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Suicide bomber kills four U.S. GIs

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

A suicide bomber driving a taxi killed four American soldiers Saturday at a checkpoint in south-central Iraq, U.S. officers said. The attack came as coalition forces pounded Republican Guard positions and battled to quell paramilitary harassment in preparation for an all-out push toward Baghdad.

It was the first suicide bombing against U.S. or British forces since they invaded Iraq. Iraqi dissidents have claimed that Saddam Hussein opened a training camp for Arab volunteers willing to carry out suicide attacks against coalition troops.

Capt. Andrew Wallace said the slain Army soldiers were part of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, manning a checkpoint on a highway north of Najaf. A taxi stopped near the checkpoint, the driver waved for help, and the car exploded as the soldiers approached, Wallace told Associated Press Television News.

U.S. commanders said the attack would not force the coalition to make operational changes.

"We continue to place force protection as our highest priority, but that doesn't mean we're going to back into little holes and hide," said Col. Will Grimsley, commander of the 1st Brigade.

Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart, Jr., the U.S. Central Command's director of operations, said the attack was "a symbol of an organization that's starting to get a little bit desperate."

Renuart also said the United States has restricted the launch of Tomahawk cruise missiles over Saudi Arabia after complaints about errant strikes. He said some missiles had fallen onto Saudi territory, and U.S. experts would conduct a technical review before conferring with Saudi officials on whether the launches would resume.

In Baghdad, Iraq's Information Ministry building was damaged in a pre-dawn U.S. missile attack. The building remained intact, but satellite dishes were destroyed, and Information Ministry officials said the 10th floor — which housed an Internet server — was gutted.

Elsewhere in the city, black-clad mourners gathered at a marketplace where Iraqi officials said dozens of civilians were killed by a coalition bomb. But despite still-smoking fires and intermittent explosions, Saturday saw the heaviest traffic on the streets of Baghdad since the war broke out. Many shops were open in the commercial districts and thousands of residents were on the streets.

In Kuwait, meanwhile, authorities said Iraq fired a missile of its own that damaged a popular shopping mall in Kuwait City.

Ground combat continued in southern and central Iraq, while U.S. forces pressed ahead with air and missile strikes aimed at weakening Republican Guard positions defending Baghdad.

The latest strikes included attacks by Apache helicopter gunships of the 101st Airborne Division. U.S. warplanes launching from the Gulf were also pounding the Republican Guard, with scores of flights scheduled for later Saturday and into Sunday morning, senior Navy officers said.

Some U.S. combat units were slowing their advance while supply and communications support is beefed up, but coalition officials said there was no broad order for a pause in the push toward Baghdad.

"It is purely a case of shaping the battlefield, getting our troops equipped and in the right place for the next part of the campaign," said Group Capt. Al Lockwood, a spokesman for coalition forces.



WORKING TOGETHER — Aviation flight crews push aN F/A-18 Hornet as re-arming of jet aircraft continues around the clock aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. Find more war coverage on Page 11. (AP Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You don't stop laughing because of years. You grow old only if you stop laughing – especially at yourself."

During tough times, the ability to find humor in common, everyday events is healthy. There is far too much serious stuff, so a good chuckle has to be beneficial.

You can even find humor at church, according to these religious one-liners sent to us by more than one reader.

—Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited – until you try to sit in their pew.

—Many folks want to serve God, but only as an adviser.

—The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes, skunks and snakes come close.

—Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation bangs on your door forever.

—Quit griping about your church. If it was perfect, most folks couldn't belong.

—The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up an audience: "And in conclusion…"

—To make a long story short, don't tell it.

—A lot of folks who sing "Standing on the Promises" are merely sitting on the premises.

—Outside of traffic, there is nothing that holds back progress as much as a committee.

—Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em, he'll clean 'em.

—Forbidden fruits create many jams.

—God likely prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts."

—If God is your co-pilot, you had better swap seats.

—When praying, don't give instructions, just report for duty.

—You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

—What difference does it make which church you stay home from?

—The task ahead is never as great as what power is behind us.

—The message doesn't change – but people are changed by the message.

—When at wits' end, look around. You're not alone.

—If you left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, consider trying to find a job in Washington or Austin.

At SHS...

NHS induction is Sunday

Snyder High School's National Honor Society will induct new members at 2 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium.

Senior parents will present the hooding of the white sash on their child.

Junior inductees will each be introduced, certificates will be given, and the ceremony will end with the candle lighting process.

New senior members to be inducted are Anna Arce, Rachel Cave, William Davis, Colby Driggers, Shelley Fisk, Stafford Gray, Laura Hagar, TJ. Jones, Whitney Jones, Christina Kellner, Katie Kerley, Veronica Maldonado, Matt McCormick, Elizabeth Parsley, Natalie Perez, Wendy Proffitt, Hailey Putnam, Brady Reed, Adam Rodgers and Afton Sutter.

Junior inductees are Laura Arellano, Tasura Baze, Jeffery Bruton, Erin Burleson, Mandy Burns, Beth Clements, Sarah Crawford, Andra Dunham, Alexis Dupree, Kristel Fitts, Megan Fletcher, Adrienne Garcia, Molly Haire, Rankin Hardin, Anna Henson, Gretchen Hollis, Ashley Jenkins, Joshua Kemp, Meagan Langham, Emily Long, Ashley Martinez, Molly Mason, Austin McCormack, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Joshua Payne, Bradley Price, Lee Scott, Sara Thornhill, Tamara Taylor, Cami Trout, Amanda Whitson and Stephanie Williams.

Red Cross to host training sessions

The Odessa office of the American Red Cross will conduct two meetings in Snyder for training volunteers to assist in the first-line-of-defense in case of a natural disaster or terrorist attack.

The Emergency Disaster Training sessions will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday. Both meetings will be in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

These training sessions are open to anyone 17 years and older who wants to volunteer to assist in case of any disaster.

"We are the first area in West Texas to start a project like this," said organizer Vicki Shroyer.

Other training sessions are planned for persons not able to attend the two planned this week, said Shroyer.

Shroyer has an office at 1800 26th St. where residents also can sign up for the Citizen's Corp that is part of the national Homeland Security volunteer project.



TROOP SUPPORT – The American Red Cross has placed a collection box in the lobby at Snyder National Bank. Items needed include sunscreen, assorted batteries, wet wipes, chapstick, toiletry items and individually-wrapped snack items. Pictured from left are SNB vice presidents Edna Anderson and Janelle Orr. (SDN Staff Photo)

Progress section inside

A special 12-page progress section is included in this weekend's edition of the Snyder Daily News.

The special section spotlights local businesses and the contributions each make toward keeping Snyder and Scurry County's economy strong.

ASK US

Q—Does Daylight Saving Time start the first day of April or the first weekend in April?
A—It's the first Sunday in April.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Zach Billingsley...

...is a Snyder native and graduated from Snyder High School last May. He participated in Future Farmers of America while at SHS. Zach has worked at Ezell-Key for 10 months. He is the son of Kim and Donna Billingsley.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There's no freedom on earth for those who deny freedom to others.

—Elbert Hubbard



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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

MAWC luncheon

To pay for extensive plumbing repairs, Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon. Cost is $8.50 for adults and $4 for children 10 and younger. The menu includes turkey and dressing, or ham, vegetables, salad, dessert and a drink. Carry-outs will be available and serving will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Make reservations by 5 p.m. Saturday by calling Sandra Brace at 573-3427.

Ira one-act play

Ira students will perform their one-act play, *The Small World of Millie McIvor,* at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Roy Sallee Gym. A reception will follow and there is no charge.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God is Not a Respecter of Persons," followed by "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Relay for life fundraisers

The Senior Citizens Center team for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will host a luncheon Tuesday at the Scurry County Coliseum Room A from noon until 1 p.m. The luncheon is all-you-can eat, consisting of stew, cornbread and cobbler. For more information, call 573-9090. The American State Bank's Relay for Life Team will wash cars in the bank parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Saturday.

Band booster meeting

There will be a SHS band booster meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the band hall to finalize banquet plans.

Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. every Wednesday through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

SHS senior activities

Senior parents need to send in their $20 as soon as possible. Also, the three pictures of your senior student are needed by Thursday. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

St. Elizabeth sausage festival

St. Elizabeth will have its annual sausage festival next Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the parish center. Tickets are $7 for adults and all take-outs; and $4 for children 12 and under. Game booths, raffles and country store will be available. Sausage also sold by the pound, $3 uncooked and $4 cooked.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Rallies in San Francisco show varying views of war in Iraq

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At the site of some of the most heated U.S. protests against the war with Iraq, demonstrators supporting the war rallied Friday while also expressing support for others to state their views.

"Americans are allowed to have opinions ... but we just need to show the troops that we love them, that we care about them," said Reed Benet, a commercial real-estate agent who organized the downtown San Francisco rally, which drew about 125 people.

Rallies supporting the war were held in Albuquerque, N.M., Minneapolis, Little Rock, Ark. and outside the United Nations.

Meanwhile, anti-war protesters marched in Cleveland and held a prayer vigil in San Francisco, where bicyclists planned to protest at the afternoon rush hour. Several dozen people dressed in friar robes and prayer shawls were arrested at the vigil after protesters blocked entrances into the federal building.

Anti-war demonstrations led to about 2,200 arrests last week during two days of mass protests in San Francisco.

Few anti-war protesters could be found at Friday's rally.

"I am pro-troops, but let's support our troops by bringing them home," Vahdat Saadat said.

He drew anger from demonstrator Jeffrey Wood, who told the Iranian-born American, "Go home, traitor. Treason is a felony."

But Therese McNulty, whose 22-year-old son is a Marine fighting in Iraq, welcomed Saadat's presence.

"My son is risking his life to protect his (Saadat's) freedom to do that," McNulty said. "That's what this country is about. My son would say the same thing."

Other demonstrators were less accommodating.

At the Albuquerque rally, which drew about 3,800 people, a group of veterans surrounded about a dozen peace demonstrators and chanted, "Go home, cowards." Police quickly got between the two groups and moved the war protesters to a corner of the plaza, surrounding them with officers.

Regional UIL next for Ira

Students at Ira High School have advanced to the regional UIL academic meet to be held in Abilene April 12.

Spelling: Terryn Autry, third place; and Bubba Walker, fourth place, alternate to regional.

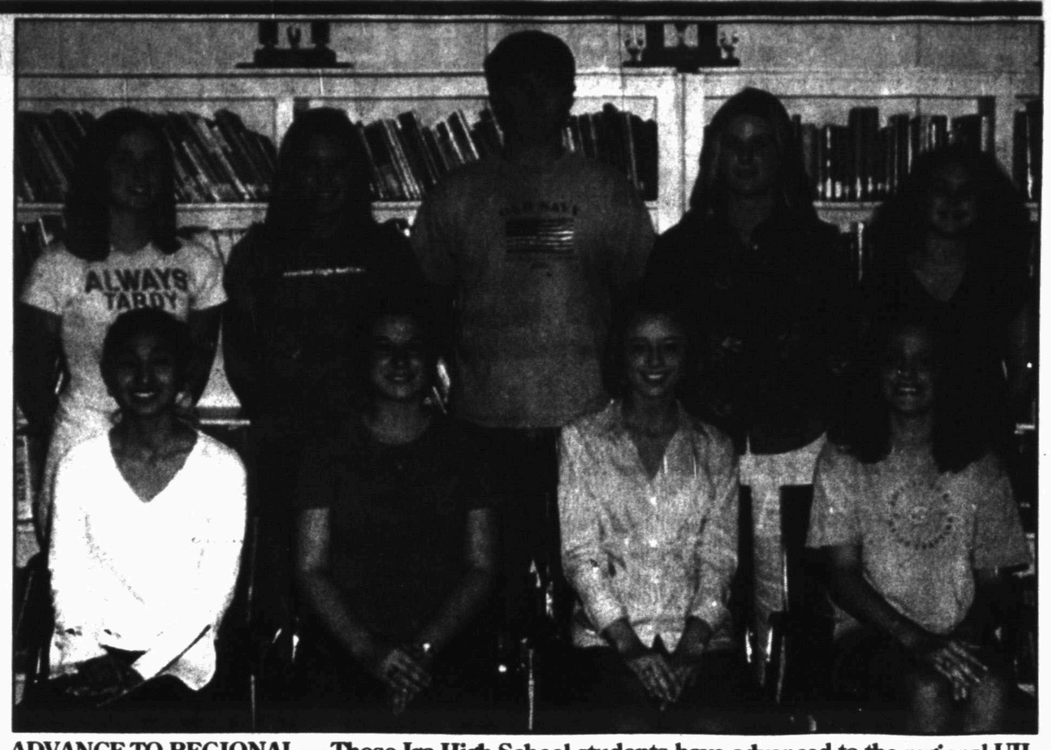
Computer applications: Celeigh Sterling, first place; and Suzie Pendergrass, third place.

Informative speaking: Franki Briseno, fourth place, alternate to regional.

Science: Brandon Crane, second in physics, alternate to regional in physics part of the science contest,

Accounting: Celeigh Sterling, first place; Candace Sanchez, second place; Michelle Nettles, sixth place; and Kali Clements, eight place. They also earned first place as a team and will advance to regional.

Others placing in the top six at district were Candace Sanchez, fifth in ready writing; and Brittany Dickerhoff, fifth in poetry.



ADVANCE TO REGIONAL — These Ira High School students have advanced to the regional UIL academics contest April 12 in Abilene. From left standing, Michelle Nettles, Kali Clements, Brandon Crane, Celeigh Sterling and Terryn Autry; seated, Franki Briseno, Candace Sanchez, Suzie Pendergrass and Brittany Dickerhoff. Bubba Walker is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Family dog kills boy

STEPHENS, Mo. (AP) — A 3-year-old boy died after he apparently climbed into the pen of his family's Rottweiler and was attacked.

Callaway County Sheriff Dennis Crane said Wesley Swindler climbed into the pen, which had walls about 4 feet high, on Thursday and was found by his mother. The boy was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Teen who allegedly threatened to hurt children subject of alert

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Police issued a public warning Friday about a soon-to-be released teenage inmate because he allegedly threatened to molest, mutilate or kill children when he's free.

"The threats he made while he was incarcerated are shocking," said Sgt. Tony Steverson, Des Moines Police Department spokesman. "We feel that he may be a serious risk to the community."

Jesse Dee Souder, 18, will be transferred from a county jail to a halfway house in Des Moines on Monday, where he is to serve the final 180 days of his sentence.

Authorities say they can't keep Souder in jail or charge him with a new crime because the verbal threats did not target a specific person.

Souder has no known history of sexual violence or crimes aimed at children. He was convicted of a series of assaults.

One of his relatives said he believes the public warning is justified. "I don't think he'll be out a week before he is arrested again," said Steve Souder, an uncle who once took care of the youth.

Fred Scaletta, spokesman for the Iowa Department of Corrections, said Souder will be under more restrictions than other people in the halfway house.

Misty McClure is state finalist

Misty Dawn McClure of Snyder, the daughter of Eddie and April McClure, has been selected as a state finalist in the Miss Cheerleader of America selection being held Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn Austin South.

She is a senior at Hermleigh High School. As a state finalist, McClure will compete for cash scholarships and awards, which she will be able to use at a private or public college, university or trade school of her choice.

The program is offered to female high school cheerleaders. The competition includes short interviews with a qualified judge and an elegant pageant-evening gown selection.

A preliminary judging was made from applications distributed by high school counselors or coaches, and the girls were chosen because of their outstanding qualities.

The "tie-breaker" essay may be used at the interview or evening gown level and some of the special plaques are awarded because of the outstanding quality of some of the essays.

Three A&M grads are from Snyder

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to 3,891 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies. Among those recognized from Snyder were:

- Andrew John Parker, bachelor of science, political science;
- Clay Ryan Koening, bachelor of science, civil engineering;
- Jerrod Lee Rinehart, bachelor of business administration, marketing.

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- ★ Wet Wipes
- ★ Toiletry items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, etc.)
- ★ Hand Sanitizers
- ★ Hand lotion
- ★ Chap Stick
- ★ Individually-wrapped pieces of hard candy
- ★ Snack items: sunflower seeds, jerky, peanuts, etc.

(No home-made items please)

If you have family members currently serving in the armed forces, you are invited to bring a current photo by SNB for display on our community bulletin board.

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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
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Whatever happened to...

Kevin L. Gutierrez, 1992 Snyder High School graduate, has made his career in serving people in public safety.

The son of Rudy and Linda Gutierrez of Snyder, Kevin was active in the SHS Band Rifle and Flag Guard and wrote an opinion column for the *Tigers Tale*. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army as a military police officer.



Kevin Gutierrez
1992



Kevin Gutierrez
2003

In 2001 he graduated from Western Texas College with honors with an associate in applied science degree in Criminal Justice and was selected criminal justice student of the year.

After college, he was accepted by New Mexico State Police to attend their 16-week Para-military Police Academy in Santa Fe, N.M. Kevin began patrolling for NMSP in Farmington in December.

He recently transferred to Lovington where he patrols all of Lea County.

He married Amy Ramirez Gutierrez, also a 1992 SHS graduate, and has three step-children, Chelsea, Brekan and Katie.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550)

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh grads... WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name _____

Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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After graduation they (college, military, etc.) _____

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Married to _____

Now live in _____

Children _____

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Professional work or accomplishment _____

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Anything additional _____

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Current picture?

Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550

Central hosts free seminars

Central Elementary School has hosted a series of Thursday afternoon seminars for parents to learn ways to help their preschool children prepare for school and help their in-school children improve.

Topics include reading skills, good nutrition and good health habits.

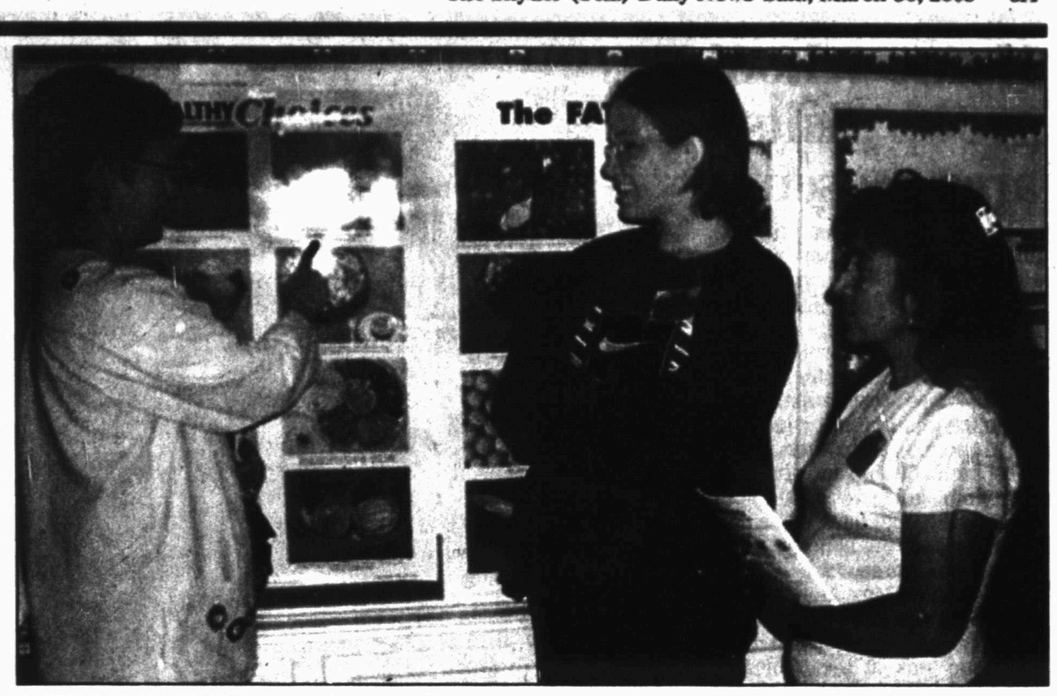
Presenters included Kathy Brooks, reading specialist at Central.

Beth Dannheim, Scurry County Extension agent, presented a program on nutrition and learning connection.

Chris Bane, Snyder ISD nurse, offered a program on children and good health habits.

Refreshments were served, door prizes were given away and free childcare was available.

The meetings were made possible through Central's Accelerated Schools Grant.



AFTERNOON SEMINAR — Central Elementary has hosted a series of seminars for parents covering such topics as better reading skills, good nutrition and good health habits. During the March 20 session, Chris Bane, Snyder ISD nurse, presented a program on health needs of children and how parents can encourage good health habits. Bane, far left, points to a healthy choice of food while Leah Nakamura and Maria Juarez look on. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bomb plot gets man almost four years

CLEVELAND (AP) — A former autoworker was sentenced to nearly four years in prison for plotting to bomb a steel mill that had locked out workers.

"I deeply regret its impact on others," Fred Frigo said Thursday as he was sentenced to three years and nine months in federal prison. "I deeply regret the shame and suffering it caused me and my family."

Frigo, 51, pleaded guilty in November to weapons and counterfeiting charges. He was arrested a year ago, the day before prosecutors said he planned to launch grenades into the AK Steel mill in Mansfield.

Investigators said Frigo, who worked at a General Motors fabricating plant until he was fired in July, was angry because the mill was using nonunion replacement workers. The lockout ended in December.

According to Tony Walker, a friend and former co-worker of Frigo's who became a federal informant, Frigo said he wanted to be a mercenary for the common worker and strike corporate America.

Man accused of kidnapping neighbor arrested by North Carolina police

RAEFORD, N.C. (AP) — A man accused of kidnapping an 11-year-old neighbor, who disappeared in June 1999 and recently turned up in Mexico, was arrested in rural northeast North Carolina, authorities said.

Hector Majarro Frausto, 22, who is wanted on first-degree kidnapping and felony statutory rape charges, was arrested Friday, said Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin.

Authorities had been looking for Frausto since last week, when Dana Pevia contacted officials in Mexico to report herself missing. The girl, now 15, returned to Raeford on Wednesday with her two young children.

A resident saw Frausto's picture in a newspaper and notified authorities, Peterkin said. Frausto was arrested 170 miles away from Raeford in rural Gates County.

Authorities found Frausto working at a construction site, Peterkin said. Frausto gave a false name, but officers searched Frausto's wallet and found papers in his name.

Before Pevia came home to Raeford this week, her family had not seen her since she walked to the school bus just after 6 a.m. on June 4, 1999. They thought she had been kidnapped and possibly killed.

Pevia had been involved with Frausto, and shortly before she disappeared she told him she had been getting sick every morning, Peterkin said Thursday. Frausto, suspecting Dana was pregnant, arranged for them to travel to his family home in Mexico, he said.

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California delays rewriting the nation's toughest emissions law

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Rules that effectively require electric-car production in California stayed on the books Friday after air regulators deadlocked over how to switch their focus to fuel-cell vehicles that are years away from rolling off the assembly line.

The state Air Resources Board could not reach a decision on changing its zero emissions vehicle rule after members of the public and many interest groups urged it not to abandon the strict quota for clean cars it set 13 years ago. The board planned to revisit the issue next month.

The board has consistently eroded the rule it passed in 1990, which would have required 10 percent of cars sold in the state this year to be pollution-free. The first-in-the nation regulation has helped inspire cleaner technologies including hybrid gas-electric vehicles and cleaner gas-burning cars.

The latest proposed revision was prompted after a federal judge in Fresno sided with Detroit car makers and put the quota on hold last year.

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Home school group visits area museum

About 40 children and parents, all members of the Snyder Area Home School Group, visited the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum recently in Crosbyton.

The museum is owned by Joe Taylor who is one of the nation's foremost fossil restorationists.

His work is sought by individuals, museums and other institutions, both at home and abroad.

Taylor guided the group around the exhibits, explaining such things as the bones of a tiny-three-toed horse, the world's most famous Mastodon and an eight-foot wide bison skull.

The group also got a behind-the-scene look at the "Colorado City Mammoth," which was found at Lake Champion. This display will not be open to the public until April 25.

The Home School Group meets once a month for an activity that is both a learning experience and a time to get acquainted.

For more information, contact Donna Gafford at 573-4136.



MUSEUM TOUR — Joe Taylor, owner of the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton, recently gave some 40 children and parents, all members of the Snyder Area Home School Group, a guided tour. (Contributed Photo)

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Center is a non-profit organization that provides various needs of many of the citizens of our community. Whatever your interests, we invite you to join us at the center at 2603 Avenue M. Phone 573-4035 for further information.

Our May Day Fundraiser, May 3rd, is only five weeks away. The Scurry County Senior Citizens Center has excellent support from the college, county, city, and federal nutrition program, daily meal donations, and the memorial fund. Fundraising is also part of our budget, so May Day support is of the utmost importance.

Volunteers are asked to donate homemade crafts or home baked goods, gather silent auction items, sell barbecue tickets, or work in a booth. If you have parents or grandparents that participate at the center and you would like to help at May Day, call 573-4035.

Volunteers who have received new award pins and have no need of their old pin are asked to turn them in at the center for recycling.

The volunteers for the free tax aide program will be available two more days, April 2nd & 9th. They are available 9-noon and 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 2603 Avenue M.

MONDAY

Join us for party bridge at 9:30 a.m. We encourage all bridge players to join us. In addition to the bridge room, we now have available tables in the poolroom. Don't miss our daily exercise of mild stretching and bending at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY

The volunteer instructor of the swimnastics class at Western Texas College has reported 25 seniors in attendance. There is always room for more. The class and parking are free. It is held in the physical education building from 10-11 a.m. There is a lifeguard on duty. Phone 573-4035 more information.

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. in the center. Join daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain at 11 a.m. in the center dining room. All senior citizens are encouraged to visit and/or join the Golden K Kiwanis in their weekly noon meetings.

WEDNESDAY

Tax aide volunteers will be available from 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. A small group of women play billiards and more women are invited to join us beginning at 9 a.m.

A volunteer is available to help newcomers. Join us for exercise at 11 a.m. Pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. We encourage all seniors to join. Line dancing, followed by clogging starts at 1 p.m. in the dining room.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class meets in the bridge room from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. A volunteer will help newcomers learn this craft. For low impact daily exercise join swimnastics at Western Texas College 10-11 a.m.

The Sunshine Choir will be practicing in the dining room at the center 10-11 a.m. Don't miss daily exercise with Juanita 11 am.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. and continues until noon. The daily, 20-30 minute exercise begins at 11. The sing-a-long has been canceled.

Senior Menu

Monday
Creole steak
Rice pilaf
Stewed squash
Pears & cottage cheese
Chocolate chip cookie
Tuesday
Beef enchiladas
Pinto beans
Spanish rice
Mexican salad
Strawberries & bananas
Wednesday
Braised pork chop w/cream gravy
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Pickled beets & onion
Green beans
Pickled beets & onion
Fruited gelatin chiffon
Thursday
Chicken & dumplings
Green peas
Buttered carrots
Cucumber-onion salad
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Date Books

Saturday, March 29, 2003

Today is the 88th day of 2003 and the 10th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, the Dominion of Canada was established by the British North America Act.

On this day in 1961, the 23rd Amendment was ratified, giving citizens living in the District of Columbia the right to vote in presidential elections.

On this day in 1999, the Dow Jones industrial average topped the 10,000 mark for the first time in history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyler (1790-1862), U.S. president; Pearl Mae Bailey (1918-1990), singer; Lucy Lawless (1968-), actress, is 35; Jennifer Capriati (1976-), athlete, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Michael Jordan and the North Carolina Tar Heels won the NCAA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork." — Pearl Mae Bailey

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 24) and new moon (April 1).

Sunday, March 30, 2003

Today is the 89th day of 2003 and the 11th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1858, Hyman Lipman patented the eraser-topped pencil.

On this day in 1964, "Jeopardy" made its television debut.

On this day in 1981, a 25-year-old gunman, John Hinckley, shot at and wounded President Ronald Reagan. Three others were also wounded in the incident.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francisco Jose de Goya (1746-1828), painter; Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), painter; Warren Beatty (1937-), actor and director, is 66; Paul Reiser (1957-), actor, is 46; Tracy Chapman (1964-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Gordie Howe scored his 100th season goal, the first time he had done so in his 26-year-long career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I dream my painting, and then I paint my dream." — Vincent van Gogh

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 24) and new moon (April 1).

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Poetry winners named

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild met March 5 in the Golden Terrace Party Room.

Members present were Helene Tutt, president; Pam Mauldin, Katrina Wemken, Betty Kellum, Virginia Wade, Bertha Johnson, Marge Mathis and Yvonne Nunn.

Pam Mauldin presented the program on writing poetry tips.

The results of three contests are:

Free verse: Yvonne Nunn, first; Katrina Wemken, second; and Helene Tutt, third. Katrina Wemken sponsored free verse and Dr. Ed Barkowsky was the judge.

Rondel: Helene Tutt, first; Pam Mauldin, second; and Katrina Wemken, third. Virginia Wade sponsored rondel and Dr. Barkowsky judged.

Rime royal: Yvonne Nunn, first; Bertha Johnson, second; and Helene Tutt, third. Bertha Johnson sponsored rime royal and Von Bourland of Happy was the judge.

Financial Focus



WRITERS GUILD MEETS — Mesquite Country Writers Guild met and those attending, back row from left, are Yvonne Nunn, Betty Kellum, Virginia Wade and Bertha Johnson; front row, Pam Mauldin, Katrina Wemken and Helene Tutt. (Contributed Photo)

SEP IRA Offers Tax Benefits, High Limits and More

If you're self-employed, and you've already established a SEP IRA retirement account, you've still got until April 15 to fully fund your plan for the 2002 tax year. If you haven't set up a SEP IRA, you might want to think about opening one - because it can help people like you build significant resources for retirement.

(If you don't have a SEP IRA yet, you can still establish and fund one for 2002, as long as you do so by your tax-filing deadline. This will likely be April 15, but your business could have a different deadline.)

A SEP IRA offers you some key advantages. First, of course, are the tax benefits. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax deferred, which means your earning can grow much faster than it would if placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year.

Furthermore, the SEP IRA's relatively high contribution limits allow you to put away sizable sums every year. For 2003, you can put in the lesser of $40,000 or 25 percent of your compensation (eligible compensation is capped at $200,000).

Obviously, a SEP IRA can be a great vehicle for building your individual retirement savings. But if you own a small business, you may find that a SEP IRA is also a good tool for attracting and retaining good employees.

IRS regulations require you to include all eligible employees who are at least 21 and have been with your company for three out of the immediately preceding five years. But, once the plan is set up, you have a great deal of flexibility in making contributions to your employees' accounts. Consequently, you can change your annual contributions, or cut them altogether, according to the performance of your business. Keep in mind, though, that the percentage of compensation contributed to a SEP IRA must be the same for you and your employees. So, for example, if you put in 25 percent of your compensation to your SEP IRA, you must also contribute 25 percent of all eligible employees' compensation to their plans.

When you make company contributions, you may be able to deduct them as a business expense.

Your employees may be attracted to the SEP IRA for some of the same reasons you are: tax-deductible contributions tax-deferred growth and a wide range of investment options. You can set up a SEP IRA for your business with a minimum of paperwork. And you won't have to file a Form 5500, either.

Given all the benefits of a SEP IRA — tax advantages, high contribution limits, ease of administration - is it the right plan for you? It all depends on your individual situation. If you have employees, and you want to offer a retirement plan as a benefit, you'll want to give strong consideration to a SEP IRA. If you have no employees, you have other good options, one of which is an "owner-only 401(k)." An owner-only 401(k) offers many of the same benefits of a SEP IRA, along with a loan feature.

Your tax adviser can help you determine which type of retirement plan is right for you. But whichever plan you choose, use it to its full potential. Retirement is expensive - so it pays to be prepared.

David Letterman will return to late night show

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman will return to the Ed Sullivan Theater next week to host the "Late Show" now that he's recovered from an eye infection caused by shingles, CBS said.

The condition is a viral infection of the nerve roots that typically results in pain and rash. It's caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

Letterman, whose late-night talk show has featured a series of guest hosts since Feb. 26, will welcome comedian Billy Crystal and 18-year-old world whistling champion Michael Barimo as his guests on Monday.

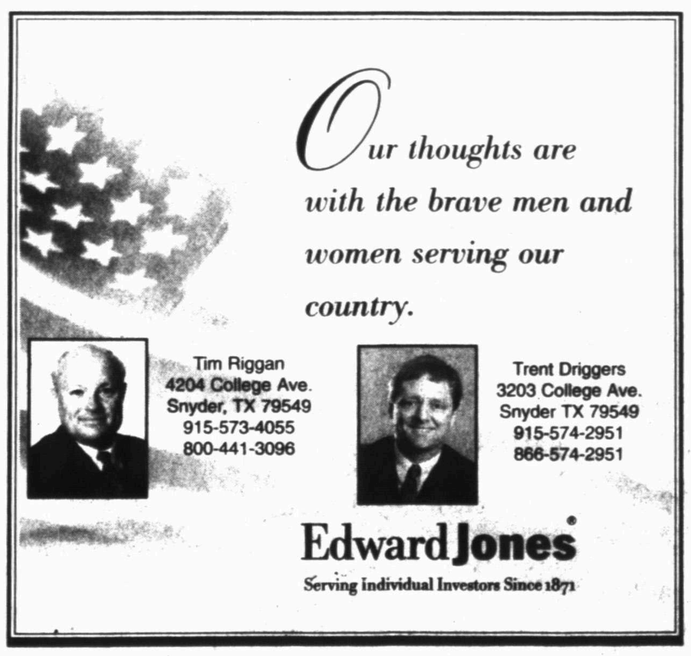
Two members of group go to court

LONDON (AP) — Two members of British garage band So Solid Crew appeared in court charged with firearms and drug offenses.

Shane Neil, 24, pleaded innocent in Southwark Crown Court Thursday to possessing a handgun and ammunition and offering the supply of a controlled drug.

Jason Phillips, also 24, declined to enter a plea without "proper representation." Judge George Bathurst-Norman ordered pleas of innocent to be entered for Phillips on the charges of possessing a handgun and three counts of possessing ammunition.

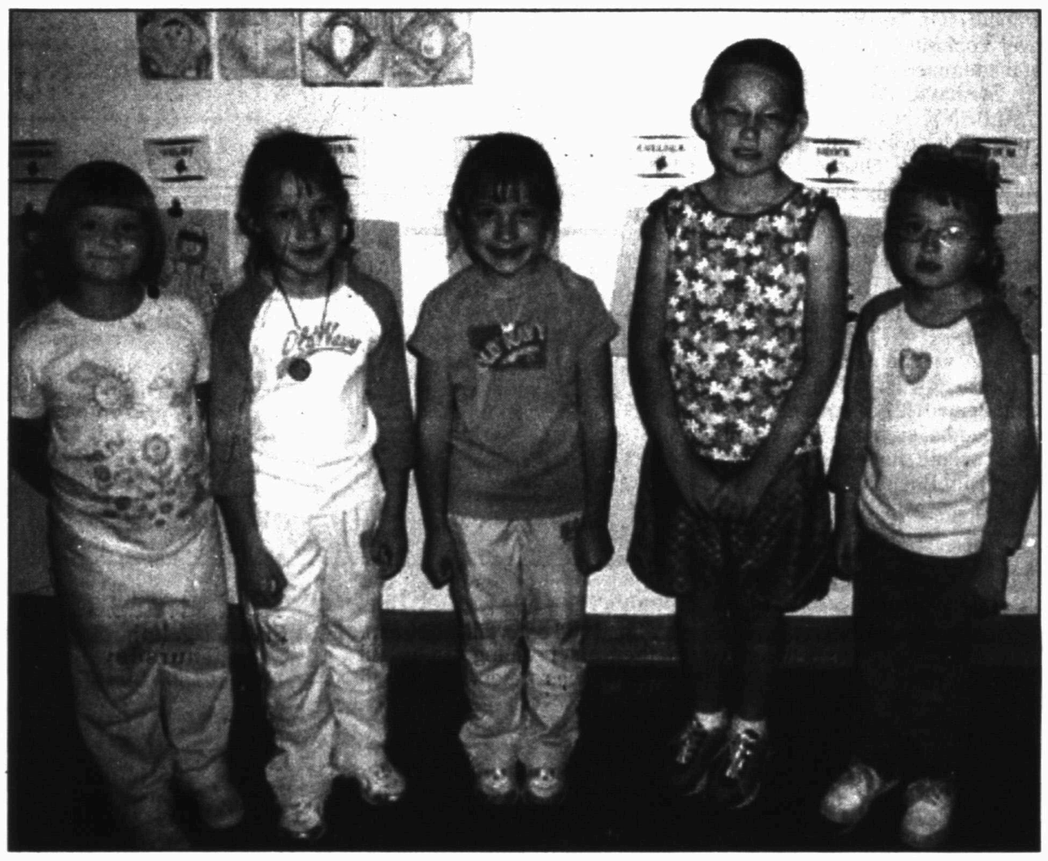
Neil, whose stage name is Kaish, and Phillips, known as G-Man, were both charged following an alleged incident near London's Leicester Square on Nov. 14.


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LITERACY GRANT — Wal-Mart has donated $1,000 to Snyder ISD's literacy program. From left are R.J. Youngclaus, manager; Lynda Patterson, who teaches computer literacy classes; and Mary Ann Juarez, SISD liaison. Literacy classes are offered at 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The grant was obtained through Wal-Mart's Words Are Your Wheels literacy grant budget that support community literacy programs. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



TOP MONEY MAKERS — Jessica Clark, Danielle Lambaren, Chelsea Lambaren, Delinda Dacus and Kelby Greene, from left, were the top money makers in Hermleigh's recent jump rope for heart. Melanie Kariainen is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hermleigh raises money jumping rope

Hermleigh elementary students recently earned $710.59 in their jump rope for heart fundraiser.

Kindergarten students raised $455.34. Danielle Lambaren and Chelsea Lambaren, each raised $127, the highest total of all participants.

Other kindergarten students who earned money are Kelby Greene, $75; Jessica Clark, 54.50; Alex Martinez, $31.50; Austin Merrick, $25; Douglas Gilbert, $15; and Ramona Rodriguez, .34.

First grader Carolyn Berry raised $16.

Two second graders also participated. Felix Martinez earned $31.50 and Kendall Benitez raised $17.75.

Two third graders also earned money. Delinda Dacus raised $50 and Catie Anderson, $20.

Two fifth graders also jumped rope. Melanie Kariainen raised $90 and Vincent Mireles, $30.

The proceeds benefit the American Heart Association.

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Turkey turned over Cyprus to the British in 1898.

Immigrants take oath-of-citizenship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Waving American flags, thousands of immigrants, including 23 members of the U.S. Armed Forces, took the oath of citizenship in a swearing-in ceremony large enough to fill a basketball arena.

More than 7,500 immigrants from more than 100 countries were sworn in as citizens Friday during two mass ceremonies at the Sports Arena, which temporarily served as a federal court for the occasion.

"Freedom comes with a price," said U.S. District Court Judge Gary Feess, who administered the oath to the first group and singled out the military personnel who became citizens.

"I salute them and their willingness to sacrifice their individual objectives in the short run for the long-term objectives of their country."

The new citizens received enthusiastic applause from the crowd, which displayed its patriotism by waving small flags and praised America's war to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I don't know why they left him until now," said Khajik Haroian, 65, who came to the United States from Iraq six years ago.

"My feeling of gratitude to our troops is so deep," said Ann Claire Van Shaick Pahlavi, who was born in Iran. "I feel such gratitude for their willingness to fight for my freedom. If only for that I'm proud to come here today."

Leroy Alveranga, an Army specialist, said he had no doubts about serving his new country.

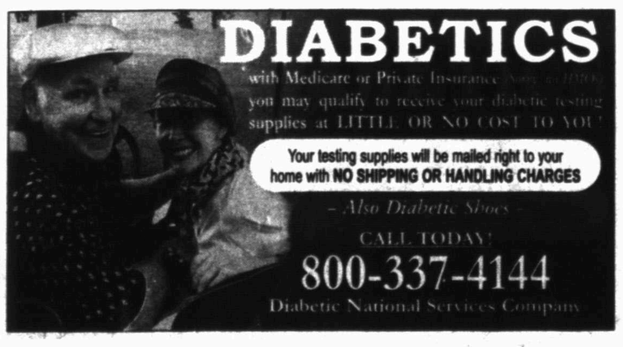
"It's all about what you promised to do, defend the Constitution of the United States," said Alveranga, who was born in Jamaica. "It's not about where you are from, it's about where you live."

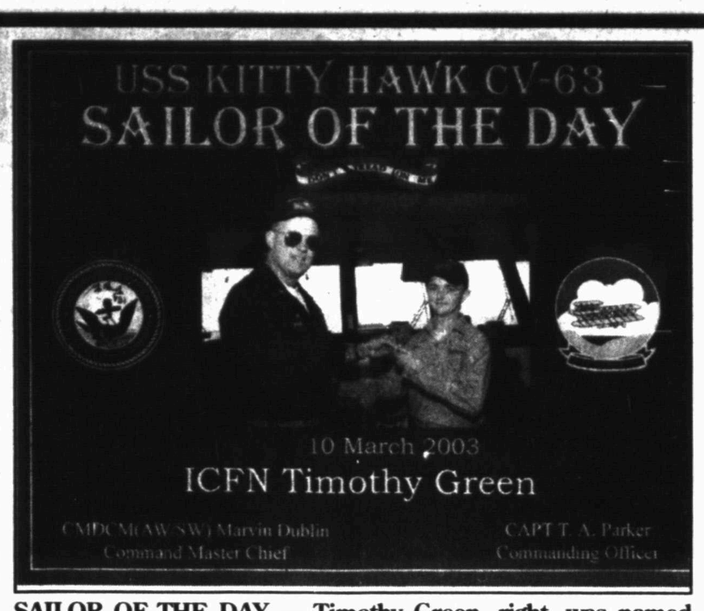
Most of the new citizens came from Mexico, followed by the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea and Iran. Mirna Franco, who is from Guatemala, said her husband, Armin, is serving in the Marines.

"We are proud to be Americans," she said. "Yet, it's sad to think about the human lives that are being lost on both sides."

The new citizens for the most part expressed strong support for America's war in Iraq.

"For one stupid guy like Saddam a lot of innocent people will die," said Pravin Patel, 45, from India.





SAILOR OF THE DAY — Timothy Green, right, was named Sailor of the Day on the USS Kitty Hawk. (Contributed Photo)

Green named Sailor of Day

Timothy Green, the son of Patsy Brackeen of Snyder and an information system technician fireman on board the USS Kitty Hawk, was recently named Sailor of the Day.

One sailor is selected daily by the Command Master Chief, who works directly with the entire crew, to recognize the hard work and dedication of the crew.

"With a crew of more than 5,000 top-notch sailors, being spotlighted for a day as one of best and brightest, is quite an accomplishment," T.A. Parker, Capt. U.S. Navy Commanding Officer, wrote to Mrs. Brackeen.

Capt. Taylor said that on March 10, Green was assigned to E-Division and played a major role in the critical trouble shooting and repair of a Collision Alarm for secondary CONN, which had been malfunctioning.

Taylor also wrote, "Timothy immediately responded by tracing the cables and isolating the fault while working extended hours until all repairs and tests were completed. Timothy's positive attitude displayed what "HAWK PRIDE" Is all about."

Green graduated from Snyder High School in 2001 and entered the Navy in September 2001.

Serving Overseas

The following persons are serving overseas.

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PFC Joseph E. Bishop of the U.S. Marine Corp shipped to Kuwait two weeks ago. He is a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School. He is the son of John and Vicky Rowland of Snyder and Alan Bishop of Arapaho, Wyo.

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Curtis Dewayne Smith Jr., a former Snyder resident, is serving in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division. Smith lived in Snyder in 1984 and attended the sixth grade at Northeast Elementary.



Curtis Smith

He is the son of Curtis Dewayne Smith of Fort Worth.

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Doug Smith is a Marine reservist now serving in Iraq. He grew up in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School in 1987.

He is the principal at Crestview Elementary School in the Frenship ISD. His wife, Katrina, teachers their too, They have three children, Kristen, 9; Reagan, 7; and Luke, 2.



Doug Smith

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Support our troops

DeSoto grad chooses U.S. Army service

DeSOTO (AP) — At an honors ceremony at DeSoto High School, the announcer gave the accomplishments and college plans for each of the school's top 21 seniors.

One student is going to Rice, another to SMU, another to the University of Texas at Dallas ...

Then the narrator got to DeSoto High School senior Jeffrey Dill.

There was a surprised pause when Dill's choice was disclosed. He wasn't going to college at all. He had enlisted in the Army.

Then an ovation followed, exceeding the courteous applause that had accompanied the decisions of other students.

The 17-year-old Dill, a member of the school's academic decathlon team, is passing up a full academic scholarship to UT-Dallas to go into the Army, where he has set his sights upon becoming a tank commander.

"I had been thinking about enlisting for some time," Dill was quoted in The Dallas Morning News. "I would like to serve in the defense of this country."

Sgt. First Class Victor Manuel III, supervisor for the DeSoto recruiting office where Dill enlisted, said the teenager is a recruiter's dream. Dill scored a 1370 on his SAT, but Manuel was more impressed with his score of 99 on the Armed Services Vocational and Aptitude Battery test.

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SPORTS

With win over UConn...

Longhorns advance to Elite Eight

By the Associated Press
South
Texas 82, Connecticut 78

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas was in trouble. T.J. Ford was on the bench and the Longhorns' lead had slipped away.

No matter, the little guy was there at the end and top-seeded Texas is on to its first regional final since 1990.

Brian Boddicker also made a big play, blocking Marcus White's layup attempt that would have tied it with 35 seconds left. The ball got wedged between the rim and the backboard, and the possession arrow went Texas' way.

So did the rest of the game. The Longhorns will play Michigan State on Sunday for the chance to go to the Final Four.

Texas had watched a 14-point second-half lead evaporate, with UConn taking the lead with just over five minutes left.

Ford, the Longhorns' stellar point guard, returned with four fouls and once again worked his magic, assisting on the final plays down the stretch that made the difference.

Ford's two free throws with 11.8 seconds left provided the final points and he stripped Emeka Okafor at the other end before sprinting up court as the final seconds ticked off.

Brandon Mouton scored a career-high 27 points and Ford had 13 points and nine assists for the Longhorns (25-6).

Okafor had 21 points and 17 rebounds for UConn (23-10).

Michigan State 60, Maryland 58

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Once again, Maryland got a last-second chance to hang onto its national title. But when Steve Blake missed at the buzzer, the Terrapins' reign was over.

Freshman Paul Davis hit a leaning bank shot with 4.7 seconds left and Michigan State defeated the defending champions.

The senior-led Terrapins overcame a 13-point deficit with 8:07 left, taking a lead in the final minute. Davis' powerful dunk tied with 50.6 seconds left, and he put the Spartans ahead when he muscled along the baseline for the go-ahead basket.

Blake then took the inbounds pass and dribbled up the floor to the top of the key. He got a good look at the basket, but the ball hit the back iron and bounced away.

After beating North Carolina-Wilmington on a last-second shot in the first round, the Terps (21-10) seemed convinced this one would fall, too. When it didn't, they stood slump-shouldered and stunned as the Spartans wildly celebrated their eighth win in nine games.

Davis had a team-high 13 points to put Michigan State (22-12) a win away from its third Final Four in four years, an incredible feat for a team that was 14-11 on Feb. 23.

The seventh-seeded Spartans, the lowest seed left in the tournament, will play Sunday against top-seeded Texas.

East
Oklahoma 65, Butler 54

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Ebi Ere was Oklahoma's forgotten man. Not anymore.

Ere, playing with a broken bone in his left wrist, scored 25 points as the top-seeded Sooners ended Butler's surprising run with a 65-54 win Friday night in the semifinals of the East Regional.

Oklahoma (27-6), Big 12 champion for the third straight year, is one step from its second consecutive Final Four. The Sooners will meet either Syracuse on Sunday for a berth in New Orleans.

Butler (27-6), regular-season champions of the Horizon League, was the lowest-seeded team left in the tournament after pulling off two big upsets. The 12th-seeded Bulldogs edged fifth-seeded Mississippi State 47-46, then beat fourth-seeded Louisville 79-71.

The only 12th seed ever to advance to a regional final was Missouri, which beat No. 8 UCLA in the round of 16 last year before losing to No. 2 Oklahoma in the West Regional final.

Butler lost because it never got its perimeter game going against the active Oklahoma defense, which held the Bulldogs to 4-of-13 shooting from beyond the 3-point arc.

Senior center Joel Cornette led the Bulldogs with 21 points and eight rebounds. Darnell Archey, who hit eight 3-pointers in the win over Louisville, scored six points and attempted only three 3s.

Syracuse 79, Auburn 78

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Syracuse hung on instead of coming back and the Orangemen are suddenly the only Big East team still around.

Freshman Carmelo Anthony scored all 18 of his points in the second half and the third-seeded Orangemen beat 10th-seeded Auburn.

There was no need for another comeback this time as the Orangemen (27-5) moved on to the round of eight for the seventh time overall and fourth under coach Jim Boeheim.

Syracuse will play top-seeded Oklahoma on Sunday with the winner advancing to the Final Four.

The four teams from the Big East in the field of 65 went 8-0 in the first two rounds, but Syracuse was the only one to win on the second weekend of the tournament. Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Connecticut all lost in the round of 16, leaving the Orangemen as the league's only remaining representative.

Syracuse rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat Oklahoma State in the second round, marking the 14th time this season the Orangemen came back to win.

There was no need for that this time, although this victory wasn't a sure thing until the final ticks as the Tigers (22-12) hit four 3-pointers over the final 1:18.

The last of those was by Nathan Watson at what most of the crowd thought was at the buzzer. While Boeheim and Auburn coach Cliff Ellis shook hands, the officials checked the replay and put three-tenths of a seconds back on the clock.

Anthony inbounded the ball to Kueth Duany and the Orangemen officially had the win.

Blazers upend Mavs, 112-95

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Like the Portland Trail Blazers, Dale Davis had been struggling of late. So the 6-foot-11 former All-Star decided he needed to shake things up.

Davis scored all 16 of his points in a dominant third quarter for the Blazers, who snapped a three-game losing streak with a 112-95 win over the Dallas Mavericks Friday.

Portland scored 44 points in the third, tying the team's season high for points in a quarter. Rasheed Wallace led the Blazers with 20 points and nine rebounds.

"It was an intense game," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "We had a real businesslike attitude. We all understand the importance of this game."

Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points to lead Dallas, but he shot just 6-for-16 from the floor. Steve Nash added 15 for the Mavericks, who had won three straight. They have one game left on a four-game road trip.

"We didn't have much of a chance from the opening tipoff to the end," Mavs coach Don Nelson said.

Dallas looked overwhelmed on defense, allowing the Blazers to shoot 54.3 percent for the game.

"We didn't rebound the ball, we didn't guard them in the zone or the man-to-man," Nowitzki said. "We could see this coming in the last couple of games. We haven't really performed at our level the last three or four games."

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	44	28	.611	—
Philadelphia	42	29	.592	1½
Boston	39	34	.534	5½
Orlando	39	34	.534	5½
Washington	34	38	.472	10
New York	32	41	.438	12½
Miami	23	50	.315	21½
Central Division				
x-Detroit	45	26	.634	—
Indiana	42	30	.583	3½
New Orleans	41	32	.562	5
Milwaukee	34	39	.466	12
Atlanta	29	44	.397	17
Chicago	26	47	.356	20
Toronto	22	49	.310	23
Cleveland	14	58	.194	31½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Dallas	54	18	.750	—
x-San Antonio	51	20	.718	2½
Minnesota	46	28	.622	9
Utah	43	29	.597	11
Houston	37	35	.514	17
Memphis	26	46	.361	28
Denver	16	56	.222	38
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	51	21	.708	—
Portland	45	27	.625	6
L.A. Lakers	42	30	.583	9
Phoenix	38	34	.528	13
Golden State	36	37	.493	15½
Seattle	34	37	.479	16½
L.A. Clippers	22	50	.306	29

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Friday's Games

New Orleans 101, Toronto 92
Indiana 140, Chicago 89
Golden State 102, Philadelphia 98
Boston 104, Cleveland 95
New Jersey 122, New York 101
Miami 111, Minnesota 84
Phoenix 94, Detroit 91
Utah 103, Milwaukee 90
Seattle 95, Memphis 71
L.A. Lakers 108, Washington 94
Portland 112, Dallas 95

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New York at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

Little Dribblers

Major
Panthers 45, Lady Raiders 22
Panthers: Karla Garcia 20, Jessica Bilderback 10, Chelcea Roemisch 7, Lecy Blauvelt 6, Erica Maldonado 2. **Lady Raiders:** Alex Koonce 7, Kayli Brewster 4, Brooke Burleson 4, Allison Swigert 4, Kailea Shaw 2, Tayla Wesson 1.

Fast Break 32, Shock 14
Fast Break: Jessica Sandoval 24, Lindsey Urias 6, Casey Williamson 2. **Shock:** Lavissa Arellano 6, Monica Clanton 4, Roxanne Renteria 2, Megan Villegas 2.

Junior
Rockets 21, Magic 20
Rockets: Briana Rose 8, Jentri Driggers 6, Rebecca Jones 6, Kanna Scott 1. **Magic:** Savannah Valdez 12, Madison Guzman 8.

Sharpshooters 15, Fever 12
Sharpshooters: Ashton Burton 9, Blaire Toombs 4, Randi Sanchez 2. **Fever:** Sadee Bernal 8, Brooke Bollinger 4.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
The Shack	112	75
Snyder Brick & Tile	112	75
WTP Energy	109.5	77.5
Snyder Iron & Metal	107	80
Timely Finance	91.5	95.5
Blue Sunoco	91	96
Anadarko	90.5	96.5
Pin Busters	85	102
Robert Early's Weld	69	118
NAPA Auto	67.5	119.5

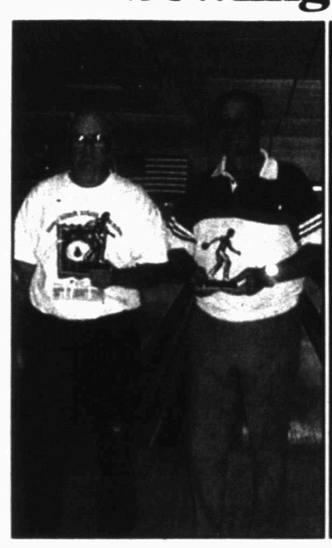
High series: Rick Mammolite, scratch, 571; Jason Coy, handicap, 648.
High game: Mark Glasscock, scratch, 216; James Browning, handicap, 264.
Splits and special mentions: Glenn Coy 3-4-6-7, Charley Johnson 3-6-7-10, Gary Chaney 2-7.

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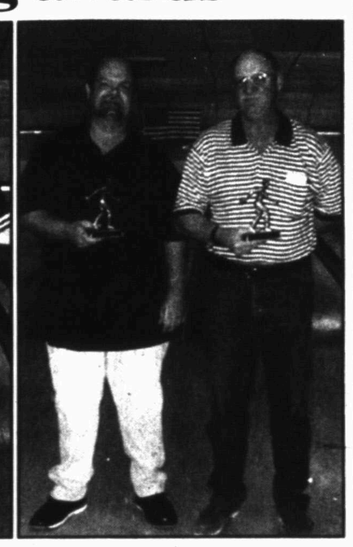
Team	W	L
Quick Auto	29	15
Mama's Misfits	26	18
WTP Energy	25	19
BCEC	24	20
Timely Finance	22	22
Square Pants	22	22
Snyder Iron & Metal	20	24
JB's	20	24
Rogers Backhoe	19	25
Snyder Lanes	13	31

High series: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 568, Betty Boatman 445; **Handicap:** Jim Browning 670, Jan Haley 613.
High game: Scratch: Stacey Browning, 229, Donna Jackson, 175; **Handicap:** Jim Browning 266, Donna Jackson 235.

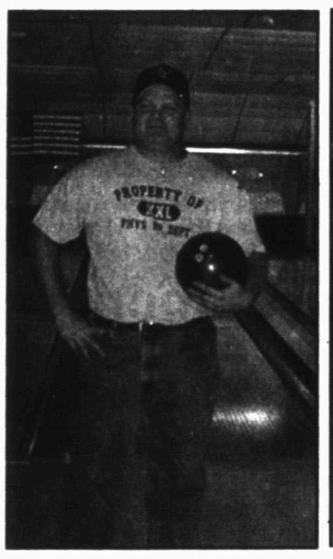
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SPORTS

With four-run fifth...

Tigers rally to top Badgers

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers got their first test in District 3-3A Friday.

And they passed.

After a pair of blowout wins to open up the district schedule, the Tigers (11-8, 3-0) found themselves locked in a tie game until a four-run fifth inning iced a 7-4 victory over the scrappy Merkel Badgers (6-8, 1-2).

Logan Hill went all seven innings, striking out six and allowing three earned runs to up his record to 5-3 on the season.

"This was a big confidence booster for Logan," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "He figured out his breaking pitch, and beat a good team."

Hill breezed through the final four frames, only running into trouble in the third inning when two hit batsmen resulted in two runs for the Badgers.

"I was trying to pitch inside," Hill said. "Those two were a little too far in, but I continued to pitch inside the rest of the game."

The Badgers jumped out an early 1-0 lead after Merkel center fielder Drew Caraway belted a single that scored lead off batter Chris Cobb.

The Tigers answered back to tie in the first when Hill double chased first baseman Chance Greenwood across the plate.

Isaac Ramon made it 2-0 leading off the second inning, as he raced around to score on his own double after a series of miscues by the Merkel defense.

Bradley Price scored on an RBI ground out by Tyler Trout to make 3-1.

Merkel responded with two runs in the third to tie it up.

From there, Hill knuckled down, facing the minimum number of batter from the fourth through the sixth. He allowed a home run to designated hitter R.D. Perry to lead off the seventh, then struck out the next two before retiring Badger second baseman Derek Dye to end the game.

The Tigers put the game away with an offensive explosion in the fourth.

After center fielder Marcus Villarreal drew a one-out walk, Blake Grimmett roped a single to left, and Billy Pena plated Villarreal with a single past third baseman Rodie McElreath.

Greenwood, then Hill, walked to load the bases, and Ramon delivered a two-run single to give the Tigers the lead for good.

Ramon finished the night two-for-three with two RBI and a run scored.

Hill helped his own cause at the plate, driving in two runs on a single and drawing a walk.

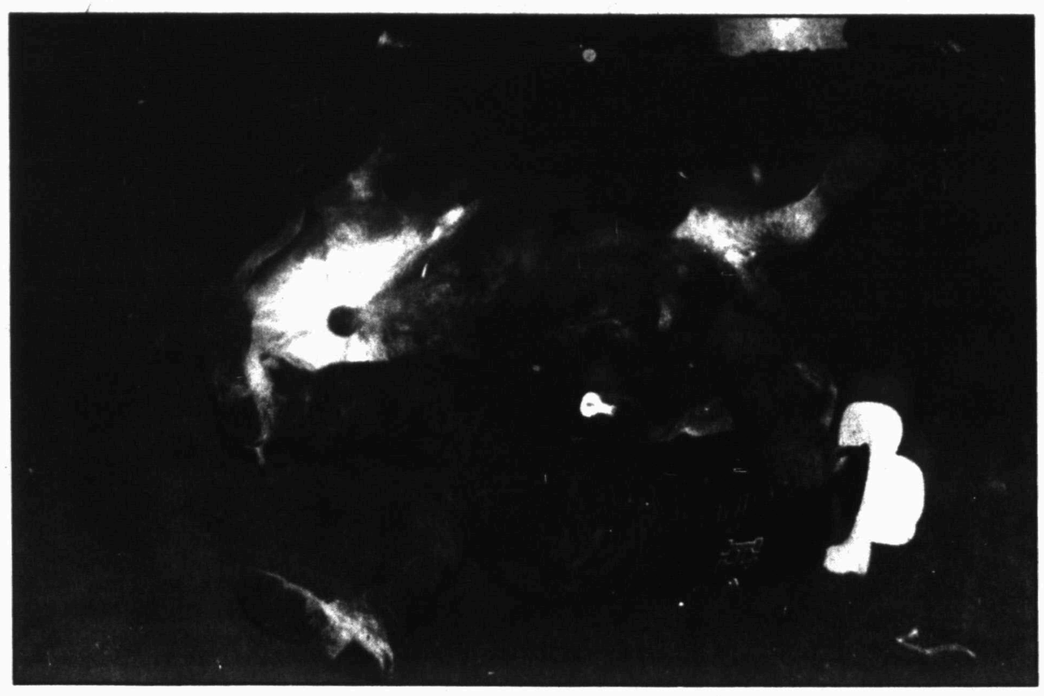
The Tigers will next lock horns with the Seminole Indians, which crushed Denver City Friday 13-3 in six innings.

In the other district tilt, Sweetwater destroyed Lamesa, 14-3.

The Tigers and Indians will meet at Moffett Field at 7 p.m. Tuesday, with Chance Greenwood taking the mound for Snyder.

District 3-3A baseball standings

	District	Overall
Snyder	3 0	11 8
Sweetwater	2 0	14 5
Seminole	2 1	11 6
Merkel	1 2	6 8
Denver City	1 2	6 13
Lamesa	0 3	4 15



BIG SPRING BULLDOGGER — Howard College roper Seth Swearingen pulls down a steer during the Western Texas College rodeo Saturday morning. Swearingen wrangled his animal in 3.8 seconds. Several WTC riders were atop the standings in various events heading into Saturday's short round. (SDN Staff Photo)

El Paso roughs up pitching-thin WTC

After jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first game of a Friday doubleheader, WTC was upended by El Paso Community College, 13-8.

EPCC scored six runs in the top of the third to take a 6-3 lead. They scored eight runs over the next three innings to put the game away.

"El Paso is a great team," head coach James King said. "They are leading this conference."

WTC was hammered in the nightcap, 16-6, as King was forced to use position players to get finish the game to save some of his arms, as both his starting rotation and bullpen are depleted by injury.

"We just don't have the pitching," he said. "We've got guys hurt and guys with sore arms and we are trying to deal with it. With the guys hurt, we could pitch everyone. We'll just do the best we can."

King said Friday that he would wait until Saturday morning to name the starters for the Saturday twinbill.

"Right now, we have a pitching staff by committee," he said.

He said he would chose between Jomar Martinez, Ross Nieman and Ricky Bockhorn to pitch one of Saturday's games. Roy Vernon will get the start in the other tilt.

Lady Tigers crush Lamesa

LAMESA — Approaching the mid-point of the district schedule, the Lady Tigers are showing no signs of weakness.

Taking advantage of 12 walks from Lamesa, the Snyder softball team rolled to an easy, 15-2, victory over the Lady Golden Tors Friday.

Jacque Alvarez (10-1) went the distance for the Lady Tigers, striking out eight and allowing just one earned run on four Lamesa hits.

Head Coach Shelley Hayes said the number of free passes granted to her team hindered its ability to make solid contact.

"It was just hard for us to get into a rhythm," she said.

Still, the Lady Tigers banged out eight hits, including an inside-the-park grand slam from Meagen Fletcher to put the game out of reach early.

Fletcher recorded five RBI on the day.

Val Hernandez cranked a three-run bomb, and Kelsi Johnson went two-for-three.

Chaelyn Robinson made her return from a badly sprained thumb Friday and contributed a two-run triple batting from the eight spot.

Robinson also drew two walks.

The win improves the Lady Tigers' record to 28-3 and 4-0 in the conference.

The team will take on Denver City at 5 Tuesday afternoon at Cates Field.

Duster bats ignite in twinbill sweep

The Lady Dusters needed a big lift to give them a sweep of Odessa Friday, and Tabitha Rodriguez delivered.

Rodriguez jacked a two-out two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the WTC softball team a 10-9 victory and two more conference wins.

"We hit well in both games, and got untracked," said head coach Rodney McNeill.

The Dusters outhit Odessa 26-12 in the twinbill.

WTC (24-14, 10-6) got the win in the first game, 9-1, behind a complete game from Amber House.

House went the distance, striking out two and walking none while giving up a run on three hits.

Leading 2-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth, the WTC offense got rolling, plating seven runs. Rodriguez, Brandy Jordan and Patricia Gonzales each hit home runs in the tilt.

Rodriguez hit a three-run bomb and Jordan drove in two with her blast.

Leadoff hitter Stephanie Wardlaw was three-for-four with three runs scored.

Gonzales got the win in the second game, going two innings.

Starter Jordan went five, striking out six and allowing four earned runs. She also went three-for-four, driving in two and scoring two from the cleanup spot.

Rodriguez was two-for-four with four RBI in the opener.

Left fielder Candace Dupree had a monster day at the plate, going four-for-four and scoring three runs.

The Dusters and the Lady Wranglers were scheduled to play another doubleheader Saturday, with start times slated for 2 and 4 p.m.

Love III struggles at Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Davis Love III was edging close to meltdown mode. His ball barely traveled 5 feet after he hacked a wedge through the wire-like grass, and Love slammed the club into the turf.

A double bogey before the turn, however, didn't ruin his round. A little later, he strung together five straight birdies and found himself in the thick of The Players Championship.

"I guess I just got mad enough to get back to concentrating," Love said after the second round Friday.

He shot 5-under-par 67 to finish at 7 under, tied with defending champion Craig Perks, who shot a 69, and two strokes behind leader Padraig Harrington, who had a 68.

Tiger Woods was lurking, too. He shot a 70 to finish seven off the lead — a big enough margin to count out most players, but not the world's best.

"I'm not going to analyze it," Woods said of his round. "You just move on."

The second round was suspended by darkness with 27 players unable to finish.

The 1992 champion, Love has already won once this season, at Pebble Beach, and is still trying to shed the reputation as a guy who doesn't win enough considering his talent.

The talent was on display on Nos. 2-6, where he went on the second-biggest birdie string in the 30-year history of the tournament.

"It was a nice putting nine and a pretty solid day, except for a couple of swings," Love said.

Love will try to catch up with Harrington, traditionally a slow starter on tour who said neither Woods, nor Love nor Perks are his major worries. Rather, it's his own game.

WTC holds top spots in rodeo

The WTC rodeo continued to run efficiently the second day, while the host school nailed down the top spots in several events after the long round.

Tyson Thompson heads into the short round atop the bareback riding standings, and Clay Bunney, Michael Solsberg and Jake Marshall also made it through to the short round in the event.

Steven Turner is in first place in the steer wrestling competition, and Sam Spreadborough took the long round in saddle bronc riding.

Head coach Greg Rhodes said the women also are performing well.

The rodeo was scheduled to wrap-up with the final round Saturday night.

Little Dribblers major All-Stars fall to Levelland

The Little Dribblers major division All-Stars were dealt a setback Friday, falling to Levelland I 41-22.

Snyder was scheduled to play Saturday morning at 8 against the winner of Plainview III or Levelland II, which played the late game Friday.

Lashondrick Richardson scored six points, and Gregory Williams scored five and pulled down three boards.

Bubba Perales grabbed two rebounds to complement his four points, while Robby Davis and Seth Sanchez each scored two and hauled down two rebounds.

Gage West hit a two-point bucket and recorded a rebound, and Rey Juarez made a free throw attempt to round out the scoring.

Jared Cave had four rebounds, and Casey Young and Jordan Gafford had one each.

Sports Briefs

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball team will host a "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon for the next three Saturdays.

The free skills sessions with the team are free to all kids aged 7-14.

Snyder girls softball

The Snyder Girls Softball Association sign-ups will take place Thursday through Saturday and on April 10-11. Times are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Texas Savings Bank. Cost is $30 and $25 for each additional child.

Ages four and up are eligible, but players must have turned four by Jan. 1. All participants should bring birth certificate, social security card and parent or guardian.

SGSA board meeting

The SGSA board will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Outsider's basketball tournament

The WTC student government will host an outsider's basketball tournament Friday and Saturday at the WTC gym.

Cost is $100 per team, and the money must be received by Tuesday. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 57-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at ext. 509.

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State board increases prison capacity

AUSTIN (AP) — As Texas' prisons run out of space, officials are taking measures to accommodate a rapidly growing prisoner population.

"We're experiencing unprecedented growth right now," Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Gary L. Johnson told the agency's board Friday. "Sometime in 2004 we think we may be needing to lease beds (from county jails) again."

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice offered some relief Friday by approving the conversion of the Hamilton Unit near Bryan from a juvenile facility to an adult prison that will house 1,000 inmates.

Renovation of the unit will cost approximately $1 million and it is expected to open in late fall. The Texas Youth Commission began transferring the 375 juveniles there to other facilities about a month ago and less than 200 remain, commission spokeswoman Pamela Ward said.

The board also approved the addition of 660 beds at five state jails.

With 147,926 prisoners, the system is only 2,274 beds shy of its maximum capacity and has already passed its optimal operating capacity of 97.5 percent. That is the figure prison officials say allows for the most efficient prison operation.

As more prisoners come in the front door, officials are hoping to ease pressure by sending more out the back door.

Last month the parole approval rate jumped to 30 percent, compared to 25 percent over the past two fiscal years, said Gerald Garrett, who chairs the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The review of parole applications has been sped up and the parole board is considering increasing the number of cases considered for parole. Such a move would mainly benefit nonviolent offenders sentenced to five or fewer years in prison, Garrett said.

There is also the option of paroling elderly prisoners and those who would be deported if released, but Garret said he wasn't sure that was a good idea. The board would have to be certain such offenders weren't a threat to public safety, he said.

"It is not our intent to abandon common sense," Garrett said. "(The) parole board wants to be responsive to these new pressures without becoming irresponsible."

As officials acted to increase capacity, some warned that proposed budget cuts would undercut any gains. The department had to cut $172 million from this year's budget and $586 million for 2004 and 2005.

Those cuts could halve probation spending. That will translate to massive layoffs of probation officers and the disappearance of programs that keep people out of prison, said Beaumont senior district judge Larry Gist, who heads the board's judicial advisory council.

"We have been decapitated and disemboweled," Gist said as he appealed to board members to take his concerns to legislators.

Probation officers currently handling 150 cases each would be inundated with 150 to 200 more.

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The family of Bessie McCauley wishes to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the beautiful floral offerings, the abundance of food, every kindness and helpfulness during the illness and bereavement of the loss of our loved one.

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Surgery for inguinal hernia

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had an inguinal hernia for several years. Is surgery the only reasonable option for cure?

DEAR READER: Before birth, a male's testicles form and develop in the abdominal cavity. At or near birth, the testicles descend through tunnels (one on each side) called the inguinal canals, into the scrotum. At the conclusion of this process, the inguinal canals normally close over. Sometimes, however, they don't and babies are born with inguinal hernias, openings in the lower abdominal wall through which loops of intestine can protrude.

Even if the inguinal canals do close over, these two areas remain weaker than the surrounding tissue. Over time, as muscles and supporting structures sag with age, the inguinal canals may reopen, resulting in the hernias that are so common in middle-aged men who engage in repeated strenuous activity — lifting, for example — in their jobs or recreation.

Small hernias appear as soft bulges in the groin that are more prominent during straining and standing. Large hernias consist of portions of intestine that protrude through the inguinal canal into the scrotum.

By themselves, inguinal hernias are harmless. If, however, a loop of bowel becomes wedged in the abdominal defect, the hernia is said to "strangulate." In this instance, emergency surgery is necessary to prevent major complications, such as gangrene of the bowel. A strangulated hernia is exceedingly painful.

For obvious reasons, elective hernia repair is preferable to emergency surgery, when the patient may be in the middle of a backpacking holiday in the Adirondacks or coming off a bad cold. Therefore, when hernia patients ask my advice, I customarily recommend elective surgery, which is quick, easy and can usually be performed under local (or spinal) anesthesia — at a time when the patient is healthy and the hospital and personnel are familiar to him.

For those people who reject surgery, I instruct them how to "reduce" their hernias by lying on their backs and gently manipulating the herniated tissue back through the defect. Some men choose to wear trusses, rather cumbersome padded devices that block the inguinal opening and prevent herniation of bowel loops.

So, in answer to your question, you have other options, but surgery is probably your best choice.

To give your related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard that eating oatmeal can lower the level of serum cholesterol. Is there a big nutritional difference between the standard oatmeal and the rapid-cooking variety?

DEAR READER: The regular consumption of oatmeal has been shown to lower serum cholesterol levels. To my knowledge, there is no nutritional difference between the various brands and their cooking times.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I know that you weren't trained as a psychiatrist, but I'd like some insight and an educated guess about a strange situation.

From my first visit to my new primary care physician, I've noticed that he never addresses me by name (either first or last) and when he perceives that the office visit is over, he simply walks out of the room without so much as a "goodbye" or "see you soon."

Let me emphasize that I am impressed by his expertise. He is a warm, compassionate and caring person whom I trust implicitly.

When I confronted him about his behavior, he admitted that he had a problem saying "goodbye."

Why is this?

DEAR READER: I don't know. There are, of course, some obvious reasons that may lead your physician to appear insensitive. For example, he may simply be rude; this is shameful.

I've also received several letters from readers who bemoan that fact that today's young doctors appear less interested in hands-on patient care than in the results of laboratory tests. In such instances, these physicians — which I have labeled "technophiles" — put the doctor/patient relationship on the back burner; scientific data are preferable (in diagnosing ailments) to a meticulously taken medical history and an effort to get to know the patient, his quirks and strengths.

This is sad, because such an attitude pigeonholes the patient as a disease, not as a person. In my experience, an open, honest, respectful and sincere interaction between a doctor and the people he serves is part of what makes medical practice enjoyable and fulfilling.

Perhaps much of the dissatisfaction of modern medical practice, which many physicians blame on HMOs and government intervention, could be ameliorated if more healers felt comfortable in befriending — yes, befriending — their patients. Establishing such intimacy is often a part of the healing process, as well as enabling practitioners to become emotionally involved in a healthful and professional manner. I know that I do better treating patients whom I view as supportive friends than I do seeing people with whom I fail to develop any closeness.

The current preoccupation with the "information explosion" does not always serve patients well. Yes, there is a necessity to gain knowledge but, in the process, we doctors should not forget that patients often need to be treated like people, not ciphers.

I'm considering a number of possibilities here since you're correct in noting that I wasn't trained as a psychiatrist.

The reason for your doctor's reluctance to recognize you as a valid person may have a less straightforward cause. He may have lost someone very close to him in the past. Perhaps he even said "goodbye" to that person. This could have been, for unknown reasons, a very traumatic psychological event, which your physician has yet to resolve. In a sense, what he may be doing is distancing himself from people so that he won't feel the emotional pain again.

Perhaps he was abandoned by a father or mother when he was very young and impressionable. In such instances, the feeling of loss can be pervasive, ongoing and overwhelming, unlike the grieving following the death of a loved one, from which most people recover with time.

I respect your decision to approach the problem openly and honestly. And I'm glad that you are giving him the benefit of the doubt by reaffirming your trust and confidence in him.

Let me express one additional concern. If your physician cannot bring himself to say "goodbye" in the office, will this attitude contaminate his judgment as a healer? Will he be able to bid goodbye to his terminal cancer patients when their times come, and they need narcotics for pain relief? Is he so hung up that the eventual and unavoidable deaths of his patients may cause deep emotional conflict? Will he, like so many modern doctors, treat death as an enemy, an adversary to be overcome at any cost — even if that cost is prolonged pain and suffering for his patients?

This subject, too, needs resolution. Discuss it with your doctor, who should define DNR and end-of-life issues. Consequently, I suggest that you take some time, during your next office visit, to consider this and other related issues.

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AMERICA AT WAR

Marines frustrated with slow pace

IN CENTRAL IRAQ (AP) — It was supposed to be a blitzkrieg through the desert, a rapid-fire rush of Marines across 180 miles of countryside to prepare for a massive, possibly decisive battle in the U.S.-led war against Iraq.

Six days later, the Marines of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines remained 12 miles from their original objective.

Unexpected attacks, a cutting sandstorm and a surreal traffic jam on a road that nearly every Marine seemed to be trying to use has slowed the planned lightning drive to a halting crawl, frustrating hopes for a continued, sustained ground attack against key Iraqi forces.

With unwieldy, amphibious equipment better suited for landing on beaches than forging through the desert, the Marines are attempting a mission out of sync with their traditional approaches.

"For the Marine Corps, this is probably the most inland, single straight movement in their history," said Lt. Col. Michael Belcher, commanding officer of the 3-7. "We grab your beaches, we take your coastline. We don't push inland like this."

The sluggish Marine advance stood in stark contrast to the Army's race through southern Iraq last week. Moving night and day since entering Iraq, more than 70 tanks and 60 armored troop carriers raced hundreds of miles across rough desert in a bold, flanking movement that brought them 50 miles outside of Baghdad.

But the Army is a different force, many Marines say, one designed to fight battles far from their supply base.

While U.S. soldiers travel in relatively new armored personnel carriers, the Marines travel in amphibious assault vehicles, some nearly 40 years old. The vehicles have repeatedly broken down along the route.

Many of the Marines, who began the week exhausted after three days of minor skirmishes and little sleep, are now getting restless as they patrol roadsides to provide security for the convoys.

They had expected to be in combat days ago. Now, they are stopping pickup trucks filled with farmers to make sure they are not soldiers in disguise. They surround houses that could be used as bases for snipers or mortar fire, doing methodical, room-to-room searches. Sometimes, they blow up the buildings just to be sure.

Last Sunday at 3 p.m., after just a few hours of rest, the Marines were told to hurriedly prepare for a fast push north, a nonstop, overnight trip they hoped to make in one day.

"The idea was to try to unsettle them by moving as quickly as we could and heading toward Baghdad," Belcher said.

After several hours of delays, everyone in the battalion was sitting in vehicles ready to go about 6 p.m. The wheels on the first vehicle did not begin spinning until six hours later, a delay blamed on the sheer logistical challenge of trying to move thousands of vehicles at once.

The Marine column took up both sides of a wide road, but soon ran into a jam that resembled the worst rush-hour traffic on the New Jersey Turnpike. Huge fuel tankers and trucks carrying everything from food and water to bridge-building equipment clogged the road with thousands of lightly armored Humvees and amphibious assault vehicles.



UP AND AWAY — Lt. Jim Pederson of Nicholson, Pa., right, watches as an F/A-18 Hornet launches off the flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln in the Persian Gulf. F/A-18 Hornets continue their bombing missions over Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AP Photo)

U.S. doctors treat all wounded in battles

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AP) — A 5-month-old a baby named Flower lies in a wooden medical supplies crate, wrapped in a green Army blanket, her tiny feet bandaged and bloodied by bullet wounds. Her mother and father are dead.

"She's just a super trooper," said Sgt. Wendy Oehlman, in a dirt-caked room that serves as a makeshift pediatrics ward for the 86th Combat Support Hospital.

Over a frantic 24-hour period, the medical unit took in more than 100 casualties — wounded American soldiers, Iraqi prisoners of war and civilian victims of crossfire between the two sides, victims like Flower, the translation of her Arabic name.

Near the baby girl, a 40-year-old woman wounded by shrapnel tried to explain in fractured English how her family had fled Baghdad, fearing U.S. bombings. On the road out, she said her husband, a shopkeeper, and her 15-year-old son, were killed in the crossfire by American troops.

"I want to go out of Iraq," she said, pronouncing her name as Ennom, but it was unclear where she and her two surviving children would seek refuge.

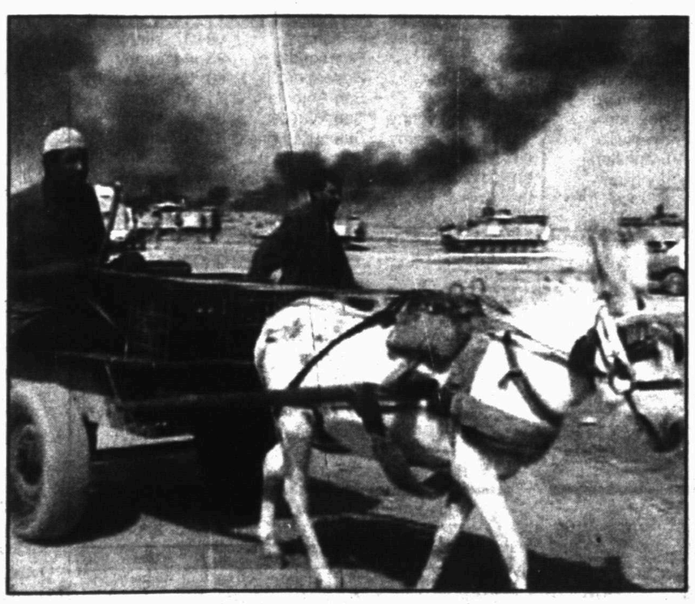
Flower's mother died cradling the infant in her arms. Now an aunt, sitting stoically on a bare wooden bed, would breast-feed her.

Col. Harry Warren, the unit commander and an orthopedic surgeon who operated on the child, said both her feet had been lanced by a bullet and that she suffered a third wound to the side of her chest.

Another child, whose name was not known to hospital staff, was shot through the brain when U.S. soldiers opened fire on Iraqis armed with AK-47 rifles who charged them from a bus, Warren said. The incident happened near Nasiriyah on Wednesday.

Both parents of the girl, who was 3 years old, were wounded in a firefight near Nasiriyah, where U.S. Marines are battling resistance, most of it from hardline supporters of Saddam Hussein.

"The younger they are, the harder it is. Her chances of survival were practically zero," said Capt. Robert E. Burnett, of New Orleans, who was supervising the triage when casualties begin pouring in by road and air on Thursday.



FLEEING — In this image from video, residents of Basra, Iraq are shown passing British forces near the Basra Bridge while leaving the city Saturday. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated Press

Key developments in the war:

— Four American soldiers were killed in a suicide attack at a U.S. highway checkpoint north of Najaf. A taxi stopped close to the checkpoint and the driver waved for help. Five soldiers approached the car, and it exploded.

— Military officials confirmed reports that U.S. forces had found the bodies of some coalition troops in shallow graves near Nasiriyah and said forensic investigators were going to the grave sites.

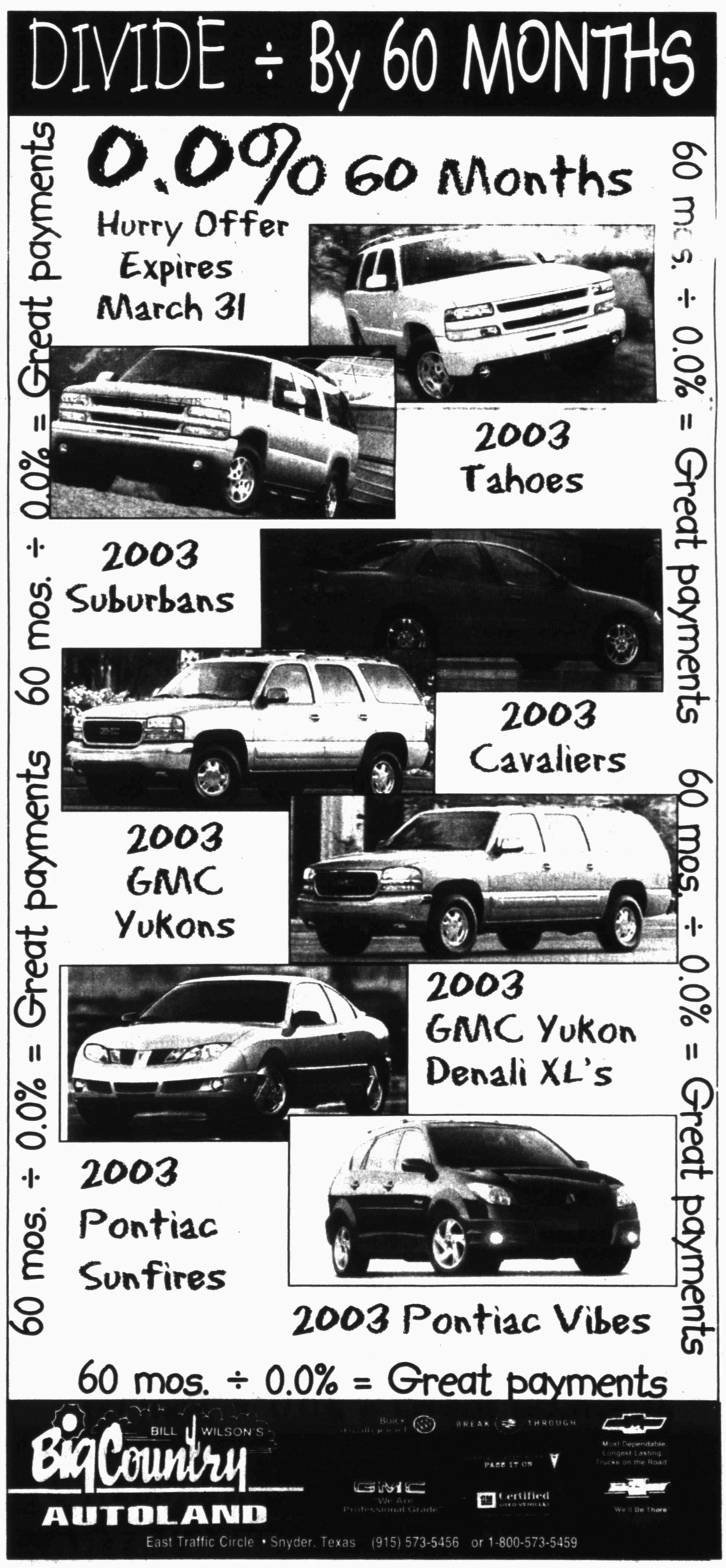
— The United States halted Tomahawk cruise missile launches over parts of Saudi Arabia after the kingdom complained that some of the weapons fired from American ships had landed in the country. No time estimate was given for resuming the launches.

— Tomahawk cruise missiles targeted the Information Ministry in Baghdad, but the building remained standing and did not appear to have suffered any structural damage.

— Group Capt. Al Lockwood, spokesman for British forces in the Gulf, said a British soldier was killed and five wounded in a "friendly fire" incident north of Basra. He said the incident occurred as British forces were engaging Iraqi troops.

— Some U.S. combat units slowed their advance while supply and communications support is beefed up. Coalition spokesman Group Capt. Al Lockwood called it "a case of shaping the battlefield, getting our troops equipped and in the right place for the next part of the campaign."

— Iraq's information minister said President Bush should be charged with war crimes for the deaths of Iraqi civilians.



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Lower CHIP funding may be restored

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee likely will find enough money to pay for some of the Children's Health Insurance Program in 2004-05, chairman Rep. Talmadge Heflin said Friday.

A previous committee proposal had sacrificed CHIP, which covers half a million children, to save programs for the state's most destitute elderly and disabled on Medicaid.

"We've looked at, 'OK, what is needed?' That's one of the things we've been talking about bringing back," said Heflin, R-Houston.

He said details were still being worked out by the committee tackling a $9.9 billion shortfall, but that the program will be pared down, probably cover fewer children and will have lower income requirements.

"I believe we'll see the benefit package pulled down to more of a basic program, not quite as rich as what it is today," Heflin said. "It makes no sense to not have a program as opposed to having one that will serve the basic needs, and that's what we'll be trying to do."

Late Friday, the panel's subcommittee on health and human services added $2.75 billion into its recommendations for CHIP and other services. Those recommendations are scheduled to be presented to the full Appropriations Committee beginning Saturday.

The money, which is still $3 billion short of what is needed to maintain current health and human services in the next budget, allows for a "bare-bones" Children's Health Insurance Program, said subcommittee Chairwoman Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson.

"I'm not saying this is all fun. We're still making cuts," Wohlgemuth said, adding that there is still time left to try to find more money.

The idea to eliminate the popular CHIP program to pay for medicine for 460,000 elderly and disabled Texans drew immediate criticism from GOP Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

If CHIP is axed, Texas could become the only state in the nation that does not take part in the program, which provides low-cost insurance for working families who cannot afford private coverage.

Vaccinations for smallpox should be slowed down

WASHINGTON (AP) — People at high risk for heart trouble, not just those with heart disease already, should avoid the smallpox vaccine, federal advisers recommend in a move that would place new limits on the troubled anti-terrorism program.

The recommendation Friday would eliminate even more people from the pool of potential vaccinees at a time when the government is trying to increase its numbers.

Three states, New York, Illinois and California, temporarily suspended their programs while questions about the link to heart disease are investigated.

To date, 17 recipients of the vaccine have suffered heart problems afterward, and federal health officials are looking for a possible link to the vaccine. Three people have died, including a 55-year-old National Guardsman that the Pentagon announced Friday.

The man's death is the first in a mandatory military inoculation program that has vaccinated 350,000 people. The other two deaths were of health care workers in private hospitals.

Federal officials had planned to offer the vaccine on a voluntary basis to at least 450,000 civilians in the program's first month. After two months, only about 25,000 have been vaccinated, with many hospitals opting out of the program.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working to improve the numbers, but after learning of the first death, officials decided anyone with a history of heart disease should not get the vaccine. The Pentagon adopted the same policy Friday.

On Friday, an advisory committee recommended the CDC go beyond people already sick with heart disease to those at risk. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices suggested the shot not be given to anyone with at least three risk factors for heart disease, such as smoking, high blood pressure and diabetes.

But preventing heart problems among people vaccinated is not easy.

Experts believe the vaccine may be to blame for a dozen cases of people who have suffered heart inflammation, a relatively mild condition. But there is no way to screen out those who are at risk for it, so there is little they can do to prevent it.

There are known risk factors for heart attacks and angina, or chest pain, but experts are not convinced that these conditions are related to the vaccine.

FBI director rebukes head of internal discipline unit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief of the FBI's internal discipline unit has been rebuked by his boss for inappropriate conduct toward a subordinate who went on national television to criticize the bureau.

FBI Director Robert Mueller III sent Assistant Director Robert Jordan a letter of criticism and rejected a proposed bonus for him, among other administrative measures.

Mueller informed Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. of his decision on Thursday. The Associated Press on Friday obtained the letter the director sent to Grassley.

Mueller, who had picked Jordan to oversee internal discipline at the FBI, said he was carrying out the punishments recommended by the Justice Department's inspector general, Glenn Fine.

"Mr. Jordan has accepted these measures, and has expressed his intent to learn from this experience and to demonstrate that the events ... were isolated incidents in an otherwise distinguished career," Mueller wrote.

Jordan's actions were directed at subordinate John Roberts, who said on CBS' "60 Minutes" last October that rank-and-file FBI workers received harsher treatment than senior managers in a double standard of discipline. Roberts had the FBI's permission to appear on the show.

The inspector general concluded in a report last month that while Jordan did not intentionally retaliate, he exhibited poor judgment in the aftermath of the show.

Jordan left the impression of retaliation when he passed over Roberts for promotion, the inspector general concluded. He also failed to respond appropriately to disparaging e-mails about Roberts from other FBI officials and discussed the television interview at a staff meeting on a day Roberts was not at work.

In addition to the letter of rebuke and rejection of Jordan's bonus, Mueller ordered Jordan to receive counseling and training on the appropriate response to whistleblowers; and began a continuing evaluation of Jordan's record to determine whether the lapses were isolated incidents or part of a broader problem.

Grassley, who often speaks out on behalf of whistleblowers, said the punishment was a positive step but made clear he wasn't satisfied.

Deputies arrest two on warrants

•Arrests

Deputies arrested Santo Greenwood, 29, of 2806 Ave. X, Apt. D, at 2:20 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of Coliseum Dr. on warrants for felony motion to revoke probation on an original charge of forgery.

DPS troopers arrested a 52-year-old woman at the traffic circle at 9:10 p.m. Friday on warrants for Class B theft of services by check.

•Reckless driver

A caller reported a tractor-trailer hauling pipe on U.S. 84 was swerving in both lanes of the highway and its driver was possibly intoxicated.

An officer located the vehicle and contacted the driver who advised he was eating and dropped some food in the truck. The officer advised everything was in order.

•Noise complaint

A guest at the Willow Park Inn requested an officer at 3 a.m. Saturday and reported that people were making excessive noise in the hot tub. An officer contacted the guests and they returned to their room.

•Juveniles

A man in the 2700 block of Ave. V reported juveniles pulling fruit from a tree and throwing it at his house. Officers contacted the juveniles and advised them of the complaint.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at the Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a gas drive off worth $30.50 at 11:52 p.m. Friday.

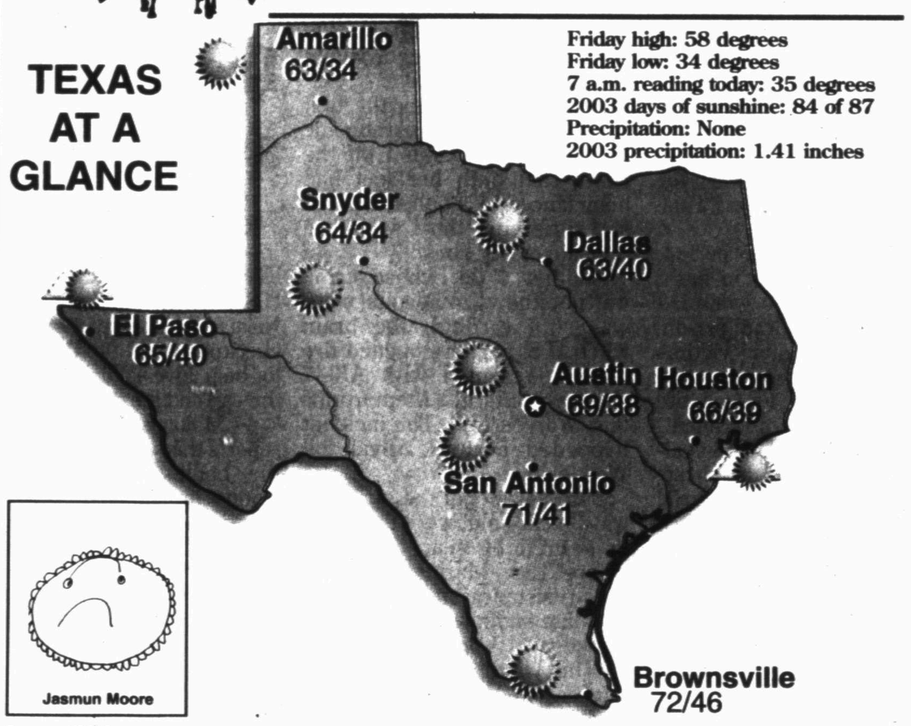
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 3/30	Mon 3/31	Tue 4/1
64/34	73/43	77/51
Sunny skies. High 64F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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Friday high: 58 degrees
Friday low: 34 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 35 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 84 of 87
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	64	39	sunny	El Paso	65	40	mst sunny	Midland	68	37	sunny
Amarillo	63	34	sunny	Fort Stockton	69	40	sunny	Raymondville	73	44	sunny
Austin	69	38	sunny	Gainesville	61	34	sunny	Rosenberg	66	38	mst sunny
Beaumont	62	38	sunny	Greenville	61	35	sunny	San Antonio	71	41	sunny
Brownsville	72	46	sunny	Houston	66	39	mst sunny	San Marcos	69	39	sunny
Brownwood	69	39	sunny	Kingsville	73	44	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	35	sunny
Corpus Christi	70	46	sunny	Livingston	64	34	sunny	Sweetwater	66	37	sunny
Corsicana	63	37	sunny	Longview	60	34	sunny	Tyler	61	38	sunny
Dallas	63	40	sunny	Lubbock	65	36	mst sunny	Weatherford	63	35	sunny
Del Rio	75	43	sunny	Lufkin	62	35	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	61	34	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	53	26	rain	Houston	66	39	mst sunny	Phoenix	83	57	mst sunny
Boston	47	32	rain	Los Angeles	84	56	sunny	San Francisco	70	54	pt sunny
Chicago	37	26	pt sunny	Miami	84	57	cloudy	Seattle	59	43	rain
Dallas	63	40	sunny	Minneapolis	42	26	cloudy	St. Louis	47	32	pt sunny
Denver	56	37	pt sunny	New York	48	30	rain	Washington, DC	48	32	rain

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16

UV Index

Sun 3/30	Mon 3/31	Tue 4/1
High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Obituaries

Emma Terry

1926-2003

ROBY — Emma Faye Terry, 76, died Thursday, March 27, at her home in Roby. Funeral service for Mrs. Terry was held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Roby Church of Christ with Wardell Halliburton and Jason Alton officiating. Burial was to follow in the Roby Cemetery.

Born April 29, 1926 in O'Donnell, she had lived in Rotan until she married Louis Kirmet Terry on May 24, 1941.

A longtime member of the Roby Church of Christ, Mrs. Terry was a retired bookkeeper for the Terry Gin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kirmet Terry; two daughters, Patricia Ann Morton and Peggy Ellen Dickson; a great-grandson, Hayden Dickson; one brother; and one sister.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Jo Ann Terry of Roby; a daughter and son-in-law, Marty and Larry Williamson of Roby; a brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Margie Cole of Snyder; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

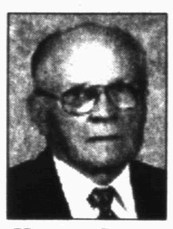
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Horace Carter

1927-2003

ROTAN — Horace Lynn Carter, a lifelong resident of Fisher County, died Friday, March 28, after a long battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

Funeral service for Mr. Carter, 75, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Randy Evans and Mike O'Neill officiating. Interment will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.


Horace Carter

Born June 5, 1927 at the family home north of Rotan, he was a 1944 graduate of Rotan High School. He soon joined the U.S. Army and served for 15 months at the end of World War II.

He then returned to Fisher County to begin farming with his brother, Grover, and married Betty Joyce Kiker on June 5, 1947.

A farmer for 44 years, Mr. Carter served as a deacon of the Cross Roads Baptist Church for 52 years and was Sunday School director for 22 years.

He served as a director of the Lueders Baptist Encampment for more than 25 years, was an executive board member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for seven years. He also served on the Double Mountain Area board and had served as a trustee of the Rotan school district. He was a member of the board of the Fisher County Farm Bureau for 12 years, nine years as its president.

Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his parents, Cliff and Clara Carter; four brothers, Art, Budge, Ray and Grover Carter; and a sister, Mary Singley.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Carter of Rotan; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Dody Carter of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law, Reba and Robert Bailey of Snyder; a sister, Mildred McQueen of Rotan; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Mary Carter of Hemet, Calif.; Roy and Rita Carter of Snyder and James and Darlene Carter of Rotan; two sisters-in-law, Mary Carter Tucker and husband Carl of Dallas, and Marie DuPont of Stoney Point, N.Y.; a brother-in-law, Ray Kiker and wife Beth of Lago Vista; two grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Cross Roads Baptist Church or to a charity of choice.

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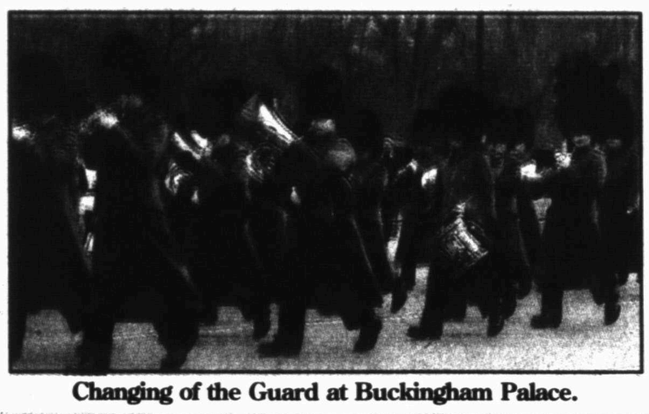


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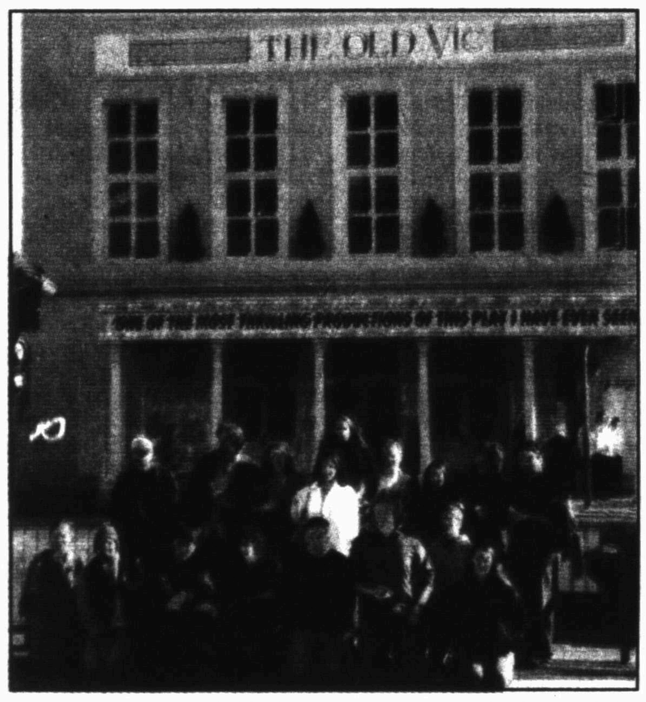
SPRING BREAK TOUR — A drama group from Snyder High School visited London over spring break. Sara Cantu looks at city from the top of St. Paul Cathedral.



Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.



TOWER GROUP — The Snyder contingent paused at Tower Bridge.



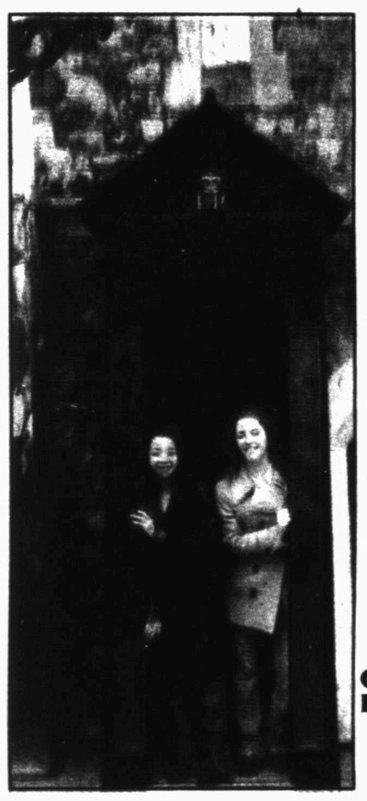
THEATRE — The SHS drama group poses in front of the Old Vic Theatre, where they saw William Shakespeare's *The Tempest.*



STOCKS — Sara Cantu and Jason Hook put their heads through the stocks at Warrick Castle.



FIGURE — Tanner Beard is pictured with this wax figure of the famous playwright, William Shakespeare at Warrick Castle.



TOWER — Sara Cantu, left, and Rachel Cave tour the Tower of London.

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JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Gary and Lesa Moore of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Terri Moore, to Damon Dickson. He is the son of Larry and Elizabeth Dickson of Rotan and Bob and Debbie Spradlin of Roby. A 7 p.m., June 7 wedding will be held at the home of Bob and Debbie Spradlin in Roby. (Contributed Photo)

Gateway Services plans booths in April for public awareness

Gateway Services, family violence and sexual assault crisis center, has planned three local public awareness booth sites in Snyder in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

On April 16, an educational booth will be set up at United Supermarket, on April 17 Davidson's IGA and Western Texas College will have booths and Wal-Mart will display public awareness information on April 18.

To receive Gateway services or to speak with a caseworker call 915-573-1822 or 1-800-578-8054. All calls are free and confidential 24 hours a day.

Those interested in being a volunteer may write Gateway Family Services Inc, P.O. Box 425 in Snyder, 79550 or the Sweetwater office, 119 East 3rd in Sweetwater, 79556.

Gateway serves Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent counties.

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Grass skirts were not brought to Hawaii from Samoa until the reign of King Kalakaua, which began in 1874.

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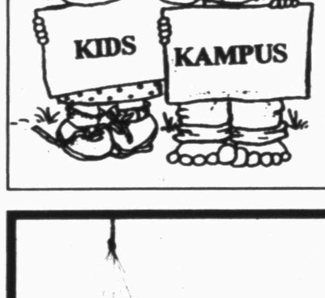
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By Phillip Alder

	North 03-29-03 ♠ 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ 6 5 4 3 ♦ 10 9 6 4 ♣ —	
West ♠ K ♥ A 8 7 2 ♦ A K Q J 2 ♣ A K Q		East ♠ Q ♥ K Q J 10 9 ♦ 8 7 5 3 ♣ J 4 2
	South ♠ A J 10 9 8 6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 3	

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
2 NT	4 NT	7 ♦	Dbl.
7 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ K

Saturday, March 29, 2003

The winners and the tiebreaker

By Phillip Alder

There was a bumper response to my latest Christmas Competition, perhaps because so many entered via my web site at www.phillipalderbridge.com (where you can still find the columns for December 25 and February 1).

Most people got the auction wrong. South had 1-3-5-4 distribution. After opening one diamond and receiving a one-spade response, many entrants rebid in diamonds, not in clubs. Never rebid in a five-card suit when you can do something else.

More than half got the main question right. And the majority got the tiebreaker question correct, which was: Given that you may distribute the cards as you wish, what is the fewest number of combined high-card points needed by North-South to be laydown for a grand slam?

The answer is five: the ace and jack of trumps. There are various possible layouts, the one given in today's diagram having been submitted photographically by Richard Benne of Sturgis, Mich. In my crazy auction, South's two-no-trump overcall shows a two-suiter. Obviously, North's jump to seven diamonds would not meet with universal approval, but when one has a fictional situation, one may use illicit information — as did James Bond in Ian Fleming's "Moonraker."

Seven spades makes easily, South establishing his club suit by ruffing three times in the dummy.

There were only three all-correct entries: from Hugh C. Brown Jr., McCormick, S.C.; David H. Levin, Murphy, N.C.; and Charles J. Sherfey, Mount Prospect, Ill. They win the major prizes. Other prize-winners and everyone who got the main question right are listed on my Web site at www.phillipalderbridge.com.

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Bridge Scores

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

Friday, March 21

1. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Betty Courntey, Nonnie Ward.
4. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.

Tuesday, March 25

1. Margaret Presswood, Billisue Stuard.
2. Jane Hinton, Nonnie Ward.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson.

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Be grateful for luck, but don't depend on it.

—William Feather

Obregon, Olson wed in San Antonio

A celebration of love uniting Carre Michelle Obregon and Christopher Daniel Olson in a double-ring ceremony was held at 2 p.m., March 15, at Central Christian Church in San Antonio. Dr. Clyde Lane, minister of the church, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Roger Obregon of Boerne and Victoria Maeder of San Antonio. Grandparents of the bride are Ethel Obregon of San Antonio and the late Rudy Obregon, and Charles Peterson and the late Victoria Peterson of Marion, Tex.

The groom's parents are Jan and Mary Jane Olson of Post and Nancy Olson of Seminole. Grandparents are Roy and Sallie Bailey of Snyder and the late Wilma Olson of Post.

Large white bows with long streamers centered with white flowers marked the pews of the center aisle and were made by the bride's grandmother, Ethel Obregon. Prelude music was "Sun in the Stream," by Enya, and "Pretty Donna," by Collective Soul, as the grandparents were seated.

Mothers of the bride and groom entered to "Canon in D," by Johann Pachelbel, to light tapers on either side of the unity candle signifying the giving of their child one to the other. They were ushered by Sam Rodriguez of Austin and Miguel Rodriguez of San Antonio.

The wedding party processional was to "A Day Without Rain," by Enya. The maid of honor was Melissa Carroll of San Antonio. Bridesmaids were Aubrey Kissling and Grace Santana, both of San Antonio. Each wore a platinum asymmetrical floor-length gown featuring an elegant front drape and iridescent sequins on the bodice and a sheer platinum organza shawl. Each carried round bouquets of burgundy spray roses, violet rununculus and ivory hydrangea.

Best man was Jon Olson, brother of the groom of San Antonio. Groomsmen were Marc Olson, brother of the groom of Austin, and Brian McNeil of San Antonio. The men were attired in black tuxedos, white shirts, brocaded white on white vests and white ascot ties. They wore white gardenia boutonnieres.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo, white shirt, a brocaded white on white vest with a white ascot tie and black shoes. His boutonniere was a single black magic rose.

Zoe Obregon, sister of the bride, was flower girl and was escorted by ring bearer Jarryd Denbow, nephew of the groom. The flower girl wore a princess line tea-length ivory satin dress overlaid with ivory organza and accented by lace applique, pearls, and iridescent sequins with small roses at the hemline and ivory shoes. She carried a white satin covered basket, made by the groom's mother, filled with ivory rose petals. She wore a wreath of burgundy spray roses, baby's breath and ribbon streamers in her hair.

The ring bearer wore a black tuxedo, white shirt, brocaded white on white vest and a white ascot tie. He carried a white satin pillow appliquéd with lace and iridescent sequins, made by the groom's mother.

The bride, escorted by her father, Roger Obregon, entered to "Hope Has a Place," by Enya. She was adorned in an ivory satin gown with a fitted bodice embroidered with white flowers and iridescent sequins and delicate spaghetti straps. The asymmetrical skirt featured a split front overskirt and formed a chapel-length train. The underskirt front was embroidered with white flowers and iridescent beads and sequins. She wore a delicate tiara, necklace and earrings of rhinestones. A two-tiered veil of tulle cascaded from her soft curls in the back. She carried a round bouquet of long-stemmed black magic roses with ivory satin ribbon.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Daniel Olson
(Contributed Photo)

The couple took communion and exchanged their vows in front of an altar with a lighted stained-glass scene of the baptism and resurrection of Jesus in the background. There were four seven-branch candelabras with long white tapers to the sides of the altar. "Athair ar Neamh"/Father in Heaven, by Enya, played as the bride and groom took the tapers that were lit by their mothers simulating two lives and lit the unity candle symbolizing their two lives becoming one. After the exchange of rings and a prayer, the couple exited to "Book of Days" by Enya.

The reception was held in the home of Jon Olson, brother of the groom. An ivy and ivory rose wreath hung on the leaded glass front door by a white ribbon of satin and sheer organza. The banister and stair rail was entwined with ivy and white rosebuds with a large white bow on the landing post.

A round table made by Roy Bailey, the groom's grandfather held the registry book and a large white picket basket which held small tulle bags of heart-shaped puffed rice accented with white satin ribbon and burgundy rosebuds. The table was covered with a white ruffled cloth overlaid with sheer white organza made by Sallie Bailey, grandmother of the groom. It stood near the front door.

A video showing photos of the bride and groom from childhood up to their wedding day played on a large-screen TV.

A 16-foot serpentine table was set in front of the large white fireplace. The fireplace mantel displayed framed pictures of the bride and groom amidst ivy and ivory roses. The table was made by the groom's grandfather and held both the bride's and the groom's cakes. A shimmering sheer overlay, made by the groom's grandmother, covered the long white tablecloth and skirt. Under the table were white lights that gave it a romantic glow. The edges of the table were decorated with ivy and ivory roses.

The centerpiece was the bridal bouquet placed in a white satin bouquet holder with lace and iridescent sequin appliqués made by the groom's grandmother. The four-tiered hexagon-shaped wedding cake was iced in ivory butter cream icing and heavily decorated with icing roses and delicate ivory flowers. It was topped by a delicate ivory ceramic wedding couple and was served by Rebekah Denbow, sister of the groom of Seminole.

White and burgundy napkins imprinted in silver were placed in a swirl on the table. A white grape punch was served from a footed silver punch bowl. A crystal platter of dipped strawberries made to look like tuxedos also graced the table. Trissa Green, aunt of the groom, made them. White and burgundy mints made by the groom's mother were served from a silver tray.

The groom's chocolate sheet cake was iced in chocolate, drizzled in fudge, and topped with chocolate dipped grape leaves and clusters of grapes designed with chocolate malt ball candy and the couple's names and wedding date. The groom's cake was made and decorated by his mother and his aunt, Sue Bedingfield. Whitney Lampey of Lubbock served the groom's cake. A small silver tub held iced Dr. Peppers.

Friends of the bride, Polly and Ken Vento of San Antonio, provided a buffet of finger sandwiches, Swedish meatballs and vegetable and fruit trays.

Six large round tables covered with white cloths and centered with ivory topiaries were placed outdoors in the garden for the guests. The bride, the groom, the bride's grandmother and friends made the topiaries.

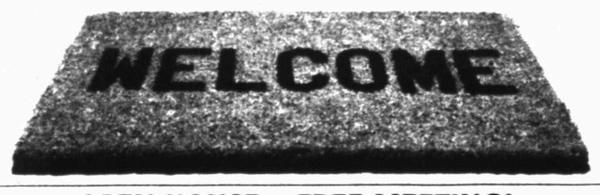
As the couple left, they were showered with tiny heart-shaped, puffed rice.

The couple honeymooned in Mayan Rivera, Mexico, and are now at home in San Antonio.

The bride, a 1998 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, served in the Army for three years as an interrogator. The groom is a 1995 graduate of Seminole High School and a 1997 graduate of South Plains College in Levelland. He is employed at Methodist Hospital as a pharmacy tech.

Jan Olson, father of the groom, hosted a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party on March 14 at La Madeline's in San Antonio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bebos Martinez
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Gonzales, Martinez pledge solemn vows

Laura Gonzales and Hestroverto (Bebos) Martinez, both of San Angelo were married in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21 in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder. The Rev. Mike Henson officiated.

The bride's parents are Elvira Gonzales of Snyder and Dolores Gonzales of Carlsbad, N.M. The groom's parents are Anita Martinez of Snyder and Saturnino Martinez, also of Snyder.

A gold candelabrum and two white baskets of fresh all-white gladiolas, carnations and spider mums, atop two white, tulle and golden ivy covered columns, all served as the backdrop for the exchanging of vows.

Vocalist Luiselda Garcia, childhood friend of the bride from Odessa, sang "I'll Be Here" and "From This Moment." Cole McLeod was pianist and musical selections were "Canon in D," the bridal party processional; "Bridal Chorus," the bride's processional, and "The Wedding March," the recessional.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, was escorted down the aisle by her father.

She wore a white, sleeveless, satin A-line gown by Oleg Cassini with a caviar-beaded bodice and hem. The full ballgown skirt was gathered gracefully into a bustle-back train to form a floor-length dress for the reception and dance. To complete her ensemble, Laura wore an elbow-length veil of white silk illusion flowing from a platinum tiara encrusted with crystals. Her bridal bouquet consisted of fresh, deep wine colored roses and baby's breath wrapped in white ribbon.

Flower girl was D'Lisa Rodriguez and the ring bearer was Julian Martinez, the groom's cousins from Abilene.

Boicy Martinez served as best man for his brother. Groomsmen were Adrian Gonzales, brother of the bride, and Tracy Chavez, the bride's brother-in-law from San Angelo. The groom and groomsmen wore black Classic Peak tuxedos with black Windsor ties and spectrum fullback vests with fresh rose boutonnieres.

Nanci and Danny Saenz, cousins of the bride read Bible passages from Greenwood.

A reception dinner was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. The table holding the guest book also held many pictures of the bride and groom and Maddie, their basset hound. A framed message board where guests wrote their best wishes and advice for the couple was also displayed on the table.

All bridal and reception guest tables were decorated with white tablecloths and lighted hurricane glass lamps encircled with golden English ivy vines, accented with gold and burgundy ribbon.

A round table adorned with sparkling ice and white votive candles spotlighted the cascading eight-tiered white wedding cake with Roman columns and a lighted fountain. The two-tiered heart-shaped chocolate groom's cake featured an American Flag.

The couple's honeymoon trip was to San Antonio.

The bride, a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, will graduate with an MBA/BBA in business administration in accounting from San Angelo State University in May.

The groom graduated from SHS in May of 2000 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He is now stationed in Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, where the couple will reside.

School has 11 sets of twins in jr. high

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Somebody finally started putting two and two together, and when the count was finished, the total was 11.

That's the number of sets of twins in the 520-student seventh grade at Southeast Junior High School.

"I'm not sure any school, anywhere, has as many twins in one grade as Southeast," said Juanita Curry, a school counselor.

Assistant Principal Cheryl Hatley said even the students didn't realize how many look-alikes there were in the class until someone came up with a twin total.

Southeast's twins say they don't consider themselves any different from other youngsters.

"We're just regular people," said 13-year-old Anthony Hatchett, a fraternal twin of Adrienne. "It's not like you see on TV."



FIVE GENERATIONS — The fifth generation family member, Tanner Ray Reynolds, was visited by family members at his home in Valde Oro last weekend. Pictured from left are Jodie West Thomas, his great-great-grandmother of Snyder; Loy Forbes, great-grandmother of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder; Sid Harper, his grandmother from Valde Oro; and his mother, Reagan Reynolds from Valde Oro. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

As we continue the countdown to National Library Week, I have only two more library positions to explain to our patrons.

This week, meet someone who has worked here for 25 years, the assistant library director.

As with other library staff, the assistant library director shares in the duties of the circulation desk which involve circulating books, sending faxes, assisting with Internet use, assisting with the copier, answering the phone, issuing library cards and providing assistance in finding books.

As with other staff members, she is also responsible for entering certain statistics into the monthly report and is responsible for a certain amount of shelf reading.

Specific duties of this staff member are varied. She assists the children's librarian not only with Storytime, but also in planning the Summer Reading program.

The assistant director also has clerical duties. Each week she is responsible for preparing the bills to be turned in to the county auditor for payment, and she shares the duty of the daily cash collection count.

In addition, this staff member is responsible for sending out memorial notifications to family members, and passing the request on to the library director. For those of you who request inter-library loan, this staff member is the one who arranges the loan for you.

If you use microfilm, you have the assistant director to thank because she gets the microfilm ready for your use. This staff member is also in charge of withdrawing books when needed.

When books need major repair, the assistant library director does the sewing, and rebinding and prepares the book to be sent to the bindery. When new books arrive that need a stronger cover, this staff member is the one responsible. She also selects the donated paperbacks that are added to our collection.

For those of you who follow the bestseller list, the assistant director is the one responsible for displaying this list. In addition, most months, she writes two of the library articles for the Snyder Daily News.

The assistant director also has duties aside from "library materials." As a public service the library furnishes IRS forms, and this staff member is the one who orders, sets up and stocks the IRS table. In addition to all these duties, she must make decisions on a case by case basis in the absence of the library director.

As you can see, this person stays busy with many varied tasks. Next time you visit the Scurry County Library, thank her for all she does.

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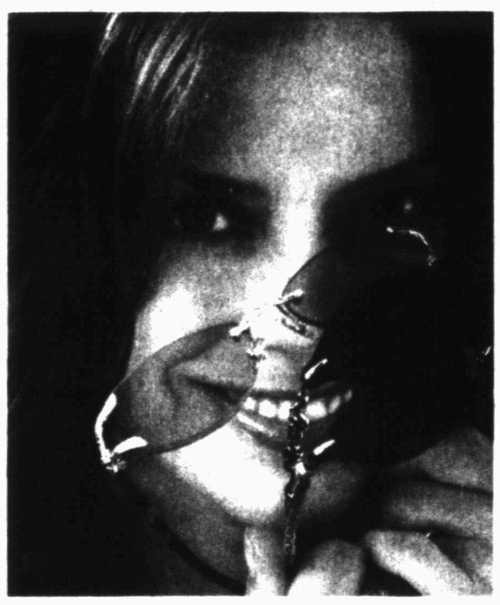
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Michelle Douglass & Chad (C.J.) Chaney
Vanessa Jones & Chad Amwine
Laurie Kerley & Jerry Burton
Kandace Gard & Tom Dawson
Andrea Robinson & Josue Coronado
Mandy Montgomery & Jonathan Tovar
Riley Ann Tatum & Russell Wall
Jina Miller & Brandon Rollins
Jodi Dennis & Cory Mandrell
Jemma Richburg & David Sutton
Whitney Webb & Michael Loper
Ellen Strayhorn & Hisham Musallam
Jillian Vieth & Isaac Spoor
Jessica Perkins & Danny White
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O.P. Tate retiring from U&F water company after 36 years of service

O.P. Tate retired as operator of U&F Water Supply Corp (Union and Fluvanna) after 36 years of service.

In the 1960s, people in the Fluvanna area needed a better supply of water because it was scarce and hard to find in the rural area or of poor quality. Union also had the same problems.

The Farmers' Home Administration had a program to loan money to provide a supply of safe drinking water in rural areas. The idea of forming a cooperative to furnish good quality water to these areas went into action with a group of people meeting to discuss this possibility and to form a steering committee to get things rolling.

L.M. Dawson, chairman; O.P. Tate, vice chairman; Bill Jones, secretary/treasurer; Loyd Webb and Raymond Daugherty formed the first official steering committee.

A $50 membership fee and $5 organizational fee was assessed those interested in the project. The committee made arrangements to purchase pre-treated water from the City of Snyder and distribute it through the Union community to Fluvanna and into a portion of Borden County.

On Sept. 15, 1966 a meeting was held and Dawson, W.S Bruner, Webb, R.V. Daugherty and Tate were elected as the first directors and were given the authority to proceed and make application to the Farmer's Home Administration for a loan and grant to finance the construction of a water system to be named U&F Water Supply Corp.

Dawson was elected president; Bruner, vice president; and Tate, secretary/treasurer. Directors supervised construction of the distribution system because there was no money provided for paid supervision.

Tate, with assistance from his wife, Ruth, kept records and did the accounting until Aug. 6, 1968 when the board hired Ruth to do the bookkeeping, and that made her the first paid employee.

The first water flowed through the line into 163 homes in September, 1968. Tate became the meter reader since he knew where all the meters were located.

Board members continued to be responsible for work on the line and Tate continued to read meters without compensation.

On April 7, 1971 Tate accepted the position of manager of the corporation as a paid employee.

After a few years, the Tate's daughter Barbra and her husband Jack Jones were employed as meter readers.

On Dec. 6, 1983 the Joneses obtained their C-Surface waterworks operator license and qualified as assistant operators. The corporation now has 316 memberships. Through extensive changes by government regulations, the corporation has been more complicated and expensive to remain in compliance.

After Tate's retirement, Daryl Meador took over the duties of manager. Ruth plans to retire the first of June. They were recognized for their dedicated service at the recent annual meeting held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

There are two pump stations, one on West 30th and the other northwest of Randals' Corner. Current board members include David Cain, Larry Thompson, Bob Pollard and Johnny Barrow.



RECOGNITION BY U&F WATER WORKS — Certificates of appreciation were presented Jack and Barbra Jones and O.P. and Ruth Tate for many years of dedicated service the U&F Water Works. Also receiving a certificate of appreciation was David Cain, a board member. O.P. retired in January and Ruth plans to retire in June. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



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New Mexico may regain title

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico could soon regain its title as the "Land of Enchantment" — complete with its own butterfly, toad and lizard.

A bill that would restore the distinction plus name new official state critters won approval from the state Legislature and awaits the governor's signature.

The Sandia hairstreak — a small, green-and-gold butterfly found in much of the state — would become the official state butterfly.

The New Mexico whiptail lizard would be the official state reptile, while the New Mexico spadefoot toad assumes the role of official amphibian.

They would join a list of official symbols that include a state bird, tree, animal, vegetable, gem, grass, fossil, fish, flower, cookie and insect.

The legislation makes New Mexico "the Land of Enchantment" again. The nickname was accidentally deleted from state statutes when that portion of the law was amended a few years ago.

But one colleague wasn't so enchanted.

"It seems to me we spend an awful lot of time and an awful lot of money worrying about these things," said Sen. William Sharer.

Births

Valerio and Kelly Torres of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Kannon Isaiah Torres, who was welcomed home by three sisters, Chelsea, Danielle and Mallory. Kannon was born, weighing eight pounds, at 1:23 p.m. on March 27 in Cogdell Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Valerio and Sylvia Torres of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Ismael and Connie Gonzalez of Lubbock.

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Barricades are so-called from the French *barrique*, or barrel, of which barricades were made during a Paris insurrection in 1588.

Montgomery, Tovar wedding set

Mandy Montgomery and Jonathan Tovar will marry at 5 p.m. on April 5 in the Word is Life Deliverance Church.

Parents of the future bride are Tresa Cornett of Snyder and Bobby and Denise Montgomery of Odessa.

The prospective groom's parents are Richard and Rosie Tovar of Snyder and Shirley Farquhar of Abilene.

Jonathan is employed with Cudd Pumping Services.

Couple plan to marry in July

Jesse and Caron Perkins of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Danny White, son of Pam White of San Marcos and Darryl and Rhonda White, also of San Marcos.

Jessica is a 1997 Snyder High School graduate and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed as a health educator for Brazos County.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of San Marcos High School and will graduate in May from A&M.

The couple will marry July 19 at Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder.

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School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast menu also offers juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Thursday
Sausage & Egg in a Biscuit
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Friday
Biscuits w/Gravy
Pancakes & Sausage w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
(Elementary Schools)

Monday
All American Chili Dog
Salad Garden Chef Salad
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich
French Fries
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Carrot Sticks w/Dip

Tuesday
Chicken Parmesan on a Bun
or
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chilled Pears

Wednesday
Burrito Grande Supreme or
Chicken Soft Taco
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Rice Krispie Bar

Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog or
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Chilled Peach Cups

Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Cheese Quesedilla
French Fries
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chocolate Brownie

(High School and Jr. High)

Monday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Popcorn Chicken Nachos
Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Broccoli & Rice
Chilled Peaches

Tuesday
Barbecue on a Bun
Chicken Spaghetti w/Bread Stick
Pepperoni Pizza
Macaroni & Cheese
Cucumber Wheels w/Ranch
Chilled Pears

Wednesday
Burrito Grande Supreme
Crispy Beef Taco
Pepperoni Pizza
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Rice Krispie Bar

Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun
Meatball Sub Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Fruited Gelatin

Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
Chicken Cheese Quesedilla
Cheese Pizza Tater Tots
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chocolate Brownie

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All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage

Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick

Wednesday
Breakfast Tacos

Thursday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Toast

Friday
Waffles
Bacon

LUNCH

Monday
Chicken & Gravy
Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls

Tuesday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Bread Sticks
Jell-O & Whipped Cream

Wednesday
Turkey on a Hoagie Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Cheese Sticks
Peach Cobbler

Thursday
Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy
Sliced Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Brownies

Friday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Mexican corn
Apples

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast includes juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Toast

Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday
Dry Cereal
Toast

Friday
Breakfast Burrito

LUNCH

Monday
Frank Wraps/Salsa Sauce
Carrot Sticks
Pork & Beans
Vanilla Pudding

Tuesday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Pickle Spears
French Fries
Tortilla Chips
Oatmeal Nut & Fruit Bars

Wednesday
Fried Chicken/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Yogurt

Thursday
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Mixed Fruit Cup

Friday
Cheese Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Fresh Apples

Lawmaker wants to name bridge for Mr. Rogers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A lawmaker wants to rename a bridge for Fred Rogers, host of the landmark TV show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

Rogers died of stomach cancer at his Pittsburgh home on Feb. 27. He was 74. Rogers produced the children's television show from 1968 to 2000.

Republican state Rep. Jeff Habay has proposed renaming the Highland Park Bridge as the Fred Rogers Memorial Bridge. The span crosses the Allegheny River, linking Highland Park and O'Hara Township.

"Fred Rogers touched the lives of generations of children both in our community and around the world," Habay said Monday. "This is a fitting tribute to a man who did so much for so many."

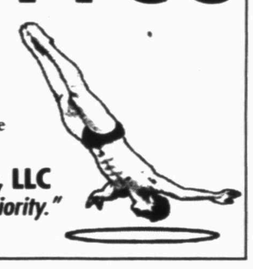
Habay said the legislation could be introduced as early as next week.

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"Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" Web site:
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Public Records

Action in District Court

American State Bank vs. Billy J. and Amber Digby, default judgment.

Scurry County vs. J.M. Blake, et al, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Matthew Phillip Gryder and Jennifer Ann Gryder, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Krysthe Dawn Spill and Kelly James Spill, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Joyce La Rue Bowman and Don Lowell Bowman, divorce granted.

In the marriage of James Martin Barnhill and Lee Ann Marie Mills, divorce granted.

Deed Records

George J. and Marjory Nell Lee to William O. and Barbara E. Clingenpeel, Lot 9 and all of the north 10 feet of Lot 8, Block 1 of the Davis Subdivision of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Ruby Inez Teaff, independent executrix of the estate of William G. Teaff, to Ruby Inez Teaff, tract one being Lot 9 and the south 14 feet of Lot 10 in Block 1 of the George W. Brown Original Homesite of the Colonial Hill Addition; tract two being Lots 1-12 in Block 2 of the Provident Heights Addition.

A.R. and Vikki L. Whisenant to Jose B. and Amelia Portillo, Lot 2 in Block A of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Norma A. Book, independent executrix of the estate of John B. Book, to Norma A. Book, tract one being Lot 15 in Block J of the Towle Place Addition; tract two being a tract out of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being a tract out of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Edna E. Holmes, independent executrix of the estate of H.D. Holmes, to Edna E. Holmes, tract one being part of a 10-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being part of a 10-acre tract out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Tom and Lisa Murphy to Mildred B. Sentell and Jane Elmore, Lot 1 in Block 32 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Clara L. Denny to William Donald Lay, 17.24 acres in Section 254, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Thomas R. Falls, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Thelma Smith, and Gloria Ann Trotter to Phillip A. and Vera G. Gilliam, Lot 6 and the west one foot of Lot 5, Block 1 of the Highlands Addition, 2nd Section.

Rivers of Living Waters Ministries to Danny and Vera Ubando, tract one being Lot 3 and 4 in Block 43 of the Cody Heights Addition; tract two being Lots 1-2 and 4 and the south 100 feet of Lot 3 and the west 15 feet of the north 50 feet of Lot 3, all in Block 44 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Belinda Kay Alwine, Larry Frank Bridges and Melvin Glenn Bridges to Keith L. and Temi T. Matthies, the east 42.8 feet of Lot 3 and the west 25.8 feet of Lot 4, both in Block 2 of the Sunrise Addition.

Jessie Hayden to Roy Maldanado, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 19 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Roy Maldonado to Glenda Pesina, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 19 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Glenda Pesina to Veronica and Pablo Medina, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 19 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Peggy Anita Mosley, independent executrix of the estate of Glen L. Mosley, to Bessie Jane Mosley, 2.0 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Wells Fargo Bank,, independent executor of the estate of Joel Hugh Hamlett Jr., to Mary Jane Hamlett, a one-half undivided interest in 14.98 acres in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Wells Fargo Bank, independent executor of the estate of Joel Hugh Hamlett Jr., to the Hamlett Family Trust, a one-half undivided interest in 3,717.70 acres in Block 2, H&TC survey.

Miami tornado kills one, several injured

MIAMI (AP) — A tornado touched down in a northwestern Miami neighborhood Thursday, leaving one person dead and injuring several more, officials said.

One person was found dead in a storm-damaged home. Rescue officials couldn't immediately say if the person died of injuries caused directly by the tornado or from a heart attack, said Cynthia Martinez, spokeswoman for Miami-Dade County Fire-Rescue.

None of the injuries were considered life threatening.

Several dozen residents whose homes were damaged were forced to spend the night in an emergency shelter.

The twister was one of at least four spawned by a line of heavy thunderstorms that passed east to west through most of Florida Thursday afternoon.

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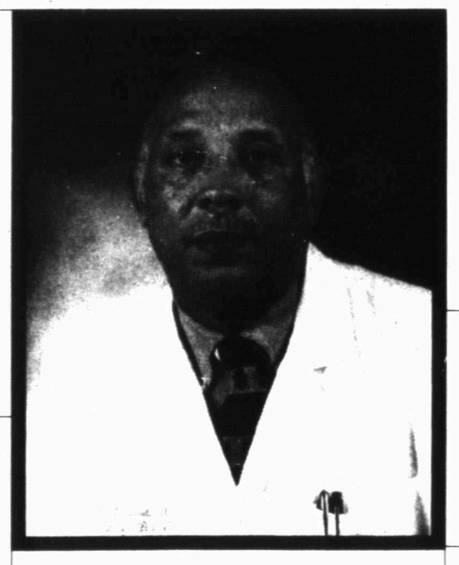
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Married mom feels frazzled at home by doing it all alone

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old, stay-at-home mom married to a man in his 60s. We had three children right away.

Because of health problems, my husband is getting to the point where he can't help me with the kids as much as he once could. He comes home from work, eats supper in bed, and then falls asleep.

It's up to me to supervise the kids getting their homework finished before baths and bedtime. I struggle to keep up with all that needs to be done. What I want to know is: Why shouldn't I be able to raise my children without help? There are single moms out there who "do it all." Have you any suggestions for me? — **A MARRIED MOM IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR MARRIED MOM: I certainly do. First, ask yourself why you're being so hard on yourself. Three small children are a handful, and I'm sure every single mother reading this has felt overwhelmed at one point or another.

Second, although he is in his 60s, your husband is working and hardly an old man. I don't know what his health problems are, but his doctor should be told about his lack of energy. It could be a symptom of depression, which is treatable. It could also be a symptom of a treatable physical problem.

Third, you could use a respite. Ask around and see if you and another mother in the neighborhood could watch each other's children for a few hours on a regular basis. It's important to your mental and physical health to take time for yourself.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old-boy in the eighth grade. My problem is my parents and their lack of confidence in me.

I'm an above-average artist, and I think I've got a lot of potential. But when my parents question me about what I want to do when I get older and I tell them I want to be an artist for an animation studio, they say, "That's not a realistic goal." Mom says stuff like, "Why don't you pick an occupation that's more practical?" And Dad just keeps quiet.

Abby, I know I'm only 13, but I have aspired to be an animation artist since I was 4. It hurts knowing my parents do not support my dream. What should I do about it? — **HIGH ON TALENT/LOW ON SELF-ESTEEM IN COLORADO**

DEAR HIGH/LOW: Go to the library and research the field of animation, which can be quite lucrative. (I'm sure the librarian will be happy to assist you.) There are many jobs in the arts and graphic design, and as you grow older your interests may broaden. For now, continue taking art courses, hold onto your dream and keep your academic standing high. That way you'll get into a good college or art school.

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DEAR ABBY: A month ago I learned that my husband, "Danny," cheated on me with a co-worker. I found out because Danny told me himself.

I was terribly upset when my husband broke the news, but after many long talks and lots of tears, we're trying to work through it. The hard part is I made the mistake of telling my family, and now they won't speak to him. They say I'm going about this all wrong, and that I'm stupid for accepting his apology so quickly.

Is my family right, Abby? Am I forgiving my husband too quickly? — **WILLING TO START FRESH IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.**

DEAR WILLING TO START FRESH: Your family may mean well, but they should not influence your decision to forgive your husband. The wisest course for you and him would be to work this through with professional counseling. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: My 9-year-old daughter, "Kristy," has a good friend, "Libby." Libby's father started calling my daughter "Weirdo" when the girls were in kindergarten. It upset my daughter, and I asked him to stop. He ignored my request, so I saw to it that Kristy socialized with other girls. Kristy and Libby did not become close friends again until this year when they entered fourth grade.

Libby's father was polite to Kristy for a while, but yesterday when I picked her up, he yelled, "Goodbye, Weirdo!" Kristy says it doesn't bother her now, but I don't believe it. I think she's afraid I will not let her remain friends with Libby.

Abby, I can't understand why a grown man would intentionally demean a child by calling her names. I don't want my daughter subjected to this, but I don't know what to do. Any ideas? — **ANGRY MAMA**

DEAR ANGRY MAMA: As a parent, it's your job to protect your child from abuse. Libby's father appears to be insensitive, immature, and a bit weird himself. That's three strikes in my book.

Limit Kristy's exposure to him by arranging for the girls to play at your house until further notice. The less she sees of Libby's father, the better for all concerned. If Libby's mother is in the picture, she should be told what her husband is saying.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband knows I'm writing to you. I've never written before, but this is so ridiculous I have to share it. However, because it's a story I can't repeat openly, don't use my name.

One evening last week, my husband sheepishly asked me if the city refuse collectors had picked up the garbage yet. It seems that while cleaning out his top dresser drawer, he had mistakenly thrown away a pill bottle that contained his remaining two Viagra.

He went to the curb and dragged the garbage can back into our yard. We then put on our rubber gloves and went to work. After rummaging through coffee grounds, chicken bones, orange peels and used facial tissue, we found nothing. It turned out he hadn't thrown away the Viagra — just pushed the bottle to the back of the drawer.

Can you think of a less romantic way to spend the evening? — **THE BLUE PILL "MYSTERY"**

DEAR "MYSTERY": Not really. However, even if "Dumpster diving" is not your idea of foreplay — you now appreciate how far your husband is willing to go for a night of lovemaking with you.

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DEAR ABBY: What's the best way of declining when someone asks me out for a date and I know he's "not my type"? Guys never seem to get the hint when I try to let them down easy.

I have said (truthfully), "I'm not dating at this time," or that I'm interested only in someone who belongs to my faith, or who's my age, etc. I've tried every excuse I can think of — but some guys out there just don't think any of those reasons apply to them.

How do I say, "It's nothing personal, but it's you personally I don't want to go out with"? I would also appreciate any suggestions from your readers. Thanks. — **STUMPED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR STUMPED: I recommend the direct approach if subtlety doesn't work. Say, "I'm sure you're a nice person, but I am not interested in you in that way." Readers, do you have anything to add?

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

A REVIEW OF INHALANTS

As we wrap up the month of March, let us review the information that we have covered over the past few weeks concerning the deadly use of inhalants.

Inhalant abuse is on the rise and is particularly popular among young people in the 10-12 age bracket. A 2001 drug abuse survey showed that at least one in every five eighth graders has intentionally inhaled household chemicals to get high.

The practice is deadly as inhalants contain poisons that can severely damage vital organs including the brain, heart, liver and kidneys. Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome can also occur when users inhale chemicals deeply and then engage in strenuous physical activity or become alarmed.

The accessibility of inhalants is what makes them such a popular way for young people to get high; they are as near as under the kitchen sink, in the bathroom cabinet or in the garage.

An estimated 1,000 substances including hair spray, spray paint, gasoline, rubber cement, markers, correction fluid, cooking spray, whipped cream and nail polish remover are commonly misused. While laws have been passed making it illegal to sell many of these chemicals to persons under age 18, they are still easily accessible.

This is why it is important to talk to the young people in your life about the deadly practice. It is not a cheap high, it is just an easy way to die. You can die the very first time you abuse inhalants.

But if fortunate enough to survive, huffing, sniffing, or bagging can create serious health problems. Chronic use can cause addiction, weight loss, fatigue and dangerous nutritional imbalances.

Neurological impairments such as mood swings, hostility, confusion, depression, memory loss and paranoia are also possible as is loss of coordination, balance and muscle control. Other effects include dizziness, headaches, slurred speech, bloody nose, coughing, nausea, loss of body functions and bluish skin.

If you suspect your child is using, be honest but not accusatory in your talks with him or her. Seek help before it is too late. Addiction is a disease, but there is help available.

Talk to your children and other parents about the dangers of inhalant abuse. Education is key in fighting this epidemic.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Family of boy charged with murder had been reported to child welfare

WOODBRIDGE, N.J. (AP) — The family of a 10-year-old boy charged with murder for allegedly luring a 3-year-old from a library, beating him with a baseball bat and leaving him in a ditch had previously been reported to the state's troubled child welfare system, officials said.

Authorities didn't identify the suspect, but they confirmed that the state Division of Youth and Family Services had a case file on the boy, and neighbors said they had called the agency because they feared he was being abused.

Gov. James E. McGreevey has requested a full report on how the boy's case was handled, said McGreevey spokesman Micah Rasmussen. He has been critical of the agency since the discovery in January of a dead boy and his two starving brothers in a Newark basement.

Amir Beeks, 3, was found late Wednesday afternoon lying face-down in a drainage ditch.

Snyder Oaks Care Center
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WHEN: April 9th
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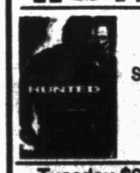

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Hi Fellow Snyderites!



It's spring! The grass is green in the yards and meadows, the flowers are beginning to bloom, baby calves and sheep and goats are being born and baby horses! No I won't bore you with details, but we have three new baby foals. To see them running across the field with their pretty, proud mamas just makes your throat catch, but then I think thoroughbred horses are just about the most gorgeous animals God ever created. All are black against the green winter wheat and truly do look like a post card from Texas! They look like they could be a gray (my favorite) We've never had grays, and we're really excited at the prospect. They're all gorgeous and now will be spoiled. Well, enough of my "postcard from Fluvanna".

There is a lot going on here, as usual, this time of the year. We are in the planning stages of so much that it scares me, but it's like this every month. June 10th-14th is of course, Western Swing. We are making additional decorations, and replacing lights in our large flashy pieces. Jim and Jean Summers from Midland have been coming over weekly to paint new portraits of our stars, and fix broken pieces and get everything ready to go up. It's a huge job and takes hours of time, but we do it, because of the money it takes to hire it done. It's going to be beautiful though and everyone's getting excited. We're getting reservations in from all over. We're also doing a cookbook this year and the recipes are coming in daily from our swingers. It will be ready for the festival and we hope we sell out! Sandra and I are so pleased with the participation. The recipes sound so delicious when you're typing them, your mouth just waters, but we're both on diets! We even got a recipe for a "Twinkie Cake" and for "Fried Twinkies"!

The car show, cruise night, swap meet, parade and contests will be held on May 2nd and 3rd. Contact Jim Edmonds for more information or if you'd like to enter. It promises to be even bigger than last year's huge success.

June 21st will be our third annual Fly-In Breakfast and show and it also has grown by huge numbers. We're expecting to feed over 300 folks this year. John Rogotzke and Rodger Sullenger along with Bruce Kallemeyn and the pilots association will all team up with Chamber and Goldcoats to have a day of fun, food and aviation education! Breakfast is $3.50 and the rest is free with lots of private planes, war planes from WWII, current military helicopters and etc. and vintage automobiles and entertainment. You don't want to miss this special family day.

July 4th is already filling up. Vendors are booking way in advance this year because many got shut out last year. The park is over half full already and the armory has several spots already rented. Entertainers are calling in and volunteering to help out all day Friday. The fireworks have gone up again, and I'm not sure what we're going to do about that. I just can't commit to a smaller show for $8,700 when the $7,000 has been so hard for us to raise in the past. They say their insurance and labor cost has gone up, but in these times that's a huge step for Sandra and me to take in one day. I'm trying to think of something to take the place of fireworks, but as yet, it's just the most wonderful part of the July 4th celebration to me. Maybe we'll win the fireworks lottery. Suggestions?

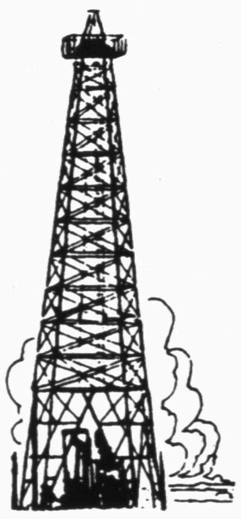
This week we've even been working on Christmas. We're building a place to store all the decorations for the town, ordering new ones, planning the lighted Christmas parade, Santa's visits. We've booked the real traveling Broadway musical (yes, really, Broadway from New Year) of Cinderella complete with beautiful sets, gorgeous costumes and the original musical score. "Right here on our stage" as Ed Sullivan used to say! The parade will be at 6:00 p.m. and the musical will start at 7:30 p.m. Please make plans now for your family to have a wonderful evening together that night. We hope you enjoy it. We're excited silly! Talk about working out millions of details. We have folders to hold folders up here to keep it all straight-and that's just 4 events!

That's what I love about living here. No matter what's happening, how upset we are over life and its tribulations and problems, we're taught from birth to tend to business, not give up and to think about others. Other people tell me it's a West Texas work ethic, but I think it's a state of mind you pass on from generation to generation when you depend on the weather, the rain and God for your livelihood. Because we are so dependent on cotton, beef and oil for our incomes, there is nothing we can do to control a lot of our circumstances, except tend to business, never quit or give up and to take care of each other. Reminds you of those young men and women over there fighting for freedom now. They've been taught all three of those things for months now. As we enter the Easter season, the springtime and the war gets tougher everyday, let's pray for peace throughout the world, as we do at the fly-in, July 4th, and at Christmas time. Pray that God will give us the patience, knowledge and education to tend to business, as we should and to take care of each other as we do every day of the year, if you live in Snyder, Texas.

God Bless our Country, its leaders, its fighting troops and each of you.

Love ya,
Donna

Sharon Ridge Field Nears 80-Year Mark



Long before doodle buggers (more correctly known as seismograph crews) arrived in Scurry County, Leon English discovered evidence of a structure indicating the possibility of oil along the Colorado River 15 miles south of Snyder near Ira. English, a respected hard-rock geologist, made a reconnaissance check, spending several days perusing dips in the outcrops. On July 19, 1922, he showed geologist W. A. Reiter, one of the most prominent geologists in the state, over the area and his findings were confirmed.

On February 5, 1923, Loutex Corporation spudded in the No. 1 J. J. Moore about a mile and a half south of Ira in Section 116, Block 97, H&TC. When it was completed on Oct. 9, 1923, it became the discovery well of the Sharon Ridge Field and Scurry County's first producing oil well. The field was named for the Sharon school in the area. Figures from the Railroad Commission show that as of Jan. 1, 2003, the Sharon Ridge Field has produced 109,636,836 barrels of oil.

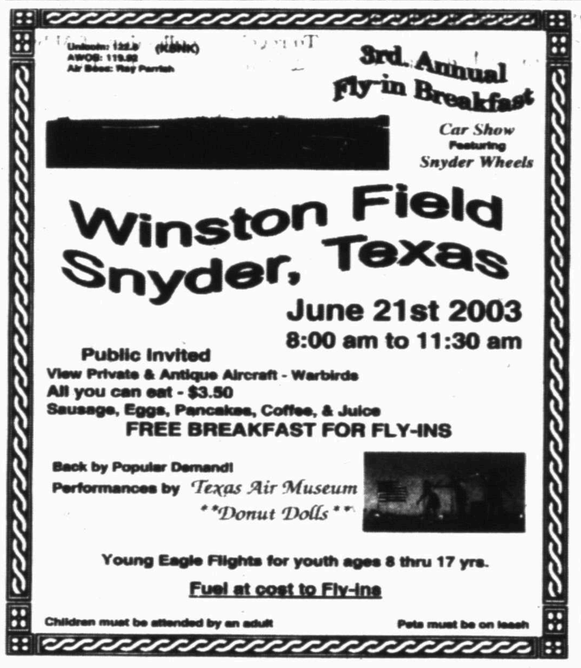
The drilling of the No. 1 Moore was a real adventure. One of the men involved in its drilling was Walter W. Lechner who was to become one of Texas' most famous independent oilmen. "Cub" Murphy, a farmer from Ira, arranged for Lecher and English to meet with as many farmers as possible in the Ira Masonic Hall. English told them that geology indicated a nosing of the same type he and Reiter found in Mitchell County near Westbrook a few months earlier to open oil production in the Permian Basin. Lechner told the group that Loutex, a new company, was still poor but that if they could get a block of 10,000 acres together it would obligate itself to drill a well. All leases would have to be free with the guarantee of a free well on the block. The farmers agreed and before the meeting adjourned Lechner had informal pledges for more than 10,000 acres. Lechner opened a Loutex office over Snyder National Bank and many landowners came there to talk with him. County Judge Horace Holley went with Lechner on many trips to visit landowners, notarizing signatures on the leases for no remuneration.

E. E. (Buddy) Fogelson and E. I. "Tommy" Thompson, other names well known in the oil industry, were also involved with Loutex in the drilling of the No. 1 Moore. (Fogelson later married the famous movie actress Greer Garson.) It was January by the time Lechner had the leases completed the equipment assembled and the crew hired. Eventually, he and Thompson and Fogelson had to man the rig because of the inexperience of some of the field hands. Pat and Mike Moore, the sons of J. J. Moore, helped fire the steam boiler that powered the cable tool rig.

The only man to work the well from top to bottom was James O. Jarmon, the tool dresser. He told how the well stuck a pressurized reservoir of cold air (nitrogen and helium) . When the blow out began, he assumed it was gas and he and co-worker Sim Taylor "started making tracks out through the deep shinnery sand to get away from the danger of fire." As it turned out, they were able to harness the air to use it for drilling instead of steam. It could also be used to freeze ice cream and cool watermelons.

Late in February of 1923 English took one of the nation's most distinguished and influential petroleum geologists, Wallace Pratt of the Humble Oil & Refining Co., over to the Sharon Ridge outcrop. Pratt agreed that Loutex had a favorable structure for its exploration but refused to recommend it to his company because there was not convincing evidence of commercial production in West Texas. The No. 1 Moore was completed as a flowing well as a crowd of business leaders, politicians, farmers and ranchers looked on. The Scurry County Times reported in March of 1924 that the No. 1 Moore would be put on the pump.

In 1966 an Official Texas Historical Marker was placed at the junction of State Highway 350 and FM 1606 in Ira. It says that the No. 1 Moore was completed at 3,575 feet and plugged back to 1,800 feet in the San Andres formation. (This article has been compiled from information in Historical Markers in Scurry County, available at the Whistle Stop, and An Oilman's Oilman, a biography of Walter Lechner available in the Scurry County library. The book also contains information about Scurry County as it was when Lechner worked in Scurry County as well as his career which took him to several of the wildest boom fields in the salt dome country of the Gulf Coast.) (Contributed to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce newsletter by Aline Parks)





JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Spaces are still available on a first come first serve basis. Craft booths will be in the National Guard Armory, and food booths outdoors throughout the park. Booth prices will be $55 for those with electricity, or $45 for booths with no electricity. Temporary vendor permits are required for food booths and can be obtained from the Scurry County Health Department for $10. Booth spaces are 10 x 10. Booth setup is on Thursday, July 3rd and they must try to be open to the public by 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday, July 4th from 9:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. The Carnival will be the only one giving rides of any kind or selling cotton candy or candy apples. **NO VENDOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO SELL GLOW IN THE DARK NECKLACES BECAUSE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SELLS THESE TO HELP PAY FOR THE FIREWORKS.** The fireworks will be fired on Friday night July 4th between 9:00 & 9:30 -dark.

THANK YOU

We would like thank the following business for advertising in the West Texas Western Swing program. We could not have done it without your help.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 TMCN 11:30 a.m.	3	4 RANCH RODEO - Coliseum April 4-6	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Begins	7 GOOD SAM'S RV RALLY ALL WEEK LONG	8	9	10	11 State Couples Horseshoe Pitching Tournament HPJR - COLISEUM	12 2nd Annual Gateway Golf Cassic WTC Course
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY Chamber Closed	19
EASTER 20	21 Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.	22	23	24	Relay For Life 25 April 25-26	SHS Prom 26 Coliseum TDPS Clinic Varsity Square
27	28	29	30			

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER!!

CHILD SEAT CLINIC

The Texas Department of Public Safety will hold a child seat safety clinic on April 26th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Varsity Square Shopping Center parking lot. TDPS representatives will be checking seats and replacing recalls. Seats will be given to those who need one.

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State Capital Highlights

Lawmakers eye rainy day fund for state budget
By Mike Cox

AUSTIN — Austin gets its share of precipitation each spring, but lately the daily forecast has included the likelihood of a heat wave of discussion over what to do with the state's rainy day fund - use it to help ease Texas' budget crisis or let it grow for an even wetter day.

Though the state's top three leaders have all said they want to handle the $9.9 billion budget deficit by cutting expenditures and not raising taxes, 23 of the Senate's 31 members appeared to be leaning toward coming up with a funding package of non-tax revenues rather than resorting to draconian spending slashes.

Prominent on the radar is the notion of tapping into the so-called rainy day fund, an emergency account created by a 1988 constitutional amendment.

"It's my belief that in order to pass an appropriations bill that we can get the votes for in the floor of the Senate, we will need to use the non-tax revenues that we have been discussing," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. If no new revenue sources are developed, it would take a 12.5 percent cut in services to balance the budget. State officials have said that would be a bone-deep cut.

Ways to raise revenue without raising taxes under consideration include borrowing against the state's tobacco lawsuit settlement endowment, putting off payment of selected public education expenses and using some of the state's $1 billion rainy day fund (a proposal that clouds up Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn's disposition.) Strayhorn's office administers the fund, but she can't prevent it from being used. That's up to the Legislature, though it takes a three-fifths vote to do it.

House Appropriations Committee chair Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, had proposed using the fund, but writing into the budget bill a payback provision.

Something borrowed.... Best quote of the week was something borrowed, but still memorable. Gov. Rick Perry, in a speech to the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, cautioned against using one-shot revenue sources (read: the rainy day fund) or bookkeeping tricks to make up for the projected budget shortfall.

Solving the money shortage by changing accounting methods, the governor said, reminded him of Wimpy in the Popeye cartoon series.

"It's the same as saying, 'I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today,'" Perry quoted hamburger addict Wimpy. If the answer to the state's financial woes lies in Popeye, what the Texas economy really needs is a rush order of spinach.

Northeast Texas search continues...

Though most of the media scrutiny has been diverted to the war in Iraq, another concerted campaign continues in Northeast Texas - the search by state and federal personnel for space shuttle debris.

Two months after the loss of the Columbia, more than 5,000 people are still looking for pieces of the lost spacecraft. Nearly a quarter million acres in 41 counties have been searched, an effort that has resulted in the recovery of 27,537 pieces of debris.

Letter to the Editor

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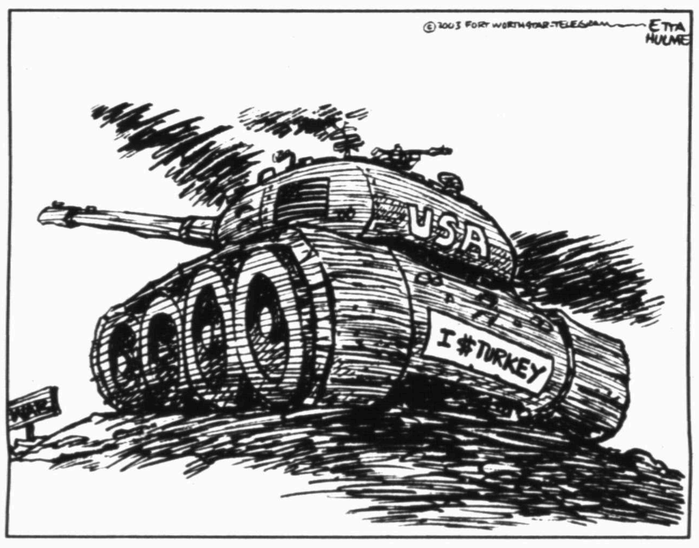
Dear Editor:

On behalf of the boys and girls Tiger track teams, we would like to thank the businesses that helped make our Canyon Reef Relays a success. Thank you to Snyder National Bank, American State Bank, Texas Savings, West Texas State Bank and First American Bank for monetary donations.

Thank you to Wal-Mart for donating drinks and paper goods and to United and Davidson's IGA for donating a portion of the noon meal.

Thanks to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly during the track meet. We look forward to another successful meet next year.

Sincerely,
Roger White,
Boys track coach
Todd Pollard,
Girls track coach





How rodents can live a better life

by Rix Quinn

Say, do you have rats at home? No, not hubby, or that fifth cousin who rented the guest room. I'm talkin' about critters with fuzzy ears and whiskers who slither around the house after dark, pick up crumbs, and eat from the dog's bowl.

No...not Aunt Gladys. Pay attention! I'm talkin' mice. If they live with you, this information can provide them a higher quality life. Isn't that what you want for your rodents?

See, rat researchers discovered that if you put older ones on a low-calorie diet for four weeks, it may keep them from aging.

Therefore, if you want mice to live longer, reduce their intake.

One month from now, you can point proudly to your rats as healthy parasitic scavengers who leave waste and disease in their wake, just like some politicians.

Please follow these steps to insure elderly mouse health:

1. First, summon the rats. Simply yell out, "Dang, I just spilled my corn flakes...and I can't see a thing since we blew that fuse."

2. Next, determine if your mice are pubescent, middle-aged, or old. Show them a standard trap. The old and middle-aged will flee. Younger ones will laugh at the dated technology.

3. OK, so now you've found the grown-ups. Which ones are older? Darn it, you just can't tell! Here's why...

4. Mice — and their larger cousins, rats — live on the lowest rungs of the food chain.

Hawks, crows, and owls serve them at cook-outs. Foxes, dogs, and cats dip them in hot sauce. So...

5. Hardly any of them reach old age. Therefore, any mice you find — and switch to a low-fat diet — should be able to infest your groceries for months to come.

6. As you know, rat research led to discoveries that helped humankind. You save a mouse today, and it may save you tomorrow! But on the other hand...

7. Do you really want mice? Of course not. And neither does Aunt Gladys, unless she especially likes hairy protein.

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Hermleigh ISD	5
Snyder ISD	3
Ira ISD	2
DCOS	1
City of Snyder	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

Mining gold for the golden year

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Love, health, wisdom and wealth are not the only aspirations of we humans, but they sometimes rank right up there with oxygen.

In the past, this column has commented least often on the last of these blessings, a shortfall we'll begin to remedy herein.

Among the quickest ways to acquire wealth are:

1. Be conceived by parents who are rich as stink and who share the loot with you reasonably soon after their fortuitous coitus (ain't that a grand way of puttin' it?).

2. Hit the lottery, a bank safe, the publishers' sweepstakes, or a backyard oil gusher - all about equal in likelihood.

3. Marry a billionaire, billionheir or billionheiress who is too dumb to saddle you with a restrictive pre-nup agreement. (Same level of probability here, and the post-nup commitment might be a more-than-offsetting liability).

Firstwife and I, last time we checked, were not within fantasizing distance of Forbes' roster of the obscenely affluent, but neither are we trapped in a poverty pocket.

Although we primarily live on a fixed income, it is well-enough fixed that we don't have to do anything we don't want to do, at least occupationally. We want for nothing we really want and wish for little more than continuing love, tolerable health, and such wisdom as has rubbed off on us during a combined 150+ years on the planet.

The sum of these three assets is, arguably, wealth enough, but our comfortable economic status is frosting on the cake of a life that wasn't always a cakewalk in other respects.

Mind you, we've never been poor, although flat broke at times. (The latter condition is a temporary setback, while the former can be a way of life.)

Thus, we are abundantly unqualified to write a "Croesus Thesis" on soaring toward the lifestyles of the rich, famous and/or otherwise overprivileged.

However, readers who want to know, for themselves or their progeny, how to "make it" during productive years so as to "have it made" in geezerdom, may benefit from this time-tested formula:

1. Get work.
2. Work like mad.
3. Spend less than you earn.
4. Invest what you don't spend.

Getting work means taking whatever work you CAN get, even if it doesn't fit perfectly into the career path of your dreams. You may have to do what you have to before you can do what you want.

This doesn't mean taking your eyes off the stars, but rather recognizing that necessity sometimes takes the helm, perhaps for an unpredictable period of time.

Whenever you're unhappy with your job (or jobs, if need be), ask yourself if you have any feasible alternatives that are more attractive to you. If the answer is no, shut up and get back to work. It's perfectly alright to yearn for a better lot in life, but bitching won't make it so.

Work as hard as you must to do your job as well as you possibly can. Anything less than a total effort conditions you to settle for less than your full potential.

Spending less than you earn isn't easy, especially in these days of ready credit, tempting TV ads and the peer pressure to keep up with the Joneses (and, most likely, their loanses!).

The best cure for overspending is an ancient drug called Sulfadenial. You don't have to ask your doctor if it's right for you; it IS! And don't keep it out of the reach of children! (Ponder that before you mortgage your future instead of maxing out their student loans!)

If you can't afford something, and you CAN do without it, just don't buy it. Credit card debt is a millstone around the necks of millions of Americans, swept along by the "kinetic solvency" of making only that easy minimum payment each month, and carrying the balance at 18% interest (or more).

Investing what you don't spend doesn't always necessitate a huge surplus of income. Paying down those credit card balances is an 18% annual return on investment, and builds up borrowing power for you in case of future need. So does increasing the equity in your home; and both strategies beat parking emergency funds in pittance-paying passbook savings.

Don't do other dumb things — like going for one of those get-rich-quick schemes that spam up your daily e-mail. Whenever the rewards are quick and spectacular, you can bet your hat and ass that the risks will be commensurately high.

Before any cards are dealt, check out the other players. If you can't spot a patsy among them, guess who the patsy will be!

Gotta run now...it's time for our Happy Hour!

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman's letter to kids:

To children of Fort Hood's soldiers

Last week, we had a story in the American-Statesman from Cedar Valley Elementary School in Killeen about those of you who have fathers or mothers in the Army who were about to go to war. Now the war has begun.

The article, which ran in Wednesday's editions, said your parents, teachers, friends and others were trying to answer your questions about something that must seem both frightening and hard to understand. You love your parents, we know, and you don't want anything to happen to them. And you're also very, very proud of them.

What we want you to know is that there are lots of other people — more than you can count — who worry about them, too. And we also are very proud of them. You are not alone, and neither are your fathers and mothers. We think about them all the time.

You probably have read in your history books or seen movies or TV programs about soldiers in wars that were fought a long time ago, such as the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War II and the Vietnam War. The Americans who fought in those wars were just like your parents: ordinary but brave people who were willing to fight to protect the rest of us. You probably have seen movies or video games with action heroes, but those were make-believe with actors or cartoon figures. If you want to see a real life hero, do what we do: Take a look at your mom and dad.

You probably already know that some people have argued about whether we should fight this war. Some people are protesting it, with signs and marches. But we hope you understand that even those who are against the war don't want your father or mother to get hurt, and they hope that this war will end very quickly. This may be difficult to understand — even many adults find it difficult — but one of the freedoms your parents are defending is the right to say what we think and to protest what the government is doing. It shows just how different we are from Iraq, which has been ruled by a dictator for many years now.

At Cedar Valley elementary, a counselor asked a fifth-grade class, "Does it make you feel good to worry that much?"

One of you answered, "It makes my head hurt."

That was a good answer. Our heads hurt, too, when we start thinking about this war. So we try to think of other things for a little while: We watch a basketball game on television, or read a good book, or talk to friends on the telephone, or do something else to occupy our minds. Or pray. In other words, like your parents or teachers have told you, try to stay busy.

We hope your moms and dads get back soon. You miss them more than anybody. But don't forget: Like you, we're thinking about them, and they're our heroes, too.

Best wishes,
— Austin American-Statesman

El Paso Times

Fort Bliss POWs

War hit close to home Sunday — war and visceral outrage. About 10 Fort Bliss soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company are missing, Fort Bliss officials said Sunday afternoon.

Some are apparently prisoners of war, being held by Iraqi guerrillas. They were paraded for TV cameras and questioned, with Iraqi television footage being shown on the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera. Others may have been executed.

Iraqi treatment of the prisoners is despicable and directly contravenes the Third Geneva Convention's Article 13, which states, "Prisoners must be protected against violence or intimidation, insults and public curiosity."

TV pictures also showed five bodies in the room along with five prisoners. All were said to have been captured around An Nasiriyah, where U.S. Marines defeated Iraqi forces in what was called the heaviest battle of the war. It was apparent that at least one of the dead had been shot in the forehead, which would indicate a summary execution.

Any Iraqi — regular army, guerrilla or civilian — who mistreats coalition prisoners of war, should know one thing: That person or persons will be identified, tracked down and punished. As a resolute President Bush said, "We expect them to be treated humanely, just like we'll treat any prisoners of theirs that we capture humanely. If not, the people who mistreat the prisoners will be treated as war criminals." That treatment includes execution.

The sharp dichotomy with which Americans and Iraqis view prisoners of war was starkly demonstrated in the past day or two.

In one instance, American soldiers, seeking to take prisoners rather than kill them, were ambushed by Iraqis who used white flags to lure the soldiers into their trap. American concern with taking prisoners cost some coalition casualties.

On the other hand is the sneering arrogance shown by the Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammed Al-Douri, in an interview Sunday. Al-Douri callously and almost gleefully dismissed concerns about prisoners of war and their treatment.

It is true that war is horrible, but such a brutally casual dismissal of the conventions of war shouldn't be tolerated, and the ambassador should be held accountable as an accomplice for, in effect, promoting ruthlessness and barbarism in the treatment of U.S. POWs — one of whom is a woman.

All El Paso, the region and the nation mourn the dead. Americans pray with the families who anxiously await word about those soldiers who remain prisoners.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Iraqi miscalculation

While it seems almost contradictory, war has rules — and one of the most important of them deals with the treatment of prisoners.

Nothing angers an army — or a nation — more than the violation of that section of the Geneva Convention.

On Sunday, the Arab satellite television network Al-Jazeera broadcast footage from Iraqi television of what was said to be captured American prisoners of war.

Also broadcast was footage of bodies in uniform in an Iraqi morgue, also identified as Americans. Reports said that some of them appeared to have been shot in the forehead.

Military leaders noted that such treatment of captives violates international law. They also noted that U.S. forces have taken many Iraqi prisoners — but that their photographs are not being paraded across the airwaves — and that they would not be.

The coalition casualty lists grew longer Sunday as ground troops pressed on toward Baghdad, all indicating that, while the outcome of the war is not in doubt, there is much yet to be done and a price still to be paid.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday that "there have to be tough days ahead. Wars are unpredictable. There are still a large number of the difficulties and things that can go wrong that are still ahead of us."

Asked whether casualties could be significant, Rumsfeld said simply: "How long is not knowable. How many casualties is not knowable. And that's just the only honest thing anyone can say."

All but the most optimistic already knew that.

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SGA OUTSIDER'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
APRIL 4-5



WTC Gym
For more information, call Patty Kuhl at 573-8511 ext 360
Proceeds to benefit Student Government Association

Car Winner to be Announced Saturday

The winner of the 2003 Ford Focus donated by Wilson Motors will be announced this coming Saturday, April 5, at 5:00 at Wal-Mart and less than 600 chances have been distributed as of press time. Tax-deductible donations of $10 to Western Texas College will secure a chance for any adult 18 and older. The car will be on final display at Wal-Mart this coming Friday and Saturday up until the drawing, with volunteers receiving donations and dispensing chances. Donations can also be given, and the vehicle displayed, Saturday night, March 29, at the WTC Rodeo in the Coliseum, at the WTC President's office, and at the following businesses: Texas Finance at 1400 25th, First American Bank at 3011 College Avenue, Bullard 's Computer Solutions at 3405 College Avenue, and Barbee Medical Supply, 3801 College.



Annual WTC Spring Formal
Monday, April 21

Formal Banquet: 6pm WTC Cafeteria
Dance: 9pm to midnight
Mr. and Miss WTC announced at Dance
Photos by Wadleigh Studio 7pm to 9:30

Reservations for Banquet due by April 19
Call Patty Kuhl at 573-8511 ext. 276

Getting to Know You

Ann Galyean: Registrar
Hired: October 15, 1980

What led you to WTC:

At the time I was hired I was taking classes at WTC. My instructor recommended me for the job of registration secretary. I was drawn by the prospect of interesting work with a great bunch of people and not having to work weekends. It was a job I held for 14 years until I was "promoted" to Registrar. I have stayed for 23 years because when all is said and done I love the work and have always had a commitment to the college, the students, and the community.



Where do you go from here: Retirement and all the time I want to sew.

My only sister, brother-in-law, and Mother are all in the process of moving to Snyder. We are going to make up for time apart. (Just don't make me travel.)

Most memorable moment: Directly connected to WTC has to be graduating from WTC class of 1983. Personally-surviving breast cancer.

Hardest decision I've ever made: Every decision I have to make I think is the hardest until the next one, but probably accepting the job of Registrar was most difficult for me.

Favorite Book and Favorite Author: My most favorite book of all time has to be "Gone With the Wind". I love anything about the civil war era. I am an avid and diverse reader. Anything from trivial romance novels to time travel to murder mystery to science fiction to self-help. Authors-James Patterson, Tammi Hoag, John Grisham, Danielle Steel, Mary Higgins Clark, Patricia Cornwell, Jude Deveraux, Nora Roberts, Tom Clancy.

Favorite Movie: The Hunt for Red October (or anything with the mature Sean Connery)

Favorite spare time activity: I sew constantly. I am always making clothes and quilts.

Names of family members: Husband, Edwin who also works for the college in Building Maintenance

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be: The Apostle Paul-a man whose life and world were completely changed by faith.

Mr and Miss WTC nominees announced



Melanie Johnson



Amber House



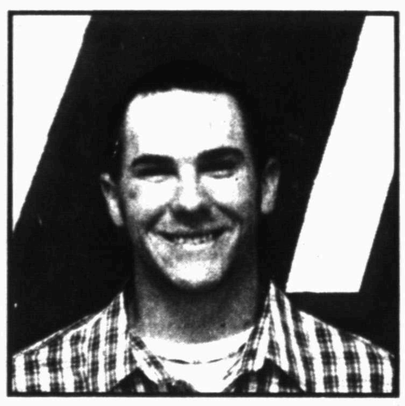
Kasey Crill



Casey Crawford



Jeff Amato



Jade Harris



Cody Carter



Corey Knipe



Bobby Flores

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (SNYDER TX)—Campus favorites were chosen last week at Western Texas College by student vote. Mr. and Ms. WTC for 2003 will be named from the group during the Spring Formal on Monday, April 21 in the WTC Student Center. Nominees for Miss WTC include Kristy Bohannon, of Snyder; Casey Crawford, of Tuscola; Kasey Crill, of Snyder; Amber House, of Watauga, Tx; Melanie Johnson, of Robert Lee; and Holly Gwen, of Colorado City. Nominees for Mr. WTC include Jeff Amato, of Snyder; Cody Carter, of Cove Creek, AZ; Brian Bohannon, of Snyder; Jade Harris, of Hartley, TX; Bobby Flores, of Rule; and Corey Knipe, of Snyder.

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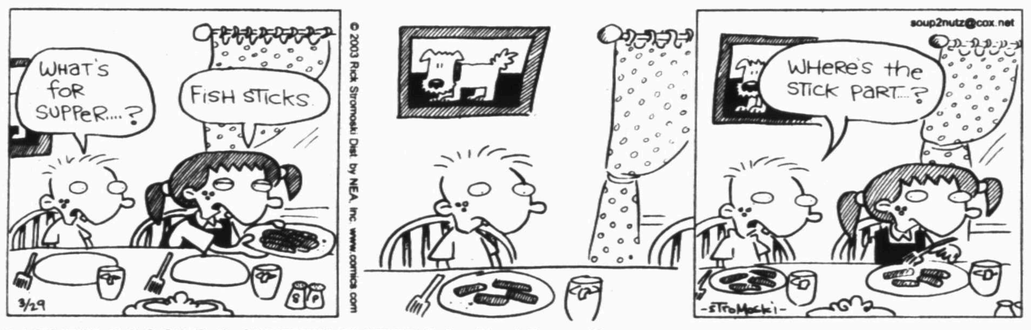
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Hairless
5 Extinct bird
8 File-folder abbr.
12 Drama award
13 Rocker part
14 Wild about
15 Novelist Jean —
16 Deceitful (hyph.)
18 Ballet costume
20 Goof
21 Jo's sister
22 Praise
25 Peace gesture
28 Lounge
29 Honey
33 — summer
35 Fishtail
36 Hoppers
37 Invent
39 Mild cheese
40 Rebekah's son
42 Look sleepy
43 1957 launch
46 Bedouin's attire
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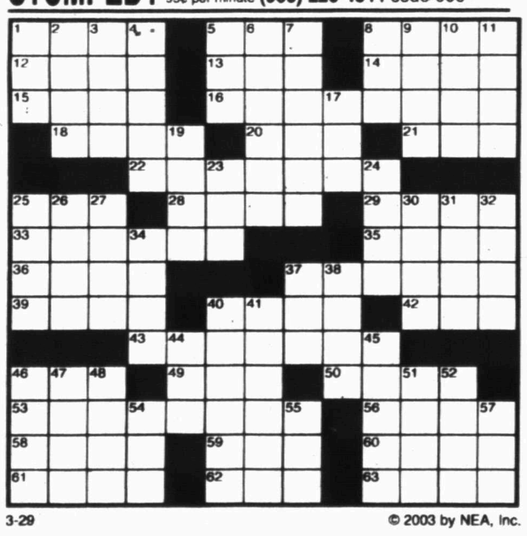
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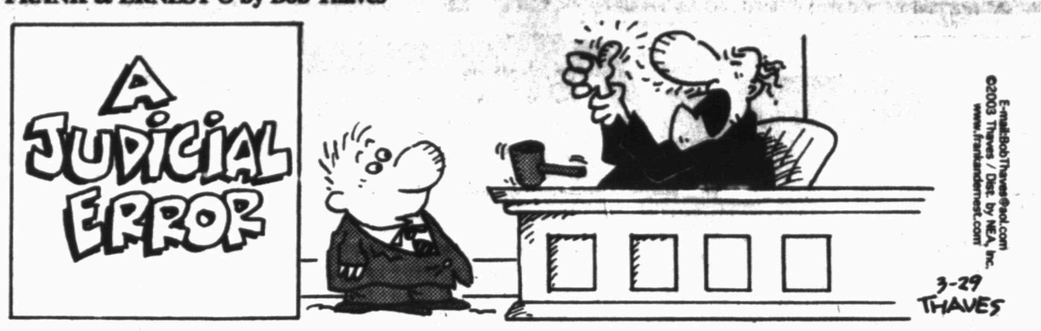
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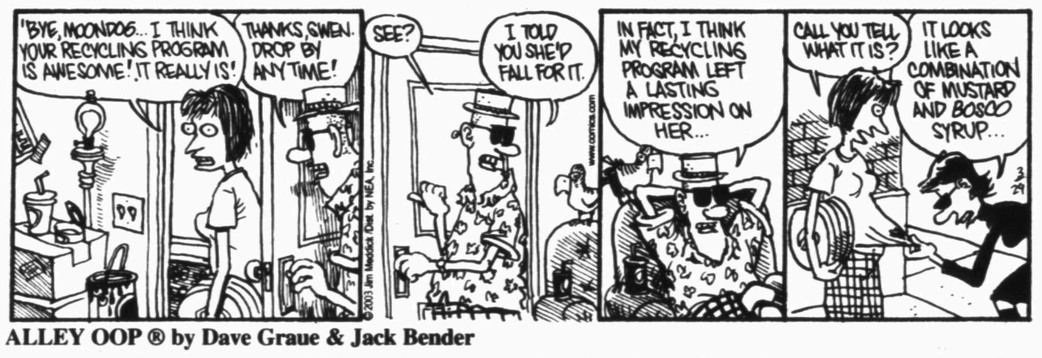
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Your Birthday

Sunday, March 30, 2003

If you have a project you've been working on for some time, stick with it in the year ahead until it is finished. The old holds as much promise to be a winner as does something new.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you don't read the signs correctly today to realize that you're now in a much stronger position in a competitive situation, you may deal from your weaknesses and not from your strengths.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you may not want to be part of it, solving problems for friends could be your forte today. Sorry, it's your lot in life right now to save them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Look to a secondary source today to determine where your greatest possibility for financial yield can be found. It's a channel that most likely has been pried open by another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It might not be the smartest thing to do, but letting your heart rule your head today when it comes to people you like is the kindest choice. You'll want for them what they want for themselves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Conditions that have a direct effect upon your productivity look exceptionally favorable today. However, as time wears on, your energy could begin to diminish, so get an early start.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You won't mind if you have to deal with someone or something today that has political overtones, because you'll quickly maneuver yourself into a power slot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even if you don't think you're in the best position today to resolve a complicated situation, give it a go anyway. Chances are the end results will please you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Both old and new friends could play beneficial roles in your social affairs at this time. You'll have no trouble introducing them to each other and it'll strengthen your involvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be to your advantage today to give priority to any situations that have profitable potential, even if they are in new areas that you've never previously explored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll be a self-starter today and will not wait until others come along to suggest the activities of the day. They'll hop on your bandwagon the minute they see the promise your concepts hold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It isn't likely today that you will be deprived of the things that are due to you. That to which you are truly entitled will be parceled out to you without question.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make it a point today to make your presence felt within your social affiliations. Being part of the good-old-boy (or girl) network has some big advantages for you at this time.

Monday, March 31, 2003

The year ahead might turn out to be a much more dramatic and exciting one for you, and could include thrilling, romantic episodes, impressive friendships and a dynamite social calendar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Nothing is wrong, it's just a plain old blue Monday, and you're not going to be as demonstrative or gregarious a person as you usually are. You simply need a bit of solitude to recharge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Things will have a better chance of working out for you if you make sure that today's hopes and expectations aren't predicated upon any selfish premises. Yield to your inclinations to share.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do things a bit more subtly today when going about the business of achieving your goals or objectives. Do what needs doing, but do so without being obvious or broadcasting your intentions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It behooves you today to roll with the punches and treat whatever occurs philosophically. You'll be far more productive if you don't take yourself or life too seriously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If there is a matter that you've been anxious to get to the bottom of, today is the day to do so. Your abilities to investigate, probe and detect are sharper than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Bounce ideas off of people whose intelligence you respect. Exchanging concepts and viewpoints could prove enlightening and especially rewarding today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You'll have much to be proud of and will get productive results today if you focus on creative and imaginative projects instead of the dull or ordinary everyday ones. Do something different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The concern you show for others will be very apparent and appreciated by those with whom you'll be involved today. It's this type of behavior that makes you popular among your peers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The gratification you experience today from finishing something you have already started will mean a lot to you, especially if it concerns something you've been putting off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Use your imagination for practical, productive purposes by doing what Rudyard Kipling suggested: Dream, but do not make dreams your master, Think, but do not make thoughts your aims.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It is a rather interesting day because there is a possibility that you might be able to turn a profit from selling something you don't actually have in inventory but that you have access to.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today you're designated to take on a leadership role, so put your timidity behind you. Don't be afraid to assert yourself. Mother Nature will back you up when conditions require you to do so.

Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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West Virginia Kmart will close

KIMBALL, W.Va. (AP) — Despite a campaign by West Virginia leaders, Kmart is going ahead with plans to close its store in this isolated coalfield town, leaving some customers nearly two hours away from similar stores.

"That's the way it goes," said Mayor Jack Premo, who enlisted U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd and Gov. Bob Wise in the effort. "Can't tell the people at Kmart what to do."

The bankrupt discount chain announced in January that it would shut down more than 300 stores this year, including the one in Kimball, which closes Sunday.

Officials at Kmart's Detroit headquarters did not immediately return telephone messages seeking comment Thursday.

While other small-town Kmarts are on the shutdown list, the demise of the Kimball store was yet another painful blow for a town that's been no stranger to hard times.

About 160 residents left Kimball following record floods over the past two years destroyed about 40 commercial buildings and houses. About 410 residents remain.

Kimball also has lost six of its 13 businesses during the past three years. Though three small new firms are expected to move in, none will provide the tax dollars or employment opportunities of the departing Kmart, which has 75 full-time employees and about 25 part-time workers.

Muhammad Ali hopes for quick end to war

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Muhammad Ali hopes for a "quick and expedient resolution" to the war in Iraq, with fighting giving way to goodwill, his wife said in accepting a $500,000 gift to build a center devoted to peace.

Ali, who lives in the southwestern Michigan community of Berrien Springs, walked on a red carpet past a bust of Col. Harland Sanders into the headquarters complex of fast-food giant Yum! Brands Inc. to accept the contribution for the Muhammad Ali Center.

The former heavyweight champion grew up in Louisville. The center will promote his humanitarian ideals and house an institute on peacemaking and dispute resolution run by the University of Louisville. The center will also be a showcase for his boxing career and life journey.

The nearly $42 million center, to be built downtown near the Ohio River, "has never been needed more," said Ali's wife, Lonnie.

"Today when our world is filled with uncertainties and challenges and unresolved conflict, our will and intensity and dream of this center is reinforced," she told a large gathering of Yum! employees Wednesday.

The event was like a pep rally, complete with band and Ali placards. But it turned somber when Lonnie Ali spoke about the war in Iraq.

"Muhammad has always been a man of peace, and he just hopes that this conflict we find ourselves in comes to a quick and expedient resolution and there will be goodwill afterwards," she said.

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SACROC unit...

Kinder Morgan makes impact on community

The impact of activity at the SACROC unit by Kinder Morgan CO2 Co. is trickling through the community, with positive economic benefits being felt by almost every business.

The company is in the midst of a $210 million construction project designed to increase production and extend the life of the Canyon Reef formation by 20 years.

During that period, the unit hopes to up production to 50,000 barrels daily and ultimately produce another 200 million barrels of oil.

The increased activity has resulted in contractors from across the state converging on Snyder to handle the workload.

Area motels are housing dozens of contract laborers, while Snyder's restaurants and laundry services take care of other necessities.

Oil-related businesses in town are as busy as they have been in 20 years, according to some.

Jack McDonald, owner of McDonald Welding Supply Co., said his firm is busier than it has been "since the last boom that started in 1978 and finished in 1983."

"Thanks in large part to Kinder Morgan and the SACROC unit and also to the work being done north of Snyder by Oxy Permian, we're staying very busy," he said. "But not just us or the oil companies. This activity is stirring up everyone in town. It's great."

McDonald said more than 60 welders are working at the SACROC unit.

Because of the increased work at SACROC and around the county, Snyder is weathering the economic downturn being suffered by other communities of comparative size, according to City Manager John Gayle.

"We are extremely fortunate as a community to have companies like Kinder Morgan who are willing to invest in the area," Gayle said. "Other towns in this area are losing sales tax revenue every month, but Snyder is not seeing that decrease because of the activity going on right now. We are blessed because of that."

McDonald said the benefit of Kinder Morgan in Snyder is evident "everywhere you look."

"Everybody is working, it's incredible how much activity there is," he said. "There's not an oil-related company in Snyder that isn't benefiting. Every pulling unit and work-over unit in this town is busy, there aren't any of them sitting in the yard. And when the oil field is busy, it's good for every business in town.

"It's really a boom for Snyder because all this money turns over again and again in town," McDonald continued. "The restaurants, the motels, the cleaners, they're all busy because of this. Employees at all of Snyder's business are working more hours and making more money and they're spending that money here."

Many of the contract laborers who work at the SACROC unit daily spend their nights in local motel rooms.

Mellennie Rodriguez, a desk clerk at Best Western on Coliseum Dr., said workers in town for the Kinder Morgan project occupy almost half of the motel's rooms.

"The workers have been in town for several weeks now, almost every night of the week," she said. "It's very good for business. We'll welcome them as long as they want to stay."

Rodriguez said contract laborers occupy 20 of the 39 available rooms on average every night.

Pravin Patel, owner of the Days Inn on Coliseum Dr., also said business has been steady since Kinder Morgan began its project at SACROC.

"Quite a lot of people stay with us from the project," he said. "Some stay a few days and then go home for weekends and then come back. Others stay for months at a time."

MD Laundry is experiencing increased traffic as well, according to owner Margaret Beaver.

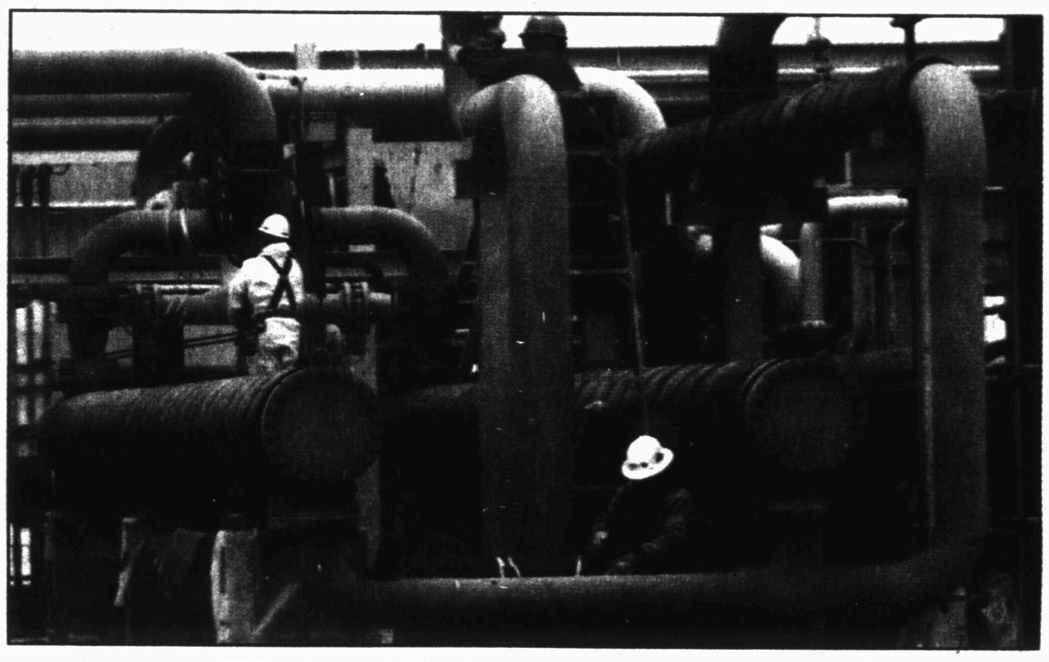
"We do a lot of the welders' cleaning," she said. "It's been great and we hope they keep coming in."

Mickey Nunley, owner of The Plaza Truck Stop and National Fuel and Lubricants, said both of his businesses have picked up because of the activity around Scurry County.

"This is a very big deal for everyone in this community," Nunley said. "Kinder Morgan is really a life saver for Snyder right now. I think a lot of folks don't realize what a blessing it is for Snyder that people of this caliber had the vision for SACROC and bought it and are making it work like nobody else has been able to do."

Nunley said the restaurant at The Plaza is "packed with Kinder Morgan workers" every day.

"A lot of people do a lot of business with Kinder Morgan and should be happy they are here," he said. "They deserve a lot of appreciation."



Work at Kinder Morgan goes on

Dennis Jones, area manager for Pool Well Services Co., said all 10 of his work-over units are being used.

"It's better than having them sit idle," Jones said. "This is the busiest we've been in a good while.

"We don't have any units in the yard right now," he continued. "Not all of them are working directly for Kinder Morgan, but some are. That's definitely a good thing for this area."

Also benefiting from the temporary influx are Snyder's mobile home and RV parks, according to Hayden Snow, owner of Trailertopia.

"We've got probably half a dozen guys with trailers out here that are in town for the Kinder Morgan work," Snow said. "I think it's great. Every little bit helps."

Snow said most of the workers drive home on weekends, but leave their trailers at the park.

Howard Bigham, owner of Key Mobile Home Park, also said his park is benefiting from the workers.

"We have about 12 or 15 staying with us and we've had guys out here for more than a year now," Bigham said. "Carpenters and welders and concrete workers, a lot of different workers are staying. They brought their own rigs and they can stay as long as they like."

Kinder Morgan's impact on Snyder's economy is immeasurable, but it stands to grow when the company takes the reins at the Snyder Gas Plant, currently operated by Torch Energy.

The changing of the guard at the plant is scheduled for July 1, according to Rached Hindi, senior operations engineer for SACROC.

Hindi said the transition would be good for Snyder and for Kinder Morgan.

"It's going to be a great fit and it's going to be good for Snyder," he said. "Kinder Morgan stands to benefit by gaining those employees who have invaluable experience and knowledge of the field."

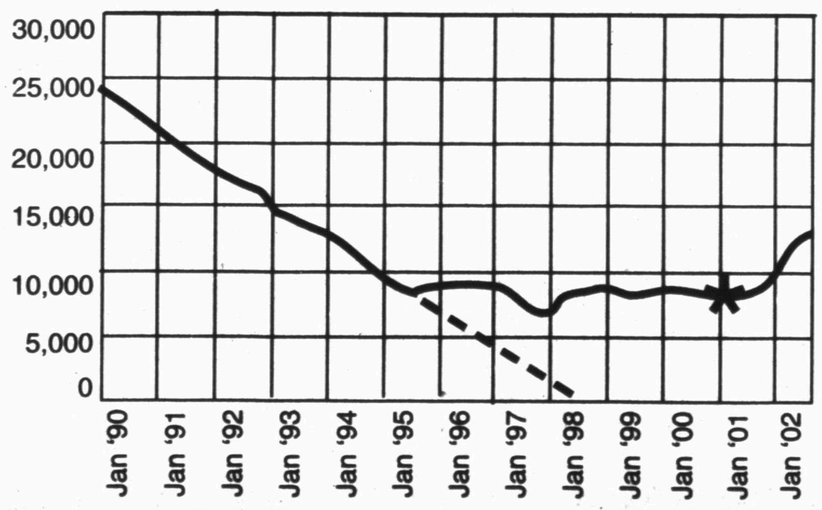
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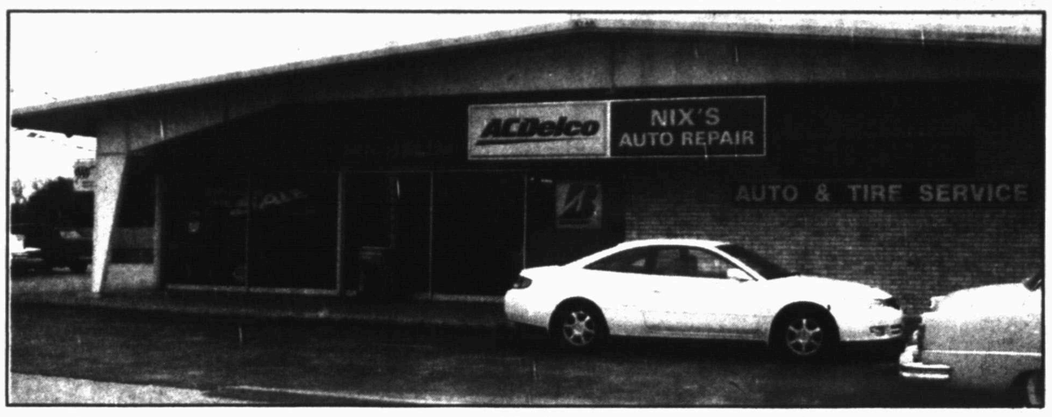
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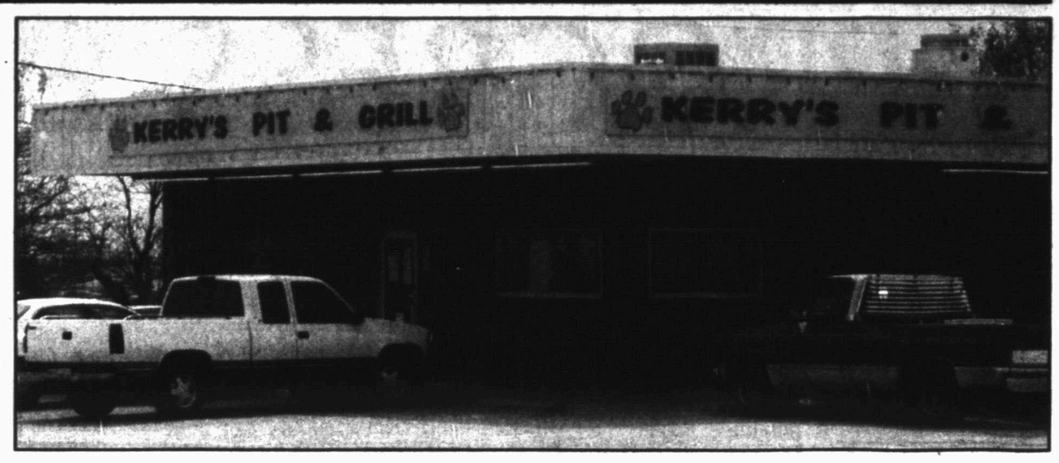
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Kinder Morgan projects boost economy here

Shortly before Kinder Morgan arrived in Scurry County three years ago, the storied SACROC unit was all but played out.

Since that time, however, the company has pumped millions of cubic feet of CO2 into the ground and millions of dollars into the local economy — and the investment is paying dividends for both the company and the community.

Kinder Morgan is involved in a two-year $210 million expansion project at the SACROC unit, which pumps millions of cubic feet of CO2 into the ground daily.

Pete Hagist, SACROC unit superintendent, called Kinder Morgan's relationship with Scurry County "a wonderful marriage" and said the project is going well.

"As anybody who has driven down FM 1611 in the last year can plainly see, we are in the midst of a two-year ramp up program that will have the unit's production up quite a bit higher than it is today."

And even today's production is much higher than what it was a decade ago, when Pennzoil took over operations of the unit from Chevron and initiated a turn around plan.

Hagist said at the time, the field was within 12 months of running out of economic life and shutting down. The plan worked and production had quadrupled by 1995 and was able to level out instead of continuing downward.

Since that time, Devon Energy and then Kinder Morgan has taken over operation of the unit and production continues to increase steadily after a low of 7,000 barrels per day.

The Canyon Reef formation is currently producing an average of 16,000 barrels of oil per day, but Hagist said his company has set a goal for the field of more than three times its current amount — 50,000 barrels daily.

A 16-inch pipeline is under construction from Denver City to Snyder, which will carry enough CO2 for injection to help Kinder Morgan reach its lofty goal.

The construction that can be witnessed at the SACROC unit is the installation of six new compressors that will inject the larger mass of CO2 into the formation.

The new pipeline and compressors — two 8,000 horsepower and four 5,000 horsepower units — will inject 120 million cubic feet of CO2 per day.

With the pipeline and other construction at the SACROC unit, the company is investing $210 million in Scurry County this year. That's a third of Kinder Morgan's operating budget, Hagist said.

"We are heavily committed to Scurry County and Snyder and the SACROC unit," he said. "This is a 20-year program and we are going to make it work for everyone."

The company hopes to generate 200 million barrels of oil over the next 20 years.

Kinder Morgan is investing an average of $21 million per month in the county, Hagist said, and added that the SACROC unit and the Canyon Reef formation are more profitable than any deepwater projects.

"This is an absolute world-class project right here in our own backyard," he said.

When construction and installation is complete, the SACROC unit will be home to 33 compressors at work 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

The gas, mined in Colorado and piped to West Texas, is injected into the formation to lower the viscosity — or thickness — of the oil, making it easier to draw it from the ground.

Kinder Morgan employs almost 80 people at its Snyder offices, but with contractors in town for construction, Hagist said the company sustains well over 100 jobs in the community.

City Manager John Gayle said the company's contribution to the local economy is immeasurable.

"There is no question in my mind that Kinder Morgan is a wonderful addition to Snyder and to Scurry County," he said. "There are many other communities in Texas that are facing economic problems and decreased sales taxes that Snyder will not suffer. We are extremely fortunate to have them here."

Gayle said the company's long-term commitment to the area will save "a lot of consternation" for all taxing districts in the county for years to come.

Another benefit of the SACROC unit — the largest of its kind in the world — is the attention it draws to Snyder from other companies all over the world.

"I understand that executives from other countries are making their way to Snyder to tour the facility and see the work that is being done," Gayle said. "That is very positive for this community as well."

Kinder Morgan was founded by company president Rich Kinder, a former Enron president, who left that now-defunct company.

"Mr. Kinder had the belief that the key to success in this industry is hard assets," Hagist said. "And now everyone knows he was right."

At its inception, Kinder Morgan was valued at $80 million, but has grown since that time to its current value of an estimated $15 billion.

The company's local construction also is a boon for local business, from motels to restaurants as well as oilfield service contractors.

SACROC UNIT

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and of the gas plant were unknown.

"What we are doing will expand the life of the field significantly and will mean good things for everybody," he said.

Torch employs 28 people at the gas plant and Hindi said some or all of those workers could become Kinder Morgan employees.

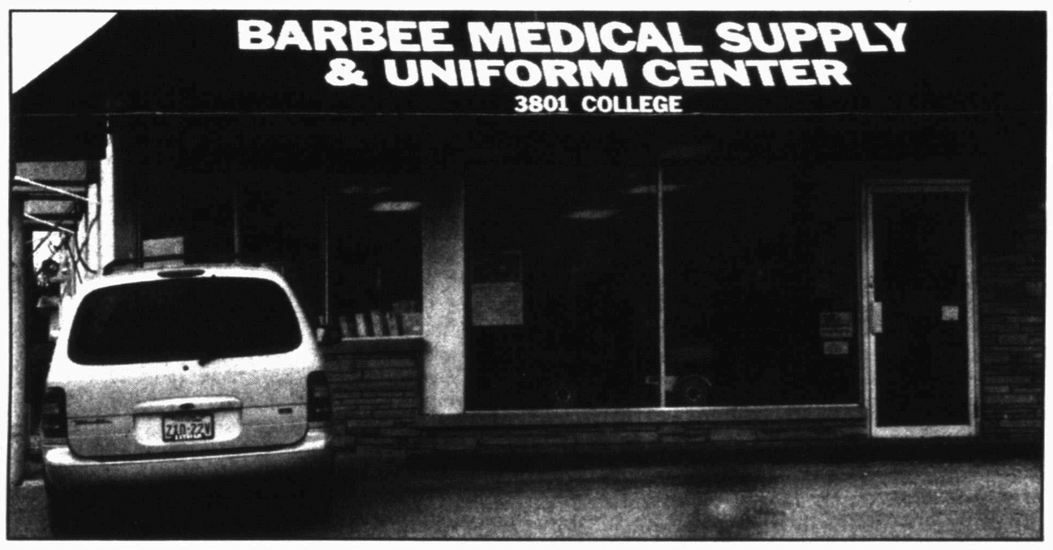
The SACROC unit is a "major part of Kinder Morgan," according to Hindi and is the company's only oil producing entity.

Gary Norwood of Kinder Morgan, also thinks the transition will be positive. "We already work closely with the plant. We're already a team."

Norwood said 99 percent of the gas processed at the plant is Kinder Morgan's. The plant processes hydrocarbon gas and operates continuously, year round.

"I think the only thing that will change is the name on the sign," Norwood said.

The gas plant also is undergoing construction, gearing up for increased volume on completion of the SACROC unit upgrade.



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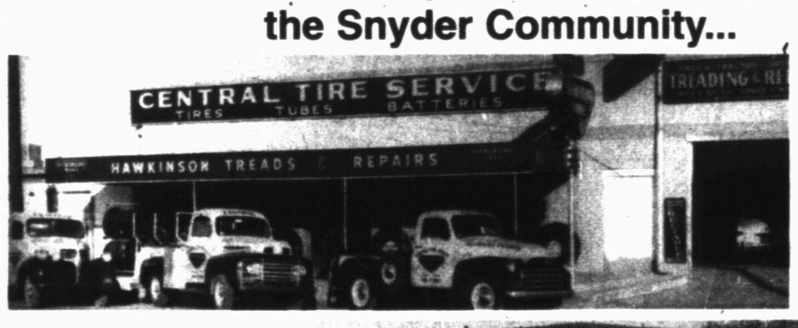
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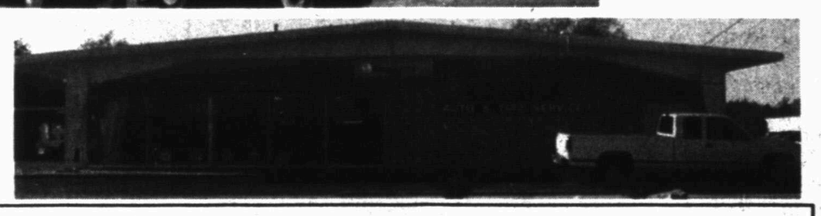
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Snyder Brick & Tile is 'holding its own'

Despite a sluggish economy nationwide and home building trends beginning to wane, Snyder Brick and Tile is "holding its own" according to plant manager Mitchell Goodger.

When the plant reopened a couple of years ago, its new owners had great expectations. Now their expectations are coming true and Snyder is benefiting because of the plant's success.

The company has weathered some tough times in the building industry, but right now, it is "doing very well," Goodger said.

"We've increased our distribution into the southeast United States as far as Florida," he said. "Our product is really gaining popularity in those regions from Nashville to Birmingham to Florida. That is helping us greatly."

Bricks are selling fast and the company this year moved its headquarters from Brick Plant Road to a renovated building on Coliseum Drive.

The façade of the building was refurbished and a showroom is included at its front with office space as well.

Goodger said the plant is running at about half speed right now, but production will pick up as the weather warms.

Another sign of the times contributing to slower home building around the country, Goodger said, is the uncertainty looming with the possibility of war.

"People don't want to build a house if they think their country is on the brink of war," he said. "But everybody I've talked to in this industry is of the opinion that once this Iraq business is finished, everybody will be ready to go again and start building again."

But the plant manager was quick to point out that things are still going well in Snyder.

"Right now we have about 1.2 million bricks in the yard and almost all of them have already been sold," Goodger said.

The plant, which now employees more than 50 people, is producing roughly 250,000 bricks per week.

The majority of the bricks used to go to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, where "they were building houses faster than you can imagine," but Goodger said the influx of people into that area has slowed drastically since Sept. 11.

"The high-tech corridor between the Metroplex and Austin has slowed down a lot," he said. "But that's why we're looking for distribution in other areas."

With 50 employees and dozens of trucks in and out of Snyder every week, the plant's affect on the local economy is significant.

Dayton Robertson, DCOS chairman, said Snyder is blessed to have a facility like Snyder Brick and Tile.

"Like any manufacturing business, they bring dollars into our community that otherwise would not come to us," Robertson said. "Because their product goes outside our city, the dollars flow in."

Robertson said the plant is an important part of Snyder because it continues to contribute to the economic growth of the city.

"They have invested a lot of money in the assets of their production facility," he said. "That's why the county partnered up to construct the road across from Hwy. 208.

"Just like anybody else, as long as they stay in business and contribute to the area, they are an asset to the community."

Goodger attributed the plant's success to the uniqueness of it product.

"The reason we're being accepted so quickly in the market is our bricks have a handcrafted quality to them - kind of an old-world style," he said. "They don't have straight, perfect edges like the bricks most companies make. Every brick that comes out of our facility is individual, there really are no two alike."

That quality is made possible by the unique process the plant uses to form the bricks. The still-wet bricks are cut to size, just as they are elsewhere, but then fall down two sets of steps.

Tumbling down the steps results in bricks with rounded edges, dented faces and snubbed corners, all of which appeal to builders and more importantly, to buyers.

"Our bricks, with their imperfections, lend a much softer look to a house," Goodger said. "The curb appeal of a home built with our bricks is noticeably better. People like how this looks instead of the normal 'cookie cutter' perfectly square bricks they're used to seeing."

Another reason for the plant's success is its ability to produce its product at less expense than its East Coast competitors making it possible to pass those savings on to buyers.

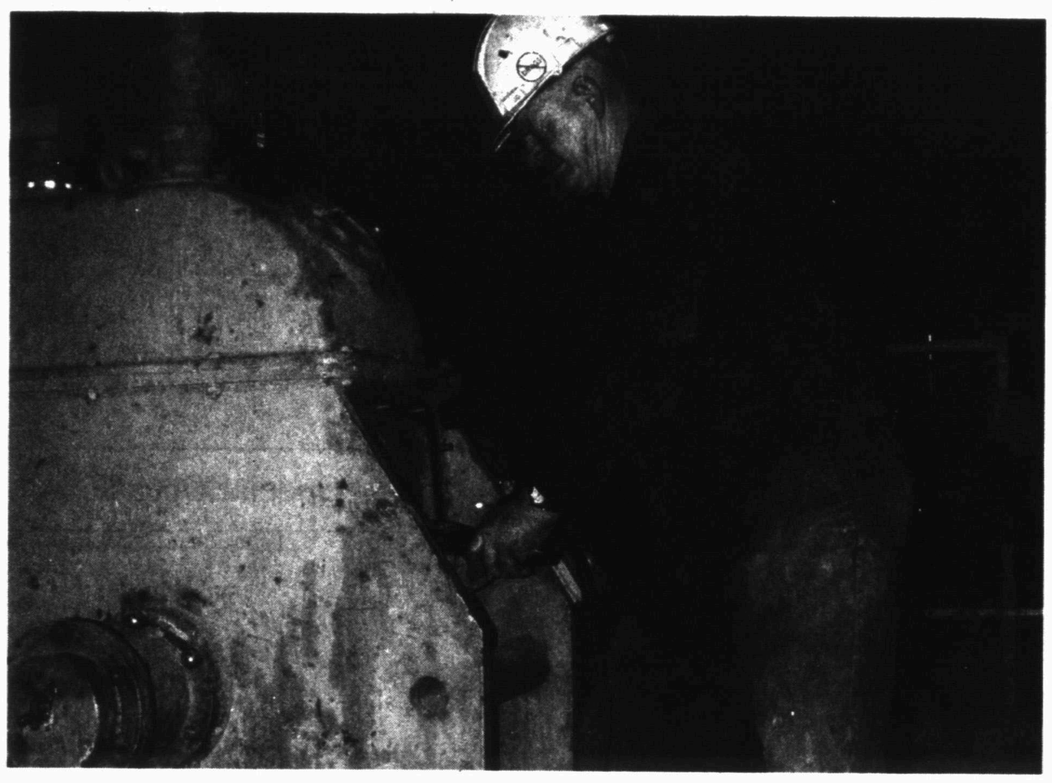
"We have implemented new technologies with old processes," Goodger said. "We've taken the best of both worlds which makes our process more economical and our product more affordable."

Some 25 truckloads of brick per week leave the plant for destinations in numerous states.

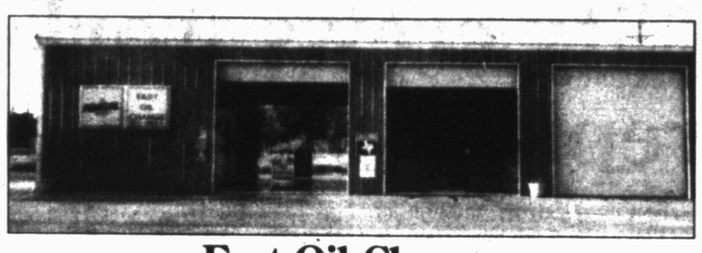
"We have three trucks of our own that are constantly on the move," he said. "And each distributor has their own trucks as well that come in and pick up their bricks."

Goodger said the plant will continue with the hand crafted style it is producing now and no upgrades or changes are planned.

"I'm a firm believer in 'Do what you do and do it well,'" he said. "I'm very satisfied with our product, but more importantly, our customers are too."



Snyder Brick and Tile

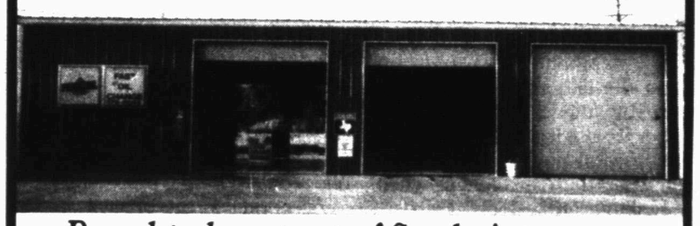


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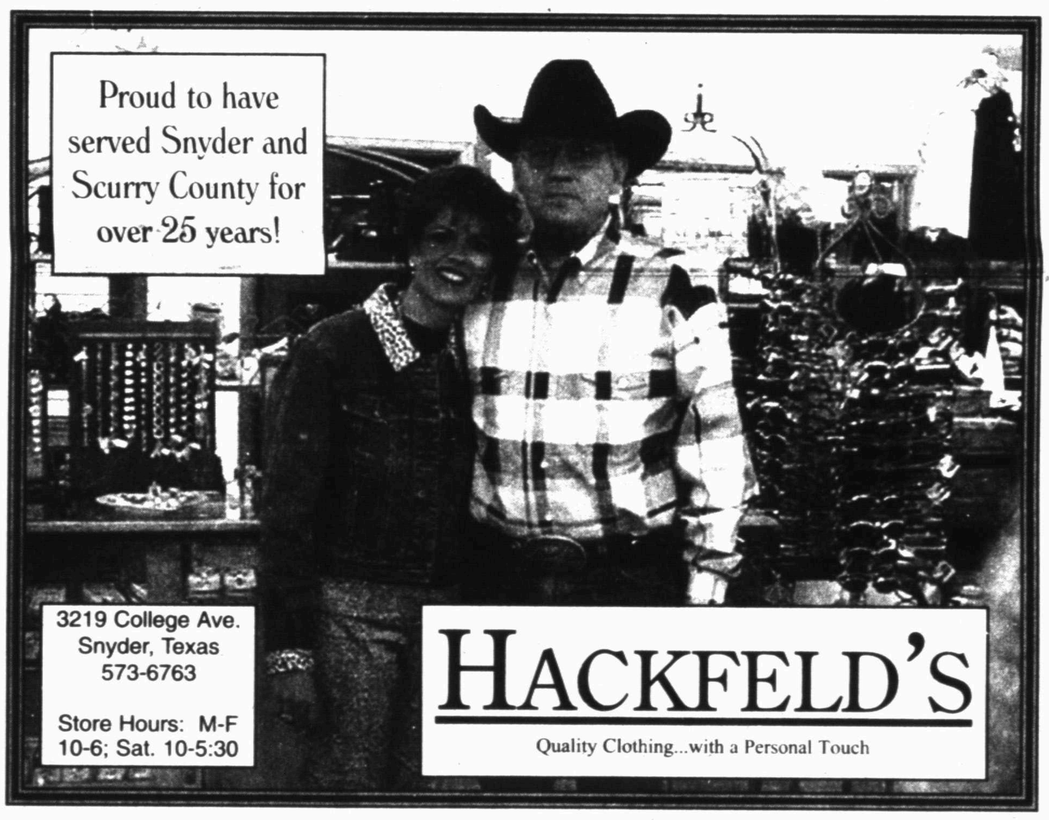


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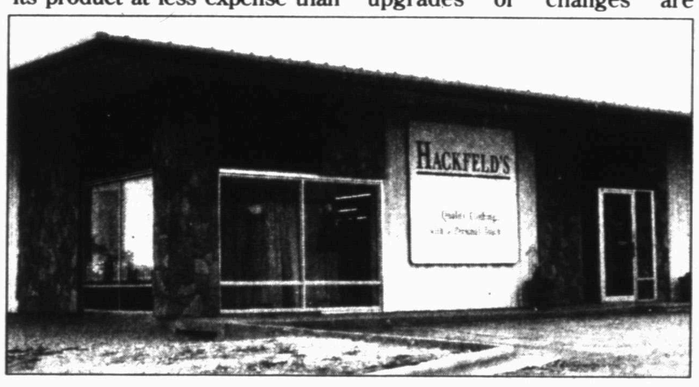
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City crews work hard to replace old water lines

The City of Snyder, through its city council and administration, is continuing in its program of replacing aging water lines to improve the quality of water to citizens, and to reduce the "line loss" of water to the city.

Line loss and poor water quality prompted the city to support a program to replace old cast iron and galvanized pipes throughout the city's infrastructure.

When this program started, the line loss was more than 18 percent, now it is 7.75 percent – a substantial savings.

The benefits of the program can be measured in several ways, including saving money by reducing overtime spent repairing emergency leaks, reduction in customer complaints, and the all-important line-loss factor.

There is always some water loss besides leaking lines, and it is caused naturally by evaporation during the filtering and treatment process.

The city also loses water through theft, malfunctioning meters and even when there is a fire, or when fire hydrants are tested.

The Texas Water Development Board has a rating system and sets standards for cities and other water providers to continually strive to reduce their line-loss numbers.

A city that has less than a 10 percent loss is very good.

A line-loss of 11 to 14 percent is considered average, while anything over 15 percent is considered a serious problem for the provider.

According to city officials, if the current line-loss figures were compared to the figures in the late 80s, the loss to the city would be $351,070 annually.

Today's figures show a reduction of $144,490 yearly that reflects the city saving some $206,580.

The water line replacement program started as problem areas in the city were identified.

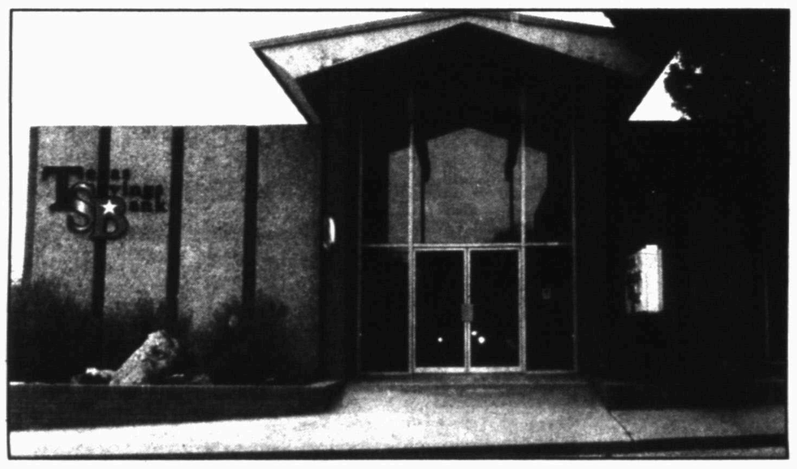
Serious work on the problem began in the summer of 1992 and most of the major work at that time was contracted out. However, in order to save even more money, the city began to use more in-house labor and a designated water-replacement crew.



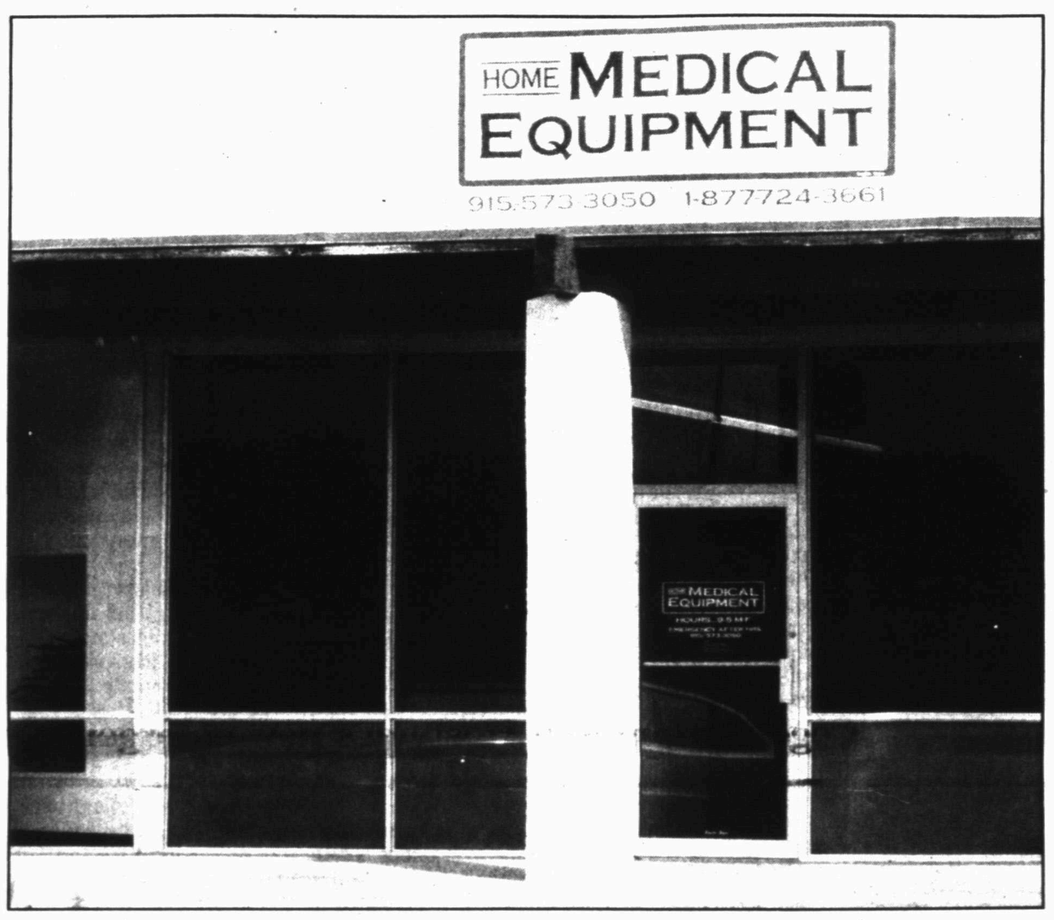
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Snyder, Scurry County and the entire area is served by Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The 99-bed facility is managed by Chief Executive Officer George Parsley and a six-member board headed by Carl Williams, chairman. Others on the board are Dink Foree, Bill Voss, Dr. Charles Church, Terry Williams and Bo Robinson.

Jared Squires is the chief financial officer who has been on the job for about two weeks, and JoBeth Hardegree is the human resources manager, as well as heading the quality assurance department.

Cheryl Chance is the director of nurses.

Christy Brown, administrative assistant, is in the administrative offices along with Parsley and Squires.

Recently, the hospital has undergone renovations of its emergency department, and the surgical unit renovation is on the drawing board.

It has already completed renovations of its radiology department, and day surgery unit.

While many hospitals in rural areas of Texas are facing severe financial difficulties, Cogdell Memorial Hospital continues to grow and expand its facilities and services.

Only recently did it take over management of its rehab center to provide citizens with better care and more services.

It is a county-owned hospital but receives only $395,000 yearly in subsidy from taxpayers.

It's full time medical staff consists of six family practitioners, a general surgeon, an internist, and an emergency medical physician.

The vast majority of the staff is board-certified.

A multi-specialty clinic is provided in the hopsital by visiting physicians in the areas of otolarynology, gastroenterology, urology, oral surgery, dermatology, cardiology, podiatry, ophthamology, ENT, pediatric cardiology and audiology.

The rehab center includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, pediatric physical therapy, fitness center and wellness programs.

The modern, comfortable obstetrics suite includes three LDRPs, and five post-partum rooms and a nursery.

The hospital has its own home health service and complete ancillary services.

It also has a new rural health clinic staffed by a nurse practitioner.

Services include chemistry, hematology, microbiology, blood bank, radiography, fluoroscopy, CT, nucleaer medicine, diagnostic ultrasound, vascular ultrasound, echocardiography, mammography, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehabilitation and other services.

The hospital has 24-hour, seven-day-a-week physician coverage in the emergency room, and a long-term care unit is available on a separate floor of the hospital.

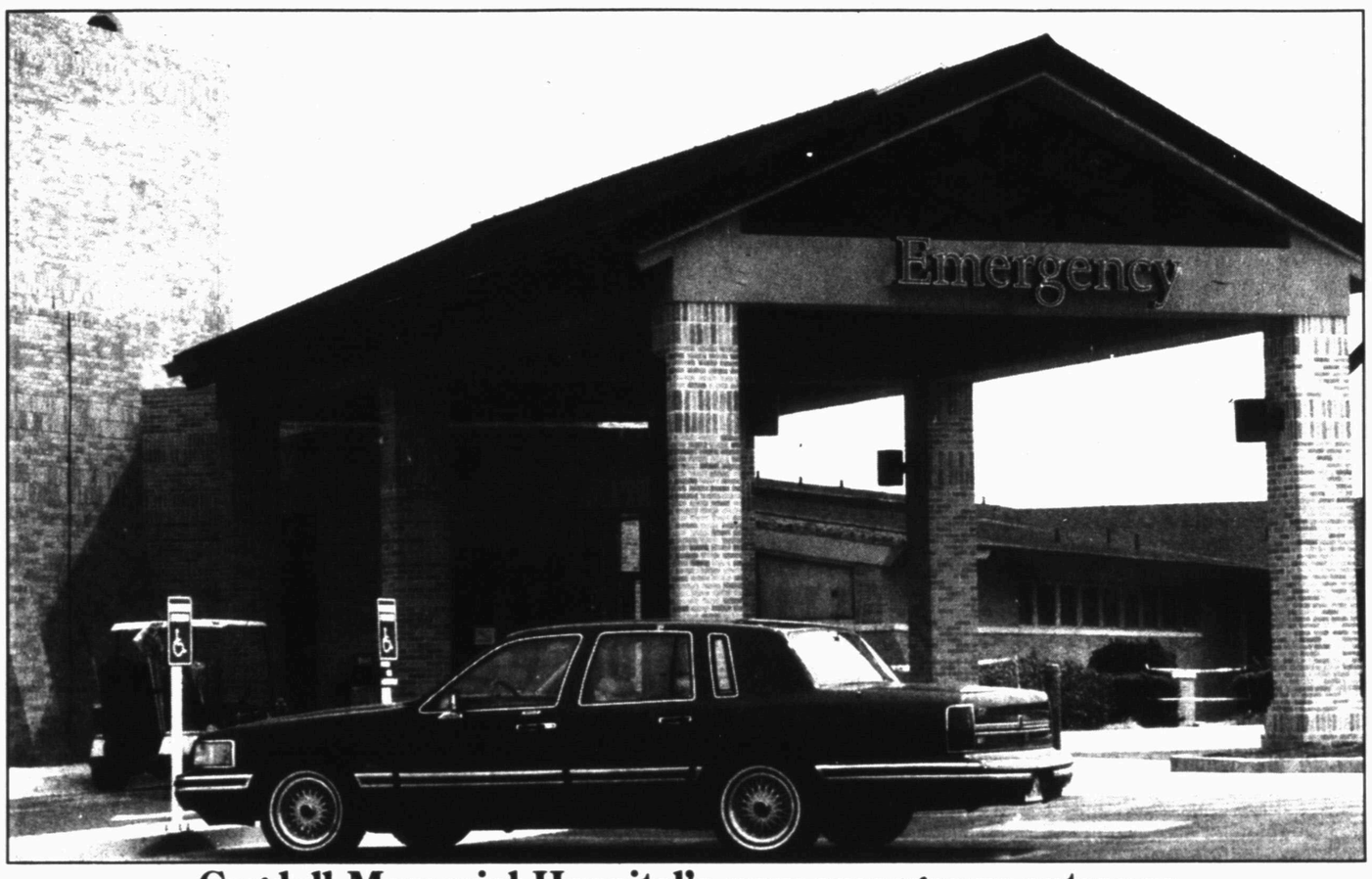
Cogdell Hospital also has a swing bed unit.

The hospital is located at 1700 Cogdell Blvd. on the south side of Snyder just off Texas 350, and the telephone number is 573-6374.

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Paul Thompson	Family
Clinton Wolboldt	Family
Charles Bloomer	Oral Surgeon
Justin Clark	Dermatology
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Jose Del Guidice	Rheumatology
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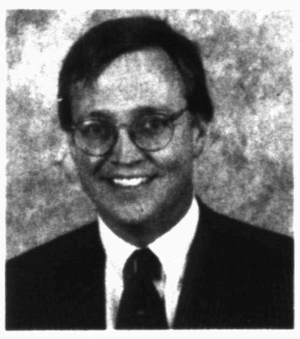
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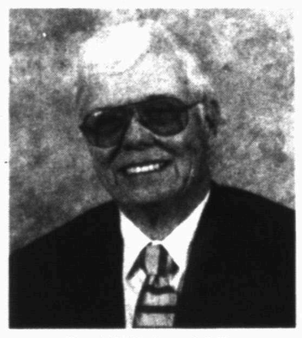
Cogdell Memorial Hospital's new emergency entrance

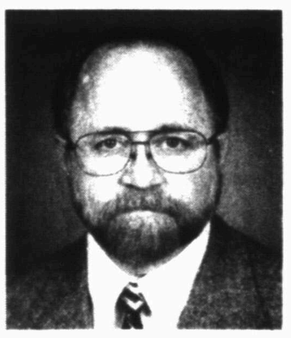
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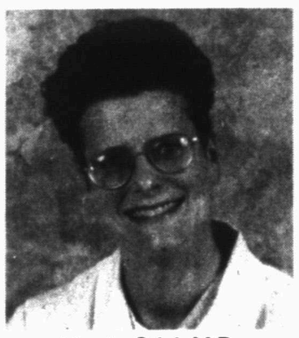

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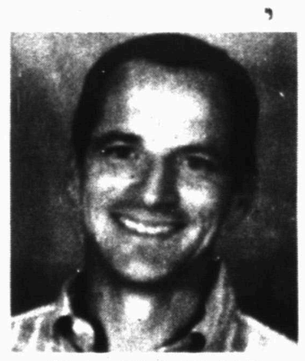

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UCO Textiles off and running in Snyder

Philippe Vlerick, UCO chairman and CEO, and at least five members of the Belgium-based company have been in Snyder as plans were made to take over the former Lorber building in the industrial park.

Vlerick said one of the strengths of their company was the ability to act quickly, as they did with the negotiations on the property.

"We began talking about this in September and here we are today," said Vlerick last November.

UCO had world-wide sales last year of some $200 million, up from $144 million four years ago.

"We believe in investing a lot of cash flow into maintaining state-of-the art equipment, and for expansion," said Vlerick.

The CEO said his company is impressed with the people of Snyder, and they place a big value on the quality of employees.

"Our people are the main part of our company," said Vlerick. "They are one of our main strengths as we stress honesty, creativity and hard work."

The company employs approximately 1,400, with 1,100 in Belgium and the remainder in their plant in Rockingham, N.C.

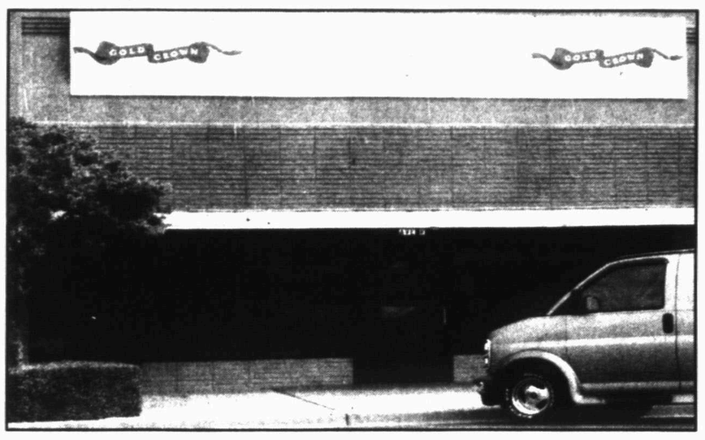
Besides Vlerick, others who have been in the community were Yvan Vandamme, chief financial officer of UCO Textiles; Alain Vermeersch, chief executive officer of UCO Sportswear; Bart Van de Woestyne, president and chief operating officer of UCO Fabrics; Mike Freeman, manufacturing manager from Rockingham; and Dan W. Daly, administration manager and controller of UCO Fabrics.

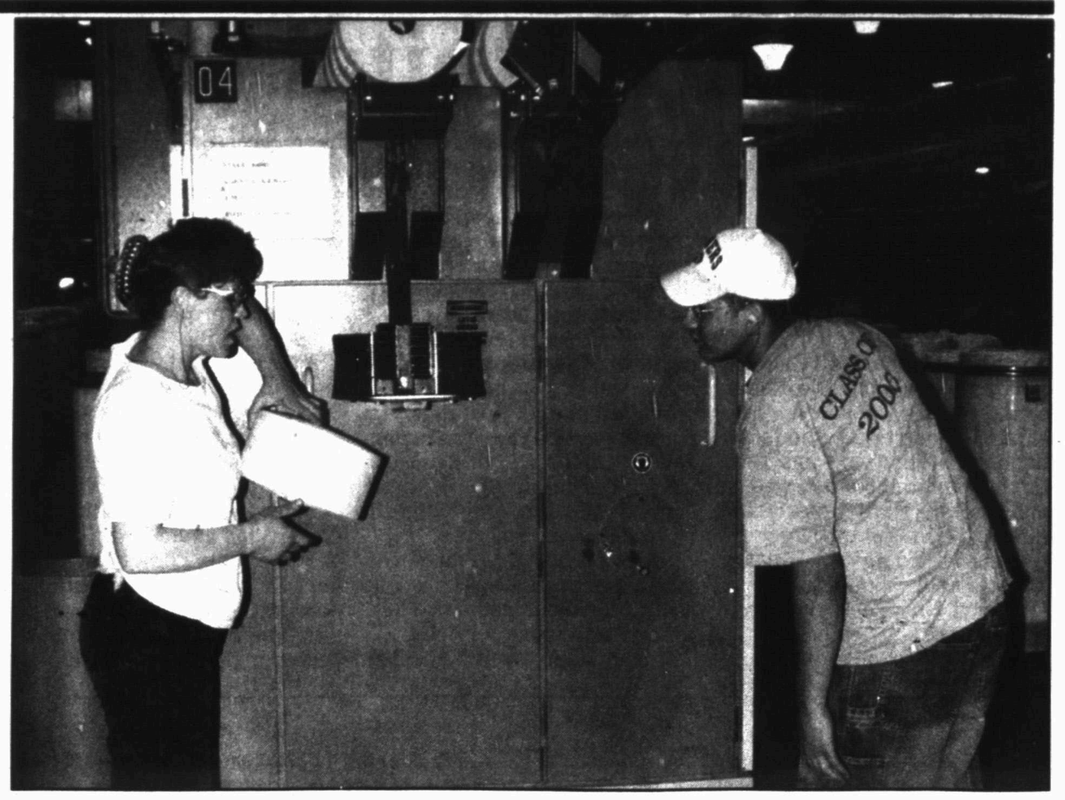
Presently, 30 people work at the plant that is managed by Jack Whitworth.

A new machine recently added will result in 7 or 8 more employees to run a fourth shift at the plant.

When fully operational, it is expected that there will be 35 to 40 full time employees at UCO.

A sample of the product UCO makes here has been sent to Rockingham for approval before full production will begin, according to Whitworth.





UCO Textiles on line

DCOS pushes Snyder for business location

The Development Corporation of Snyder and its board continues to work to attract businesses to Snyder as earlier they approved payments over a 15-year period to Big County Electric as an incentive for UCO Textiles to take over the Lorber spinning mill.

John DeLille, executive director of the DCOS, said incentives in the form of utility assistance is necessary to attract businesses to a community in these days and times.

DeLille said assisting with electricity rates will become the norm for development corporations in Texas since the state's deregulation.

"This is the future of development," said DeLille. "All development corporations will have to provide electric infrastructure just like we have provide gas and roads and lights in the past."

UCO is currently operating in the industrial park with 30 full time employees and two part-time workers.

The company is working three shifts presently and is expected to go to a fourth shift as soon as new machinery is operational, said Jack Whitworth, plant manager.

Whitworth said the new machinery has produced a sample that is currently undergoing evaluation before it will become fully operational.

"We have sent the sample to the Rockingham (North Carolina) plant for approval," said Whitworth.

The new machinery makes "slugs" in the weaving process that will be woven into the specialty denim that the company makes in North Carolina.

"This gives the denim a unique appearance," said Whitworth.

It is expected the mill will employ 35 to 40 employees when fully operational.

The DCOS has assisted in locating other companies to Snyder including Snyder Brick and Tile and AHNTECH at the airport.

Besides DeLille, the only other employee of the DCOS is Tati Nail, secretary.

Dayton Robertson is president of the board and members are James Brown, Mike McWilliams, Mark Cypert and Roy McQueen. Chairman Emeritus is Roy Baze.



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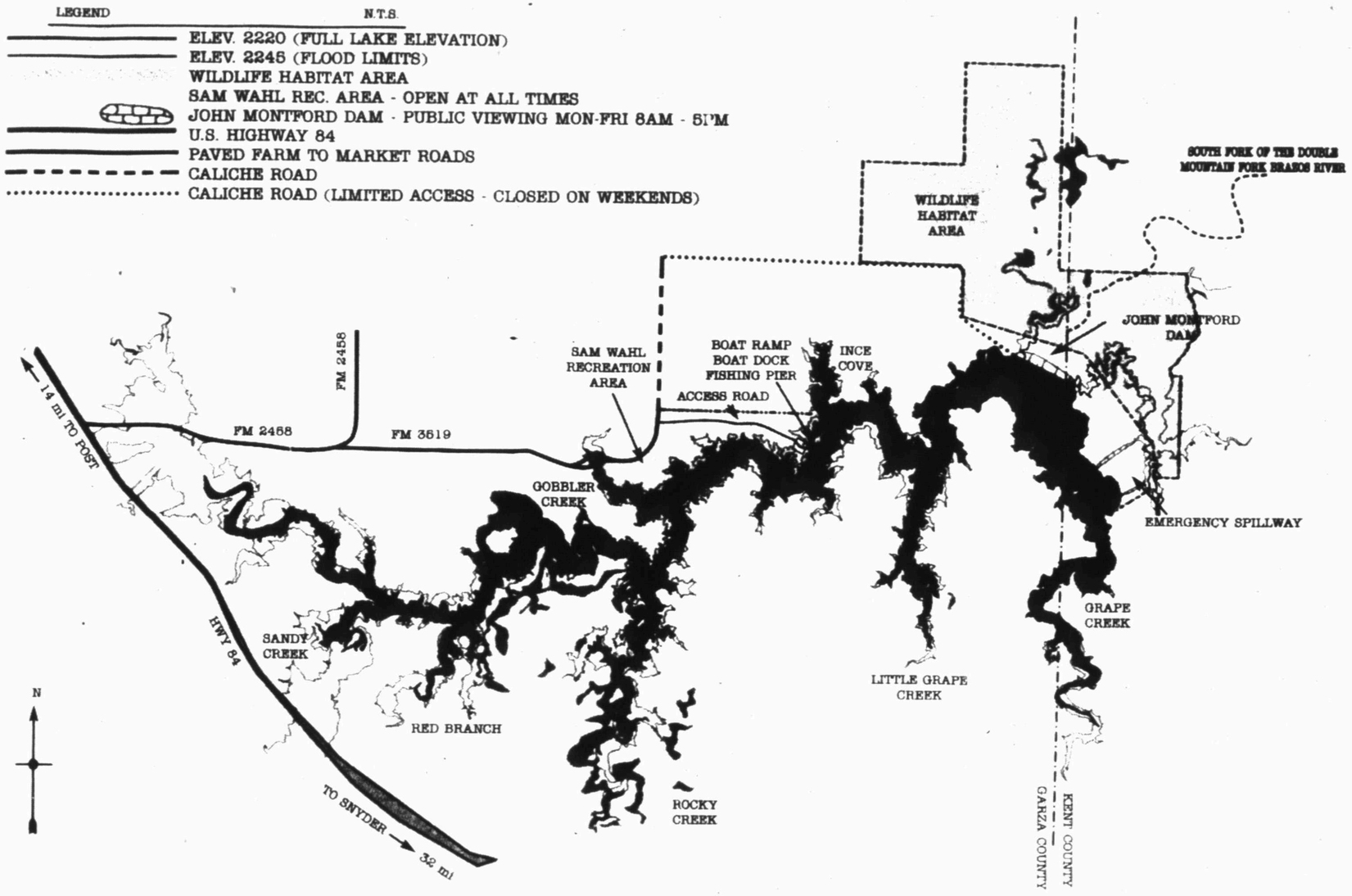
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Fagan and Ashley are promoting area lake

A residential development on Lake Alan Henry near Justiceburg, and only a short distance from Snyder, continues to grow as lots are being sold to a wide variety of people.

Snyder natives LaWayne Fagan and Jody Ashley of the firm of Ashley-Fagan Inc., are developing some 168 home sites on some 1,500 acres, including 64 waterfront lots that are less than 30 minutes from Snyder.

Several lots have been sold to Snyder residents, and a number to professional people from the Lubbock area.

Their development is on the south side of the lake and home sites offer stunning views of the lake and its rugged landscape.

While the development started with 64 waterfront sites, only about a dozen remain.

There are about 120 lots available that are not waterfront, but most have tremendous views of the area.

The development is a gated community with access gained through a code at the entry gate.

A boat launch is also on the development for use of homeowners.

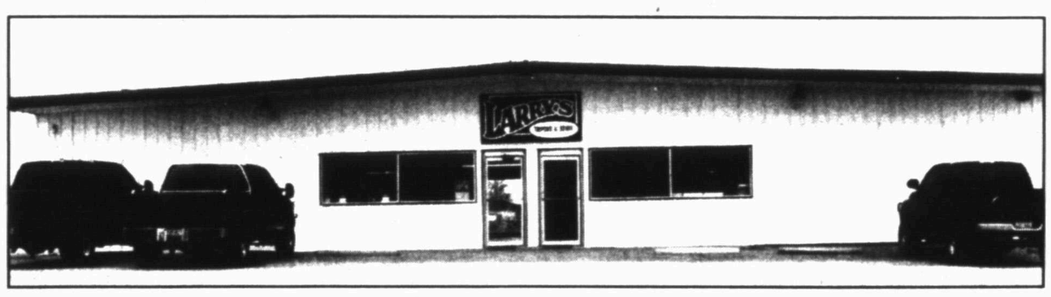
A 200-space RV park is planned for the next project and is located just outside the housing development.

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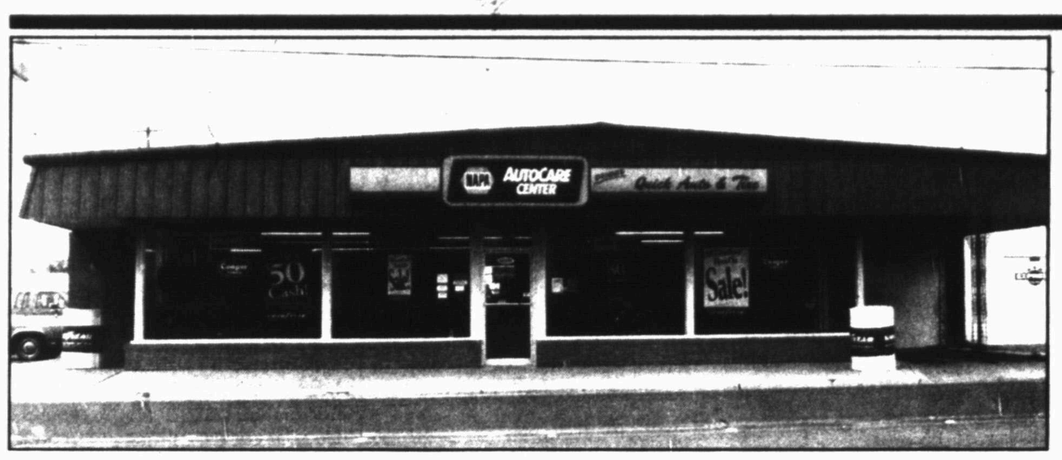
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WTC grows with the times

Western Texas College, situated on the south edge of Snyder, is a two-year community junior college that serves thousands of area students every year.

WTC is experiencing strong growth and has enjoyed four straight semesters of record enrollment.

More than 1,500 students now attend the college and its administration has aspirations of educating 2,000 students per semester in coming years.

The college welcomed a new president two years ago and since has undertaken several projects, including the addition of two athletic programs and facilities to house them.

WTC will have baseball and softball teams and a sports complex is currently under construction.

Dr. Greg Williams, president, said the addition of the programs and the complex will help WTC stay ahead of the curve with other colleges.

"Everyone benefits from the addition of these programs," he said. "We get two exciting sports teams to watch, we get many new students who might otherwise go somewhere else for their education and we get a top-notch playing complex that will improve our campus and the community as well."

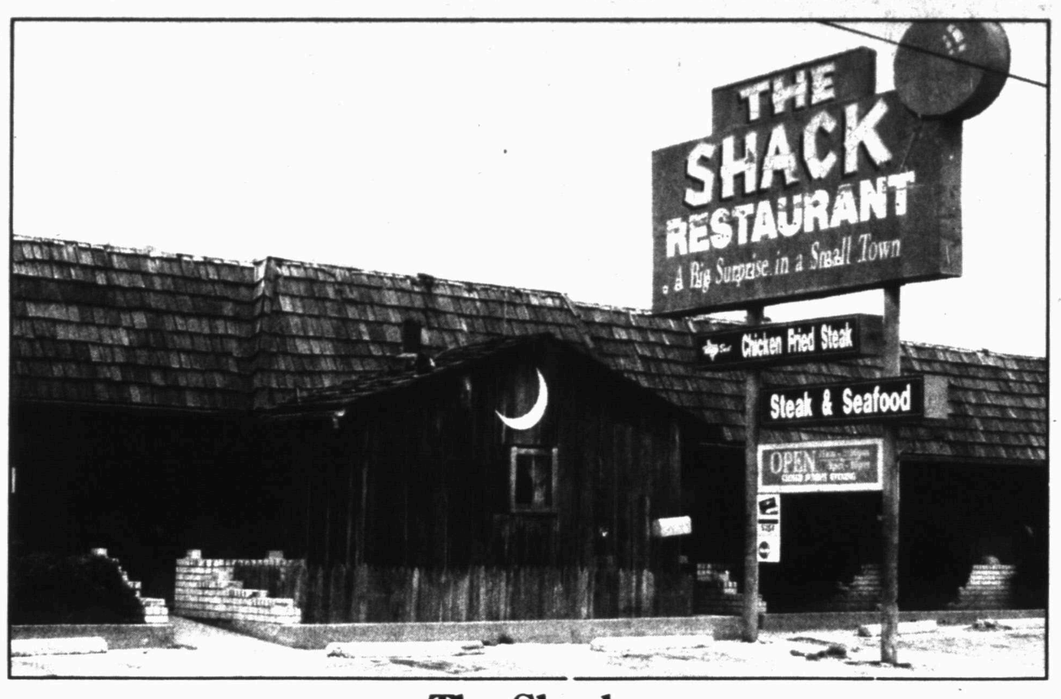
Under Williams' direction, WTC also has been busy this year raising funds for many of its programs.

The college recently received a half-million dollar grant for renovation of its Health and Physical Education building.

The facility houses WTC's basketball court and swimming pool and expansion will include updated locker rooms and classrooms for new programs.

Fundraising campaigns have raised thousands of dollars for the college and its students, both for athletic and academic endeavors.

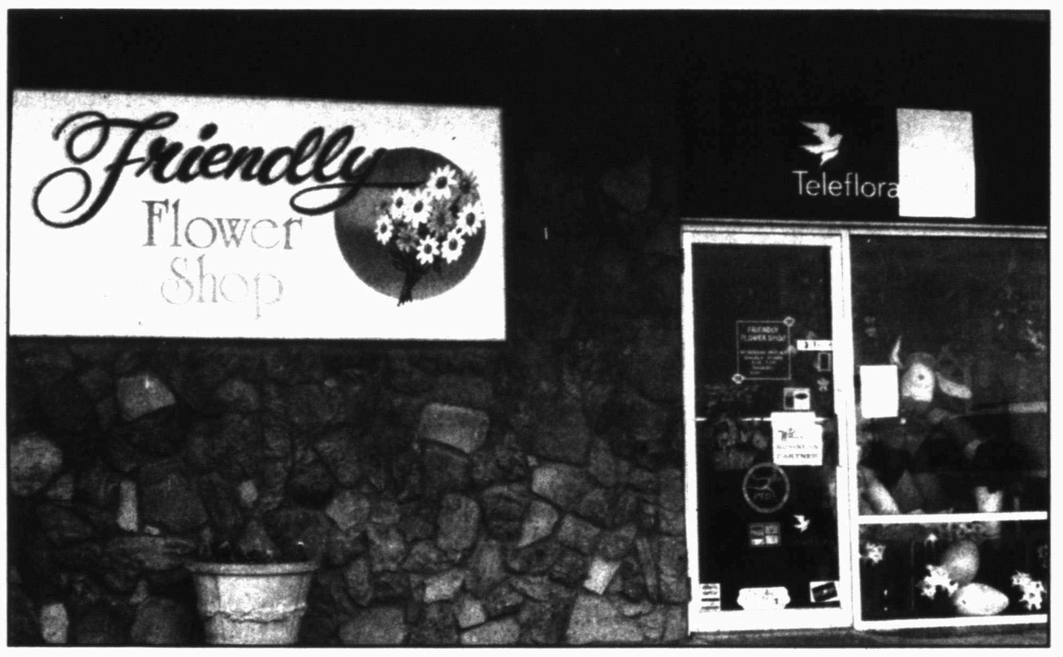
WTC has a lot to offer students, with on-campus dormitories and apartments, numerous available fields of study and an on-campus nine-hole golf course.



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UNDER CONTSTRUCTION — Dirt work has begun at the site of the Western Texas College sports complex on the southwest corner of campus. This is the inaugural season for the WTC baseball and softball teams. (SDN Staff Photo)



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TDCJ payroll exceeds $10 million in county

Few employers are more visible in Snyder than the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Price Daniel Unit, and the economic impact of the agency's location in Scurry County is substantial.

TDCJ's annual payroll locally is more than $10 million and hundreds of man-hours in free labor each year.

The 1,340-bed prison has been a mainstay of Snyder since it opened in August, 1989 after community leaders spent almost two years recruiting the facility.

City Manager John Gayle said locating the prison in Snyder was a community effort from start to finish and the result — the Price Daniel Unit — is one of the community's building blocks.

"That was a project that every entity was involved in and each one had a 'can-do' attitude and did whatever was necessary to help secure it," Gayle said. "We were all working together with one end in mind and that was the preservation of the community for the next generation."

Gayle said the Daniel unit and its 350-plus employees' affect on the Snyder economy is obvious, but less noticeable affects also exist.

"There is no doubt that it plays a huge role here, but there are many collateral affects too," he said. "The prison largely supports the medical community in Snyder and the correctional officer training is a big part of Western Texas College. Those are just two examples, but there are many more. There are a lot of people in Snyder today that would not be here if it were not for the prison."

The Daniel unit and another prison in Amarillo were the first two in the state to be located west of the I-35 corridor and Snyder had much to offer the TDCJ, according to the city manager.

Gayle said Snyder's central location has always been beneficial in economic development, but the city added incentive by offering the 72,000-square foot building on U.S. 84 and the railroad tracks, which is now utilized as the regional distribution center for the TDCJ. An additional 20,000 square feet of cold storage has since been added to the warehouse.

Mike Levens, a trustee for Snyder ISD, is manager of the facility, known as the Snyder Distribution Center.

Levens and his staff are responsible for food and other items for more than 30,000 inmates in Region 5 of TDCJ and two units in Region 4.

On average, the warehouse maintains a $2 million inventory in foodstuffs, and $3 million in inmate supplies such as paper products, cleaning supplies, clothing, footwear and bedding.

The warehouse itself plays a large factor in Snyder's economy with 19 employees and 29 truck drivers.

Gayle said the warehouse in itself has many benefits for Snyder. "There's a lot of trucks in and out of here every day and they get gasoline and other supplies here."

Foresight also was key in locating the prison because infrastructure for the Daniel unit was oversized during construction, making the facility easily expandable should the state opt for more beds.

Another 1,000 beds could be added to the local unit with no additional line work necessary, according to Warden Willhelmenia Howard.

The warden called the relationship between Snyder and the prison "a great one."

"We love this community and the Price Daniel Unit is envied by many in the TDCJ because of our location and our ability to find and keep quality workers in Snyder," she said. "This unit is consistently well above 90 percent staffed and that is better than any other unit in the state."

Howard also said the work ethic of Snyder citizens is much better than that of workers from other areas in the state and said that West Texas workers are "proud, committed and responsible."

Another aspect of the prison is its inmate work program, which is responsible for many projects around the county.

The warden said her staff and the inmates they guard are pleased to help out in the community.

"We get a lot of compliments and people really seem to appreciate us for what we do around town," she said. "That means a lot to our population. It's a real morale boost when an inmate reads a letter or hears a compli ment from a citizen of the free world commending them for the job they've done.

"It's very important to us to help because we are part of Snyder too," the warden continued. "We're not just some state agency out here in the country. The community worked very hard to get this unit located here and we want to continue to do our part to pay them back for that."

One entity that utilizes the inmate workers often is the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Executive director Donna Fowler said Snyder residents should be thankful for the inmates and employees at the prison.

"There are so many things that would not get done in Snyder without the inmates," Fowler said. "People just don't realize how much they do and how much we should appreciate them. They are an invaluable part of this community and they do all their work behind the scenes with very little thanks."

Not all inmates are allowed to work outside the unit's fences, but the warden said those that do are selected because of their skills. She said they take pride in the jobs they do and all agree that they should do the best job possible.

Not all the work takes place outside the prison walls though.

When most people think of prisons, they imagine striped men in small cells, but the Daniel unit is a different story.

Inmates hold jobs in the prison and attend classes to further their education. The unit is home to the largest furniture factory in the TDCJ system and has generated annual income of up to $3 million in the past.

Seventy inmates are employed at the factory, which constructs all types of office furniture for state agencies.

Robert Warren manages the factory and said his inmates can make any type of furniture, but only state agencies may request and purchase the pieces.

"Anything they want, we can do it," Warren said. "They can tell us what they have in mind and if we don't have a plan for it, we'll make one and then we'll build it and then we'll even deliver and install it."

Warren said the current budget crunch across the state has hurt the factory's earnings, but orders continue to come in, if at a slower pace.

"Right now, we have about $106,000 in open orders," he said. "We're averaging probably about $20,000 in a week."

While some inmates at Price Daniel work, others learn.

The Windham School District — the largest in the state — helps offenders obtain many levels of education, from GEDs to professional certificates in select fields.

Inmates attend classes taught by certified teachers every weekday at the unit, beginning at 5 a.m. and continuing until 11 a.m.

Windham employs 31, including the regional staff, at Snyder's unit and accounts for almost $800,000 of the annual payroll.

Some inmates learn basics like reading and writing, while others master vocational skills such as custodial work, mechanics, and carpentry.

The vocational courses require inmates spend 600 hours in the classroom before they are awarded certificates of completion.

Doyle Rice instructs the custodial tech students and said inmates who complete the classes are more likely to find work upon their release from the prison system and are much less likely to be repeat offenders.

"If they make it out they probably won't come back," Rice said. "This gives them an employable skill that they can use in the free world and that's more valuable than anything we can give them."

One of Rice's students, inmate William Musgrove, said he appreciates the class and hopes he can use his new skills to find work in the future.

"I like to do this a lot. I wanted to take this class and learn to be a custodian and I have learned a lot," he said.

Kitty Gunn, principal at the Daniel unit, said she has seen countless transformations in the inmates who participate in the school.

"This is by far the most fulfilling job I have ever had," Gunn said. "I worked for many years in the public school system, but I feel like we at Windham are serving the people that public schools failed."

Gunn said 14 teachers work at the unit in Snyder, and they currently serve more than 430 students, but have had as many as 480.

She said all of the Windham teachers have at least 20 years experience in education, but still undertake massive amounts of training.

"Our teachers are phenomenal and change the lives of these inmates," she said. "They go out of their way every day to make sure that these inmates are successful in what they do and these are the kind of people who have never had someone do that much or care that much for them."

Warden Howard said that most people have heard of Windham school, but added that there are many other positive aspects of the prison that few people are aware of.

One example is the unit's library, which houses more than 7,500 books available for checkout by inmates.

Inmate Richard Williams is a clerk in the library and said it is important that offenders be allowed to "keep their minds sharp by reading."

"They can come in and we issue them a library card just like in the free world," Williams said. "This is a very important place, because it keeps us out of trouble and keeps us thinking. It's a small semblance of life in the free world."

Williams said he hopes to find work in a public library upon his release.

Other lesser known aspects include the unit's farm, which produced several bumper crops last year that supplied fruits and vegetables to every other unit in this region and also produced some 20,000 bales of hay.

Also on the grounds is a kennel, which currently holds 56 trained hounds, trained in track escapees.

Warden Howard hopes things can continue as they are at the local unit, but she cautioned that the future is uncertain with budget cuts being ordered.

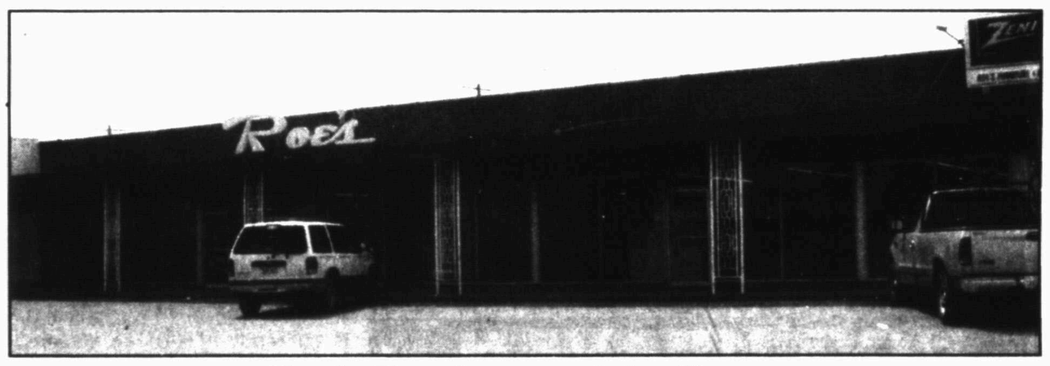
The warden said few directives have come from her superiors except to continue as normal and not to quit hiring correctional officers if they are needed.

"Some positions might not be filled, but we will not stop hiring correctional officers if a vacancy warrants one," she said. "It's bad all over right now."

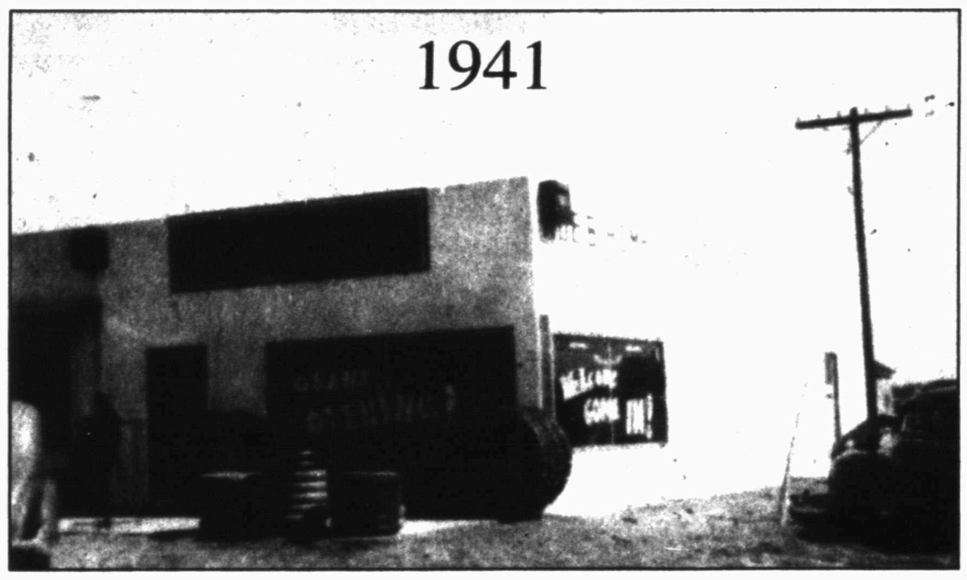
She said the chaplain's post that is vacant would be filled, but not at the moment. "We're not cutting that position, we're just waiting a little while."

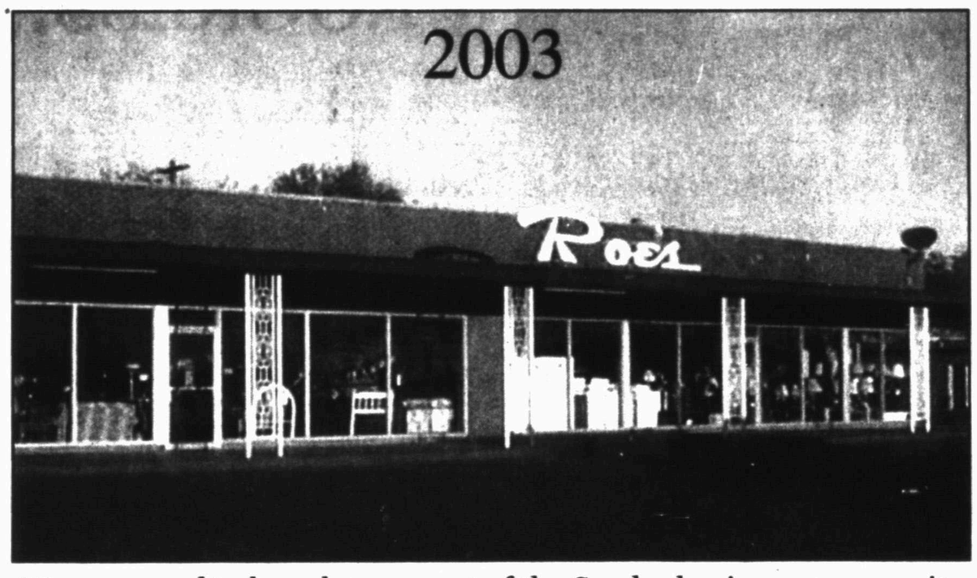
For the time being, volunteers are filling in where the chaplain left off, Warden Howard said.

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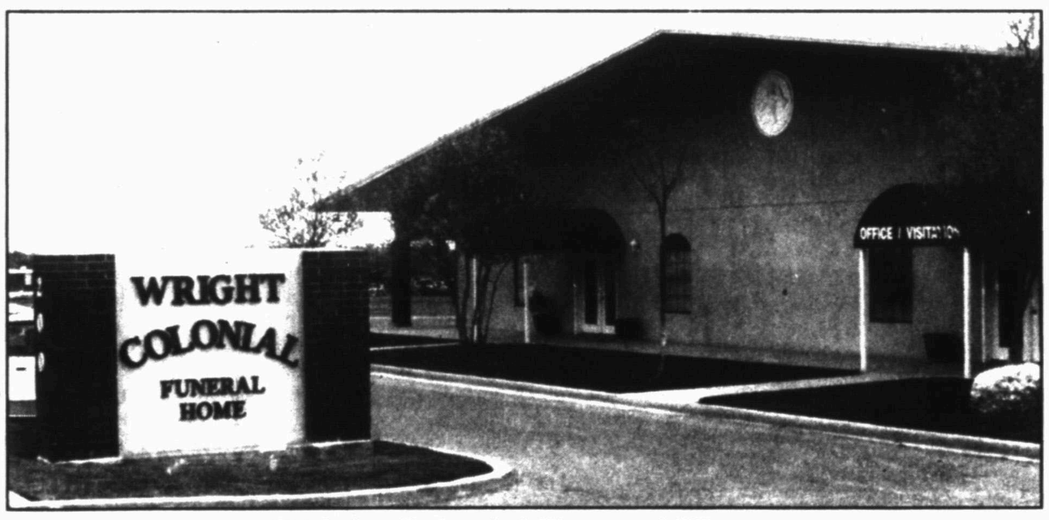


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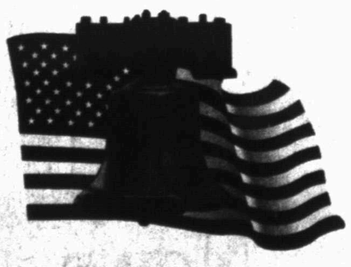


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Parallel Petroleum active in county

MIDLAND — Parallel Petroleum Corporation this week announced that it has entered into Phase II of its "Work-to-Earn" Agreement with Diamond "M" Production Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company (NYSE: SWN), Houston, in the Diamond M Field of Scurry County. Parallel also announced the results of the initial four wells drilled in Phase I of its agreement, that it had acquired an additional interest in the project, and announced personnel additions in connection with the project.

Under the terms of the agreement, Diamond "M" Production Company transferred all operations of the Diamond M Field to Parallel on March 1 which includes all existing wells and facilities producing reserves from the Canyon, Wichita Albany, Clearfork and Glorieta formations, ranging in depth from 2,450 feet to 6,950 feet.

Phase I of the agreement pertained to the deeper Canyon interval only, while Phase II expands development rights to include the shallow intervals above the Canyon. Phase II of the project provides Parallel and the other participants the opportunity to spend $20 million over the next three years, with Parallel's estimated net share approximately $17.6 million to its new, larger interest.

It is anticipated the participants will incur capital expenditures in 2003 of approximately $5 million, of which approximately $4.4 million is net to Parallel. Under terms of the agreement, Diamond "M" Production Company is guaranteed its pre-existing base production volumes, as defined by a mutually agreed upon decline rate.

Property Information — Lion Diamond M Canyon Unit

The Lion Diamond M Canyon Unit consists of approximately 5,500 acres and is located between the Kinder Morgan operated SACROC Unit to the north and east and the Exxon-Mobil operated Sharon Ridge Unit to the south.

The SACROC Unit and Sharon Ridge Unit were both discovered in 1948 and have produced approximately 1.3 billion barrels of oil and 250 million barrels of oil, respectively. Current daily production is around 15,000 barrels of oil for SACROC and 2,900 barrels for Sharon Ridge.

The Lion Diamond M Unit, also discovered in 1948, has produced 44 million barrels of oil. Most of the original 145 wells initially penetrated only the top 50 feet of the reef, with deeper evaluation accomplished only through a limited number of well deepenings prior to Parallel's Phase I. The Unit was pumping a total of 150 barrels of oil per day from 15 producing wells prior to commencement of Parallel's Phase I program and is currently spaced on 40-acre proration units.

Under Phase I of the Agreement, Parallel and the other participants drilled 4 wells to the base of the Canyon Reef, penetrating as much as 280 feet of gross interval above "lowest known oil". Three of the four Phase I wells are currently on production at a combined rate of approximately 300 equivalent barrels of oil per day. The fourth well is currently being used to test several different zones. It is notable that two of the Phase I wells are producing from intervals considerably deeper than those being produced in any other currently active well, while still containing significant uncompleted pay behind pipe.

Based on results to date, Parallel believes significant opportunities exist to increase production through well reactivations, deepenings and recompletion operations, infill drilling on 20-acre spacing and waterflood enhancement.

As previously announced, Parallel plans to deepen and production test approximately 20 existing wells this year. Of these 20 wells, some are currently producing and the remainder are part of the 57 currently inactive wells in the Canyon Unit.

Property Information – Shallow Leases

In addition to the Lion Diamond M Canyon Unit, Phase II grants Parallel the opportunity to develop eight shallow leases within the confines of the larger Canyon Unit. These leases comprise approximately 2,600 productive acres in the Glorieta, Clearfork and Wichita Albany intervals, which range in depth from 2,450 feet to 4,000 feet.

These intervals have produced approximately 4 million barrels of oil from a total of 130 wells on 20- acre spacing and a random waterflood pattern. Currently, there are approximately 50 active producing wells producing a total of approximately 150 barrels of oil per day. In addition, there are 39 currently inactive shallow wells.

Parallel believes potential development opportunities exist in the shallow intervals and is considering reactivating inactive wells, stimulating and recompleting active or inactive wells, deepening existing wells, conducting infill drilling on 10-acre spacing, and undertaking waterflood enhancement operations. Parallel's prior proposed capital expenditure budget for 2003 did not include any proposed expenditures for operations on these shallow intervals, and Parallel is currently developing a proposed capital expenditure budget for anticipated 2003 operations for these intervals.

Project and Operations

On March 7, 2003, Parallel acquired an additional 22% working interest in the project, thereby increasing its

working interest from 44% to 66% before payout and to 55% after payout. As announced on January 17, 2003,

Parallel assumed operations of Phase I of the project on December 18, 2002. Effective March 1, 2003, Parallel assumed all operations of the Diamond M Field.

Personnel Additions

Partly as a result of assuming operations on the project, Parallel has recently added three experienced individuals to its technical and operational asset team in order to aggressively exploit all the various opportunities provided by these assets. These individuals will also assist in Parallel's continued pursuit of other business opportunities.

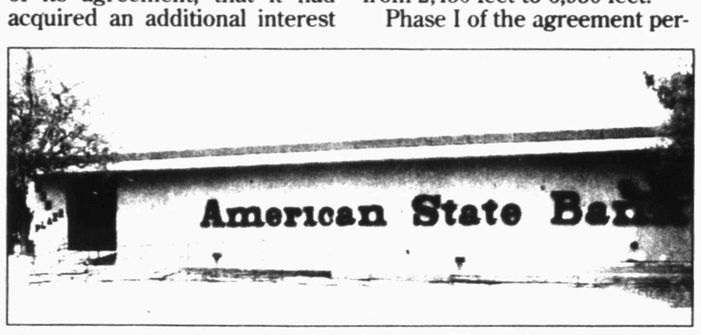
The new team members consist of Kerry Meise, Senior Engineer, Mike Moylett, Senior Geologist and Bobby Kuhl, Production Superintendent. Kerry and Mike will be located in Parallel's Midland office while Bobby will be located in the Diamond M field office.

Larry C. Oldham, Parallel's president, said, "We are very excited by the opportunities we see at Diamond M in both the shallow and Canyon horizons. Phase I of this project has validated many of our pre-existing ideas about the Canyon formation and delivered results which exceeded our expectations.

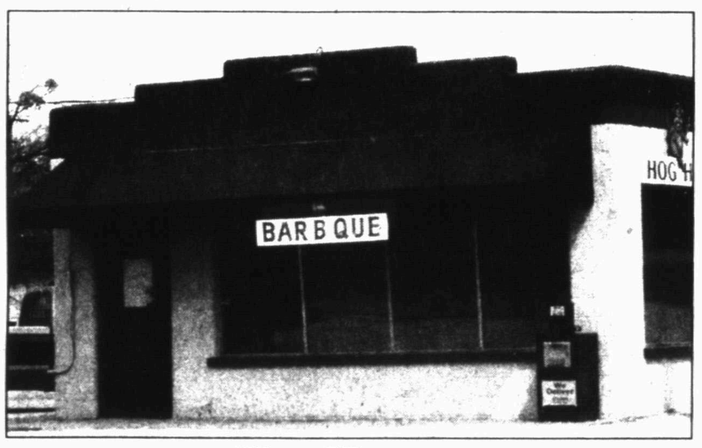
"Because of these results, we have elected to undertake Phase II operations. In Phase II, we have assumed operations of all the assets, both shallow and deep; added technical and operating staff whose primary function is to focus on these assets; and increased our ownership position in the property.

"Though we have just now obtained access to the shallow intervals, we already believe there are extensive, inexpensive, low-risk development opportunities. Our development plans, for both the shallow and deeper intervals, are to focus initially on those activities which are inexpensive and anticipated to provide quick production increases and data necessary to optimize future exploitation activities."

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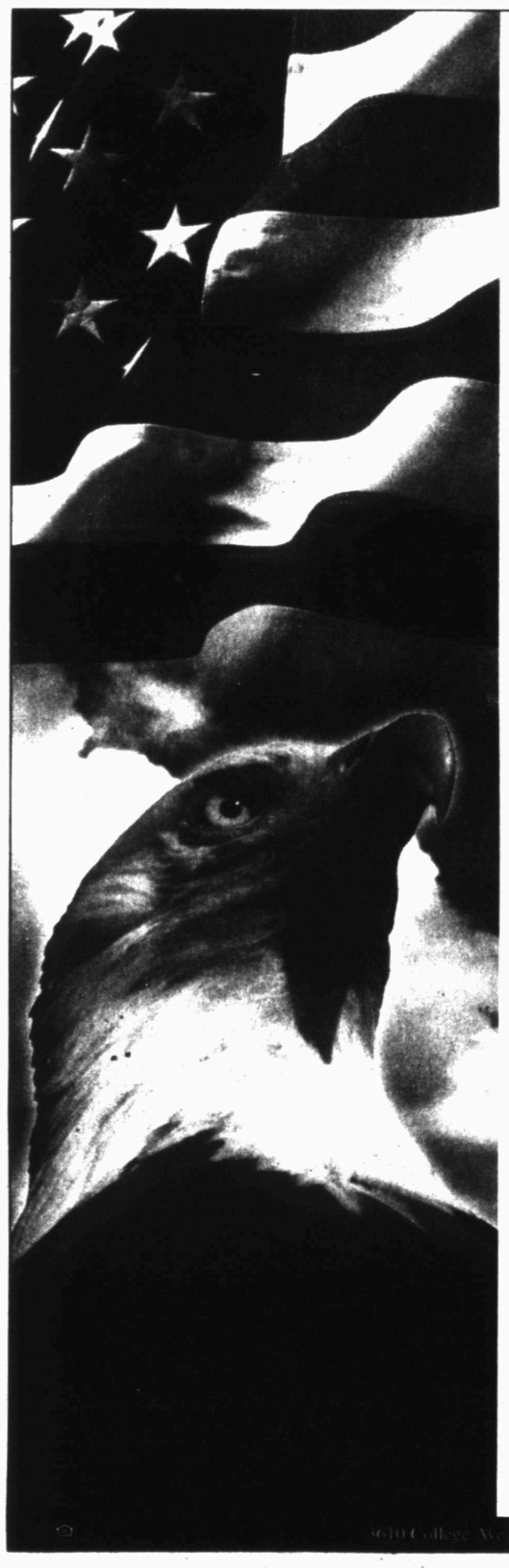
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YZ Industries...

Boom firm now makes high-tech products

YZ Industries is a Snyder oil boom small-engine repair business that emerged into an international manufacturer of high-tech products.

According to plant manager Dayton Robertson, YZ currently employs approximately 50 people at the Snyder plant located on Old Lubbock Highway. Milton Roy, a subsidiary of Chicago-based Hamilton Sunstrand, a United Technologies company, owns the plant.

Milton Roy produces chemical injection pumps while YZ's Linc line manufactures hydraulic pumps.

United Technologies, headquartered in Hartford, Conn. is the 59th largest U.S. corporation and the 164th largest in the world. The corporation listed 2001 revenue of $27.9 billion.

YZ was the product of the Snyder oil boom when I.V. "Jack" Zeck arrived in town in 1949 to set up a shop to perform small engine repair.

The firm then evolved into a machine shop and in the 1960s, Ted Zeck developed a crude oil sampler that became the springboard of YZ products used all over the world.

A company milestone was marked in 1989 when YZ, at the request of a customer, developed a device to inject the chemical that gives natural gas its odor. In 1998, YZ completed a massive installation of gas-odorization equipment for the entire United Kingdom.

Corporate headquarters for YZ were moved to Conroe, and the company has sales offices in Snyder, as well as other cities.

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"We have the most amazing volunteers of any unit I have ever been associated with," she said. "For regular people from the community to come into a prison and sit with an inmate and tell him that someone cares about him, that is just an awesome thing."

Warden Howard said several local churches help at the prison and she encourages the contact and sees it as an inspiration for inmates who otherwise don't have much going for them.

"Obviously, this isn't someplace an inmate wants to stay and that can take a toll," she said. "For a regular person to come in and plant a seed of hope in an inmate's heart is unbelievable and it does more good than anyone will ever know."

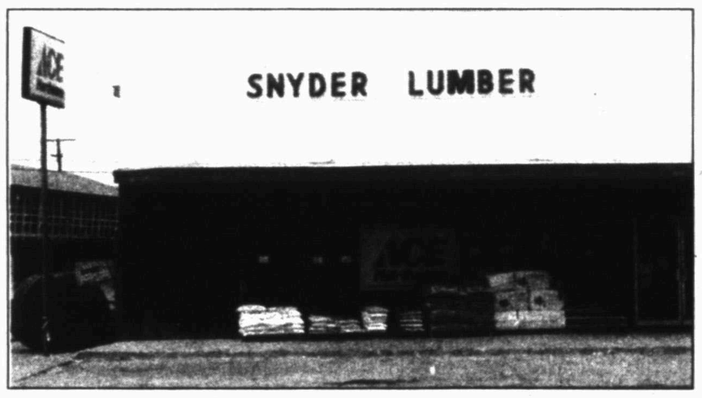
Price Daniel's correctional officers, in their blue and gray uniforms, are hard to miss around town and frequent local business often.

Gary Shifflett, manager of United Supermarket, said the officers are in the grocery store on a daily basis.

"Price Daniel employees shop in here every single day," he said. "And we also cash a lot of their checks here. They are great for business and we hope they will continue to frequent our store."

The Price Daniel Unit is a hotbed of activity almost 24 hours a day and its affects on Snyder and the local economy are far reaching.

Warden Howard summed it up with one short statement, "There is a lot going on out here."



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The company employs more than 5,000 people, with more than 300 of those employees at its headquarters here.

Patterson-UTI occupies more than 100 acres west of Snyder on the Lamesa highway. On the grounds are the company's corporate offices, an extensive parts yard, a vehicle maintenance shop and one of the largest Caterpillar engine-repair facilities in the region.

Begun in 1978, the company continued to grow through the years, according to co-founders Glen Patterson, president, and Cloyce Talbott, chief executive officer.

Patterson Energy moved to its current location in 1984 and added additional office space in 1998 and late in 2001. The company's most recent addition increased its office space to 35,000-square feet.

In May, 2001 the firm merged with Houston-based UTI Energy Corp., a company of similar size and one of its chief competitors.

Combined value of the company at the time of the merger was $2.2 billion.

The company's headquarters remained in Snyder, and immediately after the merger was completed, 20 additional management positions were added locally.

With its sizeable workforce and assets, Patterson-UTI in 2002 was the second largest taxpayer in Scurry County, only behind Kinder Morgan CO2 Company .

The company's total taxable value in the county last year was more than $71 million. About 160 of the company's rigs were rendered in Scurry County last year, but most of those were located elsewhere.

The company's effect on the economy of Snyder and Scurry County is immeasurable.

A unique aspect of the company is its large Caterpillar engine shop, located behind the main offices.

The 20,000-square foot facility is the largest of its kind in the region.

Engines weighing as much as 40,000 pounds are stripped down, reworked and repainted at the shop, and the facility boasts a larger inventory of parts than most Caterpillar dealers.

The ability to repair its own engines is a plus for the company, considering it operates more than 4,000 in North America.

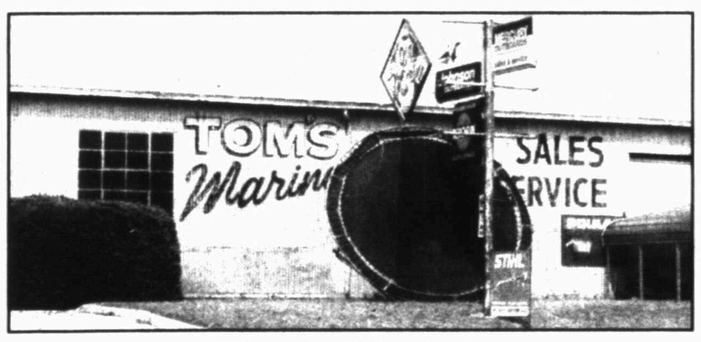
Approximately 130 engines are overhauled at the shop each year whic h amounts to annual savings of some 30 percent compared to what it would cost if the work were done elsewhere.

The company also has a substantial fleet of trucks that remain on the road most of the year.

Patterson-UTI has more than 200 trucks that move rigs to and from locations across the country and into Canada and the company employs drivers for each of the vehicles.



WORKING HARD — Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. employs more than 300 people in Scurry County and more than 5,000 nation wide. The company is headquartered in Snyder. Mechanics Bryan Walker, left, and Tim Gentry are shown working on a Caterpillar engine in the company's shop. (SDN Photo)



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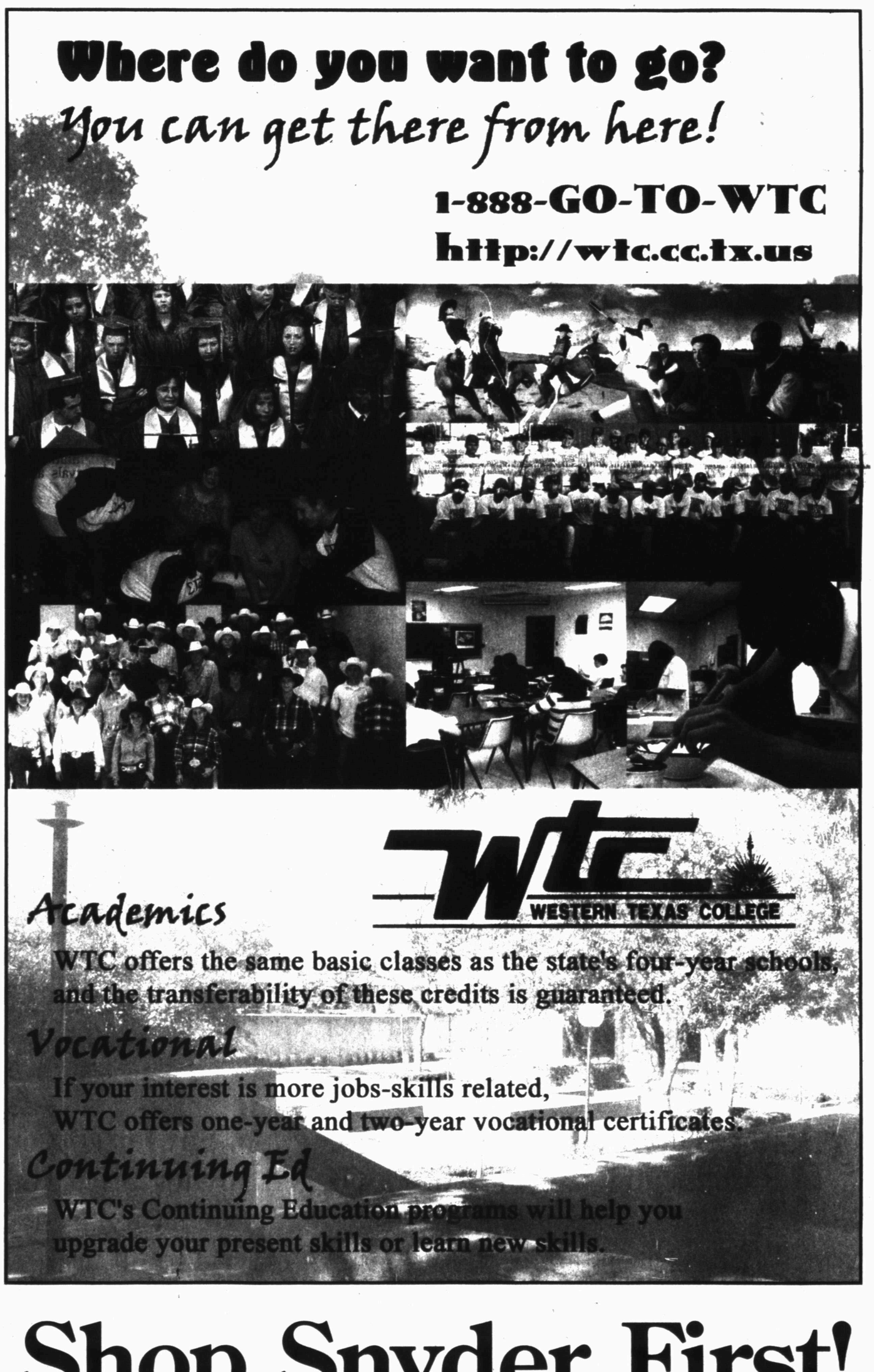
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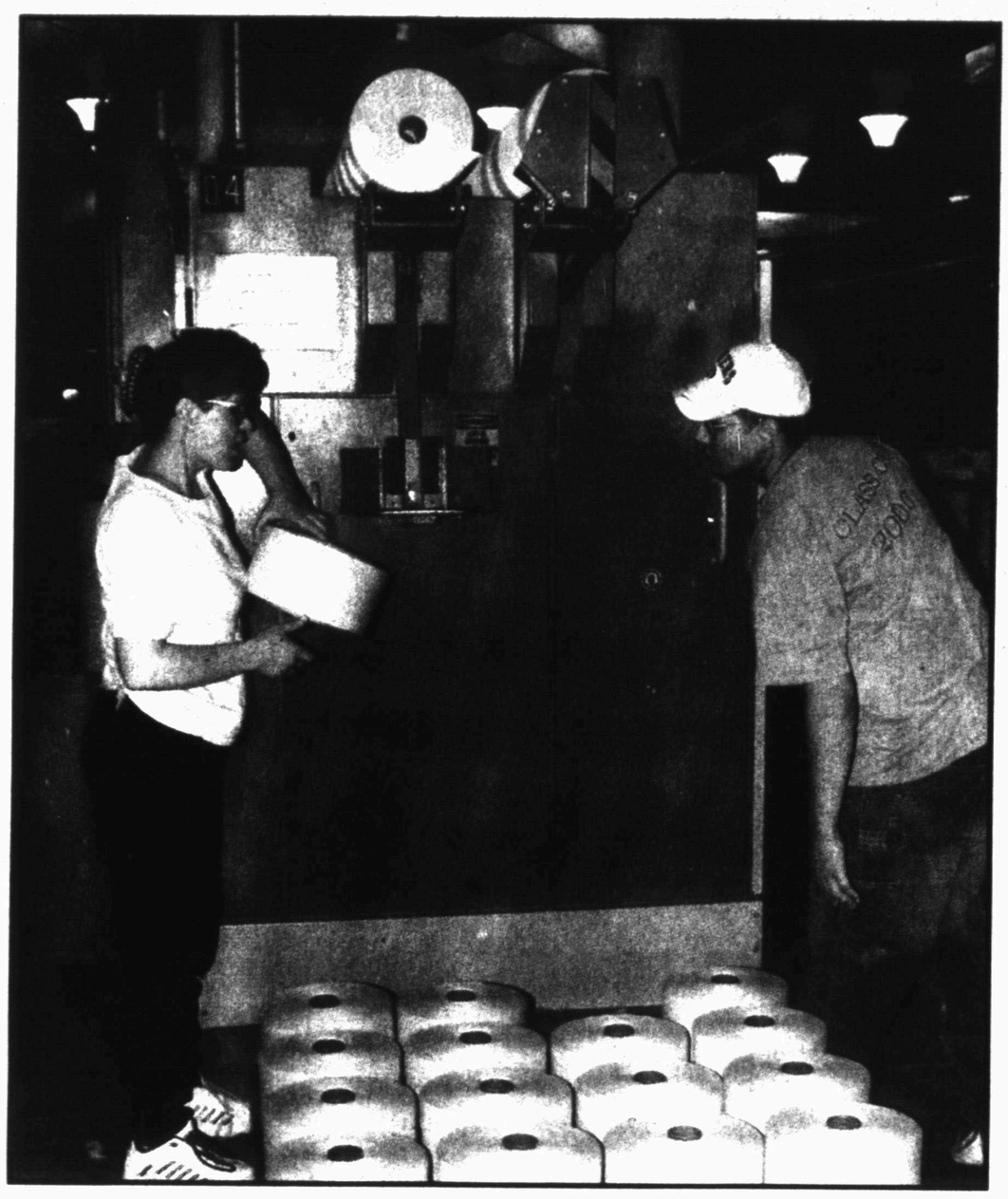
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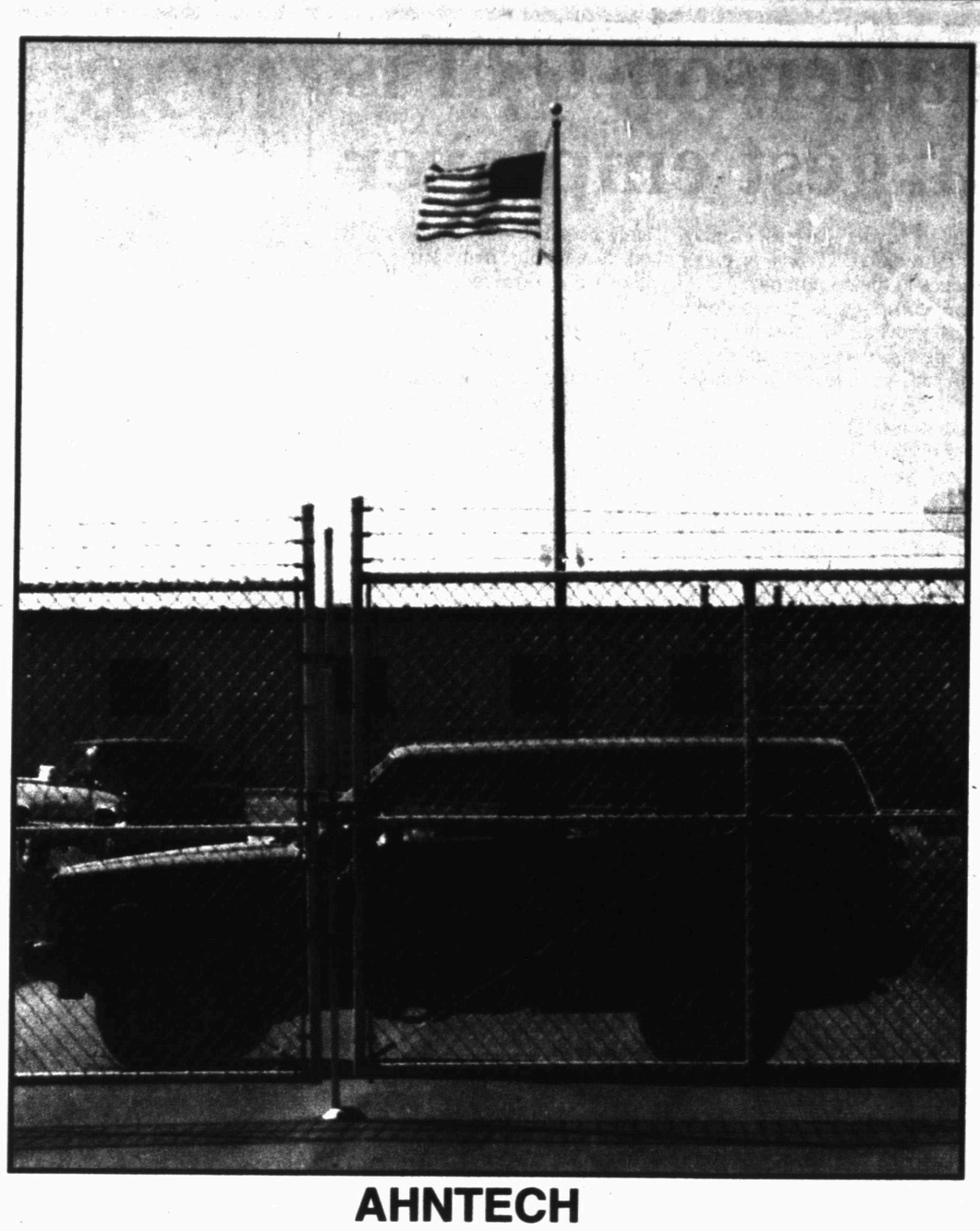
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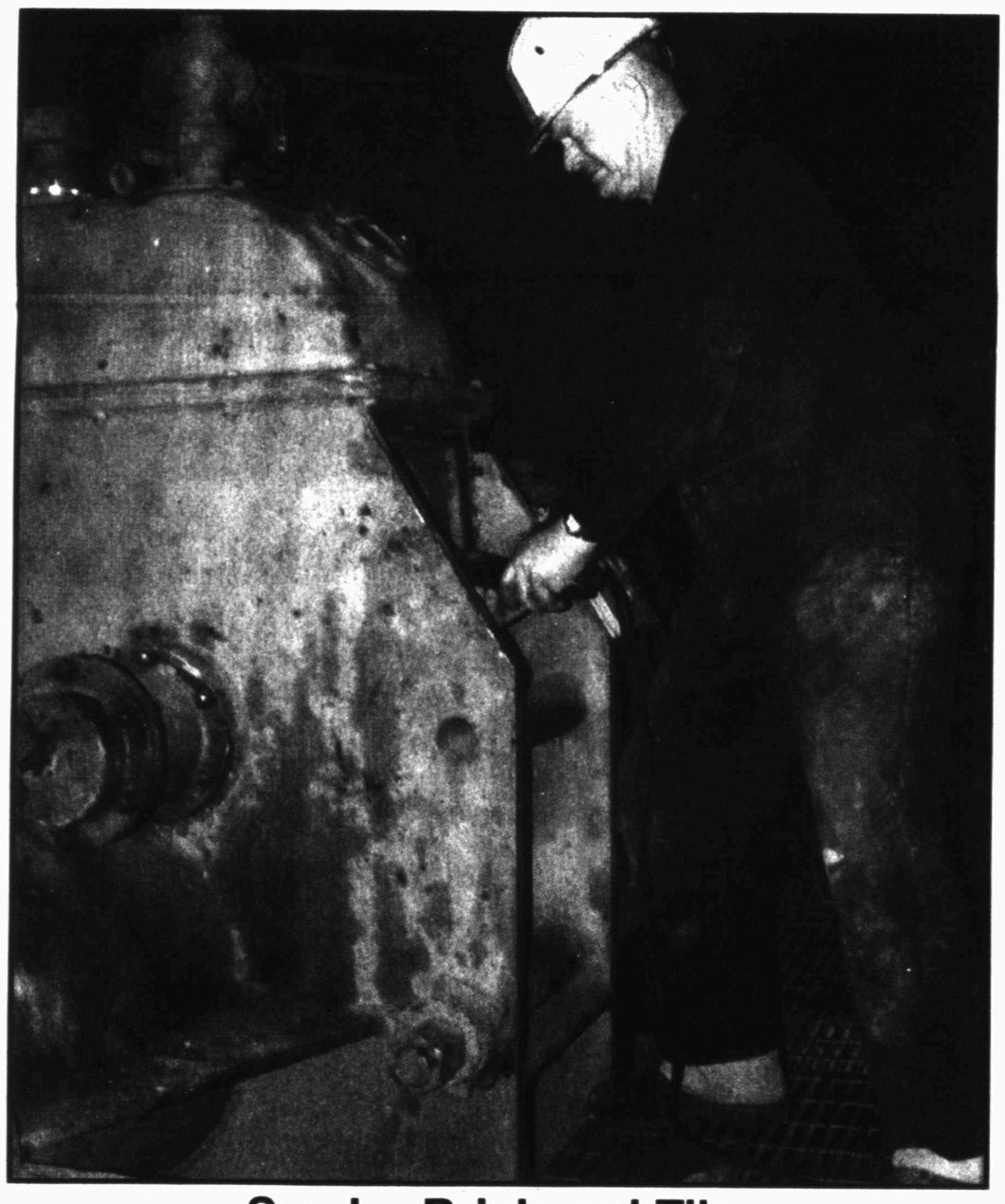
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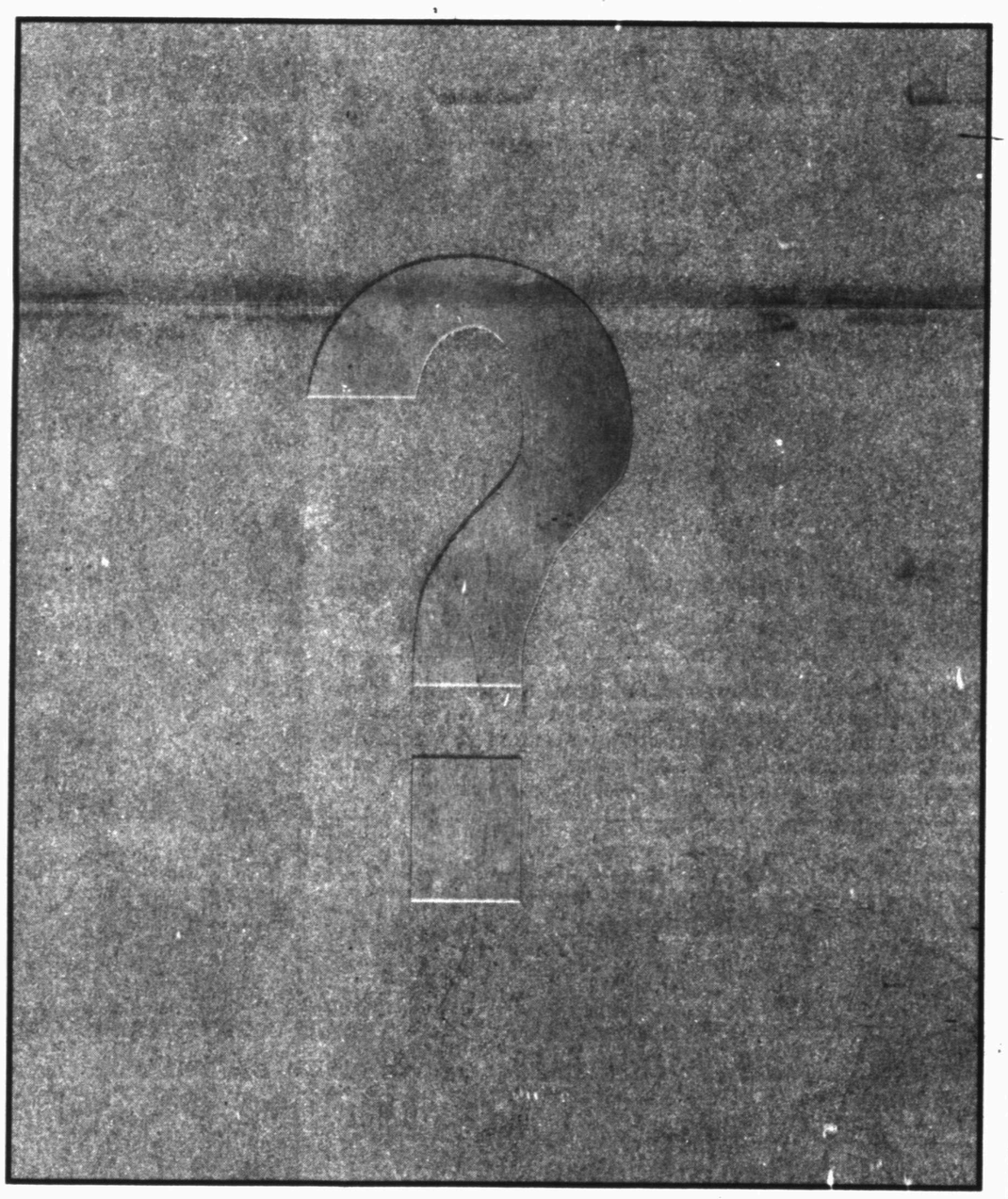
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The Development Corporation of Snyder is proud to have played a part in locating UCO, AHNTECH and Snyder Brick and Tile to our community.

The citizens of Snyder and Scurry County are to be commended also for their assistance. If you have a referral to fill in the last photo, give us a call at 915-573-1544.

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