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Still no takers for council's District 3 seat

There are only three days left to file in the May elections and District 3 on Snyder City Council still has no takers.

A lot of Snyder residents may not know what single-member district they reside in, especially if they live near a boundary. And of all of them, District 3 is among the hardest to define.

Start at the corner of Avenue E and 20th Street. Everything to the east is in the district. Everything to the north and west lies in District 1.

But District 3 is tricky. About one third of it lies in south central Snyder, beginning at the corner of Avenue V and 30th Street. Its southern border at that point is 40th Street. Its northern border is 30th, but at 30th and Avenue P, it follows the old RS&P railroad tracks down to Avenue L. It then cuts west along 34th, dips down at Avenue I to 36th Street before tying into the rest of the district at Avenue E.

If it is hard to define, it's been just as hard for the District to keep representatives on the council. The post has been vacant almost 18 of the past 24 months.

Kenny Gambrell won the election in 1996, but he moved almost as soon as he was voted into office. The seat stayed vacant until the May 1997 election, when Kerry Bredemeyer ran and was elected. But that fall, Bredemeyer also moved from the district, leaving the seat vacant once again.

Now, candidates have just three days — the filing period ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday — in which to file for the seat for this May's election.

Candidates for other council seats haven't been hard to come by, though there are currently no contested races in the city election.

Terry Martin, who was appointed to an at-large seat last June, is seeking to be elected to the remaining year on that term.

All other single-member district council members have filed for re-election. They are Vernest Tippens, District 1; Jerry Webb, District 2; and I.E. Martin, District 4.

There are no contested races either at Hermleigh ISD. Incumbents David Higgins, Sherene Digby and Alan Culp have put their names on the ballot for re-election. Culp was appointed last year after Chip Roemisch moved from the district. He will be seeking to complete the remaining two years of a three-year term.

Snyder and Ira ISDs and Western Texas College each have at least one contested race.

Campaigning for one of two at-large places up for election on the Snyder ISD board are Bill Moss, Patricia Scott and incumbent Luann Burleson. The other incumbent, board president Charles Anderson, is not seeking re-election.

At Ira, Place 7 incumbent Doug White is being challenged by Carl Smith. Running uncontested currently is Place 6 incumbent Keith Clements.

There is also a contested race on the WTC board. Incumbent Dr. Jay Kidd is being challenged by Dr. James Hanks.

Place 5 incumbent Carolyn Barbee is uncontested in her re-election bid.

Filing takes place at City Hall for council candidates and at the respective administration offices for trustee candidates.

Potential candidates should be aware that WTC and Ira and Snyder ISDs will be on spring break all week. Information will be posted on the business office door of each of those entities for persons who may wish to file during that period.

Decision time for ISD board

By Bill McClellan
Managing Editor

After seven meetings at campuses throughout Snyder ISD to gain input on a proposed bond election for school improvements, what's the next step for the board of trustees and BGR architects?

First of all, don't expect the bond issue to be called by April 30, even though that's the date trustees approved in a resolution when they set out to tackle the district's building problems.

The date will probably be moved to mid-May, since the board asked BGR architects earlier this month to expand the scope of their study.

Key areas the board wants the architects to look into are:

—the cost of constructing two large elementary facilities instead of repairing old ones;

—construction of a new competition gymnasium;

—improvements to the school's agriculture barn or building a new one.

There are others, such as a weight room at the junior high and improvements at Travis Gym and Humble-Smith School, but those are the more expensive among the new requests.

"I don't think they (the architects) will be able to have that information back to the board by April 30," said Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax. "They probably can't get it done by that time, so we're probably looking at a later date."

Some trustees aren't even interested in the concept of building two new schools, but the majority of board members said they want to study every proposal.

Architects have said that the district's buildings, though 40 to 50 years old, are sound structurally.

The next meeting for the board is April 2. Architects Coda Stephenson and Mike Briggs almost certainly won't have information compiled by that date, though.

Lomax anticipates as many as three board meetings between trustees and architects, followed by a town hall meeting sometime in May.

"We want to do all we can to make sure everyone has a chance to speak on this issue," said Lomax of the pending public meeting.

A November report by the architectural firm placed cost estimates to repair and upgrade SISD facilities at about $15 million. That figure is closer to $16 million if trustees opt to construct wings at Northeast and Stanfield elementaries to replace portable buildings currently in use. Board members have indicated they would prefer permanent classrooms.

Any additional work, such as building a new gym or ag facility, will increase the price tag.

In determining what the most pressing needs are for the district, trustees will also be wrestling with several other issues that have come up. Those include the possibility of closing Central Elementary, moving sixth grade to the junior high in a middle school type concept and the aforementioned construction of two new large elementary schools instead of reworking old buildings.

Depending on the board's decisions, a dollar amount will be set for the bond proposal, which is expected to go to the voters on Aug. 8.

Law stipulates that the election must be called 45 days before it is held, giving trustees more than adequate time to make those decisions.

Technology policy on county agenda

Scurry County commissioners will consider approval of a technology purchasing policy when they convene at 10 a.m. Monday.

Also on the agenda are the February extension service report, county welfare board minutes, line-item transfers and budget amendments.

Probation revoked in card abuse case

District Judge Ernie Armstrong Friday in 132nd District Court revoked the probation of a 21-year-old Snyder man.

Billy Wayne Souder was on probation for five years for the 1994 conviction of credit card abuse.

Last December, Souder was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon. In addition, he violated conditions of his parole, including failure to report and failure to pay fines and court costs.

Souder was sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and ordered to participate in the prison's boot camp program.



FAITHFUL FANS — Maria Moreno, Olga Moreno and Lauren Bustos of Monahans (from left) protected themselves from the cool, misty weather early Saturday during the Monahans-Big Spring baseball tournament game at Snyder High School. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Jones, Clinton lawyers clash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorneys for Paula Jones say President Clinton engaged in a "vast enterprise to suppress evidence" of sexual misconduct. Clinton's lawyer, in turn, called Jones' charges "a pack of lies."

The arguments of both sides were aired in public Friday as U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright in Little Rock, Ark., prepared to decide whether to proceed to trial May 27 or dismiss the case.

"The record before the court provides good reason to believe that Mr. Clinton and those acting on his behalf have engaged in a vast enterprise to suppress evidence in this case and otherwise corrupt these proceedings," Mrs. Jones' lawyers said in their motion, buttressed with 700 pages of explosive depositions and legal briefs.

"Paula Jones has demonstrated the extraordinary courage to endure four long years of public ridicule and vicious attacks on her character, and through it all she has never recanted, never retreated from, her testimony about Gov. Bill Clinton's despicable conduct," the lawyers said.

Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett said the case was nothing more than "cotton candy." He said, "When you bite into it, there's nothing there."

The court papers include statements from four other women who previously have been linked to Clinton — Gennifer Flowers, Dolly Kyle Browning, Kathleen Willey and Monica Lewinsky. A fifth woman, 1982 Miss America Elizabeth Ward, also was mentioned, the first time her name had been brought up in connection with the Jones lawsuit.

"This is a form of insanity, what's going on here," Bennett said, calling the charges "a pack of lies." He said any relationships that Clinton might have had with other women were not relevant to the Jones case.

Three sisters give birth on same day

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — When computer science teacher Ernie Carey asked his class for the probability that his two daughters would go into labor and give birth on the same day, students said there was almost no chance.

When he threw in the possibility that a third daughter might also deliver on the same day, they laughed.

So much for probabilities. Carey's daughters beat one-in-50-million odds, giving birth to two boys and a girl.

"He threw up his hands and said, 'Number three is in labor, class dismissed,'" said Carey's wife, Lynn Carey.

The couple's oldest daughter, Karralee Morgan, 28, gave birth at 7:18 a.m. to her first child, Camaron Scott. A few hours later, sister Marrianne Asay, 27, also was admitted to American Fork Hospital. She gave birth to Dallin, her second child, at 3:25 p.m.

At 8:58 p.m., Jennifer Hone, 24, delivered Sera McKell, her second child, at Timpanogos Hospital in nearby Orem.

"We had joked about it, about us all being pregnant at the same time," Morgan said. "We didn't really think it would happen like this."

There's one more Carey sister, Noreen Macbean, who got married in January. She managed to attend all three deliveries and shoot video of each one.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The typical American is living on borrowed time — and borrowed money."

Not having Lamesa in the same basketball district is gonna be different. We're gonna miss 'em like a rash.

The talented Tors did advance to the state tournament this year. They had a good team, despite being eliminated in the state tournament's opening round Thursday night.

But the Snyder Tigers proved they could play with the best of 'em.

A high school chum, Kenneth McCraw, is the superintendent over at Lamesa. Back in Andrews, he was known as "Bubba" in high school, so we delight in calling the administration building and asking to speak to "Bubba."

The Lamesa superintendent made the news a couple of weeks back when a couple of junior high kids were assessed a paddling for fighting at school.

One of the parents, a kindergarten teacher, objected. Rather than going through the administrative procedures, the parent filed an injunction and lawsuit to prevent the paddling.

It seemed like a good time to call Lamesa. We told Bubba's secretary that the media was calling. The superintendent was unavailable. After seeing him on the 10 o'clock news, we decided to make another stab at getting him on the phone.

This time the sup's secretary had our number. "You're his friend from Snyder aren't you?"

We posed an "Ask Us" question for the Lamesa school honcho. "If you can't spank a kid, can you at least paddle the basketball coach? We've got some fans here in Snyder who think he deserves at least 10 licks."

We were informed that Coach Wayne Roberts had been on his best behavior this past season. Snyder fans will still have to be convinced.

We also found out something else interesting. Not only do all Lamesa teachers practice corporal punishment in their classrooms — so does the teacher who filed the lawsuit on behalf of her daughter.

We so-called human beings are an interesting bunch of folks.

Have you heard about the latest research project down at Texas A&M?

It seems the Aggies will be trying to cross an octopus with a cow — to produce the world's first self-milker.

ASK US

Q—Who is conducting the grocery market survey?

A—Texas Tech is doing the research for United. A spokesman for United said Friday that an announcement on the Snyder store would be made the week of March 23.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 45 degrees; low, 65; 7 a.m. Saturday, 50; no precipitation; total for 1998, 3.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, storms possible. Low around 45. SE-E wind 10-15 mph. Rain chance: 60%. Sunday, rain chance: 70%. High around 55. E wind 10-20 mph.



Justin Flentge
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Of 72 days in 1998, the sun has shone 70 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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McKinney acquitted on all but one charge

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (AP) — Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, once the Army's top enlisted man, was convicted of trying to persuade his chief accuser in his sexual misconduct trial to lie. But he was acquitted of 18 other charges.

McKinney was found guilty Friday of obstruction of justice after a six-week trial in which six military women testified he groped or crudely pressured them for sex.

He stood bolt upright and showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. His wife, Wilhemina, rocked in her seat and sobbed with relief at each "not guilty," and mouthed the words "Yes, yes, yes."

Upon hearing the lone guilty verdict, she cried, "Oh God."

Behind Mrs. McKinney sat five of his accusers. Several blinked back tears. The first woman to publicly accuse McKinney, Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster, shook her head in disbelief.

McKinney faces a maximum of five years in prison, dishonorable discharge or reduction in rank, but the jury also has the option of imposing no punishment when it returns Monday for the sentencing phase of the court-martial. Had he been convicted on all 19 charges, he could have faced 55½ years in prison.

McKinney, 47, was the first black person to become sergeant major of the Army, a powerful post as the chief representative in Washington for the ranks of enlisted soldiers. He was removed from the post last year after the charges were made.

The conviction arose from the only physical evidence presented by the prosecution: a telephone conversation with McKinney taped by Sgt. Christine Fetrow. She testified that McKinney pursued her for sex for two years, often calling her at home. Her accusations accounted for 10 of the charges.

In a three-minute tape played for the jury, McKinney tried to persuade her to tell Army investigators that their conversations were only about professional development "and that kind of stuff."

"Well, all you have to do is tell them that we talked a lot," McKinney said on the tape, which was made more than a year ago. "That's it. ... That's all they need to know."



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WTC schedule

The summer schedule for Western Texas College is included in this issue of the Snyder Daily News.

Summer school will begin June 1. Day classes will meet for six-weeks and night classes for nine weeks.

Dean of Instruction Jim Palmer notes the class schedule can still be adjusted and invited interested students with class suggestions to contact him following spring break.

He may be reached at 573-8511, ext. 238.

The campus dismissed for the break Friday and classes will begin again Monday, Sept. 23.

WTC's Psi Zeta singled out as Top Texas Chapter

Western Texas College's Psi Zeta was singled out as a "Texas Top Chapter" this past weekend—making it one of 18 from throughout the 80 Phi Theta Kappa chapters in the state so honored.

The honor was announced last Saturday, March 7, at the Regional Convention for Phi Theta Kappa held in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

In addition, for the third straight year the chapter won the right to name a representative to the five-person student board which coordinates and plans all activities of the Texas Phi Theta Kappa Region for the coming year.

Psi Zeta will soon be naming from its membership a student to serve as vice president for District 1, a post held this past year by Psi Zeta's Charlie Sweatt of Hermleigh.

The regional executive board is comprised of four vice-presidents, each serving their respective district, and a board president. District 1 ranges from Amarillo to the north to El Paso to the west and includes such colleges as South Plains in Levelland, Midland College and Odessa College.

Sweatt was singled out also for induction into the Phi Theta Kappa Texas Hall of Honor. Only 21 students from the entire state received this recognition.

In other chapter honors, Stacey Parker of Snyder received an "award of excellence" in the Hallmark Awards essay contest for her submission on scholarship.

Phi Theta Kappa projects revolve around four "hallmarks:" scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The student essay detailed projects conducted by the chapter during the year in the "hallmark" scholarship.

The "award of excellence" indicated she was among the top six students in this essay category.

In addition, Psi Zeta was once again named to Five-Star status. Out of the some 80 active chapters in the Texas Region, approximately 40 earned Five-Star status this year.

Psi Zeta has achieved Five-Star status every year since it was chartered in 1972.

Two advisers for Phi Theta were recognized also. Donny Brown, who serves as the adviser/coordinator for District 1, received a Regional Coordinator's Award for Outstanding Service.

In addition, Carolyn Osborn was one of 11 advisers from throughout the state receiving an "Horizon Award." It recognizes the individual's work for the past year.

Twelve chapter members attended the event, held this year in Dallas-Fort Worth. Those attending included Psi Zeta officers Sweatt, April Martin of Rotan, Dena Williams, Stacey Parker and Lacey Parker, all of Snyder.

Members attending were Michael Jones of Winters, Ron Baker, Christian Mendoza and Mark Miles of Colorado City, Nicol Lyons and Cara Glasscock, both of Snyder, and Nicol Mazarova of Slovakia.

Adviser Donny Brown accompanied the group.

In addition to the convention, members of the chapter toured the Renoir art exhibit now on loan at the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth.

Chapter members will next attend the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, to be held in Nashville this year. It is scheduled April 1-5.

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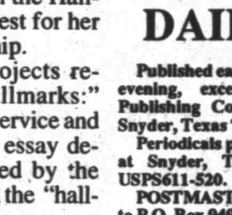
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FIRST PLACE — Ira's FHA team placed first in regional conference competition last weekend in Wichita Falls. From left are Tye Shirley and Emily Hardy, who presented the program, and Chris Gee and Jacey Davis, who did the research. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira FHA wins top star event

Ira's FHA team won first place in the applied technology division star event competition at the regional conference last weekend in Wichita Falls.

Ira competed against 4A and 5A schools, but swept the competition with their "Raywatch" program.

Those competing were Tye Shirley and Emily Hardy, with Chris Gee and Jacey Davis as the research team.

They will be going to state competition April 17-19 in Houston.

Star (students taking action for recognition) are competitive events in which members showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

"FHA is dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus," said Tammy Shirley, FHA adviser.

Back at the races

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Queen Mother was off to the races with a winner Friday for her first public appearance since surgery to replace a hip in January.

An avid racing fan and successful horse breeder,

Immigrant admits killing mother to avoid deportation

CLEVELAND (AP) — A German immigrant admitted that he killed his mother because he feared she would tell police about crimes that could get him deported.

Peter Wettrich, 39, pleaded guilty to murder on Friday just before he was scheduled to go on trial for the Sept. 5 stabbing death of his mother, Anne Marie Fishel, 56, of Cleveland.

Wettrich will remain in the United States after all — Judge William E. Aurelius sentenced him to 15 years to life in prison.

The body of Ms. Fishel, who was stabbed 25 times, was found in a closet of the home she shared with her son, defense lawyer Ralph DeFranco said.

Wettrich, who was at risk of deportation for drug convictions in 1992 and 1994, told court psychiatrists that he killed his mother after she threatened to tell police that he had been using drugs again and selling her possessions to buy crack cocaine.

Zalman named salutatorian for Dallas IFS

Nathan Isidore Zalman graduated as salutatorian from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service on Feb. 20.

Zalman also received the Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award. He is a member of Pi Sigma Eta fraternity and has earned his associate degree of applied science in funeral service.

He is currently employed by Wright Colonial Funeral Home of Snyder.

Zalman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zalman III. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Zalman Jr. of Hermleigh. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. Ruel Stinnett of Snyder. He also has five brothers.

Dale Harris on honor roll

SWEETWATER — Dale Harris of Snyder has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the winter 1998 quarter at Texas State Technical College.

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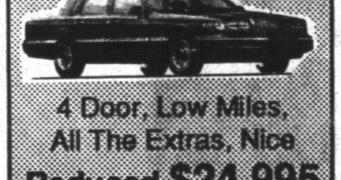


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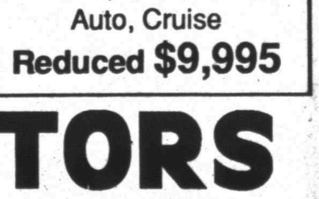
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GEOG 1303	0241	WORLD GEOG	M	6:00-10:10	3	2C-104	PALMER, J	
GOVERNMENT								
GOVT 2305	0226	US/ST/LOC GOV	W	6:00-10:10	3	2C-103	HARTMAN, M	
GOVT 2306	0227	US/ST/LOC GOV	M	6:00-10:10	3	2C-103	SMITH, K	
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HIST 1302	0235	US HIS 1865-	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-105	STAFF	
MATHEMATICS								
MATH 1314	0180	COLL. ALGEBRA	M	6:00-10:10	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
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COMM 1316	0306	INTRO PHOTO	T	6:00-10:10	3	SC-106	BROWN, D	$24
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PSYCHOLOGY								
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SPCH 1321	0124	BUS/PROF SPEAK	T	6:00-10:10	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH 1315	0125	FUND/PUB SPEAK	T	6:00-10:10	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	

COLLEGE PREPARATORY - DAY

READING								
DRE 011	0311	BASIC READING	M-TH	TBA	1	LRC-208	CORKRAN, G	$12
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DRE 032	0312	READ SKILLS II	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	LRC-208	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB	TBA					
DRE 033	0313	READ SKILLS III	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	LRC-208	CORKRAN, G	$12
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COLLEGE PREPARATORY - NIGHT

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DEN 011	0310	DEV ENG	W	4:00-5:00	3	2B-110	MARTIN, J	$12
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VOCATIONAL CLASSES - DAY

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY								
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE								
CRIJ 2322	0600	JUVENILE PROC	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-117	CLIFTON,J	
GOLF/LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY								
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Classes Begin: Monday, June 1, 1998
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6-Week Term Thursday, July 9, 1998
9-Week Term Thursday, July 30, 1998

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6 receive life without parole for 3 murders

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Six young people with an interest in the occult were sentenced to life without parole in the kidnapping and killing of a couple and their 6-year-old daughter.

Prosecutors don't know why the crimes occurred.

"Still we did not get the truth," prosecutor Berkeley Bell said after Friday's sentencing.

Bell agreed not to seek the death penalty against the four oldest defendants in return for guilty pleas from all six.

The six, all from Kentucky, pleaded guilty last month to murdering Vidar and Delfina Lillelid and their 6-year-old daughter, Tabitha as they returned from a conference of Jehovah's Witnesses. Their 2-year-old son, Peter, survived a bullet in the eye and is living with relatives in Sweden.

Judge James Beckner told the youngest defendant, 15-year-old Jason Bryant, that he believed Bryant was one of the gunmen. Bryant had denied firing any of the shots.

"I don't know all the shooters. I think there was more than one."

In addition to Bryant, the others sentenced were: Dean Mullins, 20, Joe Risner, 21, Karen Howell, 18, Natasha Cornett and Crystal Sturgill, both 19.

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SPLIT SCREEN — Snyder's Barry Tubb, second from left, will be featured on a future episode of "Split Screen," which airs on the Independent Film Channel. Crew members shown are Amy Elliott, John Pierson and P.H. Woodhouse. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

'Split Screen' to feature Barry Tubb

"Split Screen," which airs Monday nights on the Independent Film Channel, will feature Barry Tubb, Snyder's resident movie maker, in a future program.

A three member crew — John Pierson, P.H. Woodhouse and Amy Elliott — spent three days in town last week. The program will feature "Blood Trail," the movie Tubb wrote, produced, directed and starred in, and the upcoming films he hopes to shoot here as well.

Tubb said Pierson is the leading independent film producer in the U.S. His producing credits include "She's Got To Have It," the first movie Spike Lee directed; Richard Linkletter's "Slacker," the first Texas made independent film that did well on the independent circuit; "Clerks" which won at Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival; "Chasing Amy," "Hoop Dreams," "Roger and Me" which sold for $3 million, the first independent film to sell so well; "Sex, Lies and Videotape," and "Working Girls," and "The Thin Blue Thin," a documentary filmed in Dallas.

Pierson also has his own panel at the Sundance Film Festival.

At the end of their stay, Tubb said he took the trio to Sweetwater for the annual Rattlesnake Roundup.

"Blood Trail" has recently gone on sale at the American Film Market in Los Angeles which attracts foreign buyers. He said he is still pursuing a domestic cable and theatrical release as well.

Next on Tubb's movie-making agenda is "Grand Champion," a G-rated "Free Willy on land" type story about a boy who raises a show calf.

He said he hopes to start shooting in May.

Nationwide, The Independent Film Channel has 12,000,000 subscribers. It is not carried on the local cable system.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 15, 1998

Goals you set for yourself in the year ahead must be pursued tenaciously if you hope to achieve them. Nature might be a trifle slow getting in gear, but she will deliver as promised.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to profit from past mistakes today. Do not be drawn into an endeavor that is similar to one that didn't work out well for you in the past. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The kind of responses you'll get from others today will be determined by your attitude. If you're too critical, this might not be a banner day for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you don't listen to others today, you could take things out of context and feel they are attacking you, when they simply may be offering constructive advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not allow peer pressure to cause you to do things that violate your better judgment today, especially if you're circulating with a new group.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your public image is fragile today, so be mindful of the way you act in front of others. How you behave today could affect how they treat you tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of wasting time trying to establish who is to blame for a big blunder, the wisest thing to do is to expend that effort correcting the mistake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The world isn't going to give you any free rides, so don't anticipate one today. If you feel like dancing, be prepared to pay the piper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, your associates will have substantial influence over the outcome of important events. Do not let yourself be saddled with losers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The weight you might feel on your shoulders today could be the heavy hand of neglected duties. Take constructive measures to eradicate your burdens.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not get entangled in expensive involvements today, whether you are buying or selling. Your skills as a shopper might not be up to par.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Victims of your procrastination might gang up on you today and pressure you into doing the things you promised to do but have neglected thus far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you say unkind things about others today, don't be surprised when you later learn what is being said about you. What goes around comes around.

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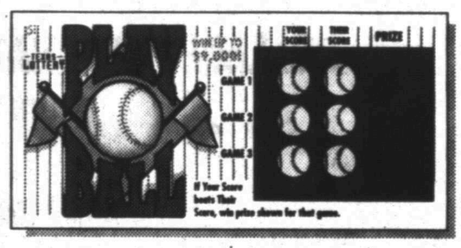
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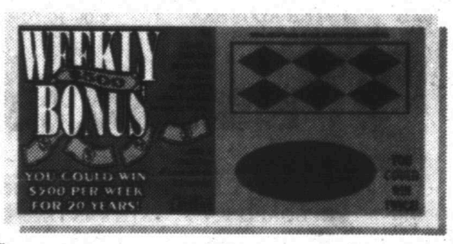
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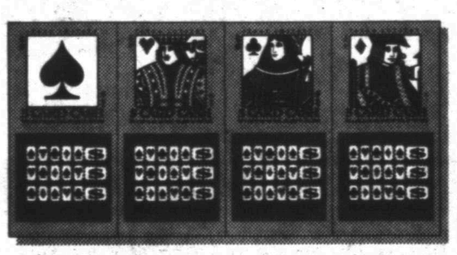
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Overall odds of winning 5 Card Cash, 1 in 4.97. Overall odds of winning Monster Cash, 1 in 4.69. Overall odds of winning Texas Weather, 1 in 4.44.

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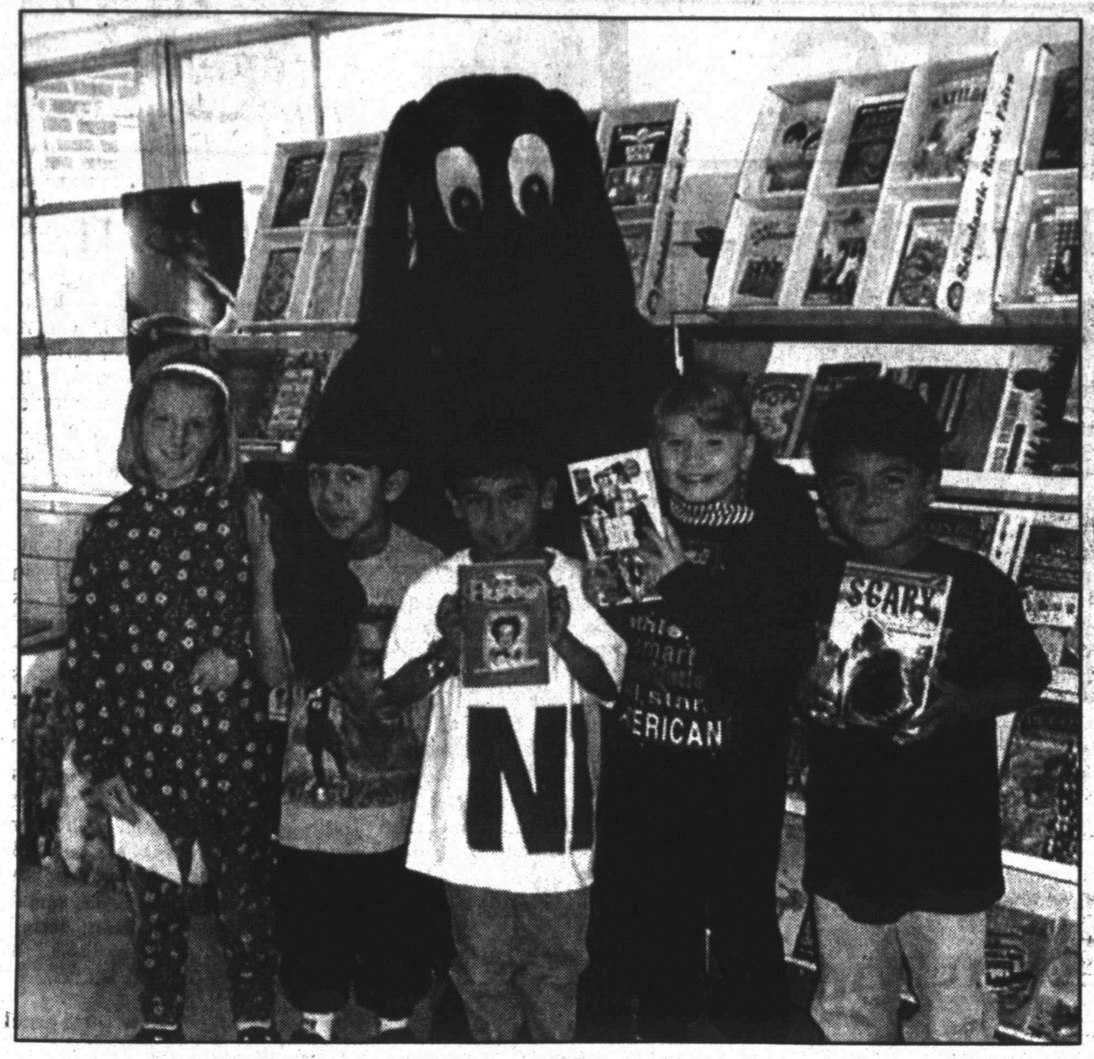
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CLIFFORD THE RED DOG — Clifford The Red Dog visited Stanfield students during last week's book fair. Reading teacher Kem Fogleman portrayed the children's book character. She is shown with, from left, Devin Davidson, Josh Ornelas, Joel Rocha, Christin Willson, and Nathaniel Reyna. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Datebook

March 14, 1998

Today is the 73rd day of 1998 and the 84th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin.

On this day in 1923, President Warren Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

On this day in 1940, the first movie starring both Mae West and W.C. Fields was released: "My Little Chickadee."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucy Hobbs Taylor (1867-1910), dentist-rights activist; Albert Einstein (1879-1955), physicist; Frank Borman (1928-), astronaut-airline executive, is 70; Michael Caine (1933-), actor, is 65; Quincy Jones (1933-), musician-composer, is 65; Wes Unseld (1946-), basketball player-coach, is 52; Billy Crystal (1947-), comedian-actor, is 51; Kirby Puckett (1961-), baseball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, 22 members of the U.S. amateur boxing team were killed in a plane crash near Warsaw, Poland.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking." — Albert Einstein

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1922, a tornado damaged and destroyed 150 homes in Corinth, Miss.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 12) and last quarter (March 21).

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March 15, 1998

Today is the 74th day of 1998 and the 85th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, the first escalator was patented by Jesse W. Reno of New York City.

On this day in 1958, Elvis Presley was drafted into the U.S. Army.

On this day in 1964, Liz Taylor married Richard Burton at the Ritz-Carlton in Montreal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Jackson (1767-1845), U.S. president; Harry James (1916-1983), musician-bandleader; Norm Van Brocklin (1926-1983), football star-coach; Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1934-), Supreme Court justice, is 64; Judd Hirsch (1935-), actor, is 63; Harold Baines (1959-), baseball player, is 39; Terence Trent D'Arby (1962-), musician, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Donald Jackson of Canada became the first figure skater ever to land a triple lutz jump.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One man with courage makes a majority." — Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1952, a hurricane produced a world-record-breaking 73.62 inches of rain on Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean.

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Tommy Lee apologizes

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee offered an apology to the photographer he roughed up. The rocker also handed over $17,500 during a court appearance as part of his criminal settlement.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mother-in-law soured on wife's decorating taste

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our mid-70s. Until recently, we had lived in the same house for the past 40 years. We did a lot of the building and maintenance on it ourselves. It is a beautiful home where we raised seven wonderful children.

Now that we're older, we decided to move into a condominium where there is less upkeep. One of our sons had a job change that brought him back into the area, so he was delighted to purchase our house.

Before he and his wife moved in, we installed new carpeting, new wallpaper and paint, and had some of the furniture recovered — all at our own expense. Instead of appreciating our efforts, our daughter-in-law is now in the process of repainting in a different color and is talking about changing the carpeting and drapes and getting rid of some of the furniture. We are hurt.

Every time we visit, I notice more things she has changed or gotten rid of. I know her tastes don't necessarily match my own, but I am shocked at her disregard for my feelings and the amount of money she is wasting.

Would you please comment?

DISGRUNTLED GRANDMA

DEAR DISGRUNTLED: I understand that it is difficult for you to see your cherished home changed, but your son and daughter-in-law are now the rightful owners. It is only natural for them to want to make this nest "their own" by implementing their interior decorating ideas. It is a tribute to you that they chose your home to purchase. Let them enjoy it.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Young Reader," who would like a new bike but is too young to get a job. Two examples come to mind:

When I was 12 years old, I, too, wanted a bike. I stood out in front of a bowling alley in Point Pleasant, N.J., and I asked every woman who went by with a baby if she needed a baby sitter. I got a full-time job for the summer taking care of a Navy couple's son. It worked out so well they hired me again the following summer. That was more than 50 years ago, and buying that bike meant more to me than the car I could finance when I grew older.

One Memorial Day weekend during the 1980s, I wondered what the youngsters in town would be doing. My two daughters were in their teens, too young for regular jobs. So I formed "Pat Diana's Summer Employment Program for Teens." It matched younger children with senior citizens on a fixed income. Garages and kitchen cupboards could be cleaned, dogs walked — you name it. I involved every organization in town — the Kiwanis, women's clubs, etc. Each sent one member to a meeting to learn what we would do. Our library offered their meeting room for our volunteers who met with the children seeking work to find the proper job for them.

American Legion Post 105 (Belleville, N.J.) allowed us to use their premises each weekend to wash cars. The veterans would come in on a Saturday to watch a ball game, give us the keys, and we moved their cars through quickly. It was a time of great fun and of learning responsibility.

If I were sitting at your desk today, I'd tell "Young Reader in Norfolk, Va." to reach out and find those who need help. There must be several organizations in Norfolk that could promote this idea.

PATRICIA M. DIANA,
SOUTH AMBOY, N.J.

DEAR PATRICIA: Thanks for an upper of a letter — and one that I hope will get parents of eager adolescents everywhere thinking about how they can provide a similar experience for the youngsters in their communities. Having a job is a great confidence-builder at any age.

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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We Need Your Help!

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, at the Snyder High School Auditorium. Purpose of the meeting is to join citizens together to stop the Air Force from flying very low-level flights over your neighborhoods, family homes and businesses. This includes playgrounds, schools, churches, roads, highways — virtually everywhere you live, work and play.

We will be electing officers and directors from each county (Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Garza, Lynn, Stonewall, Borden and Dawson) for our organization. We need your voice. We will also be developing a mission statement — what we stand for and why we are for the preservation of our heritage and culture for our families and businesses in this area. We also want to preserve our environment and our sanity.

We are not anti-military. We want the very best trained Air Force in the world. We just think our quiet, peaceful towns are the wrong place to hold low-level bomber training. There is no reason to use private land when the government owns so much uninhabited land. We feel that this training is extremely dangerous to our communities, agriculture, and economy. The people in Marion, Kentucky can attest to this. A B1-B bomber from Dyess Air Force Base flew over the town of Marion, Kentucky — unmanned — at treetop level and crashed Feb. 19, barely missing a home. It was only blind luck that this plane did not crash in the town. The cost to the Texas agriculture far outweighs the benefit to the military.

We are asking you to become a member of this organization and help to keep low-level flights from happening. Enclosed, please find a membership application form. Please return this application as soon as possible. We will add your name to our mailing list and keep you informed.

As you can see, we are ready to begin raising money for our organization. Money is not everything, but it and oxygen will sure make the top 10 list. Please bring at least 2 prospective new members.

This affects you and your community. We need your help! Time is of the essence!

Heritage-Environmental Preservation Association
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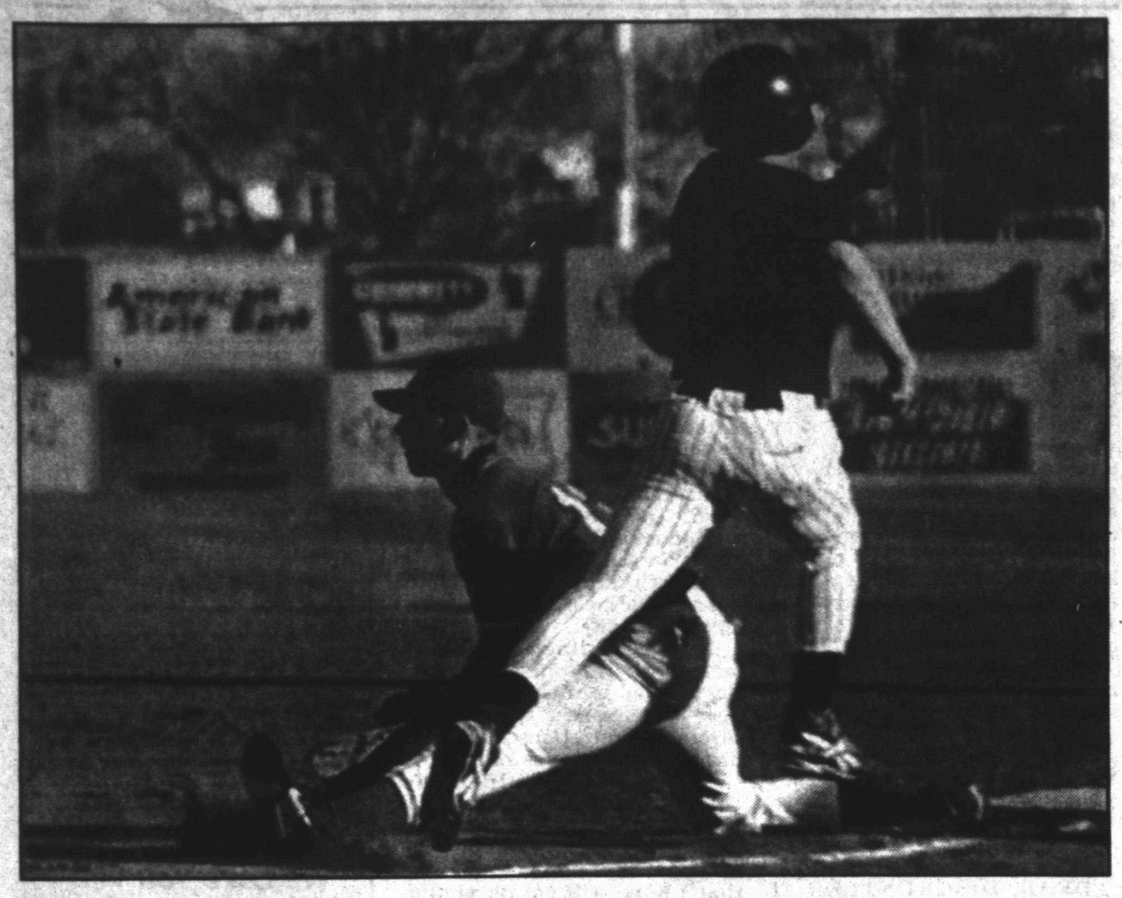
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SPORTS



HUSTLING DOWN THE LINE — Snyder lead-off hitter John Border beats a Ft. Stockton throw for an infield single during action Friday at Moffett Field. Border would suffer a shoulder injury later in the inning while scoring the Tigers' first run of the contest. Snyder trounced the Panthers, 18-2. (SDN Staff Photo)

Showdown turns into shutdown as SHS storms Ft. Stockton, 18-2

It was billed as a showdown — the hot-hitting Tigers against Ft. Stockton's ace, with a berth in the Snyder Baseball Tournament championship hanging in the balance.

Snyder must have disregarded the hype.

The Tigers racked the Panthers for 13 while allowing only two, posting an 18-2 rout to advance into Saturday night's title contest.

Snyder will battle El Paso Ysleta, a 4-3 winner over Dumas, at 7 o'clock Saturday night for the crown.

The Tigers pounced on Ft. Stockton.

After starting pitcher Chris Hernandez retired the Panthers in order in the top of the first, Snyder went on the offensive in the bottom.

The Tigers sent four men home on only two hits, as Ft. Stockton committed three errors in the inning.

However, the runs didn't come without a cost. Left fielder John Border suffered a dislocated shoulder in a collision at home plate while posting Snyder's first run.

Ft. Stockton cut the deficit to 4-2 in the second. Tiger reliever Cory Mandrell took to the mound to record the final out.

After building the lead to 6-2 in the bottom of the second, the Tigers broke open the contest in the third.

Snyder sent 12 batters to the plate and scored seven runs to hold a 13-2 advantage.

Mandrell got into trouble only once, after surrendering a lead-off double in the fourth.

The runner advanced to third on a fielder's choice before Mandrell made a stellar play in the field to get out of the jam.

The Snyder junior made a bare-handed stab on a scorching ground ball up the middle, then threw the runner out at home.

The Tigers added the final five runs of the game in the botom of the fourth for the 18-2 final.

In other tourney action, Lubbock Christian needed two extra frames to topple Monahans, 7-6. The Eagles then edged Sweetwater, 3-2, and Dumas trounced Ft. Stockton, 13-5, in the nightcap.

Big Spring 5, Brownfield 2
Pecos 2, Big Spring 0

Dumas	000 001 2 — 3
EP Ysleta	000 202 x — 4

Dumas: Hendricks, single. Lesly (LP), 6 innings, 4 H, 2 BB, 9 SO.

EP Ysleta: Vizcaino and J. Hernandez, home run; Solis, double; Trejo, single. Mendoza (WP), 6⅓ innings, 1 H, 6 BB, 3 SO; Rodriguez, ⅔ inning, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Monahans	031 001 100 — 6
Lubb Christian	040 020 001 — 7

Monahans: Swarb, double; Stephens, three singles; Poras, two singles; Prieto, Bustos, Najar and Rivera, single. Najar (LP), 6⅓ innings, 3 H, 1 BB, 5 SO; Aguilar, 1⅓ innings, 2 H, 4 BB, 1 SO.

Lubb Christian: McPhearson, double and single; T. Pringle, Middleton and Basom, single. T. Pringle (WP), 2⅓ innings, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 SO; Adams, 6⅓ innings, 9 H, 1 BB, 7 SO.

Sweetwater	000 000 11 — 2
Lubb Christian	010 000 02 — 3

Sweetwater: Shelton, triple and single; Gomez, two singles; Weyman, single. Shelton (LP), 7⅓ innings, 4 H, 3 BB, 12 SO.

Lubb Christian: T. Pringle, two singles; McPhearson and Jenkins, single. Middleton (WP), 8 innings, 5 H, 2 BB, 3 SO.

Ft Stockton	020 00 — 2
Snyder	427 5x —18

Ft Stockton: Hickman, double; Pacheco, single. Cordero (LP), 2 innings, 5 H, 1 BB, 1 SO; Nanez, ⅓ inning, 2 H, 2 BB, 0 SO; Matchett, 0 innings, 1 BB, 1 HB; McAdams, ⅓ inning, 2 H, 1 BB, 0 SO; Natividad, 1 inning, 3 H, 1 BB, 1 SO.

Snyder: Lang, three singles; Smith, two singles; Border, Alexander, Berryman, Beck, Fish, Rodgers and Cumbie, single. Mandrell (WP), 3⅓ innings, 2 H, 0 BB, 2 SO; Hernandez, 1⅔ innings, 0 H, 3 BB, 2 SO.

Ft Stockton	102 200 — 5
Dumas	040 522 —13

Ft Stockton: Hickman, triple; Nanez and Reeves, double; Leyva, single. Reeves (LP), 4⅔ innings, 10 H, 2 BB, 2 HB, 2 SO; Matchett, 1 inning, 4 H, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Dumas: Anderson, home run and two singles; Reynolds, double and three singles; Apodaca, double and single; Willis and Garcia, single. Rex (WP), 2 innings, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 SO; Gomez, 4 innings, 4 H, 2 BB, 1 SO.

Mets topple Astros

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Rich Berker's two-run homer fueled a five-run eighth inning as the New York Mets beat the Houston Astros 14-1.

Ralph Millard and Luis Lopez each had three hits, with Lopez driving in three runs as New York batters pounded Astros pitchers for 17 hits as the Mets won their eighth game in nine outings.

Twelve different New York batters had hits.

Mets starter Bill Pulsipher and Armando Reynosa combined on a 4-hitter. Pulsipher allowed three hits in three scoreless innings.

Jack Howell went 2-for-3 for the Astros, but the Astros didn't score until the eighth inning, when J.R. Phillips' sacrifice fly sent Sean Berry home.

Valparaiso shocks Mississippi

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Do you believe in basketball miracles? If you do, the Myriad Convention Center was the place to be in the first round of the NCAA Midwest regional.

Valparaiso had the greatest shot and the biggest win in school history, a 70-69 shocker over Mississippi.

It gave the Crusaders their very first NCAA tournament victory.

Florida State thumbed its nose at its critics by upsetting Texas Christian 96-87. The Seminoles were the last at-large team picked in the 64-player field and were 12th seeded.

They are the first team in NCAA history to finish four games below .500 in league play (6-10) and still get an invite. FSU proved it deserved a bid in the win over fifth-seeded TCU.

While Valparaiso and Florida State were upsetting the form charts, second-ranked and top-seeded Kansas won in a 110-52 walk over Prairie View and Rhode Island had an easier-than-expected 97-74 win over Murray State.

On Sunday, Valparaiso will play Florida State and Kansas will meet Rhode Island.

Bryce Drew of Valparaiso made the shot heard around the NCAA tournament — an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"It truly was a miracle shot," said Crusaders coach Homer Drew, who won a recruiting battle for his son from Notre Dame four years ago. "After all those thousands of shots he took in practice, it was great God directed an angel to get the ball over the rim."

The 13th-seeded Crusaders' win was set up when No. 14 ranked Mississippi's Ansu Sesay missed two free throws with 4.3 seconds left.

NCAA Basketball Championships

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 14
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.

North Carolina (31-3) vs. North Carolina Charlotte (20-10), 12:10 p.m.

Michigan State (21-7) vs. Princeton (27-1), 30 minutes after previous game

At The MCI Center
Washington

Richmond (23-7) vs. Washington (19-9), 4:38 p.m.

Connecticut (30-4) vs. Indiana (20-11), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.

Syracuse 63, Iona 61

New Mexico 79, Butler 62

Oklahoma State 74, George Washington 59

Duke 99, Radford 63

At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Kentucky 82, South Carolina State 67

Saint Louis 51, Massachusetts 46

Michigan 80, Davidson 61

UCLA 65, Miami 62

Second Round
Sunday, March 15
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.

Duke (30-3) vs. Oklahoma State (22-6), 12:10 p.m.

New Mexico (24-7) vs. Syracuse (25-8), 30 minutes after previous game

At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Kentucky (30-4) vs. Saint Louis (22-10), 2:30 p.m.

Michigan (25-8) vs. UCLA (23-8), 30 minutes after previous game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City

Valparaiso 70, Mississippi 69

Florida State 96, Texas Christian 87

Rhode Island 97, Murray State 74

Kansas 110, Prairie View 52

At The United Center
Chicago

Western Michigan 75, Clemson 72

Stanford 67, College of Charleston 57

Purdue 95, Delaware 56

Detroit 66, St. John's 64

Second Round
Sunday, March 15
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City

Valparaiso (22-9) vs. Florida State (18-13), 2:20 p.m.

Kansas (35-3) vs. Rhode Island (23-8), 30 minutes after previous game

At The United Center
Chicago

Stanford (27-4) vs. Western Michigan (21-7), 2:15 p.m.

Purdue (27-7) vs. Detroit (25-5), 30 minutes after previous game

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 14
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.

Maryland (20-10) vs. Illinois (23-9), 4:30 p.m.

Arizona (28-4) vs. Illinois State (25-5), 30 minutes after previous game

At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho

Cincinnati (27-5) vs. West Virginia (23-8), 2:20 p.m.

Utah (26-3) vs. Arkansas (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	44	20	.688	-
NewYork	35	27	.565	8
NewJersey	33	31	.516	11
Washington	33	31	.516	11
Orlando	32	31	.508	11½
Boston	29	34	.460	14½
Philadelphia	23	39	.371	20
Central Division				
Chicago	46	17	.730	-
Indiana	44	19	.698	2
Charlotte	40	23	.635	6
Atlanta	37	25	.597	8½
Cleveland	33	30	.524	13
Milwaukee	29	33	.468	16½
Detroit	29	34	.460	17
Toronto	13	49	.210	32½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	46	16	.742	-
x-SanAntonio	43	20	.683	3½
Minnesota	33	30	.524	13½
Houston	32	31	.508	14½
Vancouver	15	47	.242	31
Dallas	14	49	.222	32½
Denver	6	58	.094	41
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	47	15	.758	-
x-L.A.Lakers	44	18	.710	3
Phoenix	42	21	.667	5½
Portland	35	26	.574	11½
Sacramento	26	39	.400	22½
GoldenState	14	49	.222	33½
L.A.Clippers	14	49	.222	33½

x-clinched playoff berth.

Friday's Games

Detroit 96, Boston 92
Indiana 96, Milwaukee 76
Philadelphia 107, Atlanta 86
Charlotte 100, Orlando 82
Phoenix 101, Golden State 77
Utah 110, Vancouver 101
L.A. Clippers 152, Toronto 120

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Seattle, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at Orlando, Noon
Utah at Detroit, Noon
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

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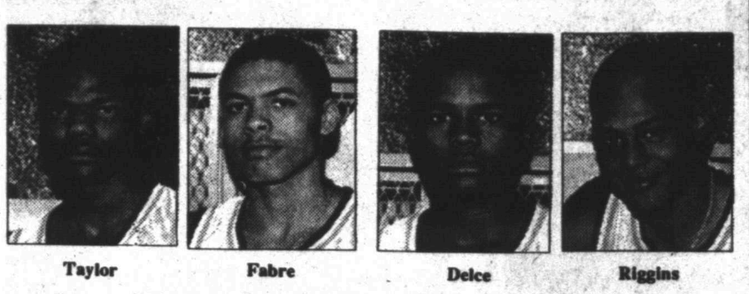
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2-4A All-District Team...

Four Tigers grab basketball honors



Taylor Fabre Delce Riggins

After nabbing a playoff spot out of highly competitive District 2-4A, four Tigers were rewarded with all-district basketball honors.

Jimmy Taylor was a unanimous first team selection. The senior post player led Snyder in scoring and rebounding.

Taylor was joined on the first team by senior point guard Alvin Fabre.

Toby Delce, a 6'1" senior forward, was named to the second team, with classmate Chris Riggins receiving honorable mention.

The Tigers posted a 6-4 mark in district play and a 17-16 record overall, before getting nipped by Hereford, 35-34, in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Lamesa's Wayne Roberts, who led his Golden Tors to the state tournament, was named Coach of the Year.

Most Valuable Player honors went to 6'10" Lamesa senior Andy Ellis, while Levelland sophomore Ricky Ochoa was tabbed Newcomer of the Year.

Two players split the Defensive MVP award, with Lamesa's Chris Roberts and Plainview's Regie Brooks sharing the honor.

1998 2-4A All-District Team
MVP: Andy Ellis, 6'10" sr., Lamesa.
Defensive MVP: Chris Roberts, 6'6" sr., Lamesa; Regie Brooks, 6'1" jr., Plainview.
Coach of the Year: Wayne Roberts, Lamesa.

First Team
Jimmy Taylor, 6'5" sr., Snyder.
Rod Ansley, 6'3" soph., Plainview.
Kyle Welcher, 5'7" sr., Lamesa.
David Mata, 6'2" sr., Plainview.
Alvin Fabre, 5'9" sr., Snyder.
Raymon Foster, 5'9" sr., Estacado.

Second Team
Chris Shepherd, 6'2" sr., Estacado.
Thyrone Harris, 6'0" sr., Lamesa.
Richie Stansifer, 5'8" sr., Levelland.
Chad McNeely, 6'5" jr. Levelland.
Brandon Jones, 6'4" soph. Frenship.
Toby Delce, 6'1" sr., Snyder.

Honorable Mention
Ryan James, 6'3" soph. Plainview.
Chris Riggins, 6'3" sr., Snyder.
Steven Roberts, 5'10" jr., Lamesa.
Patrick Shelby, 6'1" fresh., Frenship.
Warren Boyd, 5'7" sr., Estacado.



FASTBALL — Lady Tiger Brittany Drummond delivers a pitch during opening-round action of the Snyder Softball Tournament. The Lady Tigers were to have faced El Paso Eastwood in the semifinals Saturday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Modano out six weeks

DALLAS (AP) — The Western Conference-leading Dallas Stars, already reeling from injuries, got even worse news Friday: leading scorer Mike Modano is out for the rest of the regular season and possibly part of the playoffs with a severely separated right shoulder.

The All-Star center said he felt his shoulder pop out instantly when defenseman Gerald Diduck hit him during the second period of a 5-4 loss in Phoenix on Thursday night.

An examination Friday by the team's orthopedic surgeon Dr. Daniel Cooper confirmed Modano's fears.

"It was determined that there is a severe separation of the right shoulder," Stars spokesman Larry Kelly said. "He will be out of action for six weeks."

Six weeks would keep Modano out for the rest of the regular season, which ends April 18, and maybe a few playoff games. The postseason begins April 23.

Going into Friday night's home game against Anaheim, the Stars (38-16-10) had 86 points, tops in their conference and second in the NHL to New Jersey.

Lady Tigers earn spot in semifinals

It only took one victory Friday for the Lady Tigers to secure first place in Division I Pool C of the Snyder Softball Tournament.

But it took awhile to get that victory.

The Lady Tigers survived a scare from Midland Christian, taking an 8-7 win that gave Snyder a first-round bye in bracket play.

With only four-inning games in pool play, the Lady Tigers watched as Midland knotted the tally at 1-1 in the fourth.

Then, in the first extra frame, MCHS posted five runs to take a 6-1 lead.

But Snyder responded. Led by Christy Tomlinson, who finished with a triple and three singles, the Lady Tigers sent five runners home to extend the contest.

Midland managed one run in the top of the sixth.

Then in the bottom, Starla Davis delivered a bases-loaded single, bringing home the winning run.

Amanda Huff knocked a triple and two singles, while Bradi Johnson slapped a double. Davis' game-winning hit was her third of the day.

The Lady Tigers were to have faced El Paso Eastwood this morning in the quarterfinals, with the winner taking on either Big Spring or Andrews in the semifinal.

In Division II action, Snyder JV took care of Hermleigh, 9-1, in the quarterfinals.

SHS junior varsity was to have met Coahoma JV this morning with a berth in the finals on the line.

The Lady Cardinals were to have battled Loraine for the Consolation final.

DIVISION I
Friday Pool Play
Coahoma 9, Andrews 8
Anson 7, Midland Christian 0
Andrews 5, EP Eastwood 1
Big Spring 5, EP Ysleta 2
Big Spring 5, Hawley 2
Midland Christian 5, Ft. Stockton 4
EP Ysleta 7, San Angelo Lake View 0
Andrews 7, Abilene Wylie 0
Coahoma 7, Abilene Wylie 0
Snyder 8, Midland Christian 7
Lubbock Coronado 3, San Angelo Lake View 2

Final Pool Standings
Pool A
1. Coahoma, 2. Andrews, 3. EP Eastwood, 4. Abilene Wylie
Pool B
1. Lubbock Coronado, 2. Hawley, 3. San Angelo Lake View
Pool C
1. Snyder, 2. Ft. Stockton, 3. Midland Christian, 4. Anson
Pool D
1. Big Spring, 2. EP Ysleta, 3. Clyde

Bracket Play
First Round
Coahoma, bye.
EP Ysleta 10, Midland Christian 1
Lubbock Coronado 7, Abilene Wylie 0
Clyde vs. Ft. Stockton, Saturday, 9 a.m.
Snyder, bye
EP Eastwood 9, Hawley 3
Big Spring 8, Anson 0
Andrews 11, San Angelo Lake View 0

Quarterfinals
Coahoma vs. EP Ysleta, 10:30 a.m.
Lubbock Coronado vs. Clyde-Ft. Stockton winner, 10:30 a.m.
Snyder vs. EP Eastwood, 10:30 a.m.
Big Spring vs. Andrews, noon.

Semifinals
Coahoma-EP Ysleta winner vs. Lubbock Coronado-Clyde/Ft. Stokton winner, 4:30.
Snyder-EP Eastwood winner vs. Big Spring-Andrews winner, 4:30.

Championship
Semifinal No. 1 winner vs. Semifinal No. 2 winner, 7:30.

DIVISION II
Friday Pool Play
Colorado City 15, Ft. Stockton JV 3
Loraine 11, Ft. Stockton JV 9
Hermleigh 7, Abilene Wylie JV 0
Coahoma JV 7, Abilene Wylie 0

Final Pool Standings
Pool A
1. Coahoma JV, 2. Lubbock Monterey, 3. Hermleigh, 4. Abilene Wylie JV
Pool B
1. Colorado City, 2. Snyder JV, 3. Loraine, 4. Ft. Stockton JV

Bracket Play
Winners Bracket
Quarterfinals
Coahoma JV 7, Ft. Stockton JV 1
Snyder JV 9, Hermleigh 1
Lubbock Monterey 25, Loraine 0
Colorado City 7, Abilene Wylie JV 0

Semifinals
Coahoma JV vs. Snyder JV, 9 a.m.
Lubbock Monterey vs. Colorado City, 9 a.m.

Championship
Coahoma JV-Snyder JV winner vs. Lubbock Monterey-Colorado City winner, 3 p.m.

Losers Bracket
Loraine 17, Ft. Stockton JV 10
Hermleigh 7, Abilene Wylie JV 0
Consolation Final: Hermleigh vs. Loraine, noon.

Texas routs NY Yankees in exhibition

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Roger Pavlik and Rick Helling pitched four scoreless innings as the Texas Rangers defeated the New York Yankees 9-1 Friday.

Pavik allowed two hits, struck out two players and batted Yankees starter Ramiro Mendoza.

The game was scoreless for four innings until the Yankees struck. Catcher Joe Girardi singled off former battery mate John Wetteland. After Homer Bush sacrificed Girardi to second, Chad Curtis drove him in with a double for a 1-0 lead.

Mendoza allowed one hit in four innings. In the fifth, Texas reached him for two runs on consecutive singles by Kevin Elster, Warren Newson, Luis Alicea and Tom Goodwin.

BOYS' LITTLE DRIBBLERS' RESULTS

MINOR LEAGUE
Bulls 41, Pistons 31
Bulls: Seale, 12; Martinez and Castro, 10; Weaver, 9.
Pistons: Lancaster, 19; Cave and Jeffery, 6.
Rockets 50, Lakers 32
Rockets: Garcia, 18; Bowlin, 16; Ortegon, 14; Grady, 2.
Lakers: Pinson, 25; Reed, 4; Fritz, 3.
Knicks 43, Hornets 33
Knicks: Simpson, 20; McClure and Kincheloe, 7; Bollinger, 6; Villa, 3.
Hornets: Clifton, 15; Williams, 8; Torres, 6; J. Arnold and Gonzales, 2.
Pistons 36, Nuggets 24
Pistons: Cave, 14; Lancaster, 13; Jeffery, 9.
Nuggets: Hogan, 16; Hill and Gafford, 4.
Lakers 32, Heat 20
Lakers: Pinson, 20; Reed, 10; Hubanks, 2.
Heat: Driggers, 8; Valadez, 6; Clayton, 4; Dupree, 2.
Bulls 58, Knicks 50
Bulls: Weaver, 22; Martinez, 14; Seale, 10; Castro, Lyle and Scott, 4.
Knicks: Simpson, 29; Villa, 8; Bollinger, 7; McClure, 4; Kincheloe, 2.
Hornets 26, Rockets 21
Hornets: Clifton, 12; Williams, 10; Torres and J. Arnold, 2.
Rockets: Garcia, 9; Bowlin, 8; Ortegon, 4.
Lakers 39, Nuggets 26
Lakers: Pinson, 21; Reed, 18.
Nuggets: Hogan, 12; Hill, 10; Garvin and Gafford, 2.
Knicks 43, Pistons 28
Knicks: Simpson, 22; Bollinger, 8; Villa and Kincheloe, 4; McClure, 3; Ruiz, 2.
Pistons: Cave, 17; Jeffery, 6; Lancaster, 3; Hagins, 2.
Hornets 32, Heat 18
Hornets: Clifton, 13; Williams, 10; Clements, 4; Torres and J. Arnold, 2; C. Arnold, 1.
Heat: Valadez and Clayton, 6; Driggers, Martinez and Dupree, 2.
Bulls 48, Rockets 31
Bulls: Weaver, 20; Martinez, 14; Seale, 7; Castro, 6; Lyle, 1.
Rockets: Garcia, 11; Ortegon and Bowlin, 10.
Knicks 36, Nuggets 28
Knicks: Simpson, 20; Kincheloe, 7; McClure, 5; Bollinger and Villa, 2.
Nuggets: Hogan, 18; Hill, 6; Gafford, 4.
Hornets 46, Lakers 34
Hornets: Clifton, 21; Williams, 12; Clements, 6; J. Arnold, 3; C. Arnold and Torres, 2.
Lakers: Pinson, 22; Reed, 10; Anderson, 2.
Rockets 37, Pistons 35
Rockets: Bowlin, 17; Garcia, 12; Ornales and Ortegon, 4.
Pistons: Cave, 15; Jeffery, 12; Lancaster, 6; Hagins, 2.
Bulls 58, Heat 15
Bulls: Seale, 14; Weaver and Martinez, 10; Castro and Scott, 8; Lyle, 6; Schoolcraft, 2.
Heat: Valadez, 8; Driggers, 3; Wiggins and Dupree, 2.
Hornets 45, Nuggets 39
Hornets: Williams, 19; Clifton, 16; Clements, 6; Torres, 4.
Nuggets: Hogan, 24; Hill and Gafford, 6; Garvin, 3.
Pistons 34, Heat 26
Pistons: Cave, 13; Lancaster, 10; Jeffery, 8; Sanchez, 2; Mann, 1.
Heat: Driggers, 10; Wiggins, Valadez and Jones, 4; Clayton, 2.
MINOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT
Bulls 51, Heat 25
Bulls: Weaver, 18; Seale, 11; Castro, 8; Martinez, 7; Lyle, 3; Scott and Schoolcraft, 2.
Heat: Driggers 10, Wiggins, 6; Clayton, 5; Dupree, 4.

Hornets 22, Rockets 18
Hornets: Williams, 10; Clifton, 8; Clements, 4.
Rockets: Bowlin, 10; Garcia, 8.
Knicks 44, Nuggets 20
Knicks: Simpson, 15; Kincheloe, 10; McClure, 8; Bollinger, 5; Villa, 4; Ruiz, 2.
Nuggets: Hogan, 13; Gafford, 5; Groage, 2.
MAJOR LEAGUE
Raptors 38, Jazz 27
Raptors: Martin, 10; English, 9; Rodriguez, 7; Reed, Ramos and Bragg, 4.
Jazz: Scott, 22; Jeffery, 3; Fenner, 2.
Pacers 41, Spurs 28
Pacers: Wall, 12; Wilkins, 10; Payne, 8; Barnes, 5; Crane, Johnson and Nussey, 2.
Spurs: Perez, 17; Early, 9; Gray, 2.
Pacers 54, Magic 45
Pacers: Wall, 24; Barnes, 17; Wilkins, 8; Nussey, 3; Payne, 2.
Magic: Villarreal, 22; Kellner, 15; Gibson, 6; Gonzales, 2.
Warriors 38, T'wolves 23
Warriors: Hatley and Grimmett, 14; Ramon, 9; Sosa, 1.
T'wolves: Fabre, 9; Garcia, 8; Blume, Cain and Lolar, 2.
Raptors 46, Celtics 45
Raptors: Martin, 26; Ynguanzo, 8; English, 6; Collier, 2.
Celtics: Horn, 16; Williams, 12; Dea, 5; Babcock, Velasquez and McCormack, 2.
T'wolves 39, Sixers 26
T'wolves: Blume, 13; Fabre, 12; Garcia, 8; Lollar, Hembree and Cain, 2.
Sixers: Silva and Bane, 10; Hardin, 6.
T'wolves 52, Magic 50
T'wolves: Blume, 18; Fabre, 17; Garcia, 9; Cain, 8.
Magic: Villarreal, 25; Kellner, 21; Gibson, 4.
Warriors 38, Spurs 15
Warriors: Hatley, 14; Pickerel and Grimmett, 8; Sosa and Ramon, 4.
Spurs: Floyd, 8; Early, 4; Gray, 3.
Magic 46, Jazz 36
Magic: Kellner, 19; Villarreal, 17; Gonzales, 10.
Jazz: Scott, 22; Hatfield, 7; Jeffery, 4; Fenner, 3.
Celtics 40, Sixers 26
Celtics: Williams and Horn, 14; Dea, 4; Silva, Babcock, Velasquez and McCormack, 2.
Sixers: Silva, 14; Guy, 6; Bane, 4; Medrano, 2.
Raptors 46, Spurs 20
Raptors: Rodriguez, 9; English, 8; Reed, Martin, Ramos and Ynguanzo, 6; Collier, 3; Bragg, 2.
Spurs: Gray and Floyd, 7; Sauceda, Early and Liccardi, 2.
Warriors 48, Pacers 29
Warriors: Hatley, 22; Ramon, 9; Grimmett, 7; Pickerel, 4; Duck, Sosa and Graves, 2.
Pacers: Wall, 12; Barnes, 8; Wilkins, 5; Johnson and Payne, 2.
T'wolves 35, Celtics 19
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Celtics: Williams, 9; Horn, 6; Dea, 4.
Jazz 43, Spurs 22
Jazz: Scott, 21; Jeffery, 8; Walker and Fenner, 4.
Spurs: Early, 12; Floyd, 6; Hefner, 2.
Warriors 46, Magic 28
Warriors: Grimmett, 19; Hatley, 12; Pickerel, 7; Duck, 6; Sosa, 2.
Magic: Villarreal, 13; Gibson, 7; Kellner, 4; Richardson and Gonzales, 2.
Raptors 35, Sixers 28
Raptors: Martin, 24; Collier, 4; English, 3; Rodriguez and Ynguanzo, 2.
Sixers: Bane, 11; Silva, 8; Boyd, 4; Guy and Duck, 2.
Raptors 49, T'wolves 47
Raptors: Martin, 26; Collier, 9; Reed, 6; Ynguanzo, 5; Rodriguez, 2.
T'wolves: Garcia, 18; Fabre, 13; Blume and Cain, 8.
Pacers 52, Celtics 46
Pacers: Wall and Barnes, 20; Nussey, 6; Payne, 4; Johnson, 2.
Celtics: Horn, 18; Williams, 17; Dea, 9; Silva, 2.
T'wolves 42, Spurs 21
T'wolves: Fabre, 28; Blume, 10; Garcia and Thompson, 2.
Spurs: Floyd, 12; Early, 7; Gray, 2.
Warriors 48, Jazz 27
Warriors: Grimmett, 19; Hatley, 12; Ramon, 7; Duck, 5; Pickerel, 3; Sosa, 2.
Jazz: Scott, 13; Jeffery, 10; Walker and Fenner, 2.
Magic 38, Celtics 36
Magic: Villarreal, 17; Kellner, 11; Gonzales, 6; Dominguez and Gibson, 2.
Celtics: Williams, 18; Horn, 10; Silva and Dea, 4.
Pacers 45, Raptors 43
Pacers: Barnes, 18; Wall, 14; Wilkins, 7; Johnson, Nussey and Payne, 2.
Raptors: Martin, 23; Collier, 8; Reed, 4; Ramos, English, Rodriguez and Ynguanzo, 2.
Sixers 34, Magic 28
Sixers: Silva, 24; Bane, 6; Merano and Duck, 2.
Magic: Kellner, 13; Villarreal, 12; Gibson, 1.
T'wolves 58, Jazz 33
T'wolves: Fabre, 31; Blume, 12; Garcia, 10; Lollar, 3; Hembree, 2.
Jazz: Scott, 24; Jeffery, 5; Fenner, 4.
Warriors 50, Celtics 30
Warriors: Grimmett, 14; Hatley, 12; Sosa, Pickerel and Ramon, 6; Stoker, 4; Duck, 2.
Celtics: Williams and Horn, 12; Silva, Babcock and Dea, 2.
Pacers 46, Spurs 29
Pacers: Wall, 21; Barnes, 12; Crane, 7; Nussey, 4; Johnson, 2.
Spurs: Floyd, 8; Gray and Perez, 7; Sauceda, 3; Early and Fletcher, 2.
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Raptors: Martin, 14; Ynguanzo, 10; English, 8; Ramos and Bragg, 4; Collier, 2.
Magic: Villarreal, 16; Kellner, 6; Gonzales, 5; Dominguez, 4; Gibson, 2.
Celtics 42, Jazz 25
Celtics: Horn, 20; Williams, 10; Dea, 6; Babcock, 4; Silva, 2.
Jazz: Scott, 16; Jeffery, 4; Walker and Hatfield, 2; Fenner, 1.

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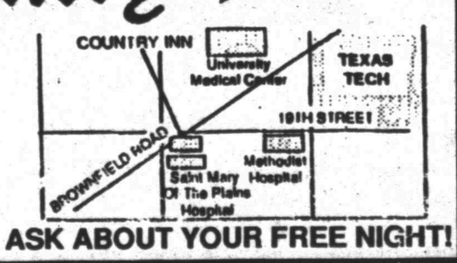
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Vision loss may be linked to gene

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes macular degeneration?

DEAR READER: This serious eye problem, marked by failing vision due to deterioration of the retina, is the most common uncorrectable cause of vision loss in the elderly. Until recently, the cause was unknown, although smoking and high cholesterol levels appear to aggravate the condition.

In the journal Science, researchers reported that a particularly aggressive form of macular degeneration appears to be caused by a genetic mutation.

Although the discovery of a specific gene defect does not guarantee that successful therapy for macular degeneration is imminent, it does give scientists a point at which to begin investigating the possibility that the disease may be controllable by gene manipulation. I'll keep my readers informed as new information becomes available.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic back pain for which I have been prescribed pain pills. Is there a newer, easier therapy?

DEAR READER: Back pain has many causes, including chronic strain, spinal abnormalities and herniated discs, for which therapy is often useful. Such treatments include physical therapy, special exercises, muscle-relaxant medications, pain pills, and — in some cases — surgery.

Despite this therapy, some patients continue to suffer from ongoing backache, which can be quite debilitating.

Recently, researchers have reported on a new option that has helped those who experience chronic back pain. Called fentanyl (Duragesic), the medicine is available in patch form and is applied for 72 hours at a time. Ask your doctor about this. Although fentanyl is an opioid and is, therefore, potentially addictive, the patch may be appropriate for patients who have exhausted other treatment methods and who are not content with taking pain pills. The drug is available by prescription only.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been told that I cannot eat grapefruit anymore because I take Premarin. But I love grapefruit.

DEAR READER: You can eat grapefruit and take the female hormone Premarin; just don't consume the two at the same sitting. Substances in grapefruit can interfere with the normal metabolism of many prescription drugs. However, if the fruit and the medicine are taken an hour or more apart, no harm results.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You lost another reader, after I found out you're progay. I hope you find a very nice boyfriend. Hugs and kisses to you.

DEAR READER: Thank you. The world needs more hugs and kisses. Actually, I have three wonderful boy friends: my sons. I love them and I'm very proud of them.

Your life must be miserably narrow if you pick your acquaintances solely on the basis of sexual orientation — or if your reading material has to pass a gender test for acceptance.

Many people I know and like engage in behavior that I find unattractive. However, this behavior doesn't diminish their worth as human beings. What difference does sexual orientation make if the person is sensitive, caring and talented, and contributes to the welfare of humanity? When you and others like you make snap decisions condemning homosexuals, such decisions reflect badly on you. It's a little like believing that all hairy men are somehow deficient or that one-eyed female artists are incapable of producing good workmanship. It's all too easy to be muddleheadedly prejudiced. Perhaps if you were more tolerant of different lifestyles, your parameters of satisfaction might expand. But that could be dangerous, no?

DEAR DR. GOTT: This is in response to the letter from a reader who gave you an "F" for your column on homosexuality, stated that "God once destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for that wicked lifestyle," and exhorted you to read the Bible.

The writer is the one who should reread his Bible, specifically Ezekiel 16:49-50: "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen."

DEAR READER: Duly noted. Thanks for the additional reference.

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'Murphy Brown' tapes finale after ten years on television

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Candice Bergen and the cast of "Murphy Brown" shared hugs and tears as they filmed the final episode of their sitcom, which brought viewers a decade of laughs and an occasional controversy.

Among the guest stars making appearances on the hour-long finale of the show, which chronicled the fictional newsmagazine "FYI," were Julia Roberts, Bette Midler and George Clooney, as well as Bergen's mother, Frances. The episode airs May 18 on CBS.

Bergen and the cast took the stage Friday night to a standing ovation from the studio audience on the Warner Bros. lot before shooting the 245th episode.

The show has slipped in the ratings recently, finishing 52nd in the Nielsen ratings for the first week of March.

Faith Ford, who plays newswoman Corky Sherwood, and Lily Tomlin, who plays executive producer Kay Carter-Shepley, each clutched tissues.

"We feel relieved. We didn't think we'd get through this," Ford said after the show. "We were kind of emotional basket cases all morning."

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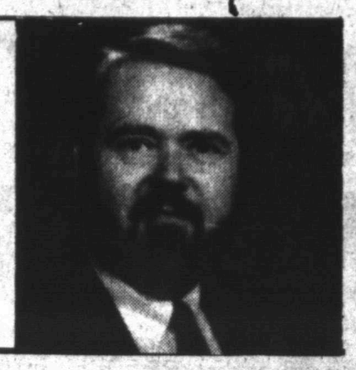
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Minding Your Own Business



By Don Taylor

Numbers won't replace your customers

It was a little past the usual lunch rush hour, but the line at the fast-food counter was at least 10 people deep. As I waited in line, I overheard a conversation between an obviously harried manager and the owner of the business.

"What is it?" the owner asked.

The manager worked his calculator and replied, "24 percent."

"You know we can't live with that. Send somebody home. You won't have a job and I won't have a store if we keep this up. We've got to stay below 22 percent. We've been over this before," the owner growled.

The manager frowned. "Ok, but I really need everyone right now."

The owner shook his head and turned away.

The conversation was not loud, nor was it intended for others to hear. However, without even trying I heard every word. I could tell from the tone of this conversation that the focus of this business owner was on managing the numbers, not on taking care of customers.

The owner wanted to hold labor costs below 22 percent of sales. On this day the numbers were coming in at 24 perent and the owner wanted to cut his labor expense. The numbers said there were too many warm bodies standing around.

None of my business

I was traveling in a large city and had stopped to grab a quick bite before going on. This little scene was none of my professional business. However, I did want to take both the owner and manager aside for a little chat.

You see as a customer, I didn't want anyone sent home. I wanted both the owner and manager to pitch in behind the counter and speed up the service. The line was long and moving slowly. I was willing to increase sales in return for food and drink.

Unfortunately, this owner was so obsessed with his numbers that he had forgotten where the numbers came from in the first place. Now don't get me wrong. I believe in knowing your numbers and using information to make good decisions. I believe in management based on facts not feelings.

I also know that for many fast-food franchises controlling labor costs is critical for survival. This is true for most businesses. Typically, labor expense (salaries, wages, benefits, etc.) is the highest category among operating expenses.

No, I'm not saying to ignore your numbers. Rather, I want you to understand the importance of managing priorities. Taking care of customers must come first.

An unwanted by-product

In a recent customer service seminar, I asked the business owners to define the term "customer." I got the usual answers: "people who come to us with needs," "people who buy," "anyone who comes into my store," and "everybody."

I even had a bright owner who defined customers as "the only reason I'm in business." However, the most thought-provoking answer came from an obviously disgruntled owner who quipped, "Customers are an unwanted by-product of running a business." He did get a laugh from the other owners.

I don't know whether this owner was serious or not. However, I've seen a few businesses who treated their customers in just that manner. Usually, when customers feel they aren't a high priority, they take their business elsewhere.

If it had been appropriate, I would have encouraged the owner and manager to jump in and help serve customers. Sales would increase, labor costs as a percentage of sales would go down and most importantly, customers would be happier. Keep your customers happy and the numbers may not require managing.

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

Sweden's King Gustav III was shot and mortally wounded in 1792 during a masquerade party; he died 13 days later. (The assassination inspired the Giuseppe Verdi opera "Un ballo in maschera," or, "The Masked Ball.")

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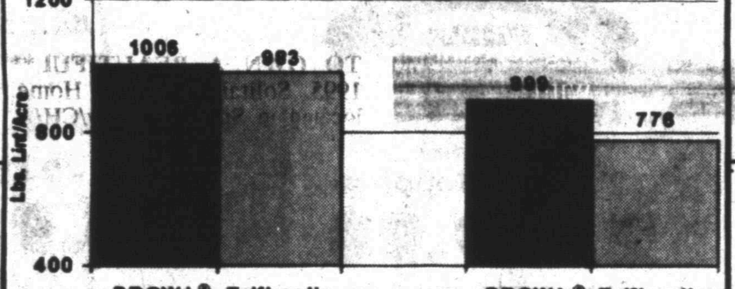
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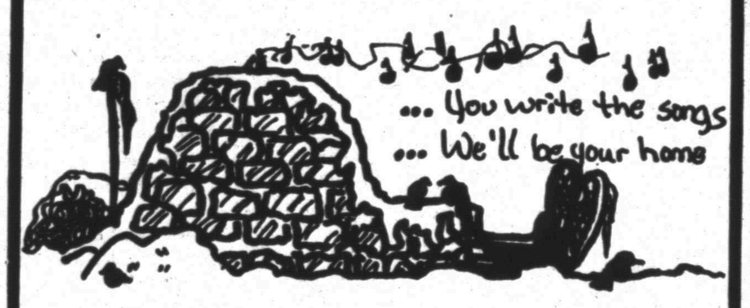
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Senior volunteers honored at annual banquet

The 19th annual Senior Center Recognition Banquet paid homage Friday night to all of the volunteers who collectively worked a total of 43,277 hours during the previous year.

Each of the Top 15 volunteers also received a red rose. Star awards are given to volunteers who have accumulated either 5,000 or more or 10,000 or more hours.

The Top 15 include Gloria Browning, 1,902.50; Dessie Harvel, 1,400; Thadine Harless, 1,248.50; Maxie McNew, 1,128.25; Margaret Clevenger, 1,087; Betty Kellum, 957.50; Cary Patrick, 888.50; Dorothy Duncan, 867; Edna Laster, 844.50; Marine Armstrong, 827.25; Mae Brush, 793; Sue Trice, 792; Opal Wigington, 744.50; Texa Ball, 726.50; Betty Boyd, 712.75.

Gloria Browning also received a Star Award for accumulating 10,000 or more hours. Opal Wigington was also recognized, but she was unable to attend the banquet.

They both qualified for pins.

Three volunteers were recognized for accumulating 5,000 or more hours. They include Margarita Ayala, Betty Boyd and Betty Kellum. They also qualified for pins.

An under 60 volunteer was also recognized — Kathy Fowler, who helps with the home delivered meals programs.

Dignataries included Rep. David and Mary Counts; Sen. Stenholm and an assistant; as well as members of the Senior Center Advisory Board, Western Texas College, commissioners court, city council and the sheriff's department.

Carla Thompson, director, gave the welcome. Pins, certificates and door prizes were handed out by staff members including Pamela Fenton, Valerie Drum and Denise Withers.

Dawson Moreland gave the invocation.

Members of Western Texas College's Phi Thata Kappa honor fraternity helped to serve.

Texas Sand provided the entertainment. Band members include Jackie and Valerie Moss Greene, Wendell Sollis and Vince Moss.

The following list are volunteers and the hours they have accumulated. The asterik following each name denotes those who were eligible to receive pins.

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3,000-3,499 — Odis Craig, Lois Leech, Mildred Pevehouse, Dot Stokes, Margaret Stubblefield and Catarina Torres.*

2,500-2,999 — B.J. Bartels,* Katherine Ervin,* Wayne Eubank, Wana Fisher,* Lorena Gibson, Gladys Kuss* and Nate Pyburn.*

2,000-2,499 — Margaret Clevenger,* Dorothy Duncan,* Paulyene Eaker, Pat Johnston,* Yvette Jones,* Cary Patrick,* Dena Stirling, Marie Walton,* Pauline Walton* and Lou Wiman.

1,500-1,999 — Emmett Askins,* Duke Ball, Paulyne Broyles, Loyed Dempsey,* Jo Flynn, Peggy Fowler,* Sue Griffin,* Jim Logan, M.J. Merritt, Helen Nixon, Velma Pickering, Herman Richburg* and Velma Smith.*

1,000-1,499 — Polly Autry, Alta Bavousett, Leda Beck, James Beckham, Otis Crumly, Mary Farris, Nettie Faye Gardner,* Lonice Hall, Novilla Johnson, Dorothy Lankford, Cecil Lankford, Lucy Lopez,* Rumell Montgomery,* Faye Moore, Ben Odorizzi, Jo Ann Peek,* John Pickering,* Anna Sears, Sylvia Spivey, Jeff Stubblefield, Evalyn Tate* and Larue Williamson.*

500-999 — Jackie Adams, Marie Armstong,* Warren Badger, Benny Benitez, Faye Bruns, Donnie Chorn, Melba Cooper, Frances Denman, Don Duncan,* Juanita Ellington,* Helen Faulkenberry, Veida Gage,* Laura Greenfield, Edna Gregory, Ruby Gregory,* Herb Grover, Juanita Grover, Dorothy Hill, Lois Jackson, Modine Johnston,* Joye Loyd, Ruth Moreland, Grady Morris, Molly Morris, Jean McCormack, Francene Noah,* Dexter Norwood,* Treva Quinney,* Carolyn Reon, Marlene Richburg, Nellie Rios, Rob Robinson, Mildred Rodgers, C.J. Smith, Edna Smith, Opal Sorrels,* James Stehley, Gene Thomas, J.T. Trice, Sylvia Voelkel, A.C. Weaver and Aubrey Wilson.

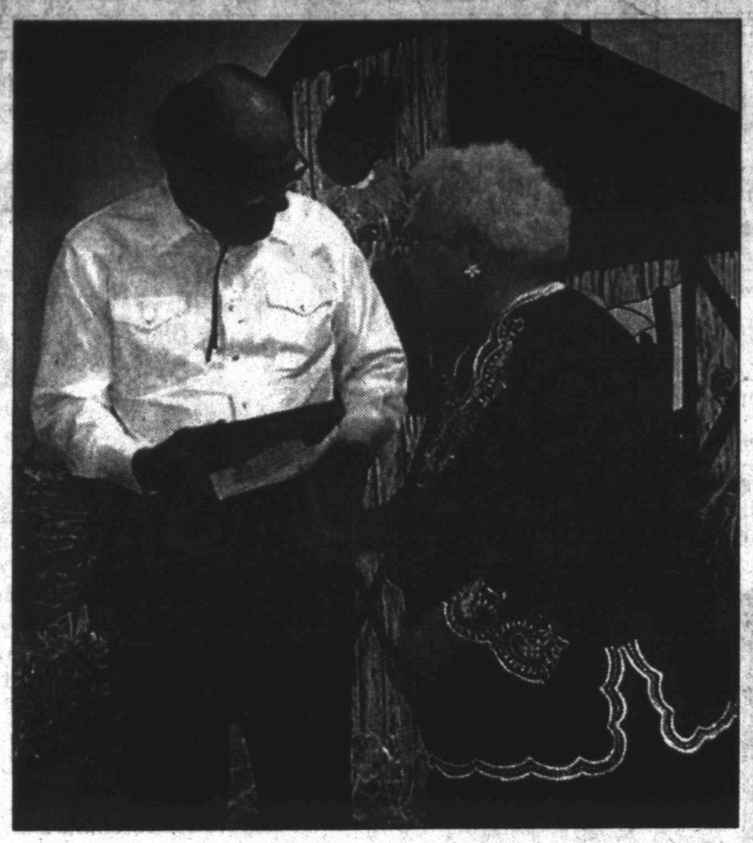
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Also — Fran Bowden, Furman Branson, Quida Bruner, Rayburn Burgess, Roy Burk, Bobbie Burns, J.L. Byars, H.W. Cargile, Debra Cheyne, Joe Cheyne, Cleo Clare, Ruby Clark, Arlena Claxton, Hoss Clayton, Jane Clifton, Donise Coonrod, Bill Cooper, Clift Cooper, John Covey, Carolyn Cox, Janice Cox, Bobbie Culp, Jack Denman, Kathryn Dodson, Max Drum, Ellie Dryden, Joy Early, Polly Echols, Lori Erwin.

More — Peggy Eubank, Opal Evans, Tom Farris, Evelyn Fields, Gilbert Fields, Don Fisk, Martha Floyd, Ted Floyd, Icy Foree, Verna Foree, Kathy Fowler, Ricky Fritz, Lillie Funderberg, Kenneth Gregory, Peggy Grinslade, Lupe Guerra, Laurie Haines, Esthalee Haney, Jack Harless, John Harper, Nell Harper, Charlene Harrison, Faydean Hart, Emily Hataway, Barbara Head, Charlene Hendrix, Gay Hickman, Kay Hickman, Joan Holladay, Monte Ivison, Earnest James, Elizabeth Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Virginia Johnston, Laura Jones, Rosemary Jones, Wilma Jones,

Still more — Loreta Keller, Phil Kelley, Dycie Kemp, Connie Key, Vondell King, Harry Krenek, Charles Landon, Joyce Landon, Charles Lear, Velma Lear, Norma Lofton, Steve Long, Ann Looney, Velma Lunsford, Madie Maben, Sedalia Malone, Aline Martin, Audine McCann, Roy McCloskey, Jean McCommas, Joan McCormick, Geneva McKinly, Babe Miller, Izora Millikén, Eunice Milton, Herman Milton, Alvis Minton, Dawson Moreland, Bill Moss, Faye Mullins, Potsy Neeper, Melvin Nielson, Shirley Nielson, Opal Lee Nobles, Dorothy Norwood, Thelma Odorizzi, Una Orms, Aline Parks, James Patrick, Bob Payne, Genetha Payne.

Also — Bill Pollard, Johnnie Pyburn, James Quinney, Juanita Raborn, Waldine Rains, Rex Reynolds, Helen Robinson, Sandra Robinson, Dorothy Rosson, Natalie Sallee, Roy Sallee, Clara Salmon, Martha Schiebel, Pearl Schwartz, Robert Scott, Margaret Sharp, Sue Simpson, James Singletary, Patsy Sitton, E.L. Smith, Gladys Smith, Graham Smith, Joyce Smith, Wernette Smith, Bob Spaulding, Ray Spivey, Gradine Sterling, Connie Stom, Isabel Swigert, Clara Tate, Bobby Taylor, Inez Teaff, A.Z. Thomas, Lewie Thomas, Wendell Thomas, Jackie Thompson, Vernest Tippens, Mary Torrance, Barbara Tune, Guy Turner, Georgie Upshaw, Joe Vincent, Sue Walker, Mary Ward, Margaret Weaver, Cleo Wemken, Lloyd Wemken, Larry White, Danny Williams, Roscie Williams, R.V. Williamson, Wallace Williamson, Doris Wilson, Etta Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, Truman Wilson, Neilda Word, and Wanda York.



STAR AWARD — Gloria Browning received a Star Award for accumulating more than 10,000 volunteers. Bernhard Bartels made the presentation Friday during the annual Senior Center Recognition Banquet. Not pictured is Opal Wigington who also received a Star Award. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Legal Notice

BID NOTICE

Ira ISD is seeking bids for the following projects: PROJECT 1, replace existing seating in New Gym. PROJECT 2, install wood playing floor in New Gym. Project 1 to be completed by 8-1-98. Project 2 to begin no earlier than 10-1-98 and to be completed no later than 10-30-98. Call (915) 573-2629 for additional information. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly marked, by noon April 9, 1998. Ia ISD reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Western Texas College is requesting proposals for Food Services for the Cafeteria for the 1998-1999 school year. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 1998 at which time they will be read into record. Proposers are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified proposers concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting. Western Texas College reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

(Maintenance Project)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR
OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed Proposals For:

CSJ NO. 6026 71 001

Curb and Gutter Installation in Scurry County

Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at:

4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS
UNTIL RESPECTIVE BID OPENING TIME ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998

then publicly opened and read.

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ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE FOR THIS CONTRACT.

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Bidding proposals and plan viewing will be available ON AND AFTER TUESDAY, MARCH 3,1998 at the District Office located at:

4250 N. CLACK
ABILENE, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (915)-676-6852
CONTACT: SAUNDRA J. COLLINS

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(Maintenance Project)

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Howard Franks, Ginny Griffith, Bobbie Marchel, Cory Maxfield.

DISMISSALS: Ashley Arrendale; Nicoasa Baeza, Juanita Kizer, Alfred Lieb, Erin Maytubby and baby, Kirsten Shankles.

Births

Steve and Melissa Lee announce the birth of their son, Sterling Lewis Lee. He was born, weighing eight pounds and five ounces, on March 10 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Grandparents are Larry and Brenda Lee and Malinda Jones, all of Snyder, and C.E. "Sonny" Jones of Colorado City. Great-grandmothers are Junelle Lee and Earline Jones of Snyder.

Twin boys, Daniel and Nathaniel, were born on March 13 to Matt and Tandi Mitchell of Austin. One weighed six pounds, and the other weighed five pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Charlotte and Warren Mitchell, and Linda and Ray Gant of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Shirley Stewart of Snyder, and the late George Stewart.

Eggings, mischief investigated by PD

Teen-agers egging vehicles, a domestic dispute and criminal mischief were among calls dispatchers and peace officers took Friday and early Saturday.

Two arrests were made. Officers were notified that a man was seen dragging a female in the street in the 3300 block of Avenue L at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday. An investigating officer arrived on the scene and began talking with two females. While speaking with them, a man walked up and began arguing. The 21-year-old male was taken into custody at 5:43 for disorderly conduct.

Police arrested a 58-year-old man in the 600 block of 13th Street at 10:38 p.m. Friday for no driver's license, no liability insurance and disregarding a stop sign.

Officers were informed at 10:30 Friday night that individuals in a blue 1984 pickup were egging vehicles all over town. An officer located the vehicle at 11:26 p.m. and spoke with the driver. He admitted to egging some cars and houses in the Towle Park area and northeast Snyder. He also told officers that other subjects who were with him earlier told him they would be going back out to do some more egging, and gave a description of their vehicle.

At 3:36 a.m., an officer reported locating six vehicles that had been egged. No arrests were made in the incident.

Nancy Hernandez contacted police at 7:38 a.m. Friday to report that some one had keyed her 1998 black Sunfire. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

At 8:14 a.m. Friday, a woman came to the Law Enforcement Center to complain that her husband had not given her enough money for groceries. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

Peace officers also investigated two minor traffic accidents. Reports were not available Saturday morning.

Five-day drive...

281 donated blood last week

Some 281 participants rolled up their sleeves for area patients during a five-day blood drive which wrapped up this past week.

The drives were supported by area businesses and churches and sponsored by Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for the Texas Blood Institute.

Blood collected at various locations included:

BJ Services	22
WT College	39
First Baptist	130
Cogdell MH	39
Daniel Unit	23

Bob Sealy received an eight-gallon pin and Faydean Hart received a six-gallon pin. Others were Dwaine Williams and Bernadine Sealy, four gallons; Avon Rushing and Shelly Beasley, two gallons; and Ned Underwood, Valerie Drum, Tammy Voss and Jerri Riley, one gallon.

Winning gift certificates were:

Jaramillos: Dwaine Williams, Cecil Lankford, Callie Sides, Jackie Goldesberry, Rebecca Boyd, Gloria Peppers, Starla Kubena, Sheila Caldwell.

Lota' Burger: Lynette Callaway, Pam Gibson, Ned Underwood, Gail Burleson, Pattie Wallett, Rona Sikes, Harry Hoyt.

Pizza Hut: James Martin, James Jenkins, Ethel Head, Brandy Hickman, Ronnie Black, Dora Robbins.

Pizza Inn: A.Z. Thomas, Vernest Tippens, Dina Collins, Pat Helms, Jay Lynn, Mirian Cochran, Gini Grimmett, Patsy Palmer, Tammy Pierce.

Spanish Inn: Patsy Ramon, George Adams, Elizabeth Jenkins,

See Blood, Page 13A

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank You

The Sanchez Family sincerely appreciates with gratitude for all the people that supported us in the time of our need. May the Lord shine upon you.

Anita Valadez
Eva Moreno
Maria Luna
Nelly Martinez
Barrientez
Luz Carrisales
Rosa Valadez
Paula Rodriguez
Martha Swan
Susy Morin
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garcia
Ester Martinez
Angel Esmernalda
Frank & Mary Ann Salas

Thank You

The family of Layne Wright would like to express its appreciation for all the prayers, food and support during our recent loss. Thanks to Bro. Rex Reynolds and Bro. Larry Van Hook for the wonderful service and a special thanks to Leroy and Nona Key and Anita Erwin for their help.

The Lane Wright Family
Dub & Joy Wright,
Bobby Wright & Family

Thank You

The family of Corena G. Cole wish to thank each person for the flowers, cards and food that we received.

The concern and sympathy expressed to us during the death of our mother is greatly appreciated.

Bob Cole & family
Lanelle Joplin & family

2ND FRONT PAGE

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

FDA panel split on OK of obesity drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government advisers deadlocked over the safety of a long-awaited diet drug that promises to block absorption of some of the fat that people eat.

Puzzled by a few breast cancer cases among obese women who tested Xenical, the Food and Drug Administration asked its independent advisers if the cancer was a statistical fluke or a real concern.

The same advisory panel unanimously backed Xenical last May, but it had second thoughts Friday. The panel voted 5-5 on whether the FDA should approve Xenical.

Panelists emphasized they were not saying Xenical causes or promotes cancer — they just want more study to settle lingering doubts about a drug that millions of people could take for years.

Xenical could be the first alternative to appetite suppressants. It blocks the body from absorbing about 30 percent of dietary fat. It works modestly well: People who tested Xenical in addition to dieting lost about 8 pounds more than dieters given a dummy pill. However, it occasionally caused such side effects as leaking stools when undigested fat exited dieters' bodies.

More puzzling was that of 1,016 women who tested Xenical in Phase III studies, 10 were diagnosed with breast cancer while only one breast cancer arose among the 579 placebo patients.

Last May, the FDA advisers decided the incidence of cancer was not troubling enough to stall Xenical's sale.

But the FDA worried, so manufacturer Hoffman-La Roche again reviewed dieters' medical records. Roche found that:

—Two more Xenical patients and one more placebo patient have been diagnosed with breast cancer since the studies ended, for a total of 12 cases in Xenical patients and two in placebo patients.

—Animal studies show no sign that Xenical either causes or stimulates cancer growth.

Roche argued that cancer was diagnosed so soon after many women began taking Xenical, and usually was of such an early stage, that Xenical did not have time to have any effect.

"This could be due to chance," said Roche scientist Dr. Russell Ellison.

The FDA never suggested Xenical caused the cancer — it can take tumors 15 years to form. But it questioned whether Xenical caused existing cancer cells to grow faster.

"There's not a lot of support for that," conceded FDA medical reviewer Dr. Eric Colman.

N. Gingrich says he will seek re-election in 1998 and 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid speculation he may seek the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, Speaker Newt Gingrich is telling GOP lawmakers he intends to run for the House's top job after this year's elections and again in two years.

"Allow me to take this opportunity to lay to rest some rumors and hopefully cool off some activities that seem to be rather premature," the Georgia Republican said in a letter Friday to the rank and file.

At the same time Gingrich was seeking to suppress the political maneuvering within the House ranks, his letter stopped well short of a firm declaration of noncandidacy for the White House. "It is my intention to run again for speaker in 2000 and serve until January 2003," he wrote.

Gingrich recently traveled to Iowa, where the first contest of the 2000 presidential election will be held in 22 months.

While there, he raised money for a Republican congressman, appeared at other events and sat for a statewide television interview. While he was coy about any presidential plans, Atlanta-based political aides were meeting privately with reporters and political activists to get acquainted, pass out business cards and pledge to keep in touch.

One official said Gingrich issued his letter after becoming concerned that GOP political intrigue was playing too prominent a role in this election-year session of Congress.

Already there are two contenders to replace Gingrich should he step down, Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas and Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Livingston recently decided to seek re-election this fall rather than go ahead with plans to retire. He has held at least one meeting in recent days with a core group of supporters within the House to gauge his potential support for a race against Armey.

A second senior committee chairman denied plans to jump into the race. Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Friday through a spokesman that he still plans to retire in 2000.

Obituaries

Milton Comer

1945-1998

A memorial service for Milton Lee Comer, 52, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Gary Hubbard, chaplain of the Big Spring Hospice, will officiate. Cremation is planned.

Mr. Comer, a longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, March 13, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Born July 8, 1945 in Corsicana, he was a member of the Church of Christ, and he had been employed by Texas Utility Fuel Co. for 20 years.

Survivors include his mother, Doris Mae Comer of Snyder; a son, Adam Comer of Odessa; a sister, Sandra Graves of Snyder; and a brother, Byron Comer of Spring Branch.

Amber N. Cantu

Infant

Amber Nicole Cantu was stillborn Wednesday, March 11, at Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her mother, Angelia Berkley of Snyder; her father, Roland Cantu Jr. of Sweetwater; her maternal grandparents, James and Rosa Swigert of Snyder; her paternal grandparents, Roland Cantu Sr. and Sylvia Cantu, both of Sweetwater.

Elbert Humble

1912-1998

POST — Elbert Humble, the father of Maxsl Humble of Snyder, died Friday, March 13, at his ranch in Crosby County.

Funeral service for Mr. Humble, 86, is 1 p.m. Sunday in the Post Church of Christ. Paul Jones, minister, will officiate.

Burial will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the McKenzieville Cemetery near Silver. Hudman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born March 8, 1912 in Coke County, Mr. Humble married Patsy Haywood on Dec. 13, 1938 in Robert Lee.

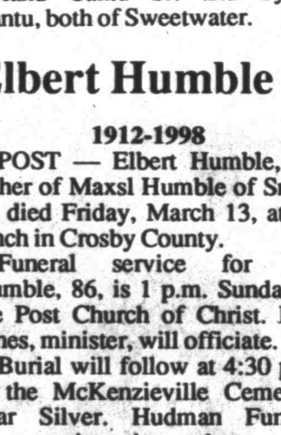
Mr. Humble was a retired rancher and had lived most of his life in Garza County. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Humble of Post; another son, Fred Humble of Kalgary; two daughters, Mary Ann Dameron of Midland and Elaine Griffin of Ralls; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

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March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Scurry County Coliseum
Tickets: $15 For Adults
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~We Will Deliver Tickets~
Tickets must be purchased by March 20 at the Chamber office, 2302 Avenue R. To order by mail, send check to Snyder Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 840, Snyder, Texas 79550



FAA says new X-ray machine may hurt film

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new X-ray machine being used in some airports to detect hidden explosives can damage photographic film in checked baggage, the Federal Aviation Administration is warning.

Since the FAA will not say where the machines are in use, it is advising airlines to tell passengers that they should no longer put film in any checked bag. Instead, they should take it onto their flight in their pockets or carry-on bags.

The device involved is the CTX-5000, a high-powered X-ray machine that uses the same technology found in medical CT-scan machines. The machine uses X-rays to map the objects inside a bag and sounds an alarm when the resulting image resembles a bomb. The FAA bought 54 of the machines for $52.2 million and began installing them around the country in January 1997.

Officials at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport won't say whether one of the machines is currently in use there.

The CTX-5000 was suspected when a crew for British director David Attenborough recently returned home from five weeks of filming birds in Papua New Guinea and found their film was fogged.

"We did tests in conjunction with Photographic and Imaging Manufacturers Association and they determined that the CTX-5000 can in some circumstances damage film when in checked bags," FAA spokesman Rebecca Trexler said Friday.

Photographic film is not harmed by the metal detectors and handbag X-ray machines used by airline passengers. The FAA does not have data about whether the CTX-5000 damages computer diskettes, which are not harmed by either metal detectors or the handbag X-rays.

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Judge said unimpressed by TWA plan

MIAMI (AP) — A $43 million bid may not be enough to save bankrupt Pan Am.

The offer from former TWA owner Carl Icahn got a discouraging assessment from the judge overseeing the case, who said Friday that only $8 million would go to the Miami-based airline's creditors.

"I don't see it as the solution to the Pan Am problem," U.S. Bankruptcy Judge A. Jay Cristol said, noting that it would mean selling off the company's best assets.

To close the deal in 30 says, Icahn would require labor contracts, a reservation system, leases on seven jets and federal transfer of Pan Am's certificate to fly.

Cristol said he owed "a great debt of thanks" to Icahn for appraising the airline's assets but noted his bailout gives no guarantee of resumed flights.

Blood

Continued From 12A

Juanita Raborn, Shelly Beasley, Sallie Herrington, Kathy Spoor, Bobbie Combest, Anna Rodriquez.

Rudy's: Darrel Johnson, Eddie McHaney, Sheila Harless, Mack Kruse, Tommie Reynolds, Lisa Moore, Karen Franklin.

Subway: Nannet Belew, Monette O'Day, Betty Hicks, Kent Sutton, Belinda Morales, Heather Kirkpatrick, Michael Browning, Ken Spoor, Cissi Williams.

Shack: Sue McGuire, Charles Kittles.

Rusty Spur: George Adams:

Weekend Getaway in Lubbock: Gini Grimmett.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Snyder Church of the Nazarene revival

Snyder Church of the Nazarene is hosting a revival through Sunday. Lay ministers are Oliver Butler on Saturday and Dywaine Beal on Sunday.

Services are 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway.

'Defeating Your Giants'

Word is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th Street, will present a "Defeating Your Giants" conference with Marcia Sanders at 7 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will be honoring 50-year Masons at 7 p.m. Saturday. Each will be given 50-year pins and certificates. Refreshments will be served. All Masons, family and friends are invited.

Fly zone opposition

Citizens interested in joining together to oppose the proposed Air Force training route over Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Garza, Lynn, Stonewall, Borden and Dawson counties are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. Officers and directors from each county will be elected.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "The Church is His Body," followed by "The Truth About Sex: Purity," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

AARP Chapter 2063

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Sgt. Pete Barrera with the STAR program will be the guest speaker.

Chamber banquet tickets

Friday is the last day to purchase Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet tickets. Laura Bush, first lady of Texas, will be guest speaker. The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. on March 24 at the coliseum. Tickets are $15 each or $7.50 for children.

Choir needs sheets and lumber

Snyder High School choir is in need of white sheets and lumber to help with the production of "Oklahoma." Anyone willing to donate these items is asked to call 573-2830.

Princes Di Ty Beanie raffle

Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away March 24. Tickets are available at various Snyder merchants and from Lions Club members.

Rotary fund-raiser

Snyder Rotary Club is selling $10 donations good for a chance for a round trip for two persons to London.

Autograph party

Historic Scurry County will present an autograph party with Jean Everett from 1:30-3:30 next Sunday at the Dermott School. You are invited to meet the author and have her sign a copy of her book, "Pioneer Profiles." Refreshments will be served. A portion of the proceeds from books sold will be donated to Historic Scurry County, Inc.

Debt-free workshop slated

A workshop titled "Debt-free and Prosperous Living" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Western Texas College. Tuition is $29 and a $5 workbook is free with the purchase of the suggested $39 textbook. Reservations are required. Call 573-8511.

Diabetics meeting set

Diabetics are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 in the new rehab services building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

SHS parents of Seniors '98'

March 24 is the deadline to submit three pictures of graduates to Kathye Parker at SHS. Photos will be projected during the senior steak supper. So picture can be returned, write the student's name and address

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-2-4
(eight, two, four)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-5-13-14-20
(three, five, thirteen, fourteen, twenty)

Shamrock Day SPECTACULAR



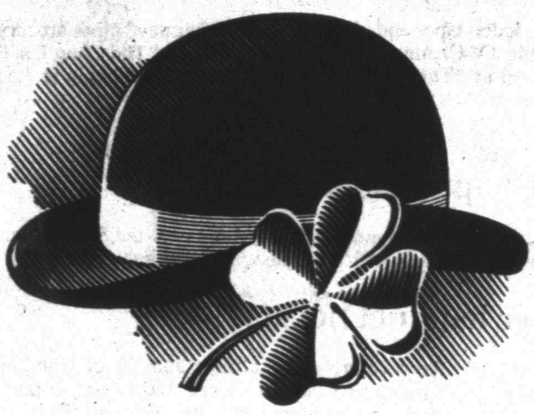
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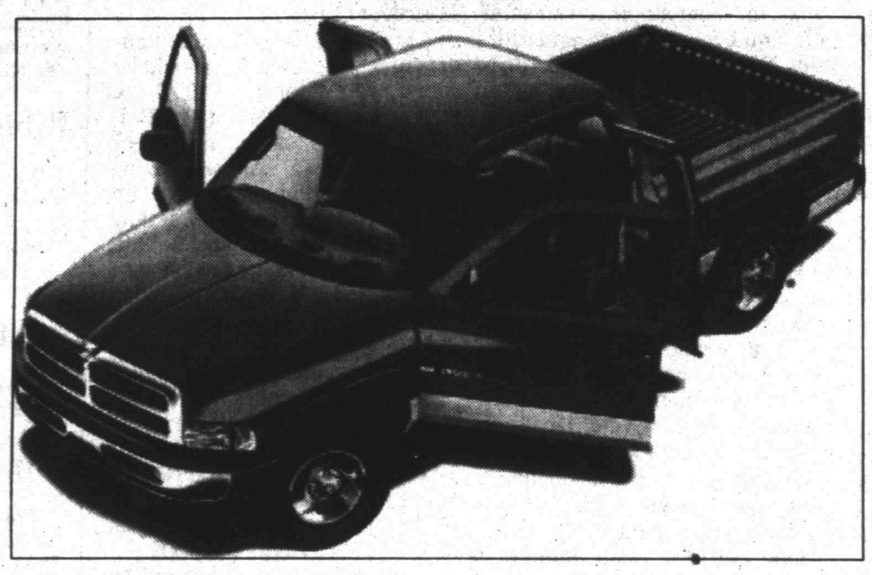


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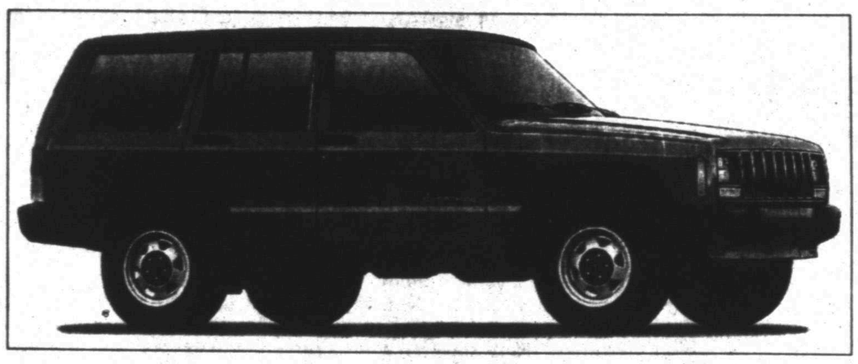




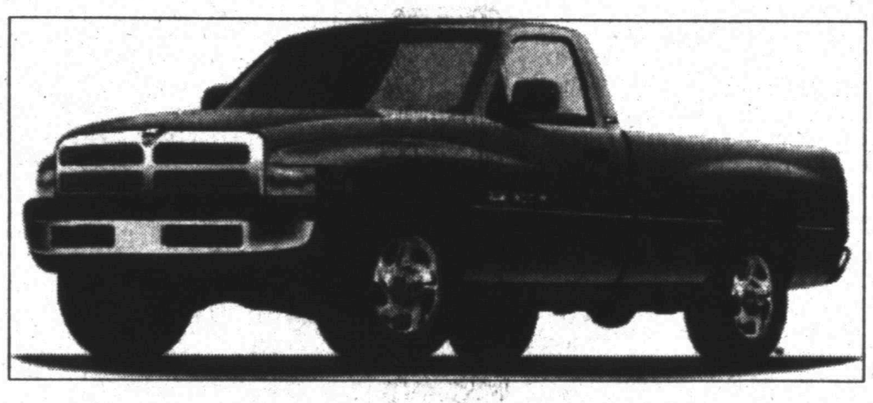
Come by and register for a FREE tank of gas to be given away each Friday!

Ask For Russ, Keith or Andy for the Savings of the Green!

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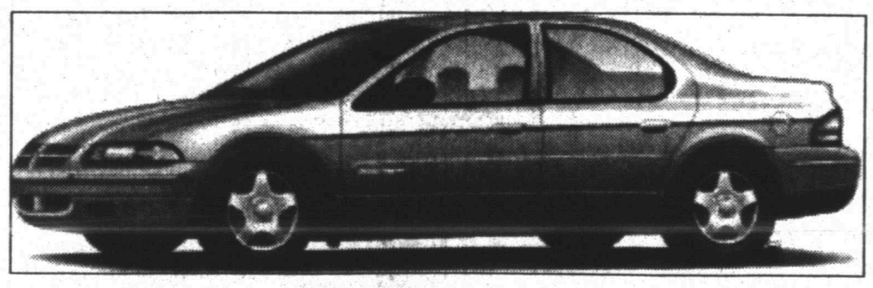
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Dodge Reg. Cab
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Everett's book tells story of long-ago settlers

Jean Littlepage Everett's latest book, "Pioneer Profiles," is a 19-chapter passport to another era.

As Jean wrote each story, she said she felt like "I was transported back to that time and it was hard to come back to reality."

"Pioneer Profiles" is filled with stories of a person or family who grew up in Scurry County during a time far different than the fast-paced, technology-driven world we live in today.

Jean said the book "is about ordinary men and women who exemplified extraordinary qualities and courage. In the spirit of adventure, they made decisions that not only changed their lives, but also laid the foundation for the settling and development of the vast territory just below the Caprock country in the rolling plains of Texas.

"The era depicted covers the last decade of the 1800s and the first two decades of the 1900s. In that time frame, life was full and rich for those living in the eastern and southern United States. While people there were enjoying fine homes, well-established businesses and educational institutions, life in the west, northwest section of Texas was primitive. The barest of necessities were often hard to come by.

"The accounts presented in 'Pioneer Profiles' reveals the attitudes and attributes of some of the people who faced austere conditions."

"Pioneer Profiles" is largely based on interviews Jean conducted in 1973 for a series of acticles she wrote for the Snyder Daily News. A few interviews took place in 1988.

In most instances, Jean was able to interview the person each chapter is about. However, a few were with surviving family members.

About 10 years ago, she began to think about publishing those interviews as a book. Working whenever time permitted, she rewrote each interview.

Each story weaves history with the daily activities of the subjects. Each story was written around a particular characteristic each person had or something that he or she was loved or known for.

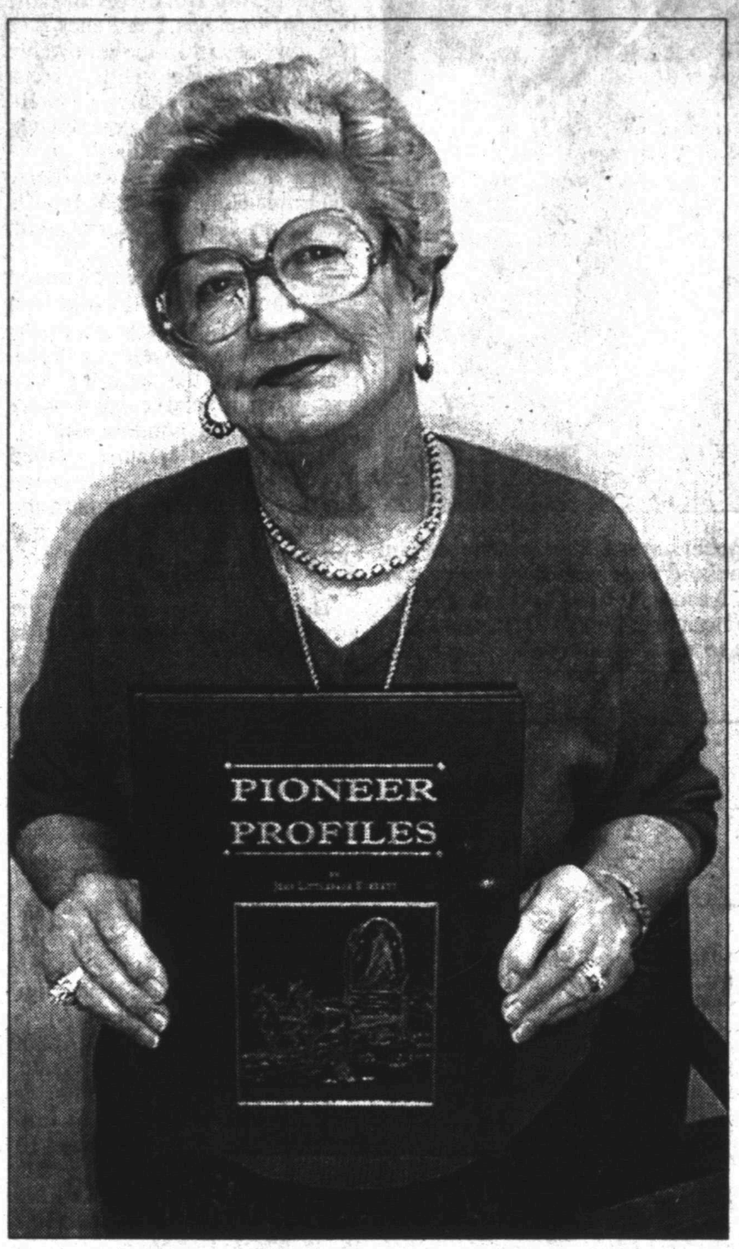
For instance, Jean said she enjoyed interviewing Fannie White Hays because she was "such a neat lady and such fun." With several girls and one boy in her family, Jean said Fannie was always playing jokes on people and they loved it.

Old and young people loved to visit her home because they always had so much fun. Therefore, Jean titled her chapter, "Her House Was Filled With Laughter."

Another example is Florence Middleton Leftwich, the subject of "Teaching Captured Her Heart." She loved to teach and started at age 16.

Other pioneers include N.M. Harpole, Ruth Davis, Judge W.C. Davidson, James R. Joyce and Ellie Arrington Joyce, J. Nelson Dunn, Harrie and Wade Winston, Porter King, W.C. Fargason and Ina Callis Fargason, Jim Ikard, Nancy Patterson Caton, Melvin Newton, Earl Fish, George W. Smith, and Ruth Smith Johnson Keenan, Agnes von Roeder Sorrells, A.P. Morris, Roy and Corilla Elkins.

Jean believes it is important to tell the story, especially for the younger generation, of some of the people "who have made Scurry County a special place to live. I knew most of them and I wanted their stories to be told," she said.



PIONEER PROFILES — Jean Littlepage Everett has completed "Pioneer Profiles," which tells the story of some of the people who helped settle Scurry County. An autograph party is slated next Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dermott School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

"The people I met were the best part of the project," Jean added. "I hope I did each one justice and that I presented each subject in a light that their family can appreciate."

But, it was not possible to write about everyone; therefore she hopes to one day be able to publish a second "Pioneer Profiles."

What has also helped to make the project worthwhile for her is the comments she has received. At least one person was moved to tears upon reading the stories.

Jean has also received favorable comments from fellow writers and historians.

"Jean knew many of the old timers and she got her stories first hand. She has woven them into readable, interesting and accurate information which will be treasured by all who love history," said Charles Anderson, historical writer and researcher.

Dudley Cramer of Oakland, Calif., also a historian and researcher, called the book "thoroughly delightful" and "well-researched," adding "they (the pioneers) are a major contribution to the history of this area."

Jean's husband, Jess, drew all of the illustrations. She joked that he often said she told him what she wanted and then wanted it 30 minutes later.

Her niece, Karen Littlepage Waller of Slaton, a CPA for the Lubbock Independent School District, put all of her stories on disk, which the publisher requested.

"Pioneer Profiles" was published by Walsworth Publishing Co., with design and topography by NK Associates in Dallas. NK stands for Neal Kimmell, the person who designed the pages and helped her to select both the soft and hard covers. He also carried her finished product to the publisher.

Though Jean said she has never met Mr. Kimmell, she worked well with him and said he was very helpful. She noted that she learned about him from G.A. and Alline Parks, who had met him at a convention. Walsworth Publishing also recently published a book about Scurry County marks.

A limited number of "Pioneer Profiles" have been printed and copies are available now. An autograph party is planned from 1:30-3 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, at Dermott School on the coliseum grounds. A percentage of the sales will be donated to Historic Scurry County Inc.

Copies may also be obtained from Jean at 573-2763. The soft cover sells for $20 plus tax and the hardcover is $25.95 plus tax. Jean will deliver books in town and mail those out of own for a postage fee.

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Great Pumpkin toppled at CU

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — The five-month reign of the Great Pumpkin came to an end Friday when it was toppled from its spire-top throne at Cornell University.

Next question: Was is really a gourd or was it, say, clay or papier mache?

And who put it up there?

Cornell Provost Don M. Randel was hoisted in a crane bucket Friday to take down the orange object that was placed on the 173-foot McGraw Tower in October by a prankster and has captivated the campus ever since.

Last week, teams of Cornell students employed their Ivy League ingenuity to conduct ground-based tests as part of a campus-wide contest to figure out whether it really is a pumpkin.

"Everybody at Cornell wants to know what it is," said Cornell senior Jeff Valentine, who led one of the student teams.

Cornell officials plan to reveal the Great Pumpkin's secret on April 2.

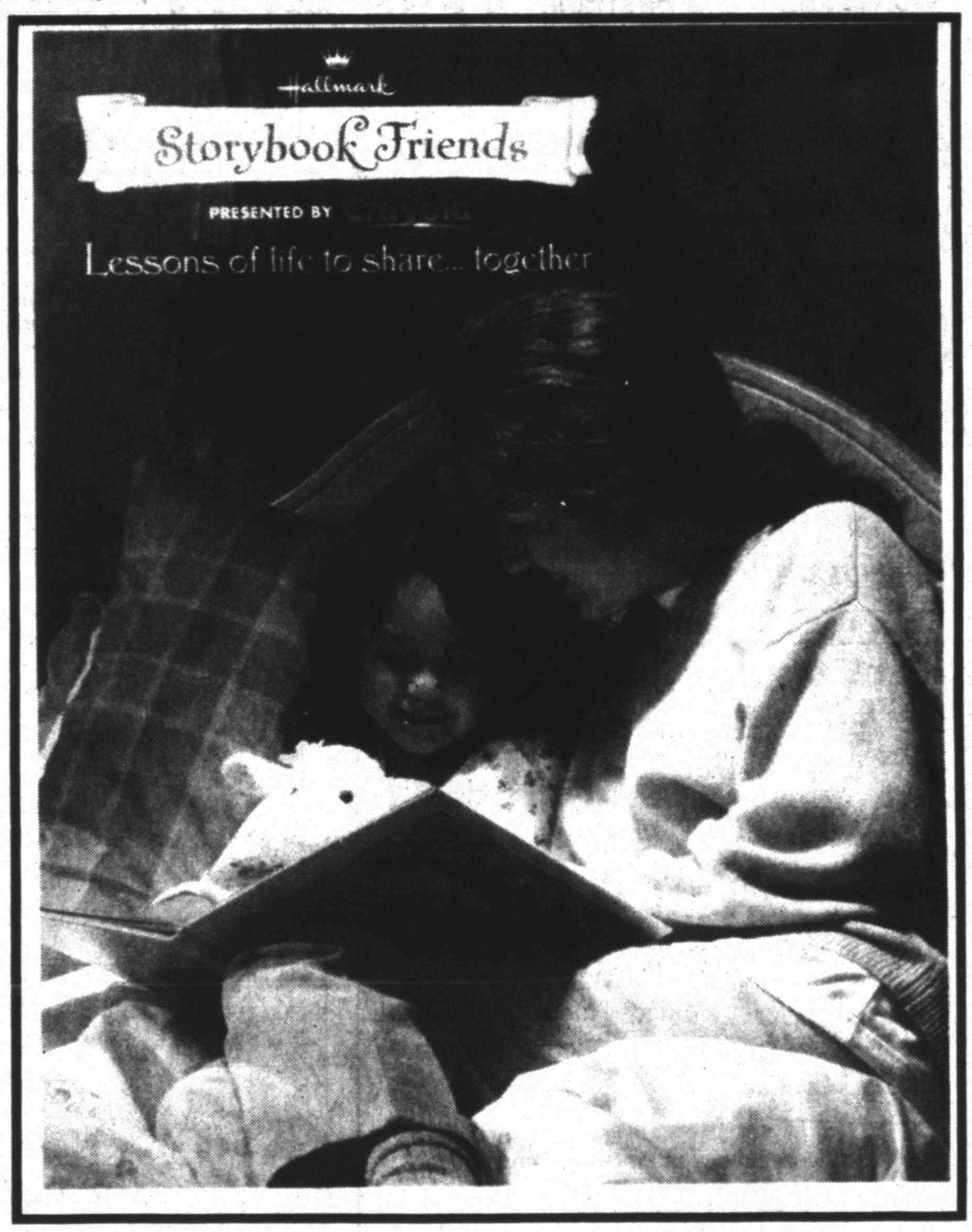
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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — A bridal shower honoring Hayley Patterson was held last Sunday in the home of Don and Jean McMillon. Hayley is the daughter of Alton and Sherry Patterson and the groom is the son of Steve and Julie Wilson. Receiving guests were, from left, Hedi Bechtol, grandmother of the groom from San Leon; Julie Wilson, his mother; the honoree; Sherry Patterson, her mother; and Maxine Ragland, her grandmother. The couple were to marry Saturday, March 14. (Contributed Photo)

In Texas, an estimated 11,500 women will be diagnosed with the disease. An estimated 2,800 Texas women will die from breast cancer this year.

In Colonial Hill Baptist Church...

Holley, Leuck say vows

Sherri Ann Holley became the bride of Jonathan Lee Leuck at 2 p.m. on Feb. 14 in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, officiated the double-ring, Valentine Day wedding.

The bride's parents are Henry and Linda Holley and the groom's parents are Gary and Ruth Leuck, all are of Snyder.

An eight-foot arch, decorated with hunter green flowers and bows backed the area where the couple's vows were pledged. Plants graced the wedding area and greenery and candles were placed in each window sill.

Billie Adams, pianist, played "You Light Up My Life" while the mothers, the matron of honor, the ring bearer and the flower girl entered. She also played the traditional "Wedding March."

The bride was escorted to the groom by her father and her daughter, Kirsten Holley. Miss Holley carried six roses that the bride gave to the couple's mothers. She was attired in white satin gown and gloves, like the bride's, and a white flower wreath in her long red hair.

The bride was given in marriage by her daughter and her father and mother.

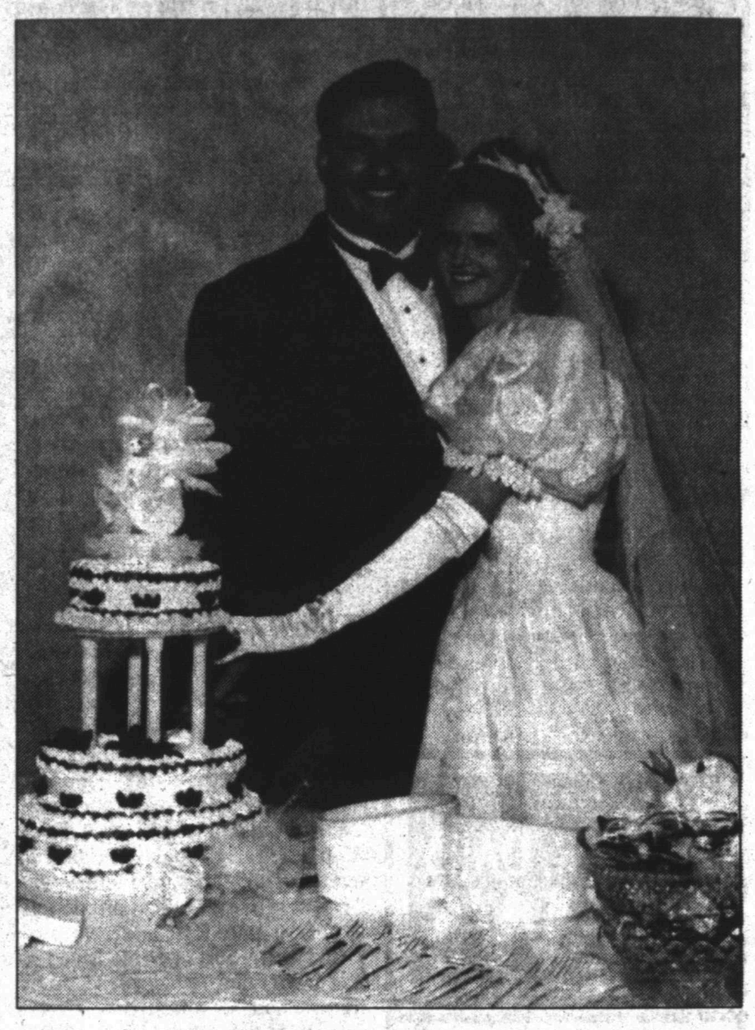
The bride wore her sister's traditional white gown by Michele-Piccione in an off-the-shoulder design with a sweetheart neckline and huge, puffed sleeves in a Victorian style. The full skirt swept to a chapel-length train, embellished in lace patterns.

Her chapel-length veil of illusion was attached to a tiara of flowers. She wore white silk opera-length gloves and her grandmother's diamond earrings and necklace. Her bouquet was of white flowers included greenery, hunter green ribbons, lace beads.

Dora Jean Clark of San Antonio was matron of honor. She wore a hunter green dress made by her mother, Ellen Rumpff of Austin, formerly of Snyder. Mrs. Clark carried a single white flower decorated with green lace and ribbons.

Kirstie Leuck, the groom's daughter, carried a bouquet of white and hunter green flowers and wore a hunter green satin dress. In her long blond hair, she wore a big white satin bow.

Ring bearer Tanner Lee, nephew of the bride from Brownfield, carried a ruffled white satin heart-shaped pillow decorated with hunter green flowers and a gold heart charm engraved with the bride's and groom's names and wedding date.



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lee Leuck
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Best man was the groom's father. He and the groom wore a gray, fulldress Parisian tuxedo by Christian Dior.

Joy Leuck, the groom's sister, registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth decorated with hunter green flowers.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall. The bride's table held a three-tiered cake and a crystal punch bowl and another crystal bowl holding valentine mint candies. The bride's bouquet was the centerpiece, along with the attendants' bouquets. Confetti was scattered over the white table cloth.

The wedding cake was decorated with colors of hunter green and maroon, and was topped with two doves holding white gold wedding bands, etched with the couple's names and wedding date.

Serving were Terri Lee, sister of the bride from Brownfield, and Joy Leuck, sister of the groom.

Another table, covered with a white cloth, was decorated with confetti and baby pictures of the bride and groom along with pictures of their daughters.

Their honeymoon was to Padre Island and then a trip with their daughters to Disney World.

Special out-of-town guests included Arvis Willis, grandmother of the bride, and Lula Boyd, her aunt.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1990, attended Western Texas College, Cisco Junior College and will graduate from Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor's degree, majoring in speech pathology.

Leuck, a graduate of Williamsport High School in 1988, attended the Art Institute of Pittsburg in 1988-89, and served in the U.S. Military Police Corps from 1989-92. He is employed by the Texas Department Criminal Justice and plans to attend HSU to major in Fine Arts Education with an emphasis in behavior sciences.

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West
♠ 4 3
♥ 8 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 6
♣ 8 7

East
♠ A J 10 9 6
♥ J 9 6
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ 9

South
♠ K Q 5 2
♥ K Q
♦ J 8 4
♣ Q 6 4 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	1 ♠
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

First one, then the other

By Phillip Alder

Last year, Danny Roth put out two books for intermediate players, one on declarer play and one on defense. (Roth is a Londoner, no relation to our Al.) The first I reviewed favorably last December. I'm less keen on "Focus on Defense" (Master Point Press).

My main criticism is that the introduction to each problem usually tells you the winning play. I feel it would be better to give the reader a chance to analyze the position uninfluenced. Despite this disadvantage, Roth analyzes the deals lucidly, and his "points to remember" are useful.

In this deal from the book, you are East, having to form a defensive plan against three no-trump. West leads the spade four in answer to your overcall. What now?

For his jump to three no-trump, South should have 13-15 high-card points and, almost certainly, two spade stoppers. With only one stopper, he would probably climb the bidding ladder more slowly to investigate other options. And as the dummy seems to contain seven winners (you know the club finesse is working if South needs it), plowing on with spades is equivalent to throwing in the towel — if you'll excuse the mixed metaphor. Instead, you must win with the spade ace and switch to the diamond two, hoping partner's diamonds are good enough to give your side the first five tricks.

Roth tells us that this "simple example" was regularly misdefended in a tournament. Perhaps it isn't quite so simple at the table, where alarm bells aren't ringing.

The book is $12.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
March 6

Five tables of bridge were directed by Jane Hinton at the Snyder Country Club. She also directed Sunday and Tuesday games.

1. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Ann Davis, Monte West.
3. Marjorie Brown, Jane Hinton.

SUNDAY
March 8

Three tables.

1. Jane Hinton, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. TIE: Nona Morrison, Billisue Stuard and Ruby McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY
March 10

Five tables.

1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Margaret Presswood.
3. LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.

Ask Anne and Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Chocolate gravy??

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I read an article in the paper today that said the Aztecs really liked roasted turkey with chocolate gravy. Now I'm wondering if Anne and Nan or some reader has the recipe. My grandmother used to make it on a cold winter morning along with ham from the smokehouse, biscuits etc. on a wood-burning stove in an iron skillet. As a child, I remember it was really good, but I was too young at the time to ask questions as to the hows and tos. Can you help? — **SHIRLEY DOYLE, Bristol, Tenn.**

DEAR SHIRLEY: We'll bet anything that your grandmother made just plain, old, milk-pan gravy (ham drippings, flour and milk) and added a small amount of finely grated bitter (unsweetened) chocolate just before serving. The addition of chocolate adds richness to the sauce without adding overt sweetness.

Mole (pronounced mol-ay) or chocolate gravy is still served with turkey in Mexico, but the recipe contains ingredients that we doubt your grandmother had on hand. Just for fun, here's the recipe, adapted from Rombauer and Becker's "Joy of Cooking."

MOLE
Remove seeds and veins from:
6 Chimayo peppers
6 green bell peppers
3 green chili peppers
Deep-fat fry for about 5 minutes. Drain and reserve.

Toast in a dry pan, over gentle heat:
1 tablespoon sesame seeds
1/2 cup pine nuts
1/2 cup blanched almonds

In a food processor or blender, grind peppers with:
2 tortillas

Cook:
3 minced cloves garlic in
2 tablespoons oil

Add:
2 cups peeled, seeded tomatoes
1 bay leaf
1/2 teaspoon coriander
3 cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine above mixture with nuts and pepper/tortilla mixture. Simmer for about 15 minutes. Add hot chicken stock or turkey stock to reach desired consistency. Just before serving, add 1 to 2 ounces grated bitter (unsweetened) chocolate, mixing well into heated sauce. Serve as a spicy accompaniment to roast turkey, chicken or pork (great on leftovers, by the way).

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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BRIDE FETED — A bridal shower honored Mrs. Preston Huguley, nee Shelley Abendschan, on Feb.7 in the home of Mark and Janie McCormick. The bride is the daughter of Gayle and Virginia Lomax and the groom is the son of Don and Gloria Huguley of Olton. They married Feb. 28 in Lubbock. From left are Gloria Huguley of Olton; Mary Lou Abendschan, the bride's grandmother from Big Spring; Sherry Abendschan, her sister-in-law from Lewisville; the honoree; Christina Witta, sister of the bride from Austin; and Virginia Lomax. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Open AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; "Travel Safety," by DPS Trooper Rick Campos; ; hostesses, Dora Blakey and Nina Nesbit; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama will not meet due to Spring Break. Will attend Post Trades Days, lunch at Garza Hotel on April 4; hostesses Charlotte Smith and Sandra Robinson.

Open AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

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

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

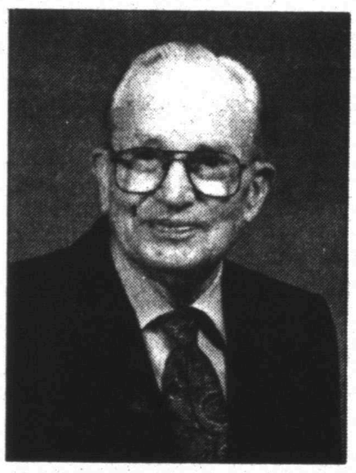
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Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.



85th BIRTHDAY — Cleckler J. Smith will be honoree at an 85th birthday reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, at the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Friends are invited to attend the celebration hosted by his children and grandchildren. They ask friends presence be the only gift in the joyous occasion. (Contributed Photo)

Gardening: mowers and kids

ATLANTA (AP) — Keep the children indoors when you run your power mower, urges Maryann Johnston, emergency center nurse at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University.

Mower-related injuries to children accounted for more than 7,500 trips to the emergency room in 1995, she says, and every year, 75 people die in riding lawn mower and tractor accidents — with one out of every five deaths involving a young child.

Her tips for safe operation include never allowing a child to ride on a riding mower, even with an adult. Keep children indoors while using mowers, power weed trimmers, edgers and garden tractors, she says. Frequently review your mower's manual for all safety instructions before operating it, and make sure that all safety devices are in place. Mow only during optimum conditions, during daylight hours and when the grass is not wet. Refrain from wearing headphones while operating the mower so you have a greater chance of hearing a warning that a child is approaching you.

Johnston points out that the impact of the blade on a power mower delivers a force three times greater than a .357 magnum handgun. "It is sometimes difficult for people to comprehend that something so routine as a lawn mower has such tremendous wounding capacity," she says.

"Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it," said composer-lyricist Irving Berlin.

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Professional matchmaker seeks mate

ATLANTA (AP) — Jack Russell Nordahl Jr. did not want to leave his love life to chance, so he hired a professional matchmaker.

Now he's Canada's most eligible bachelor, pursued by hundreds of ardent females north of the border in what one tabloid called a "love typhoon."

Nordahl, 39, is chief executive of Nordahl Homes, an Augusta residential developer.

"If you're going to build a house, you hire an architect. If you need legal advice, you go to an attorney. I was taking a proactive approach in not leaving my life to chance," he said in Wednesday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The matchmaker, Susan Mills of New Hampshire-based Exclusive Connections, placed a small ad in The Toronto Sun.

"If you look at the demographics, the percentage of young professional women there is extremely high," she explained.

The ad caught the eye of people in the Sun newsroom, and the paper ran a profile on Nordahl. More than 1,000 women responded.

Some 50 semifinalists went to a Toronto hotel to fill out a questionnaire with questions such as "What was your childhood like?" and "Why did your last relationship not work out?"

"It's kind of insane," said Jana Mladenoff, a single civil engineer from Toronto. "I'm saying that, even though I'm one of the people who called."



Toothpaste can be used to remove crayon from walls. Brush the marks with an old toothbrush.



65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chamness of Snyder will celebrate their 65th anniversary Tuesday. They were married on March 17, 1933, in a double wedding ceremony with Ruth Harris and Bennett Blair. Mrs. Chamness is the former Opal Tillison. After their marriage, both couples lived in Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Chamness have four children, Barbara Chamness of Snyder, Bonnie Tigrett of Las Cruces, N.M., John Chamness of Garland and Mickey Chamness of Memphis, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. (Contributed Photo)

Professional's patchwork tips

By The Associated Press

Even the nicest homes get holes and cracks now and then.

Here's the drill on patching, as recommended by Kerry Lane, technical manager for Red Devil products, including Onetime Ready Mixed Filler:

— Choose a putty knife that is wider than the hole or crack.

— Remove all debris and loose material from the hole or crack, even along edges.

— Spread filler evenly to cover the hole or crack and feather the edges so it is level with the wall surface.

— Let the area dry completely before repainting or wallpapering.

— For large, gaping holes with a backing, use a piece of slat board or screen attached to a string at center. Punch it through the hole and coat the edges of the opening with filler. Pull the string forward as you apply more filler. When dry, cut the string and apply one more coat, feathering edges until the patch is level with the wall. Let it dry before repainting.

— For nail holes and thin cracks, apply filler with your finger or a small putty knife, blending until it is smoothly level with the wall.

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Nation's top videos, music

By The Associated Press

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VIDEO SALES

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1. "Air Force One," (Columbia)
2. "Hercules," (Walt Disney)
3. "Private Parts," (Paramount)
4. "Soul Food," (Fox)
5. "Marilyn Manson: Dead to the World," (Interscope)
6. "Playboy's Voluptuous Vixens II," (Playboy)
7. "Spice Girls: One Hour of Girl Power," (Warner)
8. "Spice Girls: Girl Power!-Live in Istanbul," (Warner)
9. "The Blues Brothers," (Universal Studios) (Platinum)
10. "Playboy's Girls Next Door," (Playboy)

VIDEO RENTALS

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1. "Air Force One," (Columbia TriStar)
2. "G.I. Jane," (Hollywood)
3. "The Game," (PolyGram)
4. "The Devil's Advocate," (Warner)
5. "Event Horizon," (Paramount)
6. "Conspiracy Theory," (Warner)
7. "Contact," (Warner)
8. "The Edge," (Fox)
9. "Nothing to Lose," (Touchstone)
10. "Mad City," (Warner)

KID VIDEO SALES

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1. "Hercules," (Disney)
2. "Sleeping Beauty," (Disney) (Gold)
3. "Belle's Magical World," (Disney)
4. "The Simpsons — Wave II," (Fox)
5. "Pooh's Grand Adventure," (Disney)
6. "Hercules & Xena: The Battle For Mt. Olympus," (Universal Studios)
7. "The Bugs Bunny-Road Runner Movie," (Warner)
8. "Cats Don't Dance," (Warner)
9. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," (Disney)
10. "The Jungle Book: 30th Anniversary," (Disney)

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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

TOP SINGLES

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1. "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," Will Smith (Columbia)
2. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
3. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Sony)
4. "No, No, No," Destiny's Child (Columbia) (Gold)
5. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
6. "What You Want," Mase featuring Total (Bad Boy-Arista) (Gold)
7. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse) (Gold)
8. "Frozen," Madonna (Maverick)
9. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin) (Gold)
10. "Swing My Way," K.P. & Envy! (Eastwest) (Gold)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. "'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Day of Light," Madonna (Maverick)
3. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
4. "My Homies," Scarface (Rap-A-Lot)
5. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Platinum)
6. "Charge It 2 Da Game," Silkk the Shocker (No Limit)
7. "Love Always," K-Ci & JoJo (MCA) (Platinum)
8. "Backstreet," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
9. "'The Wedding Singer' Soundtrack," (Maverick-Warner)
10. "My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "Nothing But the Taillights," Clint Black (RCA)
2. "Round About Way," George Strait (MCA)
3. "Little Red Rodeo," Collin Raye (Epic)
4. "Perfect Love," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
5. "The Day That She Left Tulsa (In A Chevy)," Wade Hayes (Columbia)
6. "If I Never Stop Lovin' You," David Kersh (Curb)
7. "She's Gonna Make It," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
8. "I Can Love You Better," Dixie Chicks (Monument)
9. "Just to See You Smile," Tim McGraw (Curb)
10. "What If I Said," Anita Cochran (Duet with Steve Warinер) (Warner Bros.)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

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1. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Music)
2. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
3. "My Father's Eyes," Eric Clapton (Reprise)
4. "I Don't Want to Wait," Paula Cole (Imago)
5. "As Long As You Love Me," Backstreet Boys (Jive)
6. "Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket)
7. "Give Me Forever (I Do)," John Tesh featuring James Ingram (GTSP-Mercury)
8. "Oh How the Years Go By," Vanessa Williams (Mercury)
9. "How Do I Live," LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
10. "At the Beginning," Donna Lewis and Richard Marx (Atlantic)

R&B SINGLES

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1. "No No No," Destiny's Child (Columbia) (Platinum)
2. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
3. "What You Want," Mase (Featuring Total) (Arista) (Gold)
4. "Deja Vu (Uptown Baby)" Lord Tariq & Peter Gunz (Columbia) (Gold)
5. "Too Close," Next (Arista)
6. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M)
7. "Swing My Way," K.P. & Envyi (Eastwest) (Gold)
8. "A Rose Is Still A Rose," Aretha Franklin (Arista)
9. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse) (Gold)
10. "I Don't Ever Want to See You Again," Uncle Sam (Stonecreek) (Gold)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "Sex & Candy," Marcy Playground (Mammoth-Capitol)
2. "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)," Green Day (Reprise)
3. "Given To Fly," Pearl Jam (Epic)
4. "Bitter Sweet Symphony," The Verve (Hut-Virgin)
5. "Clumsy," Our Lady Peace (Columbia)
6. "I Will Buy You a New Life," Everclear (Capitol)
7. "The Way," Fastball (Hollywood)
8. "My Own Prison," Creed (Wind-Up)
9. "My Hero," Foo Fighters (Capitol)
10. "Brick," Ben Folds Five (550 Music)

CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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1. "My Secret Passion — The Arias," Michael Bolton (Sony Classical)
2. "Viaggio Italiano," Andrea Bocelli (Philips)
3. "Piazzolla: The Soul of the Tango," Yo-Yo Ma (Sony Classical)
4. "The Beautiful Voice," Renee Fleming (London)
5. "Pavarotti's Greatest Hits: The Ultimate Collection," Luciano Pavarotti (London)
6. "Bach: The Cello Suites," Yo-Yo Ma (Sony Classical)
7. "An Italian Songbook," Cecilia Bartoli, James Levine (London)
8. "The Vienna I Love," Andre Rieu (Philips)
9. "A Hymn for the World," Cecilia Bartoli, Andrea Rocelli (DG)
10. "The Mozart Effect — Volume 1," Don Campbell (Children's Group)

JAZZ ALBUMS

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1. "Love Scenes," Diana Krall (Impulse)
2. "To See You," Harry Connick Jr. (Columbia)
3. "All For You (A Dedication to the Nat King Cole Trio)," Diana Krall (Impulse!)
4. "'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil' Soundtrack," (Malpaso)
5. "Dear Ella," Dee Dee Bridgewater (Verve)
6. "The Sound of Summer Running," Marc Johnson (Verve)
7. "Beyond the Missouri Sky," Charlie Haden & Pat Metheny (Verve)
8. "Mugzy's Move," Royal Crown Revue (Warner Bros.)
9. "Pure Imagination," Eric Reed (Impulse!)

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PLANNING TABLESCAPES, LUNCHEON — Janelle Hammack, Frances Denman and Anita Felan discuss plans for the annual Martha Ann Woman's Club's fundraisers, Tablescapes set for April 18 and the April 22 Game Day and Luncheon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

April fundraisers set...

MAWC tablescapes, luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors met Monday at the clubhouse to plan two upcoming events in April, Tablescapes and a style show during the monthly Game Day and Luncheon.

Tablescapes, set for April 18, will feature various tables settings by several Snyder women, businesses and clubs. Tickets are $10.

Jan Harrell reported the April 22 game day will feature a walk-on style show by Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters will be held during the luncheon. The luncheon is $7.50 and those wishing may stay for games of choice throughout the afternoon.

Tickets for the two events may be reserved by calling the woman's club at 573-3427 or Jan Harrell at 573-6443.

President Margaret Dillaha presided and Francene Noah gave the treasurer's report. She said Dr. Toni Smith, interior decorator from Lubbock, and Dr. John Best had made a donation to MAWC in memory of their mother, Maggie Best, who was a charter member of the Snyder Garden Club and a longtime member of MAWC. Mrs. Smith is assisting in decorating the clubhouse.

Francene also reminded members that in a January meeting Rick Meyer spoke to the group explaining how to maintain the recently approved organization's 501 C3 status, and that MAWC had received both federal and state tax exemptions.

The Joseph Fleck painting, donated to the woman's club by the late Elizabeth Connell and her daughters, Connie Otto and Betty Courtney, has been sold with permission from Connie and Betty with funds designated to help pay for the recent roof replacement. The painting was purchased by Jan Hegi for $4,500, and she also donated $500 from the Hegi Foundation in honor of her mother, Maribeth Vestal, board member.

An update on new carpeting for the foyer was given with no action taken and discussion was held on menu prices. The caterer, Shirley McMillan, will advise individuals, clubs, and parties of the menu prices.

All donations and gifts to the woman's club are tax deductable. The board will meet again on April 9 for its regular meeting.

Creative kids have an edge on the future

NEW YORK (AP) — Children who know how to sew are likely to have an edge in the high-tech economy of the future, says the Home Sewing Association.

Activities like sewing or painting inspire creativity and problem-solving skills, according to a clinical study commissioned by the HSA. But kids who spend their free time playing with hand-held computer games or watching television do not.

The study involved 100 students between ages of 8 to 12 and was designed by Dr. Robert H. Reiner of New York University's psychiatry department.

Sewing's choices of color selection, fabric options, design and proportion help stimulate and focus creative energy and build self-esteem, according to the study.

"This study reinforces what we're observing in the sewing programs we sponsor through Girl Scouts Councils and 4-H Clubs across the country," says Joan Carter Campbell, HSA executive vice president. "The 4H leaders at Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension, for example, found that children who sew achieve a sense of accomplishment, enhance their problem-solving abilities, develop perseverance and improve their qualitative thinking — real life skills that can build self-esteem and prepare them for future success in the workplace."



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Hermleigh School Menu

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TUESDAY
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Breakfast Taco

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

THURSDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly

FRIDAY
Fruit
Donuts

LUNCH

TUESDAY
Irish Stew
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Crackers
Lime Jello

WEDNESDAY
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Relish Cup
French Fries
Chilled Pears

THURSDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Rice Krispie Bars

FRIDAY
Chicken Fajitas/Salsa Sauce
Tossed Salad
Tortilla Chips
Peaches/Whipped Topping

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Cheeseburger Macaroni
Sweet Peas
Bread
Fruit
Plain Cookies

TUESDAY
Chicken ala King
Vegetable Salad
Toast
Peaches
Plain Cake

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Spinach
Corn
Corn Bread
Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Creamed Potatoes
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Oranges

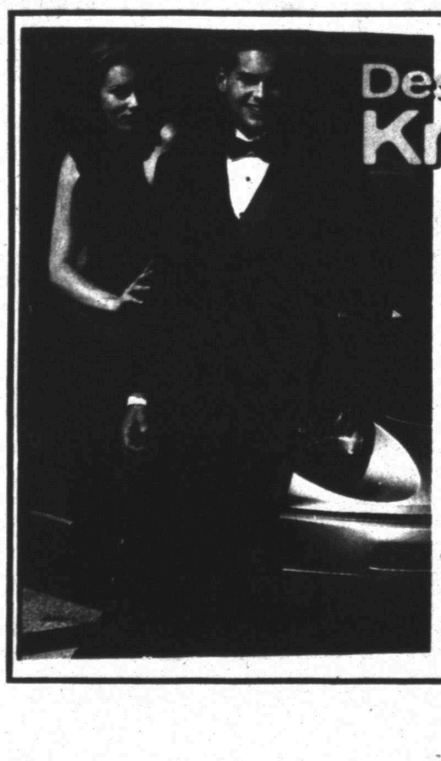
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ORIGINAL MEMBERS — Lowell and Helen Thornburg view their original Midwest Electric Cooperative membership form. (Contributed Photo)

Couple shares early memories of Midwest

By Edwin Jackson

Midwest Electric Cooperative prepares to celebrate its 60th year of service to rural America, which will be the theme of our 1998 annual membership meeting this coming September. In preparation for this event, we have asked some very special people to share memories of the early years of Midwest Electric and the impact electricity made on them at that time.

Little did I anticipate the enjoyment of visiting with Lowell and Helen Thornburg and hearing their story of working to help sign up members to establish electric power in their area.

Lowell and Helen signed for a membership with Midwest Electric and electric service on April 18, 1940, almost a year and a half prior to actually getting power built to their home located three and a half miles east of Snyder on the Camp Springs Road. Theirs was a very modest three-room house of box and strip construction.

Lowell recalls working with a friend and one of Midwest Electric's early directors, Mal Andress, asking neighbors to go ahead and sign up for service while knowing it would be some time yet before the power lines would actually be built to their location.

Lowell recalls in particular visiting with John Woodard, Ben Brooks and John Floyd, who also lived in the same general area. Getting these struggling farmers to put up a $5 membership, at that time, was no small task, and as we visited I understood better the impact on their meager finances.

Lowell and Helen talked of farming in 1939 with a second-hand John Deere tractor that was equipped with metal wheels. In order to operate the tractor, Helen chopped cotton for a neighbor for one dollar per day in order to buy fuel for their own tractor. In 1940, things looked up somewhat, and their banker agreed for them to purchase a new tractor and implements.

Lowell traveled to Bryant Link Implement Co. in Stamford and purchased a new John Deere tractor with implements for $1,695. And that was a tractor equipped with rubber tires.

Things were looking up then. Around November 1941, electric power was brought to their home. Claude Miller, a local electrician out of Snyder, wired their house, installing three light drops, one in each room, and three plugs through the house — one in the front room, so that they could have an electric radio.

The event that most brought a smile to Helen's face was telling about when their daughter, Barbara, was born and Lowell went into town to Myron Roe's Appliance Store and bought her a new Amana refrigerator. When Helen came home from the hospital with their new daughter, to a home with a new refrigerator, it was one of her most special memories. Then life just got better after she received an electric iron for Christmas. Boy! It almost rivaled the refrigerator for enhancing her life.

They both mentioned just how bright the electric lights were. The lights almost seem to blind them with their brightness. When I called to set up the interview with Helen, she had me come to their home at 7 p.m. in the evening so that 84-year-old Lowell would be in from the farm in Kent County. He still drives a tractor and rides a horse, while farming no less than four places in the Fisher, Scurry and Kent county areas, some with his son, Eddie Thornburg.

In preparing for our visit, I produced a copy of their original membership form signed on April 18, 1940. We found it very amusing to read where it stated that "the member agrees to pay a sum of $2.95 per month regardless of how many kilowatt hours used," followed by the statement that the minimum might be revised by the board of directors as needed from time to time.

Lowell and Helen tore down their original home and built another at the same place in 1949 and I recall that it was probably then before they ever had enough appliances to cause their bill to exceed the $2.95 minimum. Lowell recalled that they used most of the lumber from the older home in building the new one and how he had to sell one of the best horses he ever had to complete the indoor plumbing. I could tell he hated to sell the horse, but I could also tell that Helen thought it was a very good trade.

Lowell and Helen have vivid memories of most of the organization and growth of Midwest Electric, and they seemed to enjoy sharing these memories with me. As the hour grew late, I found myself wanting to stay longer and listen to them recalling Saturday visits to Snyder to sell their eggs and cream and visiting with friends who were in town during this Saturday ritual.

Helen recalled that in times prior to electric power they would buy a block of ice, wrap it in newspaper or a quilt and take it home. They would enjoy two days of iced tea before the ice melted or was used. Then they looked foward to the next Saturday and that delicious iced tea.

I would like to personally thank Lowell and Helen for their help over the years in supporting Midwest Electric, their community and friends and for sharing their memories of the early years of Midwest Electric.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're audited this year, you won't be alone.

In 1996, some 1.94 million individuals were audited, or about 1.7 percent of all taxpayers.

The IRS says most people are picked based on a computer analysis to determine which tax returns are most likely to be in error.

But there is a host of strategies you can use to ensure you aren't selected for an audit.

The J.K. Lasser's "Your Income Tax, 1998" lists a number of items likely to trigger an audit, such as tax shelter losses, complex investment or business transactions which lack clear explanations, large business expenses or charitable donations relative to income, and easily concealed cash payments, such as tips by cab drivers or hairdressers.

Unreported income is a common red flag. The IRS discovers unreported income when its computers match the income you reported on your tax return with information gathered from banks and others.

For example, if you failed to report the interest earned on your bank savings account, the IRS typically will catch you when it matches the bank's interest payment records, called 1099 forms, against the recipients' tax returns.

Eliott Eiss, editorial director of the J.K. Lasser Institute, said one good backstop to make sure you don't miss unreported income is to review last year's tax return to make sure you have paper from mutual funds, banks and other sources.

"That's good general advice across the board," Eiss said. "In terms of deductions, it might jog your memory. It kind of serves as a foundation or at least a checklist."

Edward Slott, a Huntington, N.Y., accountant, said that besides unreported income and high deductions, other "sure ways to get audited" include losses from hobbies and sloppy tax returns.

"To me, the critical thing is to have a good set of records supporting your tax return," said C. Clinton Stretch, a tax partner with Deloitte & Touche. "And what you want to do is turn that audit off quickly."

"Go into the audit with a good file and receipts so you can show the agent you know what you are doing and that the return was prepared in a proper manner."

Another issue to consider is excessive itemized deductions. The IRS doesn't describe the criteria by which it determines when deductions are excessive.

Some tax experts calculate average deductions by income, and use these figures as a rough benchmark to determine if a taxpayer's deductions exceed the norm.

The Lasser's guide contains a table showing average deductions by income band. For example, taxpayers with incomes between $30,000 and $50,000, had average tax deductions of $3,112; average interest deductions of $5,715; medical, $4,226; and charitable donations, $1,465.

Tax experts caution that these averages may not be useful, since deductions vary widely by state and region. And the medical deductions, for instance, would by definition be much higher than the average taxpayer would take because the IRS data reflects cases where taxpayers had medical deductions exceeding 7.5 percent of their taxable income.

Stretch urges taxpayers to take valid deductions if they are amply backed up.

"It would be stupid not to deduct charitable contributions because you think you will be audited," he said.

If you are audited or are subject to a collection procedure, you have a number of rights.

You can have an accountant, lawyer or enrolled agent admitted to practice before the IRS represent you at an audit. You also can tape record the meeting, but you have to notify the IRS 10 days in advance.

You have appeal rights in tax collections, such as liens, levies and property seizures. For example, one possible reason to appeal a federal tax lien is the IRS lacks critical information about your case. And you can seek hardship relief from the IRS if a property seizure would create a significant hardship.

The IRS can waive penalties if you show you acted in good faith on the incorrect advice of an IRS worker.

If you are unable to resolve a problem with the IRS through regular channels, you can seek relief through the problem resolution office, which acts like an ombudsman for taxpayers.

In the event you exhaust your options within the IRS, you can appeal the case to U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Claims Court or the U.S. District Court.

If you win a case, you may be able to recover legal fees and related expenses.

Taxpayers who contend they are the target of an unauthorized collection action can sue the IRS if they believe the agent recklessly or intentionally disregarded the law or IRS regulations.

New cancer cases beginning to decline first time in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing an almost 20-year trend, the rate of new cancer cases among Americans finally is inching down — prompting doctors to proclaim new hope.

More than 70,000 fewer people than expected were diagnosed with cancer between 1992 and 1995, as cancer rates dropped 2.7 percent each year, according to government data released Thursday.

"We are witnessing an unprecedented downturn," said American Cancer Society chief executive John Seffrin. "The rate of this downturn can and therefore must be accelerated."

But everybody did not benefit: Some cancers, such as deadly melanoma, still are rising, and black men and Asian women in particular missed out on the progress.

"We have to make sure the best (medical) practices are being applied to everyone," said National Cancer Institute Director Richard Klausner, warning that cancer remains "a daunting problem."

What is happening? Scientists could not say exactly — they still are analyzing 23 different cancers.

"These data are crucial as we develop cancer policies and programs," explained Dr. Edward Sondik of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But they said tobacco use, blamed for one-third of all cancer cases, has dropped. Also, people are getting better testing, meaning not just that cancer is treated earlier but that, for example, precancerous colon polyps can be removed before ever turning into tumors.

It is believed that at least one-fourth of all cancers could be prevented by eating more fruits and vegetables and less fat, but scientists were skeptical that diet had an impact yet — obesity actually is rising.

The new study by American Cancer Society and government scientists found cancer rates increased by 1.2 percent every year from 1973 to 1992, when the sudden drop began.

Preliminary results from 1996 suggest the downturn is continuing, Sondik said.

The findings come almost two years after doctors spotted the first-ever drop in cancer deaths. That mortality rate dropped by a total of 2.5 percent between 1990 and 1995, representing about 30,000 fewer deaths than expected.

The bad news: Black men have the nation's highest cancer incidence rates, and they still are climbing almost half a percent a year. Women from Asia and the Pacific Islands saw no change in cancer diagnoses but their deaths increased.

In addition, deadly melanoma from too much time in the sun is rising, as are non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and bladder cancer. Uterine cancer reversed a pre-1990 downtrend to level off.

Progress against specific cancers varies greatly:

—Lung cancer incidence dropped 1.1 percent a year, mostly because of men, who began quitting smoking earlier than women. Among women, only blacks and Hispanics saw a lung cancer decrease, and deaths dropped only among Hispanic women.

Border enlists in U.S. Marines

John Border has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Delayed Entry program while continuing his education at Snyder High School.

He is currently scheduled to undergo recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. beginning Sept. 15.

He is the son of Judy Border of Snyder.

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I have met stress face to face



Bill McClellan

I have met stress face to face.

A few weeks back, I told a doctor I had chest pains.

Listen up. You might learn something here.

Telling a doctor you have chest pains has got to be a whole lot like stepping on an airplane and screaming "I HAVE A BOMB!"

You are going to get a *lot* of attention.

But I was naive. I didn't know that at the time. I expected the doctor to say, "Oh really? It's probably just stress. Maybe gas. Nothing to worry about, I'm sure."

Instead, they threw me on a stretcher in the emergency room, stripped me half naked, stuck an IV in my arm and an oxygen tube in my nose. Then they sent in a girl who is working her way through junior high to stick little pads all over my body for something called an ekg. A bald-headed man began X-raying my chest.

And all I could think of was: why he is bald and did he have hair before he started fooling around with radiation?

I screamed "Let me up!" but they only stepped aside long enough for a nurse to move in with a blood-sucking needle.

After a three-and-a-half-hour ordeal I am informed I need to stay in the hospital overnight and have tests run the next day. In the nicest way possible, I let them know that hell has not yet frozen over and I was not going anywhere except out the same door I walked in.

Before I could leave, I had to sign papers saying I was leaving against medical advice and not only could I not sue them if I fell dead, but if I keeled over within the next 48 hours they would acquire the rights to my CD collection.

Though I left the hospital, I did promise some people I would follow up by seeing a cardiologist.

I kept the promise, and went for some tests.

The first test indicated there could be a problem. I needed a second test.

"Are you aware you can't have any food or drink? And no smoking for 12 hours?" said the nurse.

Yes.

"Ok, then show up at 11 a.m. Friday for your test."

Show up for the test? I thought going without food, drink and smokes WAS the test.

The second test indicated there "might be" an abnormality.

Better take a third test.

Can you spell angiogram?

An angiogram is where they stick this thing up an artery in your groin and look at your heart. The reason they put it through your groin is because it hurts more that way.

So far, I'm handling this pretty well. I'm dealing with the stress. But common sense says have the procedure done as quickly as possible. Let's don't give ourselves time to fret over this.

But if I was in a hurry, my HMO wasn't. After a delay of several days, a switch in hospitals and the blessing of my "primary care physician," the angiogram was scheduled.

I arrived at the hospital at 7 in the morning. Eight and a half hours later, they told me they were going to "prep" me in 15 minutes.

Stress was gaining a foothold.

Woah, woah! Prep me? No one said anything about *prepping* me. I was pretty sure I knew what prepping was, and I didn't want anyone prepping me, thank you.

I mean I don't know if I wanted some woman nurse shaving... Oh my. But what if it weren't a woman? What if it were a man? That would be even worse!

Twenty minutes later I was bald as a newborn, being wheeled into the cath-lab. Thank goodness for valium.

The angiogram was completed. Good news. No need for angioplasty. I do have a heart and it is fine. There is no blockage. Whatever was causing my pains, it wasn't my heart. Was I glad? Oh yes, I was very glad.

The doc warned though, that if I didn't quit smoking, I'd be going through this again in another 10 years.

As it turns out, he saw me sooner than that. Three days later, my legged swelled and turned black and blue. The seal used to block off the hole in my artery had somehow unsealed.

Ultrasound showed I had internal bleeding. But there was good news, according to the technician. I was not pregnant.

Ha ha, I laughed. A little.

Surgery was required this time. I went into the hospital that day at 7 p.m. The wait began again. Tension. Apprehension. Stress.

I was stuck in a cold hospital room along with a metal bed and one chair. On the wall were paintings — prints, actually — of mountains. At least I think they were supposed to be mountains.

I kept the TV on, but didn't pay much attention. Judge Judy something-or-another was holding sue-you court, chiding some poor sap whose dog got under the fence and bit a neighbor. Next month, they'll be on the Jerry Springer Show confessing how the whole incident drove them to pierce their bodies and cheat on their spouses.

The only reading material was a leaflet suggesting that I consider a living will, and copies of documents I signed telling the hospital which one of my relatives was authorized to pick up my dead body in case there were complications.

The main source of entertainment was watching the numbers on the blood pressure monitor go up and down.

They dress you in a hospital gown, you know — a flimsy piece of cloth with no real back. The whole purpose, of course, is to humiliate you, and to make it easier to peek at your groin.

But I had 'em fooled by then. It was my second time to be in the hospital in a week. I'd already displayed my groin area to so many doctors, nurses, aides and interns that I had absolutely no modesty left at all. I wouldn't have cared if an entire biology class made a video of it. Out of boredom, I flashed the elderly woman down the hall. She flashed back — a toothless grin. I ran back to my room and hid.

I was apprehensive about this "simple procedure" as they call it. I was anxious, afraid, fearful even.

It's stressful, you know, not knowing when they will come for you. It could be any minute. It could just as easily be tomorrow. You cannot drink anything. You cannot eat anything. You cannot smoke.

"This might be a good time to consider quitting," an aide suggested. Yeah, I was thinking, and this might be a good time to slug an aide in the mouth. Sanity did not rule.

But the "simple procedure" went well. I've missed some work and I'm hobbling around a bit, but I am on the mend. I can see an end to all of this.

I have met stress face to face. Ok, so I blinked first.

Editorial Comment

Tackling the tax code

The Brazosport Facts

A new, easy to understand and equitable federal tax code awaits us in the next millennium, say Republicans leading the charge to abolish the current code.

The president, however, dismisses the partisan proposal as a "reckless scheme," likely to make the next century miserable for families, businesses and the economy. The administration instead has proposed a series of simplification measures.

Color us solidly in favor of a major overhaul of the federal tax code for one simple reason: people are overtaxed.

Today, the total tax burden on Americans is higher than ever, a colossal 31.7 percent. Not only are our taxes too high, the size and complexity of the tax code also serves to compound the burden. Families and businesses spend more than $225 billion per year just to comply with our complicated federal tax code.

The current tax system cannot be fixed by a revision here and a tweak there. It must be rebuilt from the ground up.

The Republican proposal is appealing, though it's more dream than plan. Known as the Tax Code Termination Act, the plan would wipe out the current tax code by Dec. 31, 2001, and replace it with a new code created by Congress about seven months later.

The work required to create a new tax code will be monumental. It may not even be possible given today's political realities in Washington. Republicans are divided over flat taxes or national sales taxes and other replacement plans, while Democrats are divided over political prejudices and working with Republicans.

In the end, however, establishing a target date to terminate the tax code may coerce Congress and the White House to start the bloody, uphill battle toward reform, or expose them as enemies of the U.S. taxpayer.

An overhaul of the tax code must be done, and there's no reason to not start pursuing it.

Viva la tax revolt.



Talking to God, don't be so formal



George Plagenz

I have a friend who addresses God in her prayers as "Goddie, dear." That has always struck me as being too familiar with "the Man Upstairs" — another overcasual reference to the Deity.

On the other hand, some of our conversations with God are too formal and cold. We approach Him as obsequious subjects coming before a king. There is majesty in the lines of the hymn "Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." But many of us feel closer to God when we sing "O Master, let me walk with thee" or "Jesus, Savior, pilot me."

Children are probably the best at being utterly natural with God. They talk to Him as if they were best friends sitting on the curb passing the time of day. They ask questions such as "How many kids do you have?" or "I'm just curious. How old are you?"

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer asked third-graders at one school to write letters to God asking Him about anything that was on their minds. "Were you lonely before there was anybody to pray for you?" 8-year-old Nicole wanted to know. Nine-year-old Caleb was puzzled about something else: "Is there a giant slide that guardian angels use to get down to earth, or do they use Jacob's ladder?" "How did you make the sun?" a 7-year-old girl wanted to know.

Some of the children asked questions adults would like to know the answer to. Many of us have pondered John David's question or something like it: "How come you let me break my ankle? I wasn't doing anything wrong."

That is what Rabbi Harold Kushner tried to answer in his best-selling book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." When evil comes into our lives, is it because we did something wrong? John David's teacher attempted to answer the boy's question by suggesting that God may have been trying to protect him from something worse than a broken ankle.

Chad, 8, got the idea for his question to God from something Jesus said in the Bible about how "the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Chad decided to test God on that one. "How many hairs do I have on my head?" he wanted to know.

In another collection of disarming complaints, suggestions and questions addressed to God — "Children's Letters to God," compiled by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall — children say things like:

—"Are you really invisible or is that just a trick?"

—"I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool."

—"I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had three stitches and a shot."

—"Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up."

We would probably be better off if we had a God like the approachable God of these children — or a God like the God of Harry Golden's mother.

"My mother talked with God all the time in Yiddish — actual conversation," said Golden. "She would send you on an errand and as you were ready to dart off into crowded, dangerous streets, she would turn her face upward and say, 'Now see that he's all right.'

"She gave the impression this was a matter-of-fact relationship, part of the covenant. 'In the home that boy is my obligation,' she would say to God, 'but once he's out on the street, that is your department and be sure to see to it.'"

The Bible says that God spoke to Moses "as a man speaks to his friend."

We should speak to God the same way.

Getting help: Don't be ashamed



Deanie Francis Mills

According to the "Harvard Mental Health Letter," there is a term in psychiatry known as *kindling*.

You know what kindling is in everyday terms — it's those bits and pieces of paper, dry grass or moss, and twigs that one places beneath the logs in order to set a fire. The logs themselves are too big to burn from just one match held to them. You have to light the kindling first, and the fire spreads and ignites the logs until you've got a roaring blaze.

In psychiatry, the term "kindling" refers to the phenomenon which occurs in someone's life when a series of blows begins to heat up the stress factor in his or her life.

For example, a death in the family is followed shortly by a major career setback, which then causes financial reversals, which trickle down to threaten your security. Whereas you might have been able to withstand the shock of the career setback and maybe even the financial strain, the fact that they occurred when you were already under great stress from the death in the family means that your coping resources are severely thinned out. After that, you are less able to handle successive problems as they happen, and the result can be a severe and crippling depression.

I know, because that is exactly what happened to me.

I've decided to write a very personal column this week, because I believe that in so doing, I can help other people who may be facing what I faced.

Many of you are aware that within one year's time span, we attended the funerals of two of my son's closest friends, each before their 20th birthdays. Almost simultaneously, I watched while a friend of 32 years lost her battle with breast cancer and died at the age of 46, leaving two children motherless.

We have a close family, and we cling to one another and stengthen each other. But then last fall, the absolutely unexpected occurred.

My book publishing company became embroiled in a corporate buy-out situation, which resulted in my being offered a contract many thousands of dollars less than any book contract I had received in the previous five years. For reasons too complicated to go into here, I was unable to switch publishers, and found myself trapped — and this with two kids in or soon to be in college. The only thing which kept me from going under altogether was an extraordinary literary agent and a very supportive family who refused to let me quit.

But coming on top of everything else, I found myself unable to cope with the added stresses brought about by my career setback, and soon spiraled downward into a devastating depression. For four months, I was unable to work at all, other than to submit my weekly columns to the SDN. I just basically curled up in the fetal position and pulled the covers over my head.

Somewhere along the line, I realized that I needed some help. My outrage over the industry's brutal treatment of me after many years as a consummate professional was burning me alive, and if I didn't find some way to put the fire out or at least channel it for good, it was going to destroy me.

That's when I discovered that there is help available, right here in Snyder, and it doesn't have to cost a fortune either. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, a licensed professional counselor — fully qualified by the state — comes down from Lubbock and offers "individual, couple, group and sex therapy" as well as substance abuse counseling. You can find the Marriage and Family Therapy Associates over at the newly renovated old train station at 1600 25th Street.

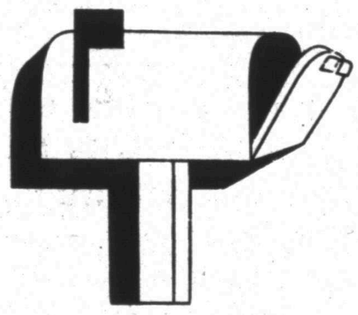
When I first called Norma Cunningham, I discovered that she is covered by several different health insurance policies. I went in for a diagnostic evaluation, then she met with a representative of my health care insurance provider, and I was approved for a number of sessions. My co-payment was a mere $15 a session.

(If your health insurance does not list the Marriage and Family Therapy Associates, do some further checking. Some policies will approve counseling if it is recommended by your family physician).

I wound up meeting with Ms. Cunningham for about three months. It was the smartest thing I ever did. She helped me understand the grieving process and also opened my eyes to the fact that part of the reason I was unable to work was the simple burn-out of exhaustion. After all, I'd written ten books in ten years. My brain and body knew I simply needed some rest, even if I hadn't figured it out yet. In that sense, my depression turned out to be a good thing.

By the end of my three months, I was fully engaged in two more book projects — in fact, I had found a creative way to cope with my own anger by writing it into a new novel. My shaky confidence had been restored, I was coping better with things, my family was no longer worried about me, and I found that I had made a new friend.

When that kindling catches fire and the fire spreads, don't ever be ashamed to admit that you need help controlling the blaze. For the first time in many years, there's professional help available right here at home. Pick up the phone and call 573-2299, or call the Lubbock office directly at 806-797-4283. You'll be glad you did.



SDN letters policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

Opinions in favor of or in opposition to an issue or candidate may be published in paid political advertisements.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Friday.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Robert M. and Billie Doty, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Jay and Angela Eades, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gary Chaney, 1998 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Shery and Mike Wilkes, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rodney N. Wilson, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mrs. W. K. Gordon Jr., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Sheri and Ben Nugent, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Zana Branham, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jesse Dea, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Gary and Arica Halkowitz, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Judi A. McKinley, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Teresa Herrera, 1998 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Kathy Daniel, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Ricky P. and Teresa A. Trammell, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Robert and Suan Cowdery, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lavonia M. Randolph, 1997 Geo from Big Country Autoland.

Lonne J. Stringer, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Severiano Belman and Amy Arriega, both of Snyder.

John Edward Morrow and Sandra Polanco, both of Snyder.

Sergio Hernandez Jimenez and Amelia Yanira Moran, both of Snyder.

Deed Records

Stephen Edward and Arlene H. Marshall to Steven Lee and Kimberly Ann Krueger, Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Replat of the George W. Brown Original Homesite Tract of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Moises and Elvira Rodriguez to E.D. Walton Construction Co., an 0.303-acre tract comprised of parts of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 18 of the W.L. Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Billy W. and Wanda F. Early, to Jacky Don and Donny Gail Simpson, all of Lot 1 in Block 15 of the Highland Addition.

Donald Hester, personal representative of the estate of Willie Fe Hester, an undivided one-third interest in Section 9, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John H. and Juanita Roddy to N.C. and Nita Smith, an 0.516-acre tract out of Tract 46, Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Kenneth and Jana Michalski to Jesus and Concepion Esparza, the south 100 feet of the west 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 18 of the Blakenship Addition.

Joe and Antonia F. Barrera to Angel and Esmeralda Juarez, the north 50 feet of Lots 1-3 in Block 19 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Billy C. and Marie L. Boone to Charles E. and Shirley Ann Casebolt, all of Lots 1 and 2 in the Murray Subdivision of Blocks 39 and 42 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Grady M. and Syble Barrett to C.J. and Juanita Ford, all of Lot 8 in Block 10 of the Highlands Addition.

Accu Chem Inc. to Shirley Billingsley, all of Lot 7 in Block 5 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Clarice Henderson, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Rosalie McGlaun, and Jo Anne Hirst to Rosmarie Proctor, William A. McGlaun III, Pamela Murski and Jason Lee McGlaun, Lots 29-32 in Block 33 of the replat of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Neva Elaine Howell, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Daniel G. Howell, to E.D. Walton Construction Co. and Production Pump Systems Inc., a 109 x 182-foot tract out of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John W. Sollivan, independent executor of the estate of H.W. McIntyre to Baptist Foundation of Texas, 240 acres out of the west one-half of Section 233, Block Y, T&P survey.

Ex-city councilman jailed for contempt

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Its been a rough week for former San Antonio City Councilman Bobby Herrera. Tuesday, he lost a bid for state representative and now he is serving a three-day jail sentence for contempt of court.

District Judge David Peeples on Monday found Herrera in contempt for failing to make timely child support payments for his 19-month-old son.

Despite Herrera's plea to the judge for a probated sentence, Peeples said Herrera was not going to be treated differently because he is a public figure.

Peeples noted he could have sentenced Herrera to a maximum of six months in jail on the contempt charge.

The judge also denied a request by Herrera's lawyer, Ernest Acevedo Jr., to allow his client to report to the Bexar County Jail to begin serving his sentence.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Chicken and dumplings, golden carrots, fried squash, three bean salad, brownie

TUESDAY

Meat loaf, lima beans, baked potato, tomato wedges, coconut pudding

WEDNESDAY

Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, tossed salad, cherry cobbler

THURSDAY

German sausage w/barbecue sauce, green beans, potatoes au graten, lettuce/tomato salad, sugar cookie

FRIDAY

Fried fish, baked beans, macaroni and tomatoes, cabbage slaw, pineapple flop cake

Senior Center News

The following activities are planned next week at the Senior Citizens Center.

—Monday: bridge, 9:30 a.m.; daily exercise, 11; AARP noon. Captain Pete Berrera, coordinator of the Star Program, will be the guest speaker.

—Tuesday: 42/88 at 10 a.m.; the Hoss Clayton Band at 10:30 a.m.; the St. Patrick's Day sing-along, 11:30; and the Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon.

—Wednesday: Bingo at 10 a.m.; line dancing at 1 p.m.; and the AARP tax aide volunteer from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

—Thursday: Tri-chem at 9 a.m. and Senior Saints at 11 a.m.

Friday: Bridge tournament and blood pressure clinic at 9:30 a.m..

Due to spring break, no swimnastics will be held at Western Texas College on Tuesday or Thursday.

Only seven weeks remain until May Day. Several quilts and crocheted items are ready for the auction.

Seniors who enjoy making crafts for the craft booth are encouraged to use the supplies that have been donated to the center.

The center is also in need of volunteers to help with the home-delivered meal program and the quilting program. All volunteers are appreciated, center staffers say.

Man gets 9 months in timber theft

TYLER (AP) — A federal judge has reduced the sentence of a man to nine months in federal prison for his role in an illegal scheme to cut timber in Louisiana and transport it to East Texas sawmills for sale.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice reduced Christopher Garner's sentence from the 3-year guideline to nine months. The reduction rewarded the 40-year-old for testifying at the trial of his co-defendants James Anderson, 51, of Whitehouse, and Dean Hodge, 53, of Jefferson.

Justice also ordered Thursday that Garner, a Shreveport, La., resident, also pay more than $238,000 in restitution.

Q&A

What are the dangers of using inhalants?

INHALANTS

When we think of drugs, most of us think of marijuana, heroin and crack cocaine. But some of the most lethal drugs are simpler and easier to obtain.

We can find them in the drawers of our desks, stashed in our cabinets, and lined up on our grocery store shelves. Things like paint, magic markers, white out, lighter fluid, hair spray, vegetable cooking sprays and air fresheners. Things that are cheap and easy to obtain, and at the same time, when inhaled can prove fatal.

These and close to 1,000 other everyday household products are being used by our kids to get a quick high. They inhale them through their nose (sniffing) or mouth (huffing). Most kids who try these products think they are harmless. They do not know the facts.

The reality is that hundreds of children each year die from inhalant use, sometimes on their first try. Nonetheless, many parents and educators remain ignorant of this "silent epidemic."

Inhalants are the third most abused substances among 12- to 14-year-olds in the United States, coming in right behind alcohol and tobacco. And as many as one in five students in the United States has tried inhalants by the time they reach the seventh grade.

Yet while many kids admit to sniffing toxic items, they do not consider this to be "inhalant abuse." That is because these products are easily available, free or inexpensive, legal and give a pleasurable affect by depressing the central nervous system.

These inhalants are dangerous chemicals that are not intended for human consumption, and they do irreversible damage to the human body when misused.

People who abuse inhalants on a regular basis and do not die put themselves at risk for permanent and severe brain damage. Inhalant vapors react with fatty tissues in the brain, literally dissolving them. Therefore, chronic inhalant abusers may permanently lose the ability to perform everyday tasks like walking, talking and thinking.

That's why we must warn our kids about the dangers of inhalants, and make sure that they know enough not to try them.

Some of the symptoms of inhalant abuse include red or runny eyes and/or noses, spots and/or sores around the mouth, unusual breath odor, drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance, correction fluid on fingernails, nausea and/or loss of appetite, and paint or stain marks on clothing or on skin. You may notice the abuser constantly smelling their shirt sleeves or sitting with a pen or marker near the nose.

March 15-21 is National Inhalant and Poison Awareness Week. If you suspect your child or someone else you know is using inhalants, or would like more information on inhalant abuse, contact the Snyder Council at 573-1141, or the Inhalant Prevention Coalition at 1-800-269-4237.

ATTENTION
City of Snyder
Utility Customers

Procedures relating to delinquent utility bills were to have changed March 1998. However, after reviewing accounts, the notice given may not provided sufficient time to adjust to the new procedures. Please use the month of March to get your account current. The new delinquent procedure will begin as of your April 1998 billing.

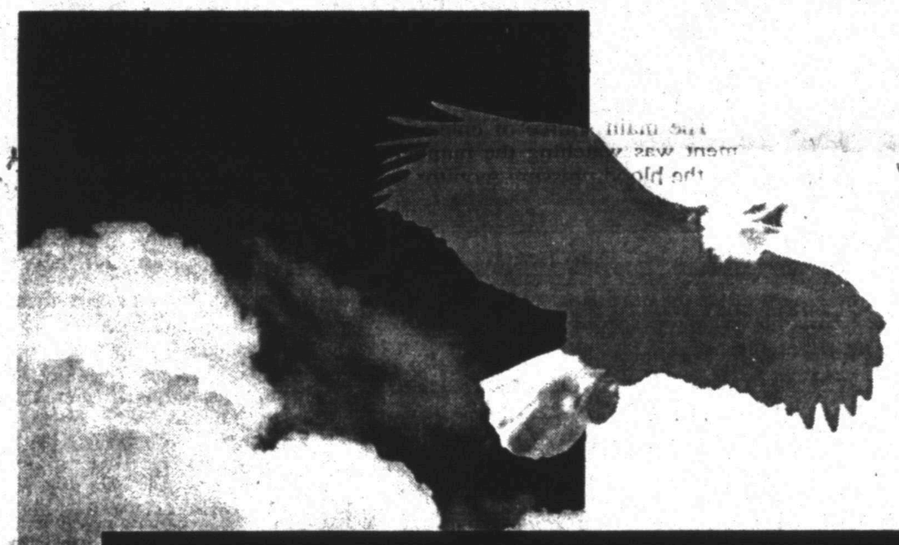
1. ALL utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from the billing date and a delinquent notice will be mailed at that time.

2. The customer will have at least 7 days to respond to the delinquent notice.

3. If the bill has not been paid by the date stated on the delinquent notice, service will be discontinued.

Please remember, your service will be discontinued if you have not paid your current bill before you are billed again. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, please call 573-4960.



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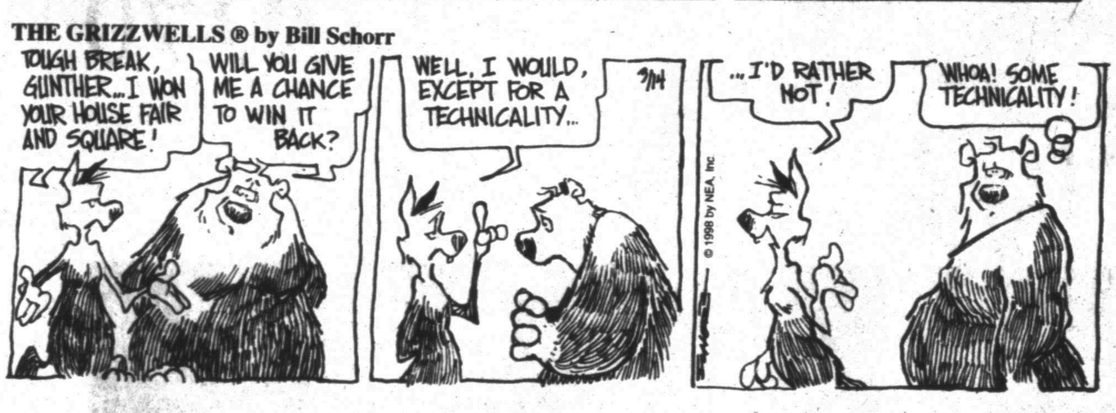
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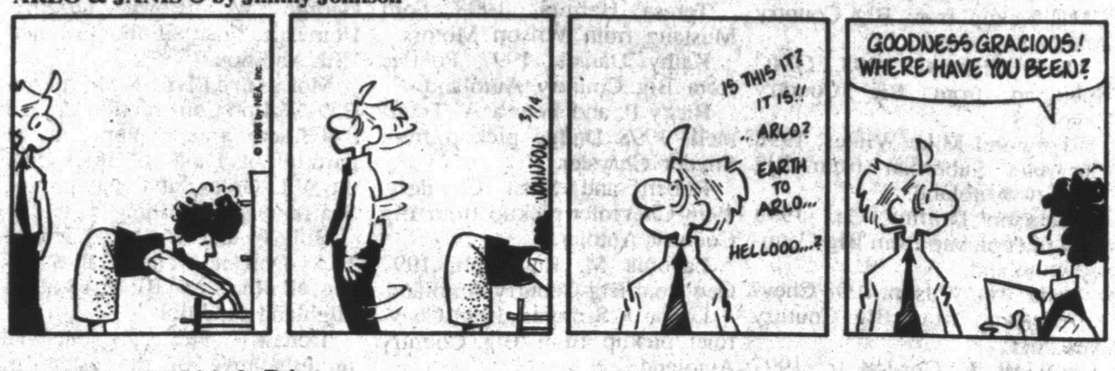
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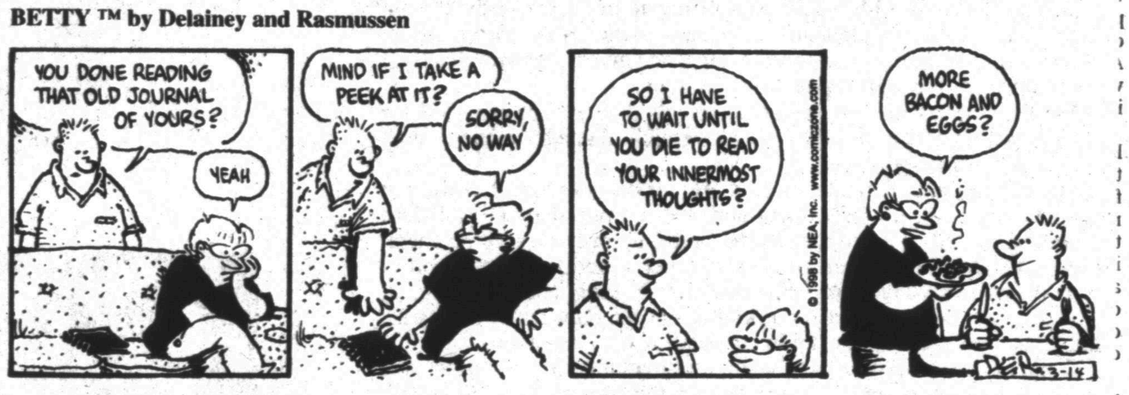
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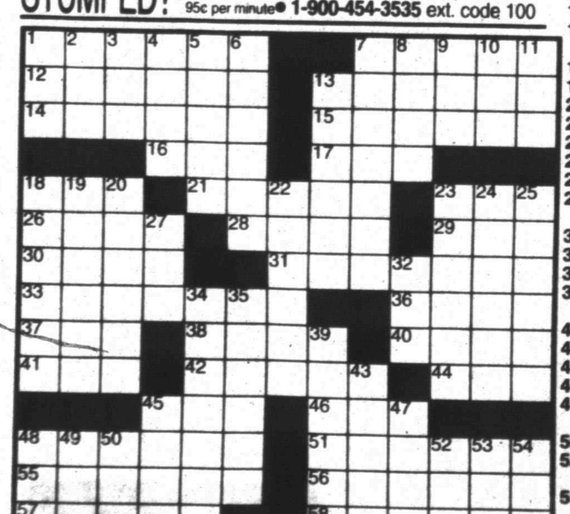
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32 Mom's mate
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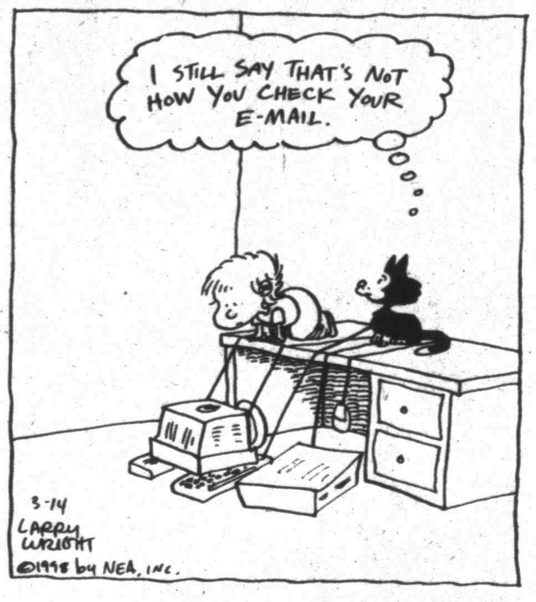
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World safe: Happy ending to asteroid thriller

NEW YORK (AP) — Hollywood couldn't have written a more perfect ending to a sci-fi thriller.

Just Wednesday, a group of international astronomers was warning Earthlings that a mile-wide asteroid was heading toward the planet. The streaking mass was likely to pass within 30,000 miles of us, and scientists warned it might — might — actually impact.

And if it did? The asteroid, they said, would release energy equal to 2 million Hiroshima-sized atomic bombs. It could cause tidal waves. Continent-sized fires. An eruption of dust that could cast the world in shadow for months.

"Asteroid 1997 XF11" was added to the International Astronomical Union's list of 108 known "potentially hazardous objects," or PHOs. Astronomers forecast its arrival with startling precision: Thursday, Oct. 26, 2028, around 1:30 p.m. EST.

"If it was only a few months away, we should be deadly worried," said the man who issued the asteroid alert Wednesday, Brian G. Marsden, director of the Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams in Cambridge, Mass. "But with 30 years, astronomers will solve the problem."

Actually, one day was all they needed.

Thursday afternoon, astronomers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said new calculations indicated the asteroid would come no closer than 600,000 miles away from the Earth. "We are saying now that the probability of an impact is zero," said Donald K. Yeomans of JPL.

"From the new data we have analyzed, I would agree that the probability of an impact seems smaller than it did on Wednesday, but it is not zero," Marsden said in today's New York Times.

The asteroid will make a preview engagement on Halloween, 2002, when it will pass within about 6 million miles of the Earth and give scientists a chance to more accurately estimate its orbital path, Yeomans said.

But the Earth is safe. No more doomsday space rocks. At least, not before 2029.

Still, for the one day that science fiction looked like science fact, hazardous traffic in the solar system generated a lot of excitement inside and out of observatories and lunar planetary laboratories.

Asteroids left their mark on the front pages of the nation's biggest newspapers, and impact craters dug by asteroids that crashed in Siberia, Canada and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula 65 million years ago became hot topics on TV and radio programs.

For Hollywood, Asteroid 1997 XF11 couldn't have come — and gone — at a better time. Theaters are already hyping the May 8 release "Deep Impact," produced by Steven Spielberg, which deals with the scramble for shelter space when comets approach Earth.

"Armageddon," starring Bruce Willis as an explosives specialist shuttled out to space to blow up an approaching meteor before it slams into Earth, opens July 1.

Dr. Donald A. Reed, president and founder of the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films in Los Angeles, was so tickled by Wednesday's asteroid warning that he headed home early to reread his 1930s edition of the sci-fi novel "When Worlds Collide."

"This is great. This'll bring people back to the end-of-the Earth movies," he said. Then, with a pang of conscience, he added: "I'm 62 and I won't be around in 2028, but I do hope that this science fact turns out to be science fiction."

John F. Walvoord, chancellor of the Dallas Theological Seminary and a self-described believer in the literal prophesy of the Bible, said Asteroid 1997 XF11 "may be a foreshadowing of the second-coming of Christ."

He cited Bible passages that describe portions of white stars slamming the Earth, a red moon, blackening skies and drastic climate change. "It could be a sign of something to come, we just don't know. Just one asteroid doesn't make the whole picture."

Or make a dent on Wall Street. There were no major selloffs, and "so far, the asteroid hasn't ripped a hole through the 30-year bond market," said Basel Bullard, a New York stock broker near the end of Thursday's trading session. "That's a good sign."

Scientists, of course, took the asteroid more seriously.

Some, such as Dr. Edward Teller, sometimes called the father of the hydrogen bomb, advocated putting a nuclear bomb on a rocket and detonating it near the asteroid to throw it off course.

Others maintained that a simpler, smaller chemical explosion in space — if detonated long enough in advance — would do the trick.

"There's no book that contains a detailed plan of what to do when an asteroid comes at you," said Clark Chapman, a planetary scientist at the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo.

"We have the tools to defend ourselves — rockets that can carry into outer space atomic bombs that are powerful enough to deflect an object and push it away from Earth. It seems conceptually easy, in 10 to 30 years, to put the pieces together and protect ourselves."

But first, some scientists noted, further study was warranted to figure out what exactly Asteroid 1997 XF11 was. Was it a giant rock? A collection of boulders hung together by gravity? A gooey mass of tar or lava?

"You want to know more before you start launching rockets at it," he said. "Is this thing soft and mushy? I mean, you don't want to spend a lot of money just to shoot a hole through that thing."

Astronomers spot most distant object

NEW YORK (AP) — Astronomers say they've spotted the most distant object known, a baby galaxy so far away that its starlight may have taken 12.2 billion years to reach Earth.

That means it's being seen as it appeared when the universe was only about 820 million years old, just a "blink of an eye" after the universe began, said astronomy professor James Graham of the University of California at Berkeley.

Those numbers depend on the assumption that the universe is 13 billion years old. That's reasonable, but scientists disagree on the real age.

Astronomers can't make out individual stars in the galaxy; only their combined light can be detected. It's the earliest starlight ever seen, Graham said.

Studying such early galaxies should help scientists discover how present-day galaxies formed and when, Graham said. The baby galaxy may have been on its way to merging with other infant galaxies to form a mature one.

Scientists have spotted a series of infant galaxies at huge distances in recent years. The newfound galaxy, called RD1, doesn't set a record by much. Under standard assumptions, RD1 is 12.22 billion light years away, about 90 million light-years farther than the last record-holder.

A report on the discovery has been accepted for publication in an astrophysical journal. Graham is a co-author. The work was led by Arjun Dey, a postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Astronomers used the Keck II Telescope in Hawaii.

Rogier Windhorst of Arizona State University, who was familiar with the work, called it spectacular. He also said he suspects that neighbors of RD1 will be found if astronomers look hard enough.

Magazine won't reconsider ranking

AUSTIN (AP) — The magazine that ranks law schools nationally has rejected a request by the University of Texas law school to reconsider its 29th-place showing.

UT dropped from 18th place last year in the rankings compiled by U.S. News & World Report.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

How do you become a dietitian?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am currently a college student, and I am working on a research paper. I am researching careers in diet and nutrition — specifically, the jobs of dietitians and nutritionists. Would you be able to tell me the difference between a dietitian and a nutritionist? Also, I'd like to get your perspective of requirements for entry and success in this field. In other words, what training or education and personal attributes would ensure success as a dietitian or a nutritionist? Any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance. — G.G., Purchase, N.Y.

DEAR G.G.: A dietitian receives college-level training on the basics of nutrition and food science with a special focus on dietary planning. There is a registry for those dietitians who take the coursework and then participate in an internship at a hospital or other appropriate site. Before they can receive their R.D. (Registered Dietitian) certification, they have to pass a basic competency exam.

Your education isn't over after you receive your R.D., as you have to take continuing-education courses on a regular basis to maintain your registered status. If you are interested in becoming a dietitian, you should contact the American Dietetic Association in Chicago, or visit their web site at http://www.eatright.org. Dietitians of Canada is located in Toronto and can be found on the web at http://www.dietitians.ca.

The word "nutritionist" is a more generic term; unfortunately, it has no specific meaning aside from the fact that it denotes an individual who works in the field of nutrition. Those having advanced research degrees (M.S. and Ph.D.) in the nutrition sciences might rightfully consider themselves to be nutritionists, but so might employees at a health-food store who have only on-the-job training.

You also might find practitioners such as chiropractors, naturopathic physicians or even massage therapists referring to themselves as "nutritionists." Amidst all this nutritional confusion is the fact that medical doctors — the professionals to whom, surveys tell us, people most often go for nutrition advice — tend to have little training in the science of nutrition. All this makes it difficult for the lay public to know who's who and who knows what.

The requirements for entry in the field vary with the type of job, as do the personal attributes for success. The field of nutrition includes the often solitary world of the bench scientist, as well as positions that involve face-to-face counseling of individuals about diets and health. Whatever you choose, though, training in the biochemical sciences is essential if you want to succeed. Having experience working on a research project will help you develop critical-thinking skills and a respect for the scientific process. I became interested in nutrition and went to graduate school to be trained. It was a long road, but it provided the essential foundation that allows me to interpret new science as it emerges. Whatever you decide, though, it is essential that you have a firm understanding of the limits of your knowledge.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: A friend told me that it is not safe to eat the skins of baked potatoes, even if they have been washed before baking. The reason, according to my friend, is that there is toxic material in the skins. Is this true? — L.B., Oceanside, Calif.

DEAR L.B.: Your friend is probably referring to solanine, a bitter-tasting, poisonous compound that can be present in potatoes that have been allowed to sprout or that have a greenish tint to their peel.

The solanine develops when a potato is exposed to light or allowed to sprout. This is one reason why it is recommended that potatoes be stored in a cool, dark place.

Washing is not an effective way of removing solanine, as it is most concentrated in the sprouts and is present just below the greenish-tinted skin. Although small amounts of solanine are relatively harmless, you should always remove all sprouts and peel away any skin that has a greenish tint prior to eating a potato. You should also discard any potatoes that have a bitter taste. If there are neither sprouts nor green skin, it is safe to eat the entire potato. The skin contains dietary fiber and small amounts of several vitamins and minerals.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is the author of the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

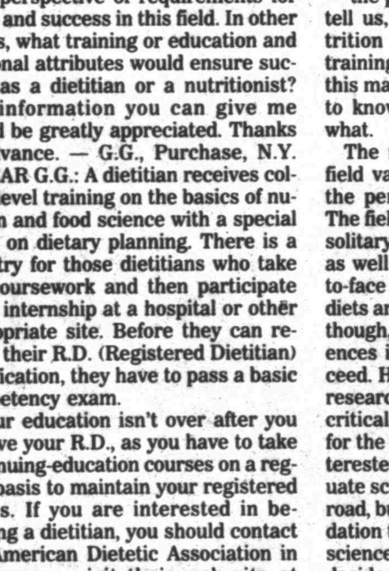
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Quick screening Alzheimer's test developed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some researchers say a new quick screening test to detect memory-robbing Alzheimer's disease needs more study before it is ready for widespread use.

The seven-minute word-and-picture test is 90 percent accurate in identifying patients with early Alzheimer's, which often is difficult to diagnose. researchers reported.

The screening exam uses four separate recall and thinking quizzes that are scored together to separate people with normal aging memory from those who might have serious problems, said Paul Solomon, co-director of the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center memory clinic.

"The judgment we can make is that someone is performing in a way that is entirely normal or that they have a dementia characteristic of Alzheimer's disease," said Solomon, a psychologist on the faculty of Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

The results of a study of the Alzheimer's test given to 120 people are published this month in the Archives of Neurology.

The test can be administered by a trained technician in 7 minutes, 42 seconds, giving quick reassurance to worried patients and identifying those who need a full-scale Alzheimer's workup, Solomon said.

"It would be something extremely useful to have," said Zaven Khachaturian, director of the Reagan Research Institute of the Alzheimer's Association.

But Khachaturian cautioned the test "is not ready yet for prime time."

"It needs research in a larger population to be validated," he said. "It needs to be repeated with much larger samples (of patients) to determine its strengths and weaknesses."

In the published study, the test was 90 percent accurate in identifying which of 120 people had Alzheimer's disease and which didn't. For example, it identified 13 of 13 people known to have early Alzheimer's.

The study involved 60 patients who had been referred to the Vermont memory clinic because of a suspected problem, and 60 people with no known memory problems. The examiners who gave the test did not know which patients had memory problems.

Further studies on another 800 people were consistent with the findings of the small study, but those results have not yet been published, Solomon said.

The four quizzes probe a patient's ability to recall words and images seen moments before, along with finding a solution to a simple clock problem.

The first test asks a patient to state the current year, month, date, day of the week and approximate time.

The next quiz involves flash cards, shown in sets of four, that picture ordinary objects in 16 different categories. After viewing the cards, the patient is asked to recall the picture sets. Reminder words are provided if needed.

Few people can recall all of the categories, but a normal person will benefit from the reminder words, Solomon said. The reminders give no help to a person with Alzheimer's.

In the clock problem, a patient is given pencil and paper and asked to draw a clock face, with 12 numbers in the proper place, and to arrange the hands to show the time of 20 minutes to four.

People with memory problems will leave out numbers, arrange the hands wrong or put the numbers in the wrong position on the clock face.

In the final quiz, a patient has one minute to name as many objects as possible in a single category, such as "vegetables" or "furniture." People with normal memories will easily come up with 12 or more, said Solomon.

An examiner can score the test immediately and compare the results to standard calculations. Solomon said the test identifies those with normal memories, those with a low probability of Alzheimer's and those with a high probability.

But Khachaturian said it is not clear if the test can tell the difference between people with Alzheimer's and those who have memory problems caused by other disorders.

That is important, he said, because some types of dementia can be corrected with aggressive treatment, while there is very little therapy that can significantly affect the course of Alzheimer's.

Solomon said his team is distributing the test to selected clinics with the goal of determining if it can differentiate between those with Alzheimer's and those with other types of memory disorders.

"We hope to have this test available for widespread use by late summer or early fall," he said.

Clinton starts health quality initiative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying hundreds of thousands of Americans die needlessly each year due to medical errors, President Clinton is ordering a new effort to improve health care quality, including giving consumers better information about health plans.

Clinton's commission on quality in the health care industry finished its work Thursday and was presenting its report to the president today. Clinton was endorsing its recommendations and moving immediately to implement some.

The president already has endorsed the commission's consumer bill of rights and has been pushing Congress to write it into legislation. He was calling for action again today as he accepted the report from the commissioners, despite their inability to agree that legislation was needed.

In fact, the commission took no position on how the bill of rights should be implemented, also rejecting calls to allow patients denied care the right to sue and recover damages in court.

There even was disagreement over whether to simply mention the issue, which also is being debated in Congress. After last-minute negotiations, members agreed to call for "a national dialogue" on the matter.

Opponents of federal legislation immediately seized on the commission's failure to call for a government mandate to health plans.

Discussions of protecting patient rights in the age of cost-conscious managed care are inherently touchy because promises of more benefits and rights can mean higher costs. If costs go up, employers may opt to drop insurance for their workers altogether.

The commission was more able to agree on broad health care quality goals, such as creating a system in which consumers know which health plans provide the best care and insurance companies compete on quality.

"They don't have information about quality right now," said a White House official who detailed Clinton's plans on condition of anonymity. "If it ends up working and being applied — and that's the real challenge — it could really change the health care delivery system as we know it."

While recognizing that millions of Americans get excellent health care, the commission's report departs from the typical laudatory statements about the United States having the best health care in the world.

Rather, it argues that too many errors are made, needed services are not always delivered, unneeded services are sometimes given for no good reason and the best methods are not used uniformly.

The report concluded:

—More than 1 million Americans are injured and about 180,000 die each year due to avoidable errors in hospital care.

—Many people do not get needed preventive care.

—Others overuse services for no good reason; for instance, about 80,000 women have unnecessary hysterectomies each year.

But the commissioner's work on patient rights in the era of managed care has received the most attention, as Congress considers several proposals and Americans worry they will not get the care they need from HMOs.

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate plan to introduce their own proposal next week, calculating it is a winning issue in an election year. GOP congressional leaders are opposed to new laws.

The commission recommended a federal council to set national goals for quality and monitor progress in meeting them, and a private forum that would identify ways to measure quality that would be adopted by health plans nationwide.

Clinton was asking Vice President Al Gore to convene a June meeting to establish this forum, which also would devise ways to get information about quality to consumers and businesses to aid in choosing insurance companies.

Troubled town makes deal; Klan decides against rally

CICERO, Ill. (AP) — Cicero, a gritty blue-collar Chicago suburb once seen as a hotbed of racism, cut a $10,000 deal with the Ku Klux Klan to head off a KKK rally that officials feared would trigger violence.

The town arranged for a $10,000 contribution, pledged by an anonymous donor, to pay for printing and distribution of Klan literature. In exchange, the Klan called off the rally, which had been set for Saturday.

"I guess it could be deemed extortion in one sense, but I don't see it that way," Cicero Police Superintendent David Niebur said. "I think this is really a sensible solution under the circumstances."

Cicero's racial tensions date back many decades. During the civil rights era, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was pelted with rocks and bottles at a rally in the 1960s, and he likened Cicero to Selma, Ala. In 1985, President Reagan canceled a visit after racial tensions flared.

Cicero, population 67,000, was once nearly all-white. While it is almost 50 percent Hispanic today, only a few blacks live here.

Town President Betty Loren-Maltese shared a podium with Klan Imperial Wizard Jeffery Berry on Wednesday to announce the deal. She moved well off to the side as he spoke.

But it wasn't far enough for some Cicero residents, who were stunned the town would make such a deal.

Richard Hirschhaut, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called it a "deal with the devil." But he said considering the potential for violence, it was for the best.

"We have to applaud the good people of Cicero and its official leadership," Hirschhaut said.

The police superintendent said security fences alone would have cost about $20,000. The town have also had to pay transportation and expenses for 150 state troopers.

The Klan literature must be delivered either by direct mail or by a private delivery service.

"There will be no Klansmen involved" in delivery, Niebur said. "They have agreed to notify the police department of when the literature will be sent."

Some saw the deal as yet another sad chapter in Cicero's history of racial problems,

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