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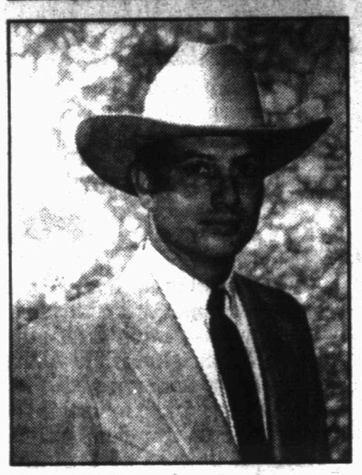
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Sheriff Darren Jackson, a Democratic candidate for re-election, voted in the Republican primary.

Demo nominee may run as write-in ...

Sheriff's GOP vote raises questions

Darren Jackson, who drew no opponents in his bid to earn a second term as Scurry County sheriff, will have his name removed from the November general election because of a voting technicality.

Jackson, a Democrat, voted during the early voting period in the Republican primary.

Ann McGeehan, an attorney in the Secretary of State's election division, said Jackson has rendered himself ineligible because he has affiliated himself with both the Democratic and Republican parties.

McGeehan said Friday afternoon that the County Democratic chairman, once presented evidence of the improper vote, must declare the nominee ineligible.

Because he ran as a Democratic candidate and voted in the GOP primary, Jackson's only option to become sheriff for a second term is to run as a write-in candidate.

The executive committees of both political parties, according to the Secretary of State's office, have the option of naming a nominee to be listed on the November general election ballot, but law prohibits it from being Jackson.

Demo county chairman Billy Haynes could not be reached to see if he had officially declared Jackson ineligible or whether the party would consider another nominee.

GOP Chairman Drew Bullard said he had heard about the development, but considered it a non-Republican issue since there were no declared Republican candidates for the sheriff's office. "We don't plan to get involved."

Jackson said Friday afternoon that as soon as he became aware of the code violation, he immediately reported the error to the Secretary of State's office and to the county party chairman.

Jackson said he had received some conflicting information regarding his options. He had been told by some that the Democratic county committee could place his name on the ballot.

"At this time we are still researching past rulings to see if the code applies to uncontested races. If this code does apply, there are several options we are considering in order to correct this unfortunate technicality.

"I want to assure the citizens of Scurry County that this was not a violation of any law," Jackson added.

McGeehan said a section of the election code that prevents a candidate in the primary election from becoming a write-in candidate in the general election is aimed at a defeated candidate.

It is commonly called a "sore losers" statute and would not apply to a nominee, the state attorney said.

Jackson said the reason he voted in the Republican primary was because there were no contested Democratic races in which he was eligible to vote. Jackson lives in Precinct 3.

"The Justice of the Peace and constable races have the most effect on my office. I was unaware that there was a code prohibiting me from doing so."

Four years ago, Jackson was elected sheriff by defeating Democratic opponent Joe Cheyne and then defeating a GOP nominee, Kerry Fritz, in November.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Two answers you'll never get in advance from the IRS – yes and no."

If it were not for taxing humor, it would be difficult to get through this time of year.

We've concluded that understanding and filling out all those forms is more difficult than actually earning enough money to pay those taxes.

For anybody who has read and tried to understand those instruction booklets prepared by the Infernal Revenue Service, the flat tax certainly has its appeal.

In trying to remain sane, there are those who collect wit and wisdom about taxes.

One sage concluded, "A fine is a tax for doing something wrong. A tax is a fine for doing something right."

One IRS official noted, "No one who has witnessed tax lobbyists' perennial infestation of Capitol Hill can ever again confuse the making of tax laws with the making of sausages. At least when you make sausages, you know the pigs won't be coming back."

From the mouth of a former IRS commissioner:

"Our income tax system has been destroyed by complexity – a complexity caused largely by well-meaning efforts to achieve theoretical purity, eliminate every real and imagined abuse, and address non-tax policy objectives."

Interpreted, we think that means collect more money from working stiffs.

When it comes to not paying taxes, the tax courts don't express much humor.

A man recently argued that the Infernal Revenue Code violates the 13th amendment which bans slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime after one has been convicted.

As you might expect, the tax court decided with the folks who collect the necessary money to pay their salaries.

One of our favorites...

Among the many items for sale on a Web retailing site are tax-related souvenirs.

One item is a shirt that declares:

"I Fought the IRS and Won! They Let Me Keep This Shirt."

Cogdell adds new diagnostic machine

Cogdell Memorial Hospital has added another service that will benefit patients and provide local diagnostic services.

A nuclear medicine unit, provided through NuMed Inc., will perform tests as ordered by the local physicians, according to Brian Moffett, RT, manager of the radiology department.

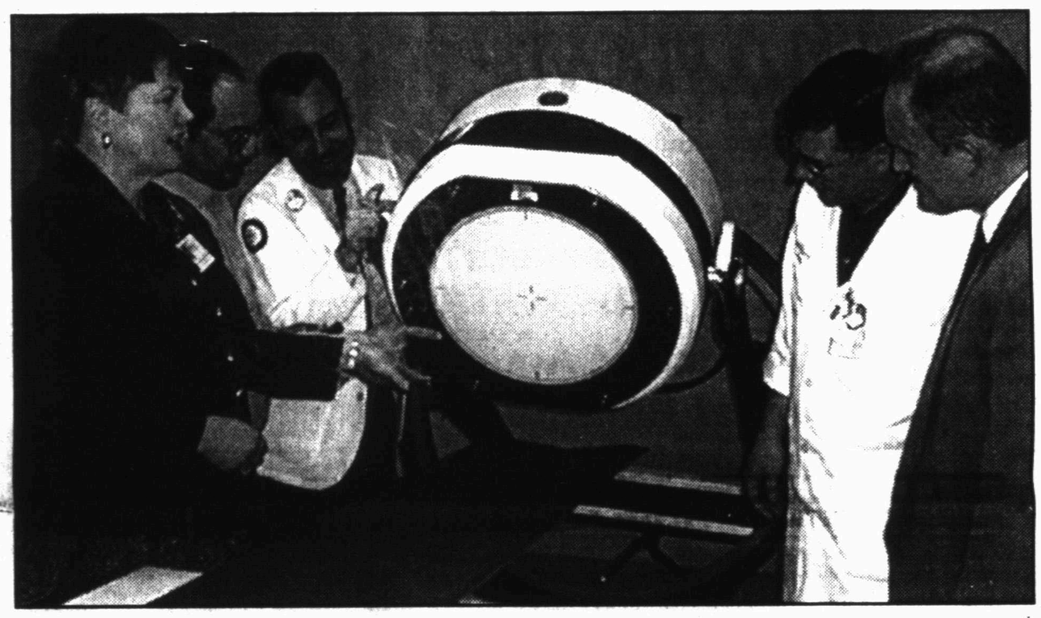
"Bringing this important technology to Snyder is indicative of our commitment to provide our physicians and their patients diagnostic services that will enhance the level of care available in our community," Jeff Reecer, Cogdell Hospital's CEO, said. "The nuclear medicine scans will give our doctors another effective diagnostic tool."

Nuclear medicine provides a way to gather information that may otherwise be unavailable, require surgery, or necessitate more expensive diagnostic testing.

Nuclear medicine began approximately 50 years ago and has evolved into a major medical specialty for both diagnosis and therapy of serious diseases. Millions of nuclear medicine procedures are performed each year in the United States.

A nuclear medicine procedure involves the use of small amounts of radioactive materials (or tracers) that are attracted to specific organs, bones or tissues to help screen or film.

Additional information about nuclear medicines is available from local physicians or the hospital at 573-6374, Ext. 7440.



NUCLEAR MEDICINE EQUIPMENT — Representatives from NuMed Inc. and Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees look over the new nuclear medicine equipment now available at the hospital. From left are Norma Adams, CMH Nurse Executive; Stanton Kremsley, MD, radiologist; Anthony Thixton, nuclear medicine technologist; Brian Moffett, CMH radiology department manager; and John Pickett, licensed medical physicist. (SDN Staff Photo)

At Wagon Wheel Ranch...

Opponents of new MOA schedule Monday meet

Members of an organization opposed to new Air Force training flights in this area expect more than 1,000 to attend the group's first general membership meeting Monday.

The meeting will be from 6-8 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Buster Welch, president and founder of H.E.P.A. (Heritage Environmental Preservation Association) said the gathering is open to all members and prospective members.

"The purpose of the meeting is to update members on the latest developments in H.E.P.A.'s fight against the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) and to tell the members how the Air Force is misrepresenting the facts," Welch said.

The Air Force has recommended an eight-county area be the site of a new Military Operations Area (MOA) for training flights for B-1 and B-52 bombers from Dyess Air Force Base and Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The affected counties are Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Borden, Dawson, Lynn and Garza.

H.E.P.A. has vowed to fight the Air Force's plans in court.

Earlier this month, the city of Lubbock expressed its opposition to the Air Force's proposal in fear it would hamper development of commercial air routes south of that city.

However, Lubbock city officials said Friday that they would not try to block the Air Force's plans.

Lubbock officials said fighting the plan might block the Federal Aviation Administration's efforts to locate a radar control tower in Lubbock to monitor flights in the MOA.

At Monday's gathering, Red Steagall, country singer and poet, will entertain.

Welch said Steagall is donating his performance to show his support for the cause and his opposition to the Air Force's plan.

Also, H.E.P.A. attorney Frank Bond of Santa Fe will present the group's legal options, while ranch appraiser Sam Middleton will speak on how the RBTI might affect land values.

A donation of $20 per person will be charged to raise money for H.E.P.A. and to help cover the cost of the meeting, said Welch.



Blood drive to begin Tuesday

It is time once again for the Scurry County blood drive, sponsored by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for United Blood Services.

The three-day drive kicks off Tuesday with the community blood drive. Donations may be made between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

On Wednesday, the blood drive will be held at Western Texas College from 8 a.m. until noon and at Cogdell Memorial Hospital from 2 to 6 p.m.

Price Daniel Unit employees will have the chance to donate Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In appreciation for voluntary blood donations, each participant will be eligible to receive coupons from local merchants.

Early voting for runoff election starts April 3

Early voting for the April 11 runoff election in the Republican and Democratic primaries will be held April 3-7 on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

County Clerk Joan Bunch reminds voters that they must vote in the same primary in which they voted this month.

"You cannot switch. If you voted Republican March 14, you must vote Republican in the runoff," she said.

Voters cannot vote both Democratic and Republican.

"We will turn their names over to the district attorney if they vote in both primaries," Bunch said.

She also said that a person is eligible to vote in the runoff election even if they did not vote in the primary elections.

"If they did not vote in either primary, they can still vote in the runoff," said Bunch.

In local races, incumbent Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey will face Cloyce Scarberry to decide who will be on the November Democratic ballot.

The runoff will likely decide the race since there are no Republican candidates after Carl Burleson withdrew before the primary.

Only six votes separated the two with Scarberry garnering 126 and Trevey receiving 120. Bill Baldwin received 33 votes, forcing the runoff.

A run-off is also necessary between Republican Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace candidates Deborah Boyd and Ben Smith.

Boyd, a clerk in the JP office, led the ticket with 465 votes in the March 14 primary while Smith garnered 420 votes. The two will be vying for the spot vacated by Charlie Reynolds who resigned in January.

In this race, Kirby McCravey received 288 votes while Dwaine Merritt tallied 260. There was no Democratic candidate for JP.

Neither party has set a voting location for the runoff.

Transfer time is approaching

Students who reside outside the Snyder Independent School District, but wish to attend the local schools during the 2000-2001 school year, must complete an application for transfer by May 1, or a tuition fee may be assessed.

Parents may file transfer papers at the Administration Building at 2901 37th St. any time during April.

The administration office is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

However, it will be closed April 21 for the Easter holiday, and April 24 for a bad weather day.

Additional information may be obtained by calling SISD at 573-5401.

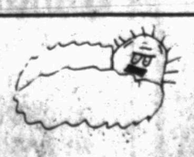
ASK US

Q—When is the state track meet being held in Austin?
A—May 12-13.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 76 degrees; low, 44; 7 a.m. Saturday, 55; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; 40% rain chance; low 50-55; SE wind. Sunday, partly cloudy; slight chance of rain; high around 80; SW wind 10-15 mph.



Maria Murillo
Chance of Rain

Sunset: 6:59 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.
Of 84 days in 2000, the sun has shone 82 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Never, never, never, never give up.
—Winston Churchill

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Six SJHS students advance to state TMSCA contest

Six Snyder Junior High students will compete at the upcoming state Texas Math and Science Coaches Association Contest. They advanced following the regional meet in Seminole.

The math team of Blake Robertson, Matthew Kerr, Rebecca Pavlovsky and Andra Dunham placed first in class 4A.

The calculator team of Thomas Hefner and Josh Kemp placed second.

The team of Kerr, Pavlovsky, Dunham and Kemp placed first in both number sense and science.

Individual honors in the large school division (class 4A, 5A) are as follows.

Seventh grader Matthew Kerr placed first in number sense, second in science and fourth in math.

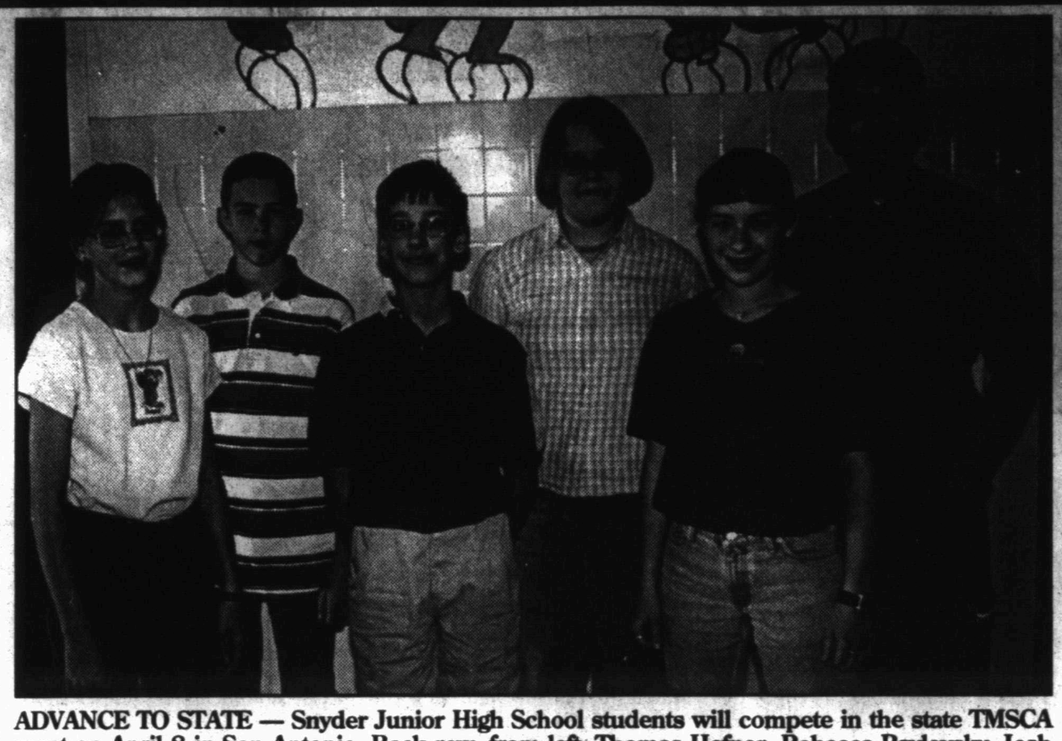
Thomas Hefner, also a seventh grader, received fourth place in calculator.

Another seventh grader, Blake Robertson, placed seventh in math.

Eighth grader Andra Dunham placed second in number sense and third in math.

Josh Kemp, also an eighth grader, placed first in number sense, second in calculator, and fifth in science.

All six students will advance to the state meet to be held in San Antonio on April 8.



ADVANCE TO STATE — Snyder Junior High School students will compete in the state TMSCA meet on April 8 in San Antonio. Back row from left, Thomas Hefner, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Josh Kemp; front row from left, Blake Robertson, Matthew Kerr, Andra Dunham. (Staff Photo by Shirley These Gorman)

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Immigration misery should be shared, one mayor says

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A Mexican mayor is urging illegal immigrants captured in the United States to clog up the U.S. court system, hoping to keep them off the streets of his border community.

Of the thousands of immigrants caught by the Border Patrol and bounced back to Mexico, some end up in Agua Prieta. Mayor Vicente Teran Uribe says some resort to crime and drain the city's scant resources.

Teran said he plans to use TV, radio, fliers and any other methods available to tell Mexicans who intend to cross the border that if caught, they should avoid being returned immediately by asking for a removal hearing before a U.S. immigration judge.

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It's a process that conceivably could keep some in the country for months or even years.

At least 2 million people a year now come through Agua Prieta, 100 miles southeast of Tucson. It's a popular staging area for crossers, including Central and South Americans and Europeans, "and the city's left having to deal with them, with no resources," Teran said Friday.

"I want to draw attention to the plight of my city, and I think when a law is broken in the United States, it should be addressed over there and I shouldn't be punished."

Sharon Gavin, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said Teran's plan is unlikely to have much impact. Those apprehended already are informed they have a right to a hearing and most choose voluntary return anyway, she said.

Those who agree to return are taken back through the nearest port of entry. That means thousands are going back through Agua Prieta since it abuts Arizona's busiest immigration zone.

An undocumented immigrant who asks for a hearing can be detained or may be required to post bond while waiting, though some are released on their own recognizance if they have community ties.

The number released who actually show up for such hearings is small, Gavin said. Those who cannot prove their case are deported, and returning to the United States is a federal offense, she added.

Despite U.S. skepticism about his plan, Teran believes his ploy will draw high-level officials into the issue.

He said he's driven by need. Housing conditions in his city are deplorable, and health risks are increasingly a concern as Agua Prieta takes in more people than it can handle, he said.

Ray Borane, the mayor of Douglas, the city across the border from Agua Prieta, said he sympathizes with Teran.

"He's tired of people being dumped back in his back yard for a failed U.S. policy," said Borane, who also has complained frequently about the crossing problem.

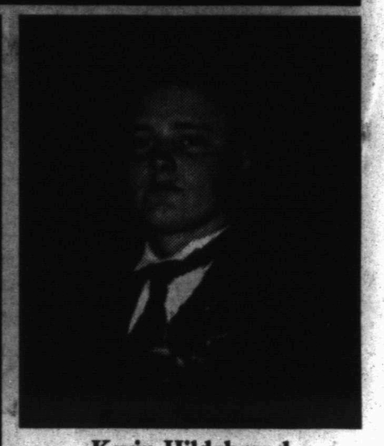
Rice pays for trip

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Novelist Anne Rice is paying for a groundskeeper, a cook and 10 other people from her Catholic parish to fly to Rome for the beatification of a priest buried in their church.

Pope John Paul II will declare Father Francis Xavier Seelos blessed — the last formal step toward being named a Roman Catholic saint — in a ceremony April 9.

Seelos, who died of yellow fever, will be the fifth person who served mainly in the United States to be declared blessed or a saint.

"Fr. Seelos is especially dear to me because my ancestors include both Irish and Germans who lived in St. Alphonsus Parish, people who no doubt had to cope with the scourge of yellow fever, and some who may even have known Fr. Seelos personally," Rice wrote in a statement Thursday.



Kevin Hildebrand

Hildebrand inducted into history society

Kevin Hildebrand, a senior at Hardin-Simmons University, has been inducted into the Alpha Gamma Psi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society.

The spring 2000 induction of new members was held March 9.

Kevin is the son of Max and Carol Hildebrand of Snyder. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1996 and attended Howard Payne University for two years before transferring to HSU. He is pursuing a dual major in history and physical education.

At HSU, the active membership of Phi Alpha Theta represents about one-fourth of the history department student body. Membership is restricted to those who have demonstrated through their attitude, classroom performance, and overall academic commitment a willingness to excel in historical study and scholarship.

Playboy picture reappears on items

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A woman who made the cover of Playboy as a college student in 1967 learned the picture has reappeared on a shower curtain after her daughter saw it while shopping.

Bo Black, the director of Milwaukee's Summerfest musical festival, said her 20-year-old daughter Kellyn, a student at Arizona State University, bought the shower curtain and counted her mother's picture on it 22 times.

"Her friends saw it," Black said. "They said, 'I think your mom is on this shower curtain.'"

Black was a 21-year-old cheerleader at the University of Wisconsin when Playboy went to the Madison campus to photograph women of the Big Ten Conference. In the cover photo, she is wearing high athletic socks and a football-style jersey that reaches to mid-thigh.

Black's oldest daughter, Stephanie, born three years after the photo was taken, was looking through a Playboy catalog at a friend's home when she noticed the picture on a shirt. She bought three of the shirts.

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Richard Wrig Sprinkler Sy Rowden, left, shown making American Stat

Hermleigh performs 'Ondine'

Hermleigh High School presented *Ondine* by Jean Giraudox for its 2000 one-act play entry. East zone competition for District 9A was held Tuesday at Borden County High School.

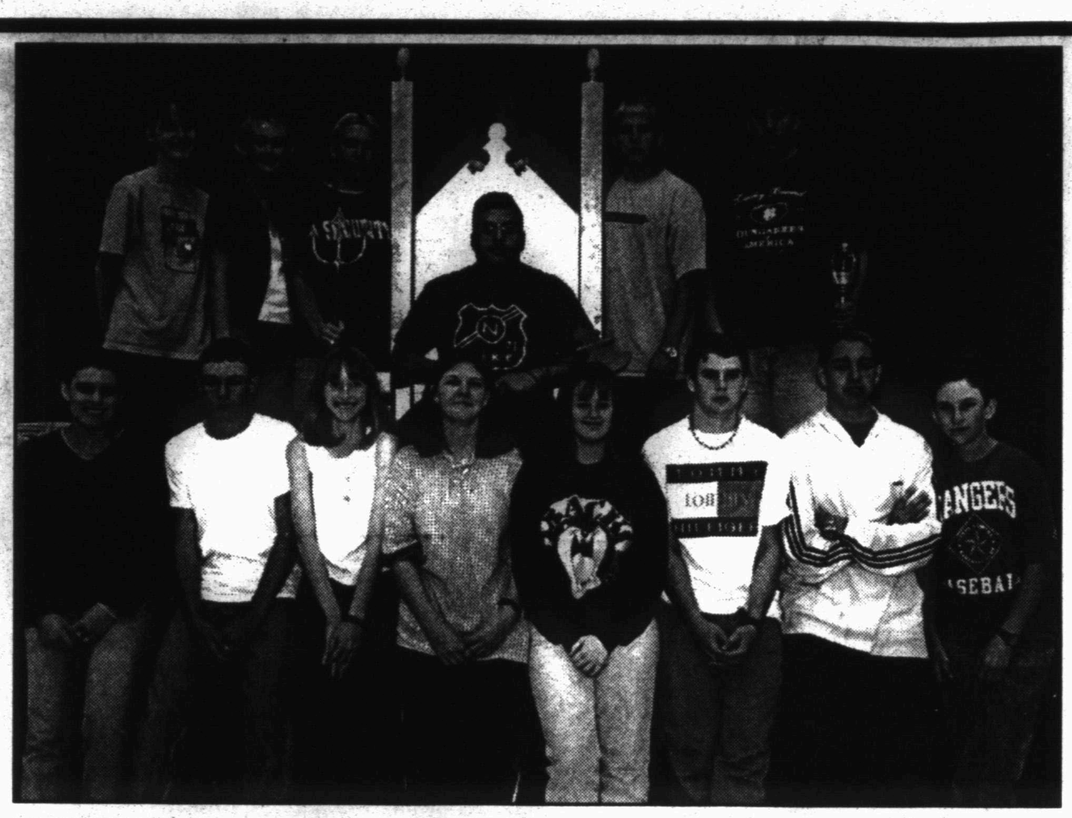
Though the play did not advance, three cast members received acting awards. Jared Higgins who played the Old One was named to the all star cast, along with Randi K. Herrington who was the Ondine. Terrel Culp received honorable mention for his work as the chamberlain and a fisherman.

Other cast members included Chris McClure as Auguste and Bertram; Sheena Callaway as Eugenie; Lori Eckert as the First Ondine and Lady of the Court; Caleb Callaway as Hans; and Sabrina Terry as the Second Ondine and Lady of the Court.

Others were Janet Eckert as the Third Ondine and Lady of the Court; Nick Free as the superintendent of Royal Theater and First Judge; Tiffanie Moore as Princess Bertha; Tony Melina as the king and second judge; Billy Lambaren as the servant; and Joey Garza as the executioner.

Samantha Smith was the only member of the stage crew and Mary Spieker directed.

Ondine takes place long, long ago in three separate locations: a fisherman's hut, a king's hall and a knight's castle courtyard.



HERMLEIGH ONE ACT PLAYERS — Hermleigh High School students who performed *Ondine* are, top row from left, Lori Eckert, Tiffanie Moore, Jared Higgins, Joey Garza, Caleb Callaway, Tony Molina; bottom row from left, Sabrina Terry, Nick Free, Janet Eckert, Samantha Smith (crew), Sheena Callaway, Chris McClure, Billy Lambaren, Terrel Culp. Randi K. Herrington is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Suspect, officer die in shootout

SAN ANTONIO — A police officer was gunned down Friday while attempting to arrest a suspected drug fugitive at a San Antonio motel, officials said.

Immediately after patrolman Oscar Perez, 31, was shot, a second police officer fired on the suspect, killing the 20-year-old man from Poteet.

The suspect's identity wasn't immediately released.

The shootings took place about 6:40 p.m. just outside the door of a room at the Budget Inn Motel in the city's South Side neighborhood.

Perez and another officers went to the hotel around 6:30 p.m. to serve a warrant on the man, who police said was a registered sex offender from Corpus Christi who was wanted on drug charges.

The officers knocked on the hotel door, but did not receive an answer. They then got the room key from the front desk and returned to the room. When one of the officers opened the door, he began struggling with the suspect.

"At that point the suspect apparently grabbed a weapon and shots were fired at the officers, striking one of the officers," according Sgt. Gabriel Trevino, of the San Antonio police department.

"Shots were returned from the cover officer, the second officer that entered, and that struck the suspect. The suspect is now deceased here at the scene," Trevino said.

The 6 1/2-year veteran officer, who was married with two young children, died a couple of hours later of a single gunshot wound to the head, Police Chief Al Philippus said.

Just 1 Lottery ticket can win

AUSTIN (AP) — Former NFL star Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson may be able to afford spending $100 a pop on lottery tickets, but the average player should think twice about spending so much, lottery officials say.

"He himself has cautioned people because he can afford it. It's really the same message of the Texas Lottery: Don't spend more than you can afford. It only takes one ticket to win and only $1 to play," said Keith Elkins, lottery spokesman.

Henderson said he doesn't want anyone to start gambling because of his $28 million lotto win. His ticket with the numbers 5, 8, 17, 35, 38 and 41 has passed the lottery's preliminary validation, but must still undergo more testing before it's considered an official winner.

"I'm the winner," Henderson said from his Austin home Friday. "I always knew I was going to win it."

The former linebacker whose career ended because of drug problems admitted to spending about $20,000 over 10 years on the lottery. He's since cleaned up his act, and says he plays just for fun when the jackpot reaches $20 million or more.

"Whenever I would go after the lottery there were times when I would spend $300 or $400 on the lottery," the former linebacker said Friday. "I've been a gambler and took some shots."

"I'm glad for Hollywood Henderson. He's lucky, but it's the other thousands of people...who are supporting the lottery who will never win," said Weston Ware, president of Texans Against Gambling.

"There has to be one winner and they say you can't win unless you play, but the state has no business trying to swindle its citizens," Ware said.

Tom Gray of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling said he's worried about how the Texas Lottery will use Henderson's fame for promotion.

"They will have his face plastered all over. Unfortunately, someone's got to win and when it's a high profile person that just feeds the lottery. The fact is that despite the one who wins, there are thousands of losers who will continue to lose," Gray said.



DONATION — Snyder Volunteer Fire Department recently received a donation of $450 from Chevron USA production at Wickett. SVFD members employed by Chevron are Bob Henderson and Marcus Parham. Kevin Tate, left, SVFD president, accepts the check from Henderson. (Contributed Photo)

Confederate flag's removal from court building advocated

FORT WORTH (AP) — The NAACP is calling on Gov. George W. Bush to remove an image of the Confederate flag from the Texas Supreme Court building.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said Bush should push for the removal because it's the morally right thing to do — not because the civil rights group may organize a tourism boycott on Texas similar to one in South Carolina.

"I would hope the governor does not need the NAACP to appeal to him, but that his heart would appeal to him," Mfume said. "The intolerance the flag represents should not be condoned in any public building."

Mfume spoke Friday at a regional conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Fort Worth.

Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas chapter of the NAACP, on Friday reissued his call for Bush to remove the Texas plaque, calling it "a symbol of racism, division, and hatred."

Bush, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, has said he is studying the request. When asked in South Carolina about that state's flying of the Confederate flag from the state Capitol, Bush said voters should decide the issue.

A spokeswoman for Bush's office did not return messages seeking comment Friday.

Since the NAACP called for an economic boycott of South Carolina in January, 92 organizations have withdrawn from regional and district meetings that were scheduled to be held there, Mfume said.

He said South Carolina will set the stage for how other states deal with the flag issue.

"If we are successful in South Carolina, more states will be inclined to do the same thing," Mfume said.

The NAACP and others contend the flag stands for racism and slavery, while supporters say it honors their Southern heritage. South Carolina is the only state that flies the flag from its statehouse.

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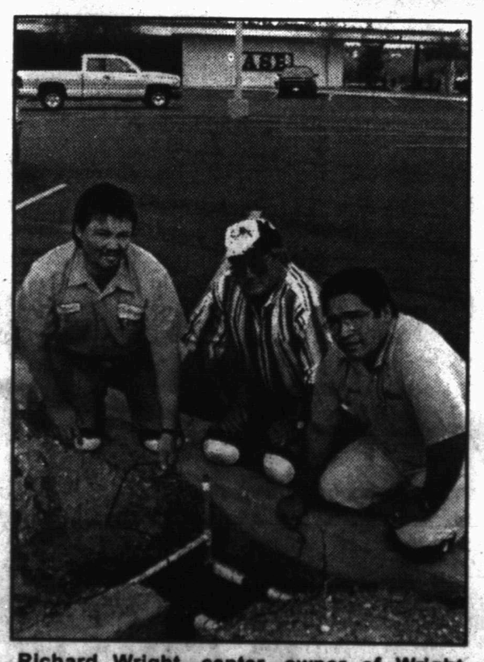
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Date Books

Saturday, March 25, 2000
Today is the 85th day of 2000 and the sixth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1655, a war in Maryland between Catholics and Puritans ended.

On this day in 1944, British airman Nick Alkemade bailed out of his bomber without a parachute and survived a fall of 18,000 feet.

On this day in 1960, the first guided missile launched from a nuclear submarine was fired by the Halibut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957), conductor; Bela Bartok (1881-1945), composer; David Lean (1908-1991), director; Howard Cosell (1918-1995), sportscaster; Gloria Steinem (1934-), feminist, is 66; Aretha Franklin (1942-), singer, is 58; Elton John (1947-), singer-pianist, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, Sugar Ray Robinson defeated Carmen Basilio and became the first boxer to win the world boxing championship five times.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Sports is the toy department of human life." — Howard Cosell

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 19) and last quarter (March 27).

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Sunday, March 26, 2000
Today is the 86th day of 2000 and the seventh day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, the first savings bank in the United States, the Bank for Savings, was chartered in New York City.

On this day in 1937, at the second annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas, a monument to the comic-strip character Popeye was unveiled.

On this day in 1979, Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt signed the Camp David Peace Accords at a White House ceremony.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Frost (1874-1963), poet; Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), playwright; Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 70; Leonard Nimoy (1931-), actor, is 69; Erica Jong (1942-), writer, is 58; Bob Woodward (1943), journalist, is 56; Diana Ross (1944-), singer-actress, is 56; Marcus Allen (1960-), football player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, Leo Bentley bowled three consecutive perfect games in Lorain, Ohio.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The greatest thing in family life is to take a hint when a hint is intended — and not to take a hint when a hint isn't intended." — Robert Frost

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (March 27).

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Ira High School stages 1-act play

Ira High School's one-act production was *And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson,* which advanced at the District 9-A East Zone contest and was named alternate play at the district contest.

Ira players receiving acting awards at the zone contest were Trey Shirley who was named best actor; Katie Howard and Shade Everton were named to the all star cast; and Tosha Walker and Case Hardy, who received honorable mention all star cast.

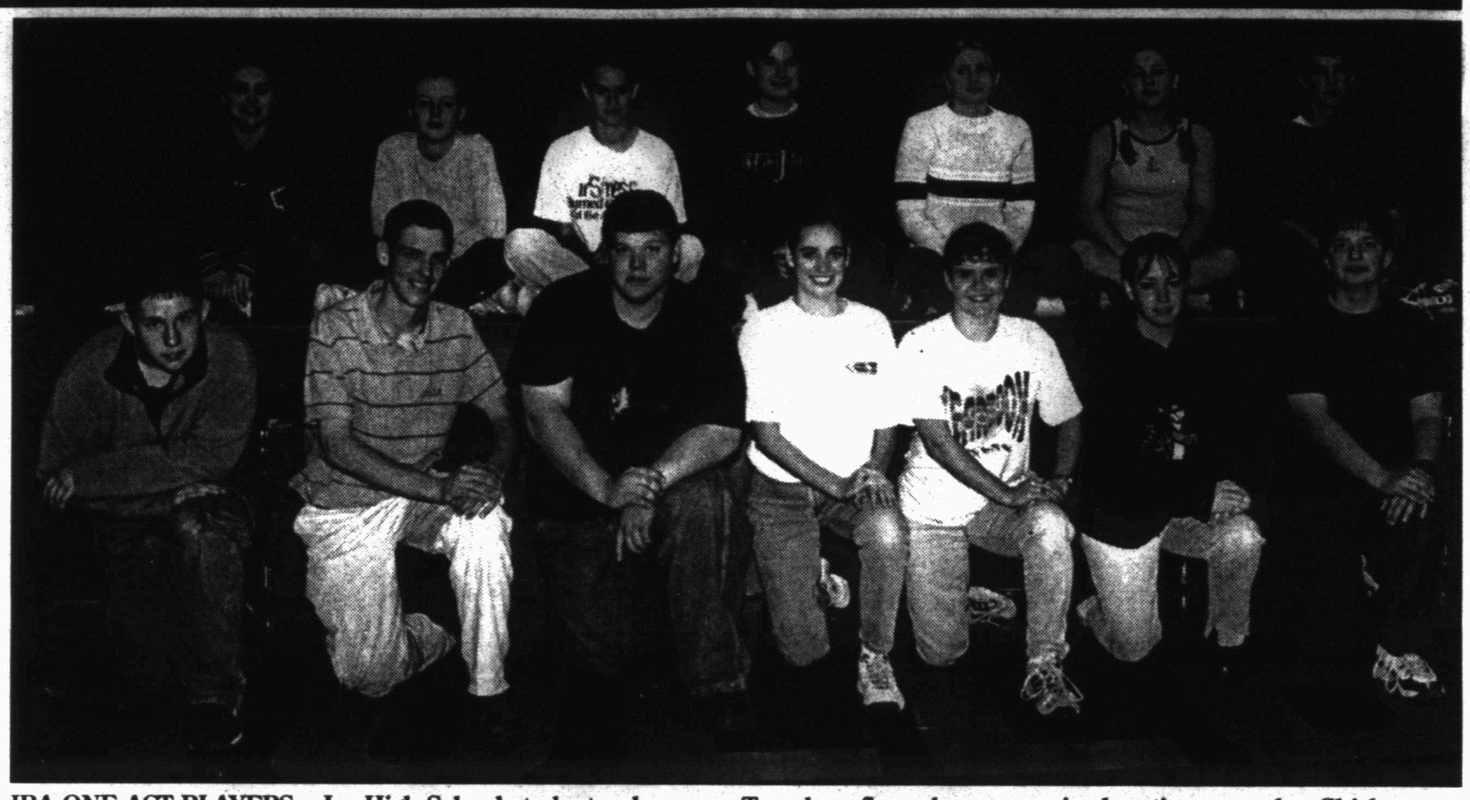
At the district meet, Everton was best actor; Howard and Shirley made the all star cast and Knight and Walker received honorable mention. Triana Jackson and Superintendent Rick Howard were co-directors.

And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson is set during the 1950s-1960s in the imaginary town of Jackson.

Cast members include Katie Howard as Elizabeth Willow; Trey Shirley plays Man 1/Skeeter Robbins/Timmy; Bobby Morgan; Rev. Woody/Boy; and Jessie Green as Woman 1.

Others are Case Hardy, Man 2/Jeremy/Russell/Daddy; Davi Barnes, Woman 2/Emma; Tosha Walker, Beth Willow; Dani White, Nancy; Shade Everton, Kid/Ben Willow; Kayla Krop, Maddie; Lecia Knight, Claranelle/Judith; and Candace Sanchez, Girl.

Members of the crew include Colter Brown, Kendra Krop and Josh Wilson.



IRA ONE ACT PLAYERS – Ira High School students who performed in the school's one act entry *And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson* are back row from left, Davi Barnes, Jessie Green, Kayla Krop, Candace Sanchez, Lecia Knight, Dani White, Josh Wilson; front row from left, Case Hardy, Trey Shirley, Shade Everton, Katie Howard, Tosha Walker, Kendra Krop, Colter Brown. Besides advancing at the District 9-A East Zone contest Tuesday, five players received acting awards. Shirley was named best actor. Howard and Everton were named to the all star cast and Walker and Hardy received honorable mention. At Thursday's district contest, Everton was named best actor; Howard and Shirley were named to the all star cast; and Walker and Knight received honorable mention. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder High School...

Registration for 2000-2001 underway

Registration for the 2000-2001 school year is underway at Snyder High School and will continue through April. Counselors are emphasizing the importance of selecting courses based on students' plans for the future. By deciding on possible college majors, technical training, or other career plans, students can choose elective courses that will better prepare them for their particular field of interest.

Major revisions were made to the course description bulletin last year, and the name was changed to *Snyder High School Course/Career Planning Guide.* A section entitled *Educational Guide to Career Majors* was added, and five main career categories are presented: arts and communication, health and medicine, business and marketing, science, engineering and technology; social personal, and public services.

Under each division, students are offered information for about 15 related college majors. Job titles are listed for each level of education; high school diploma/on the job training; junior/technical/community college or apprenticeship; or bachelor's/masters degrees. Also recommendations for related community service and other high school activities that will provide preparation for a particular career choice are listed.

The guide also includes a brief course description for all courses offered at SHS, the requirements for the diploma programs, early graduation policies, correspondence courses, and concurrent courses offered by Western Texas College. Concurrent courses offered by WTC include psychology, sociology, economics, government, desktop publishing, digital graphics, multi media, and video technology. Other concurrent courses are under consideration and may be approved for the next school year.

Charts showing requirements for each diploma programs are also included in the new bulletin, and the titles of the three diploma programs are: minimum, recommended, and distinguished achievement program.

In selecting a graduation plan, students and parents need to consider that the recommended or distinguished achievement program is required for a new grant program, the "TEXAS Grant Program (Toward Excellence, Access and Success)" To qualify for the grant, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the senior year of high school. However, students must decide on the required diploma program by the end of the junior year, and this selection must be recorded on students' transcripts.

Since no changes were expected for the state's diploma programs, students were instructed to keep their copy of the Course/Career Planning Guide throughout high school. The booklet will be updated each year for the incoming freshman class, and upperclassmen will be provided with an addendum listing new courses and other changes to the curriculum.

Counselors are meeting with students in small groups to discuss graduation requirements and changes in curriculum, and students need to take the guide to school with them on the day they are scheduled to register. When students register, counselors will help them with course selections and explain the curriculum to them.

Students are responsible for knowing the requirements of the graduation plan they choose, for signing up for appropriate courses, and for earning credit in these courses.

Students are required to take registration materials home to parents for approval of course choices. Students are encouraged to discuss course selections with parents, and a signature of a parent or guardian is required for the Course Selection Card. Students must return the signed card to counselors, and they are not officially registered until it is returned.

To learn about the courses they select, students and parents are encouraged to read the Course/Career Planning Guide and to choose courses carefully. To assist students in learning about the curriculum, counselors will be in the classrooms registering students for the next several weeks, but parents who have questions may call Stephanie Miller or Patsy Medley in the counseling office at 574-6049, or Kathy Parker in the principal's office at 573-6301 to leave a message.

Students may also go by the counseling office between classes to sign a request to see a counselor. Counselors will either telephone students in the evening or try to send for students within a few days.

Also, parents who would like to talk to teachers about prospective courses may call Kathy Parker to leave a message for teachers. SHS counselors are Debbie Phillips, grades 9-10; Charlene Light, grades 11-12; and Jangle Jones, special education and vocational counselor.

DeLorean ousted from his estate

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) — John Z. DeLorean, whose high-profile automobile career collapsed after his arrest on cocaine charges, has been evicted from his 434-acre estate.

The three-story brick Georgian mansion, DeLorean's home for nearly 20 years, was sold at a court-ordered bankruptcy auction earlier this year for $15.25 million.

On Thursday, the 75-year-old DeLorean watched as movers loaded furnishings into vans. The items are to be liquidated.

He said he hopes his adult children will prevail in their appeal to prove they had a lifetime claim to the property. He declined to say where he would be living.

DeLorean quit General Motors in 1973 as vice president in charge of North American car and truck operations and later launched his own car company in Northern Ireland. DeLorean produced nearly 9,000 DeLoreans, a stainless-steel sports car with gull-wing doors.

The company collapsed after he was arrested in 1982, accused of conspiring to sell $24 million of cocaine to salvage his venture.

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Financial Focus

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It is true that, in the year 2000, you can pass on up to $675,000 to your heirs, free of federal estate taxes. (Over the next several years, this figure will gradually increase to $1 million.) But the $675,000 figure includes virtually all your assets -- savings, investments, retirement plans, home, death benefit of insurance policies. Many, if not all, of these assets will appreciate significantly over time. So, just because you are currently under the estate-tax threshold, there's no guarantee you'll stay there. And once you get past the allowable limit, your heirs will pay estate taxes of at least 37 percent -- and possibly up to 55 percent.

To reduce your future estate taxes, take action now. You can start by determining how large an estate you are likely to have. A qualified financial professional can look at your current assets, make realistic projections concerning future growth and arrive at a reasonable estimate of your estate's ultimate value. Armed with this knowledge, you'll at least know how likely it is that your heirs will face estate taxes.

If it appears that these taxes do loom ahead, what can you do? One possible strategy involves setting up a trust, either in a will or, as in the example that follows, in a revocable living trust.

Suppose that you and your spouse have a combined estate worth $1.35 million. When you die, you can leave all your assets to your spouse, free of estate taxes. But when your spouse dies, the entire estate will be taxed -- and only one $675,000 estate tax exemption (your spouse's) will be available. Your exemption will no longer be in effect, and your heirs will have to pay estate taxes on the remaining $675,000.

However, you and your spouse can avoid this problem by setting up revocable living trusts that contain all your assets. If you die first, your trust will automatically split into two separate shares, sometimes called an "A-B Living Trust." Trust A goes to your surviving spouse, while Trust B -- also called a "bypass trust" -- stays with your estate. Thus, your trust and your spouse's trust will each be entitled to the $675,000 exemption. When your spouse dies, the assets from both trusts will be distributed to your heirs -- with no estate taxes due.

Establishing this type of trust -- or any type of trust -- can be complex. Before doing anything, you will need to consult with your tax adviser and an attorney, preferably one with experience in estate planning.

Once you have everything in place, though, you'll be glad you acted. You might never be able to avoid all estate taxes, but through careful planning, you might arrange for a more favorable outcome.

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Delores has been employed by Cogdell Memorial Hospital as a correctional nurse at the Price Daniel Unit Clinic for two years.

She grew up in Snyder, graduated from Snyder High School, and completed LVN training at TSTC in 1995. In addition to her current position, Delores has worked with a home health service and in a physician's office in Lubbock, as well as the Wallace Unit Clinic in Colorado City.

Delores said the most rewarding aspect of her job at the Price Daniel Unit Clinic is "the challenge of working in a secure surrounding and accepting offenders with a non-judgemental attitude".

She was selected for this honor following nominations by coworkers. Comments on nomination ballots for Delores included: knowledgeable about her profession...ready to help out in whatever way possible...completes assigned duties in a timely manner...always cheerful and smiling, a joy to be around...willing to accept additional responsibility... a dependable and dedicated employee.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital



HAT DAY — East Elementary students and teachers donned special hats Friday for the Hat Day fundraiser in which teachers walked, benefitting the Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The winners of the best hats are from left, Shelby Grice, first place; Kristen Miller, second; and Anthony Taylor, third. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Working seniors will receive refunds after bill takes effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — For thousands of senior citizens who work, the check will be in the mail soon after legislation lifting the Social Security earnings limit becomes law, as expected this spring.

"We are working hard to ensure that Social Security beneficiaries who are affected by the new law will have money in their pockets quickly," Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel said Friday.

The legislation, scheduled for final passage in the Republican-led House on Tuesday, will repeal a Depression-era law that would reduce Social Security payments by $1 for every $3 a beneficiary between the ages of 65 and 69 earns in wages over $17,000. President Clinton said he will sign the bill into law.

Because the repeal is retroactive to Jan. 1, about 415,000 working seniors or dependents will get refunds for the money already deducted this year from their Social Security checks — a total of $1.4 billion or an average of $3,500 per person.

If Clinton signs the bill by mid-April, Apfel said the checks should be sent by early May and monthly benefits adjusted by June.

The repeal directly affects 800,000 Social Security recipients who are working this year and another 100,000 who haven't sought benefits because they have jobs. With the earnings test eliminated, Apfel said each of these people could receive an additional $6,700 in Social Security this year.

In addition, 7.5 million people between the ages of 62 and 70 who receive Medicare, Social Security or both will get notices from the Social Security Administration describing the new law and how it could affect them.

A spokesman for House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said Archer is "glad the SSA is moving quickly to make seniors whole."

Archer first introduced a bill to repeal the limit in 1970 and the concept has always had broad support, but until this year it was always used as a "sweetener" added to more controversial legislation that failed to pass.

The bill is H.R. 5.

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Oscar tightens its grip on coverage of famed ceremony

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joan Rivers will cloak her Sunday afternoon Academy Awards fashion gabfest in the same outfit she did last year — basic blackout.

Rivers, as well as Internet sites and hosts of other TV shows that compete with the official broadcast of the Oscars show, face tougher restrictions each year from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on what they can show and when they can do it.

They are barred from broadcasting live from the Shrine Auditorium red carpet during the half-hour leading up to the ceremony, giving ABC's official preview show a monopoly from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

No photos or video footage of the ceremony can be used anywhere during the broadcast, according to an agreement drawn up by the academy that threatens permanent loss of press privileges or legal action for violators.

"Last year we were live on Yahoo! throughout the event," said David Poland, editor of the movie Web site roughcut.com. "This year, we were not invited to do that again. There is definitely a tightening over there."

But those who will bring news and gossip from the Oscars to the world were coping.

"I take it as a compliment," said Rivers, whose E! Entertainment Television pre-show airs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. "They can't do what we do. We're just a little bitty show that every (actor) enjoys stopping by .... We have a good time, they have a good time. Go and be well."

Poland said the academy has the right to control access. And Joel Sucherman, multimedia editor for usatoday.com, noted that Oscar rules are still more relaxed than those imposed by sports leagues over game highlights.

"Our audience is really going to hit us hard on Monday morning, when they're coming back into the office," Sucherman said. "As long as by 7 or 8 in the morning we're able to have a little highlights package, I'll be satisfied."

The academy has already had its share of publicity this year. It lost ballots (new ones were sent), Oscar statues were stolen (and then found in a trash bin) and a Web site claimed it had an insider's list of nominees (it didn't).

But the academy got really steamed when The Wall Street Journal polled a few hundred Oscar voters ahead of time to predict the winners in Friday editions.

"I think right now The Wall Street Journal is beginning to sense that they have done a geeky thing in the journalism world," academy executive director Bruce Davis said.

"We did what journalists try to do in any newsworthy situation, which is to place calls and seek information, and there was this explosive reaction," responded Amy Stevens, entertainment editor of the newspaper's weekend section.

The academy sent letters to its members asking them not to discuss their picks, but one of the members, retired actor Norman Alden, said his didn't arrive until after he'd talked with the Journal. He was one of five academy members quoted by name in the story.

"I didn't mean to cause anybody any pain or misery or upchuck about it. It was a purely legitimate mistake," said Alden, 75, whose credits include "The Adventures of Rin Tin" and "Ed Wood."

Meanwhile, academy executive administrator Ric Robertson defended the half-hour pre-ceremony blackout as making "complete business sense."

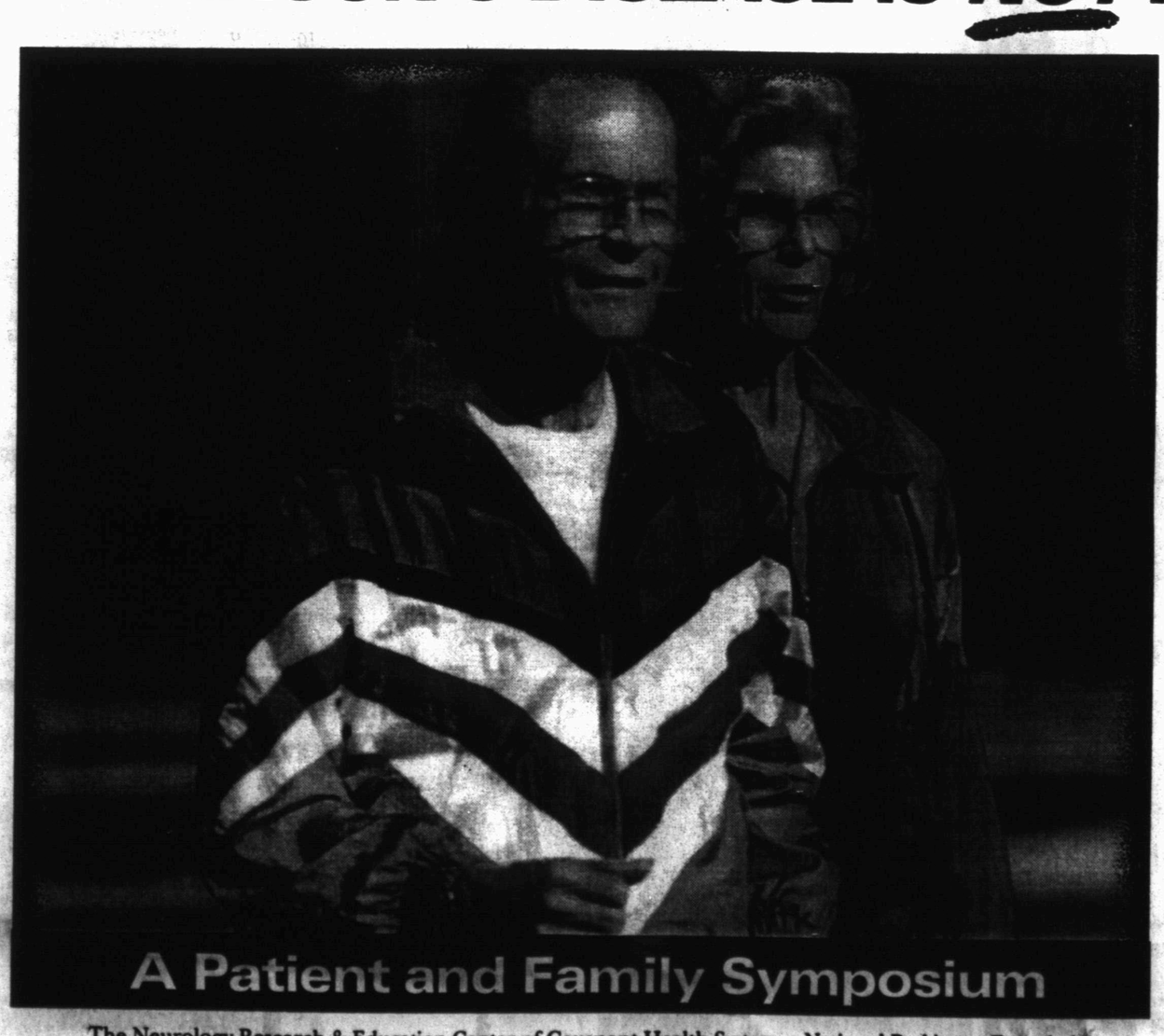
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The Neurology Research & Education Center of Covenant Health System, a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence, is hosting its annual Parkinson's Disease Patient and Family Symposium "Parkinson's Is Not For Sissies" on Saturday, April 8, at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, Lubbock. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Douglas MacMahon, of the Cornwall Healthcare Trust of the University of Plymouth, Cornwall, England, who will speak on improving the quality of life for people with Parkinson's Disease. Other topics to be discussed are legal issues, nursing strategies, psychological issues and research.

Those registered for the Symposium are invited to attend an evening of fun, food and fellowship at our annual Shake, Rattle & Roll party on Friday evening, April 7, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m at the Holiday Inn Civic Center. Plenty of play money for you to enjoy bingo, black jack, roulette and dice tables. Special prizes will be awarded and snacks will be provided Reservations are required. *For more information or to make reservations, please call 806-796-2647.*

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SPORTS

To earn share of 5-4A lead...

Lady Tigers edge Big Spring

BIG SPRING — The last time the Snyder Lady Tigers took part in a 1-0 ballgame was in the district opener. They came out on bottom, and spent the next two contests digging themselves out of a hole.

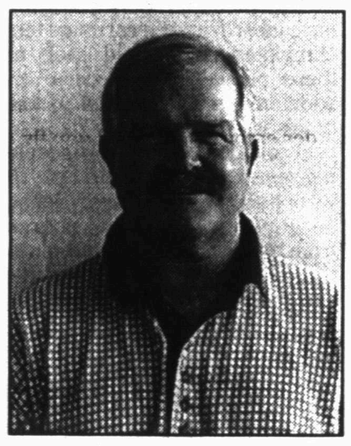
But on Friday, it was the Lady Tigers who chalked up a 1-0 victory, and it lifted them to the top of the 5-4A softball standings.

Snyder played solid defense and made the most of its few opportunities to edge Big Spring, 1-0, at Lady Steer Field.

The win puts the Lady Tigers in a first-place tie with Big Spring, and also gives them much needed confidence in close ballgames, according to Coach Robbie Dickenson.

"This win is a big confidence builder for us," said Dickenson, who is in his first year at the helm of the Snyder program. "It gives us a share of the lead, but it also proves to our players that we can win tight ballgames."

With Big Spring ace Christina



Dickenson

Gwyn throwing in excess of 60 mph, the Lady Tigers managed only three hits, but put the ball in play enough to force a crucial Lady Steer error.

In the top of the fourth, Shelley Fisk struck out, but reached first base when the ball got behind the catcher.

After Fisk stole second, Kira Diaz slapped a ground ball that Big Spring couldn't handle. Fisk raced to third, then came home with the game's only run when the throw to first base was high.

"Gwyn throws so hard, you aren't going to get many solid hits off of her," said Dickenson. "Our plan was to just put the ball in play and force Big Spring to field the ball repeatedly. We did that, and it finally paid off when they made an error and we were able to score."

Snyder pitcher Courtney Rinehart and her defensive mates made the one run stand up. Rinehart went the distance, surrendering only two hits, while striking out six Lady Steers.

Big Spring's only threat came in the final inning. The Lady Steers had runners on first and third with two outs, before Rinehart fanned the next batter to end the game.

"Courtney pitched a great game, and we played great defense behind her," stated Dickenson. "When you're facing a tough pitcher, that's what you have to do. You know you're not going to get a lot of runs, so you can't give them any easy ones, either."

Fisk, Jennifer Newman and Amber Haarmeyer posted Snyder's three hits.

The Lady Tigers will look to maintain their district lead Tuesday when they host Sweetwater at 6:30 p.m.

JV falls to Wylie, 10-7

SWEETWATER — Snyder belted out seven hits in only four innings, but couldn't match Abilene Wylie's run production to fall 10-7 Friday at the Sweetwater JV baseball tournament.

Trailing 10-2 entering the top of the fourth, the Tigers scratched out five runs on singles by Patrick Vantine, Brooks Nunley and Riki Dorsett, before the Bulldogs closed the door.

Nunley worked the first two-plus innings, before giving way to Vantine in the third.

Vantine also paced Snyder at the plate, blasting a home run and two singles.

Nunley finished with a pair of singles, while Dorsett and Shay Franks had one hit apiece.

Snyder was to have been in action again Saturday afternoon in the fourth-place game.

No. 1 Duke upset by Florida

By JOHN NICHOLSON
AP Sports Writer

Duke lost control. North Carolina put it all together. It wasn't supposed to happen that way for the Atlantic Coast Conference powers.

Florida knocked off top-ranked Duke 87-78 on Friday night in the East Regional semifinals in Syracuse, N.Y., and resurgent North Carolina beat Tennessee 74-69 in the South Regional in Austin, Texas.

Ed Cota led a late comeback, and the eighth-seeded Tar Heels held the fourth-seeded Volunteers without a field goal for nearly the last seven minutes. North Carolina entered the NCAAs with eight losses in its previous 15 games, while Duke earned the top seed in the East by winning the ACC tournament.

"At the beginning of the year, I had some high expectations for this team, and we kind of let our fans down and ourselves down," Cota said. "Now, we've picked up our game."

The Tar Heels, in the final eight for the sixth time in 10 years and 21st overall, will play seventh-seeded Tulsa on Sunday. The Golden Hurricane beat sixth-seeded Miami 80-71.

"I wish we could relax and enjoy it, but we have to get ready for Tulsa," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said.

Florida's Brett Nelson scored 15 points and the Gators closed with a 13-0 run to end Duke's 26-game winning streak in the East Regional.

"This has been as gratifying of a year as I've ever had," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "If you expect me to feel bad, you're crazy. What a journey my kids have given me."

Duke's loss left only one remaining top seed, Michigan State in the Midwest. Arizona was knocked out in the second round in the West, and Stanford was eliminated in the second round in the South.

Fifth-seeded Florida (27-7) will play third-seeded Oklahoma State on Sunday.

"We're really excited," said Nelson, who hit three 3-pointers and had four assists and only one turnover.

"Duke was the No. 1 team in the country. To beat Duke is a great feeling. But we have to focus because we want to reach the mountaintop. We have a few more games to do that."

Oklahoma State beat 10th-seeded Seton Hall 68-66, making it a clean sweep of the three Big East teams in the final 16.

Florida 87, Duke 78

Brett Nelson scored 15 points for Florida (27-7) and Mike Miller added 10, including four late free throws.

Duke (29-5) failed to advance to the Final Four for the fourth time in the last five years after making six appearances and winning two titles in a seven-year stretch.

The Blue Devils were 3-for-19 from 3-point range after going 2-for-17 against Kansas in the second round.

Shane Battier led Duke with 20 points, 15 in the second half. Chris Carrawell added 16 points.

Duke, which went five minutes without a basket in the first half, missed six 3s and didn't make a basket in the final 4:45.

Oklahoma St. 68, Seton Hall 66

Desmond Mason scored 16 points and Oklahoma State held Seton Hall to 7-of-34 shooting from 3-point range.

Brian Montonati and Fredrik Jonzen added 15 each for the Cowboys (27-6), who advanced to the final eight for the first time since 1995, when they reached the Final Four.

North Carolina 74, Tennessee 69

Cota combined with Joseph Forte and Julius Peppers to hit six straight free throws in the final 34.9 seconds for North Carolina.

Forte scored 22 points for the Tar Heels (21-13), who beat Stanford in the second round. Forte also broke Sam Perkins' school record for points by a freshman.

Tulsa 80, Miami 71

Brandon Kurtz scored all 17 of his points in the second half to help Tulsa advance to its first regional final.

Eric Coley also had 17 points for Tulsa (32-4).

'Hollywood' wins millions in lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Winning the lottery is a good sign for Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, the former Dallas Cowboys star who wrecked his career with drug use and bottomed out in prison, a former teammate says.

Former Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson, a contemporary of Henderson's, said he deserves the win.

"He's really come full circle. He had it all when he was playing for the Cowboys; that's when he became Hollywood. Then he got into trouble and got mixed up with the drugs and lost it all. He hit rock bottom," Pearson said Friday.

"This winning is like a sign. Things happen for a reason. I think this happened to Thomas because the good Lord knows he's going to do the right thing with this money," Pearson said.

Henderson, a former linebacker, said he is financially secure and plays the lottery just for fun. He spent $100 Wednesday, allowing the computer to pick the lucky numbers. He'll get about $10 million after taxes.

"I acelebrated the big win in bed at his Austin home with powdered doughnuts, sausage and biscuits and a glass of milk. Had it been 15 years ago, he said, "it would have been laced with some cocaine and alcohol and the whole insanity."

Henderson played for Dallas from 1975 until the Cowboys cut him in 1979 because of his drug problems. He moved to Southern California to pursue an acting career, but as he said years later, his "starring role as a crack addict would not allow me to audition for other parts."

In 1983, he was arrested for smoking crack with two teenage girls. Police said he threatened the girls with a gun, sexually assaulted one of them and held them against their will. Henderson served two years and four months in prison.

Since then, he has spent most of his time giving motivational speeches and doing community service on Austin's east side, where he grew up.

In 1997, he fasted to raise money for a track and field in a poor neighborhood. This year, he announced he wanted to run for Austin's City Council, but he was barred because of his felony conviction.

He said hitting the jackpot is more special because he is sober.

"The thing is, I have always known how to be successful. It's just that I didn't know how to handle it," he said. "Today, I know how to handle success and that's what's important."

Men's NCAA Tournament Glance

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
Florida 87, Duke 78
Oklahoma State 68, Seton Hall 66
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Florida (27-7) vs. Oklahoma State (27-6), 5 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
At Frank Erwin Center
Austin, Texas
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
Tulsa 80, Miami 71
North Carolina 74, Tennessee 69
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Tulsa (32-4) vs. North Carolina (21-13), 2:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Michigan State 75, Syracuse 58
Iowa State 80, UCLA 56
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Michigan State (29-7) vs. Iowa State (32-4), 7 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Purdue 75, Gonzaga 66
Wisconsin 61, LSU 48
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Purdue (24-9) vs. Wisconsin (21-13), 4:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
Midwest champion vs. West champion
East champion vs. South champion
Game times: 5:42 p.m. and 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Women's NCAA Tourney Glance

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
At Richmond, Va.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
LSU (24-6) vs. Duke (28-5), 11:30 a.m.
Connecticut (32-1) vs. Oklahoma (25-7), 2 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners

MIDEAST REGIONAL
At Memphis, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
Virginia (25-8) vs. Tennessee (30-3), Noon
Notre Dame (27-4) vs. Texas Tech (27-4), 2:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At Kansas City, Mo.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
Old Dominion (29-4) vs. Louisiana Tech (30-2), 8 p.m.
Iowa St (27-5) vs. Penn St. (28-4), 10:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
At Portland, Ore. Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
Georgia (31-3) vs. North Carolina (20-12), 10 p.m.
Rutgers (24-7) vs. Alabama-Birmingham (21-12), 12:30 a.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
National Semifinals
Friday, March 31
Mideast champion vs. West champion
East champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Semifinal winners

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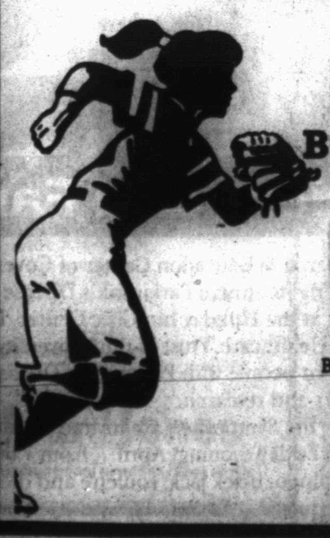
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SPORTS

WTC continues to dominate at Odessa

ODESSA — Western Texas College is quickly turning the Odessa rodeo into a rout.

After a strong showing in Thursday's opening performance, Western Texas continued its dominance by qualifying 10 more competitors for tonight's final round.

WTC, which captured the men's and women's titles at last week's event, has a total of 16 competitors in the finals, with four of them holding down the top spot in their event.

For the Western Texas men, Houston Hutto leads the way. Hutto tied down a time of 9.3 seconds to put him atop the standings in the calf roping.



Downey

In the saddle bronc competition, Rawley McFarland slipped from first to second, and Branden Mayberry dipped from second to fourth. They'll be joined in the short round by teammate Harper Sharp who posted a 67 on Friday.

B.J. Scott was second in the bareback riding after the first round, but enters the finals in fifth place, two spots behind fellow Westerner Wes Stevenson.

The team roping tandems of McFarland and Dawson Burnes, Cody Lawrence and Bobby Sellars, held on to their slots in the finals.



Childers

Rounding out the men's action, Luke Richards grabbed the last spot in the finals of the steer wrestling with a time of 5.0.

The WTC women turned in a strong effort on Friday, as well. Three Lady Westerners enter the finals in the top spot, with two of them leading the same event.

Sequin Downey and Jill Childers recorded matching times of 7.7 to share first place in the goat tying. Joining Downey and Childers in the finals will be Tibba Smith and Jamie Standifer.

Smith also made the short round in breakaway roping, registering the fastest time of the event at 2.7 seconds.

Childers, Brandee Brock, Erin Kelly and Casey Henard also earned a spot in the breakaway finals.

Standifer followed up her effort in the goat tying, with the second-best run in the barrel racing competition, crossing the line in 16.83 seconds. Downey also qualified in the barrels.

The final round is scheduled for Saturday night.

Six-run lead slips away...

Tigers crumble in final frame

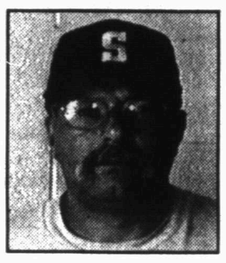
WOLFFORTH — In their final tune-up before district action, the Snyder Tigers were on the brink of breaking out of a four-game slump.

Then disaster struck.

Snyder saw a six-run lead in the final inning evaporate Friday thanks to four walks, two errors and a grand slam, as Frenship took advantage of the miscues to steal an 8-7 victory.

The setback drops the Tigers to 7-10 entering Tuesday's district opener against Fort Stockton at Moffett Field. Frenship improves to 12-4.

Snyder padded its lead to 7-1 with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh, and notched the first out in the bottom of the frame, before things started to unravel.



Herrera

Pitcher Sonny Cumbie issued four consecutive walks to force in a run, then gave up a grand slam to Josh Brazell that slashed the margin to 7-6.

Glen Burk came on in relief, but couldn't halt the Frenship rally.

Two more Frenship runners got aboard on a double and a Snyder error on an infield pop fly, followed by a single that knotted the tally at 7-7.

Frenship plated the game-winning run on Snyder's second error of the inning.

Snyder had been in control throughout the contest, and never trailed before the game-winning run.

The Tigers belted out nine hits, four of them for extra bases. Brian Gordon blasted a home run, with Matthew Grimmett, Brandon McGuire and Adam Beck slapping doubles.

The Tigers will look to turn things around when District 5-4A action gets underway on Tuesday, but they might have to do it without Head Coach Roland Herrera, at least temporarily.

Herrera was admitted to a Lubbock hospital after experiencing chest pains throughout Friday's game. The Snyder skipper will remain hospitalized through at least Monday, putting his spot in the Tiger dugout in question.

If Herrera is unable to make the opener, Charlie Bollinger will serve as interim coach.

Hal Sutton leads field at TPC

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hal Sutton wasn't backing down. Tiger Woods wasn't giving up.

Sutton shot his second straight round of 3-under-par 69 on Friday to maintain The Players Championship lead after two rounds on the fast, dry and difficult TPC Stadium Course at Sawgrass.

One stroke behind were Tom Lehman and Omar Uresti, who each shot 68. Fulton Allem shot 7-under 65, the best round since the late Payne Stewart had the same score in the final round two years ago to finish fourth.

Lurking another shot back is Woods, who shot his second straight 71 and felt good about his chances for the weekend.

"I am very pleased with the way I'm hitting the golf ball, the way I'm putting it," Woods said. "It's just that sometimes you get bad breaks and things just don't go your way. But overall, I'm very pleased with my position."

So, of course, is Sutton, who has spent the entire week refuting the theory that the sight of Woods on the leader board is enough to demoralize even the hardiest of competitors.

The 41-year-old Sutton had other problems to worry about in the second round, especially when his tee shot plunked in the water on No. 18. But he overcame that by dropping in the rough and hitting his third shot to 15 feet, then sinking the putt to save bogey.

That sparked a streak of birdies once he made the turn to the front side. He made birdie putts of 18, 18 and 40 feet to go to 5-under, then made another birdie on No. 6 to finish at 6-under, four strokes ahead of Woods.

Lehman also took a me-first attitude after a round in which he made three birdies, an eagle and just one bogey on a course that was playing at an average of 3.2 strokes over par.

He's not buying into the theory that Woods, who has won 10 of the last 16 tournaments he has entered, is invincible.

Sports Briefs

T-Ball sign-ups start Monday

Registration for the Snyder T-Ball League, ages 5-7, will be Monday through Wednesday at the Boys' Club from 4 until 7 p.m.

Registration fee is $30 and players must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Senior league needs help

Snyder Senior Baseball League is in need of board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board, or helping in any capacity, should contact Joel Hook at 573-4872 or 573-5213.

Softball tourney scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host a men's softball tournament April 14-16 at Winston Field.

Deadline to enter is April 12, and entry fee is $110 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, call Ricky Garcia at 573-5996, Henry Ramos at 573-2037, or Ygnacio Benitez at 573-6401.

Sixers' coach signs extension

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Larry Brown, the well-traveled coach who has often clashed with 76ers star Allen Iverson, signed a new multiyear contract with Philadelphia.

Brown declined to say how many years the contract was for, but indicated it was a long-term deal.

Lindros close to retirement

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sports medicine doctors around the country sent a warning to Eric Lindros: His next injury might put him out of hockey for good. And given Lindros' increasingly strained relationship with the Philadelphia Flyers, he could be close to retiring at 27 after an eight-year career.

Lindros' concussions alone could drive him from the game. Although he might not have permanent neurological damage from the March 4 concussion, after which he played four more games, he could be at risk for more serious brain damage next time he plays, doctors said.

Tkachuk draws suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — All-star left-winger Keith Tkachuk of the Phoenix Coyotes was suspended two games without pay by the NHL for high-sticking Colorado Avalanche defenseman Aaron Miller.

Tkachuk, who had just returned from an ankle injury, will forfeit $57,986.10 in salary. He tangled with Miller early in the third period of Colorado's 4-2 win Thursday and received a double minor on the play.

Johnson sets 300-meter record

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Michael Johnson smashed more than a half-second off the world record in the rarely run 300 meters.

Competing at the Engen Grand Prix, Johnson was timed in 30.85 seconds, breaking the mark of 31.48 set by Danny Everett of the United States and Roberto Hernandez of Cuba on Sept. 3, 1990, at Jerez de la Frontera, Spain.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Daylight Donuts	101.5	52.5
State Farm	87	67
The Shack	83.5	60.5
Stephens' Office	82	72
McLeod Jewelers	81	73
Headquarters	77.5	76.5
Rose Barber Shop	75.5	78.5
C&M Roofing	866.5	87.5
G&W Trucking	60	94
Wal-Mart	55.5	98.5

High series: Charles Bennett, scratch, 572; Darrell Grant, handicap, 662.

High game: Don Pavlovsky, scratch, 223; Ricky Clayton, handicap, 248.

Splits and special mentions: Charles Bennett and Butch Evans, 3-10; David Lyle, 3-10, 4-5; Danny Lunsford and Roger Pavlik, 5-10; Kevin Jones, 4-7-9.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	23.5	12.5
Clayton & Mills	21	15
Countryplace	21	15
BCEC	18	18
Ratliff Insurance	14	14
Alley Kats	10.5	25.5

High series: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 550; Donna Smith, 551. Handicap: Ricky Clayton, 647; Donna Smith, 671.

High game: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 212; Donna Smith, 215. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 240; Donna Smith, 255.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	43	25	.632	—
New York	42	26	.618	1
Philadelphia	40	28	.588	3
Orlando	34	36	.486	10
Boston	30	39	.435	13½
New Jersey	29	39	.426	14
Washington	24	46	.343	20
Central Division				
x-Indiana	47	22	.681	—
Toronto	39	29	.574	7½
Charlotte	37	31	.544	9½
Detroit	35	33	.515	11½
Milwaukee	32	37	.464	15
Cleveland	27	41	.397	19½
Atlanta	25	43	.368	21½
Chicago	14	54	.206	32½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Utah	46	21	.687	—
San Antonio	43	25	.632	3½
Minnesota	42	26	.618	4½
Dallas	29	39	.426	17½
Denver	27	42	.391	20
Houston	25	44	.362	22
Vancouver	19	49	.279	27½
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	58	12	.829	—
x-Portland	51	17	.750	6
x-Phoenix	44	24	.647	13
Sacramento	40	28	.588	17
Seattle	40	29	.580	17½
Golden State	17	52	.246	40½
L.A. Clippers	14	56	.200	44

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 105, Indiana 84
Houston 110, L.A. Clippers 95
Cleveland 104, Dallas 98
Washington 100, Denver 86

Friday's Games
Charlotte 102, Toronto 84
New York 95, Atlanta 83
Orlando 112, Houston 96
Miami 99, Milwaukee 87
Minnesota 116, New Jersey 115, OT
Philadelphia 117, Boston 115, 2 OT
Chicago 70, Denver 68
Utah 98, Seattle 95
Sacramento 113, Detroit 103
L.A. Lakers 109, Phoenix 101
Portland 96, Golden State 83

Saturday's Games
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Denver at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at Portland, 9 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
x-New Jersey	42	25	8	5	97	232	183
x-Philadelphia	39	23	12	3	93	214	165
Pittsburgh	32	34	8	6	78	221	217
N.Y. Rangers	29	36	11	3	72	212	219
N.Y. Islanders	22	45	8	1	53	179	256
Northeast Division							
x-Toronto	40	27	7	3	90	224	200
Ottawa	37	25	11	2	87	218	186
Buffalo	31	34	10	3	75	195	195
Montreal	31	34	9	3	74	173	174
Boston	23	34	17	6	69	189	220
Southeast Division							
x-Washington	40	23	11	1	92	203	173
Florida	39	30	5	5	88	219	189
Carolina	31	33	10	0	72	197	201
Tampa Bay	17	48	8	7	49	181	275
Atlanta	13	53	7	4	37	152	278
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
x-St. Louis	48	17	9	0	105	228	146
x-Detroit	44	22	9	2	99	248	193
Chicago	29	37	8	2	68	220	230
Nashville	26	42	7	7	66	188	221
Northwest Division							
Colorado	35	29	11	1	82	213	190
Edmonton	28	30	16	8	80	203	191
Vancouver	27	34	14	8	76	207	217
Calgary	29	37	9	5	72	194	235
Pacific Division							
x-Dallas	41	25	8	4	94	192	164
Los Angeles	35	30	9	4	83	225	213
San Jose	32	34	9	7	80	212	200
Phoenix	35	32	7	2	79	212	209
Anaheim	31	33	12	2	76	199	211

x-clinched playoff berth
Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Thursday's Games
Florida 3, Boston 1
Buffalo 4, Calgary 2
Ottawa 3, Toronto 2
Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Detroit 6, Nashville 3
Colorado 4, Phoenix 2

Friday's Games
New Jersey 8, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 3
St. Louis 5, Tampa Bay 1
Dallas 5, Chicago 1
Vancouver 8, Anaheim 1
San Jose 5, Phoenix 1

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles at Boston, 1:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

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Fall TV delayed by Olympics

NEW YORK (AP) — Nielsen Media Research, the company that measures TV viewership, has agreed to start the fall season two weeks later than normal because of NBC's September coverage of the Summer Olympics.

The decision, which thrilled CBS, ABC and Fox and angered NBC, means most new fall episodes of television series won't begin until at least Oct. 2.

It also means Olympic telecasts won't be included in the season ratings averages, the networks' annual competition in which bragging rights and potentially millions of dollars in advertising revenue are at stake.

Traditionally, the networks roll out their new shows in the second or third week of September with little disagreement about the starting date. This year was different.

"We did what we had to do," Nielsen spokesman Jack Loftus said Friday. "Basically, it came down to getting everyone together in a room several times to try to get them to agree. Finally, we went with what the majority wanted."

The decision means networks and their advertisers will have a truer picture of who is watching, not one distorted by the expected high viewership of the Olympics, said David Poltrack, chief researcher at CBS.

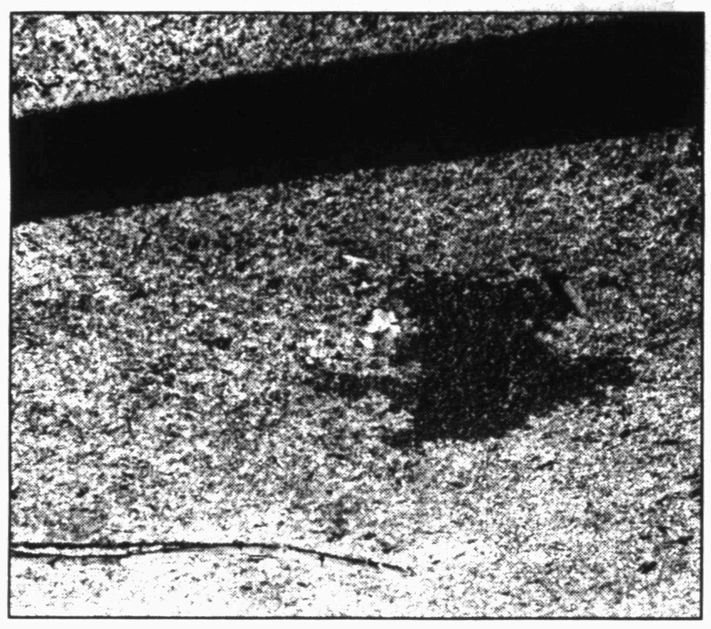
But his NBC counterpart, Alan Wurtzel, said the TV ratings are equally distorted when ABC runs multiple editions of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" during a ratings "sweeps" month.

"The only reason this was done was to move the Olympics out of the season," Wurtzel said. "It would be like us saying, 'We don't have the Super Bowl this year, so we're not going to count that week.'"

But Poltrack said big ratings events like the Super Bowl and the Academy Awards are broadcast every year. It's rare when the Olympics are held after the summer, he said.

Viewers may have a hard time figuring out when the season actually starts this fall, because the first few weeks are likely to be disrupted by the World Series and presidential debates.

On the Net: Nielsen Media Research: http://www.nielsen-media.com



BEE COLONY — This appears to be a clump of soil on a lawn, but it is really a colony of bees found in front of First American Bank. Fran Farmer, the bank's branch manager, said the bees that were in a tree Thursday were on the ground Friday. She placed barricades to warn walkers that they were there. The entomologist advised Farmer that they would probably move on soon. (SDN Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 26, 2000
You will be in a favorable creative and imaginative growth pattern in the year ahead, so be sure to make the most of it both through study and with innovative ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's imperative today that you don't restrict your thinking, or it could hamper your chances for success. Keep an open mind, not just with your ideas, but about the thoughts of others, as well. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should someone want to make some changes involving an endeavor you're both working on, go along with the change, even if it is authored by another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In your relationships with others today, what will help you the most is your cooperative spirit. What you're willing to do for them, they, in turn, will be willing to do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Especially if you've been under a lot of pressure or stress lately, try to find time today to work on your favorite hobby or interest. Constructive relaxation comes out of gratification.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you find that you have a need to express your urges today in ways that stimulate your personality, involve yourself in social activities where and with whom you know you shine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus in on the type of end results you desire to achieve in a matter that's uppermost in your mind. Once you fix in on a target, the results will follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Use this day to clear up any old correspondence and make those phone calls you've been putting off. You'll find the mental exercise very stimulating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The types of bargains for which you're looking are out there today, so if there is anything in particular you've been wanting to purchase, now might be the time to go shopping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Personal freedom and mobility are always of paramount importance to you, but today this will be especially true. Avoid activities and people who stifle your independence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Avoid thinking only about yourself or what you need to get done today. What will give you feelings of fulfillment and worth will be that which you do for others. You'll get by giving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try something new today where you can meet and make new friends. The change in scenery and mingling with people with fresh thoughts will do much to replenish your juices.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be surprised if even people who you feel are a bit standoffish orbit around your flame today. Your popularity is now at a high point.

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Monday, March 27, 2000
The coming year might well be Aries' turn for the lucky breaks for which you've waited so patiently. What comes your way might go a long way toward bettering your lifestyle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Establish some meaningful financial objectives today, especially those that can benefit others as well as you personally. Lady Luck will jump on board once you get rolling. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The worst thing you can do is be a recluse today. Get your juices flowing and mingle with some optimistic, upbeat friends. Something good will come of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let a financial joint venture in which you're involve continue on the track it's been moving. Attempting to bring more people in to help push things along could throw a monkey wrench into it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) So long as no one gets too selfish, a verbal or written contract in which you enter today has a good chance of succeeding. Keep harmony of intent foremost in your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus your mind only on your original objectives today and don't let it wander off onto other projects. This will go a long way toward making difficult jobs easier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A new contact you make in a social setting today could prove to be beneficial for you, even if you don't recognize the value of the relationship immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if the going should get a bit tough today, see your commitments through to their completion. There are ample rewards in successfully finishing what you start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Due to a situation over which you'll have no control, plans you make could be subject to change today. Fortunately, the new direction could prove to be quite lucky for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be rather fortunate today in financial areas, but only if you go it alone. Don't attempt to bring in friends or associates just because you know them socially.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What is best for you today might not necessarily be best for someone else in the family, yet you must make your decisions based on logic — not emotion — in order for things to work out well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't talk too much about your intentions today, especially if they are based on instincts or a hunch. Someone without your insight could talk you out of an edge you have going for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make definite plans for a fun day, but share it only with friends whose wit, humor and interests are on the same wavelength as yours. Stick-in-the-muds would spoil the good time.

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Former Rwandan pastor has to face international tribunal

HOUSTON (AP) — A 75-year-old Rwandan clergyman accused of taking part in the massacre of refugees in his homeland has been deported to Africa to face an international tribunal.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, a Seventh Day Adventist pastor, is the first person arrested on U.S. soil to be turned over to a U.N. tribunal, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle in Houston.

He is accused of luring refugees into his Rwandan church, where they were massacred. If convicted, he could get life in prison.

Ntakirutimana has been charged with genocide and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, based in neighboring Tanzania.

He was arrested in 1996 in Laredo, where he had been living. His flight from Texas left Thursday for Tanzania, DeGabrielle said.

"We hope and expect he will receive a fair trial," the prosecutor said. "The tribunal was set up under the microscope of the entire world. All the nations that are U.N. members had participation of the establishment of rules and fundamental principles the tribunal would employ."

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who has represented Ntakirutimana, did not return a telephone call.

The path was cleared for Ntakirutimana to be turned over to the tribunal when the U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 24 rejected without comment his argument that he could not be extradited because no treaty exists between the United States and the tribunal. Congress passed a 1996 law that allows Ntakirutimana's extradition.

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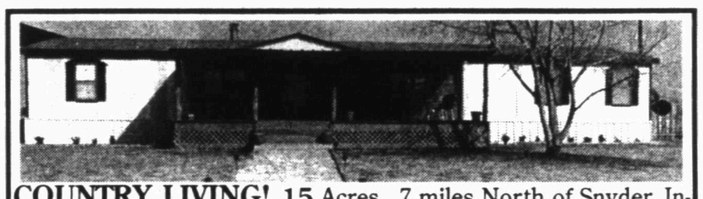
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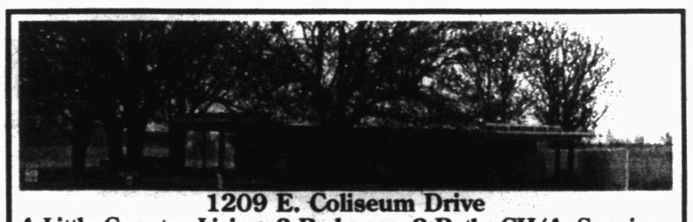
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Whirling arm relieves Raynaudd's

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a retired professor of medicine and was often called upon to diagnose and treat Raynaud's phenomenon, arterial spasm that causes the fingers to tingle and turn white. As you pointed out, the disorder is frequently secondary to smoking and various diseases, such as lupus; however, in many instances no obvious cause can be found. Therefore, my interest was focused on ways to relieve the symptoms of the spasm.

After years of investigation, I finally discovered a way to treat Raynaud's phenomenon: Have the patient whirl his arm around and around clockwise, as fast as possible, as though he were pitching a ball underhand. This revolving of the arm at full extension creates a force that will overcome the spasm in a few seconds. This can be repeated any time, but works best if begun at the first sign of tingling or blanching. Moreover, the technique is free, has no side effects or complications, causes no pain, and is convenient. Keep up the good work.

DEAR DOCTOR: You, too. I can hardly wait to try this revolutionary therapy, which as you pointed out, has no drawbacks. Thank you for sharing your experience. And, by the way, do you have any more tricks of the trade that I can pass along?

DEAR DR. GOTT: After the birth of my son, I developed kidney stones. Medication supposedly cleared them up, but for three years now, I've had repeated urinary infections despite therapy. How can I clear up these infections for good? Will the continuing problem affect my fertility?

DEAR READER: Since they are foreign material, kidney stones can provide a focus of infection that may be the sole symptom. If your repeated urinary infections are, indeed, caused by kidney stones, you will continue to have problems — despite antibiotics — until the stones are removed or dissolved.

It's important to discover if you have "silent" stones and, if so, where they are. Ideally, the doctor also needs to know the composition of the stones. About 70 percent of kidney stones are made up of calcium, 15 percent of magnesium and ammonium phosphate, and 6 percent of uric acid. By identifying the type of stone, specialists can give specific advice, such as diet or medication, to prevent further stone formation.

In short, you should have an intravenous pyelogram (IVP kidney X-ray), a urine culture (to identify the type of bacteria causing the infection), and — if possible — a stone analysis. Treatment options include surgical removal or lithotripsy, a technique to dissolve the stones with electromagnetic waves.

Although pregnancy may be associated with urinary infection, neither this (if properly treated) nor kidney stones should affect your fertility or ability to bear children.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." 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.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a college student who spends about $20 a week on cola drinks. Sometimes I'm up until 3 a.m. doing my homework. Is cola addictive?

DEAR READER: Caffeine-containing soft drinks can be habit-forming (as can coffee and tea), because caffeine is somewhat habituating. The chemical is a stimulant that readily causes jitters and insomnia. It also gives people a "lift"; hence, caffeine-users come to expect and need this stimulation.

Moderate use (one or two caffeine-containing drinks a day) is harmless. However, if your cola keeps you awake at night or otherwise modifies your behavior, I think that you ought to switch to water, juice or non-caffeine beverages. Moreover, these other drinks might be less expensive.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 61-year-old sister, who suffered from constipation for 36 years, now has had uncontrollable diarrhea for 10 years. She lives in England and can't visit us because of this condition. British doctors haven't been able to diagnose her condition. What should she do?

DEAR READER: Impairment of bowel function is a virtually universal consequence of aging; your sister's problem may well be the result of irritable bowel syndrome, dietary indiscretions or habituation to laxatives. She also could be suffering from infection, food allergies, an intestinal tumor or a sensitivity to medications. As a rule, British physicians are very capable and would have discovered a serious condition. Nonetheless, she could have something as simple as a milk allergy.

I am tempted to suggest that your sister load up on paregoric, hop on the Concorde and undergo an examination in the states — but this view is too provincial. Try asking your own doctor to review your sister's medical records and tests. Perhaps he will be able to give a trans-Atlantic consultation to get at the root of the problem.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I tan easily and enjoy outdoor activities in the sun. However, in the last three years, I've developed a puzzling problem. When in the sun for even a half an hour, I break out in little bumps that itch terribly and last several days. I use sunscreen and take no medication. What could cause this?

DEAR READER: You seem to have developed an extreme sensitivity to ultra-violet light. This is an allergy in which solar rays cause release of histamine into your skin, resulting in itchy hives. You may be helped by taking an antihistamine to neutralize this reaction.

On the other hand, people often experience swelling and itching from some brands of sunscreen. Therefore, I suggest that you seek a consultation with an allergist or a dermatologist. Either specialist should be able to identify the source of your problem and prescribe treatment. Obviously until the cause of your ailment is discovered, you will want to avoid both direct sunlight and the use of sunscreen preparations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard a rumor that management is trying to get rid of chairs. The machines will be raised and we will have to stand up during our work shifts. Is there any medical evidence proving that this is a bad idea?

DEAR READER: For the average healthy adult, standing at work is not harmful. I am at a loss to explain the rumored phase-out of chairs, but — all things being equal — I can see no particular medical contraindication to your workplace manifestations.

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Columbine hopes for privacy as school marks anniversary

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The first anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre will be a very public affair.

Although the families, students and others in the Columbine community are hoping for a quiet remembrance, authorities are bracing for a crowd of up to 100,000 for services in the Denver area April 20.

Rick Kaufman of the Jefferson County School District said the crowd estimate is based on the turnout in Oklahoma City for the first anniversary of the 1995 federal building bombing that left 168 dead.

"We'd like to say it would be a lot less than that, but we just don't know," he said. "This is a story that will not go away."

It was the nation's worst incident of school violence. Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris killed 12 classmates and a teacher before taking their own lives.

"It was a very public, horrible murder, and it's been public for a whole year, and I think in a way it will help the world to see Columbine again a year later. And then maybe we can move on," said Sue Petrone, whose son, Daniel Rohrbough, was one of those killed.

The day's events will include a school assembly for students and staff, a public remembrance at the Capitol in Denver and a community service and candlelight vigil in Clement Park, near the school.

Gov. Bill Owens will call for a statewide moment of silence at 11:21 a.m., the moment the attack began.

"The program was designed, first, to let the kids have some privacy in the morning," said the Rev. Don Marxhausen, a member of a panel of students, teachers, parents and others working on the anniversary plans.

The planning has been difficult for those who have been in the media spotlight since the rampage.

"I know a lot of kids who have been hounded by the press. They are really sick of it," said student body president Mike Sheehan.

Reporters and TV crews have to find a delicate balance between being sensitive to victims and getting the story, said Bob Steele, ethics program director at the Poynter Institute, a journalism education center in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"It's inescapable that journalists intrude to some extent on the private space and the sensibilities of people who are still grieving," he said.

Organizers said many students wanted to exclude the public from the anniversary events so they could hold a quiet remembrance.

"Many people, particularly those most directly impacted, feel very traumatized by some of the things they have read, some of the things they have seen and the continual barrage, as they feel it, of the media," said Jo Anne Doherty of the Jefferson Center for Mental Health.

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VS.

ABIGAHI SANCHEZ, ET AL

TRACT #1, Being all of the East Seventy-three feet (E 73') of the North One Hundred Forty feet (N140') of Lot Number One (1), in Block Number Sixty-five (65) of the Grayum and Nelson's Second Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 333, Page 469, Deed Records of said County. (Account No. R6921)

Date of Judgment: May 15, 1997
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,750
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JOHN RODRIGUEZ

TRACT #1, 1.0 acre, more or less, out of the Southeast 1/4th of Section 208, Block 97, of the H&TC Ry. Survey, being more particularly described in Volume 385, page 735, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R2232)

Date of Judgment: January 6, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,943
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
J.E. COMPTON, ET AL

TRACT #1, Lot 3, and the West 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 76, Grayum and Nelson Second Addition, to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, or as more particularly described in Volume 271, page 95 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R6954)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,080
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
EVA ANDRADE RODRIGUEZ

TRACT #1, The East 100 feet of Lot No. 1 and the South 50' of the West 50' of Lot No. 1, Block No. 38, Original Town of Snyder, or as more particularly described in Volume 379, page 348 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R6069)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1998
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,217
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
RABUL B. MALDONADO, ET AL

TRACT #1, All of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 19, Andress Heights Addition, City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 348, Page 467 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R5572)

Date of Judgment: January 6, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,537
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
LAVELLE EICKE, TRUSTEE OF THE MUMSE TRUST

TRACT #1, Lot 1, Block B, Towle Place Addition, City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 377, Page 97 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R15561)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,536
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
A R T J FARM, COMMON LAW TRUST, LAVELL EICKE, TRUSTEE

TRACT #1, A tract of land containing 1.0 acre, more or less, located in the SE/4 of Section No. 249, Block 97, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, or more fully described in Volume 369, Page 505 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R8790)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,493
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
FREDDIE HULL, ET AL

TRACT #1, Part of Lots 1, 2 and 4, Block 13, Manry Subdivision, more fully described in Volume 334, page 603 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R2587)

TRACT #2, Lots 1 and 4, Block 20, Manry Subdivision, more fully described in Volume 334, page 603 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R2627)

TRACT #3, Personal property consisting of a 28'X71' 1979 Heritage Mobile Home, located in Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. M59755)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,332
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
BENJAMIN G. BRUMIT

TRACT #3, Lots 3, 11, 13 and 14, Block 9 of the Green Hill Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R13884)

TRACT #4, Lots 15 and 16, Block 8, Green Hill Addition, City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 529 of the Deed Records of Scurry County,Texas. (Account No. R5867)

TRACT #5, Lots 3-8, Block 8, Green Hill Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R7257)

TRACT #6, Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, Green Hill Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R6514)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,791
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
PAUL C. TEAS, III,

TRACT #1, IRA UNIT TR 66: Being North 36 acres of Lot 6 in Northwest (NW/4) of Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N18405)

TRACT #2, TOMLINSON: Being out of Section 122, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N19436) RIU:0.006250 (Account No. N19436)

TRACT #3, SACROC UNIT TR 70: Being the Southeast one-fourth (SE/4) of Section 160, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N123724)

TRACT #4, SACROC UNIT TRACT 214: Being 80.647 Acres, being the W. part of NE 1/4 of Sec. 249, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N24191) RIU=0.000417 (Account No. N24191)

TRACT #5, WALDRIP: Being the East 76 acres of North 456 acres, in Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N25545)

TRACT #6, SACROC UNIT TRACT 217: Being the East 120 acres of SW 1/4 of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N26095) RIU=0.006944 (Account No. N26095)

TRACT #7, SACROC UNIT TR 52: Being West one-half (W/2) of Tract 12 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Sudivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N26353)

TRACT #8, SHARON RIDGE CANYON UNIT TRACT 19-A: Being out of the North One-Half of Southwest One-Fourth of Section No. 179, Block No. 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N27747)

TRACT #9, SHARON RIDGE CANYON UNIT TRACTS 6,18,19,22,32: Being a part of Section No. 163, Section No. 179, Section No. 180, and Section No. 182, Block No. 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N28548)

TRACT #10, SACROC UNIT TR 75: Being the East one-half (E/2) of Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N29592)

TRACT #11, SACROC UNIT TR 176: Being Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of Section 251, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N29816) RIU=0.001042 (Account No. N29816)

TRACT #12, IRA UNIT TR 68: Being South 40 acres of Lot 6, in Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N31375) RIU=0.010995 (Account No. N31375)

TRACT #13, HARDEE: Being out of West one-half (W/2) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of the Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 99, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N33659)

TRACT #14, IRA UNIT TR 66: Being North 36 acres of Lot 6 in Northwest (NW/4) of Section 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N34460) RIU=0.010995 (Account No. N34460)

TRACT #15, IRA UNIT RT 58: Being East one-half of Northeast one-fourth (E/2 of NE/4) and Northeast one-fourth of the Northwest one-fourth of the Northeast one-fourth (NE/4 of NW/4 of NE/4) of Section 103, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N34551)

TRACT #16, SACROC UNIT TR 49: Being Tracts 9 and 10 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N34920)

TRACT #17, Being out of Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of Section 99, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N35693) RIU=0.004427 (Account No. N35693)

TRACT #18, SACROC UNIT TR 85: Being Tracts 21 and 22 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 40, Kirkland & Fields Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N36615)

TRACT #19, SACROC UNIT TR 129: Being East 160 acres out of the North 240 acres of Section 177, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N36783)

TRACT #20, SACROC UNIT TR 203: Being Tract 31, of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N37305)

TRACT #21, SACROC UNIT TR 50= Being Tract 11 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas.) (Account No. N38331)

TRACT #22, SACROC UNIT TR 141: Being out of Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 16, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N39152)

TRACT #23, IRA UNIT 55: Being North one-half of the Southeast one-fourth (N/2 of SE/4) of Section 114, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N39493)

TRACT #24, SACROC UNIT TRACT 213: Being 80.702 acres, being the E part of NE 1/4 of Sec. 249, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N39521)

TRACT #25, SACROC UNIT TR 172: Being East 141.60 acres of West 281.64 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N40965)

TRACT #26, IRA UNIT 55: Being North one-half of Southeast one-fourth (N/2 of SE/4) of Section 114, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N41484)

TRACT #27, TRACT UNIT TR 138: Beings Tracts 27 and 28 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grime Ranch Lands, being out of the Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of Section 16, and the Southeast one-fourth (SE/4) of Section 17, of the J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N41944)

TRACT #28, IRA UNIT TR 67: Being part of North 456 acres of Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N43877)

TRACT #29, SACROC UNIT TR 143: Being Lot 20, being South part of Section 40 and North part of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N44608)

TRACT #30, SACROC UNIT TR 53: Being East one-half (W/2) of Tract 12 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N44735)

TRACT #31, SACROC UNIT TR 68: Being South one-half (S/2) of Section 159, of Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N47487) RIU=0.000208 (Account No. N47487)

TRACT #32, SACROC UNIT TR 171: Being the west 140.04 acres out of West 281.64 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N49596)

TRACT #33, SACROC UNIT TR 173: Being 10 acres of Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 251, and East 283.58 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N49641)

TRACT #34, DIAMOND-M UNIT TRACT 8: Being all of Section 181, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N51060)

TRACT #35, ROBINSON TRACT 3: Being part of North 456 acres, of Section 98, Block No. 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N4323)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,399
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JOE RAY SHY, ET AL

TRACT #1, Lot 2, Block 6, Marshall Survey of the Scarborough Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in 343, Page 138, Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R4126)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,282
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
PETE JALOMOS A/K/A PEDRO JALOMOS, ET AL

TRACT #1, The East seventy-two feet of Lot 4, Block 20, out of the Lundy Park Addition, as described in Volume 305, Page 141, of the Deed Records of Scurry County, (Account No. R2085)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

Listed in the caption above are delinquent tax suits in which Judgments of Foreclosure have been rendered and Orders of Sale have been issued. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the Cause Number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants; (4) the date of the Judgment;(5) the date of Levy; and (6) the Property Description. Under the Order of Sale issued pursuant to each Judgment above listed, I did at the time specified for each suit levy upon each Property in such suit as described above as the property of the Defendants named or designated in such suit. On the sale date specified above, which is the first Tuesday of said month, I will offer and sell at public auction, for cash, each property described above, and all the right, title, interest and estate in and to each such property owned or claimed by the Defendants named in connection with each such property; PROVIDED, however, that no property shall be sold directly or indirectly to anyone other than a Tax Unit which is a party to that specific suit for less than the total amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs due against that particular property or any adjudged value decreed, whichever is lower.

The foreclosure sales under this notice will be held on the first Tuesday of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, at the time set out above, by and through the LAW OFFICE OF HENRY GATES STEEN, JR., P.C., 3001 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 306, Austin, Texas 78705, Telephone (512) 476-4688 and Telecopier (512) 476-0325, my authorized representative. The sale of each property shall be subject to the rights of the Defendants named in connection with each particular property, and any successors in title, to redeem such specified property in the time and manner provided by law; and subject also to the rights of any defendants to have each particular property owned or claimed by such defendants divided and sold in less divisions than the whole as provided by law. The sale as to each property is to be made to satisfy the Judgment rendered against that particular property and the Defendants named in connection with that particular property. The proceeds of the Sale of each property are to be applied to the satisfaction of the Judgment against that particular property, and the remainder of the sale proceeds, if any, are to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Snyder, Texas, being the County Seat of Scurry County, Texas, on this the 10th day of March, 2000.

DARREN JACKSON
Sheriff OF Scurry County

By: Barry Boatman
Deputy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Bargainers for US Airways and its flight attendants' union reached a tentative contract agreement Saturday after working through the night to avert a strike that had threatened to shut down the airline.

"The contract is a five-year agreement flight attendants can be proud of. It was won with the solidarity and perseverance of 10,000 flight attendants," said Association of Flight Attendants negotiator Lynn Lenosky, announcing the agreement in the early morning hours.

The agreement means US Airways flights will not be disrupted this weekend as had been feared by many ticket holders.

The company issued a statement saying "the AFA's leadership and the company's management worked extremely hard to put in place an agreement that works for our flight attendants and allows the company to compete in the marketplace."

"We are very pleased that we were able to do so and that there will be no interruption in service or inconvenience for our customers," it said.

At Pittsburgh, the airline's biggest hub, US Airways accommodates 85 percent of the passengers. People were lining up early Saturday.

"I thought I was going to be driving. I got my car all ready to go," said Richard Eppinger, waiting for a 6:01 a.m. flight from Pittsburgh to Savannah, Ga. Eppinger estimated he and his wife would have needed 12 hours to drive to Hilton Head Island just across the South Carolina border from Savannah for a convention of bed and breakfast owners.

"I got up at 3 a.m. this morning and called the airline, and they said, 'Come on down. We're flying,'" Eppinger said.

Another Pittsburgh passenger, Tony DiGioria, so feared that a US Airways shutdown would spoil his family's vacation plans that he spent $5,000 on backup reservations with another airline.

As his wife and three daughters gathered carry-on bags to board a 6:15 a.m. flight to Philadelphia for connection to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, DiGioria said: "We bought tickets on Delta about a week ago. I think they're fully refundable."

Union and airline bargainers stayed at the table for more than three hours past a 12:01 a.m. EST strike deadline in order to seal the deal. US Airways had said it would halt operations rather than try to weather a strike.

President Clinton, who has strikebreaking powers in the transportation industry, was kept briefed on progress of the negotiations.

At one point during the night, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart issued a statement saying Clinton, who is traveling abroad, "urges the two sides to stay at the table and redouble their efforts to reach an agreement as soon as possible. They owe that to each other and to the American people."

Kosovo remembers those killed

CELINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Thousands gathered in central Kosovo Saturday to honor the dozens of civilians — including young children — who were killed by Slobodan Milosevic's paramilitaries a day after NATO launched its bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

Women sobbed over the graves of 82 civilians, who were taken from their homes and shot by forces, identified by the only survivor as paramilitaries believed to be working for the Yugoslav president. Eleven children, one as young as 2, were among those killed in Celina, some 30 miles southwest of Kosovo's capital, Pristina.

Selman Zeqiri lost 10 members of his family, including his wife and two children — everyone but his 12-year-old son. The boy is the only witness to the events of March 25, 1999.

"When we were asking for NATO air attacks we didn't believe, we didn't think, that they (Serbs) would attack women and children," he said.

The Celina killings were never widely reported, as they came only one day after NATO started bombing Yugoslavia. In early April the now disbanded rebel Kosovo Liberation Army circulated reports of the killings in Celina, saying 51 people had died.

Thousands of ethnic Albanians were killed in the 18-month crackdown launched by Milosevic in Kosovo to stop attacks by the KLA on Serb police and Yugoslav forces. The alliance's air campaign halted the attacks and forced the Yugoslav president to withdraw his troops.

But in the six months since NATO-led peacekeepers and a U.N. mission have been in charge of Kosovo, revenge-minded attacks by ethnic Albanians have chased nearly all 200,000 Serbs from the province.

Earlier this month, a young ethnic Albanian was charged with killing a Russian peacekeeper. The teen escaped from prison but was detained again by Spanish soldiers working in western Kosovo, NATO said Saturday.

Clinton urges restoration of democracy in Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Clinton brought a stern message to an old Cold War ally Saturday amid the tightest of security. "The answer to flawed democracy is not to end democracy, but to improve it," he told the people of Pakistan after inconclusive talks with its military ruler.

Clinton portrayed the United States and Pakistan as friends over five decades, and said he believes Pakistan could still be "a force for tolerance and understanding throughout the world." But, he said, the military coup that suspended Pakistan's democracy last October threatened to undermine that friendship.

"Clearly the absence of democracy makes it harder, not easier, for people to move ahead," Clinton said. "We share your disappointment that previous democratic governments in Pakistan did not do better for its citizens. But democracy cannot develop if it is constantly uprooted before it has a chance to take hold."

Clinton spoke on state-run television after a series of meetings with Gen. Pervez Musharraf. Administration officials said no breakthroughs emerged on the points the United States found most troubling — a timetable for national elections, a scaling back of Pakistan's nuclear program and an easing of tensions in the divided Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Despite the lack of concrete progress, both sides ended up with a clearer view of each other's positions, said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Seated at a desk in the presidential palace, with the flags of Pakistan and the United States behind him, Clinton said Musharraf's announcement this week that he would hold local elections next year was a "good step," but not enough.

"The return of civilian democratic rule requires a complete plan, a real road map," Clinton said.

Unless democracy is restored, and if the conflict over divided Kashmir continues, there is "a danger that Pakistan may grow even more isolated, draining more resources away from the people," Clinton said.

He called the Kashmir confrontation "a conflict no one can win," one that could not be resolved militarily.

But he also made clear the United States would not get involved. "We cannot force peace. We cannot impose it. We cannot resolve or mediate the dispute in Kashmir. Only you can do that," Clinton said.

Clinton expressed outrage at recent examples of ethnic slayings, such as the murder of three dozen Sikhs in a part of Kashmir under Indian control, and declared: "No system of belief can ever justify the deliberate killing of innocents."

The presence of scores of rifle-toting military and police during Clinton's visit drove home the reality of Pakistan's military.

Obituaries

Gloria Ocon

1952-2000

ODESSA – Gloria Ocon, the sister of Abelia Espinoza of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 22, in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital.

Mass for Mrs. Ocon, 47, was held Saturday in St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial was to follow in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 30, 1952 in Crane, she married Santiago Ocon in 1979. She was a longtime resident of Odessa, a homemaker and a member of the St. Mary Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Aurora Rodriguez; and a sister, Anabella Montaneze.

Survivors include her husband, Santiago Ocon of Odessa; two sons, Efrain Baeza and Ralph Baeza, both of Odessa; two brothers, Sabino Garcia of McCamey and Eloy Rodriguez of Odessa; two other sisters, Bernie Florez of Houston and Irma Wilks of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

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U.S. proposes new timetable in court fight over Elian

MIAMI (AP) — Relatives of Elian Gonzalez who want to keep the 6-year-old boy from being returned to Cuba are facing mounting pressure from the U.S. government to put their case before an appeals court.

The Justice Department late Friday told the relatives that they have until noon Monday to agree to a speedy appeal or the boy will be swiftly returned to his father, according to family spokesman Armando Gutierrez.

In Washington, a federal official close to the case confirmed that the Justice Department plans to give the family's lawyers one week after that agreement deadline to file the expedited appeal. The deadline for fiing the appeal would be April 3.

If the relatives do not agree, the government will begin the process of returning Elian to his father in Cuba next Thursday, according to the federal official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Attorney General Janet Reno confirmed the Monday deadline in a statement Friday night but offered no details. She reiterated her statement that the goal is to "reunite Elian with his father in a fair, prompt and orderly manner."

If the family loses its appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court fails to step in, the boy must be turned over to federal officials within three days of the court's decision, The Miami Herald reported in Saturday's papers.

The developments cap a week filled with legal maneuvering in the custody war over the little boy.

Elian was found clinging to an inner tube off Florida on Nov. 25 after his mother and 10 other people drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

The case quickly became a fight between the U.S. and Cuban governments and U.S. family members who oppose the island nation's Communist ideology and want to raise the boy.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, in a January ruling supported by Reno, said the boy must be returned to his father. That led to a lawsuit and a judge's ruling on Tuesday that upheld the INS decision.

Failure to register as a sex offender lands man in jail

A 24-year-old man was jailed Friday on a Kerr County warrant for failing to register as a sex offender.

James Michael Fields of 3733 Avondale was arrested by deputies at his home at 4:29 p.m. He was later released on a $10,000 bond.

Officers arrested two subjects early Saturday morning on alcohol-related charges.

Taken into custody were a 24-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended, and a 25-year-old male for public intoxication. They were picked up in the 1600 block of 28th Street.

In other activity Friday, Dean Nichols requested an officer at YZ Industries at 9:35 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief done to his vehicle earlier in the week. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

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LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Praise! Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Church of Christ. Allison Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bowden, and Jenise Judah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah, are members of the LCU chorus. The concert is free and open to the public.

Guest evangelist

The Rev. Jessie Dea, former minister at Dunn and Union United Methodist Churches, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Fluvanna United Methodist Church.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

District Court cancelled

District Clerk Trina Rodgers has announced that the jury called for Monday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled. The jury panel called Monday in the justice of the peace court will still report.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "When God Forgives," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 6."

American Heart Association

The Scurry County American Heart Association will meet at noon Tuesday at Pizza Inn. All interested persons are invited. For more information, call 573-5041.

SHS reunion meeting

SHS classes of 1943-45 will have a class reunion planning meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. For more information, call 573-5149.

Cancer board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will met at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. Sherry Merritt will present the second part of the program, "Computer Use in Genealogy."

Tee-ball sign ups

Sign up times are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for five and six-year-old tee-ball, and seven-year-old coach-pitch tee ball. Times are 4-7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Fee is $30 per player.

Masonic awards night

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a 25-year pin awards night at 7 p.m. Friday. All Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served.

WIC recipients

WIC recipients who have failed to pick up March vouchers need to contact the WIC office at Outreach Health Services before Friday. For more information, call 573-0191.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for the 2000-01 school year begins April 3. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesday for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

Annual sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

1990 SHS reunion

The 1990 senior class of SHS is planning a 10-year reunion in July. If you are a graduate, or have contact with a graduate, contact Anne Osborn @Echostar.com, or call Jennifer Pate at 915-223-9110 in San Angelo, or contact Shelley LaRoux at 574-1826, or mail information to 3209 40th St.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

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

13-28-29-35-37

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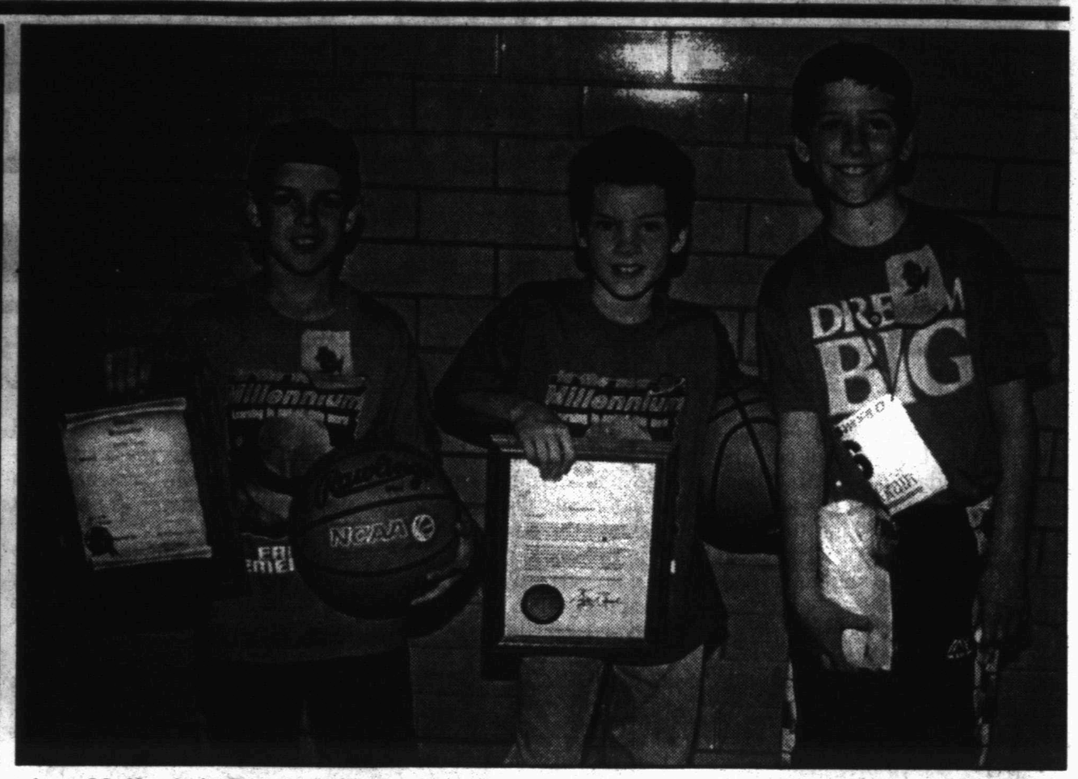
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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WALK FOR THE CURE — Some 130 East Elementary fourth graders, teachers and parents (left photo) Walked For The Cure Friday, raising $4,729.45 for the American Diabetes Association. The top money makers (right photo) are from left, Quentin Shafer, $305; Taylor Groat, $211; and Morgan Moffett, $210. Shafer is in Debra McNair's class. Groat is in Janie Carroll's class. Moffett is in Donna Griffin's class. Quentin and Taylor are holding proclamations signed by Snyder Mayor Dayton Robertson and Gov. George W. Bush declaring Friday as Walk For The Cure Day at the school. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

At least $1 billion needed to repair older prisons

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — More than two dozen old Texas prisons are in need of repair, renovation or replacement soon at a cost of at least $1 billion, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said Friday.

Estimates of the price tag and the time frame varied, with one Texas Board of Criminal Justice member, John David Franz, putting the figure at $3 billion stretched over the next three Legislative sessions.

That would be nearly double the cost of the building program during the early 1990s that by 1995 added 94,000 beds to what has become the nation's second-largest penitentiary system.

"We've got this problem coming up the pipe," Franz said at a prison board meeting in Huntsville.

The board Friday accepted a report from the department that estimated the "sticker shock" at more than $1 billion for repairs. The cost to replace the aging prisons would be $2.4 billion.

Wayne Scott, the agency's executive director, said he did not expect to get that kind of money from the Legislature when it convenes next year.

"I wouldn't go in and ask for that much," he said. "First of all, I wouldn't get it.

"It's going to be highly unlikely to get a large, large appropriation for this right up front," he added. "The reason we're doing condition assessment survey is so we can build a documentation base so we can go and present credible evidence to the committees and then they'll prioritize that with the other priorities they have and give us what they can."

Scott estimated current maintenance spending at about $32 million over the two-year budget cycle.

Officials noted at least three prisons are 100 years old, including the Huntsville Unit, which has areas 152 years old.

"The truth is, anything you build has a certain life expectancy," Franz said. "We've got to make sure we don't allow our prisons to fall into such a state of disrepair it's going to create some sort of security risk or danger to somebody working there."

He estimated 26 prisons would have to be addressed in the next six years, a time frame Scott suggested could be extended.

Items that need work include pipes, water, sewage, kitchens, roofs and cells. A fence around a prison can cost $1 million, officials noted.

"I wouldn't say they're falling apart," Franz said. "We're looking at having to do some renovations and refurbishing in the next three to six years. The thinking is we can't wait for five years to come by and allow these buildings to fall into a state of disrepair to where they're uninhabitable."

There are no immediate dangers or hazards, he said.

"But it's coming," Franz said. "We're trying to be proactive."

Prison board chairman Mac Stringfellow said he wasn't surprised by the estimates.

Search for body continues

LUBBOCK (AP) — A search continued late Friday for 6-year-old boy who may have drowned after his family's car was swept away a day earlier in West Texas flood waters.

Rescue crews planned to continue looking for Dalton Harbour into the weekend after canoeists found the body of the his 19-month-old sister, Peyton Harbour, along the shore of a creek Thursday night, said Cpl. Kathy Briggs of the Department of Public Safety in Odessa.

Peyton and her older brother, Dalton Harbour, were riding in a car with their mother, Cindy Harbour, when the vehicle was washed into the creek by floodwaters, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

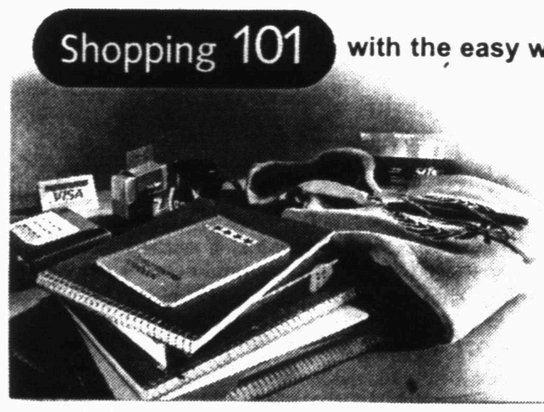
The mother was rescued several hundred feet from where the car was submerged, near the town of Big Spring, about 60 miles northeast of Odessa. She was treated and released Friday from a local hospital.

The canoeists who found Peyton were friends of the family who had joined in the search along the creek, called Mustang Draw. On Friday, a dozen DPS divers and more than 50 people scoured the area, looking for the boy, Briggs said.

"They're concentrating within a mile of where the car went off the road because the mother came out within a mile and the infant was found within a mile," Briggs told the newspaper.

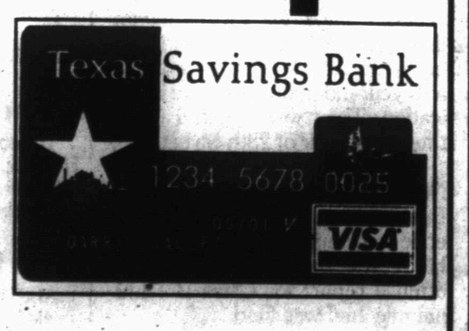
The search will be extended to a larger area, however, if they still find no signs of the boy, Briggs said.

A series of storms left up to six inches of rain in Howard County on Wednesday and Thursday, causing the normally dry Mustang Draw to swell, George Mathews, with the National Weather Service, said Thursday.









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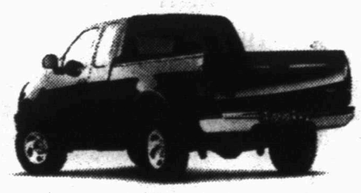
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Christian Flag Football draws more players

Twenty-four Snyder High School and Western Texas College men competed in the Christian Flag Football League's opening season.

Reid Johnson, WTC freshman, started the league with the help of Randy Green, Aaron Stansell and Brad Grimmitt. These four coached and played with teams of six every Sunday afternoon for the past three months. They picked team names to personalize their players: Frogs, Dawgs, Geese and Fish.

The regular season allowed each team to play each team twice, and dependent upon how the teams performed in the season, determined their playoff position. On March 5, the teams played in a single-elimination post-season tournament in which the Dawgs won. Trophies were presented after the Towle Bowl to the winning ball club and the individual award winners.

Dawg team members are Randy Green, Duane Allred, Brady Hackfeld, Chris McLeod, Michael Pierson and Jay Scott. Individual award winners are Duane Allred, top receiver; Reid Johnson, top defensive player; Aaron Stansell, top quarterback; and Toby Zalman, top rusher and the league's most valuable player.

The awards were voted on by the players. A week after the playoffs, a CFFL Pro Bowl was held to honor those athletes who showed outstanding attitude, attendance and game play throughout the season.

"I started the league having never played high school football," Reid said. "I always wanted to play and knew there would be others that would follow. When we got the guys rounded up, we had a draft in which the team captains picked their players, thus we started the league," he continued. "Not only is this a chance for us to play football during baseball season, but we also have a chance to better our relationship with Jesus Christ. Before every game, one of the team captains leads a devotional. This is what really makes the league," Reid added.

The CFFL has already started its second season, and it has grown by 12 players and two new teams. Wade Pinson and Corey Knipe captain the two new teams which began play March 19. "This is a shorter season," Reid added. "The playoffs and Towle Bowl II is scheduled for April 30.



CHAMPIONS — This team won the Towle Bowl League Championship on March 5. Top row from left are, Brady Hackfeld, Randy Green, Jay Scott; bottom row from left are, Michael Pierson, Chris McLeod, Duane Allred. (Contributed Photo)



LEAGUE WINNERS — The Christian Flag Football League award winners are from left, Duane Allred, top receiver; Reid Johnson, top defensive player; Aaron Stansell, top quarterback; Toby Zalman, top rusher, the league's MVP. (Contributed Photo)

Brokerage lawsuit is settled

NEW YORK (AP) — Two Wall Street brokerage houses have settled a $10 million sexual harassment lawsuit filed over alleged antics that prompted comparisons to "Animal House."

Garban LLC and its affiliated firm, Garvin Guy Butler, were accused of allowing strippers onto the trading floor, permitting pornography in the office and allowing male workers to drop their pants in the view of female workers.Among the other complaints: male workers routinely bragged about their sexual exploits, used the bathroom with the door open and addressed women in vulgar terms. Employees who complained about mistreatment were often threatened or fired, the suit said.

"This case should send a strong message to all of Wall Street that we will not tolerate an old boys' club or frat house atmosphere in the workplace," said state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Couple convicted of abusing girl they took from a home

BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A former Baptist minister and his wife have been convicted of abusing a girl they took from an orphanage and raised as the family servant.

The Rev. Joseph Combs, and his wife, Evangeline, were also convicted Thursday of kidnapping, among other charges.

Esther Combs, whom the couple took as a baby from an Indiana orphanage in 1978, sobbed and declined comment. She was considered kidnapped because the couple never adopted her.

Esther, now 22 and living in another state under a different name, testified that Mrs. Combs beat her with baseball bats, burned her with a curling iron and pulled out chunks of her flesh with pliers — causing more than 400 scars on her body.

She said she was denied an education, forced to do all the chores and required to wear clothing that covered her scars.

The Combses' five children testified that Esther wasn't abused. They said she could read and write well, went shopping without their parents and chose to wear long dresses.

Combs, 51, denied the allegations and testified that he was "bewildered" by Esther's claims. He said the couple meant to adopt Esther but couldn't afford the financial demands from the Baptist Children's Home in Valparaiso, Ind. Mrs. Combs, 50, didn't testify.

The two will be sentenced April 25. Combs faces up to 144 years in prison and his wife up to 73.

Combs, former pastor of the now-defunct Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bristol, also was convicted of aggravated assault.

'Smart scapel' does the analysis...

Spectrometer would tell whether cells are cancerous

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A so-called "smart scalpel" is being developed to analyze cells and determine instantly if they're cancerous, helping patients avoid additional biopsies.

Sandia National Laboratories and the University of New Mexico medical school are working on the dime-sized, computerized fiber-optic laser device.

It's not actually a scalpel — it would be used in conjunction with a surgeon's scalpel. The device contains a microscopic spectrometer that analyzes protein density in a cell and a tiny vacuum that sucks cells through microchip-connected sensors for analysis during surgery.

Fiber-optics feed the information into a computer to provide "instant feedback to the surgeon," Sandia physicist Paul Gourley said.

"It's like an instantaneous lab report on a biopsy," Gourley said by phone from Minneapolis, where he was to present a paper today before the American Physical Society.

But it likely won't be put to practical use any time soon, said Dr. LaMar McGinnis, an Atlanta-based senior medical consultant for the American Cancer Society.

"This sounds very exciting on the surface, but transferring this from a laboratory situation to a clinical operating room situation is a long reach," he said Thursday.

"While this could limit the amount of tissue necessary to be removed and preserve function, and probably increase the quality of life, it may not improve the cure of cancer unless combined with" other things, such as chemotherapy and radiation, he added.

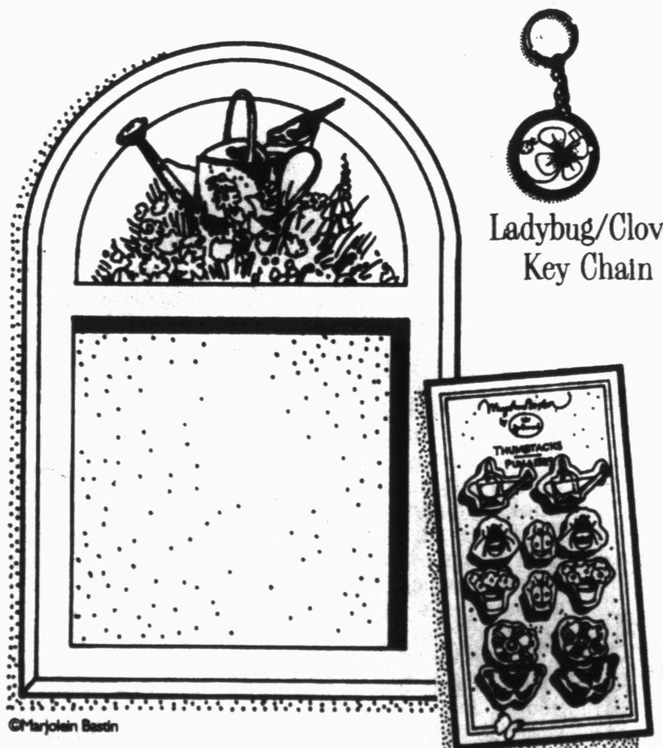
Gourley said the device hasn't been tested yet on living tissue, but researchers have cultured the cells and flowed them through the device.

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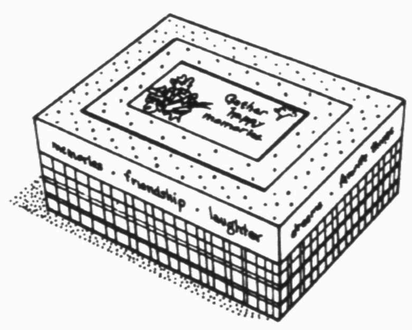
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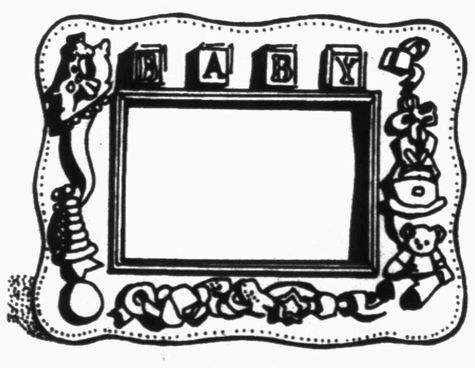
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West ♠ 10 8 3 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ Q J 9 8 2		**East** ♠ 9 6 ♥ A 8 5 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A 10 6 5 4
	South ♠ A K J 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ K Q J 9 3 ♣ 7 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Saturday, March 25, 2000

How many do you need?

By Phillip Alder

Whenever the subject of trump suits comes up with near-beginners, they always ask, "How quickly should I draw trumps?" Unfortunately, the answer is "Sometimes immediately, sometimes shortly, sometimes never."

The normal guideline is your loser count. If the total is not more than you can afford, it is often a sign to pull those trumps as quickly as possible. If you leave some trumps outstanding, an opponent might ruff one of your winners. However, there is a major caveat to that guideline: Is there a risk you will run out of trumps before you have established the winners you need to get home? If so, you'd better tread carefully.

Defending against four spades, East did well. After winning with the club ace, he returned a club, making dummy ruff. South drew trumps, then played a heart, but East won with his ace and led another club, forcing declarer to ruff with his last trump. South could run the hearts, but that left him with only nine tricks: four spades, four hearts and one club ruff in the dummy. When South played a diamond, West grabbed the trick with his ace and cashed a club trick: one down.

After South drew trumps, he had only one left. Yet he still had two aces to knock out. Drawing trumps immediately had to be fatal. Instead, declarer should have played a heart at trick three. If East wins with the ace and returns another club, declarer can ruff in the dummy, draw trumps. and drive out the diamond ace. And if East ducks, declarer pulls trumps and sets up diamonds. In both cases, the contract is safe.

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge Club plays at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed on Friday and Tuesday and Jane Hinton directed on Sunday.

Friday, March 17

A Group
1. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
2. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.

B Group
1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Dorothy Rosson, Sue Reed.
3. Billie Marie Long and Shirley Stewart.

Sunday, March 19

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.
3. Nina Nesbit, Billisue Stuard.

Tuesday, March 21

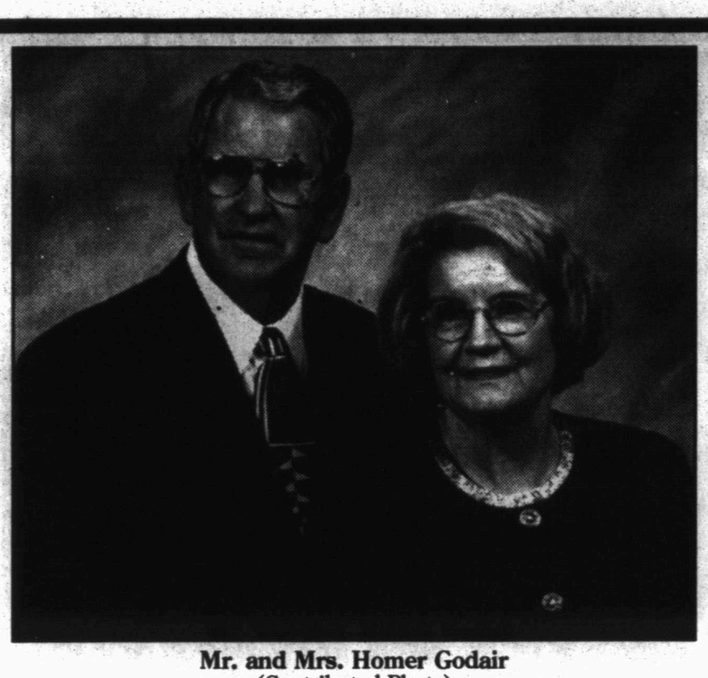
1. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.
2. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Monte West.

Donation made by Bill Gates and wife

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, announced Friday they are donating more than $133 million to charities working to find new treatments for tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases.

The grants include $50 million to Save the Children and $25 million to both the Global Alliance for Tuberculosis Drug Development and the Medicines for Malaria Venture.

The grants are aimed at fighting a widening health gap between the world's rich and poor and improving health.



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Godair
(Contributed Photo)

Godairs will celebrate 50th anniversary with reception

Homer and Jean Godair will be married 50 years on March 31 and will be honored with a reception on Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

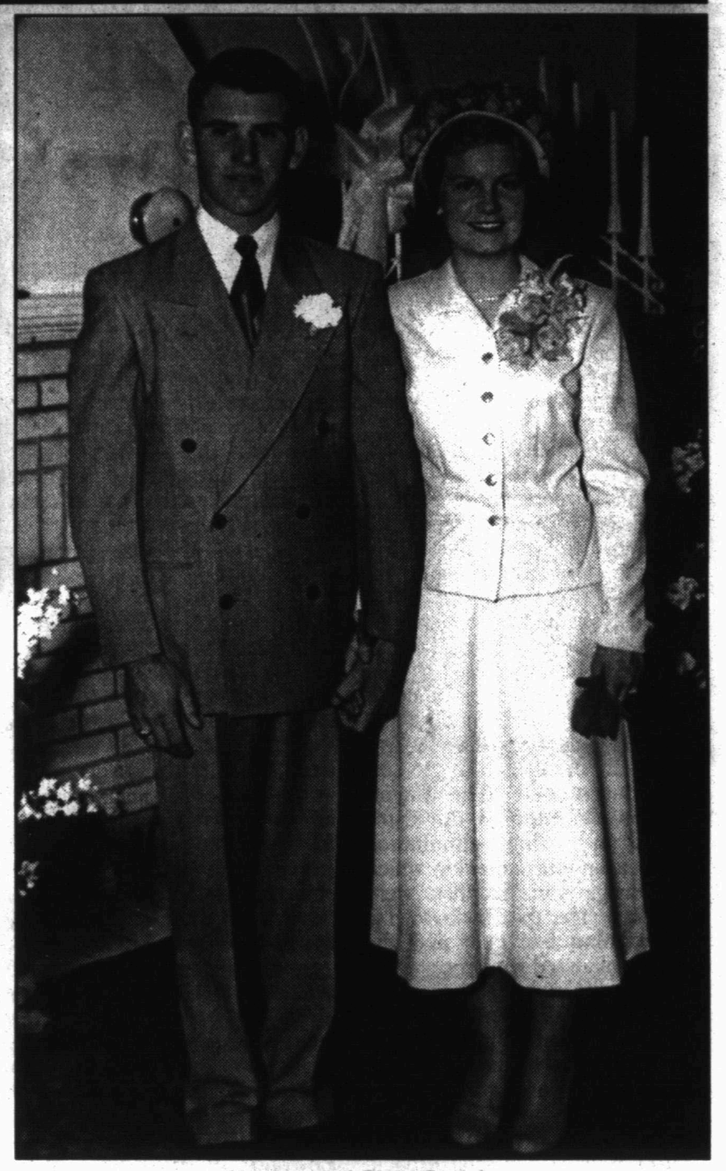
Homer, born on Jan. 9, 1928 in Griffithville, Ark., and Jean Haney, born Feb. 17, 1931 in Lamesa, met in Lamesa in 1949. They married in Lamesa in 1950 in a church parlor.

Both retired, Homer from Chevron USA and Jean from Snyder ISD, have been active in the First Baptist Church.

Homer is a veteran of World War II. He is a member of Scurry Masonic Lodge 706. The couple also lived in Slaton for a time.

Hosting the event are their four children and their families and they invite all friends and family members to attend. Their children and their spouses include Jennifer and Bill Muncey of Stephenville, Greg and Renee Godair of Abilene, Janice and Monty Smith of Charlotte, N.C., and Joan and Michael Head of Snyder.

Homer and Jean have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Homer and Jean Godair
(Contributed Photo)

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"From This Day Forward," by Cokie and Steve Roberts.

Wise and funny, "From This Day Forward" is an endearing chronicle of Cokie and Steve's long time together. Insightful, hard-earned wisdom is passed on about issues of love and marriage, work and family, and parents and children.

This is the story of husbands and wives, and the ways they support and strengthen each other, yet continue to grow and change as individuals.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Law in Layman's Language," by Charles Turner.

"Lawmen of the Old West: The Good Guys," by Del Cain.

"Puncher Pie and Cowboy Lies," by Steven M. Sederwall.

"Barbecue America: A Pilgrimage In Search of America's Best Barbecue," by Rich Browne.

FICTION

"Stardust," by Neil Gaiman.

"The Cat Who Robbed a Bank," by Lilian Jackson Braun.

"Unnatural Causes," by Leah Ruth Robinson.

"The Wanton Angel," by Edward Marston.

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School Menus

Snyder

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
Waffles w/Syrup
Tuesday
Biscuits w/Jelly
Wednesday
Donut
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Cinnamon Roll
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Country Fried Steak w/Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes
Lettuce and Tomato
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Potato Puffs
Green Beans
Orange Half
Wednesday
Pizza or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Ranch Beans
Oven Fries
Ice Cream
Thursday
Burrito or
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Sliced Peaches
Friday
Corn Dog or
Submarine Sandwich or PBJ Sandwich
Mixed Vegetables
Gelatin
Fresh Apple

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All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
French Toast Sticks
Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Pancake Pups
Friday
Student Holiday
LUNCH
Monday
Smothered Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Tuesday
Fried Fish
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Fruit Jell-O
Wednesday
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Pink Applesauce
Thursday
Bologna Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.
Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peaches
Tuesday
Chicken Spaghetti
Vegetable Salad
Peas
Garlic Bread
Cake
Wednesday
Steak Fingers
Creamed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Cookies
Thursday
Patti Melts
Sliced Potatoes
Green Beans
Peanut Butter Chewies
Friday
Burritos
French Fries
Vegetable Salad
Applesauce
Crackers

American Lung Association names best and worst

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The American Lung Association has coughed up its annual honors for the best and worst of on-screen smoking.

The association gave its top President's Award to Michael Mann and Eric Roth, producers of "The Insider," during Thursday's fifth annual Hackademy Awards.

Both Mann and Roth quit smoking during the making of the film about tobacco industry whistle-blower Jeffrey Wigand, which also won the association's Thumbs Up! best movie award.

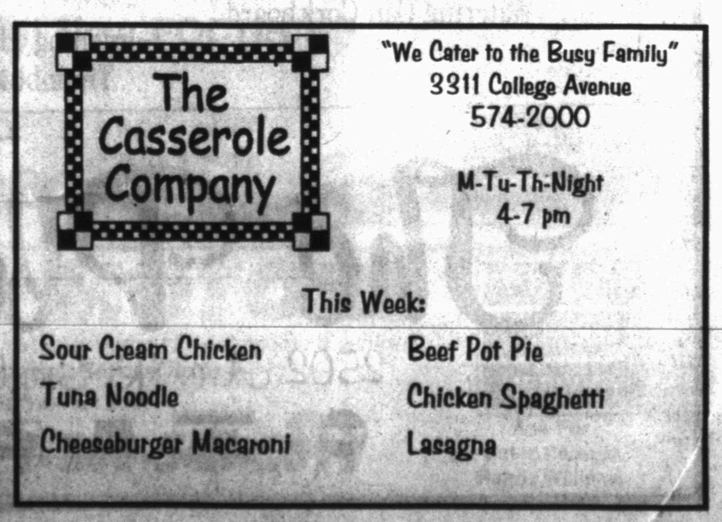
"Congratulations on a movie that could help thousands of people make the same decision for themselves," association president Ernest Franck said during the Hollywood High School ceremonies.

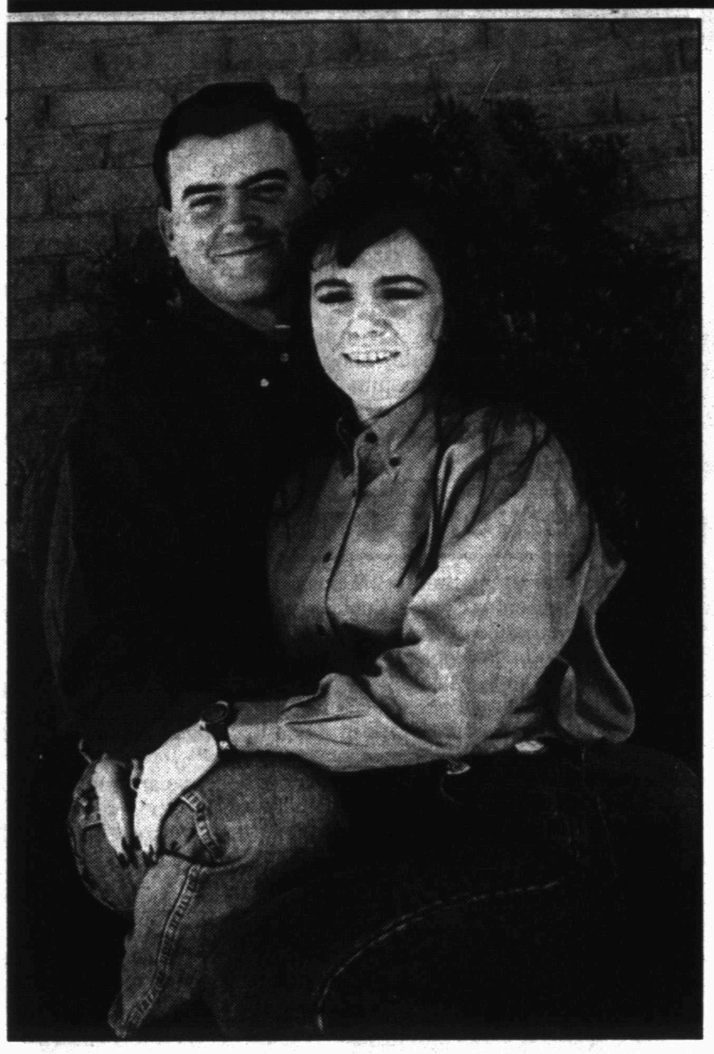
The Hackademy Award Thumbs Up! and Thumbs Down! recipients were selected by 50 Sacramento and Los Angeles high school students who reviewed 1999's top 50 box office performers.

The Thumbs Down! dishonor went to the coming-of-age flick "She's All That" for its depiction of teen-age smoking.









APRIL VOWS PLANNED — Mike Herring of Ira and Beverly Herring of Coahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda Renee Herring, to Joe Campbell. He is the son of Charles and Bonnie Campbell of Gardendale. A 2 p.m., April 8 ceremony is set to be held in the Gardendale Christian Fellowship Church. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Hewitt to portray Audrey Hepburn

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Love Hewitt needed a boost to fill the shoes of the late Audrey Hepburn, whom she portrays in an upcoming TV movie.

"I'm only 5 feet 2, so I was on apple boxes in a lot of the scenes with my leading men," Hewitt says in Sunday's Parade magazine.

The 21-year-old actress plays the 5-foot-8 Hepburn from age 18 to 32 in "The Audrey Hepburn Story," which airs Monday on ABC. Unlike Hepburn, who had to be dubbed in "My Fair Lady," Hewitt does her own singing in the movie.

Hewitt, says she landed the role while talking with the show's producer, Kimberly Rubin.

'90 SHS class sets plans for July reunion

Snyder High School Class of 1990 is planning its 10-year reunion to be held on July 28-29.

An informal gathering will be held on Friday with the place to be announced later. On Saturday, a party at Towle Park Pavilion will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The main event will be held Saturday evening at the Snyder Country Club. It will include buffet, awards, a group picture and a dance, beginning at 7 p.m., ending at 1 p.m.

Reunion co-chairmen Anne Osborn and Dora Jean (Rumpff) Roberson, advised more detailed information is available on the Reunion Web Page at www.geocities.com/sdjroberson/home.html . Classmates can check this Web Page for information including dates, times, and a list of classmates they are needing addresses for.

Also, classmates may contact Anne at (303)432-3749 or Dora Jean at (210)679-6651. They ask anyone having any information on addresses of classmates to contact them. Anyone knowing addresses of the list of unknown addresses of the SHS 1990 graduate, his or her parents, other relatives or a friend are asked to reply.

Delicious treats for family get-togethers

Now that warmer weather has arrived, friends and family may drop by to enjoy the wonderful activities of spring. And, of course, the perfect way to make any get-together special is by indulging in a delicious homemade treat.

So don't be caught unprepared — keep a few key ingredients on hand and you'll be ready to prepare and serve an impressive dessert in just five minutes. All you need is pudding mix, Cool Whip and a ready piecrust.

Following are two recipes that can be made special with garnishes.

5 MINUTE TOASTED ALMOND CHEESECAKE PIE

Start with a crunchy base that includes toasted almonds spread over a tasty ready-made shortbread piecrust.

Then mix cheesecake flavor instant pudding and milk, fold in whipped topping and almond extract, and spoon into the crust.

Top with additional whipped topping and almond slices. No one will guess it took only 5 minutes to make this delicious pie!

5 MINUTE DOUBLE LAYER PIE

Prep: 5 minutes

1 ¼ cups cold milk
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) instant pudding, any flavor
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
1 ready graham cracker or chocolate pie crust

Beat milk, pudding mixes and ½ of the whipped topping in medium bowl with wire whisk 1 minute. (Mixture will be thick). Spread in crust.

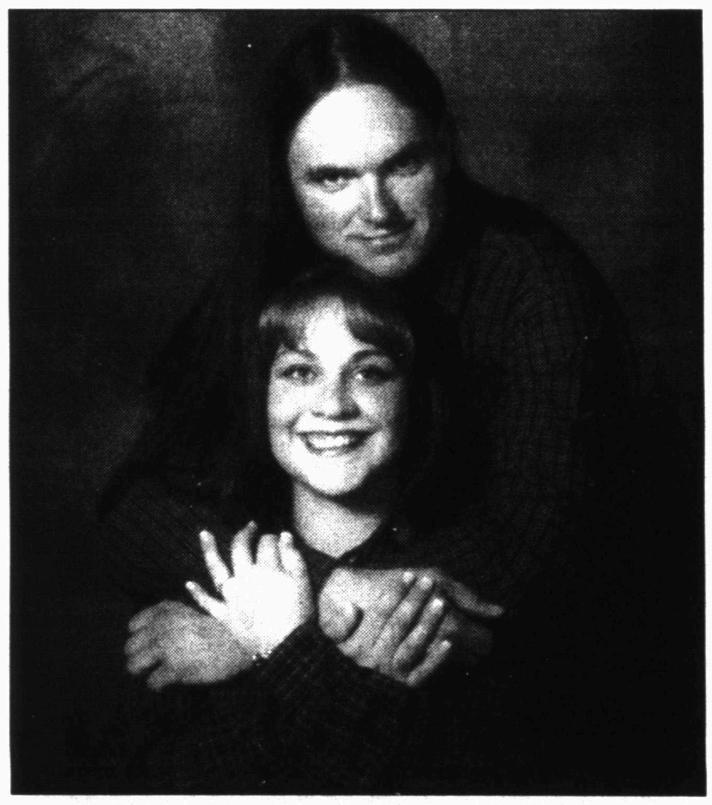
Spread remaining whipped topping over pudding layer in crust. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish as desired. Makes 8 servings.

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Music helps develop the brain's connections. It helps children learn mathematics. It is easier to remember words when they are set to music.



JULY NUPTIALS UNDERWAY — Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harris of Jayton announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristi Lynn Harris, to Jeremy Paul Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Howard of Ira. The couple plan a 5 p.m. ceremony on July 29 in the First Baptist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)



ROEMISCH-BYROM SET NUPTIALS — Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roemisch of Snyder and Donna Roemisch of Blanket announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Angela Michelle Roemisch, to Matthew Rayburn Byrom. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Byrom of Snyder. Angela and Matthew plan to exchange wedding vows at 10 a.m., July 1 in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

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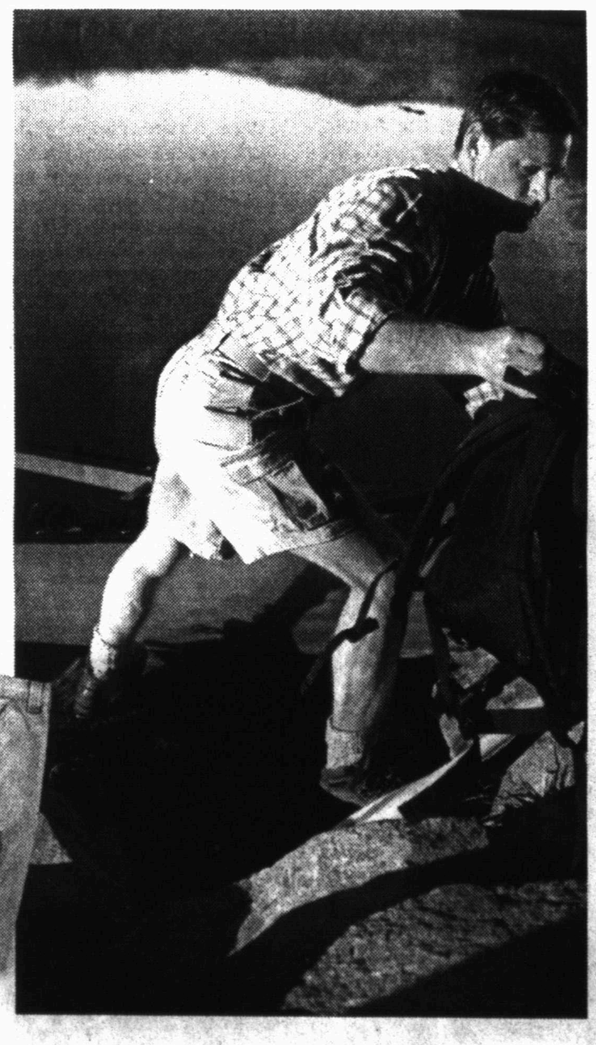
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Jeffrey and Natile Woodrow, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Diamond Koch II, 2000 Ford pickup from Al Remonte Ford.

Dorothy Elliott, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James C. Beavers, 2000 Pontiac van from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Boyd and Timothy Boyd, 2999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Steve and Eve Hernandez, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Niewoehner Inc., two 2000 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

Joe and Peggy J. Martin, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Diane E. Aycock and Charles K. Peterson, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

George and Donna Roberts, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Terry and Elaine Watson, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Bennie Weatherly, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Doug and Yvette Ellison, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Jeff Condit, 1999 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Teem Matthies, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Frances V. Thompson, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

James S. Byrd, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Mark and Mary Mahaffey, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Midland Farmers Co-op, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Ramon Luna Herrera and Pamela Renee Sharp, both of Hermleigh.

David Wayne Herrera and Tonya Ann Richards, both of Snyder.

David James Botts and Sally H. Rios, both of Snyder.

Charles Heath Porter of Snyder and Amanda Michelle Keils of Hermleigh.

Filed in District Court

Federal Diversified Services, a division of Pacesetter Corp., vs. David L. and Susan A. Frazier, suit on sworn account.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Jerry Cline, dba Omega Services and Carpet Cleaning, suit on account.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. John Williamson, individually, and dba B.C.I., suit on account.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Doyle Kellner, individually and dba Kellner Welding, suit on account.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Senior Living Properties, dba Snyder Healthcare Center, suit on account.

Action in District Court

Patsy Williams vs. James Melton, dba Melton Plumbing, final default judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Peggy Sue Stidham and Ronald Eugene Stidham, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Meloney Kay Early and Jerry Don Early, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jimmy Preston Digby and Brandy Leigh Digby, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Robbie Lee Nolan and Shellie Diann Nolan, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Marti Sanchez and Sammy Sanchez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Judy Diann Bartels and Lothar Siebert Bartels, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Edward E. and Lauri L. Benitez to Sara Shlezinger and Sagit Shlezinger, all of Lot 6 in Block 3 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Weatherford US to Freddie Everton, Lot 7A of the S.E. McCowen Subdivision of Tract 33 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 39, Block 1, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Watson Packers Inc. to Weatherford US, Lot 7A of the S.E. McCowen Subdivision of Tract 33 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 39, Block 1, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Clara L. Fowler to William L. Cotton, Lot 10 in Block A of the Highland Park Addition.

Janie Garcia to Louis Soliz, Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

William B. Bowlin, Fay Hamilton, Mary Blackketter, Bertha Bowlin, David Bowlin and Dale Edwin Bowlin to Keith L. and Temi T. Matthies, Lot 9 in Block 6 of the Towle Place Addition.

David Bowlin and Dale Edwin Bowlin to William B. Bowlin, Fay Hamilton, Mary Blackketter and Bertha Bowlin, Lot 9, Block 6 of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Troy A. Greenlee to Suzan Pinkerton and Garry Greenlee, Section 109, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dorothy Virginia Loftus Grimes to Ellis Wright Huddleston and Judy Ann Shaw, all of the northeast one-quarter of Section 117, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jerry Don Early to Meloney Kay Early, Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition.

Meloney Kay Early to Jerry Don Early, tract one being 1.458 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an 0.882-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jackie Dale Murray to William D. and Lynn Price, the south 10 feet of Lot 24 and all of Lot 25, both in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Glenn and Emma Huffman to Billy Evans, Lot 2 in Block 3 of the Glenn Huffman Addition.

Aurora Ortiz to Oscar Gomez, custodian for Teenwolf Gomez, Lot 13 in Block 1 of the Bennetts Subdivision of Blocks 15 and 16 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Lavelle Eicke, Trustee of the ARTJ-Farm, common Law Trust, to R.A. Jint Trust, a common law pure trust, Lavelle Eicke, trustee, tract one being the southeast one-quarter of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lavelle Eicke, Trustee of the Mumse Trust, to R.J. Jint Trust, a common law pure trust, Lavelle Eicke, trustee, all of Lot 1 in Block B of the Towle Place Addition.

James E. and Wynell Clayton to Samuel and Cheryl Bass, 2.89 acres out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 177,

Block 3, H&GN survey.

Secretary of the Veteran's Administration to Mark W. and Trena J. Whitmore, all of Lot 20 of the H&A Addition, a subdivision of 31.974 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Glenn David and Lynda K. Strong to Timothy D. and Sherri A. Williams, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the North Bank Addition.

E.A. Lewis to Jonathan Carrisalez, Lots 7-9 of Block 6 of the D.N. Price Subdivision of Block 11 of the Cody Addition.

Andrew M. Cumo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to Harvey and Suzan Pinkerton, Lot 7 and the west 34 feet of Lot 8, both in Block 2 of the Von Roeder Addition.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/cream gravy, green beans, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie

Tuesday

Chopped BBQ on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, tomato wedges, bread pudding

Wednesday

Swiss steak, cauliflower w/cheese sauce, chopped spinach, carrot raisin salad, peach cobbler

Thursday

Grilled ham, baked potato, chopped broccoli, pineapple-cheese salad, white cake w/white frosting

Friday

Fried fish, golden hominy, tomatoes & green beans, jellied citrus salad, coconut pudding

Senior Center News

Make plans to attend the April 9 Golden K Fish Fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Cost per plate is $6.50. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the center or from any Golden K member. Tickets will also be available at the door. Take-outs will be available.

It's six weeks until Mayday — May 6. Volunteers are needed to make the fund-raiser successful. Contact the center if you can sell barbecue tickets, make crafts, work in a booth, or help with any one of numerous other duties.

Exxon Mobil's cooking crew will donate and prepare the brisket. Grady and Molly Morris will be the auctioneers for the quilt auction. Entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon by several volunteer groups.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the Local Yokels will be entertaining in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Senior swimnastics will meet at Western Texas College on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3 p.m. The center, located at 2603 Avenue M, will open for games and the dance at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

A volunteer will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. to help citizens with income tax filing. Call 573-4035 for more information. The Kitchen Band will perform in the dining room at 11 a.m. Line dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and clogging begins at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will be leave at 9: 15 a.m. to perform in Sweetwater. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. Swimnastics at WTC is from 2-3 p.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Academy awards to go online for the Oscar telecast

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you want to know the winner, watch the Academy Awards show. If you want to make fun of the winner's outfit, go online.

While suspense and surprise are the tools the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences uses to keep its Oscar show interesting, gossip, games and guessing are the stock in trade of the myriad Web sites covering the annual awards.

Online entertainment sites have to be creative when covering Hollywood's biggest night because live coverage of the actual ceremony on Sunday is limited to ABC-TV.

Even the academy's official site, which it runs in conjunction with ABC, is not going to simulcast the ceremony. It will have coverage of backstage interviews.

"All of our publicity efforts are to deliver the biggest possible television audience to our network," said Leslie Unger, the academy's publicity coordinator. "We want everybody who can possibly be in front of a television to do that."

But the restrictions have not stopped the online world from seeking an audience. From a live chat with fashion mavens Joan and Melissa Rivers to the "Anti-Awards," sites are looking for an edge to draw users before and after the big show.

"The fact is that everybody watches the Oscars on television," said Lew Harris, editor-in-chief of E! Online, the Web companion to E! Entertainment Television. "For us, it's really all about having the best coverage the next day."

E! Online is one of several sites hosting live chats before the Oscars and planning photos and reports from the ceremony and various parties afterward. It's also gossip central, offering a live fashion chat Friday with the mother-daughter Rivers team and an annual favorite — an interactive Oscar party during the actual telecast, hosted by gossip columnist Ted Casablanca.

"The Web is taking advantage of a tremendous down time during the Oscars," Casablanca said. "I think the public is becoming very used to be very entertained at all times. They don't want to sit through all those Clairol commercials. They want somebody to talk to during the ceremony."

The Hollywood Stock Exchange, which assigns monetary values to stars and allows visitors to trade them like stocks, is selling options on stars and studios — contracts that allow members to "buy" or "sell" shares based on who wins what awards. Hilary Swank options, for instance, based on her nomination for best actress in "Boys Don't Cry," were up in recent trading.

Newspaper searches for Oscar scoop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "American Beauty" seems on track to take the best picture Oscar handily and Denzel Washington's performance in "The Hurricane" seems likely to narrowly win the best actor award, a controversial Wall Street Journal poll of Oscar voters says.

The newspaper polled 356 of 5,607 voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Many of the voters polled asked to remain anonymous, but several openly discussed their picks, the newspaper said in a story published today.

The academy sent its members a letter asking them not to cooperate with the newspaper survey. Academy president Robert Rehme had called the poll "a threat to the Academy Awards process."

Best supporting actor nominee Michael Caine ("The Cider House Rules") earned the vote of comedian Buddy Hackett, who told the newspaper that he wasn't voting for young Haley Joel Osment of the ghost thriller "The Sixth Sense."

"In another five years, he'll have pimples, and no one will want to talk about him," Hackett joked.

Amy Stevens, entertainment editor of the Weekend Journal, told The Associated Press Friday that the paper was not trying to thwart the Oscars.

"We make no claims to scientific accuracy," Stevens said from New York. "I guess we'll know if we're right on Sunday. This was journalism, a series of interviews and an evaluation of what they told us. We did not steal the Oscars or the nominations."

Telephone messages left with the academy before office hours this morning were not returned immediately.

It was another headache for Oscar officials, who this year have seen their ballots lost, their statues stolen and a Web site that claimed to have a short list of nominees the day before the names were announced last month. The Web site's claim was false.

The Wall Street Journal's main goal was to learn more about the voting process and explain it for readers, Stevens said.

"We found some real fascinating insights into how they think," she said. "For example, the number of people who told us they were voting for 'Cider House Rules.' It was really a vote against 'American Beauty.'"

That point was made in the story by Norman Alden, 75, a retired film and television actor who's done everything from guest shots in "The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin" to a small part in "Ed Wood."

"I don't care about bad marriages and fooling around and all these crazy things," said Alden, referring to the dysfunctional family of "American Beauty."

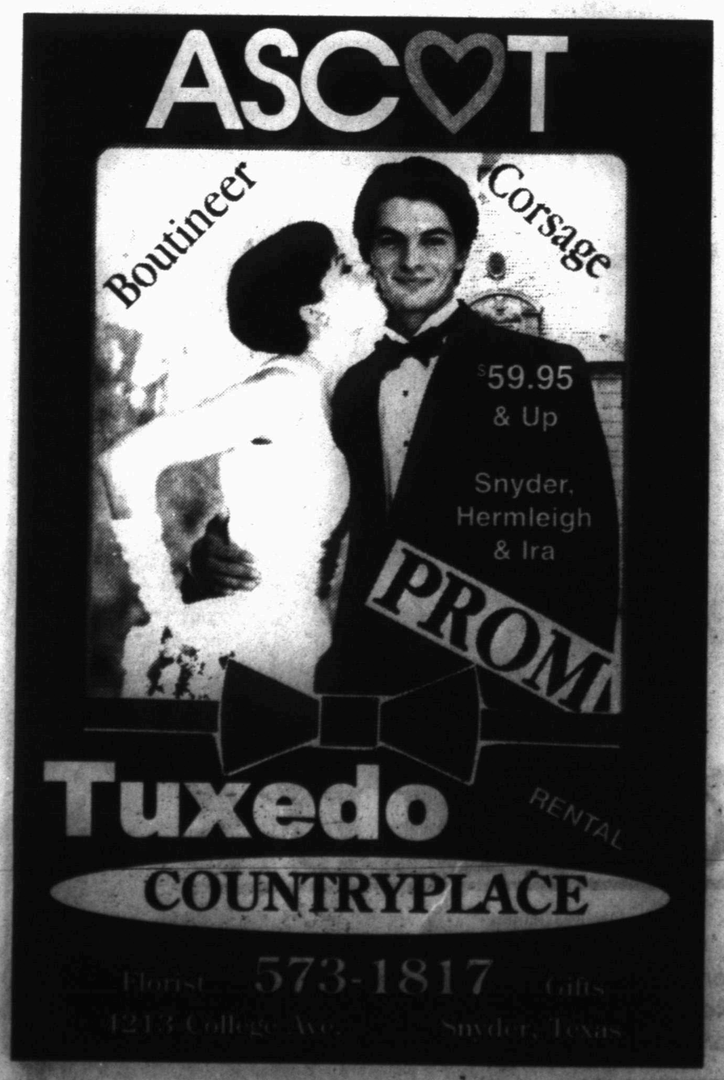
Other awards as predicted by the Wall Street Journal:

— Best actress: Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry."

— Best director: Sam Mendes, "American Beauty."

— Best supporting actor: Michael Caine, "The Cider House Rules."

— Best supporting actress: Angelina Jolie, "Girl, Interrupted."



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Parents of JonBenet get extrordinary TV coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — Five mornings on the "Today" show, two nights with Larry King and an audience with Barbara Walters — John and Patsy Ramsey are getting television's royal treatment.

Ratings indicate the round of book-promoting interviews by JonBenet Ramsey's parents — suspected of being involved in her murder by some who follow the case — is as compelling for many people as it is discomfiting to others.

"I have a really hard time with it," said Karen Krieze, a Montclair, Calif., woman whose daughter was murdered five years ago. "I started to look at one interview, but I decided I didn't want to watch the rest of it."

The Ramseys' interview with Barbara Walters on ABC's "20/20" March 17 earned the newsmagazine its highest ratings of the season. "Today" drew an extra 400,000 viewers beyond its season average Monday for the first installment of Katie Couric's five-part chat with them.

That boost is consistent with the story's history. The sensational case has been a staple of television newsmagazines since 6-year-old JonBenet's body was found in the Ramseys' Boulder, Colo., home on Dec. 26, 1996.

It was the second most-covered newsmagazine story in 1997, topped only by Princess Diana's death, and the third most popular story in 1999, according to NewsTV Corp., which monitors news programs.

"It is getting harder and harder to have a story that could be claimed appointment television," said Russ Ptacek, president of NewsTV. "JonBenet Ramsey is a proven appointment-setting segment where viewers are going to change their schedules for a new development. And the Ramseys talking is a new development."

Giving the Ramseys five days to talk is unusual but not unprecedented, said Jeff Zucker, "Today" executive producer. The show also had a four-part interview with Regis Philbin this week. "Today" devoted about as much airtime to the Ramseys as "20/20," he said.

"At the core, it's a dramatic story," Zucker said. "Everyone sees something different in this story and everyone reads their answers differently. And that's drama."

In their interviews, the Ramseys have professed their innocence and promoted the theory that an intruder killed their daughter.

In Boulder, Colo., on Thursday, Police Chief Mark Beckner said his department is discussing the conditions for giving the Ramseys a lie-detector test since they volunteered to take such a test in the media interviews. They told ABC's Walters they were never asked to take a lie detector test.

"We would expect it to be fair, we would expect it to be administered independently, and we would like the results to be released publicly," John Ramsey told Denver's KUSA-TV. "And if the Boulder police would like to come to Atlanta and do that we would be happy to do so."

For now, the Ramseys are scheduled to appear Monday and Tuesday on CNN's "Larry King Live." It is the first time guests not involved in a breaking news story have been given two straight nights on King's program, a spokeswoman said.

National news programs spend far more time on crime stories than they did a decade ago, said Robert Lichter, president of the Washington-based Center for Media and Public Affairs. The networks figured they needed to mimic local news and tabloid shows to survive, he said.

"This story is everything that's wrong about television newsmagazines," said NewsTV's Ptacek, "and at the same time, it's exactly what the newsmagazines are supposed to be doing — telling dramatic stories about dramatic people."

The heated ratings competition in the morning has something to do with "Today" giving the interview five days, said Steve Friedman, executive producer of CBS's competing "The Early Show."

"I haven't seen any news that I didn't know before," he said. "But if they had come to us, I would have put them on."

Krieze, for one, is sick of it. She resents the attention the Ramseys get when other murders are all but ignored. She also wonders why the Ramseys are spending time writing a book and talking on television.

Q & A

Binge drinking

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

What is Binge Drinking?

Binge drinking is alcohol abuse, drinking alcohol in excessive quantities, very quickly. Binge drinking is very common among high school and college students, they may make it through the week without drinking, but they plan for several days to have a "good time" on the weekend. Party time!

All in the name of fun, these young people spend their free time drinking until they vomit. Drinking until they don't remember what they did last night. Drinking until they pass out or even die. Consuming alcohol quickly and in large amounts can slow or stop the body's natural functions such as breathing, pulse rate, and gag reflex, which

prevents choking. Excessive drinking, for young people under the age of 21, is not only illegal and irresponsible, but can cause devastation in their lives.

Legions of Hollywood movies depict teenage drinking as the "in" thing to do, or "the norm." Everybody's doing it! Television advertisements portray the image that you cannot have a good time if you don't have a drink in your hand. Just gotta' have it! Many magazine ads reveal a sexy, seductive commodity, implying that if you buy our product you will get the girl/guy. They paint a pretty picture and most of us are buying it. If they tell us what we want to hear, we are all too willing to listen. Advertising agencies have a product to sell, their goal is to recruit new drinkers and increase consumption. They certainly can't sell their goods by showing the following scenarios:

A teenage boy hanging his head over the toilet while his "friends" laugh in the background.

A group of kids standing in the emergency room, waiting to see if their friend will survive after drinking so much he passed out. A young lady who has lost all control and doesn't have a clue that the "sweetheart" she went out with tonight is about to take advantage of her.

A family reunion of sorts, everybody is dressed in dark colors with tear-stained faces; nobody ever thought it could happen to this family.

In a single moment, binge drinking can erase all the glamour and attraction that the movies and advertisements have portrayed as an innocent, festive and popular teenage pastime. Many of us have the delusion that a hangover is the worst consequence of binge drinking.

As revealed in the scenarios above, you can see that binge drinking can cause young people and their families to suffer from embarrassment, regret, confusion and sorrow. People who binge drink are more likely to have problems with school, work, family, and friends. Binge drinkers are more likely to drive while intoxicated or ride with a drunk driver.

Unplanned or unprotected sex as well as acquaintance rape is often a result of binge drinking. Alcohol poisoning can result in various health problems to include brain damage, heart and liver problems and even death. The picture painted here is not nearly as pretty as the one most often viewed by our sons and daughters via the media. Talking to the young people in your life about alcohol and the consequences of binge drinking may not be your topic of choice, but I would be willing to bet, you are not ready to talk about which songs they would like played at their funeral.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

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Tyson Foods executive seeks new trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for a Tyson Foods executive asked an appeals court Friday to allow him a new trial so that former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy could testify in his behalf.

The lawyers said Espy's testimony could help Archie Schaffer III, who was convicted last summer of giving Espy several illegal gifts, including arranging his attendance at a lavish company party in 1993.

Espy, who didn't testify at Schaffer's trial, was awaiting a trial of his own at the time on corruption charges, from which he was subsequently acquitted.

Schaffer attorney Bill Jeffress told the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that there was no way to get Espy to testify for Schaffer while his own case was pending.

"There was never a point he was going to give us an affidavit any more than he was going to be interviewed," Jeffress said.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson agreed in December to give Schaffer a new trial, saying Espy's testimony now would probably result in Schaffer's acquittal, but Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz appealed the decision.

Smaltz's lawyers argued today that Schaffer didn't try to get Espy's testimony in a timely manner and that it wouldn't have helped him anyway.

At least one of the appellate panel's three members, Chief Judge Harry Edwards, seemed to agree with Smaltz.

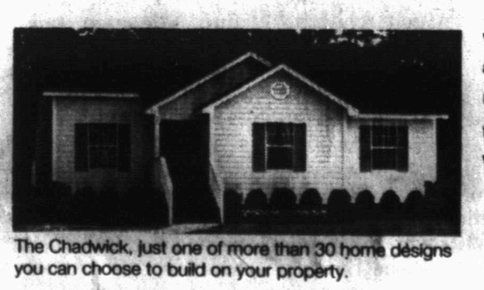
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Letters to the editor

Response to Mills' column

Dear Editor:

In response to comments by Deanie Francis Mills in your March 19 edition of the Snyder Daily News, I prayerfully offer the following thoughts.

First, I too have homosexual friends. I also have some friends who are murderers, bank robbers, and even pedophiles. And none of these has every gotten me a "$1,000 speaking engagement" or offered, in place of an expensive motel, to allow me to "spend the night in their home" (both of which I'd do!). These folks are friends because I believe there is value in their souls.

Second, though I strongly oppose the practice of homosexuality. I do not have a "loathing for homosexuals" nor would I ever condone anyone being "spat upon" for any reason.

Thirdly, I'm a person who is careful about the "stones" I throw because there is plenty that needs to be corrected in my own life.

Fourthly, Ms. Mills makes some excellent points and she does it in kindness. I like that about her. But she is wrong about our needing to accept the homosexual lifestyle. She suggests that "maybe" the Bible says homosexuality is a sin. Not only does the Bible say the practice of it is sin, the Bible condemns the practice of homosexuality. Read Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:26, 27; I Corinthians 6:9, 10.

And notice please that Ms. Mills cites no proof that homosexuals are "born that way."

Fifthly, like many others, Ms. Mills misuses the John 8 passage. Jesus does not teach that we must never make judgments. This was a special situation where he was dealing with some hateful folks who were trying to destroy him at the expense of a hurting woman. Jesus was quick to forgive this woman. But we must remember that Jesus Himself said to this frightened adulteress, "Go your way and sin no more." And that, my friends, is what Jesus would say to every practicing homosexual.

Finally, we live in a world where sex reigns supreme. Every TV program and novel suggests that the practice of sex outside of marriage is OK. We must remember that among the sins Jesus condemned, was fornication, adultery and homosexuality. The only sex God looks on with approval is sex between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We should love all people. But there is a big difference in loving a person and saying that a person is saved and going to Heaven.

Now, lest folks think I'm hard and do not care, may it be known that this letter is not meant to be written in a self-righteous tone. I've always said I wish we could fill our church building up with homosexuals and prostitutes and adulterers and drug and other addicts ... who are repentant and who want to live for the Lord. Fact is, both in and out of prison, I am working with such folks.

This letter is not meant to be condemning. It is just a reminder that all of us are broken and addicted in some way and these words are meant simply to call us back to the Lord and His Word for we are drifting dangerously away from Him. In most of our churches in Scurry County, there are folks struggling with everything mentioned in this letter. And so I encourage two things in this letter. One, that we take a stand on what is right or wrong, and, two, may our churches be fellowships where hurting people can be honest about their sin and find acceptance and help.

Sincerely,
Wayne Horton

Thanks for the support

Dear Editor:

Yes, I would like to thank some people for their support in starting the chapel in Loraine.

So far progress is going just fine. Johnathan has been working very hard every day to get it up quick before the rains ruin it, if it hasn't already. I pray that we can finish it soon.

We have a couple of houses to tear down for the lumber. If anybody can help us to tear down or lend a trailer so that we may finish the job.

Other supplies are needed to complete the job if anyone can help us out in any way please call. God bless you all!

Diane Torres
573-1112

Not a horror story By Ben Wattenberg

Conflict of interest warning: My nephew, Jonathan Schull, was the founder of Softlock.com, I am a shareholder, and the stock price has gone way up. Moreover, I have authored books for Simon & Schuster, publishers of Stephen King's new horror novella *Riding the Bullet*, recently released by Softlock, and other vendors, on the Internet. On the other hand, I have not read King's work. All that considered, I think the Softlock story is at least as interesting as King's, and more important. It gives a sense of how and why things happen in America.

Jon, now 48, was a tenured associate professor of biological psychology at Haverford College; he taught there from 1980 to 1993. He was interested in learning, animals, evolving species, and the spread of ideas through cultures and through the human nervous system. He had written highly regarded scholarly papers on these matters and could sometimes explain what he was talking about to his uncle.

His time at Haverford coincided with the arrival of the digital revolution to academia. Jon was using Apple IIs, PCs, Macs, Paper Mail, Bitnet and bulletin boards. Although the World Wide Web did not yet exist, it was clear, says Jon, that computer users would soon share information, everywhere.

One morning, nephew Jon arrived at his office at 8 a.m., turned on his computer and discovered "Gopher," which allowed users to click through folders to other folders, wherever they may be. (I do not understand what that means, but Jon did.) Fascinated and absorbed, he almost missed his 2 p.m. class.

He had been experimenting with rats, monkeys and dolphins, using rewards to bring out behavior, in an attempt to understand how ideas spread through intelligent networks. The Internet was a giant test-tube for his ideas.

Jon believed that the best content providers (say, Stephen King) would not provide good ideas (content) to the culture if they were not rewarded for their efforts. (This is why we have copyright laws and why Thomas Jefferson lobbied for patent protection in the Constitution.)

In 1992, Jon filed a patent application for a unique combination of information security and vending systems, allowing for instant sales of digital products that could not be pirated, while generating further pass-along sales. Purists at the time were saying that information on the Internet ought to be free. Jon, no conservative then or now, believed that the public would get free information or the best information, but not always both.

His motive was not personal wealth. You have to know Jon to believe that. I do and it wasn't. Michael Novak, the philosopher of modern capitalism, maintains this is not unusual behavior. Entrepreneurs are often motivated by more than money; they want to make a difference.

Jon thought that for $30,000 he could bring his idea to market. He left Haverford. Along with a graduating student of his, Brian Knatz, a philosophy-computer major, they put up some money and raised some more, and then more still.

I told Jon it was a great idea, but asked who's going to use it, for what, when?

Seven years, many small investors, venture capitalists and about $20 million later, the answers came. Simon & Schuster asked Softlock to be the vendor for the King novella for PC users with Adobe Acrobat Readers (an estimated 130 million users). Two weeks after that, when the old clock creaked to midnight, the scary book was offered online around the world, for $2.50. In the first day, 200,000 requests came in to Softlock, either directly or through 150 other sites that Softlock had custom-recruited. The number of requests was 15 times more than the publishers expected. (See the cover story of this week's Time magazine.)

Chaos. Softlock added six new servers to their original four; staff worked 24/7 trying to clear the cyber traffic jam. Executives grabbed sleep on air mattresses or recliner chairs.

Jon is now chief scientist for Softlock, and the largest shareholder. Keith Loris, the CEO, says that Softlock's business is still undergirded by Jon's original patent. Keith and Jon think they have created history. After all, most of what Amazon.com does is what the Sears Roebuck catalogue did — sell hard goods. Softlock sells electrons. The King novella was the breakthrough, say the Softlockers; the rest is to yet come, including books, movies and music.

In several steps the stock has recently traded at 4, 12, 22, 16 and 18. Softlock is applying for NASDAQ membership. (I own shares. I am not touting anything. This is still volatile.)

My nephew Jon is many things: gentle, handsome, intelligent, articulate, thoughtful, funny, creative and innovative, to begin a long list. The one thing we never figured him for was a tycoon. In fact, his shares are "locked up" through arrangements with venture capitalists until, as it is said, there is a "liquidity event." Jon may become quite wealthy, or may not.

But, more important to him, he proved something about how to spread ideas. He is wearily ready to declare victory, which he thinks is ours, too.

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Are women driving men away? By George R. Plagenz

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Like many other ministers, the rector of Christ Episcopal Church was concerned that he couldn't get the men in his parish to come to church. Women in his Sunday congregation often outnumbered the men by as much as three to one. Then, the rector got an idea. He stood in the church parking lot and watched as fathers brought their children to Sunday school, intending to drop them off and head back home.

But before the father could get his car turned around, the rector stuck his head in the window, grabbed the father's hand and didn't let go until he'd coaxed him into the men's Bible class, which met in the church's basement.

The rector believed men might feel more at home in the furnace room, surrounded by pails, shovels and garden tools, than in a well-appointed lounge with sofas and stuffed chairs, which supposedly reflected a woman's touch.

As the men's group grew in numbers, they adopted the name "Furnace Philosophers." That was three years ago, and they are still going strong. After Bible class, they go to church.

The rector may have gotten his idea from the founder of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International. In 1944, Demos Shakarian, a wealthy California dairyman, was sitting on the platform at an evangelistic tent meeting. He said that, as he looked out over the group, he saw "pastel dresses, flowered dresses, women — 10 women to every man."

He mentioned this the following week to one of his clergy friends. He was told that "most American men consider religion sissified — something for women and children."

Shakarian came to the conclusion that men need God as much as women do, but that ministers don't know the language of the businessman.

He began dreaming of an organization that would make God real and alive "in the world a man knows." He envisioned auto salesmen talking about God to other auto dealers, attorneys telling other lawyers and dairymen talking to other cattle farmers.

Then, it happened. One night, at a dinner shortly after the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship was organized, the men were asked if they had anything to share about the wonderful things the Lord had done for them.

For an hour and a half, one man after another came to the front. The testimonies were brief, pithy and factual — "the statements of practical men," Shakarian said.

"No one preached, no one used fancy language, yet the combined effect was more powerful than any sermon I have ever heard," he said.

The FGBMFI — a worldwide fellowship of Christian laymen — now has 1,700 chapters, but the problem isn't solved yet. In his book titled "The Church Impotent," Leon Podles says that the "feminization" of the church is one of the reasons men "stay away from the church in droves."

A spokesman for the all-male Promise Keepers says the church too often depicts a sentimentalized version of Jesus, "while we are looking for a guy with lines on his face, blisters on his hands and bruises on his knuckles."

Now, a new problem looms: Will the increase in the number of women clergy further alienate men?

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

On bigger federal role in education:

In claiming his party's presidential nomination, Gov. George W. Bush predicted education would be the defining, perhaps decisive issue of the general election campaign. If he is right, Bush and Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic nominee, will debate what responsibilities the president has for the successful education of American children, and what steps the federal government should take to pursue that goal.

What deserves special mention at this juncture is the sea change this debate has undergone. Little more than a decade ago, conservative politicians and ideologues sought abolition of the U.S. Department of Education and severe limits on the federal government's public education role.

Most American parents, however, did not accept the idea that the government of the world's richest nation should defer to the states and do little or nothing while public education deteriorated. Now both conservatives and liberals loudly proclaim federal responsibility and propose various remedies. The argument concerns how many federal tax dollars should be spent in what ways.

At the start of his campaign, Bush proposed a relatively modest plan that would impose achievement standards on every public school in the nation. Schools that didn't meet the standards after three years would risk losing their share of the $8 billion federal Title I program. Failed schools would forfeit a $1,500 voucher to every student wishing to transfer.

The lever of Bush's plan would not be the vouchers, which would apply pressure but cause few families to pull their kids out of neighborhood public schools. Progress would come, at least in theory, because the threatened loss of funds would motivate public school reforms.

The Victoria Advocate

On justification of war:

War can show people things about themselves that they'd rather not see. This is an ancient truth that the people of Russia have had to learn all over again as a consequence of their country's brutal military campaign in Chechnya.

The Russians justified the launching of all-out war against Chechnya by calling it a response to terrorist bombings that ripped through Russian cities last year. It's bad enough that there is no evidence to support the government's claim that the bombings were the work of Chechen partisans, and that there are suspicions agencies of the government itself were responsible. But on top of that, evidence continues to mount that, in carrying out the Chechen offensive, Russia's military went well beyond the bounds of accepted military behavior. In particular, videotape of a mass burial of Chechens has given credence to the belief that the Russians, in the name of combating terrorism, have used terrorist tactics.

A recent book by historian Jill Lepore, "The Name of War," recounts wartime brutality in a different time and place — New England in the 1670s, when the English settlers prided themselves on their civilized, Christian morals. Lepore writes that when war broke out between the settlers and the nearby Indians in a conflict called King Philip's War, the English fought with a bloodthirstiness they'd never realized they were capable of. When Indian leader King Philip was killed, they put his head on a pole in Plymouth, Mass., and held a celebration. It remained on public display for years.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

On South Texas redistricting:

Congress decided at the beginning of this nation that the first year of each new decade the government would conduct a census of its population so that the representation in Congress and in the state legislatures would be roughly based on the number of citizens.

The aim was to ensure equal representation, a novel idea for its time. The 2000 census process is well underway. But the other part of this exercise won't take place until next year, after the counting has been completed, when growing states like Texas will have to redraw boundary lines for the state Legislature and U.S. congressional districts.

Going back 30 years, this redistricting effort has been a mess. After the 1970 census, the Legislative Redistricting Board in 1971 redrew district lines for legislative and congressional districts. The plan was challenged in court, which resulted in a court-drafted plan.

The Legislature's redistricting plans in 1981 and again in 1991 were challenged in court. The suits were based on accusations of partisan favoritism and questions of minority representation. The last redistricting effort occupied several federal courts for five years.

The Legislature next year will get its redistricting crayons out again. The party that controls the House and Senate will have a lot to say about how the lines are drawn. This in turn will have a great impact on the state's political landscape for the next 10 years.

Republicans hold a one-seat edge (16-15) in the Senate, but several seats are on the ballot this November. (All 31 senators will be up for election in 2002.)

Control of this chamber will have added importance if Gov. George W. Bush is elected president and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry succeeds him as governor. The Senate will then pick one of its number to take Perry's place. In the House, the Democrats hold a 78-72 majority.

The Dallas Morning News

On Internet fiction:

To a generation accustomed to curling up in bed and flipping through dog-eared pages of a good yarn, there's something almost heretical about Stephen King publishing his new book on the Internet. Would Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* seem more like a long, whiny e-mail than a compelling tale of struggle? And would Willie Morris and William Faulkner be as vibrant on a small computer screen or printed on common office paper?

Somehow we think there's something lost in the translation. In part, the allure of the printed word emanates from its physical existence. Call us old-school denizens, but the notion that one day we'll be greeted with the computer alert "You're got literature" is scarier than Stephen King's best work.

In all seriousness, Stephen King's Internet novella, *Riding the Bullet*, is an intriguing experiment that could revive the moribund market for short fiction. Mr. King benefits from being a best-selling author. But at the presumed cost savings and with worldwide distribution options, might the Internet become the byte generation's coffeehouse, an outlet for innovative or counterculture writings that otherwise would have no champion? This is indeed what Internet gurus mean when they proclaim the Internet's potential as vox populi, the democratizing voice of the people.

Potential copyright problems and the natural tendency of traditional publishers to ask, "what hath technology wrought" remain e-book obstacles.

Propulsid removed from the market

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shares of Johnson & Johnson tumbled nearly 10 percent Friday as investors reacted warily to the health care conglomerate's decision late Thursday to stop marketing the heartburn drug Propulsid.

Propulsid has been linked to 80 deaths since 1993 and a variety of serious cardiac problems in hundreds of patients.

Shares of J&J were down $7.683/4 to $72.311/4 by early afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company will no longer distribute the drug to pharmacies after July and will only make it available to a limited number of patients who fail other therapies. The "limited-access" program will begin May 1.

Propulsid had $950 million in sales last year, but J&J estimates with the new restrictions it will generate just $250 million in sales this year. The drug has already had $150 million in sales in the first quarter of 2000, J&J said.

Patients who are now taking Propulsid are advised to speak with their doctor.

Propulsid, one of J&J's top-selling drugs, was approved by the FDA in 1993. But there has been a series of increasingly strong actions to warn against serious side effects from the drug.

As of Dec. 31, 80 deaths and 341 heart rhythm abnormalities have been associated with Propulsid, FDA officials said Thursday.

"Propulsid remains safe and effective for the vast majority of patients when used according to the approved prescribing information," J&J said. The drug is made by J&J's Janssen Pharmaceutica subsidiary.

In 1998, the FDA announced that there had been some deaths among patients taking the drug and issued a warning that Propulsid was linked to cardiac problems in some patients. The drug's label was revised then to reflect this concern.

In January, the FDA issued an even more severe warning. Patients were urged to be tested to make sure the drug had not affected their hearts. New labels also warned that Propulsid should not be used by patients with disorders of the heart, kidney or lung, or by patients who were taking some medications to treat heart problems, allergies, depression or AIDS.

J&J said that despite the warnings, "some inappropriate use has continued" in the United States. The best solution, the company said, was limiting access to the drug "while ensuring that appropriate patients who have exhausted other treatment options can still benefit from it."

The FDA had ordered an advisory board meeting in April to discuss the problems with Propulsid. That meeting has now been canceled.

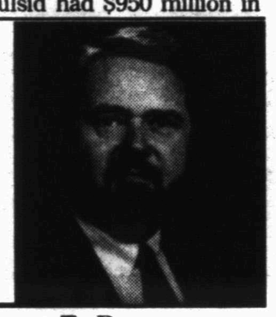
Dr. Florence Houn of the FDA said that Propulsid had a unique action that was important to some patients. She said the pill triggered motility, a wave like action in the gut, that moved gastric acid away from the esophagus, thus preventing nighttime heartburn for some patients.

It was the second time this week that safety concerns prompted the FDA and a drug maker to act on a medication.

On Tuesday, a diabetes drug that has been linked to at least 61 deaths was withdrawn from the market after a review of safety data showed it was more toxic to the liver than comparable drugs. The FDA said that it requested that Rezulin, a drug for treatment of Type 2, or adult-onset, diabetes, no longer be sold. The agency said that Warner-Lambert, the drug manufacturer, agreed to the action.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



You Are What You've Chosen To Be

As I grow older, some of life's greatest lessons become more meaningful. Some former mysteries I now understand and what I could not see is now clear to me.

One of those lessons is that all decisions have consequences. I am who I am because of the decisions I've made every day of my life. I am where I am because of the paths I've chosen when faced with options. My life — good or bad — is the direct result of choices I've made.

The hardened criminal wasn't born that way. The drug addict never believed getting high would lead to destruction. No alcoholic ever became one without taking that first drink. Yet all are victims of bad decisions.

Bad decisions ultimately have bad consequences. Good decisions usually lead to positive results. As surely as lying, cheating, and stealing will lead you to prison, honesty, hard work and positive attitudes will lead to success.

We've all made bad decisions. Most of us live to have another chance. However, there are those unfortunate few who make one wrong turn and never recover from that mistake.

Joey (not his real name) was one of the unlucky ones. He had two goals in life when he reached his 16th birthday. The first was to get his driver's license. The second was to get very drunk. Three days after his birthday he accomplished both of his goals.

Joey almost got lucky. He nearly beat the train. In fact, the engineer told reporters that if Joey had been just a half-second quicker his car would have cleared the crossing.

One decision, a half-second error in judgement and no second chance. The community mourned Joey's death. They also mourned the deaths of the three other teenagers Joey took to the grave with him. Joey's one bad decision carried eternal consequences.

For most of us — the fortunate ones — decision making is an ongoing process. We will have many opportunities to redirect our course. We change our ultimate destiny one day at a time with the decisions we make each day.

Here are ways you can improve your decision making.

* If it's right, do it with all your heart. If it's wrong, leave it undone. If you're not sure whether it's right or wrong, leave it undone.

* Remember that seemingly unimportant decisions can lead to critical consequences. Just as the size of the tree cannot be estimated from the size of the seed when planted, seemingly small decisions can grow into significant problems. Consider even the smallest decisions carefully.

* Quick decisions can lead to undesirable results. There is an old adage that says, "Decide in haste, repent in leisure." Don't let peer pressure or time constraints force you into an uncomfortable decision.

* Good plans lead to good decisions. Proverbs 21:5 says, "The plans of the diligent lead only to plenty..." When you have a plan, you can easily make decisions that will bring the results you desire from your plan.

* Consider others when you make decisions. Most decisions we make do impact the lives of those around us. Take time to consider fairness and courtesy issues before you choose a course of action.

* Think beyond today. Ask yourself if this decision is in your best interest in the long term. All too often, "feels-good-now" decisions cost us dearly later.

* Above all, remember that someday you will be what your daily decisions have made you. You will be where the paths you've chosen have taken you. Choose carefully.

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Mr. Potato Head becomes official RI ambassador

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Meet Rhode Island's official travel ambassador: Mr. Potato Head.

The plastic spud with the interchangeable features is homegrown, produced by Pawtucket-based toymaker Hasbro Inc. As part of a campaign dubbed "Rhode Island — The Birthplace of Fun," 6-foot statues of him will greet visitors around the state and ads will be placed in national magazines.

"With Mr. Potato Head sprouting up in our communities, Rhode Island will peel ahead of the crop when it comes to attracting visitors from around the world," Gov. Lincoln Almond said during a mock swearing-in ceremony Thursday.

But what about Idaho, where spuds come in 50-pound bags rather than 160-pound statues?

"We're not trying to usurp their territory," said Becky Bovell of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corp.'s tourism division. "I think that they're safe in that their potatoes are to be consumed and ours are to be enjoyed."

The Mr. Potato Head statues were designed by local artists with different themes. The first 20 will go up over several days, followed by another 20 or more as corporate sponsors sign on.

There's Salty Spud, dressed in orange raingear with a fishing net in one hand. There's one covered in sand with seaweed hair, starfish eyes and a mouth of shells. Another wears horn-rimmed sunglasses and a bikini.

Hasbro sponsored one of the statues, donated many of the toys for giveaways and waived licensing fees for use of the spud's likeness. The state contributed $200,000 for advertising and other expenses.

Satellite damaged during testing at NASA's laboratory

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — In the latest headache for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a $75 million satellite was damaged when it was shaken 10 times harder than intended during tests.

At least two of the four panels on the High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager will have to be replaced, delaying the launch from July until at least January. Tests were being planned Thursday to look for internal damage.

Engineers who ran the vibration test said they did not know why a shake table subjected the probe to 20 times the force of Earth's gravity, 10 times more than they had intended. It would experience about twice the force during a normal launch.

"The folks who were involved in the test are mystified at this point," said Larry Dumas, JPL's deputy director. "There's no obvious reason that's presented itself."

NASA will appoint a review board to investigate the mishap, just as it did twice last year after the agency and JPL lost the Mars Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lander.

Investigators later found the orbiter mission failed because critical navigation units were not translated into metric. Polar Lander's review board is expected to make its findings public next week.

The 850-pound HESSI probe is designed to explore the basic physics of particle acceleration and the energy release of solar flares from an orbit of 360 miles above Earth. No estimate has been made on the cost of repairs.

Engineers were confident that the spacecraft can be saved, said Mark Hess, spokesman for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, which is managing the mission.

"It continued to function even through the test," he said. "We know there are structural and other elements of the satellite that are still working."

The satellite was being tested at JPL because of the lab's proximity to Gilbert, Ariz.-based Spectrum Astro, where it was built, and the University of California, Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory, where its primary science team is based.

On the Net: UC Berkeley's HESSI home page: http://hessi.ssl.berkeley.edu

Jet Propulsion Laboratory: http://www.jpl.nasa.gov

Goddard Space Flight Center: http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov

Drug ring leader gets 25 years

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who police called the leader of an Austin marijana and cocaine ring has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison.

Hector Soto was one of six members and associates of the Texas Syndicate, one of the state's most violent prison gangs, sentenced Thursday by U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks.

Soto, 35, is one of 22 men indicted in November after a yearlong investigation into the gang. Twenty have pleaded guilty. One fugitive was arrested recently, and another remains on the run.

In court, investigators said Soto headed a drug operation that distributed more than 59 pounds of cocaine and 400 pounds of marijuana between July and October of 1999. Soto disputed those numbers.

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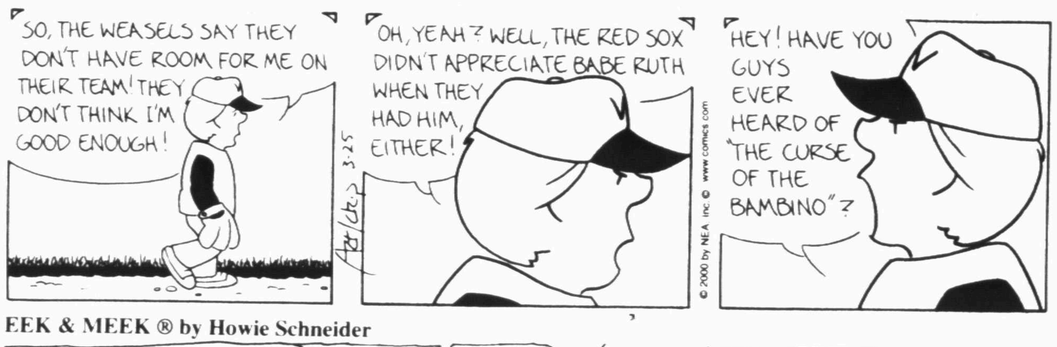
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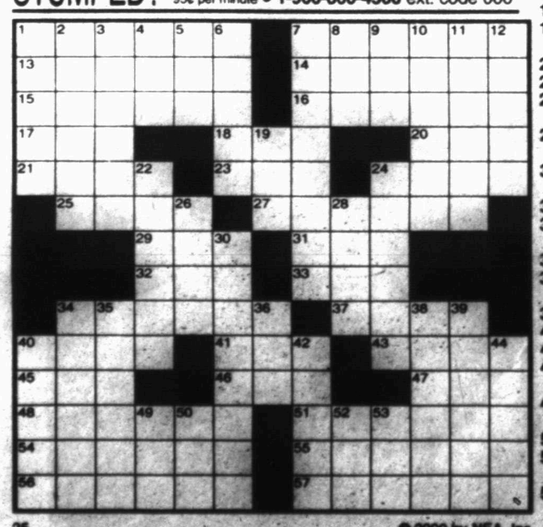
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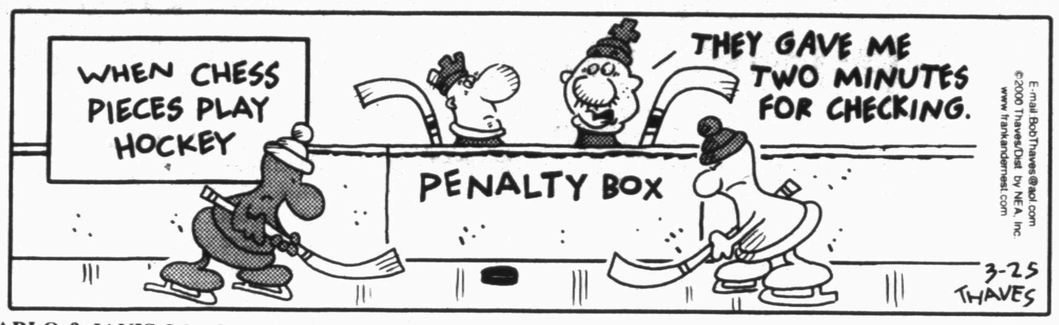
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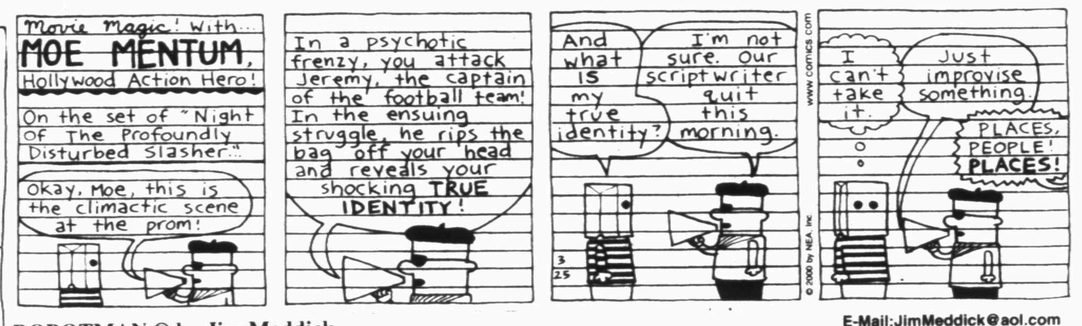
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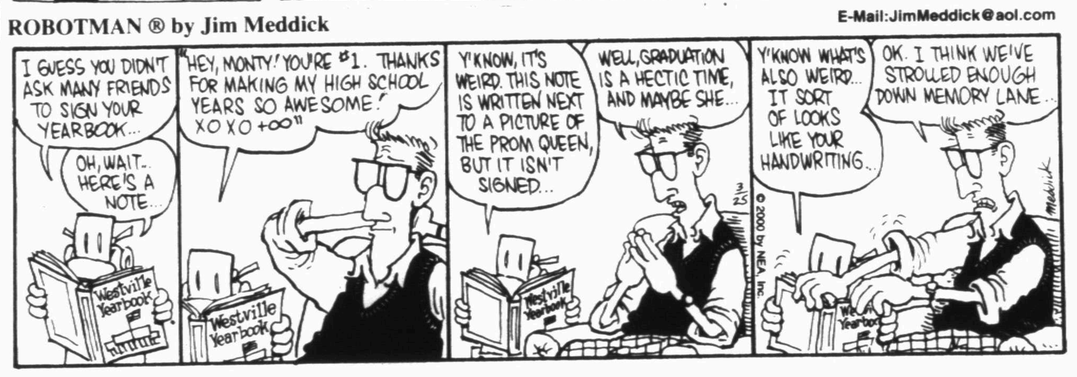


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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Oxygen brings breath of life and kiss of death as well

DEAR ABBY: You gave incorrect information to your readers when you stated that oxygen was extremely flammable and the oxygen should be turned off whenever one smokes.

Oxygen does not burn, Abby. It supports combustion. Users of oxygen have their clothes saturated with oxygen, and this is the source of the danger. Their clothes can go up in flames because of it. That's why the rule is, "No smoking around an oxygen user." — **ERNEST R. SCHLACTER, M.D., WICHITA, KAN.**

DEAR DR. SCHLACTER: Thank you for correcting my error. I have heard from several readers about it. I have seen signs that read "No smoking near oxygen" and assumed the reason was because it was flammable.

Now I would like to share some of the education I received about oxygen from John P. Skulavik, D.S., respiratory care practitioner and registered respiratory therapist. He is the regional director of environmental, health and safety for Airgas in Lakewood, Calif.:

"Oxygen is neither flammable nor combustible; however, it can make an existing fire burn faster. Therefore, it is important that there be at least a 25-foot distance between oxygen and any flames, sparks, heaters or other source of ignition. Oxygen should never be stored in a small closet or confined space as it could create a fire hazard.

"Smoking while using medical oxygen is a very dangerous practice and should never occur, unless one is anxious to be transported via ambulance to the burn unit, and/or checked into the inside of a refrigerator at the coroner's office."

He further explained that workers who use oxygen should never use pressurized oxygen to blow dust or debris off clothing or surfaces because items saturated with oxygen are a disaster waiting to happen.

You've heard the cliche, "If you play with fire, expect to get burned." Well, the same holds true for oxygen. While oxygen is necessary for life, used improperly it can become an instrument of death.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently remarried after 10 years apart. He is 70; I am 58. The subject is a delicate one.

During the last seven of our years apart, my husband was sexually inactive — and unfortunately atrophy has set in. This is a generous and giving man, Abby, and we have a lot of physical love-sharing. The problem? He opposes Viagra. Not having "that" part of love-making available to us is an incredible loss for me. It is for him, too, I am certain. I pray about it and talk to friends, but nobody has offered us any help.

My questions for you are: Is it possible this male dysfunction thing will reverse itself? And are there other options besides Viagra? Given all the bad news, do you have any advice on how to cope with this? — **LOOKING FOR MIRACLES, MERIDIAN, MISS.**

DEAR LOOKING: Male sexual dysfunction that persists for seven years rarely reverses itself without medical or psychological intervention. Your husband is long overdue for a complete physical examination, and if a cause isn't determined, he should ask for a referral to a urologist to determine the cause. And yes, there are other options besides Viagra. The doctor will be delighted to enlighten him.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a Planned Parenthood speaker with a serious problem. I am writing in the hope that you can help me dispel the myth that Mountain Dew soft drinks prevent pregnancy. I have been working to dispel this myth for about two years — and it seems I'm paddling upstream.

When I first realized that many students from fifth grade through college fervently believe that drinking Mountain Dew reduces the sperm count, I prayed that this was a local issue. I now know that this myth has circulated and is believed nationwide.

During my years as a volunteer with Planned Parenthood, I have encountered several myths, but none as potentially dangerous or difficult to dispel as the myth associated with this popular soft drink. Young people continue to obtain information largely from their peers — a very unreliable source.

You have often reminded your readers about birth-control education presented by Planned Parenthood. Please take this opportunity to issue that reminder again and to alert parents and teens that Mountain Dew, while tasty, does not prevent pregnancy. — **MARJORIE SALTZMAN, PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR MARJORIE: Your letter is a first! Years ago a rumor circulated that douching with Coca-Cola after sex would prevent pregnancy. That, too, was a myth — as many gullible "premature parents" discovered to their dismay.

Let me go on record as stating that Mountain Dew — although a refreshing and enjoyable beverage — is NOT A CONTRACEPTIVE. It may give the drinker a "buzz" because of its sugar and caffeine content, but it will do NOTHING to lower the sperm count. And to allege that it will is incorrect and irresponsible.

Young adults with computer access can find reliable information regarding reproductive health issues by visiting www.teenwire.com, a 24-hour, fully confidential Web site sponsored by Planned Parenthood. There they can find answers to questions they may feel uncomfortable asking parents, doctors — or even their peers. It includes a FAQs (frequently asked questions) section and a "Yikes!" page for teens with urgent issues.

Now I have a riddle for you: What do you call young men who drink Mountain Dew because they think it's a contraceptive?

Answer: (All together now) FATHERS!

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DEAR ABBY: In a reply to a recent letter about the devastating effects of smoking, you pledge to continue your campaign to discourage young people from starting to smoke.

Here's some help: Some 50 years ago, my scoutmaster demonstrated what happens when you blow smoke through a white handkerchief. I'll never forget the ugly brown stain from just one strong puff.

If everyone who comes in contact with young people performed this demonstration, perhaps some of them would think twice before beginning or continuing to smoke. — **JOHN F. GLASS, STUDIO CITY, CALIF.**

DEAR JOHN: Thanks for the help. I remember seeing a similar demonstration many years ago. It was targeted at young people who had not yet started to smoke, and one look was a convincing deterrent because of the amount of tar that appeared on the handkerchief. It took no imagination to see what smoking does to the bronchial tubes and lungs.

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New Jersey issues new rules for Megan's Law

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — People notified that a convicted sex offender is moving into the neighborhood will have to pledge not to reveal the information under new guidelines for New Jersey's Megan's Law.

Acting on orders from a federal judge, the state attorney general on Thursday issued the guidelines to make sure information about sex offenders isn't disseminated as widely.

The judge said sex offenders' privacy rights were being violated under the old system.

The new regulations require anyone notified that a sex offender lives near their home or school to sign papers saying they will not disseminate the information.

If they don't sign, they don't get all the details, said Roger Shatzkin, a spokesman for Attorney General John Farmer Jr. He said one item left out is the sex offender's address.

Megan's Law is named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994 by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street. Every other state has some type of sexual offender law modeled after Megan's Law, but many have come under fire.

This month, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to reinstate Pennsylvania's sexual-predator law, which was thrown out by that state's highest court because it violated defendants' rights.

Acting on a class-action lawsuit brought by the New Jersey Public Defender's Office, U.S. District Judge Joseph Irenas in December said the state failed to implement consistent standards on how notifications are conducted in all 21 counties.

The lawsuit cited 45 instances in which rules on privacy were violated. These cases include a newspaper that published the information and a school principal who received a sex-offender warning at home and brought it to work and photocopied it for everyone.

Megan's Law categorizes convicted sex offenders in three levels, based on the perceived danger they present. For those offenders deemed most dangerous, the law allows prosecutors to disclose an offender's name, age and address, as well as his job and its location.

But the law says only people approved by a judge can see that information. Under the new rules, in order to get that information, people must sign a statement that says the material is confidential and that they "will submit to the jurisdiction of the court."

Treasure trove of photos in tug-of-war after trial

PITTSBURGH (AP) — He photographed Joe Louis drooling after a punch in training camp and Dizzy Gillespie tutoring a young musician at an all-night jam session.

But the late Charles "Teenie" Harris — a longtime photographer of black celebrities, parties, street scenes and female impersonators — sold the rights to nearly all his photos in 1986 for $3,000 and what he thought was a fair share of profits from their sale.

Harris, who died in 1998 at age 89, worked for the Pittsburgh Courier, once the nation's biggest black newspaper, from 1936 to 1975.

His family is trying to get about 35,000 pictures back and has been encouraged by a $4.4 million jury verdict against Harris' former business partners, Dennis Morgan and Jerome Williams, Morgan's uncle.

"The lesson here is that you can't steal a person's life work and expect to get away with it without paying a penalty," said jury foreman Joseph McGurk. "What you have is someone taking advantage of someone else's old age."

Jurors had asked U.S. District Judge Donetta Ambrose after Tuesday's verdict if they could order Morgan, who was held responsible for $3.4 million of the damages, to return the pictures. Ambrose said no.

Attorneys for both sides said Thursday that they were working on a settlement in which the entire archive would be returned to Harris' five surviving children. "There are a lot of stories about that name, but don't believe any of them," Bolden said.

"The truth is that we couldn't afford to have him take more than one shot."

Many of the images now hang on the walls of many homes and businesses across the city. One photo shows Gillespie, Sarah Vaughn, Charlie "Bird" Parker, Art Blakey and Billy Eckstine in the same band on a Pittsburgh stage in 1944.

Other subjects included Louis, jazz pianist Thelonius Monk, Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige and Harry S. Truman.

Morgan testified that Harris shot 100,000 pictures, although the estate's attorney, Cynthia Kernick, estimated the total at 35,000.

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The basic monetary unit of Iceland is the pound, and its chief fractional unit is the penny.

Program for music searches modified

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Napster Inc. is changing the way its program works in an effort to please universities that had banned the software because students were clogging up school computers networks.

The company's service allows users to download music from the Internet for free. So far, only Indiana University, which worked with Napster on the changes, has confirmed it will try out the updated version, though other schools are waiting.

"We'll be watching," said Alan Cubbage, a spokesman for Northwestern University, which banned the Napster program in December. "It's nice to not be the guinea pig."

The problem arose last year when some universities saw the connections between their own Internet systems and the larger, commercial Internet bogged down by heavy traffic. Officials discovered that the traffic jams were caused by students who were downloading free music by using an application from Napster.

The application lets users search for music on the computers of everyone else who is linked to Napster at the same time.

The technology's capabilities haven't endeared Napster to the Recording Industry of America, which accuses the company of encouraging people to break the law by pirating commercially recorded music from the Internet.

Many students feel otherwise.

"I'm a poor college student, and I can get on Napster and download any music I want for free," said IU freshman Ryan Bruner, a daily Napster user before the school blocked the application last month.

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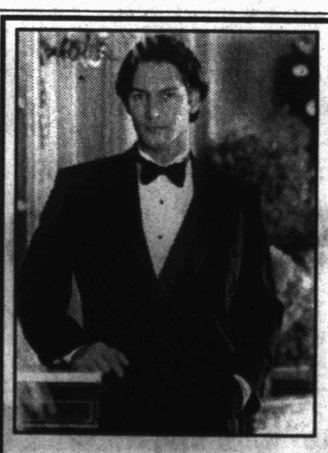
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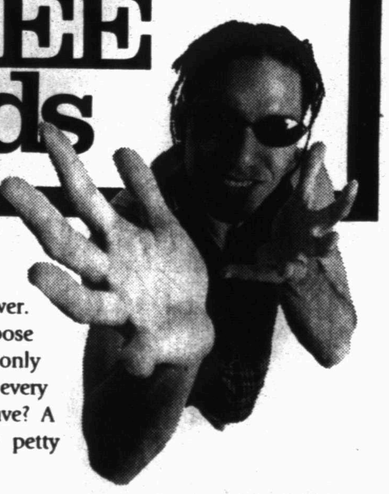
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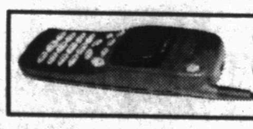
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March brings madness for Texas capital

AUSTIN (AP) — March has been a slam dunk for the Texas capital, as hundreds of thousands of visitors in town for several high-profile events are expected to dump more than $24 million into the city's economy.

The NCAA Regional Championship basketball tournament, which began Friday at the Erwin Center, was the latest big-name happening that will draw more than 200,000 people to the city this month, according to the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The state high school boys' and girls' basketball tournaments, the South by Southwest music festival, the Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo and the Austin Record Convention are only some of the events on the March calendar.

"It's a dramatic number of people," said Gwen Spain, spokeswoman for the visitors bureau.

"The visitor dollars help with taxes so the people who live here don't have to pay as many taxes and it also brings more attention," Spain said Friday. "It really helps focus attention on Austin and that helps other people want to come."

With the visitors comes more business for hotels, restaurants, stores and other tourists attractions, including the Capitol and the Governor's Mansion.

"It has been crazy. We started out this March with the UIL girls basketball tournament the first week of March, and then we had the boys the second week of March. Then we had the Backstreet Boys concert thrown in between the two, and now we've got the NCAA. So, it's been our own March Madness around here," said Diane Puckett, manager of the Brick Oven Restaurant located two blocks from the Erwin Center.

"We're like the Erwin Center cafeteria," she said.

The usual 30-minute wait has increased to 90 minutes this month, Puckett said, but a staff of about 30 — twice the norm — has welcomed the increased business.

"The dish staff gets extra hours, the wait staff makes more tips. The owners are happy. The managers are happy because we're making money. Everybody's happy," Puckett said.

Austin's 114-year-old Driskill Hotel has exceeded sales projections this month, said Tracy Fritz, executive assistant manager.

"It's just been great business for us, not only on the hotel side but on the restaurant side," Fritz said.

Though waits may be a bit longer and hotels more crowded, there is room for everyone because 3,000 more hotel rooms have been added over the past three years to the city already abundant with eateries, Spain said.

"People no longer have to go to San Marcos or Round Rock for a hotel," she said. "The supply is there to meet the demand."

Among the big events this month:

—South by Southwest, the annual festival of musicians, filmmakers, multimedia gurus and others that ended this past weekend. It was expected to bring an estimated $18 million to the city and 12,000 plus visitors.

—Austin Record Convention, where more than 300 dealers from all over the world brought music collectibles and more than 5,000 attended.

—About 150,000 people were in town for the University Interscholastic League girls' and boys' basketball tournaments. Thousands more attended the UIL state cross-examination debate tournament last week.

—The Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo, which continues through Sunday. The 61-year tradition drew more than 200,000 people last year with cowboys, cattle and traditional Texas cuisine.

—Two large conventions brought about $3.1 million to Austin: the Texas Community College Teachers Association and the Association for Computing Machinery.

On the Net:
http://www.austintexas.org

Watch market work out on Biz TV

NEW YORK (AP) — "This situation is fluid, it's liquid, it's happening," chimed Maria Bartiromo from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Never mind what stock she was referring to. When it comes to the big picture — the TV picture — the CNBC reporter had made the right call. Especially the happening part.

All over the schedule, it's a bull market for financial fare. Someone once said, "There's no business like show business." But these days, there's no show business like business show business.

CNBC and CNNfn. Bloomberg Television. Fox News Channel. On PBS, "Nightly Business Report" and that silver-haired sage Louis Rukeyser convening "Wall $treet Week."

Want more? CNN political analyst Jeff Greenfield is host of monthly PBS specials called "CEO Exchange," which reflects the baron-as-rock-star phenomenon in conversations with corporate leaders. (The second installment airs this weekend; check local listings.)

Who needs Regis Philbin? Thanks to Biz TV, a real-world game of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" — where the questions aren't multiple-choice and the market picks the winners — is always on the air.

Watch the stock ticker glide across the bottom of the screen like a moving sidewalk to prosperity.

Keep your ears open. Someone's always got a tip. I just heard on "Squawk Box," CNBC's morning bizcast, that the pickle business has gone a bit sour. Now I know not to buy into pickles4u.com. Not that I would have anyway. But still.

"Squawk Box" is how the business day begins for Bartiromo. Starting next Friday (March 31), she will also anchor a new program, "Market Week with Maria Bartiromo." From the trading floor in after-hours repose, it will air each Friday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. EST.

The aim, Bartiromo explains, is to get a jump on the week ahead.

"We felt there was a need to help investors get better prepared," she says. "We want to lay out everything likely to come up, and talk to major players who can give us a sense of what we can expect."

The assumption, as with all Biz TV: Information assists action, while action generates demand for information. Indeed, Bartiromo attributes the Biz TV boom to growing numbers of people who handle their own financial affairs, "and feel better equipped than ever before to do it."

Sure, but this exploding market it is also a spectacle just to sit back, watch and savor. It's awe-inspiring. Sometimes downright absurd. It's Siegfried and Roy with bulls instead of tigers.

"There's a lot of curiosity," notes Jeff Greenfield. "We understand that the whole world is changing under our feet. What's going on?"

Part of the answer lies in business personalities.

"Americans have always had a great fascination with people who accumulate great private wealth," he says. "What's different today is, we live in a much more public society. A CEO is a much more public figure than before."

Moreover, as the robust economy attracts new investors, "tens of millions of Americans are now bound up with business leaders in a way that they might not be otherwise."

On this "CEO Exchange," Greenfield interviews William Stavropoulos, chairman of Dow Chemical, and Chemdex cofounder David Perry.

"But we don't do 'Where are your quarterly profits headed?'" he says. "We ask, What sort of qualities does a CEO need in this new era? What sort of personal values do they try to balance with the profit motive? It's much broader stuff than we used to think of as business."

And it's the latest thing. Business is whazzup. It's where our fantasies reside today.

New headlamps more common and so are complaints

FALMOUTH, Maine (AP) — The dazzling, bluish light produced by high-intensity discharge headlamps on expensive cars like Mercedes and BMWs are becoming more familiar on the nation's highways.

"Once you drive with it, you'll never drive with any other kind of headlamp," said Phil Infiorati, general sales manager of Performance Motors in Falmouth.

But some motorists on the receiving end of the brightness aren't thrilled with the new technology, and their complaints are being heard by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Over the past year, the agency has received about 100 complaints, an attention-getting number that is similar to when halogen bulbs began replacing incandescent headlamps in the early 1980s, said Tim Hurd, an agency spokesman in Washington.

Worse, some drivers hoping to emulate the prestige of the luxury cars are installing blue-tinted bulbs that do not meet federal standards and may actually pose a safety risk, Hurd said.

The true high-intensity discharge headlamps are distinctive, not just for their unique color but for their price. They are a $500 to $1,200 option on new cars such as Cadillacs, Porches, Audis, Mercedes, Lexuses and BMWs. They are standard on some models.

Unlike traditional lightbulbs, HID headlamps do not have filaments. Instead, they create light by zapping an arc between two electrodes. The arc excites xenon gas, which vaporizes metallic salts to make light.

Although HID beams travel no farther than halogen bulbs, they are wider and contain more light at the margins. The brighter white light produced by HIDs more closely mimics daylight than halogen bulbs.

Gerald Roy, owner of an insurance agency in Portland, ordered them as an option on his 1996 Mercedes 500SL. He said he considered them to be a safety improvement worth the extra money.

"If you're on the interstate at night and you're by yourself out there, you can see much better with them than normal headlights," Roy said. "Would I buy them again? Oh, certainly yes."

On the Net: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration site:
http://www.nhtsa.gov

Henderson's Lotto jackpot called the largest this year

AUSTIN (AP) — The estimated $28 million Lotto Texas jackpot won by former Dallas Cowboys star Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson was the largest pot so far this year, lottery officials said Friday.

But it doesn't even come close to the top 13 prizes in the twice-weekly game's eight-year history.

The largest estimated jackpots, according to the Texas Lottery Commission:

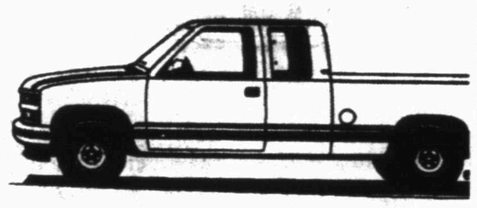
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3. $65 million, Aug. 27, 1994, three winners
4. $60 million, Aug. 19, 1995, two winners
5. $55 million, Oct. 18, 1997, one winner
6. $55 million, May 31, 1995, four winners
7. $55 million, Nov. 16, 1994, one winner
8. $55 million, March 12, 1994, no winners
9. $50 million, Oct. 17, 1998, no winners
10. $50 million, May 17, 1997, three winners
11. $50 million, May 1, 1993, 14 winners
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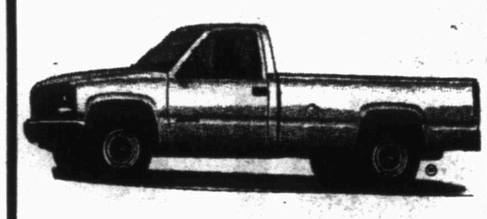
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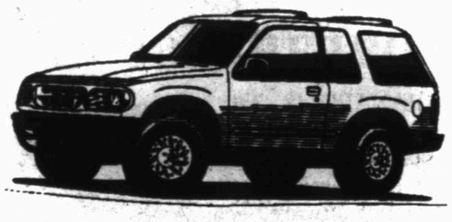
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