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Kinder Morgan buys SACROC unit

No major changes expected in the number of personnel

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Kinder Morgan CO2 Company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., announced this morning it had signed a definitive agreement to purchase a working interest in the SACROC Unit and the purchase of the Canyon Reef Carriers CO2 pipeline for $55 million from Devon Energy Production Company.

Additionally, Kinder Morgan CO2 Company will acquire minority interests in the Sharon Ridge Unit and the Reinecke Unit, operated by Exxon and Spirit 76, respectively.

The sale is expected to be finalized by the end of June.

Pete Hagist, SACROC superintendent for Devon, said this morning that the acquisition would be good for Snyder and Scurry County.

"This company's base business is the movement of CO2, and other natural resources," Hagist said.

"It owns 100 percent of the Central Basin Pipeline that delivers CO2 to customers in the Permian Basin, and 13 percent of the Bravo Field that provides CO2 to Denver City."

Chuck Fox, of Kinder Morgan's office in Houston, said he did not expect any major employee cutbacks because of the change of ownership.

"We did not buy this property to make money by reducing the staff or by cutting pay," emphasized Fox.

Hagist said there are 30 Devon employees and 26 contract employees now working at the unit.

"It's their hard work which has made the unit profitable, and I think Kinder Morgan recognizes that," Hagist said.

Hagist said the employees were told of the acquisition this morning.

"I think they are glad an agreement has been made," said Hagist. "They have been in limbo for a long time."

Hagist added that he felt the field has a life expectancy of some 15 to 20 years.

When the purchase is finalized, Kinder Morgan will own 71 percent of the SACROC Unit.

Richard D. Kinder, chairman and CEO of Kinder Morgan, said the acquisition would allow the company to enhance services to existing customers and expand its carbon dioxide business to current and prospective CO2 floods near the Canyon Reef Carriers pipeline.

That pipelines runs from McCamey to SACROC.

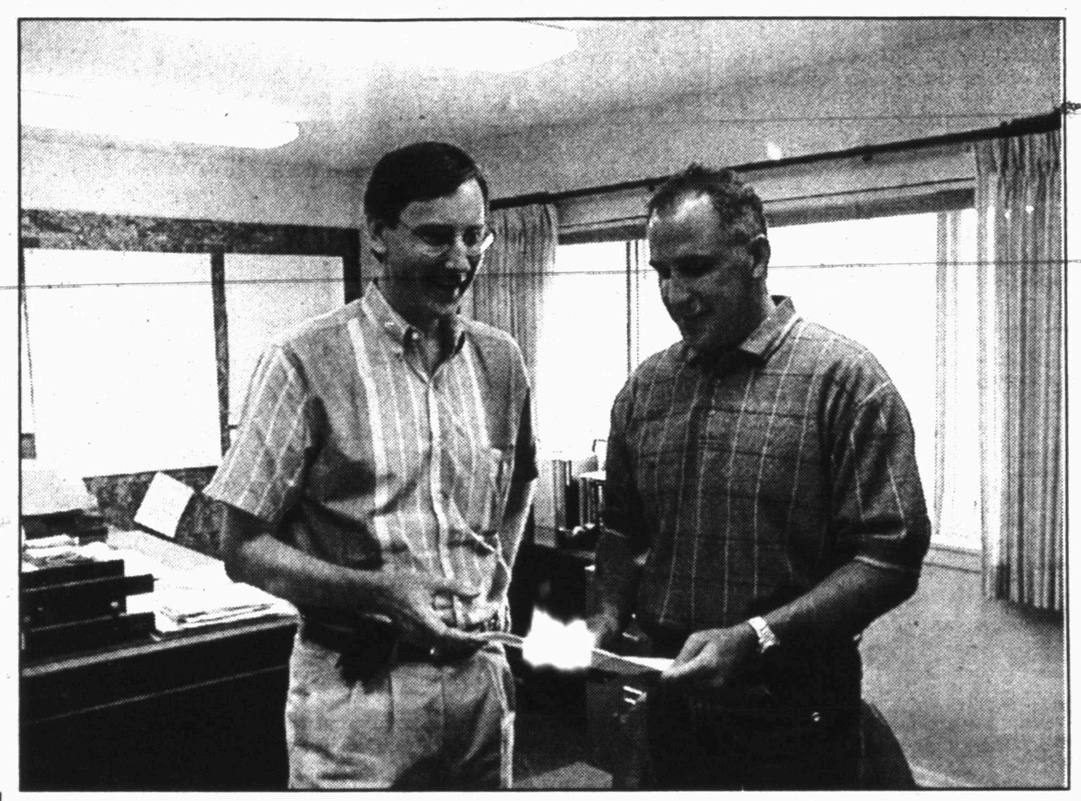
"There is great potential in the Permian Basin to increase CO2 flooding which is a proven technology for increasing the production of oil reserves," Kinder said.

"The SACROC Unit is one of the largest oil fields and one of the oldest operating CO2 injection projects in the country," he added.

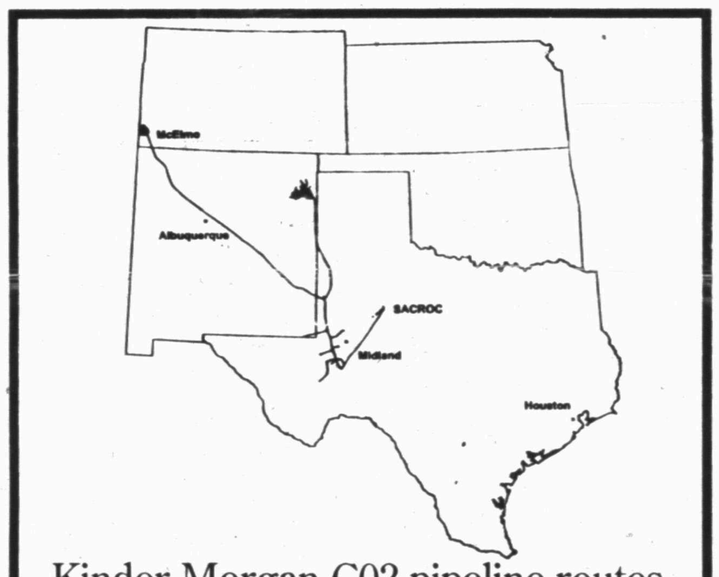
The 80,000-acre SACROC Unit began CO2 injection in the early 1970s upon completion of the 150-mile Canyon Reef Carriers Pipeline. The unit has produced more than 1.2 billion barrels of oil since its discovery in 1948.

Kinder Morgan CO2 Company is the largest transporter and marketer of carbon dioxide in the United States, currently delivering approximately 400 MMcf per day. It owns the most extensive CO2 pipeline network in the industry, with over 900 miles of pipelines.

Additional assets include 7,000 miles of natural gas transportation pipelines, plus natural gas gathering and storage facilities; 25 bulk terminal facilities, which load more than 40 million tons of coal, petroleum coke and other products annually.



LOOKING OVER DETAILS — Chuck Fox, left, vice president of Kinder Morgan in Houston, and Pete Hagist, superintendent of the SACROC Unit, look over details of the sale of the unit to the Houston-based company. The announcement was made this morning and the sale is expected to be completed by the end of June. (SDN Staff Photo)



Kinder Morgan C02 pipeline routes

Annual knife and gun show here Saturday and Sunday

The 19th annual Canyon Gun Club gun, knife and coin show is slated this weekend in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is $3 and children 12 and under may get in free, if accompanied by a parent.

Rare guns, knives and coins will be offered and people can buy, sell, trade or just look.

The Canyon Gun Club is NRA affiliated.

There will also be a display from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department concerning poachers in Texas.

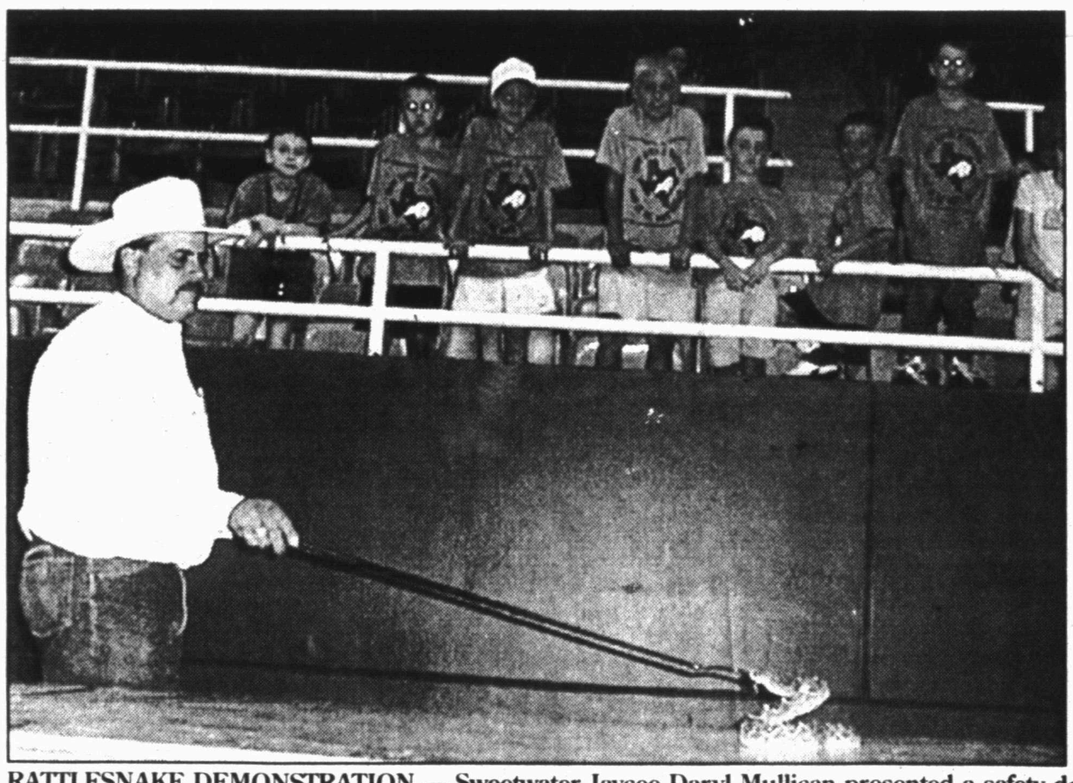
Friday is last day for early voting at WTC

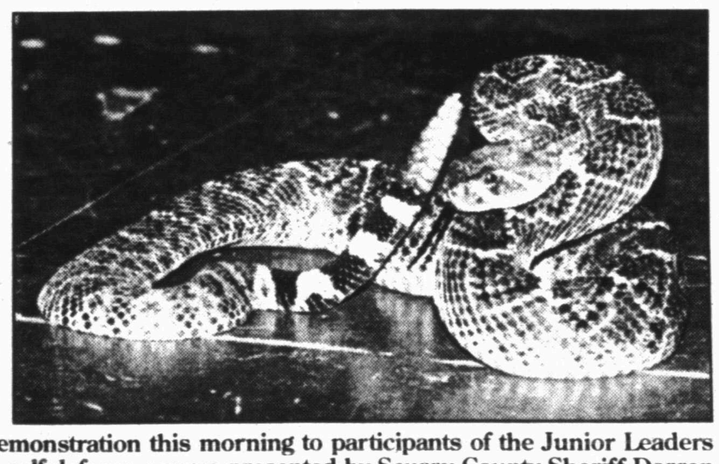
Voters have until 4 p.m. Friday to cast an early ballot in the Western Texas College trustee runoff election. So far, 67 early votes have been cast.

The college campus is closed Friday, but early voting will still take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the WTC administration building.

James Hanks and Scott Richburg are vying for the Place 6 position on the board.

On Election Day, June 8, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall, Ira Community Center and Hermleigh High School.





RATTLESNAKE DEMONSTRATION — Sweetwater Jaycee Daryl Mullican presented a safety demonstration this morning to participants of the Junior Leaders of Tomorrow camp, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Campers also attended a self-defense course presented by Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson this morning. On Friday, the group will tour the Scurry County Airport before going swimming at the Purple Sage Motel. (Staff Photos by Joyce May)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If the shoe fits, be sure to get another just like it."

Grandparents like to tell stories about their cute, precious and bright little ones.

We came across a selection of stories about kids that underscore their innocence and honesty. Some happen to be church-related.

Having difficulty of grasping the concept of marriage, the wedding album was dusted off to show the church wedding. Once finished, dad asked if she had any questions.

She replied, "Oh, I see. Is that when Mommy came to work for us?"

A grandmother took the visiting three-year-old to church. The lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle carrying lighted candles.

All was quiet until the little one sang out, "Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you."

After squirming through a long and tedious sermon, the six-year-old asked what the preacher did the rest of the week.

The granddad explained that the minister was a busy man. He takes care of church business and visits the sick. He has to study for his lesson, and talking in public isn't an easy job, the lad was told.

The boy thought about that, then said, "Well, listening ain't easy, either."

At the beginning of a children's sermon, one girl came up to the altar wearing a frilly dress.

As the children were sitting down around the preacher, he leaned over and told the girl, "That dress is very pretty."

The girl replied almost directly into the minister's lapel mike. "Yes, and my mom say it's a bitch to iron, too."

After service one morning, dad complained that the choir was awful and the preacher way too windy.

A seven-year-old added, "You've got to admit it was a pretty good show for a dime."

And a preacher at a church in Indiana finally gave into to his congregation's wishes for more casual dress.

The minister showed up in his shorts and a t-shirt, causing one youngster to exclaim:

"Hey, preacher, you sure look different with your clothes on."

ASK US

Q—What is the telephone number for the Towle Park swimming pool?
A—573-9192.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 94 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Thursday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2000, 8.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance. Low 65-70; SE wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy, 50% storms chance. High, lower 80s. Wind becoming NE 5-15 mph.

Chris Medrano
Chance of Rain

Sunset:
8:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:41 a.m.
Of 152 days in 2000, the sun has shone 149 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind.
—Samuel Johnson

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Anguished parents comfort suspect in school shooting

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Polly Powell rushed home when she saw reports of a shooting at her son's school on television. She knew 13-year-old Nathaniel Brazill had been sent home for throwing water balloons and she was concerned for his welfare.

He wasn't there when she arrived. Soon, the phone started ringing off the hook as the nation learned that her son was suspected of killing a teacher he "loved."

"My sister called and said 'Polly, you need to go to the police department and see if they got that boy.' It never dawned on me that this could be my child to do such an act," Powell told The Associated Press in her first interview since the May 26 shooting.

Brazill has been accused of killing 35-year-old Lake Worth Community High School teacher Barry Grunow. Police say Brazill shot Grunow in the face with a .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol he had stolen from his grandfather's house.

After being sent home, Brazill returned to the school and went to Grunow's classroom, where he asked Grunow if he could talk to two girls in the class, police said.

When the English teacher shooed him away, Brazill pulled the gun from his pocket and fired, authorities said. A surveillance camera caught the shooting on tape, but police haven't released the video.

Powell rushed to the police department. She kept asking an officer if her son was there. When he said yes, she began trembling and shaking, saying no, it couldn't be her child. Officers took her to a room where Brazill sat alone.

The teen began crying when his mother walked in. All she could do was hold him, Powell said.

The mother said the shooting had to be an accident.

"He loved Mr. Grunow. They were best friends," said Powell, a cook at an Episcopal retirement center for the last 11 years. "You don't just shoot your best friend. This was just an accident, a tragedy."

Brazill's father, a postal carrier who lives about 200 miles north in Daytona Beach, was performing volunteer work at his church when his cell phone rang. It was his brother calling from Lake Worth.

"I immediately began to pray that it wasn't actually Nate they were talking about," said the father, who is also named Nathaniel Brazill. "What made me realize it was true was my father got on the phone and he was crying."

The elder Brazill called his son a "bookworm" who wasn't interested in athletics, but loved to read and talk and joke around. He was teaching his 2-year-old sister, Ebony, the ABCs, the parents said.

The honor roll student and budding musician also had ambitions to become a Secret Service agent for the president, they said.

Since the shooting, both said they have been trying to offer support and care.

"We don't talk about what happened," the boy's father said. "We are just trying to comfort him and assure him we are here for him."

When they visit the teenager at the juvenile detention center where he is awaiting a grand jury hearing, they talk about family and pray.

Berry's World

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"I want you to know that if I get on 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,' you're NOT gonna be my 'lifeline.'"

STUDENT WORK ADS

$1 PER WEEK!

High School & College Students looking for a job can seek employment through the classified want ads of the Snyder Daily News for only $1 per week - max of 10 weeks. Ads can start Sunday, May 28, 2000 and the special en[illegible] August 6, 2000. Ads are up to 15 words and cash in advance.

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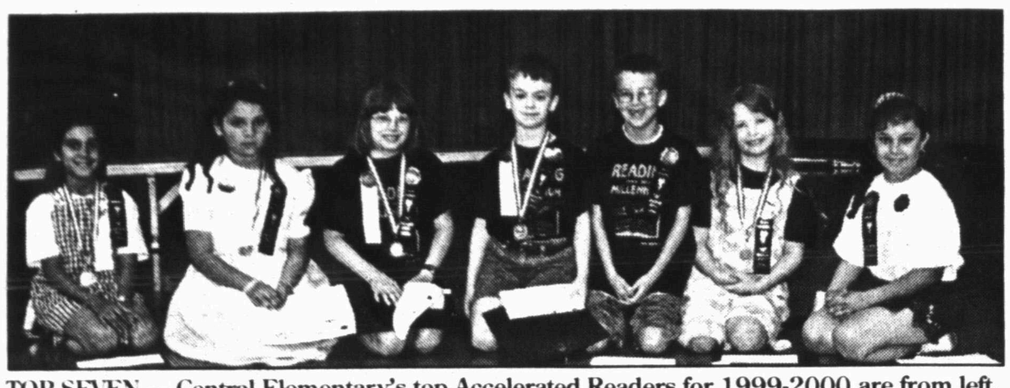
Central Elementary awards



TOP SEVEN — Central Elementary's top Accelerated Readers for 1999-2000 are from left, Leslie Johnston, 316; Teresa Murillo, 320; Brittany Scott, 333; David Strayhorn, 347; Jared Cave, 391; Alix Rieser, 490; Rubi Jaimes, 671. Rubi received a $100 savings bond courtesy of West Texas Bank and a standing ovation when her point total point was announced at the awards assembly. Alix received a $50 savings bond from WTSB. Leslie, Teresa, Brittany, David and Jared each received a $20 gift certificate from First Baptist Church. WTSB and FBC are two of Central's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photo by

TAAS RECOGNITION — These Central Elementary students received TAAS recognition in reading and mathematics. Back row from left, Brian Allred, Rubi Jaimes, Kayla Liccardi, Jaclyn DeLeon, Ryanna Alexander, Kailea Shaw, Chelsea Castillo, Leslie Johnston, Gina Hermosillo and Cole Russell. Front row from left are David Strayhorn, Will Stewart, Jared Cave, Riley Raschke, Brittany Scott, Kari Lord, Alix Rieser, Brittney Rivera, Zachary Warren, Douglas Brunson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Central Elementary third graders received the following awards for 1999-2000.

Academic Recognition

Those receiving academic recognition for TAAS reading include Kira Bilano, Larissa Blackard, Lareshia Carey, Forest Clayton, Jesse Conner, Riley Davis, Jessie Deavers. Humberto Farfan, Sierra Foreman, Ashley Hagins, Brittney Hendricks, Jonathan Hernandez, Kalyn Hildreth, Jessica Hinson, Kaylie Kahlich, Samuel Lee, Randy Loveall, Carson Matthies, Amanda Maynard, Clint McFatridge, Matthew Medrano, Maria Murillo, Tyler Porter, Lashondrick Richardson, Chassidy Sterling, Megan Villegas, Gage West, Jordan Wright and Kasey Young.

Those receiving academic recognition for math include Adrian Alvarez, Jessica Bilderback, Zoe Briseno, Dayton Grice, Lesa Jones, Jessica Timora and Britney Webb.

Those receiving academic recognition for reading and math were Ryanna Alexander, Brian Allred, Douglas Brunson, Chelsea Castillo, Jared Cave, Jaclyn DeLeon, Gina Hermosillo, Rubi Jaimes, Leslie Johnston, Kayla Liccardi, Kari Lord, Riley Raschke, Alix Rieser, Brittney Rivera, Cole Russell, Brittany Scott, Kailea Shaw, Will Stewart, David Strayhorn and Zachary Warren.

Students who qualified for a medallion in the Accelerated Reader program were Kayla Liccardi, Lashondrick Richardson, Shaquita Sneed, Jaime Martinez, Yoci Arellano, Carson Matthies, Kadrian Groage, Britney Webb, Jaclyn DeLeon, Shelbie Talavera, Lareshia Carey, Riley Davis, Kalyn Hildreth, Ashley Hagins, Taylor Gibbs, all bronze medals.

Leslie Johnston, Teresa Murillo, Brittany Scott, David Strayhorn, all silver medals; Alix Rieser, gold medal.

The top seven AR readers all received special prizes. With 671 total points, Rubi Jaimes easily garnered first place and a $100 savings bond from West Texas State Bank. She also received a standing ovation when her total points were announced.

Second place and a $50 savings bond from WTSB went to Alix Rieser who had 490 points.

Students in third through seventh places each received a $20 gift certificate from First Baptist Church. Jared Cave was in third with 391 points. Others were David Strayhorn, fourth place and 347 points; Brittany Scott, fifth place with 333 points; Teresa Murillo, sixth and 320 points; and Leslie Johnston, seventh and 316 points.

AR Readers

Students who received certificates in the Accelerated Reader Program are Leticia Aguilar, Larissa Blackard, Will Stewart, Mary Jane Alaniz, Jessie Deavers, Kayla Liccardi, Zachery Warren, Brian Allred, Jaclyn DeLeon, Amy Fogleman, Joe Lara, Tyler Porter, DaNorris Smith and Shaquita Sneed.

Others are Ashley Hagins, Kalyn Hildreth, Leslie Johnston, Gage West, Rubi Jaimes, Teresa Murillo, Joe Rivera, Robert Albarez, Jared Cave, Riley Davis, Gina Hermosillo, Kari Lord, Miguel Martinez, Jaime Martinez, Matthew Medrano, Tony Perales, Lashondrick Richardson, Alix Rieser, Brittany Scott, Chassidy Sterling, David Strayhorn, Britney Webb, Lauren Zamora. Taylor Gibbs, Carson Matthies, Shelbie Talavera, Brittney Hendricks, Clay Hirt, Maxine Jaramillo, Kaylie Kahlich, Elizabeth Martinez, Bryan Thompson, Wes von Roeder, Kasey Young, Yoci Arellano, Sierra Foreman, A'Lex Koonce. Chelsea Castillo, Lesa Jones, Clint McFatridge, Jessica Bilderback, Lareshia Carey, Kadrian Groage and Cole Russell.

Perfect Attendance

Students with perfect attendance for the spring semester include: (asterik denotes for the year as well) *Richard Grice, *Lolita Ramos, *Bryan Guerra, *Kayla Liccardi, *Anthony Shankles, Zachery Warren, Taylor Davidson, *Amy Fogleman, Monica Rivera, *Kailea Shaw, *DaNorris Smith, *Ashley Hagins, *Leslie Johnston, *Bianca Alvarado, Veronica Alvarado, *Esperanza Benitez, *Rubi Jaimes, *Mauricio Martinez, *Teresa Murillo, *Joe Rivera, *Nancy Rubio, *Robert Albarez, *Gina Hermosillo, *Miguel Martinez, Brittany Scott, David Strayhorn, Lauren Zamora, Tilatha Akins, *Shelby Carter, *Stephen Luna, *Carson Matthies, Jordan Wright, Teryn Sullenger, *Heather Vasquez, Wes von Roeder, Bradley Emerson, *A'Lex Koonce, Kristi Massey, Ruben Molinar, *Megan Villegas.

Also, Jeramy Lindsey, Chantell McGaha, *Riley Raschke, *Charley Stewart, *Lareshia Carey, Zach Rivera, *Kaycee Westlund, *Christopher Witte.

A Honor Roll

Students named to the A Honor Roll for the spring semester are Larissa Blackard, Melanie Hernandez, Will Stewart, Kira Bilano, Ryanna Alexander, Jaclyn DeLeon, Amy Fogleman, Kailea Shaw, Ashley Hagins, Kalyn Hildreth, Leslie Johnston, Samuel Lee, Rubi Jaimes, Teresa Murillo, Jared Cave, Gina Hermosillo, Kari Lord, Alix Rieser, Brittany Scott, David Strayhorn, Britney Webb, Tilatha Akins, Douglas Brunson, Taylor Gibbs, Carson Matthies, Shelbie Talavera, Jordan Wright, Zoe Briseno, Clay Hirt, Kaylie Kahlich, Wes von Roeder, Yoci Arellano, Sierra Foreman, Chelsea Castillo, Lesa Jones, Clint McFatridge, Roxann Renteria and Jessica Bilderback.

AB Honor Roll

Students named to the AB Honor Roll for the spring semester are Leticia Aguilar, Jesse Conner, Richard Grice, Kendra Iglehart, Lolita Ramos, Katy Spradlin, Jessie Deavers, Kayla Liccardi, Amanda Maynard, Kendra McGuire, Erma Rodriguez, Josh Sorrells, Jessica Timora and Zachery Warren.

Others were Brian Allred, Taylor Davidson, K'Ana Garcia, Fabian Gutierrez, Jessica Hinson, Joe Lara, Alex Martinez, Tyler Porter, DaNorris Smith, Shaquita Sneed, Tanya Adams, Gage West, Consuelo Acosta, Joe Rivera, Robert Albarez, Riley Davis, Tony Perales, Lashondrick Richardson, Chassidy Sterling, Lauren Zamora, Zane Berryhill, Shelby Carter, Stephen Luna, Ava Reyes, Heather Steelman, David Zalman, Adrian Alvarez, Briana Bryant, Chase Guynes, Brittney Hendricks, Keagan Herrley, Heather Vasquez, Kasey Young, Brittney Rivera, Daniela Allen, Lindsey Cox, Eric Lindsey, Riley Raschke, Chelsea Young, Lareshia Carey, Forest Clayton, Brenna Fletcher, Jessica Garza, Dayton Grice, Jon Ryan Hernandez, Cole Russell, Antonia Silva, Charles Velasco and Kaycee Westlund.

Church groups benefit from will

NEW YORK (AP) — Cardinal John O'Connor left nearly all of his possessions to church groups, according to his will filed Wednesday.

O'Connor left most of his religious items to the New York Archdiocese, which he led for 16 years until his death May 3. Those items include his Episcopal ring and all religious vessels, vestments and objects.

The exception was the chalice that he was given when he was ordained as a priest in 1945. He left that to the Sisters of Life, the order of nuns that he founded 10 years ago.

Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, head of the order, called the bequest to the 42-member group "a blessing from our spiritual father and founder."

O'Connor died at age 80 after a battle with cancer.

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According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the 10 foods that are consumed the most in the United States are fresh milk, potatoes, beef, sugar, canned vegetables, fresh fruits pork, chicken, eggs and citrus fruits.

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Jake Smith is SDN winner

Jake Smith of 4708 El Paso is the May winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Qualls earns degree

LUBBOCK — JoEllen King Qualls of Snyder received a bachelor of science degree from the School of Allied Health during May commencement at Texas Tech University.

Hinton graduates

LEVELLAND — Bradley Hinton of Snyder received an associate in science degree during South Plains College's 42nd annual commencement exercises on May 12.

A total of 643 students received degrees or certificates.

Kellemeyn makes LCU Dean's List

LUBBOCK — Kelly Kellemeyn of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2000.

In order to be considered for the Dean's List, a student must take a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

4 get ASU degrees

SAN ANGELO — Four Snyder students at Angelo State University were among 450 students to receive their degrees during the spring commencement.

Robbie D'Ann Braziel received a bachelor of science, with a major in math and science.

Teri Sue Henry received a bachelor of science with a major in kinesiology.

Ana M. Hernandez received a bachelor of business administration, magna cum laude, with a major in management and marketing.

Kathryn Leigh Robbins received a bachelor of business administration, with a major in management.

Mehta gets top job

NEW YORK (AP) — Zarin Mehta is following in the footsteps of his older brother.

Mehta has been named executive director of the New York Philharmonic, where Zubin Mehta was music director from 1978 to 1991.

Zarin Mehta, the president and chief executive officer of the summertime Ravinia Festival in Chicago, reached a five-year contract with the Philharmonic that begins in September. He succeeds Deborah Borda, who held the office until last year, when she went to the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

New York Philharmonic music director Kurt Masur said he was "delighted to welcome my old friend."

Date Book

Thursday, June 1, 2000
Today is the 153rd day of 2000 and the 74th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1802, the first book fair in the United States was held in a coffee house in New York City. Forty-six booksellers attended the event, which was considered a great success.

On this day in 1949, Newsweek became the first magazine in the U.S. to be made available to subscribers in a microfilm and microcard edition.

On this day in 1967, The Beatles album "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jacques Marquette (1637-1675), missionary-explorer; Brigham Young (1801-1877), Mormon leader; Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962), actress; Andy Griffith (1926-), actor, is 74; Pat Boone (1934-), singer, is 66; Morgan Freeman (1937-), actor, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, heavyweight Lou Nova knocked out Max Baer in the 11th round of the first boxing match broadcast on television in the United States.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't want to make money. I just want to be wonderful." — Marilyn Monroe

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (June 2).

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-01-00
♠ K Q J 8
♥ 6 4 2
♦ A 9
♣ Q 9 7 4

West
♠ A 7 5
♥ Q 7
♦ 8 7 6 5 4 2
♣ A 3

East
♠ 6 4 2
♥ J 3
♦ J 10 3
♣ K J 8 5 2

South
♠ 10 9 3
♥ A K 10 9 8 5
♦ K Q
♣ 10 6

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Thursday, June 1, 2000

Some extinct, some alive

By Phillip Alder

We've all seen the Dummies books. In England, there is a Mammoth series, and "The Mammoth Book of Bridge" (Robinson) was produced last year by Mark Horton. It is a mixture of good and bad.

The good: masses of information in 544 pages. Great value for money.

The bad: neither salmon nor spring chicken. It contains material for all levels of player (from an ace is high to fit-jumps and support doubles), so it would have been better if split into some three books and each expanded. The content is supposedly aimed at the American market, but some of the recommendations aren't used over here. And the Who's Who is taken from the last Encyclopedia, which was published in 1994; it contained errors then and, inevitably, has even more now.

In this deal, how should the play go in four hearts?

Horton gives no bidding. In my auction, South's two-heart rebid guarantees at least a six-card suit, which makes North's raise to game easy.

Somehow, West found the club-ace lead. (I think I would have selected the diamond eight, which lets the contract make because declarer immediately draws trumps.) When East encouraged with the club eight, West continued with his second club. (Yes, probably West should have cashed the spade ace first, but it didn't matter here.) Then, a third round from East promoted a trump trick for the defense. With the spade ace still to come, that meant one down.

Borders offers "The Mammoth Book of Bridge" for $12.71. To order, go to www.Borders.com on the Internet, or call (800) 770-7811 between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. Central Standard Time.

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Lawyers seeking to postpone trial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Defense lawyers for a millionaire businessman accused of orchestrating his ex-wife's death are seeking to delay the murder-conspiracy trial set to start Monday.

Allen Blackthorne's lawyers said the government waited until last weekend to release some 8,000 pages of documents involving allegations that the 44-year-old man plotted the murder of his ex-wife, Sheila Bellush.

The defense motion asks U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado to delay the trial for at least 30 days to give attorneys time to examine the documents, which they said were "of monumental importance."

Prosecutors declined to respond, but told the San Antonio Express-News they are against postponing the trial.

Bellush — the mother of six including two-year-old quadruplets — died in her home after she was shot and her throat was slit. Her quadruplets were in the house at the time of the slaying, and were later found by a teen-age daughter as they crawled around in their mother's blood.

Prosecutors in Florida and Texas have accused Blackthorne, 44, of being involved in a plot to kill Bellush that also involves Blackthorne's former golfing partner Danny Rocha, and another associate, Samuel Gonzales.

Rocha and Gonzalez have already been convicted on Florida charges related to the murder.

Bellush, 35 at the time of her death, was divorced from Blackthorne in 1983. They were involved in a fierce custody battle over their two teen-age daughters.

Fuel patent could drive up prices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A cleaner-burning gasoline meant to reduce California's air pollution has led to a legal fight that threatens to raise prices at pumps nationwide by between 1 cent and 6 cents per gallon.

Unocal Corp. and six major oil companies have haggled over Unocal's patent on reformulated gasoline since 1995, when California required the fuel to reduce vehicle emissions.

The issue becomes a factor outside California beginning today, when the federal Clean Air Act requires other states to sell reformulated gas to reduce auto emissions.

El Segundo, Calif.-based Unocal believes a patent obtained in February 1994 applies to the reformulated gas and gives it the right to collect licensing fees — as much as 53/4 cents per gallon — from rivals that sell the gas blend.

The question is whether those companies will foot the bill or pass the expense along to motorists.

The gas blend in other states differs slightly from California's reformulated gasoline, but analysts expect Unocal to assert its royalty rights nationwide. Unocal has five different patents on reformulated gas.

"This is a significant issue, not just for California, but for everyone in the United States," said David O'Reilly, chairman of Chevron Corp., one of six oil giants contesting the validity of Unocal's patent.

The other companies that contested the patent were Exxon, Mobil (since bought by Exxon), Arco, Texaco and Shell.

A federal jury in Los Angeles concluded in 1997 that Unocal's patent was valid and other oil companies should pay 53/4 cents per gallon to use the blending formula. The oil companies have until mid-August to decide whether to take their case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Based on the 1997 verdict, Unocal could reap as much as $1.1 billion in annual royalties.

Analysts say Unocal is more likely to negotiate a licensing fee of about 1 cent per gallon applicable to about 20 percent of the 350 million gasoline gallons sold nationwide each day, resulting in roughly $127 million in annual royalties.

Regardless of the actual figure, the patent claim is expected to drive up gasoline costs, said Fadel Gheit, an oil industry analyst for Fahnestock & Co. in New York.

"The meter has been running on this issue for a while and (the industry) has been deferring the charges," Gheit said. "Now, it's time to feed the meter, but who is going to put in more coins?"

ExxonMobil Corp. chairman Lee Raymond said the dispute will force retail prices higher as gas supplies tighten this summer because refiners who must use other blending methods to make the cleaner-burning fuel won't be able to produce as much gasoline.

Gas prices already are poised to rise above the current national average of $1.53 per gallon, as inventories are below normal levels and the peak driving season is just beginning.

On the Net:
Unocal patent information: http://www.unocal.com/rfg-patent/index.htm

Second suspect is released

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The second ex-Ku Klux Klansman charged with murder in a church bombing that killed four black girls was freed on $200,000 bond Tuesday nearly two weeks after his arrest.

Thomas E. Blanton Jr. left the Jefferson County Jail with his lawyer, but records were not immediately available showing who posted the bond.

Blanton of Birmingham and Bobby Frank Cherry of Mabank, Texas surrendered May 17 after being indicted in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, a gathering place for black civil rights protesters in the early 1960s.

Cherry was previously released on bonds totaling $200,000.

Both Blanton and Cherry say they are innocent.

The dynamite bomb, which exploded outside the church on a Sunday morning, killed four girls who were inside the building.

Former KKK member Robert Chambliss was convicted in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison. Authorities believe Blanton, Cherry and another man who has since died planted the bomb with Chambliss.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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In the year ahead, you might become involved in several new ventures. Although each might be different from the others, they'll all tie together to make for one big success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Pennies have a way of adding up, so if the only thing that's open to you today is to make gains in small ways, don't hesitate to take advantage of what you might otherwise ignore. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Establish your own agenda today instead of letting companions plan your activities. You know what you need better than they, so write your own. Don't allow them to do so for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something quite juicy might be told to you in confidence today, but keep your own counsel rather than be tempted to repeat it to anyone. If you violate a trust, you violate your honor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A productive exchange can take place today with an associate who shares a common interest with you. The discord will get your minds working together successfully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Concentrate on career matters or your ambitious pursuits today, because you are sharper than usual at this time and chances are you'll make some very good choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something that occurs or is said to you may put your faith to the test today. However, rather than weakening you, the results of your conclusions will make you stronger than ever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are observant today, you might be able to spot a financial opportunity that escapes others. Use your head in ways as to how you can take advantage of this discovery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If anything can trip you up today, it might be the little details. Scrutinize the fine print very carefully so as not to miss something that could be significant in the long run.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make an effort to get all of the little jobs out of the way first today. With the decks cleared, you can make greater progress and with greater efficiency.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your greatest asset today will be your ability to inspire and give direction to those younger or less experienced than yourself. Use your abilities wisely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If there is some kind of discord occurring in your family at this time, it can be ironed out today if you take the initiative to open the negotiations by listening to all sides.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Sometimes, to advance our personal interests, it makes more sense to be assertive mentally rather than physically. This might be one of those days when your mind can do more than your muscles.

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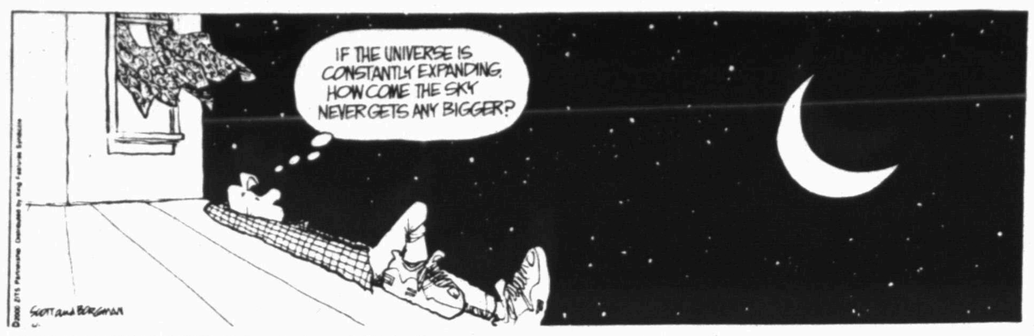

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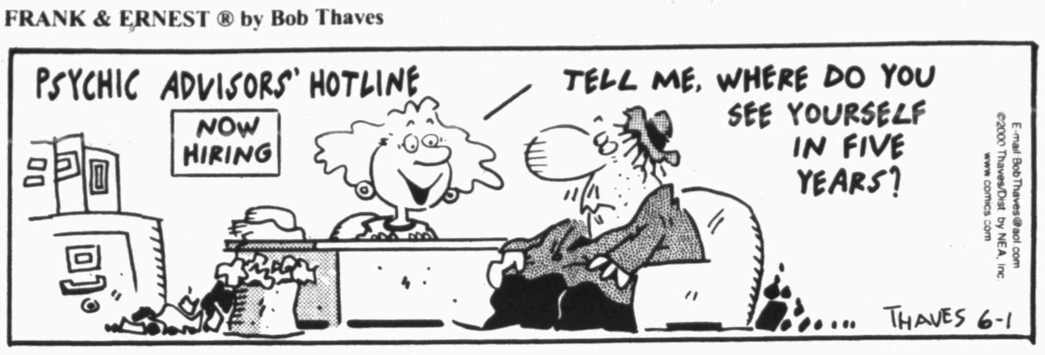

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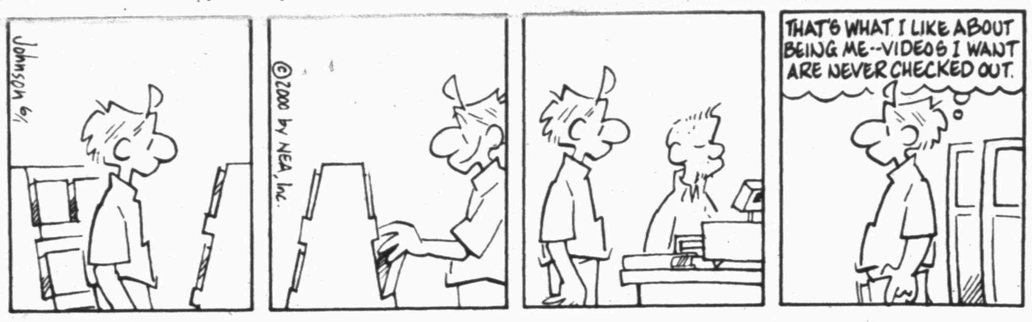

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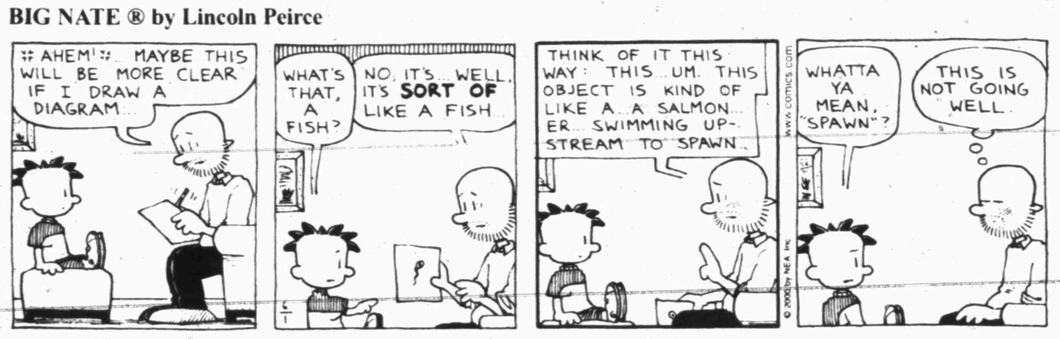

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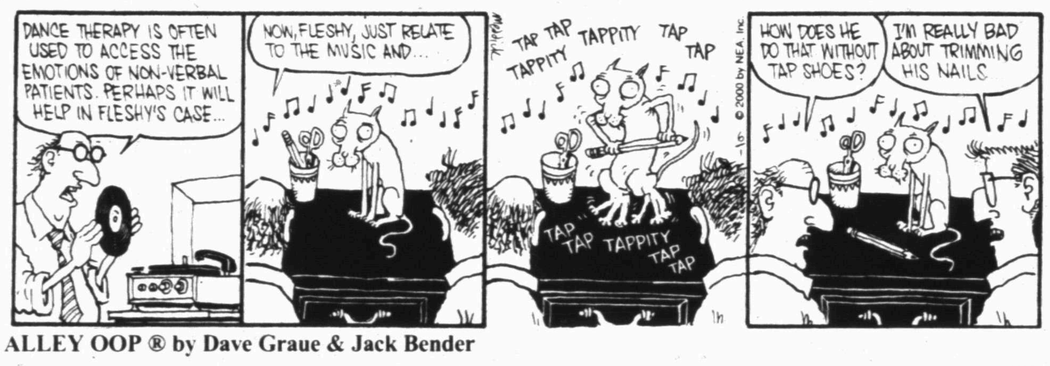

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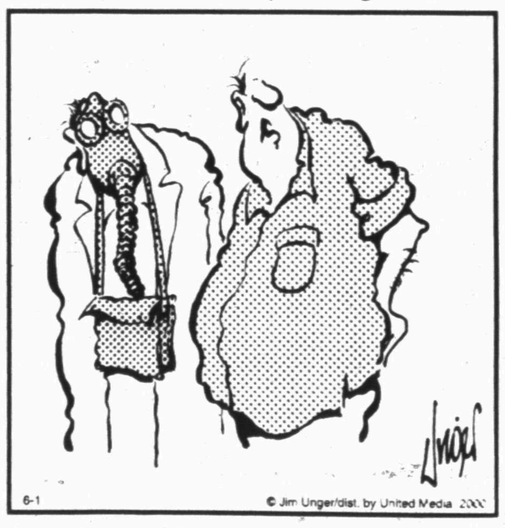

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ACROSS

1 Nook
7 Apple drink
12 Cons' excuses
13 — -Lorraine (French region)
14 User
15 Beverage container
16 Over — hill
17 Howl
18 Sandy's comment
21 Red Sea country
23 Part of a circle
26 Wyatt —
28 Church service
29 Child's card game
30 Uprising
31 Repeat
33 Vexed
36 Spirit
37 Southeast Asian holiday
38 Eye layer
40 Matinee man
41 Ums' kin
42 Worker with rattan
44 Opp. of NNW
45 June honoree
46 Carpet
48 Recently (2 wds.)
51 Breakfast food
55 Delicious beverage
56 Make muddy
57 Some agency workers
58 Naval officer

DOWN

1 Battery type
2 Attorney's deg.
3 Spanish hero El —
4 Newspaper notice
5 Type of mineral water
6 High regard
7 Wash
8 "Do as — —"
9 Bounce pebbles over water
10 Author Umberto —
11 Soak (flax)
13 Under ideal conditions (2 wds.)
18 Make fizzy
19 Actress Luise —
20 Faces
22 Young lady
23 Honors
24 Proportions
25 Shrimp — (spicy dish)
27 Turn the page (abbr.)
32 Baseball stat
34 Mexican peninsula
35 Dodger
39 Germ
43 Cow's stomach
45 See socially
47 Jewels
48 Three — — match
49 Nourished
50 Math abbr.
52 Roman 52
53 Unit of energy
54 Decade number

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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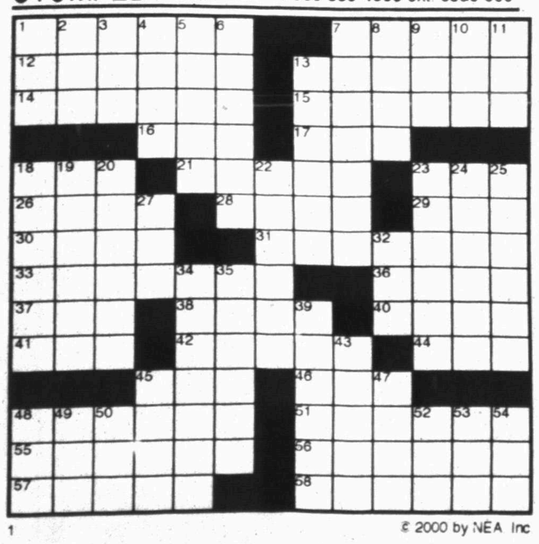

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SPORTS

After heart attack...

Penn State coach will miss series

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State baseball coach Joe Hindelang will miss a super-regional championship series in Texas this weekend after suffering a mild heart attack early Wednesday.

Joe Hindelang, 54, was in stable condition after being transferred to the Hershey Medical Center, sports information director Jeff Nelson said.

Assistant coach Randy Ford will fill in for Hindelang in the best-of-three series against Texas that begins Friday night. The winner goes to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Nelson said Hindelang is expected to be released from the hospital Saturday. Nelson also said doctors told Hindelang he won't be able to travel for two weeks after he is released, making it doubtful he would go to Omaha if Penn State advances.

"Our No. 1 concern, however, is that Joe receives the proper medical attention and experiences a speedy and complete recovery," athletic director Tim Curley said.

Hindelang started coaching the Nittany Lions in 1991 after coaching at Lafayette and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He played baseball and basketball at Temple University.

NCAA Baseball Tournament

All Times EDT
SUPER REGIONALS
(Best-of-3)
Friday, June 2
Louisiana-Lafayette (45-17) at South Carolina (55-8), 7 p.m.
Mississippi State (41-18) at Clemson (48-16), 7 p.m.
Miami (40-17-1) at Florida State (49-16), 7 p.m.
Southern California (41-18) at Georgia Tech (50-14), 7 p.m.
San Jose State (39-21) at Houston (47-16), 8 p.m.
UCLA (38-24) at LSU (46-17), 8 p.m.
Penn State (45-17) at Texas (44-19), 8 p.m.
Nebraska (50-15) at Stanford (45-14), 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 3
Nebraska at Stanford, 4 p.m.
UCLA at LSU, 5 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at South Carolina, 7 p.m.
Mississippi State at Clemson, 7 p.m.
Miami at Florida State, 7 p.m.
Southern California at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
San Jose State at Houston, 8 p.m.
Penn State at Texas, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 4
All games if necessary
Louisiana-Lafayette at South Carolina, 1 p.m.
Miami at Florida State, 1 p.m.
Southern California at Georgia Tech, 1:30 p.m.
Mississippi State at Clemson, 2 p.m.
UCLA at LSU, 2 p.m.
San Jose State at Houston, 3 p.m.
Penn State at Texas, 3 p.m.
Nebraska at Stanford, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
June 9-17

Pacers overcome early deficit to take 3-2 lead

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Booed in their own building after falling behind by 18 points, the Indiana Pacers responded quickly. So quickly it was shocking.

Making a stunning turnaround after a miserable start, the Pacers overcame the return of Patrick Ewing to defeat the New York Knicks 88-79 Wednesday night and take a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

The Pacers turned an 18-point deficit early in the second quarter into a two-point lead by halftime, closing the period with a 23-3 run. They built their lead as high as 10 points in the second half, getting strong games from Travis Best, Mark Jackson, Jalen Rose and Reggie Miller, and didn't let the Knicks back within striking distance in the fourth quarter.

Best had his best game of the series with 24 points, including 15 in the fourth quarter, while Rose had 18 points and seven rebounds, Miller had 16 points and Jackson added 11 points, seven assists, no turnovers and a new gesture — an Indiana version of Larry Johnson's "Big L" gesture, crossing his arms over his head or in front of his chest after big baskets.

Game 6 is Friday night at Madison Square Garden, where the Knicks will try to regain some of the momentum they built by winning Games 3 and 4. But in order to win the series they'll still have to win a game at Indiana, where they are 0-5 since the Pacers moved into Conseco Fieldhouse.

The Knicks will also have to find a way to score more points. They had 32 in the first quarter in building their big lead, then scored just eight in the second and 15 in the third.

Allan Houston led New York with 25 points, but no one else did much. Ewing returned after missing two games with foot tendinitis and had nine points and four rebounds in the first quarter before finishing with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Johnson, hampered by a foot injury sustained at the end of Game 4, shot just 2-for-8 for four points, while Latrell Sprewell was 4-for-14. The Knicks shot 12-for-19 in the first quarter but 18-for-54 the rest of the way.

Best shot 7-for-11 for the Pacers, who made 10 3-pointers, went 20-for-25 at the line and committed only seven turnovers.

With Rik Smits starting 0-for-5, the Pacers shot just 27 percent in the first quarter and trailed 32-17 entering the second. New York's lead reached 37-19 two minutes into the quarter, and the fans booed the home team off the court during a timeout.

Stars put Game 1 behind them

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Dallas Stars analyzed it and overanalyzed it, shift by shift, mistake by mistake, goal by goal, breakdown by breakdown.

The more they watched the video of their 7-3 loss to the New Jersey Devils in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals, the more they disliked what they saw.

Namely, a confused, tired and unconfident bunch, one that didn't resemble the defending NHL champions. One that doesn't dare show up for Game 2 tonight, lest they fall behind the Devils 2-0.

"We're not dwelling on this too much," forward Mike Keane said Wednesday. "We played poorly and they played well, so it was a combination of both. We have to get better, and I think we will do that the next game."

Despite the magnitude of the loss, Stars coach Ken Hitchcock promises Game 2 won't be preceded by a tirade resembling that by Devils coach Larry Robinson during the Eastern Conference finals.

There also won't be any finger-pointing or name-calling or questioning of character.

"We've been hammered before, but it is your ability to write it off and start fresh that I think is critical," Hitchcock said. "We have to come up with some fresh energy, and if I wear on these guys or I am overcoaching these guys, I am taking away their energy."

Bad enough, he said, that the Devils took away Game 1.

The Stars have some reason for encouragement; they are 3-0 in Game 2s in these playoffs, beating Colorado in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals after losing Game 1. They also beat Buffalo in Game 2 of last year's Stanley Cup finals after losing Game 1 at home.

"This is a little different; this is on the road," Hitchcock said. "We know the pressure is on us. We know we've got to win. When you don't have home ice, you know you need to win on the road, and if it goes too long, you run out of games.

"When you lose at home, you've got a cushion. When you lose on the road, there is no cushion."

There is also no cold medicine, at least not in Stars goalie Ed Belfour's locker. He blamed his dismal Game 1 effort — six goals allowed on 18 shots — partly on prescription decongestants and cold pills, saying they adversely affected his judgment.

"I've been told to get off that," said Belfour, who began the series with a 1.81 goals-against average.

But the Stars understand they need more than an alert, on-his-game Belfour to undo the damage they caused in Game 1.

The Stars must slow a Devils top line of Patrik Elias-Jason Arnott-Petr Sykora that generated 11 points — 11 more than their own top line produced — and keep the Devils' trapping defense from causing neutral-zone turnovers.

Hitchcock counted 16 or 17 such turnovers in Game 1, nearly all of which led to Devils rushes.

"I think that, quite frankly, they are the best counterattack team in the NHL," he said. "We can't be giving them those easy opportunities. It's like with our guys, Brett Hull and Mike Modano, if you give those guys counterattack opportunities, they will bury you."

Rangers tie club record

DETROIT (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro homered and drove in four runs as the Texas Rangers tied the club record for wins in May with a 13-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Rusty Greer also had four RBIs as Texas pounded five pitchers for 16 hits, seven for extra bases, as the Rangers finished May with an 18-10 record to tie the 1991 and '96 clubs for most wins in the month.

Former Rangers star Juan Gonzalez sat out again with a strained left foot and missed the entire three-game series with a strained left foot.

The Tigers lost two of three in the series, and have won only two of their last seven.

Palmeiro hit a two-run homer in the first and added a two-run single in the fourth. He was 6-for-13 with two home runs and five RBIs in the series.

Greer hit an RBI fielder's choice in the second, a two-run single in the fifth and a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Luis Alicea hit two doubles, a two-run triple and scored three times.

Darren Oliver (2-3) struggled through 5 2-3 innings to win for the second time in three starts. He allowed five runs on eight hits but was able to strand 10 runners, battling through bases-load situations in the first two innings.

Dave Mlicki (2-6), who had won his previous two decisions and had just a 1.71 ERA in his last three starts, lasted only 3 2-3 innings and gave up six runs.

Sports Briefs

MGA sets monthly tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Format is low ball, with A-B and C-D flights. Cost is $6.

Tiger softball camp scheduled

The Tiger Softball Camp for incoming first through ninth grade girls will begin Monday and run through next Thursday at Cates Field. The camp will be from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Fielding, throwing, hitting, base running and individual techniques will be stressed, and players must bring their own equipment.

Cost is $50 and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration forms can be picked up at Cates Field, Snyder High School main office, or Coach Tipton's office.

PDU hosts hoops tourney

Price Daniel Unit will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, with proceeds benefiting Special Olympics. Teams will be divided into adult and children's divisions.

Cost is $50 for adult teams, and $35 for children's squads. All teams will meet at Snyder Junior High at 9 a.m. the day of the tournament for game time and location. All entries are due by Friday.

For more information, call 573-1114.

Basketball clinic scheduled

The Sam Tipton 2000 Basketball Camp will be held June 20-23 at Snyder High School.

The co-ed division is open to incoming third through sixth graders and will run from 9 a.m. until noon. Seventh through ninth grade girls only will be from 1 until 4 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Deadline to register is Friday.

For more information, call Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30, or 573-4437.

WTC sets junior golf clinic

The WTC Junior Golf Clinic will begin Monday and run through June 9. Ages 8-12 will meet from 8 until 10 a.m, while ages 13-17 will be from 10 a.m. until noon.

Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn and Ricky Hunter will cover the full swing, short game, putting, trouble shots, rules and etiquette. Video swing analysis will also be provided.

The camp will be limited to the first 50 players to sign up. Cost of the five-day camp is $75.

Players can register in person from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, or by calling the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Baseball camp scheduled

Snyder Advanced Baseball Camp will begin Monday and run through June 9. Cost is $40.

For more information, contact Coach Herrera at 573-1355, or Coach Bollinger at 573-5734.

WGA holds play day, swingers

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be roughing it on the front nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Also, swingers' play will be at 5:30 p.m. each Friday, and couples' play will be held at 1:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month.

SCC holds weekly events

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

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

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

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

WTC MGA Results

Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College
Skins game (winners): Harley Bynum, Ricky Beard, Mutt Thompson, Johnny Barrow, Ernie Armstrong, Blaine Long and Kenneth Parker.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, May 30
Portland 96, L.A. Lakers 88, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-2
Wednesday, May 31
Indiana 88, New York 79, Indiana leads series 3-2
Friday, June 2
Indiana at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 4
New York at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, May 30
New Jersey 7, Dallas 3, New Jersey leads series 1-0
Thursday, June 1
Dallas at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 3
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 5
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 8
Dallas at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, June 10
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m., if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	35	16	.686	—
New York	29	24	.547	7
Montreal	26	23	.531	8
Florida	24	30	.444	12½
Philadelphia	18	33	.353	17

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	30	22	.577	—
Cincinnati	28	23	.549	1½
Pittsburgh	23	28	.451	6½
Milwaukee	22	31	.415	8½
Chicago	20	33	.377	10½
Houston	19	33	.365	11

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	33	19	.635	—
Colorado	28	22	.560	4
Los Angeles	28	22	.560	4
San Francisco	25	25	.500	7
San Diego	24	28	.462	9

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 2
Montreal 10, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 8, Houston 6
San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 4
Arizona 6, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Mets 3
San Diego 9, Milwaukee 5
Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Glavine 7-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-1) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-1), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 4-2) at Arizona (Reynoso 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Detroit (Nomo 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-1), 3:20 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 0-3) at Montreal (Pavano 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Munro 1-0) at Florida (Penny 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Batista 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 2-4) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Rose 3-2) at Philadelphia (Person 5-2), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 2-6) at Cincinnati (Bell 3-3), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-4) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-3), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Arrojo 2-4) at Milwaukee (Bere 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 4-2) at Houston (Reynolds 5-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wnght 3-3) at St. Louis (Kile 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 4-0) at Texas (Helling 7-2), 8:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 3-5) at Oakland (Mulder 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-2) at Anaheim (Bottenfield 3-5), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 5-3) at Seattle (Moyer 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

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Wednesday's Games
Toronto 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 3
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 9, Boston 7
Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 7
Texas 13, Detroit 5
Cleveland 7, Anaheim 3
Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Milton 4-1) at Toronto (Castillo 1-4), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Fussell 4-2) at Boston (RMartinez 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-3), 7:15 p.m.
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Heat: Chrissa Murphrey, home run; Bianca Gonzales, double; Erin Hackfeld, single. **LP:** Gonzales.
Stars 6, Heat 0
Stars: Briana Bernal, Kate Wall and Courtney Tyrrell, single. **WP:** Bernal.
Heat: Murphrey, triple; Gonzales, Kenetra and Hackfeld, single. **LP:** Gonzales.
Stars 10, Lightning 0
Stars: Bernal, triple and single; Shannon Mangis, triple; Tyrrell, double and single; Ragland, three singles; Williams, Kendra Birks and Tabitha Jones, single. **WP:** Drummond.
Lightning: Jennifer Martinez and Alecia Dorman, single. **LP:** Casey Crain.

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MINOR LEAGUE
Indians 17, Braves 0
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Braves: Taylor Grott, triple and single; Richard Grace, single. **LP:** Bryce Westmoreland.
Indians 15, Braves 6
Indians: Mark Keller, home run, double and single; Joseph Epperson, triple; Key, Williams, Rudy Ybarra and Dominic Cabrera, single. **WP:** West.
Braves: Brandon Ramirez and B. Westmoreland, two singles; Grott and Dylan Bunch, single. **LP:** Brandon Ramirez.
Indians 16, Astros 3
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Plan to reduce area pollution is drafted

FORT WORTH (AP) — A government plan will enlist support of North Texas employers in cutting the region's pollution by allowing workers to work in staggered shifts or stay home.

This summer, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and area mass transit agencies plan to ask 5,000 area businesses to make changes.

"If they can have employees have dress-down days, there is no reason why we can't have a more modern way from a transportation standpoint," Michael Morris, council director of transportation, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Early-morning traffic is targeted by the council as a significant source of ozone, which is a key component of smog, said Lourenco Dantas, council senior transportation planner.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is one of the state's three regions with the worst air pollution. State and federal regulators have proposed more stringent pollution controls there.

Council members will evaluate their effort beginning today, with the goal to reduce employees' use of vehicles by 20 percent.

Results will be shared with 5,000 companies who employ more than 100 workers in a nine-county region that includes Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	29⅛	28¾	28 13-16	+ 5-16
AT&T Corp	35 3-16	34 11-16	34 15-16	+ 5-16
Albertsons	38 1-16	36¼	38 1-16	+ 1 7-16
Alltel	65 7-16	64 13-16	65⅜	— ¼
AmerOnline s	54 7-16	53⅜	54 3-16	+ 15-16
AndarkPtr	53 9-16	52 9-16	52 9-16	—11-16
ATMOS Egy	18¾	18 7-16	18 9-16	+ ¼
Aviall	5 7-16	5⅜	5 7-16	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	54¾	54⅜	54 11-16	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	36 11-16	35¼	35½	— ¾
Bank of Amer	57 9-16	55 5-16	57¼	+ 1 13-16
BellAtl	53 3-16	52 5-16	52 15-16	+ 1-16
BellSouth	47 3-16	46⅛	46 15-16	+ ¼
Beth Steel	4	3⅞	3 15-16	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	24⅛	23 11-16	24⅛	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	39⅜	38 13-16	39¼	+ 1
CenSoWst	21	20¾	20¾	— 1-16
Chevron	92 7-16	90¾	91	—1 7-16
Citigroup	64¼	62 11-16	63 15-16	+ 1¾
Coastal	61 7-16	60¾	61 3-16	— 3-16
CocaCola	54⅝	53 1-16	54 3-16	+ 13-16
ColgatePal	54⅝	53 9-16	54⅜	+ 1¾
ComclMetals	27	26⅜	26 15-16	+ ⅝
Cooperin	33⅜	33¼	33 13-16	+ 5-16
DaimlrChry	54⅜	53 11-16	54 1-16	+ ⅛
DallSemicn s	42⅛	40 11-16	42⅛	+ 2⅛
DeltaAirl	51¾	51¼	51¼	— 3-16
Dillards Inc	15 1-16	14¾	15	+ 1-16
DowChem	107	104 5-16	106	—1 1-16
DuPont	49	48⅛	48⅝	— ⅜
EastmanChem	46	45 5-16	45 15-16	+ ⅜
EstKodak	60	59⅜	59⅝	— ⅛
EDS Corp	64 9-16	63⅜	64 7-16	+ ⅛
Entergy	29 3-16	28½	28 11-16	— 9-16
ExxonMobil	83 9-16	81 7-16	81½	—1 13-16
Flowers	18¼	18	18 3-16	+ ⅛
FordMotor	48½	47⅝	48 1-16	— ½
GTE Cp	63¾	62⅞	63 7-16	+ 3-16
GenDynam	58⅜	58 7-16	58½	— 9-16
GenElec s	53⅜	51¾	52 13-16	+ ⅛
GenMills s	40⅜	39 13-16	40⅜	+ 11-16
GenMotors	70½	69 13-16	69 15-16	—11-16
GaPacGP	31 15-16	30⅞	31 3-16	—2 1-16
GlobalMar	28⅝	27¼	27½	—11-16
Goodrich	35 11-16	35⅜	35⅜	+ 3-16
Goodyear s	26 3-16	25 3-16	26 3-16	+ 1 5-16
GtAtlPac	18⅜	18 1-16	18⅛	— ¼
Halliburtn	51 3-16	49⅜	49⅝	—1 5-16
Hanson ADS	36¾	36⅜	36¾	+ 1¾
HarteHanks	24½	24	24 1-16	— ⅝
HomeDepot s	49 11-16	48½	49 9-16	+ ¾
Honeywellintl	55 11-16	54 7-16	55¼	+ 9-16
IBM	108 15-16	107 5-16	108 5-16	+ 15-16
IntlPaper	34¾	34	34 3-16	— ⅜
JohnsonJn	89½	88⅞	89	— ½
K mart	8 13-16	8½	8¾	+ ¼
Kroger Co s	19⅞	19½	19⅞	
Litton	44 1-16	43 1-16	43 15-16	+ 1
LockheedM	24 15-16	24 3-16	24⅞	+ 3-16
Lowes Cos	47¾	46½	47 11-16	+ 1⅛
Lubys	9	8 13-16	8 13-16	— 3-16
LucentTech	59 11-16	57 13-16	59 5-16	+ 2 1-16
MayDeptStr	31⅛	30¾	30 13-16	+ ¾
MediaOne	67½	66 15-16	67 5-16	+ ½
Medtronic s	51⅝	50⅝	50¾	— ⅞
MorganJP	132⅜	126 13-16	132⅛	+ 3⅜
Motorola	100¼	96¼	99 3-16	+ 5 7-16
Motorola wi	33 9-16	32 5-16	33¼	+ 1 11-16
NCR Corp	42⅝	41⅞	41⅞	— 5-16
Navistar	32½	32 3-16	32½	+ ⅜
Penney JC	18⅛	17⅞	18 1-16	— 1-16
PepBoys	7¼	7 1-16	7 3-16	—13-16
PepsiCo	41 3-16	40 7-16	40 15-16	+ 1-16
Pharmacia	52⅜	51 1-16	51 1-16	— ⅞
PhelpDodge	45	44⅝	44 11-16	— 3-16
PhilipPet	57 11-16	56 7-16	56½	— ¾
PilgrmPrd B	8	7 15-16	8	
Polaroid	19½	18¾	19 5-16	+ ⅛
Praxair	42⅜	41 3-16	41¼	— ¾
ProctGamb	66⅜	65¾	66	— ½
PubS NwMx	17⅛	16 15-16	17	+ 5-16
RadioShack	44	42 15-16	43½	+ ⅜
ReliantEngy	28 9-16	27 15-16	28 1-16	— ½
RoyalDut	62 9-16	61⅞	61 15-16	— ½
SBC Comm	44½	44 1-16	44½	+ 13-16
SaraLee	18¼	17¾	18 3-16	+ 3-16
Scripps EW	48 5-16	48	48 5-16	+ 7-16
SearsRoeb	38⅜	37⅜	38 3-16	+ 1¼
SherwinW	23 15-16	23 5-16	23⅞	+ ⅝
SmithklBchm	64⅞	63 15-16	64 1-16	+ ⅜
SouthernCo	26	25 11-16	25 11-16	— ¼
SwstAirl s	19 5-16	19 1-16	19 5-16	+ ⅛
SprntFON	60¾	59½	60⅜	+ ⅛
SprintPCS s	56¼	55½	56 3-16	+ 1 1-16
Sunoco Inc	32 7-16	32⅛	32⅛	— 3-16
TXU Corp	36 9-16	35 7-16	35 9-16	— 3-16
TempleInland	50	49 7-16	49⅝	— 1-16
Texaco	58	56⅝	56¾	—11-16
TexInd	29	28 13-16	28 13-16	+ ⅛
TexasInst s	76	73⅞	75 9-16	+ 3 5-16
Textron	62⅞	61⅞	62 11-16	— 1-16
TriconGlbR	29⅝	29¼	29 9-16	+ ¼
TrinityInds	22 5-16	22 1-16	22⅛	+ 1-16
TritonEngy	33½	31 9-16	31 9-16	—1 13-16
TylerTech	4 7-16	4⅛	4⅜	+ ⅜
US West Inc	72⅝	71⅞	72⅜	+ ⅜
USX-Marathn	27 5-16	26⅜	26⅜	—13-16
USX-USS	22½	22 5-32	22 5-16	— ¼
UnCarbde	54⅜	53⅜	54⅛	— 9-16
UnionPacif	43	42 5-16	42 15-16	+ 7-16
UnitedTech	59¾	58 1-16	59¼	—1 3-16
Unocal	38 9-16	37	37¼	—1 3-16
Venator Grp	11 1-16	10⅝	10⅝	— 3-16
WalMart	57 3-16	56¼	56 13-16	—1 3-16
WellsFargo	46¼	44 15-16	46	+ 13-16
WstnGasRs	22⅞	22½	22½	— 3-16
WinnDixie	16⅛	15¾	15 15-16	+ ⅛
Xerox Cp	27⅝	26⅞	27 9-16	+ 7-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	23 13/16	-5/16
Dell	43 1/2	+3/8
Wal Mart	56 5/8	-1
Compac	26 7/16	+3/16
Dol. Gen.	17 1/16	-7/16
GTE	63 3/8	+1/8
SBC Comm.	44 11/16	+1
BJ Services	71	-5/8
LU	59 1/16	+1 13/16
Cisco Sys.	59 7/16	+2 1/2

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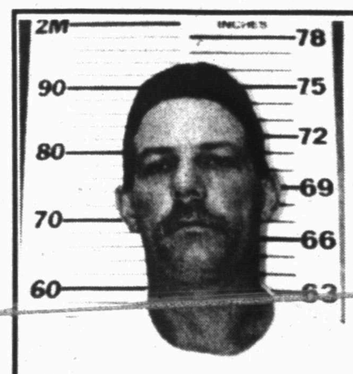

Snyder Police Department
Community Notification
Sex Offender Registration
May 31, 2000

NOTICE
The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Gary Edwin Wheeler, 34 years of age, male, 609 N. Avenue Q, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, Sexual Contact". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Gary Edwin Wheeler, Un hombre, 34 anos de edad, 609 N. Avenue Q, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Contacto". La victima era nina, quince anos de edad.

(S) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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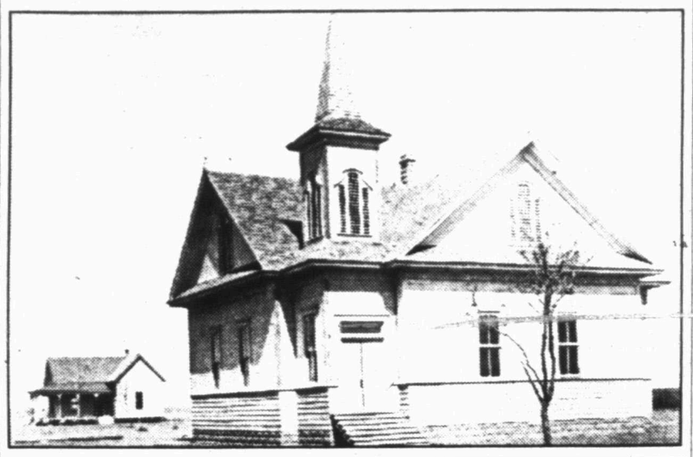
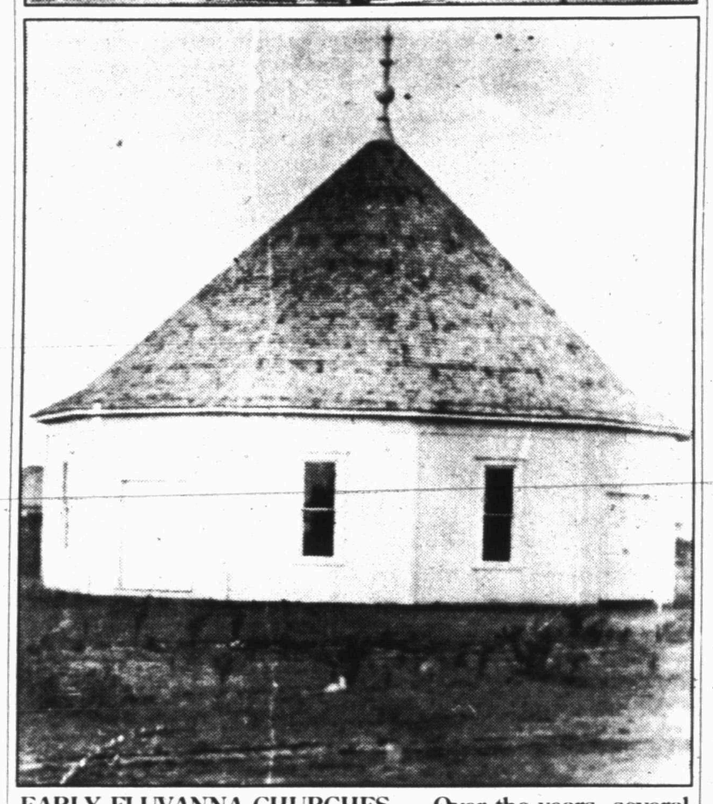
Early churches in Fluvanna





EARLY FLUVANNA CHURCHES — Over the years, several churches have been organized in Fluvanna. The top photo pictures the Fluvanna Methodist Church in 1909. The congregation of Fluvanna Church of Christ began to meet in the late 1890s, in a schoolhouse or in homes of members. The octagonal building (bottom photo) was erected in 1909, just east of the present location. The first full-time minister was Choice Bryant; then students from Abilene Christian College (now University) commuted each Sunday to preach. Fluvanna's homecoming will be June 9-10. (Photos Courtesy of Scurry County Museum)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

First, treat the edema

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife's legs are terribly swollen and she has developed several ulcers on them. Around her varicose veins, the skin is brown and taut; there is redness that extends from her feet to her knees. Her surgeon says she may have a blocked artery and could require amputation. Should we get a second opinion?

DEAR READER: You seem to be describing a common medical condition called stasis dermatitis. As people age, they can develop sluggish circulation in the leg veins — especially if varicose veins are present. Blood may tend to pool in the lower extremities and is unable to return briskly to the heart for recirculation. Because of gravity, fluid leaks through the walls of veins and capillaries and floods the surrounding tissue, leading to swelling (edema), tenderness and a brownish-red discoloration of the skin. Consequently, the skin's nutrition is impaired, permitting ulcers and infection to develop. Such venous insufficiency can be associated with additional circulatory problems stemming from poor arterial blood supply to the legs.

To cure the ulcers, doctors must first treat the edema. Only then will the skin return to normal. Swelling from incompetent leg veins often responds to elevation of the legs, elastic hose or other supporting techniques, diuretic therapy (to rid tissue of excess fluid), meticulous attention to proper skin care, avoidance of minor injuries, antibiotic therapy, a balanced low-salt diet, and — occasionally — surgery to repair diseased veins or to remove them entirely.

By hinting at amputation, your wife's surgeon is suggesting that most of her problem may be secondary to untreatable arterial blockage. I believe that this conclusion is premature; from the information you supply, I urge you to explore other alternatives. Appropriate testing may indicate arterial obstructions that could be treated successfully with bypass surgery or angioplasty, both of which are clearly preferable to amputation. Perhaps your wife would be better served by obtaining a second opinion from a cardiovascular specialist.

In summary, a patient with ulcerated, red and swollen legs is more likely to be suffering from the effects of poor venous, rather than arterial, circulation. These symptoms can be the result of weakened veins and capillaries, as well as liver disease and chronic heart failure, which increase pressure in leg veins. Medical treatment is available and preferable; surgery should be considered as a last resort. A second opinion is an appropriate next step. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter takes a low dose of thyroid supplement under her doctor's supervision. She was taking the medicine during her recent pregnancy. We have been alarmed by "friends" who are convinced that this thyroid medication could have affected the baby and may cause mental retardation. Is this something that should concern us?

DEAR READER: Not in my opinion.

The thyroid gland produces a hormone that is necessary for proper metabolism. For patients who are thyroid-deficient, supplemental hormone must be administered to make up for the lack of the natural substance. Your daughter's supplement seems appropriate, and I cannot conceive that it could affect her baby in any way.

However, it wouldn't hurt to inform the child's pediatrician about how much thyroid hormone your daughter took and let the doctor decide how best to follow your grandchild's development.

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Hormone therapy found to boost risk of breast cancer

SEATTLE (AP) — Use of a hormone-replacement therapy with estrogen and progestin can more than double the risk of a form of breast cancer, researchers reported today in the journal Cancer.

Scientists at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center studied 537 King County women at least 50 years old who had breast cancer from 1988 to 1990. They were compared with 492 women who had not had the disease.

Scientists found a 2.6-fold higher incidence of lobular breast cancer in women who took the combination therapy for at least six months and an average of four years.

The reason only one form of cancer increased is "a question for the future: Do some women have certain characteristics that make them more susceptible to lobular cancer when using replacement therapy?" said Dr. Christopher Li, the study's lead author.

About 85 percent of invasive breast cancer cases are in the ducts that carry milk to the nipple. Lobular cancer occurs in the milk-producing lobules and affects about 10 percent of breast-cancer cases.

About 8.6 million women in the United States take the combination therapy treatment and 12 million take estrogen alone.

Judge refuses to grant outpatient status

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has refused to release from a state mental hospital a man who was found insane after cutting out his girlfriend's eyeball.

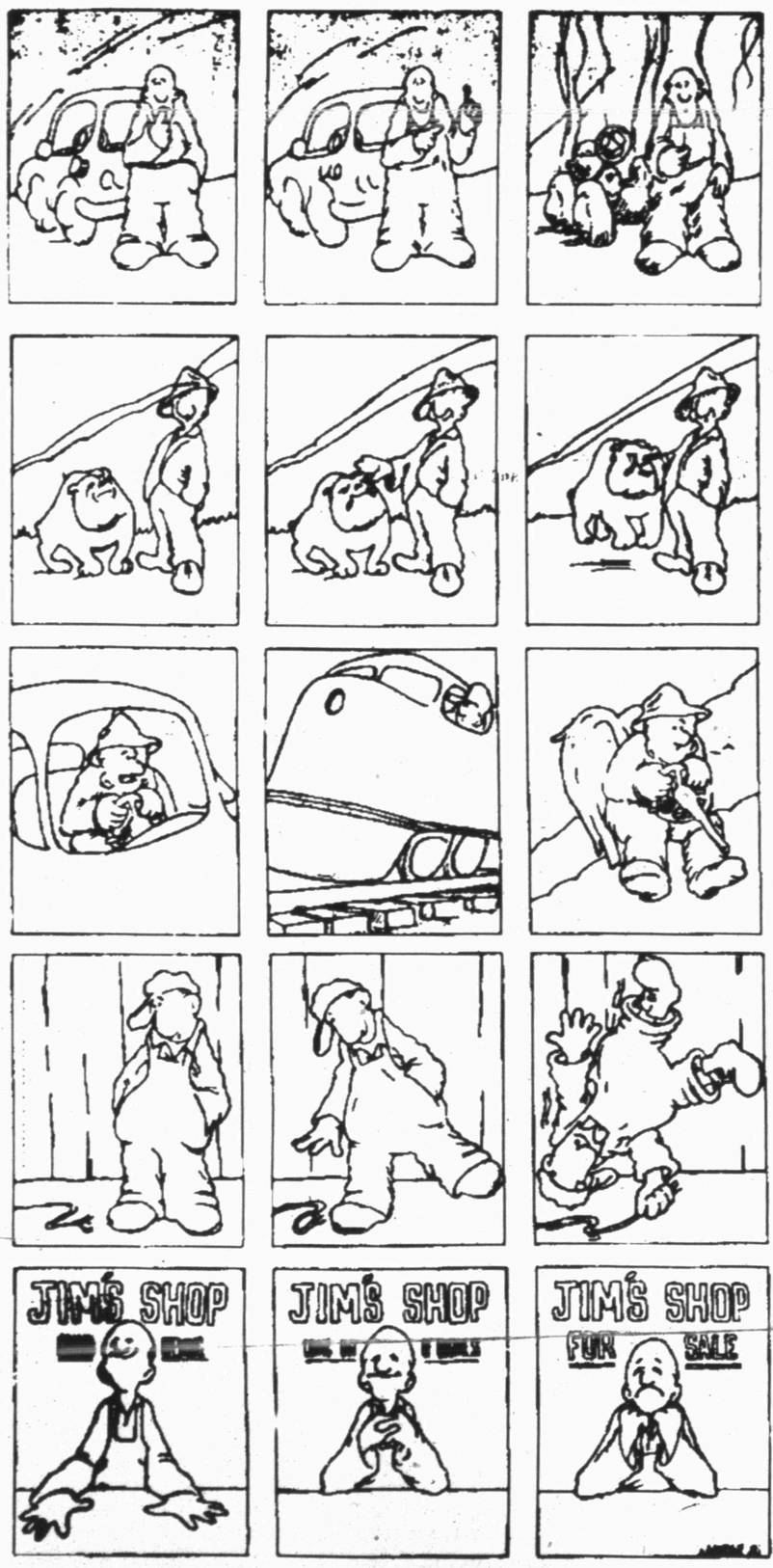
Nathan Campbell, 26, has been in state mental hospitals since April 1997, when he was found not guilty by reason of insanity for kidnapping and assaulting 25-year-old Kristen West.

Campbell's doctors at Rusk State Hospital say he is ready for outpatient status, but state District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin refused to release him.

Instead, the judge sent him back to the facility for another year and urged Campbell to get serious about his treatment.

It's not the first time Stricklin has denied Campbell's requests for freedom. In 1999, Stricklin sent Campbell back to Rusk after hearing from Dr. Fred Fason, a court-appointed psychiatrist, who said Campbell still exhibited the sadistic, narcissistic character traits that led him to attack West.

Fason told the judge on Wednesday he still believed Campbell was a threat.



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1. **NEVER** try to beat a train to a crossing.

1. **NEVER** check a wire for live voltage with your bare hand.

1. **NEVER** try to save money by **not advertising** your business.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Fed appeals court sides with Elian's dad

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal appeals court sided with Elian Gonzalez's father today in the 6-month-old international custody battle, ruling that immigration officials acted properly when they denied an asylum hearing for the Cuban boy.

Elian must remain in the United States for 14 days to give his Miami relatives a chance to appeal.

The three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the Immigration and Naturalization Service's decision that only a parent can act for his 6-year-old child in immigration matters "comes within the range of reasonable choices." It said the principle held true even if the parent was in another country and the child was in the United States.

Minutes after the ruling, lawyers for the boy's Miami relatives sought help from Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who handles emergency matters from the 11th Circuit for the nation's highest court.

The request urged Kennedy's help "to assure that Elian will remain in the United States" until the full Supreme Court can consider a formal appeal.

"No child, whatever may be his immigration status, deserves fewer judicial rights than hardened criminals. Surely, this traumatized and innocent child deserves the court's consideration and protection," the request said.

Kennedy has the authority to act on the request himself, but he was more likely to refer it to the full Supreme Court.

After the decision was announced, protesters in Miami screamed and cried outside the Little Havana home where Elian lived for months with his relatives.

"It is not over yet — God is with us," said Sandra Linar, a 40-year-old homemaker. She held a sign with a photo of Elian and his mother, who died in a boat sinking while trying to bring him to the United States.

Elian has been in this country since Thanksgiving Day, when fishermen found him clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Florida. In addition to Elian's mother, 10 other people died after the boat capsized.

Elian's Miami relatives cared for him until he was seized April 22 in a government raid and reunited in Washington with his father, who was allowed to leave Cuba while pursuing his attempt to regain custody.

Obituaries

Mrs. Donaldson

1903-2000

Charldee Donaldson, a resident of Scurry County since 1950, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Donaldson, 97, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born April 30, 1903 in St. Louis, Mo., she moved with her family to New York City at the age of three. Her family moved to Eddy County in New Mexico in December, 1908.

She attended school in Loving, N.M. and graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1921. After high school she worked as the secretary for the Secrefary of the National Mohair Grocers Association at Frijole, Tex., and then moved to Springfield, Tenn., where she worked as a legal secretary.

She returned to New Mexico in 1923 and worked for Loving State Bank until she married Earl Donaldson on Nov. 30, 1924 in Carlsbad. They farmed and ranched in the Pecos Valley area. From 1933 to 1940, she was a stenographer for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. She also was a caseworker and later director of the Eddy County Department of Public Welfare.

In 1950, she and her husband moved to Snyder where they developed and ran Trailertopia for 17 years. The park was sold in 1967, and she and her husband retired and moved to a home on Gary Brewer Road. Mr. Donaldson died Dec. 2, 1985.

A member of the First United Methodist Church and Crusaders Sunday School Class, she also was a member of the Altrurian Daughters Club and Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Ray Peveler of Snyder; a sister, Virginia Jackson of Pangburn, Ark.; a granddaughter and her husband, Dee and Dan Sales of Joshua Tree, Calif.; three great-grandchildren, Bevin Hutchison and husband Bryan, Tom Fuston and Shane Sales; and one great-great-grandchild, Jonathan Hutchison.

Clifford Hale

1921-2000

GRANBURY – Clifford Wayne Hale, former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, May 31, in Lake Granbury Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Hale, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wiley Funeral Home. Stan Reid, minister of the Granbury Chruch of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Acton Cemetery.

Born Aug. 29, 1921 in Decatur, he moved with his parents, George Monroe and Cora May Foster Hale, to Hermleigh in 1932. He was a graduate of Hermleigh High School.

He married Bobby Jean Morrow of Snyder on April 5, 1942 in Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. Hale, a resident of Snyder for 51 years, retired from Tex-Mex Meter Service in 1984. Previous to that, he was a longtime employee and manager of Rogers' Mens Wear. For many years, he was active in the Lions Club, Quarterback Club and in Little League baseball and football organizations. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

A U.A. Army veteran of World War II, he saw action as a First Sergeant with Company E, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division in Africa, Italy and France. He was wounded twice. His medals include the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star and various campaign ribbons and citations.

Mr. Hale was a member of the American Legion, a lifetime member of the VFW and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Bobby Jean Hale of Granbury; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Nancy Hale of Burleson and Joe and Paula Hale of Joshua; a daughter, Cindy Bray of Plano; two sisters, Opal Spykes of Snyder and Pat Land of Vidor; grandchildren, Michelle Bray of San Antonio, Brent Hale of Burleson, Bryson Hale and his wife, Renee, of Florida, Matt Adkins and his wife, Genita of Burleson, Kevin Hale of Dallas, Shane Hickman and his wife, Stephanie, of Fort Worth, Cody Hickman of Fort Worth and Billy Troy of Dallas; and eight great-grandchildren.

Marie Barton

1906-2000

FORT WORTH – Kitty Marie Scott Barton, deceased. May 25, 2000, at 93 years of age in Fort Worth, TX.

Marie Barton

She was wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, poet and 4th generation Texan, a descendant of Texas pioneers. Her great, great grandfather, Henry Scott and her great grandfather, David Scott, fought at the Battle of San Jacinta and helped settle the territory that was to become the state of Texas. Her great-great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth James Standifer, drove an ox drawn covered wagon, alone, across 3 states and 2 great rivers to become a Texas pioneer. Aside from family, she loved Texas above all else.

She met and married Dan Barton, Texas oil man, when she was 19 years old and traveled beside him over the state of Texas for the next 40 years. He preceded her in death in 1977.

She leaves behind two daughters, Lucie Anne Barton Adger of Fort Worth and Danna Marie Barton Russell of Overland, Park, KS; five granddaughters, Shannon Russell Watson and Tamara Russell Kimes of Overland Park, KS, Genevieve Marie Adger-Haynes of Lubbock, Adrion Barton Adger Ramsey and Laura Deidra Adger of Forth Worth; two grandsons, Robert Julian Russell, III and Shawn Brendon Russell of Overland Park, KS; five great grandsons and one great granddaughter, and two great granddaughters who preceded her in death in their infancy. Nixon Key Scott of Mimbres, NM, is the last living brother of eight siblings.

The ashes of Marie and Dan Barton will be mingled and interred at Fairview Cemetery, Gainesville, Texas, in a private family service.

"Texas"

I was born in the state of Texas,
A place of wind and sand,
Where space goes on forever
And never seems to end.

I may travel the wide world over
And sail the ocean's foam
But, my heart remains in Texas,
The place I call my home.

When my time on this earth is over
And my body's laid to rest,
I'll blend with the soil of Texas,
The state I love the best.

By Marie Barton

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Bush may OK reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Amid increasing national scrutiny of capital punishment, Gov. George W. Bush prepared to grant his first reprieve in a death penalty case after 131 Texas executions during his five years in office.

Bush, a death penalty supporter who last week announced that he supports DNA testing in some cases to settle any doubts, said he was "more than likely" to grant convicted child killer Ricky Nolen McGinn the one-time, 30-day reprieve as defense attorneys seek more testing of crime scene evidence.

McGinn is scheduled to die this evening for the 1993 rape and killing of his 12-year-old stepdaughter. Bush said he would wait until McGinn runs out of appeals before acting.

"I'm inclined to (intervene) because I want ... the man to have his full day in court," Bush said.

Clean-up set in Fluvanna on Saturday

A community-wide cleanup is set Saturday in Fluvanna in preparation for the community's homecoming celebration June 9-10.

"We need everyone who can to be in downtown Fluvanna Saturday morning about 8:30," said Hassie Sneed, chairman of this year's homecoming festivities.

"Bring your hand tools, rakes, shovels, whatever. If someone has a backhoe to assist us, we would be most grateful," said Sneed.

5 arrests logged on Wednesday

Three people were arrested on warrants Wednesday while two more were jailed on alcohol-related charges.

A 17-year-old female was booked into jail at 4:06 p.m. on a Nolan County warrant for motion to revoke probation by evading arrest.

Deputies arrested a 22-year-old female at 5:19 p.m. in the 100 block of Browning on a Mitchell County warrant for Class B fraud/insufficient funds.

At 6:36 p.m., officers took two subjects into custody in the 2500 block of Avenue N. A 38-year-old man was jailed for driving while intoxicated and a 45-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication.

A felony warrant for parole violation resulted in the arrest of a 28-year-old man at 8:19 p.m. Officers took Donald Ray Vera of 1012 27th Street into custody at his residence.

Three offense reports were also filed Wednesday.

Officers were called to Snyder City Hall at 9 a.m. to a disturbance outside of the building. Contact was made with three subjects and an offense report for Class C assault and an offense report for Class C assault/family violence was submitted.

At 9:56 a.m., Oma Houston reported that someone had thrown a rock through the window of her home at 3601 Avenue A. Officers took a report for Class B criminal mischief.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 3:40 p.m. Wednesday in the 2500 block of College. Involved were a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Nancy Candanoza, 49, of 1441 20th Street and a 1988 Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael Lee Pendleton, 19, of 4109 Kerrville.

Births

Jessica Marie Sutton was born to Ken and Leslie Sutton of Littlefield on April 31, weighing six pounds, seven ounces. She was born in Lamb Health Care in Littlefield.

Paternal grandfather is William E. Johnson of Snyder and maternal grandmother is Lora Hopson of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Marie and Roy Sutton of Hermleigh and Novella Benitez of Snyder.

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ONGOINGS

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

Swimming pool hours

The Towle Park swimming pool is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:30-5 p.m. Family night is 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday. Sign-up now for swimming lessons and aqua aerobics.

Kids College late registration

Late registration for Kids College will continue at the Continuing Education office at Western Texas College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and next Wednesday. Registration forms and a check may also be mailed to WTC at 6200 College Avenue, Snyder 79549. Kids College starts June 12 and continues through June 22. For more information, contact Liffin Molter at 573-8511, ext. 223.

Car wash, bake sale

The Snyder all-star cheerleaders will have a car wash and bake sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Miller Bros. Ranch centennial

The Miller Bros. will celebrate 100 years of ranching in Borden County beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Gail arena and show barn. There will be bronc riding, roping, cutting, barrel racing and more. Special guest is Bob Tallman.

Camp Springs homecoming

Homecoming for the Camp Springs community will be held starting at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Northeast Community Center. Bring a potluck dish. Ice, cups, plates and flatware will be furnished. Call 573-8948 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday at the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Good News Ocean Odyssey

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will host an ocean theme Vacation Bible School Monday through next Friday. Children ages five-years-old through this year's sixth grade are welcome. Times will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to pre-register call the church office at 573-8596.

First Presbyterian VBS

"The Fisherman's Story" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set for 9 a.m. until noon Monday through next Friday at First Presbyterian Church. Designed for kindergarten through sixth grades, additional information may be obtained from the church office, 573-6195.

Weigh Down Workshop Seminar

Orientation and registration for the Weigh Down Workshop seminar will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Men and women are invited to learn this new way of dieting. Coordinator is Donna Nehring, 573-7471.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Case for Christianity," followed by "The Loving and True God."

FBC worship service

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

Fluvanna homecoming

The Fluvanna homecoming will be held June 9-10 at the Scurry County Coliseum. Fluvanna school exes and all friends are invited to attend.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be June 10 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Dermott School on the grounds of the coliseum.

Biker Sunday

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will sponsor a Biker Sunday, June 11. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. Bike rodeo games will follow. Door prizes will be given away. Free food and live entertainment will be provided, and there is no admission charged. The Christian Motorcyclists Association, a national organization, will operate the bike rodeo games.

Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" Vacation Bible School will be held for grades K through 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 12-16 at North College Ave. Baptist Church. For more information call 573-7527 or 573-9540.

Cub Scout day camp

Summer Safari 2000, the Cub Scout day camp, will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. June 14-15, and from 1-9:30 p.m. June 16 at the Hughes Aquatic Base and Training Camp at Lake Colorado City. For more information, call 573-3310.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-3

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

3-5-23-50-44-29

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $6 million

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GOOD SPORT — Jean McMillon, principal at Stanfield, kissed a pig the last week of school. She did so because the students had raised $700 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Mrs. Sherry Early holds the animal. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Study supports quick end of dinosaurs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dinosaurs died quickly, snuffed out by the impact of an asteroid that sent a wall of fire and death racing across North America, an analysis of fossils found in Montana and North Dakota concludes.

The finding casts doubt on a theory the dinosaurs died out slowly and that the asteroid impact was simply an end-the-misery trauma for an almost-vanished species, said Peter M. Sheehan of the Milwaukee Public Museum, first author of the study appearing Thursday in the journal Geology.

Researchers analyzed the number and distribution of fossils across large parts of the two states, where the animals roamed some 65 million years ago.

"What we found suggests that the dinosaurs were thriving, that they were doing extremely well during that time," Sheehan said. "The asteroid impact bought a sudden and very abrupt demise to species that were healthy and doing well."

The research adds weight on one side of a debate among experts who study the dinosaur and how the huge animals died.

One group, often called the gradualists, believes the dinosaurs were slowly dying out, that they were weak and beginning to disappear when the asteroid hit.

William A. Clemens of the University of California, Berkeley, a leader of the gradualists, said the Sheehan study fails to prove the asteroid theory of dinosaur extinction.

Sheehan and others believe it was the asteroid impact's alone that killed the dinosaurs in one, swift fiery eruption, followed by weeks of deep cold.

The gradualists base their argument on a 20-year-old study that found few dinosaur fossils in the top 9 feet of a rock deposit, called the Hell Creek Formation, that was laid down in North Dakota and Montana during the last two million years before the asteroid impact. Based on the scarcity of fossils, the gradualists believe the 200-million-year reign of the terrible lizard was already drawing to a close when the asteroid arrived.

Sheehan said a three-year survey of outcroppings of the Hell Creek Formation shows fossils throughout the deposit and that dinosaurs lived there in vigorous numbers and varieties until the very end.

"We looked at the community of dinosaurs in the Hell Creek formation and found they were not changing," Sheehan said. "If they were going through a gradual extinction, we would have expected to see some change. We found no evidence of a decline."

Sheehan said that through the whole 180-foot depth of the Hell Creek formation, the species mix and numbers of dinosaurs were the same, with Tyrannosaurus as the most common carnivore and the Triceratops the most common plant eater.

This was true, he said, right up to the 2 centimeter layer that marks the impact. This layer, found virtually everywhere on Earth, is rich in iridium, a rare element brought to Earth by the asteroid. The iridium layer sits atop the Hell Creek formation.

"The abundance of dinosaur fossils in the upper three meters (9 feet, 9 inches) of sediment immediately underlying the impact layer is well within the range of many intervals lower in the Hell Creek formation," the study says.

After the impact layer, there are no dinosaur fossils.

To gather the data, scores of volunteers spent three summers combing more than 11 million square meters of North Dakota and Montana, walking shoulder-to-shoulder in a search for dinosaur fossils. They found the bones of almost a thousand dinosaurs sprinkled throughout the exposed levels of the Hell Creek formation.

On the Net: General dinosaur site:
http://www.encyberpedia.com/dinos.htm

Extinction theories:
http://palaeo.gly.bris.ac.uk/Communication/Couch/possible.html

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Scoreboard count of gun deaths might capture public attention

DEAR ABBY: The letters from "Grieving Grandmother" and Anne Coakley were tragic reminders of the problem of guns in our nation. Unfortunately, such episodes get little attention from the media except on a local newscast or in the back pages of the local paper. They aren't "news." It happens all too often. It takes a school massacre to get the national notice the situation deserves.

Perhaps what needs to be done is to have a running "scoreboard" set up in New York's Times Square: a continuing count of the gun deaths in the entire nation since the start of every year. The count could even be categorized by accidental deaths and murders. Running messages could give the particulars of the latest death as to date, location and the victim's age.

I realize this is a macabre suggestion. However, some drastic measure is needed to engage the public's full awareness of the magnitude of our problem. I also realize that it would require a great deal of money to rent the sign and acquire the necessary information. However, perhaps some organization or philanthropist would be interested. — **CONCERNED OCTOGENARIAN, ST. ALBANS, W.VA.**

DEAR CONCERNED: Your suggestion is no more macabre than the billboards that advertise the number of deaths per year from smoking. Frankly, I think billboards addressing serious issues are a public service.

To embellish on your idea just a little — the gun-death scoreboard could be designed to look like a game in a shooting gallery. Every time the death toll increases, a bell could "ding!" and a duck could disappear from the screen. It's really not so far-fetched — as it stands today, almost all of us are sitting ducks. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You've printed several letters lately about gun safety. Let me tell you about a near-fatal gun accident that happened in 1944 aboard the submarine USS Cato.

The gunner's mate first class brought a 20 mm submachine gun into the crew's mess and proceeded to use one of the tables to disassemble, clean and oil the weapon.

Although he was an experienced weapons handler, he forgot the first safety regulation: "Inspect your weapon and be certain it is EMPTY."

When he carelessly pulled the trigger, the weapon fired. The bullet ricocheted off the bulkheads and over the heads of eight or nine of us shipmates. Miraculously, it missed all of us and providently wound up in the left upper arm of the gunner's mate!

During the gunner's mate's court-martial, the executive officer remarked, "So, you shot yourself. It serves you right! I hope you learned something."

He was reduced to third class, and at the end of that patrol was transferred off the ship in disgrace. The gunner's mate "learned something," all right — he learned that his shipmates could be cruel in their sarcasm for weeks after.

I learned something from that incident, too. I am now 80, and in all these years I have never owned or kept a gun in my house. — **LOWELL K. ALLEN, RCMS (SS) U.S. NAVY (RET.)**

DEAR LOWELL: You and your shipmates had a close call. It brings home the point that expertise with weapons doesn't guarantee they are always handled safely. Gun enthusiasts often write to say, "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." However, people are human, and human beings have accidents. It's human nature.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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No harmful cardiovascular effects of Viagra detected

By The Associated Press

Viagra caused no harmful changes in the blood flow of men with severe heart disease, researchers reported today in a study financed by the maker of the impotence treatment drug.

The study in the New England Journal of Medicine added to evidence that Viagra alone does not increase the risk of heart attacks.

Many men who are impotent also have heart disease, because the risk factors are often the same: old age, diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania measured blood flow inside the coronary arteries of 14 men with severe narrowing of at least one artery. They found no adverse cardiovascular effects and a slight improvement in coronary blood flow reserve.

Viagra did lower the men's blood pressure slightly, as previously reported.

Viagra has been linked to an increased number of heart attack deaths, mostly in patients who use it while taking nitrates, because the combination can lead to a sudden, severe drop in blood pressure. Sex also can increase the risk of a heart attack.

The study was led by Dr. Howard Herrmann, of the University of Pennsylvania. It was supported by a grant from Pfizer, which makes Viagra.

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