a short circuit sparked a fire at an army munitions depot.

The fire spread to a fuel depot, sparking further explosions, and engulfing two military planes in flames, the radio said.

Several buildings were set ablaze.

Secondary explosions persisted for more than two hours as ammunition blew up, showering the area with shrapnel.

Lawsuit partially intended to improve safety on buses

HOUSTON (AP) — Twenty survivors of a Dec. 21 Colorado bus crash that killed three Houston residents and injured many others during a church outing are among the plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed against the manufacturer and owner of the bus.

The suit, filed in state district court, seeks unspecified damages from DaimlerChrysler AG of Stuttgart, Germany, and its subsidiaries for manufacturing and selling a bus without safety features such as a reinforced roof and seat belts.

The suit also alleges that the bus driver, Robert Gene Hawthorn, 72, one of the three fatalities, was driving too fast for the icy mountainous road.

Sierra Stage Coaches Inc. of South Houston, which owned the bus and employed the driver, is also a defendant. It is accused of negligence in hiring and supervising Hawthorn, who had heart disease.

The lawsuit "is more than just an attempt to recover money," Houston attorney Wayne Fisher said.

"This case represents perhaps the best opportunity to examine whether there should be improved standards for buses of all kinds, including tour buses, relative to seat belts and roof structures."

Obituaries

Karan Key

1945-2000

Funeral service for Karan Lynn Robinson Key of Gail is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Karan Key

Mrs. Key, 54, died Friday, April 14, in a Lubbock care center following a lengthy illness.

Born June 6, 1945 in Snyder, Mrs. Key was a graduate of Texas Tech and had been a teacher at Borden County School where she was a cheerleader sponsor for eight years and an adult 4-H leader.

Mrs. Key had lived in Borden County for 33 years and was a member of the Snyder First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brice and Darby Key of Gail and Grant Key of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Ralynn and Will Kirkpatrick of Post; her parents, Raymond and Helen Robinson of Snyder; two brothers, Richard Robinson of Hereford and Bo Robinson of Snyder; one sister, Connie Poarch of Georgetown; and two grandchildren, Olivia and Zoie Key of Gail.

The family will greet friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Friends are contributing to the Borden County EMS in Gail, 79738, or to the Karan Key Scholarship Fund at Snyder National Bank.

Alta Bilbo

1901-2000

ROBERT LEE – Alta Cleo Bell Bilbo, the grandmother of John Boren of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 12, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

A memorial service for Mrs. Bilbo, 98, was set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Robert Lee United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jim Reeves was to officiate.

Born Oct. 11, 1901 in Robert Lee, she graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1920 and married Alley James Bilbo on June 15, 1921. He died in 1992.

The Bilbos owned and operated Bilbo Drug and she served as assistant postal clerk for 20 years at the Robert Lee post office. She was a lifetime member of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bilbo was also preceded in death by two daughters, two grandsons, her parents, eight sisters and one brother.

Survivors include four daughters, Alta Kay of Alpine, Jamie Boren of Robert Lee, Jo Ann Littlefield of Grove, Okla., and Janet Rathmell of Mertzon; a sister, Robbie Turner of San Angelo; 12 other grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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Eddie Rollins

1957-2000

Funeral service for Eddie Glenn Rollins, a former Snyder resident, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins officiated. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home



Eddie Rollins

Mr. Rollins, 42, died Thursday, April 13, from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle collision eight miles south of Ira on Highway 350.

Born on June 13, 1957 in Snyder, he married Kathleen Floyd on Sept. 4, 1999 in Snyder. A 1975 graduate of Snyder High School, he was a field service technician for Cynara, located in Snyder. He moved to Big Spring from Snyder in September, 1999. Mr. Rollins was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Rollins of the home; two sons, Zack Rollins and Brandon Rollins of Snyder; two stepsons, Dusty Floyd and Coby Floyd of Ackerly; one stepdaughter, Mendi Floyd of Abilene; his parents, Joe and Doris Rollins of Snyder; and two brothers, Jessie Rollins of Pleasanton and Billy Rollins of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to the Ben Richey Boys Ranch, 501 Ben Richey Dr., Abilene 79602.

Pauline Hopkins

1913-2000

CROWELL – Pauline Hopkins, the mother of Larry Hopkins of Hermleigh, died Thursday, April 13, in Wilbarger General Hospital in Vernon.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hopkins, 86, is set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Womack-Manard Funeral Home Chapel in Crowell with Bill Marlow officiating. Burial will follow in the Thalia Cemetery.

Mrs. Hopkins, born July 10, 1913 in Foard County, attended Ayersville school. She married Thad Hopkins on Oct. 31, 1934 in Frederick, Okla.

A lifetime resident of Foard County, she was a former employee of the Foard County Hospital in Crowell and was a member of Thalia Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thad Hopkins on Sept. 27, 1989; and a son, Kenneth Hopkins, June 26, 1992. Survivors include two other sons, Bill Hopkins of Quanah and Junior Hopkins of Fort Worth; three sisters, Rudell Porter of Goodyear, Ariz., Flora Belle Close of Fort Worth and Edith Swenson of Guymon, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Abe Lanier

1903-2000

SWEETWATER – Abe Lanier, the father of Bob Lanier of Snyder, died Friday, April 14, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Lanier, 96, is set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Decker Cemetery with the Rev. Lance Lanier May officiating. McCoy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Nov. 24, 1903 in Ballinger, he married Emma Lee Walden on Aug. 30, 1930.

Mr. Lanier was a lifelong resident of the Decker and Blackwell communities. He was a member of the Blackwell United Methodist Church and the Nolan County Senior Ctizens.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Lanier of Blackwell; three daughters, Virginia Harris of Blackwell, Rudy Thomas of Maryneal and Patty Lanier of New Braunfels; two other sons, Edmond "Dink" Lanier of Robert Lee and Tommy Lanier of San Angelo; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Brad Lanier, Harvey Harris, Jeff Harris, Scott Lanier, Todd Thomas, Brian May and Jerry Lanier.

Warrants send 3 to jail on Friday

Outstanding warrants sent three people to jail Friday, including one subject for felony parole violation.

Officers arrested David Lujan, 37, of 119 Mt. Nebo in Dallas at 5:41 p.m. in North Park.

A 36-year-old female was also taken into custody at that location on warrants for public intoxication, failure to appear and resisting arrest.

At 9:43 p.m. Friday, a 21-year-old female was booked into custody on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Callahan County for speeding and failure to display driver's license.

Officers received a report at 10:01 p.m. of subjects in the Sonic parking lot waving beer bottles from their car window. Contact was made with two juveniles who were issued citations and released to their parents.

In other activity Friday, an offense report for Class C family violence was submitted at 10:06 a.m.

An officer was called to McDonald's restaurant at 7:30 p.m. in reference to the theft of some money. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

Deputies were called to the Hermleigh area at 11:42 p.m. after a citizen reported someone possibly shooting a gun in the vicinity of Wheat Street. Deputies were unable to locate anyone discharging a firearm.

Chamber directors to meet on Monday

Directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Monday for the regular monthly board meeting.

A report on bids for workers compensation and health insurance for six employees will be heard, and several upcoming events will be discussed.

These events include events the Snyder Arts & Crafts Show, April 29-30; Relay for Life, April 28-29; Senior Citizens May Day on May 6; Legends Lamb Club Sale, May 20; Western Swing Festival, May 16-21; and SHS graduation, May 26.

The board will also recognized a new chamber member, Benchmark Business Solutions, managed by Dee Blackwell.

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Sports banquet planning

A meeting to plan the SHS all-sports banquet will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the student center. All parents of athletes are urged to attend.

Area-wide crusade

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will host an area-wide crusade Sunday through Wednesday, featuring Ken Freeman. Doug Pierce will be the worship leader. Sunday services are 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 7. A noon Men's Bible Study with Freeman is set Monday. Lunch will be provided for men 18 and older. A senior adult pot-luck luncheon with Freeman is planned Wednesday.

HSU choir at FBC

First Baptist Church will host the Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir at 6 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

'Run for the Son'

Ken Richburg, president of the Lubbock chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association, will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Sound of Jubilee, 908 E. Hwy 180. For more information call 573-5055.

Ladies Auxiliary election

Ladies Auxiliary election for VFW Post 8231 will be held Monday. All members are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "I Have a Feeling Something Bad is About to Happen," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 9."

Lions Club meeting

The Lions Club will not meet Tuesday at the Woman's Club, but instead members will attend the noon Holy Week service at the First Presbyterian Church.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Family night out

Northeast Elementary will hold Family Night Out starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Spanish Inn.

8th grade orientation

Parents of Snyder 8th graders are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Worsham Auditorium at SHS. Debbie Phillips, counselor, will provide information about high school registration, course selections and graduation requirements. Incoming freshmen will be given registration materials, and they are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.

Combined choirs musical

The combined choirs of First Baptist and Colonial Hill Baptist churches will present "God For Us" at 7 p.m. next Friday and Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Easter service

First Baptist Church will conduct its Easter service at 10:15 a.m. next Sunday, in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered on April 28 in the testing center at WTC. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

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

Avenue D Baptist anniversary

Avenue D Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 30. A noon meal will be served following the morning service, and an afternoon service will also be held. Former pastors Calvin Brown and Jack Riley will speak, as will Darold Baldwin, Mitchell-Scurry director of missions, as will former interim pastor John Shugart. Charles Day is the pastor of the church.

Sonshine School

Pre-registration for the Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is now in progress for the next school year. Call 573-0549 or 573-1700 for more information.

Summer, fall pre-registration

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

King's Kids pre-registration

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

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is underway. The school is for 18 months to pre-K, and is for up to five days a week with the parents choosing the days.

Pick 3

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

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

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Drinking, driving can lead to 'Shattered Dreams'

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

She felt detached from the happenings around her as she lay in the grass covered in blood and a white sheet waiting for the hearse.

Around her, EMS personnel tended to the others as firemen worked to cut them free from a wrecked car.

Yards away, a young man was being handcuffed and led to a police car.

Of course the blood was fake, painted on by Western Texas College drama students, and she and the others could get up and walk away, but it still left an eerie feeling for Emily Vinson to lay there and pretend to be dead.

"It was kind of not real. Surrealistic. I was there, but not part of everything," the 17-year-old Snyder High School junior said.

Vinson depicted a teenager thrown from a vehicle and killed in a mock alcohol-related accident Tuesday.

She said she laid there and listened to what was happening around her and then finally her pulse and blood pressure was checked and her character was determined to be dead.

"The whole time there was a thought in the back of my head that that was it — a pulse and blood pressure was all it boiled down to."

The full-blown simulation was part of the "Shattered Dreams" project, an alcohol-awareness program geared towards juniors and seniors to illustrate the possible consequences of drinking and driving.

Six students participated in the mock accident, including Colin Jones, who portrayed the drunk driver. He was taken through the full arrest scenario, including going before a judge and talking with an attorney.

"It is a unique experience and I learned a good lesson," he said. "I realized drinking and driving is a risk that no one should mess around with because the consequences are not good. No one in that situation wants to have to deal with parents and yourself after the death of five people."

Emergency and law enforcement personnel assisted in the demonstration, which unfolded in front of juniors and seniors from Snyder and Ira high schools.

Among those assisting on the scene were volunteers from Snyder EMS, Snyder Police Department, Snyder Fire Department and the Department of Public Safety.

The scene of the accident was already staged when students arrived to watch. The wrecked cars and "victims" were in place at the site and the emergency response people were ready down the street.

With sirens blazing, officers, troopers, paramedics and firemen arrived on the scene to find one "victim" — Emily — thrown from one vehicle and "dead on arrival." In the car, there were three unconscious — Robert Early, the driver, and two passengers, Libby Aparicio and Tosha Walker.

Jones, the drunk driver, was pacing around the other vehicle while the passenger in his car, Rebecca West, was unconscious.

The emergency personnel set to work as if it was a real accident scene.

"We treat patients as true as we can without actually putting a needle in their arm or a tube down their throat," Shane Terry, director of Mitchell County EMS and "Shattered Dreams" volunteer said. "It is simulated, but it is done as real as possible to show what we have to do when someone makes a poor decision to drink and drive."

Many of the student "victims" said it was so real, it was unreal.

"It was surreal. I felt like it could have really been me," West, a SHS senior, said. "The way they [EMS personnel] worked on me, it felt like something they would have really done. It made it feel more realistic."

Her character died en route to the hospital. "It made me stop and think about the consequences of getting in a car with a drunk driver," West said.

Vinson was actually covered, strapped to a backboard, placed in the hearse and carried to Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Her parents actually came to the funeral home to identify the body.

"It was a very convincing argument not to drink and drive," Vinson said. "Even though my parents knew it was fake, they took it kind of hard."

Jones was given the field sobriety test and then taken to the hospital to simulate blood being drawn for alcohol testing. He was then taken to the county jail.

"I got booked in, they took my possessions and finger printed me and I went into the cell for a little while. Then I went to the courthouse and talked to the judge. He talked about a possible sentence if I was convicted and read me my rights."

Tosha Walker, a junior from Ira, was a backseat passenger and her character died at the hospital.

"It was really eerie. Deep down you know it's fake and you're going to wake up, but hearing all the stuff going on around you and knowing you can't wake up because it would defeat the purpose, it really gets to you."

Walker said she participated to teach others. "I was mainly doing it to teach other people a lesson. If I could save one life that is my goal. I would rather save just one than not any."

She said she hopes the program had an impact on her classmates. "I hope the students took this simulation seriously and are smart about their actions because the consequences of drinking and driving are fatal."

Libby Aparicio, a Snyder junior, was also a backseat passenger and her character died en route to the hospital.

"It's weird when you are just laying there. You don't know what's happening. It scares you. You can hear all these voices."

Aparicio said a lot of thoughts were going through her mind. "Just knowing you can't be there with your parents, you can't tell them what you want to tell them. The fact that you had to die because of someone else that wasn't thinking."

Robert Early, also a SHS junior, was depicted as the driver of the car with the three passengers. His character also died en route to the hospital.

"I was scared thinking what it would have been like if it was real. A real scary thought because of how close to real it felt."

The lesson he hopes students walk away with is "it could happen to anybody."

"You can never be too safe," he said.

Snyder Junior Cary Brown was an observer. "I thought it was very emotional. Realistic. I knew the girl that was dead [Emily]. Just the thought of that happening to a classmate was overwhelming."

She said the accident scenario had an impact on her. "It is something that will be in the back of my head, especially if some type of situation like that comes up."

As far as others, she said, "I think it is effective to the ones that are mature enough to take it seriously."

Snyder Junior Tim Green said he thought the 10th grade students should have been watching also. "I think they should have put the sophomores out there because they are just getting their licenses and will be out driving and doing stupid stuff."

Another part of the "Shattered Dreams" program was to pull students out of classrooms, have them put on black t-shirts and paint their faces to look dead.

"The students that are pulled out of class symbolize that every 15 minutes someone in the United States is killed as a result of an alcohol-related accident," Kristi Cox, who helped organize the event, said.

The students in the mock accident and the ones who were pulled from classes did not go home Tuesday night, but spent the night in a retreat in the WTC gym.

Parents of the students were asked to write a letter to their child as if he or she was dead."It made me cry," Lyn Chaney, mother of Ira Junior Casey Chaney, said. "It made me stop and reflect that 17½ years have gone by. He's just been this awesome kid and I'm so glad that I got to be a part of his life. I hope doing this reminds me to tell people that I love them."

The scenario also affected Dr. Melissa Jones, mother of Colin Jones. She said an event like this changes everyone's life.

"It is a parent's nightmare. The dreaded phone call at night. Do you know where your child is and what he's doing? It's devastating," Dr. Jones said. "All of a sudden everything changes. There's no framework for what you had expected, because a different set of circumstances surrounds your life now."

Donations are being accepted at West Texas State Bank in care of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department to provide scholarships for the students who participated in the "Shattered Dreams" program.

Falwell launches voter drive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tapping into churches for help, television evangelist Jerry Falwell is launching an effort to register 10 million voters as he tries to reenergize the religious right after a brutal Republican primary season.

Falwell insisted Friday that the effort is not aimed at helping any candidate or political party, but he allowed that, "People who pray will probably vote all right, too."

Pressed, he went further: "You know and I know that the churches and pastors who allow me to assist them in this effort probably are not connected closely with Al Sharpton or Jesse Jackson or Al Gore. That's reality."

Falwell's announcement came a day after presidential contender George W. Bush sought to reach out from his conservative base to moderate and independent voters by meeting with a group of gay Republicans.

It also followed a primary season in which Bush's closest challenger for the Republican nomination, Arizona Sen. John McCain, denounced Falwell and Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson as "agents of intolerance."

"I don't think religious conservatives have lost any of their power. I think they've lost their enthusiasm," Falwell told reporters as he launched the formation of "People of Faith 2000." He said it would lead a seven-month drive to register at least 10 million new voters by urging pastors to solicit their support during church meetings.

His effort was denounced as a "shady shell game" by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a private group that said Falwell was trying to help Bush in the election. The group said it filed a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service alleging that such political activity would abuse a church's tax-exempt status.

David Woodard, a political science professor at Clemson University in South Carolina, said Falwell's effort seemed aimed at maintaining the religious right's "influence in the political party, which is clearly on the wane."

Falwell said the legalities of the effort had been researched. He also denied that the campaign was an effort to recover from the strong primary-season criticism from McCain, one of the Republicans' top two contenders.

"He did more toward energizing people of faith than, I have noticed, since Ronald Reagan," Falwell said. In fact, exit polls showed that voters who were influenced by McCain's comments generally picked Bush.

Although Bush and McCain share many conservative views, the Arizona senator drew considerable support from GOP moderates, independents and Democrats in this year's open primaries.

Falwell's new group is aiming to raise $18.6 million to pay for its operations, and Falwell pledged it would go out of existence on Nov. 8, the day after the election.

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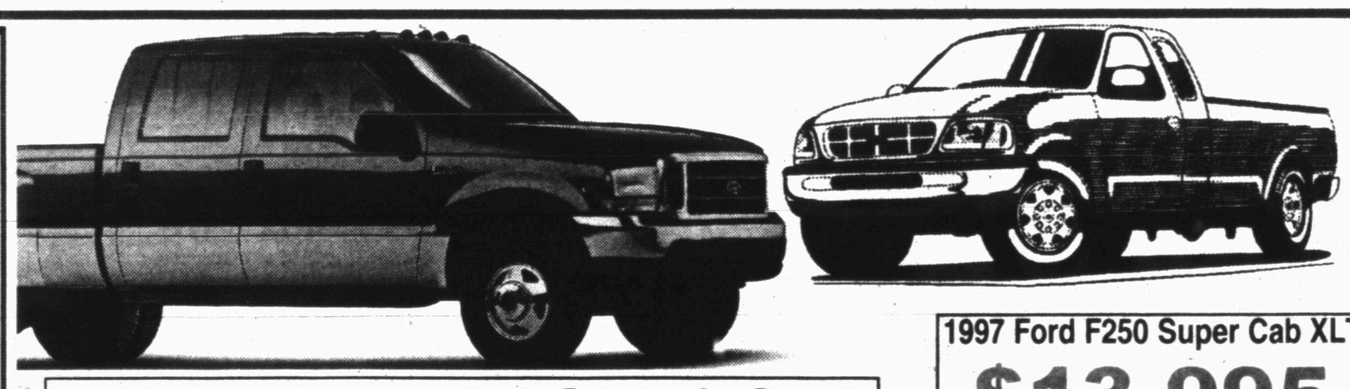
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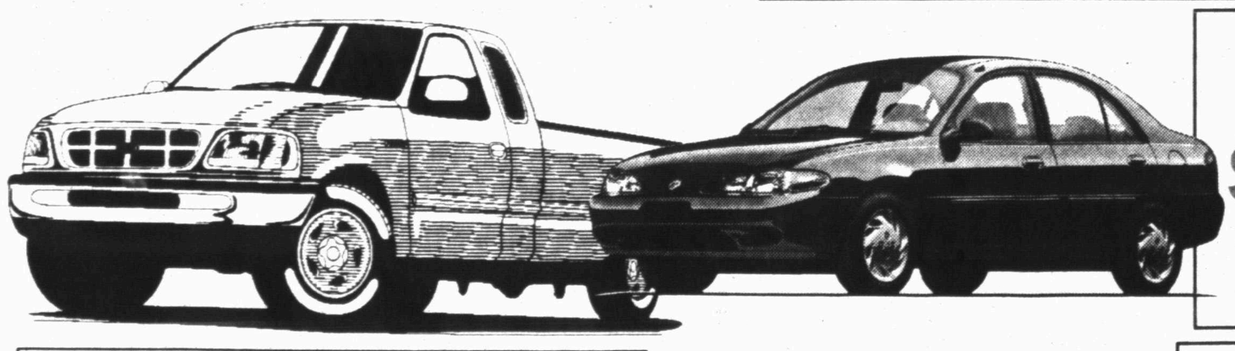
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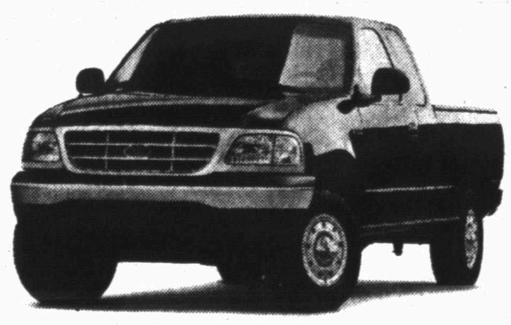
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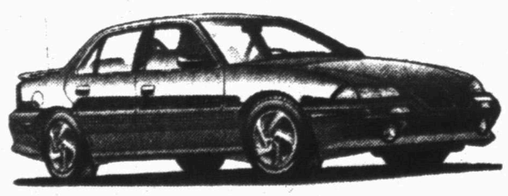
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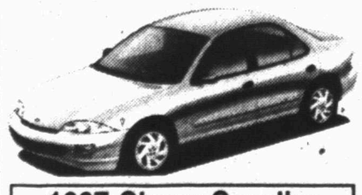
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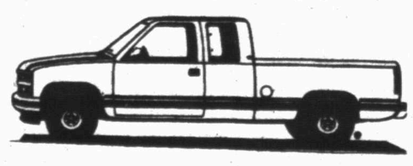
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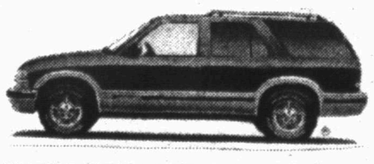
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

NE walk benefits people who have diabetes

When Northeast Elementary students and teachers participated in the American Diabetes Association Walk held April 5 at the school, they weren't just walking for a national organization, but for fellow students and a teacher – all who have been touched by the illness.

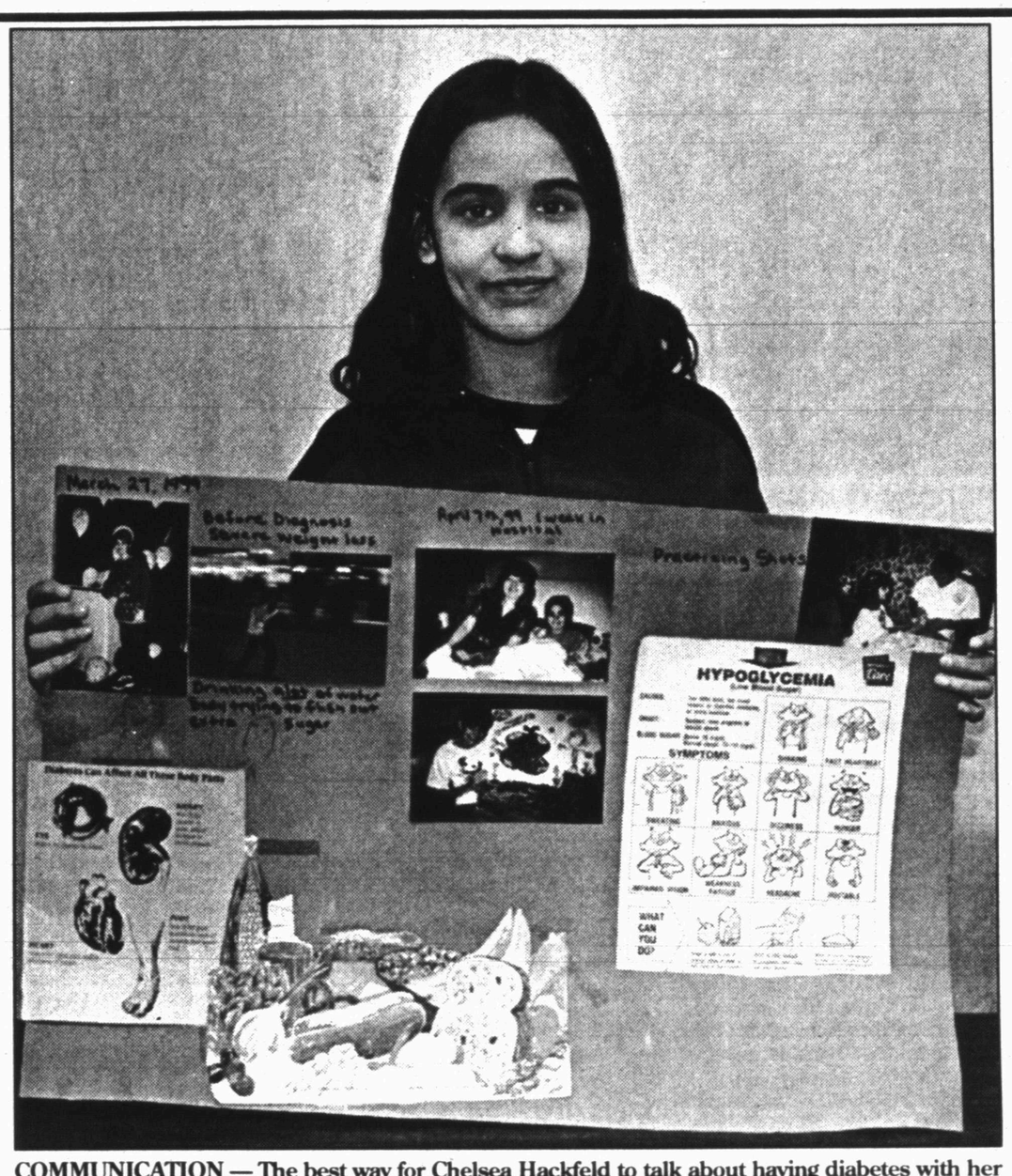
One fifth grader is Chelsea Hackfeld, 11, daughter of Keith and Jackie Hackfeld, who was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes about a year ago.

Another is Marleah Akins whose sister, Danisha, was diagnosed around five years of age. Danisha attended Northeast two years ago. She is now a seventh grader at Snyder Junior High School.

A former student with juvenile diabetes is Ryne Trout, who recently moved from Snyder.

The teacher is Vanessa Taylor, who has taught at Northeast for nearly 10 years. She is considered a "brittle" diabetic because her blood sugar level fluctuates from high to low.

Students walked during their PE class, and by the end of the day they had collected a total of $1,004.06. The top medalist is Marleah Akins, who raised $400.



COMMUNICATION — The best way for Chelsea Hackfeld to talk about having diabetes with her classmates is to show them this poster. The Northeast fifth grader was diagnosed in April of 1999. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Marleah said she was glad to participate in the walk for the American Diabetes Association because she knows that the money she helped collect will be used to make things like pumps, which someday may benefit her sister.

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Chelsea had many of the classic signs of diabetes, but in the beginning no one realized it.

She had lost a lot of weight, was tired all of the time and drank lots of liquids. Her eyes were also blood shot.

A local doctor, James Burleson, discovered the diabetes through a routine physical and blood tests, and referred the family to a Lubbock doctor.

Chelsea was then hospitalized at University Medical Center (UMC) for one week, where she and her family, including two older brothers, Brandon and Brady, learned how to cope with her illness.

Chelsea uses a glucometer to check her blood sugar level at least four times a day. It's easy for her to do that, but all the little pricks needed to draw blood does make for sore fingers, her mother said.

That's why the family is very interested in the new technology being developed through ADA research such as a laser prick device which won't make the fingers as sore and a gluco watch which determines the blood sugar level through the oil on skin.

Chelsea hasn't passed out yet, but her blood sugar level has dropped quite low at times. It can also go too high and require additional insulin.

A cold, even a mild one, can raise Chelsea's blood sugar level. Any type of stomach virus is also dangerous, because it's crucial for diabetics to keep food in their stomach after they take a shot of insulin, Jackie said.

Stress can also raise her blood sugar level, such as being bitten by bees, which has happened once.

Chelsea administers her own insulin shots. She learned how by giving Brandon saline solution injections.

Chelsea rotates where she injects herself, but the stomach is a good place because there are less nerve endings there, Jackie explained.

ADA research is also developing an insulin inhaler which might eliminate insulin injections.

Chelsea gives herself insulin shots usually before breakfast and before supper. If her blood sugar is too high then she has to have an insulin shot before lunch also.

She mixes two types of insulin together, fast-acting and time-release. The amount of fast-acting insulin is determined by her blood sugar reading.

She also eats a snack in the morning, one in the afternoon and one at bedtime. Animal crackers and bananas make good snack food.

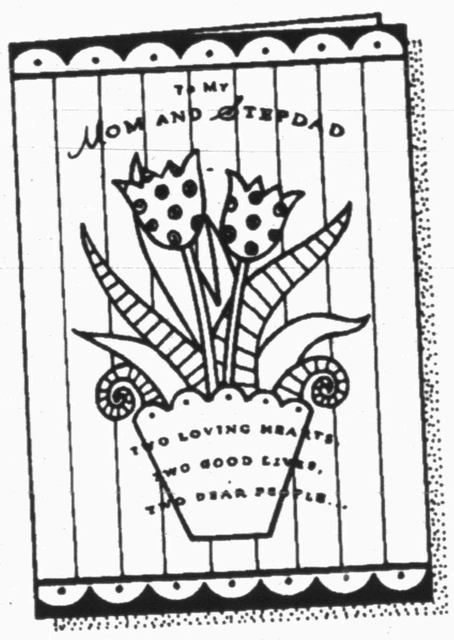
When she is sweaty and shaky, Chelsea knows that she must eat something. She follows a carbohydrate diet that allows her to eat some sugar products as long as she adds the carbohydrates to the total for the day.

Chelsea can no longer "sleep in," She must get up every morning, check her blood sugar, give herself an insulin shot and eat. Then she can go back to bed if she wants to.

Perhaps one of the hardest

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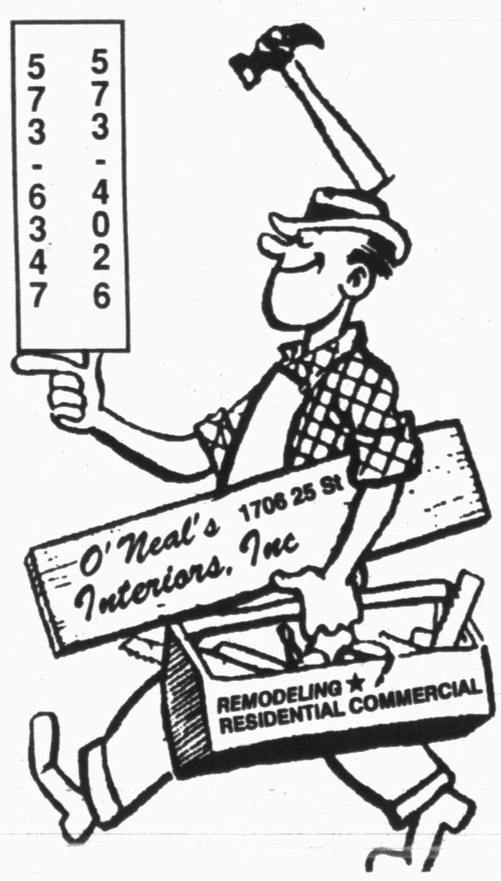
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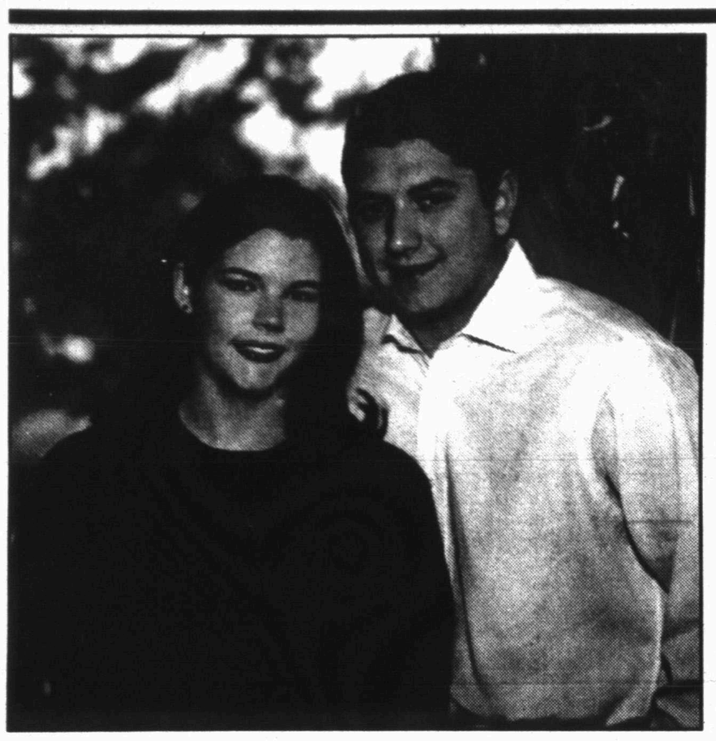
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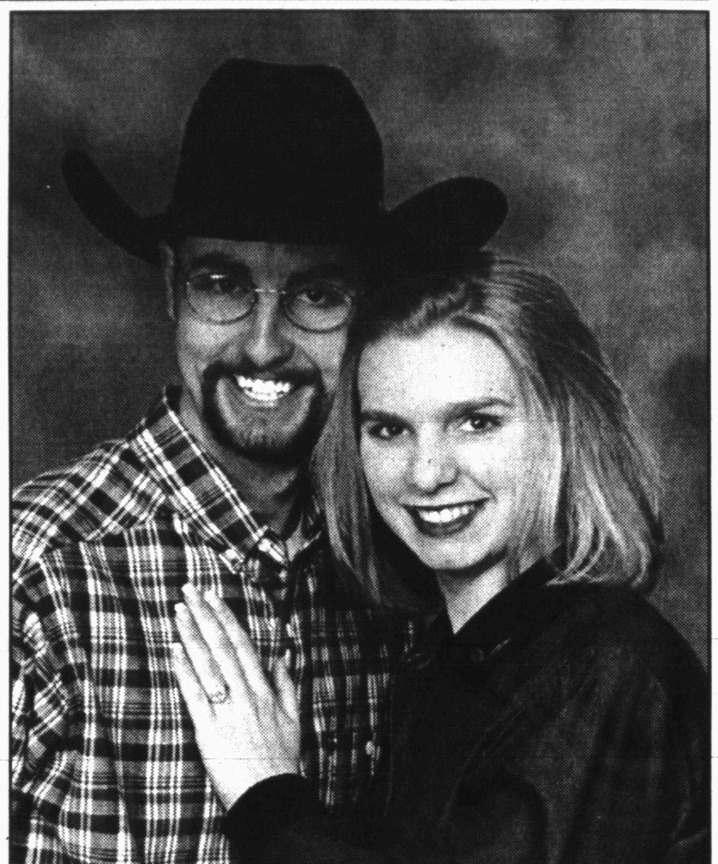
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BARGAS-NIX ENGAGED — Jimmy and Patricia Nix of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Nix, to Chris Bargas. He is the son of Jennifer Bargas and Rick and Juanita Bargas, all of Fort Worth. They plan to marry on May 29 in Fort Worth. (Mr. Geez Photography)



WEDDING PLANS IN JULY — Heather Marie Cruz and Pfc. Bradlee Norman Evans of Ft. Bragg, N.C., are making wedding plans for July 1 in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Big Spring. Heather is the daughter of Anna Cruz of Coahoma and Tom Cruz of Brady. Bradlee is the son of Richard and Saundra Bloom of Coahoma and Rickey Evans of Fluvanna. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sneed of Gail and Opal Evans of Brownwood, formerly of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



Dusty Tyson and Nikki Bulen
(Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 04-15-00
♠ K 9 5
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ Q 6

West
♠ 8 3
♥ J
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ A J 9 8 5 3

East
♠ 4 2
♥ A Q 10 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 10 2

South
♠ A Q J 10 7 6
♥ K 3
♦ A K Q
♣ 7 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	2 ♥ Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Bridge can be taxing too

By Phillip Alder

"When there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income." When and by whom was that written?

Since this is a Saturday, we have been given two more days to mail in our tax returns. And most people think bridge is a taxing game. However, if you know the basics and apply them, I guesstimate you will play some 80 percent of deals correctly. It's the other 20 percent that sort out the good guys from the less capable.

While we're on taxing subjects, here is a tricky deal. How should the play go in four spades?

East opened with a weak two-bid, showing a good six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. South bid what he hoped he could make.

West led the heart jack: four, ace ... ?

If South plays the three, it is easy for East to return the heart two, his lowest card, as a suit-preference signal for clubs. After ruffing, West will continue with the ace and another club, which gives the defenders the first four tricks.

Declarer must try a gambit, dropping the heart king — and doing it smoothly, with no noticeable delay. Now, with the club queen in the dummy, East is likely to switch to the diamond eight. That is all the help South needs. He draws two rounds of trumps, unblocks his remaining diamond honors, enters dummy with a trump, and cashes the diamond jack. South wins 10 tricks via six spades and four diamonds.

The opening sentence was written by Plato, who lived from c. 427 to c. 347 B.C. Nothing changes!

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Births

Kevin and Kim Grimes of Granbury announce the birth of their son, Taylor Reid Grimes. Taylor was born at 6:36 a.m. March 26 in Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine. He weighed seven pounds, 4 ½ ounces.

Grandparents are Gail Koening of Whitehouse, Tex., and Troy Koening of Big Spring, both formerly of Snyder.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Bulen, Tyson plan wedding in Aldersgate Methodist Church

LUBBOCK –Nikki Bulen and Dusty Tyson of Lubbock are planning a wedding ceremony set for Saturday, May 27, in the Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Barbara Bulen of Lubbock and the future groom is the son of Cowboy and Fern Tyson of Seagraves. Grandparents of the bride-elect are John and Evelyn Zalman of Hermleigh and Jim and Ruby Bulen of Lubbock.

A graduate of Monterey High School, the bride-elect attends South Plains College and is employed by United Supermarkets.

The prospective groom, a graduate of Seagraves High School and SPC, attends Texas Tech and is employed by Luskey's Western Outlet.

SC Library News & Views

It is springtime and we are counting down to Easter. Do you need some help preparing that Easter meal? Come to the library and check out some of our new recipe books! Try one of the following:

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A Cowboy in the Kitchen, by Grady Spears and Robb Walsh - These real-life cowboys give you recipes with regional Texas ingredients, traditional cowboy dishes, and other Western inspirations.

The Cupcake Café Cookbook, by Ann Warren and Joan Lilly – Forget that cake mix for Easter! Mix up a cake, pie, or cupcakes from scratch with recipes from New York's famous bakery.

If you do not want to experiment in the kitchen, try one of the following:

No Future Without Forgiveness, by Desmond Tutu – He examines the horrors man can bestow upon man, but reminds us that none of us can have a real future without forgiving those who wish us harm.

The Unexpected Guest, by Agatha Christie – Perhaps you thought you had read all of Agatha Christie's novels; however, her nephew adapted one of her plays into a novel that will be enjoyed by all.

Easter at the Lakes, by Sara Hylton – Mary found that a longed-for holiday marked the beginning of a chain of events that would change her life.

Remember that April is "Spring Cleaning Month" so come by the library and settle all your debts to the Scurry County taxpayers. Parents, the preschooler's Storytime continues at 10 a.m. every Wednesday.

Library Easter weekend hours are:

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Saturday, April 22—closed

Easter Sunday, April 23—closed

We will reopen on Monday, April 24, at 10 a.m. Have a nice week.

Southern Baptists are reporting an increase of 122,400 members

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — After posting its first membership loss since 1926, the Southern Baptist Convention has reported an increase of 122,400 for 1999. The new membership figure — 15,851,756 — remains a bit below the 1997 total.

The convention is America's largest Protestant body and a bellwether for conservative Protestant trends.

The denomination said the 419,342 baptisms for 1999 exceeded 1998 and 1997 totals. Sunday School enrollment was down 482 for the year, to 8,147,457. Total giving rose 5.4 percent, to $7.3 billion.

The denomination faces continued tension from those dissatisfied with its rightward direction. This week the 800-member First Baptist Church of Athens, Ga., part of the denomination since its 1845 founding, voted to leave.

The church said it believes in the personal autonomy of members, while the national denomination "appeared to favor increased pastoral authority." It maintains membership in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a group of 1,800 moderate congregations.

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Three egg-cellent ways to use up those colorful Easter beauties

The day after Easter, those lovely pink, yellow, green, blue, purple eggs will stand in pastel splendor in the fridge, their morning of glory vanished with the shrieks of their eager hunters. But wait! Once their colorful shells are cracked and peeled, they can star all over again in scrumptious snacks, sandwiches and salads.

Eggs are an excellent source of protein and riboflavin, and contribute iron, vitamins A and D, choline and phrosphorus as well. Hard-boiled they are the perfect foil for the excitement of condiments, herbs and other flavorful ingredients.

Deviled eggs are a fine way to use up those Easter eggs, even the one with color-streaked whites. Once peeled, split them in half and give the yolks a good mash with mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice and a splash of Tabasco Pepper Sauce to spike up the flavor. Stir in herbs or possibly other ingredients like Parmesan cheese, minced ham or curry, and stuff the blended yolks back into the hollows of the whites. Serve them as an appetizer or snack, on greens as a salad, or as an accompaniment to soup or a sandwich.

Use five of those hard-boiled eggs in Curried Egg Salad, a luscious combo of apples, eggs, celery, green onion and raisins with a mayonnaise-based dressing spiced with curry powder and enough Tabasco Sauce to give it a delightful kick.

For a light lunch or supper, feature Bacon and Egg Salad Open-face Sandwiches on crusty toasted sourdough bread. This time, milder Tabasco Green Pepper Sauce supplies the tangy flavor and blanched asparagus spears provide the appealing garnish.

Once you've tried these easy solutions to a plethora of leftover Easter eggs, you might consider dying an extra dozen next year!

DEVILED EGGS

4 hard-boiled eggs, shelled and sliced in half lengthwise
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon Tabasco Pepper Sauce
1 tablespoon minced parsley or fresh herbs (i.e. basil, dill or chives)

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste.

Remove yolks and place in bowl with mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice and Tabasco Sauce; mash until smooth. Stir in herbs and salt and pepper to taste.

Stuff equal amounts of yolk mixture into hollows of egg whites.

Refrigerate eggs until ready to serve. Garnish each egg with sprig of dill or chopped chives.

Makes 4 servings.

CURRIED EGG SALAD

½ cup mayonnaise
1 ½ teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon Tabasco Pepper Sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
5 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
1 large red apple, cored and chopped
½ cup sliced celery
3 tablespoons minced green onion
3 tablespoons raisins
Salt and pepper
Lettuce greens

Stir together mayonnaise, curry powder, Tabasco Sauce and sugar in a medium bowl. Add eggs, apple, celery, green onion and raisins; toss to coat well. Season with salt and pepper.

Cover; chill in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serve on bed of greens.

Makes 4 servings.

BACON AND EGG SALAD OPEN-FACE SANDWICHES

1/3 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Tabasco Green Pepper Sauce
5 hard-boiled eggs, finely chopped
2 tablespoons real bacon bits
2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
4 slices crusty sourdough bread, toasted
6 asparagus spears, blanched and cut in half lengthwise

Combine mayonnaise and Tabasco Sauce in medium bowl. Add egg, bacon bits, green onion and pepper; stir to coat well, Chill until ready to serve.

To serve, spread bread slices with egg salad and garnish with asparagus spears, using three halves for each sandwich.

Makes 4 servings.



ATHENEUM STUDY CLUB — Betsy Armstrong gave a program to Atheneum Study Club members Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Using the title "Angels at Work," Betsy explained the work of Hospice for terminally ill patients to be able to stay home as comfortably as possible, mentally and physically. Program chairman Nelda Fields introduced Betsy. Nona Williams and Dorothy Kayser were hostesses. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk and the breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted cereal, toast with jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Cinnamon Toast
Tuesday
Biscuit w/Jelly
Wednesday
Waffles w/Syrup
Thursday
Scrambled Eggs
Friday
Holiday
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Tetrazzini
Carrots
Oven Fries
Fresh Apple
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cookie
Wednesday
Pizza or
Chef Salad
Spinach
Potato Puffs
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Burrito or
Frito Pie
Green Peas
Tossed Salad
Apple Crisp

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins
Tuesday
Juice
French Toast Sticks
Wednesday
Fruit
Sausage/Biscuits
Thursday
Juice
Glazed Donuts
Friday
Easter Holiday
LUNCH
Monday
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Frozen Fruit Cup
Tuesday
Lasagna
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
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April 8

Sorrells hold reunion at Ira Community Center

Descendants of William E. and Amanda Sorrells, who came to the Ira Community in the late 1800s, met on April 8 at the community center for a day of fun, food and recalling old times spent at the home of their grandparents.

Eighteen of the 19 cousins attended. The oldest was Ted Sorrells, 92.

Also attending were two Sorrells daughters-in-law, 102 year old Agnes, widow of Jim Sorrells of Knapp, and Opal Cooper of Snyder, widow of Marvin Sorrells and her husband, Bill.

Others attending included children of Fred and Lydia Sorrells, Ted, of Maryneal, Claude of Sweetwater, Vollie of Snyder and Jesse of Abilene.

Children of Jim and Agnes Sorrells in attendance were Ellen Tucker of Meadow and her husband, Winfred, and Lucille Sterling of Vincent.

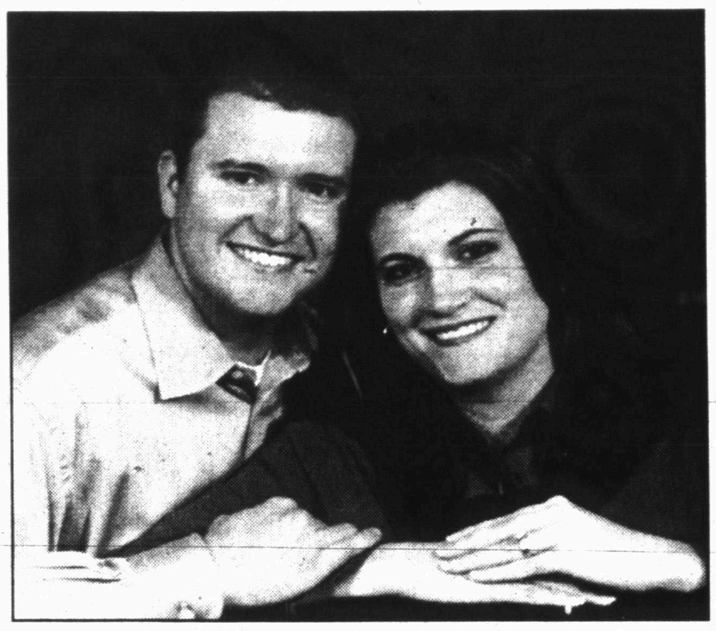
Children of Exa (Sorrells) and Ed Grant included Doris Byars of Snyder and her husband, J.L.; Elza Grant of Ira, Dale Grant of Grandview and his wife, Pug, Don Grant of Snyder and his wife, Margaret.

Siblings of Ava Lopour attending were Weldon Watson of Roswell, N.M., and his wife, Eutha Fae, Bill Watson of Monahans and his wife, Delores, Gloria Nell Griffin of Vincent, and her husband, Tee.

Children of Marvin and Opal Sorrells at the reunion were Brenda Johnson of Sweetwater, Sue Ely of San Angelo and her husband, L.D., Ray Sorrells of Ira and his wife, Betty; and Jerry Sorrells of Dunn, son of Ernest and Sina Sorrells.

Others attending were Robert and Patsy Carr of Bedford; Buck Sorrels of Sweetwater; Joe and Wynell Young of Meadow; Gerald and Sue Sorrells of San Angelo and grandson, Logan; Gene and Lisa Sorrells of Maryneal; Howard and Barbara Engle of Adrian; Judy Sorrells of Abilene;.

Also, Bob Northcutt of Colorado City; Leslie Watson of Odessa; Laci Sterling of Vincent; Todd and Shelia Sorrells of Dunn; Betty and Marla Ezell of Austin; Gaylan Sorrells of Dunn; Kaya Sorrells of Lubbock; Sharon Strong of Ira; and Claudia Rodgers of Lubbock.



JULY VOWS SET — R.D. and Carol Lewis of Gail announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Lynn Lewis, to Joe Chad Martin, son of Dennis and Janice Martin of Bogata. Amy, a graduate of Borden County ISD and Abilene Christian University, is employed as regional marketing director for Sun Bridge Healthcare in Dallas. Chad is a graduate of Rivercrest High School in Bogata and Austin College. He is health services manager with Concentra Medical Center in Fort Worth. They will marry July 8 in Farmers Branch Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge winners

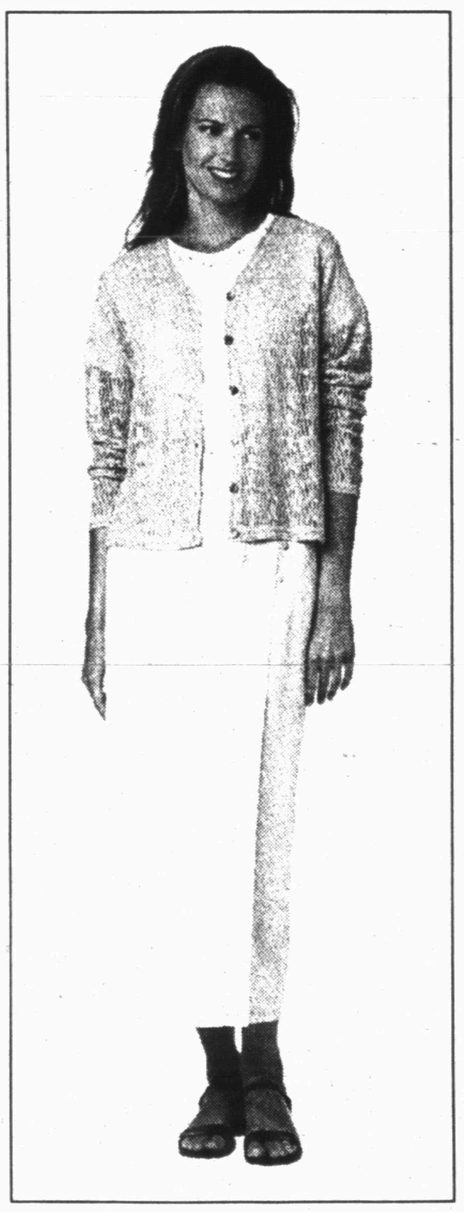
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1. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
2. Christine Stuard, LaVerne Hood.
3. ElWanda Nall, Betty Courtney.

Sunday, April 8
Jane Hinton directed.
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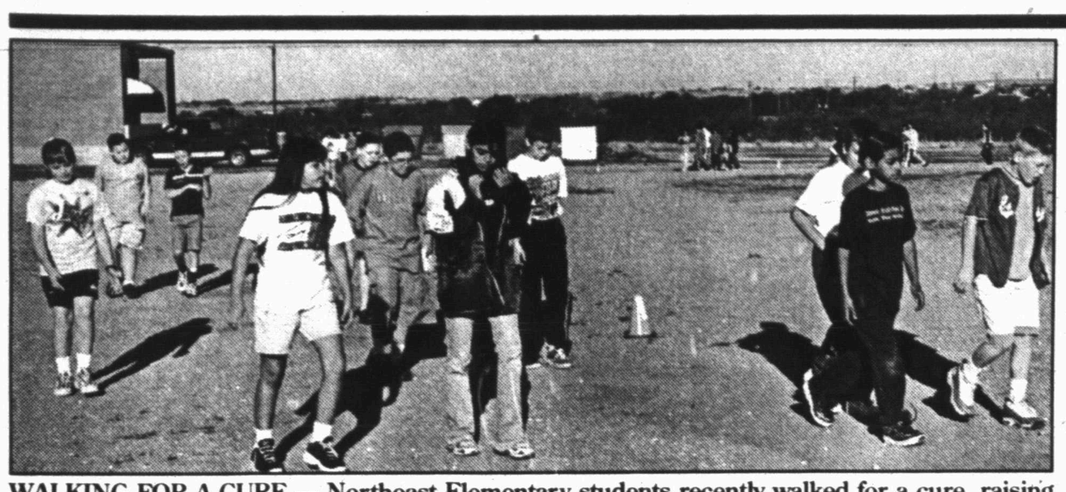
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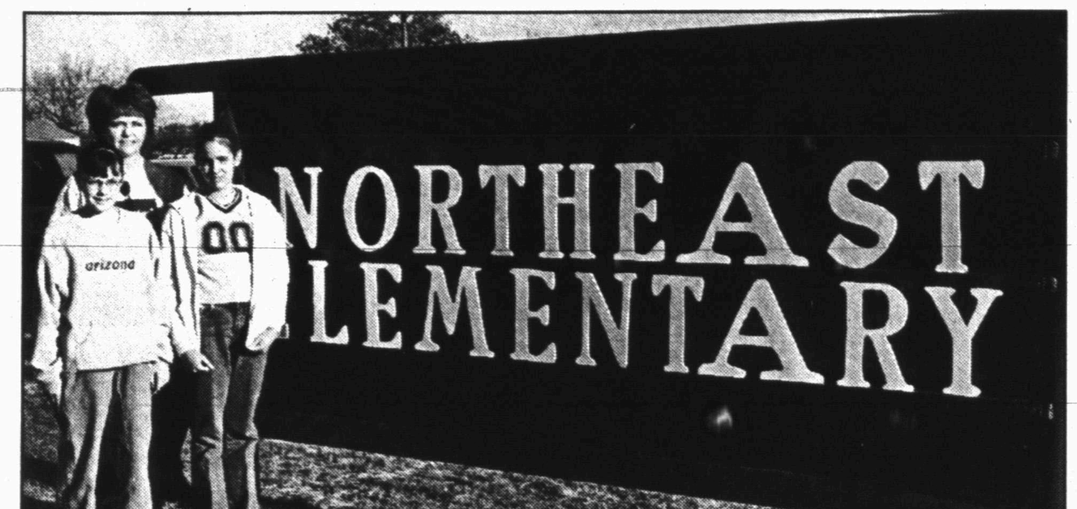


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WALKING FOR A CURE — Northeast Elementary students recently walked for a cure, raising $1,004.06 for the American Diabetes Association. These students are in Vanessa Taylor's class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SPONSOR WALK — Northeast Elementary School recently sponsored a walk for the American Diabetes Association. Vanessa Taylor, standing in back, is a teacher who has lived with diabetes for almost 20 years. In front are Marleah Akins, left, whose sister, Danisha, is a diabetic; and Chelsea Hackfeld, who was diagnosed a year ago. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Short stories become popular

NEW YORK (AP) — When Jhumpa Lahiri discovered this week that her first book, a collection of short stories, had won a Pulitzer Prize, she didn't believe it.

After all, her work, "Interpreter of Maladies," had been turned down by one literary agent who told her, "Call me back when you've got a novel." Then the book was accepted by a second agent only after a stern warning that she shouldn't expect much, since short story collections usually don't sell.

"I'm still in a little bit of shock. It was so unexpected. It came from nowhere and it's so big and so wonderful and so frightening," the 32-year-old Lahiri said Friday from her New York apartment — three years after the agent's warning. "I'm amazed. I feel too young."

But maybe Lahiri should not be so surprised.

It turns out her book of stories, mainly about Indian immigrants in New England, gave proof to a trend some editors and publishers already have noticed: Short stories are suddenly enjoying new popularity.

Publishing insiders point to the recent runaway success of story collections such as Lorrie Moore's "Birds of America," Melissa Bank's "The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing," Nathan Englander's "For the Relief of Unbearable Urges" and Annie Proulx's "Close Range."

Houghton Mifflin is following up the first 50,000 copies of Lahiri's book (now on Amazon.com's top 10 list) with 75,000 more.

"There's been a definite renaissance in the short story in recent years. The increase in sales has been significant," said Lahiri's editor, Janet Silver, vice president and editor in chief of adult trade books. "And this is also a stunning example of how the literary community is embracing paperback originals."

In a daring move, the publisher in 1997 began publishing many books, especially those by little-known authors, in paperback before hardcover to make it easier for readers to take a chance on new writers.

Silver and other publishing industry insiders said many other factors are helping push short stories to the front of bookstores.

There are fewer magazines where writers can publish short stories, so more stories are appearing in books first, they said.

And, Silver suggested, "Maybe this is just a whole new generation of great short story writers coming of age." She said that creative writing programs are turning out lots of new writers and that since many authors write short stories before novels, more stories are appearing.

Stuart Applebaum, a spokesman for Random House, said the company is publishing more story collections and added: "The short story collection is enjoying a very real acceptance now both among book sellers, critics, readers and certainly the publishers that serve them."

At Knopf, executive director of publicity Paul Bogards said that sales have been picking up for story collections but that Lahiri's prize gives the genre new prestige. "It's a very positive bellwether to the publisher when a short story writer wins a Pulitzer prize," he said.

Although Lahiri said she is now writing a novel, she hopes to eventually return to her first love, short stories.

"I love stories so much and it would depress me a little bit when I would hear 'Oh, stories don't sell' and 'You can't make a living writing stories,'" she said. "It's nice to see writers writing what they want and to see stories being really celebrated this way. It's wonderful."

Spears gets special

HONOLULU (AP) — Teen singer Britney Spears will star in a one-hour Fox TV special next month that will include a free Waikiki concert and various Hawaii excursions.

The concert will be taped April 24 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village as part of a "Britney in Hawaii" special.

The show will include vignettes of the 18-year-old Spears.



ONE SYMPTOM — Before Chelsea Hackfeld was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, she lost a lot of weight. She is pictured here at Snyder High School's 1999 prom. (Contributed Photo)

No new episodes until '01

NEW YORK (AP) — After striking ratings gold with the season finale of "The Sopranos," HBO must now wait nearly a year before its most popular show returns.

The third, 13-episode season of "The Sopranos" won't start until March 2001, to give series creator David Chase more time to write. The second season began this past January.

"The process this year was very taxing on him," HBO chief executive Jeff Bewkes said Friday. "He was pressed a lot. He wants time to think of the story arc about how the next two seasons develop."

To fill the time for anxious fans, HBO will rerun the second season of "The Sopranos" once this summer, and probably again next winter as the third season approaches. The network may also air episodes from the drama's first season.

Judging by the numbers, viewers caught up with the critics in their fascination with New Jersey mob boss Tony Soprano and his extended family. Ratings for the Sunday night episodes this year were 63 percent higher than for the first year, according to HBO.

It leaves Bewkes less worried about the 11-month hiatus than he might be otherwise.

"It will come back and it will be fine," he said. "Look at what happened this season — it was the same thing. It had been away for nine months."

Sunday's episode, which featured the burial at sea of mob snitch Salvatore "Big Pussy" Bompensiero, drew an audience of 9 million people. One-quarter of the television homes that get HBO were tuned in. About a quarter of the nation's TV homes get HBO.

It was the highest rating for any original HBO show in the network's history, and the biggest audience for anything on HBO since last April's cable debut of "Titanic."

Chase and his ensemble of actors are signed up for two more years of "The Sopranos."



PRACTICE SHOT — Chelsea Hackfeld learned how to give herself insulin injections by practicing on her brother Brandon — using a saline solution. (Contributed Photo)

NE walk benefits diabetics

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things for the family to do is to serve meals at the same time each day. Chelsea is supposed to eat within 90 minutes of the usual meal time.

Since she began treatment, Chelsea feels better now and has more energy.

She can also stay overnight with a friend because she knows how to take care of herself.

Last summer, Chelsea spent a week in July at the Lions Camp in Kerrville. All of the children had diabetes and her cabin mates were girls her own age, Jackie said. They camped out, swam, and just acted like "normal kids."

At Northeast, Chelsea gets a lot of support from her teacher, Elizabeth Conger, and school officials. A classmate, Jada Bilano, always walks with her to the office when she isn't feeling well. Diabetics can become disoriented, Jackie explained.

Kaylee Lacik, a good friend who is familiar with diabetes, is also a great help. But the girls are not in the same classroom.

Last school year at East Elementary, Jackie said Chelsea's teacher, Cyndee Gayle, read a lot about diabetes after Chelsea was diagnosed. School officials were also very cooperative and did whatever was necessary, Jackie added.

Last summer, Lisa Hall, also a diabetic, stayed with Chelsea while Jackie worked.

"That worked out well because I knew Lisa would know what to do," Jackie added.

The Hackfelds have been told that diabetes is hereditary, but Jackie said they do not know of any family member who has it.

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Vanessa Taylor has lived with diabetes for nearly 20 years. She is considered a brittle diabetic because her blood sugar level varies from high to low all the time.

To help correct this, she was fitted with an insulin pump in 1995 and she received a new updated version of the pump in January. This pump does more things than the other one, Vanessa said, adding that she really likes its remote control. The pump checks her blood sugar level from six to eight times each day, and then she programs the amount of insulin she is to receive. She tries to keep her blood sugar level at 130.

During the past five years, Vanessa said she has been hospitalized twice as doctors tried to "get my blood sugar" under control.

She has checkups in Lubbock every three to six months.

Since Vanessa started the new carbohydrate diet in January, she said she sees a difference in the way she feels and her blood sugar level is easier to control.

When she is real low she said she can eat something sweet if she wants to, but she has to add it to the total carbohydrates for that day. She does not eat water melon which has a high sugar count and she avoids potatoes because any type raises her blood sugar level.

She walks for exercise, but has to check her blood sugar level before and after.

Vanessa said she is glad that Northeast organized a walk for the American Diabetes Association because valuable research is being conducted and new technological products like her new insulin pump are being developed.

She noted that the carbohydrate diet diabetics follow was also developed through research funded through donations such as the walk.

Vanessa said it is conceivable that a cure for diabetes could be found during her lifetime. Children with diabetes have an even better chance of seeing a cure in their lifetime, she added.

Before being assigned to Northeast, Vanessa taught at Central Elementary for seven years. Prior to that she taught three years at Colorado City.

Newman plans one more film before he decides to retire

NEW YORK (AP) — From actor-racer Paul Newman, the message is catch me while you can on the silver screen.

"I think I'm going to try to do one more film as a swan song and then get out," the 75-year-old actor said during his appearance Wednesday on "Late Show With David Letterman."

Newman has made similar statements to other reporters, including those aired this week on AP Network News.

"At some point you've gotta get out of this," Newman said in the radio interview. "You've got to really retire and I don't want to retire on my knees. I've been retiring now every year for 15 years, so at some point you gotta make it stick or people won't believe you. I'd love to do one really memorable film to go out on."

He made the comments as part of the promotion for his latest film, "Where the Money Is," which was opening Friday.

The Oscar-winning actor and food company executive/philanthropist said he has no plans to give up car racing.

Despite suffering bruised ribs when his car crashed into a tire barrier at the Daytona International Speedway in January, Newman told Letterman, "As long as my pulse holds up, I think I'll continue."

He said he feels safer driving at Daytona than on a freeway.

Newman is president of Newman's Own Foundation, which gives millions of dollars to charities each year from proceeds of his food line.

The blue-eyed legend, who has starred in more than three dozen films since his 1956 debut in "Somebody Up There Likes Me," plays a likable bank robber in his latest film, which co-stars Linda Fiorentino.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Johna and Jake Babb, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Juan Tijerina Sr., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Darryl Calley, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jim C. Rosson, 2001 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Shane Harbaur, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marty Brooks, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Hatfield, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Walton Construction, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rodney Dockrey, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland. Lois Brewster and Nixxie Guin, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Guido R. Toscano, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Kathryn Patterson, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Niewoehner Inc., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mitchell Goodger, dba Snyder Brick and Tile, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Gabriel Gutierrez, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Nicolas and Velma Galindo, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Andre R. Puente, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Ramsey Lee Castillo of Snyder and Mary Michelle Hollis of Hermleigh.

Richard Charles Clayton and Cheryl Lynn Gonzales, both of Snyder.

Alvin Anthony Fabre Jr. and Vernonica Maria Carrisalez, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Tempest Recovery Services Inc. vs. Minerva Fuentez, suit on promissory note.

National City Bank vs. Charlotte R. and Rodney B. Clifton, suit on contract.

Providian National Bank vs. Jerry W. Tatom, suit on sworn account.

Fast Select Corp. vs. Debbie K. Roemisch, suit on sworn account.

Norwest Bank Texas N.A. vs. Melvin Ellis, suit on note.

Rene Garcia and Velma Garcia, individually and as next friend of Paul and Jennifer Garcia, minors, vs. Sharp Image Energy Inc., Mitchell Energy Corp., West Texas Energy Services, Rig Testers Inc., Stivens Consulting Inc. and Danny Parham, suit for damages. (Transfer of venue)

Larry and Jonell Keen vs. Sharp Image Energy Inc., Mitchell Energy Corp., West Texas Energy Services, Rig Testers Inc., Stivens Consulting Inc. and Danny Parham, suit for damages. (Transfer of venue)

Action in District Court

American State Bank vs. Randy Don Bryan, agreed judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Opal Eades, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Stephanie Kay Hall, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. West Texas Machine Inc., et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Federal Oil Inc., et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Gary Parks, aka Gary Don Parks, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Francisco and Monica Esparza to Saul Esparza, Lot 8 in Block 3 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Bette Willis to Laurie Grinslade, Lot 4 in Block H of the Highland Park Addition.

Veterans Land Board of Texas to Joe B. Flowers, 53.06 acres in the east one-half of the south one-third of Section 104, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Song Hui Finger to United Bank and Trust, 3.32 acres in Sections 74 and 75, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Annie May Armistead to Earl McCann, Lot 11 in Block 7 of the Green Hills Addition.

Weatherford Holding U.S. Inc. to Weatherford U.S. L.P., 3 acres in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

AT&T to American Tower Management Inc., 1.205 acres in Survey 17, Block 3, H&TC survey.

AT&T to American Tower Management Inc., 1.435 acres out of the east one-half of Section 702, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Maria Cabrera to Anita Hinojos and Esmerald Rivera, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of the north 90 feet of Lot 1, Block 9 Manry Addition.

Linda G. Shatney to Andrea Michele Hayducky and Melissa Renee Shatney, tract one being 118 acres out of the southeast part of Section 21 and the middle part of Section 11, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 130 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 229, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract three being 145.7 acres out of the southeast corner of Section 96, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract four being 37.5 acres out of the southwest corner of Section 97, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract five being 12.25 acres out of the west 100 acres of the south 300 acres of Section 97, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract six being the south 148 acres in the southwest part of Section 97, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Danny Ramos to A. A. and Katherine Ervin, a tract out of the southeast part of Lot 4, Block 7, Blankenship Addition.

Danny Ramos to Neva Howell, a tract out of the northeast portion of Lot 4, Section 7, Blankenship Addition.

Leslie A. and Tracy Lynn Sanders to Ford and Doris S. Spikes, Lot 3 of the Scott and Browning Replat of Block 75, Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Kenneth A. and Vickie Gard to Leslie and Tracy Sanders, a tract out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Foster's Nursing Home Inc. to Snyder Brick and Tile Co., 5.042 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Forrest Wemken to Snyder Brick and Tile Co., tract one being Lots 102 of the Hilltop Subdivision out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 1.531 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Katol Investments Inc. to Brick and Tile Co., 3.701 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Linda C. Green to Betty Joyce Dunn, Lot 12 in Block 3 of the Park Place Addition.

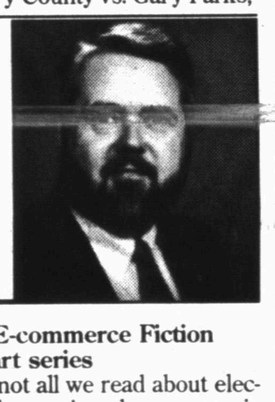
Byron and Brenda G. Hedges to A. Jeff and Sally Martin, the northeast one-quarter of Section 160, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Sharon Ann Wemken to Elmer Forrest Wemken, tract one being Lots 1 and 2 of the Hill Top Subdivision out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 2.17 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Julia Luera to Tom Luera, the west 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 11 of the Adams Addition.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Ten Technology Myths — Some E-commerce Fiction
Part two of a three part series

Last week in part one I pointed out that not all we read about electronic commerce is true. Though this rapidly growing phenomenon is only a few years old there are already some well established myths floating around in various media. This week we'll debunk four more of these technology myths

More fiction

(Myth Number Three: Sales taxes would stop the growing Internet economy dead in its tracks.

This myth is a nearly-verbatim quote from an industry expert's testimony before a congressional committee seeking input on taxing Internet transactions. I don't believe collection of sales taxes on Internet sales will even cause a hiccup in E-commerce growth. Sales taxes are pass through taxes and consumers are already conditioned to pay them. They will pay, and I can assure you the various government entities involved will become aggressive in tapping this huge source of potential renewal.

I'll even stick my neck a little farther out on this one. Not only will E-commerce transactions be taxed, but E-commerce sites will have a nice little property tax levied against them as well. We must pay for the government's growing concern regarding security issues, you know. Just remember, you read it here.

(Myth Number Four: E-tailers give better service.

Well, it really depends on who you ask on this one. M st folks who are promoting the expansion and growth of the E-commerce industry are quick to quote how satisfied customers are with their online experiences.

If you dig a little deeper and visit with the consumers who are actually buying on the Internet, you will find that most people who shop online have mixed reactions about online service. Certainly, there are companies who excel in all areas of exceeding customer expectations. However, most consumers say they can't tell any difference between the service of online firms and traditional retailers. Even if there is a difference, there is certainly room for improvement.

(Myth Number Five: Online firms generate higher revenues.

A recent U.S. Government Agency report contained research that implied firms who are online get more sales than those who aren't online. This is like saying households with computers earn more per capita income. Statements like these demand the question "why?"

My take on this is that we're looking at the cause not the effect. Because some households have higher per capita income, they have discretionary funds with which they purchase computers. The income came before the computers.

In business, smaller, less-profitable firms have fewer resources to devote to creating an online presence. Larger, more profitable firms have profits to use and they choose to invest in technology and E-commerce. They are online because they are bigger and can afford to be. They were bigger and more successful before they were online.

(Myth Number Six: Internet sales are $40 billion a year.

Or maybe that was $4 billion last month. Or perhaps it was $400 billion annually. The truth is I don't think anyone knows what E-commerce sales really are.

Unlike large, publicly-held corporations who are required to provide annual reports that follow generally accepted accounting principles, the Internet is a myriad of small, medium and large businesses that have no central reporting authority. The Internal Revenue Service does not require firms to disclose online versus offline sales...yet.

So here is yet another opportunity for the federal government to step in and assume control. After all we don't want inaccurate information floating around out there, and big brother can help.

There's more, so don't miss part three of Ten Technology Myths. I'll see you next week.

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

Judge blocks contracts

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge blocked the city from awarding more than $100 million in welfare-to-work contracts to a company with ties to a former adviser to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

State Supreme Court Justice William Davis agreed with City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, who said the contract approval process had been "corrupted." The judge said Hevesi does not have to follow city law and register, or give final approval to, two contracts worth $104 million to Maximus of McLean, Va.

Maximus was hired to help move thousands of welfare recipients into employment, job training or treatment under the Giuliani administration's plan to overhaul the city's welfare program.

In March, Hevesi refused to register 17 workfare contracts to Maximus and other companies worth about $469 million, saying they were not awarded through a competitive bidding process.

The contracts had been awarded through a procedure allowed in some cases as an alternative to sealed bids, if the mayor approves.

Hevesi accused Giuliani of corrupting the process "to provide public benefits for his political cronies." He was referring to Richard Schwartz, a former mayoral adviser and architect of the welfare-to-work programs. His company, Opportunity America, a subcontractor of Maximus, stood to get about 30 percent of the $104 million, Hevesi said.

Because city law requires the comptroller to register a contract if the mayor approves them, Hevesi registered 15 contracts "under protest" but refused to register the other two involving 80,000 welfare recipients.

Giuliani sued over the issue, but the judge said Hevesi has broad powers over city finances and is charged with ensuring compliance with rules for procuring contracts.

"His objections should be considered, especially where, as here, there is compelling evidence that the contracting process has been corrupted," the judge said.

He said Maximus and welfare officials had met as early as four months before the city asked for contract proposals. The judge also said Maximus denied to city officials that another company helped prepare its proposal, and denied being investigated for crimes.

Davis noted that Opportunity America had helped prepare the contracts and that Maximus was the subject of a federal investigation.

Q & A

Rohypnol 2nd of 3 parts

(In response to a 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.)

Rohypnol. I trust that each of you remembers our little discussion last week about the forget me pill, or roofies. It is one of many drugs that have come to be known as a date rape drug. I gave you a brief description of the history of the drug and a realistic scenario of how a woman can fall prey to a sick predator armed with Rohypnol.

This week I will give more direct information and some ways of arming yourself with information so you will not be a victim.

I told you last week that Rohypnol comes in bubble packaging much like regular tablets. So it does give the impression that it is safe. Wrong impression. It is a very, potent tranquilizer. It will come as a white aspirin-like pill. On one side it will have an encircled "1" or a "2." This is to indicate the dose. The other side will likely have an encircled "R." At clubs, raves, parties, or just on the street they will go for $1-$5 per pill. So they are relatively inexpensive. Like most other drugs, they are coming in from Mexico where Rohypnol is legally sold as a prescription drug. Rohypnol, or roofies, is taken by some with alcohol just to obtain a quick high or "drunk." It is popular on the club scene along with ecstasy and GHB.

Someone under the influence of Rohypnol can give every appearance of being drunk but with no detectable trace of alcohol. Effects such as slurred speech, loss of motor skill then a very groggy feeling can last up to 8 hours along with black outs that can last up to 24 hours. The drug has been known to make some people aggressive and cause temporary amnesia. The person who has been under the influence of Rohypnol may have a lapse of memory. This can be dangerous for those who are victims of date rape.

Roofies will dissolve in any carbonated drink. When dissolved it cannot be tasted. It also has no odor. If someone drops a couple of roofies in your drink while you are not looking you may never know what hit you.

Some things you can do to arm yourself is first of all stay away from the drug scene. Leave if you are somewhere and people are popping pills. You never know when someone might turn on you while they are high. If you have a drink with you no matter where you are do not set it down and walk off. Education is the key to most things in life. If you want credible and accurate information about these or any other drugs come by the council. Remember regardless of the packaging these drugs are still dangerous.

Rohypnol: don't be the next victim.

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.

Heather Mills settles lawsuit

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney's new girlfriend will receive $320,000 in compensation for a 1993 accident in which she lost a leg after being run down by a police motorcyclist.

Scotland Yard announced the out-of-court settlement Thursday with former swimsuit model Heather Mills, but did not admit responsibility for the accident.

Mills' left leg was amputated below the knee. She was hit as she crossed a street in London's Kensington neighborhood.

The motorcyclist, Simon Osbourne, was later cleared of careless driving and launched a suit against Mills for stress and injuries.

Mills, 32, told The Mirror newspaper she went to court only in response to Osbourne's damages suit.

She has devoted her time to charity work for amputees and land mine victims. She also wrote an autobiography, "Out on a Limb."

McCartney confirmed last month that he was dating Mills.

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Letters to the editor

Welcome Air Force

Dear Editor:

I run cattle on several places in Scurry County. My observation is that the cattle are no longer frightened or startled by helicopters or crop dusters, although they ran for cover when they first heard them. Both these aircraft fly at lower altitude than the proposed bomber runs; they make a lot of noise, and appear at irregular intervals.

There are deer, quail, wild turkey and dove on all these places, as well as many species of non-game wildlife. So far as I can tell, none of these animals or birds has sustained any long-term damage from intrusion into their airspace. Decreases in wildlife population can usually be attributed to natural causes, such as food and water supply, brush and grass cover, coyotes and other varmint predators and rainfall patterns.

Many things in our daily lives have the potential for damage to our lives and the environment, including wildlife. Drilling for oil, building and repair of public utilities, street and highway construction and maintenance are at times inconvenient for us, on occasion, making long-lasting changes in our lifestyle, and they sometimes do irreparable damage to the environment. The need for these activities is often immediately apparent, while Air Force bomber training is a more remote need, as we all hope that the training will not have to be put to use anywhere in the world. Consequently, military training over civilian areas is often greeted with a "not in my back yard" mentality.

Black-outs, cable or phone interruptions, flood areas, potholes, etc., caused by utility accidents are recognized as unintentional; they are not reasons to fear or fight the installation of power lines, telephone and TV cable, water lines, or needed roads.

I feel that the emphasis being placed on "what-if" and worst case scenarios is not fair to me, my lifestyle, and does not give credit to the instincts of domesticated or wildlife. Certainly they are no guarantees that there will be no accidents or damages, but the use of horror stories exaggerations, and tales of woe that seem to be designed to engender fear of Air Force training in this area are, to me, misleading.

I say, "Welcome to the Air Force," which also has a job to do. For my part, I think that job is quite important, and I support their training in this area.

Lou Crowder

A wonderful caring city

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago, my husband and I were on our way from Lubbock after attending a funeral of a family member. We stopped at Red Barn Barbecue for Sunday afternoon lunch. I walked out of the restaurant thinking of something else and inadvertently left my purse. I did not discover it until I arrived home in the Dallas area four hours later.

We called the restaurant and they were closed, so we notified the Snyder Police to see if they could help us in locating the purse. Christy made a call to the owner for us, we got back in the car at 7:30 p.m. in the evening and drove back to Snyder. Christy had made arrangements for the police to pick up the purse and bring it to the police station so we could pick it up at 11:30 that night.

We then returned back to Dallas at 3:30 in the morning. This was my first visit to Snyder. I will always have a special spot in my heart for this community. In most any other place, my purse would have been gone for good, but with the honesty of the owners of Red Barn Barbecue and the very courteous and helpfulness of your police department, I was able to get my purse back with everything in tact. I commend you for a wonderful, caring city.

Bettye Wilson

The right to vote

Dear Editor:

I have all my life felt that I lived in America, the land of freedom, liberty and free speech, etc.

Lately, I am not so sure. I feel we have lost one of our rights, the right to vote.

Who dictates what political party we can vote in? Is this something that is dictated to us by the political parties? Please help me to understand who took this freedom from us.

I think we should be able, in a free country, to choose whom we wish to vote for, whatever party that person belongs to.

I do not vote for someone because they are a Democrat or a Republican. I vote for them on their qualifications for the office they seek — their honesty and integrity. Shouldn't we all do this?

I would appreciate it if you could tell me who made this outlandish, ridiculous rule or law or whatever it is called.

Yours truly,
Gladys McGuire

Thanks to all

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the Snyder EMS, Snyder Fire Department, the DPS, Snyder High School and all of those who helped in any way to produce the "Shattered Dreams" program.

Their countless hours of volunteer time could possibly save one life if not more. Those who spoke, including the inmate and the young college football player hopefully enlightened others as to what happens when bad choices are made.

Accidents may happen, but drinking and driving is not an accident, it is too often a life-altering choice!

Thank you for inspiring our students to make right choices! Thank you once again for your hard work and the fact that you sincerely care what happens to our youth.

Sincerely,
Susan and Lonnie Blackard



Time for Snyder to claim Lake Alan Henry

On the front page of today's issue, you'll find a story about a new development underway on the east shore of Lake Alan Henry, just up the road from here.

Two Snyder natives, LaWayne Fagan and L. J. Ashley, are developing the former John Reed property in Kent and Garza Counties into homesites which should attract attention from folks in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The two are on the ground floor in the formation of lake property that appears to have unlimited potential for development.

The lake is being developed by the city of Lubbock to supplement that city's future water supply. But it's our prediction that if a citizen of Lubbock ever gets a drink of water from the lake, it will be because he or she fell over board while fishing.

It's going to cost a ton of money for Lubbock to pump that water from Justiceburg because the lake is about a 1,000 feet lower than Lubbock. And that's not counting the distance.

It costs to pump water uphill. Just ask our local water supplier.

The development from Fagan and Ashley will actually put a private boat ramp only 30 minutes from Snyder, so I think its time that this community claims the recreation title to the lake, and starts promoting itself to bass clubs and the like that Snyder should be the headquarters for all activities there.

Lubbock can continue to claim ownership, and keep all the related problems its city fathers created when they failed to execute a clear title to the mineral rights under the lake.

What Lubbock has done at the lake so far is really first-class. The one boat ramp that has been completed is wide enough to launch five boats at one time, and the boat docks and fishing pier are kept very clean.

Users of the lake seem to have taken a pledge to keep the lake area as clean and as free of trash as possible. There are plenty of trash receptacles available, and most people use them. A person could make a pretty good wad of change by collecting aluminum cans out of the dumpsters.

Garza County deputies and constables are highly visible and game warden Benji Smith is available to assist boaters and make sure all Parks and Wildlife Department laws are obeyed.

Besides location, Snyder has yet another claim to the lake.

The current lake record for a black bass is owned by Snyder resident Steve Campbell.

Campbell caught the huge lunker weighing 14.92 pounds on April 2 and donated it to the state's Share-A-Lunker program.

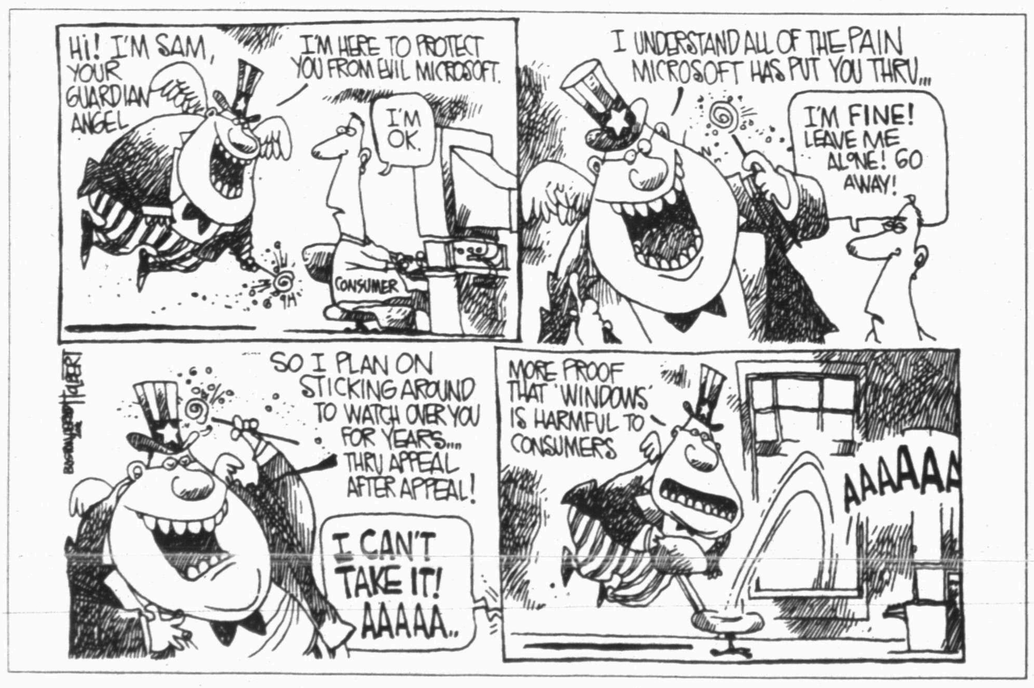
For his donation, Campbell will receive an exact plastic replica of the fish, plus a lifetime Texas fishing license.

And while the lake is named after a former Lubbock mayor who happened to be serving when the lake deal was finalized – and I'm not real sure that's something you want on your resume – at least a section of the lake should be named after Campbell.

And that should be the part of the lake where he caught his record bass.

We're prepared to go with Campbell any day with camera in hand to the exact spot - and with the same lures - and together, we'll proclaim that area and record for posterity, "Steve's Spot."

...by Wade Warren



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

On Microsoft ruling:

Bill Gates and his Microsoft cohorts are tough and clever businessmen, and we would not suggest that they did not go over the line — and perhaps trampled the line at times — to promote their products and inhibit competition.

Even so, it is difficult for us to accept, as a federal judge has ruled, that the software giant violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by giving a free Web browser to consumers who bought the Microsoft operating system.

Nonetheless, the ruling has been made, and we are more concerned at this moment with the upcoming punishment, which could range from fines to forcing Microsoft to give away proprietary software codes to breaking up the company.

The last possibility is an entirely unacceptable option. Microsoft is a company that was founded on American ingenuity and has produced a computer operating system that runs most of the world's computers.

It would be foolish for the United States of America to cause the substantial harm to Microsoft of splitting it into smaller companies. Such an act would truly be felt around the world.

After the federal judge's ruling that Microsoft violated the Sherman Act, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno commented, "Thanks to this ruling, consumers who have been harmed can now look forward to benefits."

We would question Ms. Reno about the consumers who have been harmed. Where are they? Did Microsoft harm them by selling them an excellent computer operating system? Were consumers harmed by getting Microsoft's Web browser as part of the Windows package they purchased?

We hope for a reasonable punishment that does not break up an American company that is a world leader in its field.

Odessa American

On U.S. forces "trapped" in Kosovo:

A year after American-led NATO forces began bombing Serbia in the Kosovo War, what are the chances of peace and the withdrawal of American troops?

Unfortunately, most experts speak of the situation as a quagmire for which the U.S. government has no exit strategy.

The goals of the war were established by President Clinton, who in a national address on the day the war started explained that he ordered the bombing "because we care about saving innocent lives; because we have an interest in avoiding an even crueler and costlier war; and because our children need and deserve a peaceful, stable, free Europe." The achievement of each of those goals is more elusive than ever.

"Were about mid-thigh in the quicksand and sinking," Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, said. "Even NATO officials admit we could be mired there for many years. One form of ethnic cleansing has been exchanged for another."

A year ago, Serbs were driving Albanians out of Kosovo. Now, Carpenter said, Albanians are kicking out "250,000 people, not only Serbs but 70,000 Roma (gypsies), 15,000 to 20,000 Montenegrans and thousands of Macedonians." Also being expelled are Jews and Turks.

Carpenter fears that "radical elements in the Kosovo Liberation Army and their mafia allies could turn Kosovo into a base for subversion in Southeastern Europe." They want a "greater Albania," including not only Kosovo and Albania, but parts of Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Greece. One plausible scenario, he said, is "full-scale fighting breaking out between NATO and Serbian forces or, more likely, between NATO and the KLA."

Longview News-Journal

On Texas missing mark on health care:

In September, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry announced interim study issues for the 76th Legislature that set long-term health care as a key issue for state senators to address. Six months later, the American Association of Retired Persons issued a report that should be carefully examined by the Senate panel.

The AARP report, titled "Reforming the Health Care System: State Profiles 1999," highlights nearly 100 key health indicators and compares them state-by-state. It shows vast disparities among states in terms of peoples health, their access to care, and the adequacy of safety net protection for low-income families.

Key findings in Texas include:

—With nearly 20 million people, Texas has the ninth largest percentage of population in poverty (16.7 percent); almost 30 percent of the elderly live in poverty (less than 135 percent of the federal poverty level).

—Texas ranks among the 10 states with the highest death rates from diabetes and number of tuberculosis cases.

—Texas ranks second in the highest percent of uninsured persons under 65 years of age (26.6 percent). No state had a larger portion of its residents with family incomes above the national median without health insurance (12.2 percent). Texas also is among the top five states with the highest percentage of uninsured families (38.2 percent).

—Texas ranks among the 10 states with the highest uninsurable rates for both white and minority populations and percent of uninsured children in families below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (nearly 36 percent).

—Texas ranks among the "bottom 10" states in percent of mothers with early prenatal care, and women age 50 and over getting mammograms. A high percent of Texans reported not seeing a doctor because of cost (13.6 percent).

—Texas ranks third in Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility discharges and Medicare home health visits/persons served; it ranks fourth in Medicare payments per beneficiary ($6,531).

San Antonio Express-News

On plans to match California air standards:

The end of America's quest for cars that burn clean and use fuel efficiently may not be far off, but will Americans buy them from Detroit or Tokyo?

Vice President Al Gore, with a phalanx of Detroit auto executives behind him, announced March 30 that the Big Three will be producing cars that can run 80 miles on a single gallon of gas by 2004.

Super, except for this: Honda already has such a car on the market and Toyota will unveil its hybrid gas-electric-powered model this summer.

General Motors' Precept will travel 80 miles on a gallon of gas, but it is not quite ready for the showroom.

Worse, because all the Big Three prototypes use electric-diesel engines, they are not entirely clean.

With gasoline prices high and much of America's air dirty, Texans and other Americans will buy fuel-efficient, clean-burning vehicles when they become available. It would be a tragedy for the U.S. economy if Tokyo wins that race again.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday

Boneless rib on a bun, cottage fries, green beans, tossed salad, apple cutie pie

Tuesday

Creole steak, wild rice, seasoned squash, pistachio salad, chocolate cake w/chocolate sauce

Wednesday

Chicken spoonbread w/giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, cucumber onion salad, pineapple pudding

Thursday

Ground beef & spaghetti, whole kernel corn, spinach, tomato wedges, brownie

Friday

Closed for Easter

Senior Center News

The Senior Center has experienced an exciting week. On two separate occasions, emergency assistance was needed, and in both cases, the personnel were prompt and efficient. Their help is greatly appreciated. Smoke was discovered on one occasion and the seniors were asked to evacuate the building.

Everyone is reminded of the proper procedure to follow when evacuating the center. The first step is to respond immediately once the alarm sounds and begin evacuation in an orderly manner. The next step is to get as far away from the building as possible.

Seniors who exit from the west side should go to the park area. Those who exit through the north door should position themselves north of the flag pole; and seniors that exit the south side should gather in the area east of the old Travis Gym.

This plan puts distance between seniors and the building. Once outside, if anyone thinks someone may be inside they should tell a staff member or emergency personnell No one should go back into the building until emergency personnel say it is safe to do so.

The emergency personnel and the prompt response and cooperation of seniors is greatly appreciated.

Winners in the domino tournament for the third month is a row are Graham Smith and Morris Ashley.

Three weeks until Mayday, May 6. With assistance of volunteer businesses, the ExxonMobil cooking team, and the auctioneers, Grady and Molly Morris, a fantastic fund-raiser is planned. Make plans to support the center. Call 573-4035 if you can help.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The AARP meeting scheduled for April 17 has been postponed until April 24 at 5:30 p.m. for potluck and games.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. The Advisory Board will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. Line dancers will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 1:15 p.m. and the cloggers will practice at the senior center at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The Tri-chem class will begin at 9 a.m. The Easter festivities will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the egg hunt followed by the sing along and bonnet/hat parade. Don't miss the fun — there will be prizes for the bonnet/hat contest. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday

The Senior Center will be closed for the Easter holidays. See you Monday, April 24.

Ira Awards

Ira School has announced its perfect attendance for the fifth six weeks. The second grade is the elementary class with the highest class attendance. The eighth grade is the junior high class which has the highest class attendance. The sophomore class is the high school class with the highest class attendance.

Kindergarten: Davin Bolton, Tanner Martin, Conner Smith.

First grade: Krystin Baker, Amanda Elam, Laramie Gilbert, Steven Juarez, Isaac Martin, Kellner Odom, Lupe Ornelas, Kellie Pilcher, J.P. Wilson.

Second grade: B.J. Botts, Lindsey Daniel, Jonathan Hall, Olivia Juarez, Reyez Juarez, Daniel Wooldridge.

Third grade: Austin Calley, Leeja Mauldin, Seth Sanchez.

Fourth grade: Josh Hall, Laura Juarez, Kendyll Pilcher.

Fifth grade: Aryn Calley, Corbin Clements,Tyrelle Gilbert, Jessica Odom, Kelbi Pitner, Genvieve Weaver.

Sixth grade: Mandi Green, Kerry Jamison, Whitney Payne, Krissie Roberts.

Seventh grade: Cody Lomax, Justin Taylor.

Eighth grade: Franki Briseno, Amanda Calley, Chad Everton, Brandon Graves, Suzie Pendergrass, Bubba Walker, Nathan Wilkins, Lindsey Wilson.

Ninth grade: Michael Allen, Tyler Frey, Casey Kellner, Geoffrey Pinkerton, Candace Sanchez.

Tenth grade: Jessie Green, Jerry Jamison, Cade Tucker, Josh Wilson.

Eleventh grade: Davi Barnes, Jeremy Bowden, Casey Chaney, Shade Everton, Kristen Harless, Cody Kellner, Trey Shirley.

Twelfth grade: Logan Daves, Jenson Gainer, Katie Howard.

Ford to spin off parts unit

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will spin off its Visteon parts unit to its shareholders, creating the world's second-largest automotive supplier.

The company said Friday that current Ford shareholders would get 100 percent of the shares in Visteon. That transaction will take place this summer.

"We believe independence for Visteon will result in it being a stronger competitor and is in the best long-term interest of both Visteon employees and Ford Motor Company shareholders," Ford chairman William Clay Ford Jr. said in a statement.

The nation's second biggest automaker also announced a plan to give its stockholders $20 per share or an equal value of new Ford common stock. The cash payouts would be limited to $10 billion.

Analysts had expected the company to authorize a stock buyback or other move to improve the company's stock price. The stock has been lagging in the past few months, and Ford has $11.5 billion in cash on hand.

Ford's move to make Visteon independent follows General Motors Corp.'s spin off of its Delphi parts unit last year, creating the world's largest auto parts company.

The theory is that the parts companies will be stronger by competing for business outside of their parent companies. The automakers benefit by increasing competition for parts.

Visteon has about 81,000 employees in 130 countries. It had revenues of $19.4 billion and earnings of $735 million in 1999.

Under the UAW contract, about 23,500 workers at Visteon will remain Ford employees for life. Those workers also will be free to transfer back and forth between Ford and Visteon.

Candidates keep changing in Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Bob's out. Scott's in. Dave was in, then got out. George was in, out, back in and now is out again. Don has always been in. And don't forget Ben and the others.

Nebraska voters are getting dizzy trying to keep track of the additions and scratches in the U.S. Senate race since Democrat Bob Kerrey announced in January that he would not seek re-election.

"Is it getting too insane? Yes," Lincoln bartender Todd Sukstorf said. "It's just the craziest thing I've ever seen."

The latest twist came Wednesday when retired Omaha insurance executive George Grogan dropped out of the race for the Republican nomination hours after one of his children came home from school crying.

Grogan said a newspaper profile questioning his business practices and mentioning that he had three previous marriages that produced five of his eight children had hurt his family and prompted him to quit.

It was the second time Grogan bowed out. Grogan quit the Senate race last summer to raise money for George W. Bush's presidential campaign, only to re-enter after Kerrey's announcement.

His departure left five Republicans competing in the May 9 primary for the right to take on the likely Democratic nominee, former Gov. Ben Nelson.

The five are: Attorney General Don Stenberg, the GOP frontrunner who later this month will appear before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend Nebraska's ban on so-called partial-birth abortion; dermatologist Dr. Elliott Rustad, agribusinessman Dave Hergert; Secretary of State Scott Moore; and former state Sen. John DeCamp. Republican Lt. Gov. Maurstad got into the race, too, but dropped out after just two weeks, saying the time was not right.

About a week after Kerrey's announcement, former University of Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, perhaps the most popular man in this football-crazy state, said he would forgo a GOP Senate bid to run for Congress.

Republicans were giddy when Kerrey, the only Democrat in conservative Nebraska's Capitol Hill delegation, refused to run for a third term. Kerrey instead will become president of New School University in New York. But the GOP scramble since then has been almost comical.

It's understandable that voters are confused, said Robert Sittig, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"When you commit yourself to a nominating system that allows candidates, for a few thousand bucks, to put their name on the ballot, you had better be prepared for some jolts," he said. "And we've had more than our share of them."

Applications for scholarships from Marie Hall are due

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announced that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to high school graduates and other residents of a 19-county area.

Applicants must have either graduated from a high school in one of the counties or have resided in one for the past five years.

Counties other than Scurry are Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Sterling, Ward and Winkler.

Scholarship awards ranging generally from $250 to $1,500 per semester are available to students or any academic pursuit. Recipients of the scholarship must attend one of the following colleges or universities:

Angelo State University; Howard College, Big Spring; Midland College, Midland; Odessa College, Odessa; Sul Ross University, Texas Tech University, Lubbock; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Midland, Odessa or Lubbock; University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa.

Applicants may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31, 2000.

Winners named in entomology and cotton contests

Western Texas College hosted its annual entomology and cotton judging contests for high school students Tuesday.

In the entomology contest, the top 10 team awards were presented to Wall # 1, first place, with 589 points; Menard, second, 562; Patton Springs, third, 481; Snyder, fourth, 478; Hartley, fifth, 466.5; Spur, sixth, 451; Klondike, seventh, 423; Miles, eighth, 361.5; Stamford, ninth, 341.5; Vernon, 10th, 321.5.

Top individual awards were presented to Brianne Halfmann, Wall #1, first place, 198 points; Adam Holik, Wall #1, second; 197; Curtis Wilde, Wall #1, third, 194; Dink Nichols, Menard, fourth; 192; Rome Nichols, Menard, fifth, 190; Dane Arnold, Patton Spring, sixth, 186; Cole Mikulik, Wall #1, seventh, 185; Garrett Anderson, Menard, eighth, 180; Chad Ford, Hartley, ninth, 178; Stephani Shagula, Patton Springs, 10th, 175.5.

In the cotton judging contest, the Top Ten teams are Wall #1 first place with 2,640; Lamesa #1, second, 2,540; Stamford, third, 2,420; Wylie #2, fourth, 2,420; Wylie #1, fifth, 2,350; Sweetwater, sixth, 2,350; Wall #2, seventh, 2,340; Abilene High #1, eighth, 2,240; Anson #1, ninth, 2,230; Colorado City, 10th, 2,220.

The Top 10 individuals were Eric West, Wall #1, first place, 900 points; Sharlyn Woehl, Wall #1, second, 900; Courtney Staples, Wylie #2, third, 870; Connor Nix, Lamesa #1, fourth, 870; Jennifer Huffaker, Stamford, fifth, 870; Sterling Fryer, Wall #2, sixth, 870; Kirk Trojack, Wall #1, seventh, 840; Ann Saleh, Lamesa #1, eighth, 840; Amy Coates, Lamesa #1, ninth, 830; Darron Hefner, Sweetwater, and Jennifer Turner, Wylie #1, tied for 10th place, each with 810 points.

Results please officials

PECOS (AP) — State agriculture officials said Friday the first spraying of water-hogging salt cedar trees along the Pecos River appears to have been successful.

The officials say they hope that by killing the foreign trees they are able to bring the water level back up, and return native plants and wildlife forced out by the salt cedars.

"Right now the results are extremely promising," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, who on Friday traveled to Pecos, 210 miles east of El Paso, to see what had been accomplished.

The salt cedar, or tamarix, was brought over from Eurasia and planted across the western United States by government agencies in the early 1900s for erosion control. It since has spread to almost every river, creek, stream and wash in the Southwest, infesting more than 1 million acres.

One plant alone may use 200 gallons of water a day, more than the amount consumed by a small family. The scaly leafed tree also adds large amounts of salt to the soil and river.

The eradication project was launched last year by a coalition of government agricultural agencies. It is one of the most extensive yet using a herbicide called Arsenal.

From a helicopter, project managers sprayed along 28 miles of the river just north of Pecos last September.

Top five juniors recognized at Snyder and Ira

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University recently honored the Top Five juniors at area high schools.

Snyder High School's honorees include Valery Haines, Claire Cotton, Kayla Phillips, Tiffany Sutter and Kara Harrison.

Those recognized from Ira High School include Morgan Clements, Mikana Herring, Trey Shirley, Tosha Walker and Tara Allen.

The HSU Enrollment Services Office held its annual "Gold Carpet" banquet to honor the top five juniors from high schools in the Region XIV Education Service Center area.

5 Snyder seniors get academic scholarships from Carr Foundation

SAN ANGELO — Five Snyder High School seniors from Snyder have been awarded Carr Academic Scholarships at Angelo State University for the next school year.

The students include Michael W. Ashby, Adrian Q. Gonzales, Brady Hackfeld, Christina R. Holder, and Layne A. Scott.

Carr Academic scholarships are being awarded for 2000-2001, ranging in value from $1,500 to $6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 1,000 students from across Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1,140 on the SAT or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

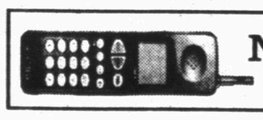
Supported by a growing multimillion trust established by the late Robert A. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the university for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of understudy at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from $6,000 to $24,000.

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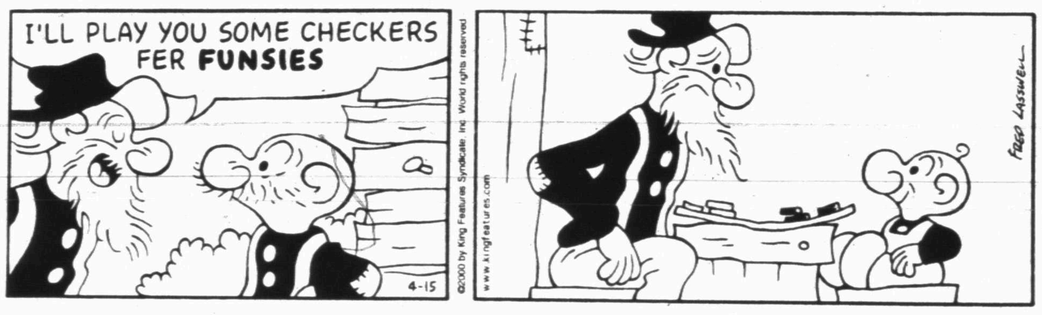
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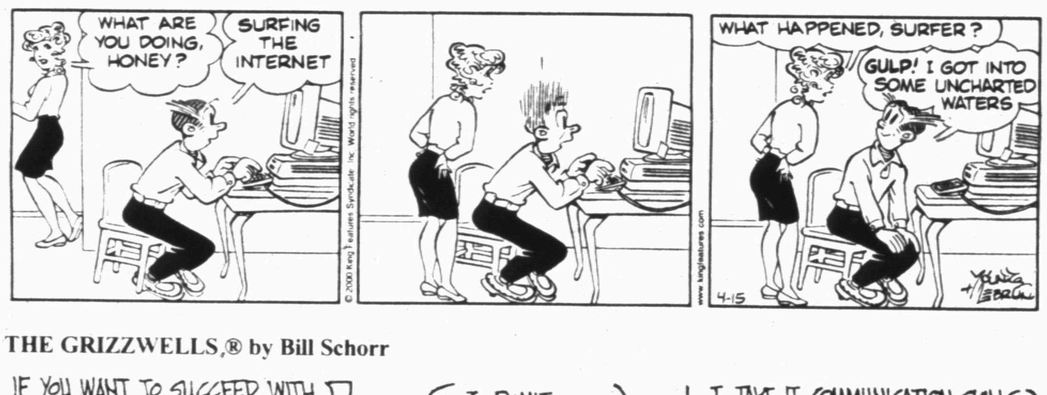
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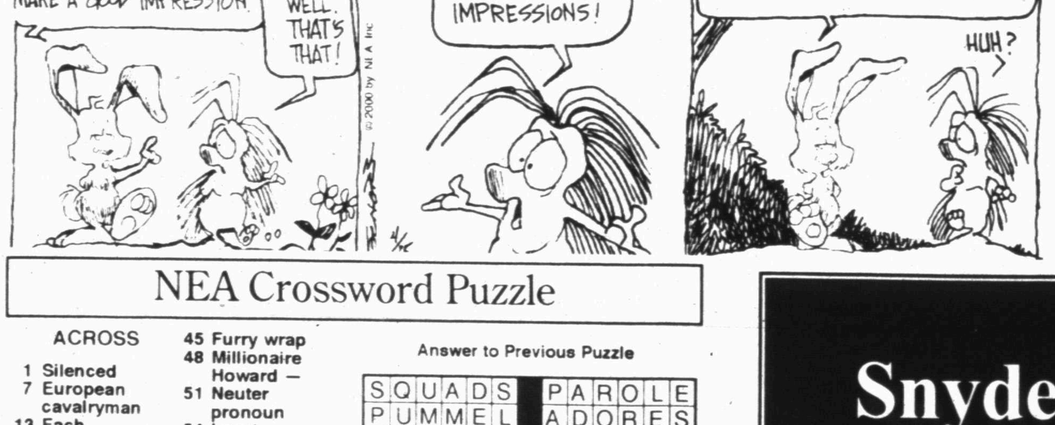
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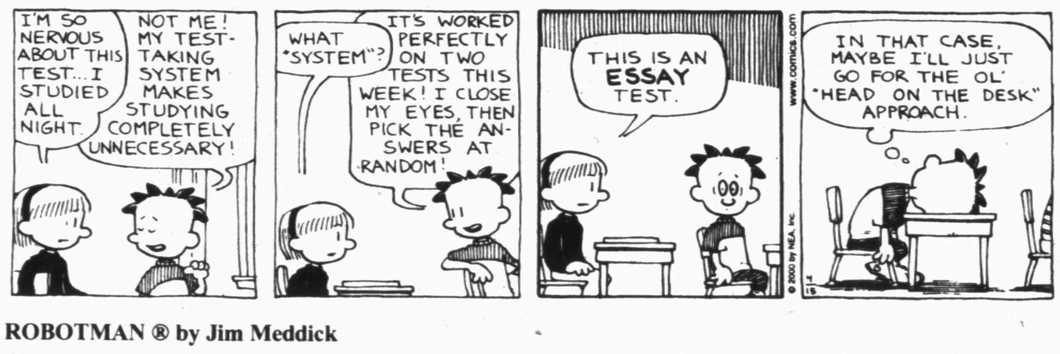
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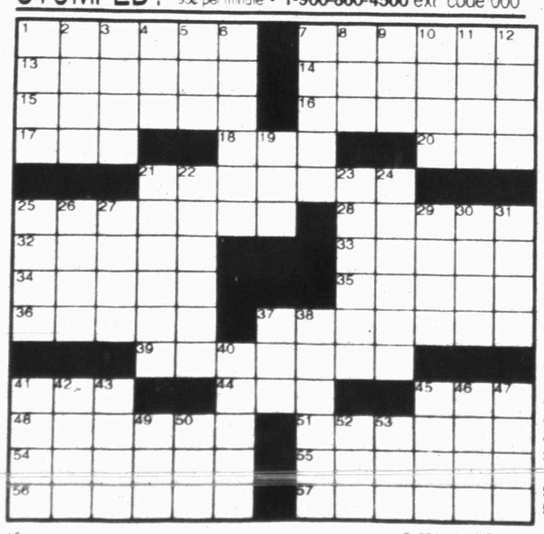
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Stepmom needs ground rules for adult childrenm's visits

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment on the letter from "Overwhelmed in Kentucky." She's the woman who married the widower whose grown "children" come to visit every six weeks.

I assume no grandchildren are coming to visit, since none were mentioned, which makes it even easier to resolve her dilemma. "Overwhelmed" needs to set some ground rules for visiting children. She could offer to fix breakfast each morning and let the children be responsible for the other meals. If the girls can't cook, how do they eat when they are not visiting their father? Do their husbands cook? They can always have lunch and dinner carry-out, or dine in at any neighboring restaurant — splitting the bill, of course.

And who ever heard of the hostess doing laundry for her guests? My children were taught how to do their own laundry when they were old enough to reach the controls on the washer and dryer. As for "Overwhelmed" cleaning up after they are gone, that's ridiculous! What's wrong with the married children cleaning up after themselves — changing bed linens to prepare for their next visit, vacuuming, cleaning the bathrooms they used and any other area of the house that they visited?

If "Overwhelmed's" husband has a problem with these ground rules, then I would recommend she follow your advice for an occasional weekend with friends to coincide with his children's visits. If she has to resort to leaving, I would hope that the company would leave the house as clean as they found it. — **AMAZED IN ARIZONA**

DEAR AMAZED: Your suggestions are good ones. However, I suspect that "Overwhelmed" — who has been married to her husband for only a couple of years, and inherited the "children" with the marriage — is reluctant to assert herself because she's afraid she'll be categorized as the "wicked stepmother." That's why I recommended that part-time help be hired on those long weekends when the "kids" are visiting Dad. He earns enough money to afford it. (She mentioned his occupation, which I chose to omit.)

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DEAR ABBY: I started calling my in-laws "Mom" and "Dad." When my mother found out, she became very upset. She stated that it was an insult to her because "they were not the people who bore or raised me."

I did not mean to insult my mother. I just meant it as a term of endearment for my in-laws. I'm curious as to what other couples call their in-laws. Do they call them "Mom" and "Dad" or by their first names? I need to know the proper etiquette. — **TROUBLED IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR TROUBLED: It's sad that your mother is so insecure that your gesture of love and respect for your in-laws was perceived as threatening. Many people address their in-laws as "Mom" and "Dad." Others use their first names. Occasionally people invent pet names to call their in-laws. The most inventive I can recall was "MIL" and "FIL" — for mother-in-law and father-in-law.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing on behalf of a widowed friend. I noticed that she is no longer wearing her wedding rings. When I asked her why, she said she was told that it is not proper for a widow or widower to continue to wear wedding rings. Could such a thing really be true? — **PATRICIA IN SEVERNA PARK, MD.**

DEAR PATRICIA: No. Widowed people may continue to wear their wedding rings as long as they wish. However, when they are ready to entertain the idea of dating again, they either remove the wedding ring(s) or switch them to the right hand.

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DEAR ABBY: On Nov. 18, 1991, the life of my 17-year-old daughter, Karen, ended far too soon. Karen was a beautiful and compassionate girl, always thinking of others and how she could help them. Just as she had in life, Karen wanted to help others in death by being an organ donor. She had signed an organ donor card, but never discussed the issue with me.

My fear and ignorance of organ donation almost hindered the fulfillment of Karen's last wish. A very sympathetic and knowledgeable professional explained organ donation to me clearly, and addressed the objections I had that I now know were based on myths. Because of him, Karen's death was not in vain, and four people, including a 9-year-old boy, were given a new chance at life.

April 6 to 23 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. Today, my goal in life is not just to educate people about organ donation, but to make them aware of how important it is to discuss their wish to be an organ donor with loved ones. In most states, the signed organ donor card is a legal document, but the next of kin is always asked for permission.

Karen left a legacy by giving "the gift of life" to others, and it has helped turn my tears of sorrow into tears of joy. These gifts have enabled recipients to celebrate transplant birthdays while my family and I celebrate Karen's life.

Abby, I hope your readers will join our crusade to make sure everyone who needs an organ transplant receives one. — **BARBARA MUSTO, NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION DONOR FAMILY COUNCIL**

DEAR BARBARA: Thank you for your eloquent reminder.

Readers: Please think carefully about becoming an organ donor, so someone can have life when yours is finished. If you haven't already signed donor forms and notified your family of your wishes, I can't think of a more suitable time to bring up the subject than National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. For a free organ donor card and answers to the most commonly asked questions about organ donation, call the National Kidney Foundation's toll-free number: 1-800-622-9010.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance canceled our wedding two weeks prior to the wedding. We are going our separate ways.

I am uncertain what to do with the wedding shower gifts I received four months ago. My fiance and I bought a home, which I will continue to live in, and some of the items have already been used. My family and close friends have indicated that they do not want their gifts returned, but I am concerned about the other gifts we received. (Two wedding gifts received in advance are being returned.)

I feel as though I should at least offer to return the gifts or reimburse each person. However, I can't be sure who gave me exactly what. The cards and receipts were removed from the boxes, and the gift list prepared at my shower is not very detailed.

With the shock and devastation of my relationship ending, I am still worried about proper etiquette. Please tell me how to handle this. — **L.A. IN BETHLEHEM, PA.**

DEAR L.A.: The best way to handle this is in a straightforward manner. Call the shower guests and explain that the wedding is off — and that the gift list from the shower is not as detailed as it ought to be. Then ask what each person's gift was — and if it has been used, offer to reimburse the money. I predict that most of the givers will refuse the offer.

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Fugitive gives up

WISE, Va. (AP) — A fugitive embezzler who was on the state of Virginia's most wanted list changed his name, moved to California, raised $35 million from investors and founded a splashy "dot com" billed as the first online broadcast network, authorities said.

David Stanley, fearful that Virginia State Police were closing in on his San Bernardino, Calif., home, returned to Wise this month and turned himself in at the county jail.

Authorities say the convicted embezzler took on the name Michael Adam Fenne soon after disappearing and founded Pixelon Inc. bankrolled by private investors.

Pixelon.com, launched last October, is described by the company as the first online broadcast network featuring full-screen, TV-quality audio and video; its Web site boasts "the highest quality video experience on the Web."

The company's directors ousted Stanley in November when his grand plans didn't work, but they were still stunned by the surrender this week.

"It's just absolutely shocking to everybody here," said Stephanie Kitzes, corporate counsel for the San Juan Capistrano, Calif.-based Pixelon. "We'll be conducting an investigation into exactly who this person is."

The startup party for pixelon.com last Oct. 29 was billed as "the largest event ever held to launch an Internet company" and was said to cost $12 million. The event, dubbed "iBash '99," was held at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and featured a rare reunion by the British rock band the Who, among other musical acts.

"The Internet today is an extremely exciting medium for any artist," Who singer Roger Daltrey said at the time the show was announced. "Pixelon is certainly doing some extremely high-quality work, and broadband visual technology is definitely the wave of the future."

The company also is a sponsor of the PBS music series "Sessions at West 54th."

In 1989, Stanley pleaded guilty to 55 counts of taking money in a fraud scheme in Virginia and Tennessee. Authorities said he swindled victims in Virginia out of $750,000 and defrauded associates in Tennessee of $500,000

On the Web: http://www.pixelon.com

TxDOT sets meeting on public transportation

ABILENE — A meeting to discuss public transportation services for the elderly and persons with disabilities will be held in Abilene onat 10 a.m. April 24.

Debra Rector, public transportation coordinator for the Abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), made the announcement. The meeting will be held at the district office, 425 North Clark.

Purpose of the meeting is to establish a transportation advisory board for the Abilene district's 13-county area. The advisory board will address the many transportation needs of persons in the district and to solicit input from the public as to what the transportation issues are.

"The first issue the panel will face is the First Year 2001 Elderly and Disabled Grant allocation funding for the Abilene district. Collective, the board will be charged with developing more cost-efficient services, serve more transportation needs on the communities effected, and improve the quality of those services," Rector said.

All persons interested in the public transportation needs in Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties are invited to attend the meeting.

For additional information, contact Rector in Abilene at 915-676-6811.

Rembrandt pupil gets his own show

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pupil of Rembrandt's, who prospered more than his master before being forgotten for centuries, gets his first big international exhibit Sunday at the National Gallery of Art.

Gerrit Dou's brilliant and meticulous style was little appreciated in the 1800s and early 1900s and has been revived only in the past half-century, particularly in the United States. In his lifetime, his paintings were admired by critics and kings and sold for high prices. Rembrandt went bankrupt.

Dou may have Rembrandt's taste for painting self-portraits. The show includes several. Dou often wears a luxurious fur hat, fur-lined cloak, silk waistcoat and a rather self-satisfied expression.

The biggest picture in the show, which has had a variety of interpretations, depicts "The Quack," a patent medicine vendor peddling to a small and somewhat distracted crowd. Just below the quack sits a pancake vendor, taking time off to wipe a child's rear.

"Placement of this woman directly under the quack underscores the nature of his discourse," wrote Dutch critic Eric Jan Sluijter.

Above the quack Dou painted his own portrait, holding a palette and looking out a window.

"For me, the magic is in the details," said Alan Shestack, the National Gallery's deputy director. "The details are very beautifully and explicitly realized."

There are 35 pictures, only one of which belongs to the National Gallery. The rest are borrowed from collections in Britain, Spain, the Netherlands, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and the United States.

Ronni Baer, curator of European painting at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, pointed to Dou's interest in women, doing their duty as mothers, seeing households being run properly and showing off as what she called "17th-century pinup girls."

"He also depicted a realm where the male and female sexes meet," she said, "and in our show it's represented by ... candlelight scenes. And generally when the sexes meet in Dou's art, they're up to no good."

The National Gallery's Dou picture — a painting of a hermit — contains not only such traditional items as a skull, an hourglass and a crucifix, but also a birdcage. Dou's paintings were in such demand that he could choose his own subjects, instead of catering to patrons' tastes, and he apparently had a thing for birdcages. Queen Elizabeth II has lent the show a painting of a grocery store with a birdcage in it.

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"Gerrit Dou 1613-1675 - Master Painter in the Age of Rembrandt" will be at the National gallery through Aug. 6, at the Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, Sept. 6-Nov. 19, and at the Royal Cabinet of Painting Mauritshuis, The Hague, Dec. 9, 2000 to Feb. 25, 2001.

On the Net: National Gallery Web site, Dou's "The Hermit" with information on the artist: http://www.nga.gov/cgi-bin/pinfo?Object45749+0+none

San Antonio to get 1,000 jobs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Qwest Communications International Inc. plans to create from 700 to 1,000 new jobs in San Antonio as it steps up its telecommunications operation.

Denver-based Qwest will hire the workers over the next two years as it moves more of its customer-service and phone-operator functions to San Antonio and builds fiber-optic networks in large U.S. cities, a company official said.

"We've made a major commitment to San Antonio," Stephen Wagner, president of Qwest's Southern region, said Thursday.

The company already employs 1,000 people in the city. Last year it made San Antonio headquarters for its Southern region.

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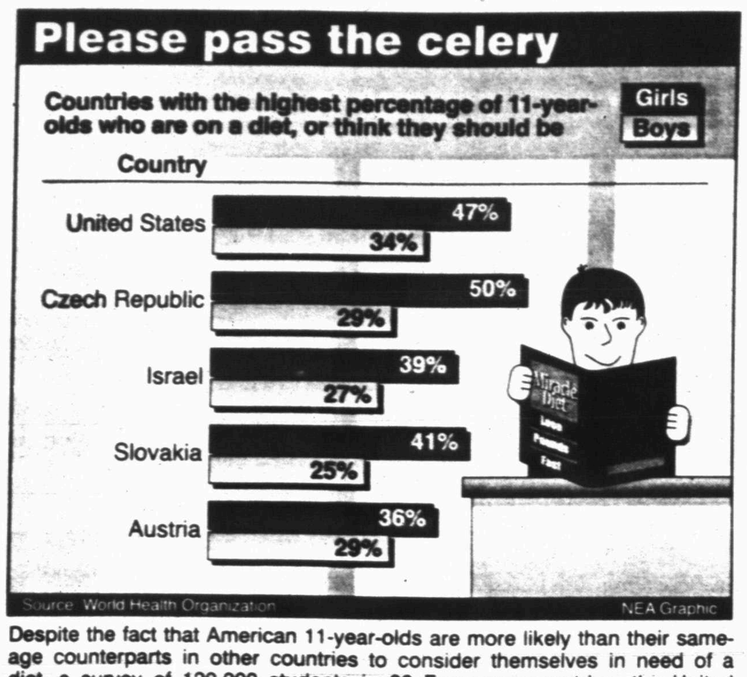
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Despite the fact that American 11-year-olds are more likely than their same-age counterparts in other countries to consider themselves in need of a diet, a survey of 120,000 students in 26 European countries, the United States and Canada, found that American adolescents are the least likely to exercise regularly or to maintain healthful eating habits.

House objects to FCC ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning of a babble of interfering voices, the House has moved to put restrictions on a Federal Communications Commission ruling that would have opened the nation's radio airwaves to hundreds of tiny low-power stations.

"The FCC wanted to add everything but the kitchen sink into the nation's FM radio spectrum, creating significant interference with existing radio stations and services," said Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, the chief sponsor of the bill that passed 274-110 Thursday.

But both the White House and the FCC objected strongly to the legislation. The White House said the FCC could resolve interference issues and the new ruling, by encouraging local microradios, "would provide a voice for the voiceless, thereby contributing to improved community ties and information."

The bill, which has yet to be taken up by the Senate, responds to an FCC ruling last January making room for hundreds of new local stations.

The bill would keep current interference standards in place, thus reducing but not eliminating the number of new entrants in the market, while allowing demonstration programs in nine locales to see what happens when those standards are relaxed to levels sought by the FCC.

The ruling has put the FCC, a federal regulatory agency, at odds with the commercial broadcasting industry. "I don't know what's fuzzier, the static from low power FM or the FCC's thinking on the issue," National Association of Broadcasters head Edward Fritts said this week at an industry convention.

But FCC Chairman William Kennard, in a statement, said the FCC has set minimum separation rules for low power stations that more than protect existing broadcasters.

"Special interests triumphed over community interests today," he said, predicting that the bill would eliminate more than 80 percent of the potential low power FM stations in hundreds of communities.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce telecommunications subcommittee, accused the FCC of doing its own lobbying against the bill, and said he had asked the Justice Department to investigate whether the federal agency had violated the law in trying to defeat the legislation.

"We are confident that FCC staff acted appropriately and within the bounds of the law," said FCC spokesperson Linda Paris.

Supporters said the original version of the Oxley bill would have totally repealed the FCC ruling, and they had compromised by allowing the FCC to go forward with some new licensing while testing the more relaxed standards.

Reps. Thomas Barrett, D-Wis., and Bobby Rush, D-Ill., proposed an amendment that would have allowed the FCC to go ahead with the new rules after a six-month test unless Congress specifically prohibited them, but it was defeated 245-142.

The House on Thursday also passed, by 375-37, a bill authorizing $1.25 billion in loan guarantees to help satellite companies and other TV providers bring local TV stations to rural and small market communities.

The low power radio bill number is H.R. 3439.

On the Net:

Federal Communications Commission site:
http://www.fcc.gov

Country music industry needs boost

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — With Shania Twain and Garth Brooks staying home this year, the country music industry is hoping the first top-billed tour of the Dixie Chicks can boost sluggish concert ticket and album sales.

"The industry is going to be watching (the Dixie Chicks) tour really close," said Ray Waddell of Amusement Business magazine. "It's like a snowball rolling down a hill. If somebody does good, it increases excitement about others."

Country music concerts collected 16 percent less gross revenue in 1999 than in 1998 and attendance was down 28 percent, according to Amusement Business.

Sales of country music peaked at about $2 billion in 1995 when Brooks helped make the genre trendy. But sales were down 4.5 percent in 1999.

Country music's market share of album sales has declined to 14.1 percent, according to the Recording Industry Association of America's 1998 Consumer Profile.

Doc says death is not the enemy for people receiving care at end-of-life

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The key to providing better end-of-life care is recognizing that death isn't the enemy, a medical leader said Friday.

"We have to learn to turn that page," said Dr. Nancy W. Dickey, immediate past president of the American Medical Association and professor and program director of a family practice residency program at Texas A&M University's College of Medicine in College Station, Texas.

Not only health care professionals, but society in general, must start focusing on a "commitment to care instead of an attempt to cure."

Dickey addressed 300 healthcare professionals at a conference on end of life issues in the 21st century.

In the 1970s, America hit a high point as a "death denying" society, she said. We devalued age and family and emphasized youth and independence. "Death became the enemy," said Dickey.

Today, some terminally ill patients worrying about pain, suffering and impoverishment, about abandonment by family or becoming a burden to family or friends, turn to hopes of assisted suicide or euthanasia.

"It's an extraordinary indictment of the system ... because of fears of what is to come," Dickey told the gathering of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and social workers.

Dickey told the health care professionals that when patients seek assisted suicide they inevitably are asking for help.

In 1997-98, only four of 126 U.S. medical schools required a course on death and dying. Where there is training, for the most part it's not standardized or comprehensive, she said.

Physicians aren't trained to talk about dying with terminally ill patients, they feel ill-equipped.

Also, the medical community has fear of using pain medication. Doctors are afraid patients will become addicted or that use of adequate pain killers now will leata Dickey called "bothersome." Doctors there said "the first time it is really tough, but it gets easier," she said, calling that a "really scary" finding.

To draw the line against physician-assisted suicide there must be an alternative. And that is to care for end-of-life patients in an acceptable, dignified, high-quality way.

Dr. Ira Byock, past president of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and a research professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Montana at Missoula, Mont., told the audience at the end of life "time is not so much measured in length; it's better measured in depth."

"Still today, the dying have no voice," he said. With a combination of medical competence and tender loving care, no one needs to die in pain or alone.

It would give us the opportunity to die well, on our own terms, in the place of our own choosing, surrounded by the ones we leave behind, Byock said.

Surgeons settle complaint

AUSTIN (AP) — A group of surgeons has settled federal officials' complaints that the doctors limited competition, fixed prices and conspired to raise their rates by refusing to contract with two large health insurers.

After a two-year investigation, the Federal Trade Commission said the actions of Texas Surgeons cost health plans, patients and employers more than $1 million. Regulators said the doctors conspired to raise reimbursement rates by refusing to contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and United HealthCare of Texas Inc.

The president of Texas Surgeons, a loosely knit group of surgeons in the Austin area, said the doctors settled only to avoid a costly trial.

"For us, we feel like we did nothing wrong," Dr. Jeff Meynig told the Austin American-Statesman on Thursday. "We feel like we followed the letter of the law as we understood it and as we understood the advice of our counsel."

If the agreement is approved next month, the doctors will be prohibited from collectively negotiating with health plans or discussing terms of their contracts with plans.

Although both actions already are prohibited under federal law, the agreement clarifies Texas Surgeons' limitations under the law and requires the group to keep the FTC informed about its future actions.

Alan Friedman, the FTC's lead attorney on the case, said the settlement will end a substantial restraint on competition and create more competition on rates for surgeons.

Both insurance companies said they were pleased with the outcome.

The regulators "did their job, and the interests of consumers were protected," said C. Richard Cook, United HealthCare's Western region president.

Under federal antitrust law, doctors can negotiate or discuss reimbursement rates only in groups that are financially or clinically integrated, such as a practice or a clinic. A representative of the physicians' group said the doctors never tried to negotiate or discuss rates with the plans as a group but appointed an attorney to negotiate with the plans.

However, the government said the group abused the "messenger model," under which doctors can legally use a third party to discuss prices with health plans. The FTC further alleged that the group's physicians refused to negotiate individually with Blue Cross and United HealthCare.

In late 1997, the physicians terminated their contracts with both health plans, citing reduced rates.

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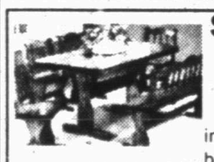
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