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Junior livestock show ends succecssful run

Scurry 4-H Club member T'Leah Eicke's cross-bred steer captured the grand champion prize Friday night at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Eicke also captured the senior showmanship award for steers.

Tatum Gruben, also a member of the Scurry 4-H Club, won reserve champion honors with her British breed steer.

Tess Gruben was awarded the junior showmanship award.

Katie Voss exhibited the grand champion lamb Friday night.

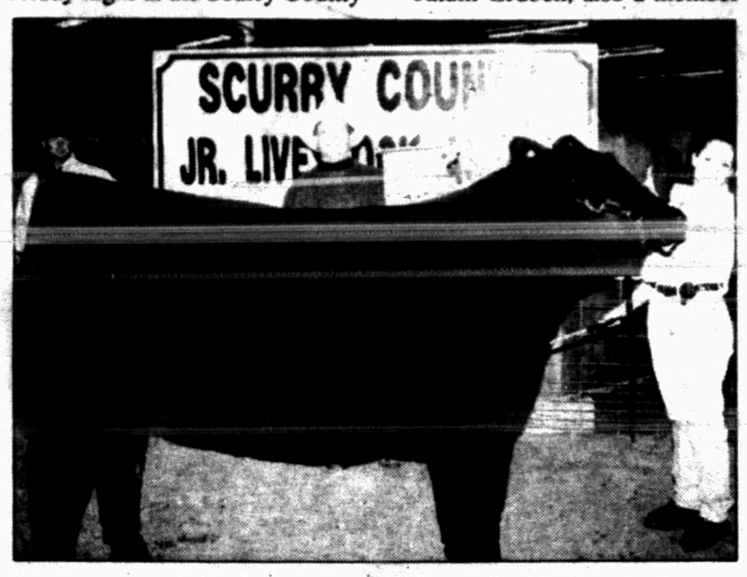
Voss, a member of the Scurry 4-H, exhibited a medium wool lamb.

Audra Oliver of the Ira FFA exhibited the reserve grand champion lamb. Oliver's lamb is a medium wool breed.

Snyder FFA member Callie Estes was awarded the only ribbon in the goat show as she captured the showmanship award.

Friday night's events ended the show schedule for the popular livestock show.

Saturday's events included the presentation of awards and the auction sale.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — This year's Grand Champion Steer was shown by T'Leah Eicke, a member of Scurry County 4-H. (SDN Staff Photo)

Steers

Grand Champion: T'Leah Eicke, Scurry 4-H, Heavy Weight Cross.
Reserve Champion: Tatum Gruben, Scurry 4-H, Light Weight British.
Senior Showmanship: T'Leah Eicke, Scurry 4-H.
Junior Showmanship: Tess Gruben, Scurry 4-H.

British

Class I: 1. Tatum Gruben, Scurry 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Cody Beaver, Scurry 4-H, Reserve Breed Champion; 3. Katie Voss, Scurry 4-H.
Class II: 1. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 2. Rad Eicke.

Cross

Class III: 1. Malorye Miller, Scurry 4-H; 2. Morgan Miller, Scurry 4-H; 3. Cody Beaver, Scurry 4-H; 4. Jordan Stansell, Scurry 4-H.
Class IV: 1. Morgan Miller, Scurry 4-H; 2. Tess Gruben, Scurry 4-H; 3. Jordan Stansell, Scurry 4-H; 4. Rad Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 5. Malorye Miller, Scurry 4-H.
Class V: 1. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Cody Beaver, Scurry 4-H, Reserve Breed Champion; 3. Tatum Gruben, Scurry 4-H; 4. Tess Gruben, Scurry 4-H; 5. Katy Voss, Scurry 4-H.

Lambs

Grand Champion: Katie Voss, Scurry 4-H, Medium Wool.
Reserve Grand Champion: Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry 4-H, Heavy Weight Cross.
Class I, Fine Wools: 1. Colton Long, Ira FFA; 2. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 3. Clayton Long, Ira FFA; 4. Travis Frey, Ira FFA; 5. Chelsea Hackfeld, Snyder 4-H.
Class II, LW Fine Wools Cross: 1. Travis Frey, Ira FFA; 2. Clayton Long, Ira FFA; 3. Colton Long, Ira FFA; 4. Keila Helms, Scurry 4-H; 5. Justin Boyd, Scurry 4-H.
Class III, MW Fine Wool Cross: 1. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA, Reserve Breed Champion; 2. Colton Long, Ira FFA; 3. Clayton Long, Ira FFA; 4. Corbin Smith, Scurry 4-H; 5. Tyler Frey, Ira FFA.
Class IV, HW Cross: 1. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Brady Hackfeld, Scurry 4-H; 3. Clayton Long, Ira FFA; 4. Audra Oliver, Ira FFA; 5. Tyler Frey, Ira FFA.
Class V, LW Medium Wool: 1. Jenson Gainer, Ira FFA; 2. Jose Juarez, Ira FFA; 3. Meggan Minor, Scurry 4-H; 4. Laurie Huddleston, Snyder FFA; 5. Jase Olvera, Ira FFA; 6. Nathan Wilkins, Ira FFA.
Class VI, HLW Medium Wool: 1. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 2. Corbin Smith, Scurry 4-H; 3. Travis Frey, Ira FFA; 4. Keila Helms, Scurry 4-H; 5. Bryce Wilkins, Ira FFA; 6. Johnna Ferris, Snyder FFA.
Class VII: MHW Medium Wool: 1. Audra Oliver, Ira FFA, Reserve Breed Champion; 2. Colton Long, Ira FFA; 3. Katie Voss, Scurry 4-H; 4. Audra Oliver, Ira FFA; 5. Jeffrey Gilbert, Ira FFA; 6. Hadley Hirt, Snyder FFA.
Class VIII: Heavy Medium Wool: 1. Katie Voss, Scurry 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Brady Hackfeld, Scurry 4-H; 3. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 4. Audra Oliver, Ira FFA; 5. Jeffrey T. Gilbert, Ira FFA; 6. Chad Nickerson, Ira FFA.

Goats

Showmanship: Callie Estes, Snyder FFA.
Class I, Light Weight: 1. Calley Estes, Snyder FFA; 2. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA; 3. Amanda Covington, Snyder FFA; 4. Blake Bell, Snyder FFA; 5. Clint Hook, Snyder FFA.
Class II, Medium Weight: 1. Jenna Neff, Scurry 4-H; 2. Colt Pierce, Snyder FFA; 3. Dusty Stone, Snyder FFA; 4. Tommy Gordon, Snyder FFA; 5. Calley Estes, Snyder FFA.
Class III, Heavy Weight: 1. Kelly Moore, Scurry 4-H; 2. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA; 3. Jenna Neff, Scurry 4-H; 4. Kade Kruger, Scurry 4-H; 5. Tommy Gordon, Snyder FFA.

Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale
1999 Grand Champions

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Stuff always demonstrates its importance by moving from where you left it to where you can't find it."

As the Year 2000 approaches, it has gotten folks to think about all the inventions and gadgets that have come into being that make our life easier.

One egghead type, on the internet, asked 1,000 scientists and educators to suggest the most important inventions of the past 2,000 years.

Despite predictions that it will soon become obsolete, the printing press drew multiple nominations. The printing press made the written word available to the masses.

But another suggestion was the contraceptive pill. It certainly made for smaller families.

Here's a sample of nominations for top inventions:

--Hay. Without grass in winter, you could not have horses, and without horses you could not have urban civilization.

--Classical music. The theory that it gives more pleasure to more individuals with less negative fallout than any other human artifact.

--Mirror. Viewing oneself through the eyes of others rather than just from the inside.

--Space travel. It may be centuries before we know the full consequences.

--The city. From the density of human interaction all else flows.

--Atomic bomb. Forcing us to examine rules of war and seek new means of engagement to work out our differences.

Some suggestions were less highbrow:

--Electricity. Bringing us light and heat and power on command.

--Steam engine. It freed man and beast from grueling physical labor.

--Television. Said to be the single most powerful and manipulative tool ever invented.

--Board games. A simple set of rules generating a complex network of possibilities.

--The eraser. The tool that allows us to go back and fix our mistakes.

--Reading glasses. They prevent the world from being ruled by people under forty.

And some recommendations from West Texas:

--Friday night football.

--Central heat and air conditioning.

--Indoor plumbing.

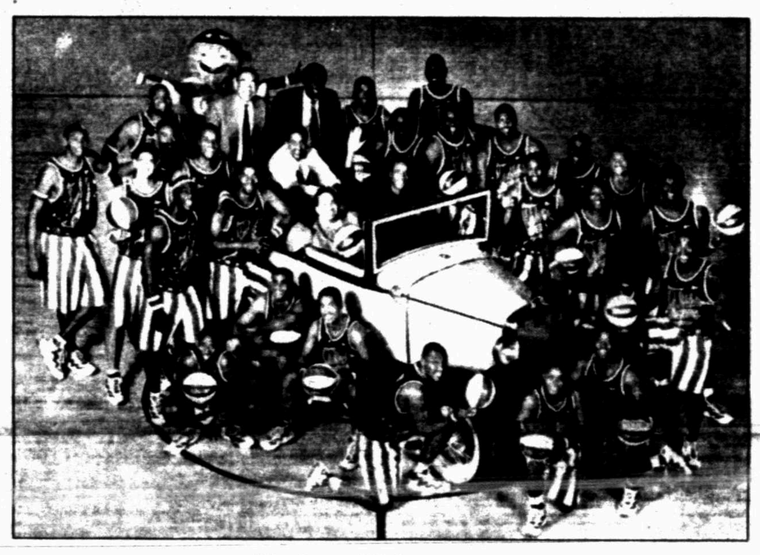
--A pickup truck.

--The TV remote control.

--Coffee shops that stay open 24 hours.

--Chips and hot sauce.

--TV commercials that play when the Dallas Cowboys don't.



Harlem Globetrotters

Globetrotters set show at coliseum on Tuesday

Tickets remain on sale at three locations in Snyder for the 1999 Harlem Globetrotters World Tour.

Known as the most popular, most recognized and most revered basketball team in the world, the Globetrotters will be suiting up for an all-star performance at Scurry County Coliseum at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Reserved seats for the game can be purchased at Lawrence IGA, The Movie Stop and at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce office.

Discounts are available for senior citizens and groups of 25 or more. Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling 1-800-462-7979.

Harlem Globetrotter merchandise will be available at the "World's Greatest Basketball Show," throughout the evening.

Blood drive planned here for three days

United Blood Service (formerly Texas Blood Institute) and the Scurry County advisory council members are asking all eligible donors to celebrate National Blood Donor Awareness Month by donating blood this week.

This month's drive will be held Tuesday through Thursday at the Price Daniel Unit, Cogdell Memorial Hospital and the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The drive for employees at the Price Daniel Unit will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, employees of Cogdell Hospital and their families may donate blood in the physician's lounge from noon until 5 p.m.

The community-wide drive will be Thursday at the Family Life Center from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The facility is located at 1701 27th St.

All donors will receive a complimentary T-shirt and a mini-physical.

Donors can have their pulse, temperature, blood pressure and iron level checked.

Donors will also be eligible for other gifts from a number of participating businesses.

Donors may also participate in the apheresis blood donor program. For more information, call 800-333-6920, ext. 3109.

To sign up for any of the drives, please contact Bill or Martha Schiebel at 573-8626, or the blood center in Lubbock at 800-333-6920.

From Monica Lewinsky...

Trial in turmoil: GOP pushing for testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's impeachment trial was thrust into turmoil Saturday by House prosecutors' secret effort to force Monica Lewinsky to submit to questioning, prompting a White House attack on the maneuver from the well of the Senate.

Amid increased pressure from Democrats to cut short the trial, the senators also heard lead prosecutor Henry Hyde make an impassioned plea for them not to "sell out" for political expediency.

"Despite all the polls and hostile editorials, America is hungry for people who believe in something You may disagree with us. But we believe in something," Hyde said, defending the 13 Republican prosecutors who have been assailed for pressing to call witnesses at the trial.

The day was dominated by discussion of a judge's ruling — forced by Hyde — that would require Ms. Lewinsky to be interviewed by Kenneth Starr's prosecutors with the House trial managers listening in. Ms. Lewinsky was returning to Washington this afternoon as the House prosecutors pressed to do the interview as soon as possible, a House official said.

White House Counsel Charles Ruff, sarcasm in his voice, ridiculed a claim by the prosecutors that they were merely seeking a routine interview with a potential witness.

Noting that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr had gone to court on behalf of the House, Ruff said, "Can you imagine what that little conversation is going to look like, held in the independent counsel's office, with the people there who have the capacity to put Ms. Lewinsky in jail?"

"Can we really say that it's just normal, just OK, to have one side using the might and majesty of the independent counsel's office threatening a witness with violation of an immunity agreement if she doesn't fly across the country for this little chat? I think not."

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., dismissed the criticism, and suggestions Ms. Lewinsky would be mistreated.

A little rain, a little snow

Scurry County got its first recordable moisture of 1999 Friday as two-tenths of an inch of rain was recorded at the Snyder water plant.

Rainfall reports throughout the county ranged up to .3 inches as light showers, mixed with snowflakes, fell most of the day.

The winter-like weather didn't last long as the weekend started bright and sunny with highs forecast in the 60s.

United Way goes over goal by a $1,000-plus

Scurry County United Way president Dr. Ed Barkowsky announced Friday that the $64,000 goal for this year's campaign exceeded it's goal by just over a $1,000.

"We know it has been a difficult year due to the drought and the oil situation; but in our hearts we knew the people of Scurry County would pull through. On behalf of the agencies, we are grateful," said Dr. Barkowsky.

He also expressed thanks to the "army of people that worked so hard, out of the goodness of their hearts, to make the United Way successful."

Other officers this year are Dr. Bryan Cave, vice president; Francene Noah, vice president of public relations; Bobby Beard, treasurer; and Zola Schlegel, executive secretary.

Donations to the United Way benefit six agencies — the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Noah Project-West, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Snyder Day Care.

The Food Cupboard and the Red Cross also benefit from United Way donations.

A dutch-treat luncheon on Feb. 1 at The Shack will recognize volunteers and the annual Jack Smartt Award will be given.

Reservations may be made by calling Zola Schlegel at 573-1731.



OVER THE TOP — Bobby Beard and Jack McGlaun paint the sign that indicates the United Way went over its goal.

ASK US

Q—Why is 37th Street being surveyed?

A—It is the beginning of the design phase for the Texas Department of Transportation to widen the street.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 44 degrees, low, 32; 7 a.m. Saturday, 33; .21 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low near 30. Sunday, mostly sunny, warm. High, lower 70s.

Christin Willson
Warmer

Sunset: 6:10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.
Of 22 days in 1999, the sun has shone 22 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"None will improve your lot, if you yourselves do not."

Bertol Brecht

Speech team competes at Seminole

Snyder High School's speech team competed against 22 schools last weekend in Seminole. Students participating include:

Nickolas Means: First in persuasive extemporaneous, fifth in solo improvization and sixth in impromptu. He also broke to semi-finals in cold reading and declamation.

Michael Gibson: First in TV and fourth in radio.

Lyndell Lee and Nickolas Means: Fourth in duet improvization.

Zach Allred: Seventh in solo improvization. He also broke to semi-finals in informative speaking.

Lyndell Lee: Eighth in Bible reading and semi-finals in persuasive extemporaneous, solo improvization and declamation.

Kevin Taylor: Seventh in cold reading.

Thomas Bishop: Eighth in persuasive extemporaneous.

Lisa Moore & Suzanne Bogard broke to duet acting in semi-finals.



Austin McCormack

Tera Kincaid & Kevin Taylor: Broke to semi-finals in duet acting.

Lance Beaver: Broke to semi-finals in oratory.

Lina Alvarez: Broke to semi-finals in solo improvization.

Michael Compton & Dallas Jones: Broke to semi-finals in duet improvization.

Rachel Fritz: Broke to semi-finals in prose.

Melinda Langham: Broke to semi-finals in Bible reading.

Suzanne Bogard: Broke to semi-finals in prose.

Snyder Junior High School student Austin McCormack also broke to semi-finals in persuasive speaking.

Snyder man gets 2 years

A 21-year-old Snyder man was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility Friday following a guilty plea in 132nd District Court Friday.

David Bryan Robertson of 699 S. CR 221 will serve five years probation for the crime of breaking into the Halliburton facility on FM 1611 on Nov. 28 of last year.

Robertson was also ordered to pay $310 restitution to the company, and was fined $750.

He was indicted in December for the offense.



SHS SPEECH TEAM COMPETES — Snyder High School's speech team competed in Seminole last weekend. From left, top row, Melinda Langham, Kevin Taylor; fourth row, Nickolas Means, Michael Comptom, Lyndell Lee, Thomas Bishop; third row, Michael Gibson, Dallas Jones, Zach Allred, Suzanne Bogard; second row, Lance Beaver, Rebecca West, Lisa Moore, Vanessa Jones; bottom row, Rachel Fritz, Tera Kincaid, Lina Alavarez. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Judge approves settlement

PLAQUEMINE, La. (AP) — A judge has approved $1,000 vouchers for 5.8 million owners of General Motors trucks with side-mounted fuel tanks in a ruling that could end a 7-year dispute over the safety and value of the vehicles.

The vouchers will go to owners of C- or K-series trucks built from 1973-87 or R- or V-series truck built from 1987-91.

Claimants must have owned the trucks as of July 1, 1996, when a national class-action settlement was first approved, said Michael Crow, attorney for the truck owners.

WTC sets auditions for play

Western Texas College has scheduled open auditions Monday and Tuesday for community members to play in a murder mystery dinner theatre scheduled on campus April 16-18.

Auditions will be at 7 p.m. in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre.

Helen Cogan will direct the play. She said the auditions are for 3-5 community members both male and female and all ages are welcome.

She said anyone unable to audition Monday or Tuesday could contact her at 573-8511 ext. 329 to arrange a meeting time.

Rehearsals will begin Feb. 1.

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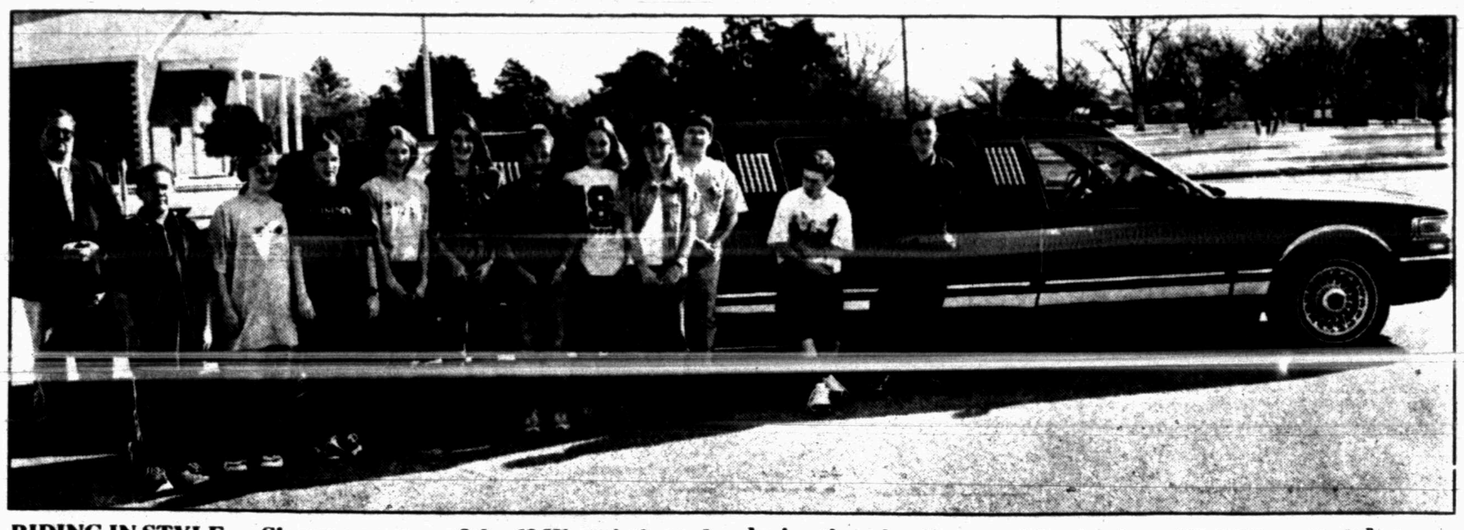
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RIDING IN STYLE — Shown are some of the 63 West sixth graders who rode to the Pizza Inn last Wednesday in a limousine. It was their reward for selling and delivering 30 or more units of candles during the school's annual fund-raiser. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

West's top sellers enjoy special treat

When 63 West Elementary School students ate lunch at the Pizza Inn Wednesday, they traveled there in style — in a Lubbock limousine.

The school's top candle sales persons were rewarded for selling and delivering 30 or more units.

For the second year, West students successfully sold candles during the fall semester. In all, they earned $27,000 of which $10,000 benefits the school.

The proceeds will be applied to playground equipment and student awards.

The top candle sellers are Danisha Akins, Thomas Hefner, Krista Chaidez, Conor Johnson, Amanda Covington, Casey Crain, Kim Cooper, Lacee Early, Jessica Hines, Nathan Graves, Eric Munoz, Alan Gray, Jarrod Fletcher.

Also Sheila Hicks, Adam Sauceda, Heather Holmes, Tanner Bloom, Codi Nichols, Adam Booker, Micaela Quiros, Blake Robertson, Jessica Davis, Nikki Timora, Zack Garcia, Kirisa Torres, Ashley Villegas, Marisa Muniz.

Also, Ryan Ward, Kelsey Shaw, Whitney Warner, Joshlyn Tovar, Chris Callahan, Brandon Bragg, Hadley Hirt, Michael Garza, Logan Martin, Andrea Rios, Jason Ramos, Elizabeth Arellano, Cody Smith, Austin Copeland, Kevin Valdez, Tara Gilliland.

Also, Darrell Cook, Devin Gutierrez, Taren Knipe, Paul Romero, Wyl Wiggins, Charley Ashley, Sarah Carpenter, Richard Guerrero, Devin Chandler, Stephanie Parmer, Lance Turner, Cole Roberton, Logan West, Chelsea Wood, Heather Zajicek, Jacy Beccue, Kassey Burney, Nathaniel Clarady, Abby Foree, Erin Hackfeld.

Woman freed after 20 years in prison

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan officials unanimously agreed Friday to release a woman sent to prison for life without parole in a 1978 heroin case, making her the first person freed under a new law that allows parole for lifers after 20 years.

JeDonna Young, 44, plans to live with her mother, perhaps working at a law firm to make use of the college degree she earned while in Scott Regional Correctional Facility, where she works as a paralegal. Parole officials must approve those plans.

"My client couldn't believe her ears," said her attorney, Stuart Friedman. "She's had so many false starts over the years.

"Now she's scared — it's been 21 years, and the world's changed. She's going out there and putting together the pieces and restarting her life. It's going to take a lot to get adjusted to things."

Ms. Young was driving with her boyfriend James Gulley in 1978 when Detroit police stopped her car and found nearly 3 pounds of heroin. Gulley said it was his; Ms. Young said she didn't know it was there. They were both convicted under a new, unforgiving anti-drug law. Gulley died in prison last year.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reluctantly upheld Ms. Young's conviction in 1989 but said it was unconvinced she was the kind of drug dealer the law was designed for.

Last year, the Legislature amended the lifer law to allow parole after 20 years. The change took effect Oct. 1, allowing convicts to become eligible after 15 years if they cooperated with police and did not have prior felony convictions.

At a parole hearing Thursday, Ms. Young, who has a 27-year-old son, said she hoped for the best.

"Until I actually walk out the door, that's when I'll believe it," she said. "I pray all the time. That's what got me through it. It's kept me strong."

Defendant given death penalty

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Prosecutors argued Fedell Caffey was doing his girlfriend's bidding when he participated in the gruesome murders of two children and their mother, whose full-term fetus was cut from her womb.

Like his girlfriend, Caffey is now on death row.

Caffey, convicted last November of murder and kidnapping, repeatedly proclaimed his innocence before he was sentenced Friday. His attorneys had argued he was not present during the killings.

"How I got messed up in this I do not know," he said.

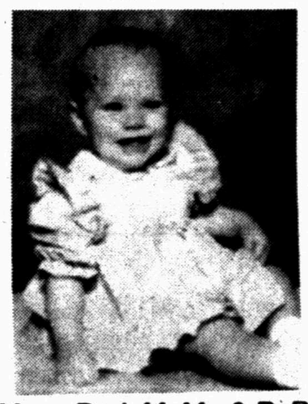
Prosecutors said Caffey's girlfriend, Jacqueline Williams, hatched the plot because she wanted the unborn child of Debra Evans, her cousin and his ex-girlfriend.

Evans, 28, and her daughter Samantha, 10, were murdered in their apartment in Addison on Nov. 16, 1995. Evans' 7-year-old son, Joshua, was abducted and later stabbed to death by Caffey, prosecutors said.

Happy 16th Birthday

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Mom, Dad, MeMe & PaPa

Swiss banks OK agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — Jewish groups, Holocaust survivors and Swiss banks finalized their $1.25 billion settlement early Friday, moving one step closer to compensating victims of the Nazis.

The parties in the class-action lawsuit, including the Swiss banks UBS AG and Credit Suisse, met Thursday and talked until 1 a.m. Friday in U.S. District Judge Edward Korman's chambers, said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

"This is a great victory for all Holocaust survivors," Steinberg said. "All will be treated equally and no favoritism will be shown to those who have signed with a lawyer."

Jewish groups say Holocaust victims deposited money in Swiss banks as the Nazis gained power in Europe, expecting to retrieve it later. But heirs and survivors say the banks stonewalled, claiming they could not find accounts or in some cases requesting nonexistent death certificates of victims killed in Nazi camps.

The judge will now schedule a fairness hearing to review the agreement and formally approve it, said attorney Stanley Chesley, counsel for the World Jewish Restitution Organization, an umbrella group for nine Jewish organizations. He said he hopes approval will come within the next several months.

The settlement, reached in August, ensures that Korman will appoint a special master to consider all proposals for the distribution of the money and to identify the beneficiaries, Steinberg said. The master is to suggest to the judge who should be included and how much goes to each claimant, and the judge will make a ruling.

The court will notify potential claimants through newspaper ads and other public means throughout the world, Steinberg said. He said those who consider themselves eligible will then be asked to call a toll-free number or write to a given address.

Berry's World



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"... And I'm sure that our book, 'How I Cope With Stress,' would be dynamite! Signed, Lucianne Goldberg."

SDN seeks service addresses

Snyder Daily News is in the process of updating its address list for local men and women in the service.

All addresses, even though previously published, should be submitted to ensure that they are current.

All addresses must be submitted in writing to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder TX, 79550 or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave.

To avoid errors, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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25 years after busing, Boston schools have a different face

BOSTON (AP) — Twenty-five years after racial violence erupted in Boston over court-ordered desegregation, the city is considering abandoning widespread busing and sending students to their neighborhood schools again.

The reason: White flight and a burgeoning immigrant population have dramatically changed the racial makeup in many parts of Boston.

Blacks, Hispanics and Asians now constitute about 85 percent of the city's 64,000 public school students, up from about 48 percent when busing began.

As a result, most areas of the city — including the once lily-white South Boston, where the worst trouble took place in the early 1970s — are now racially and ethnically diverse.

The change has prompted Mayor Thomas M. Menino to propose building five new schools in the city and returning to "walk-to schools."

The proposal has some people concerned that it will simply be a return to the old days. After all, integration is still not complete. Roxbury, one of Boston's poorest sections, is almost uniformly black; West Roxbury, one of the wealthiest, is almost uniformly white.

"If you're not paying attention to what goes on, history has a tendency to repeat itself," Leonard Alkins, president of the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said Friday.

In 1972, the NAACP sued the city, charging that black children weren't getting an equal education. What resulted was court-ordered busing and the enduring images of parents hurling epithets and rocks at school buses.

As in other U.S. cities, many whites pulled their children out of the public schools. Others moved to the suburbs. As the white population dwindled, the minority population boomed. Immigrants from Asia, Africa and Latin America poured into Boston, and had a higher birth rate than the whites.

Ten years ago, Boston was released from direct court supervision, but there are monitoring committees to ensure that the schools maintain racial balance. If they do not, the city can be hauled back into court.

The city came up with a new racial-balance formula, still in place today, that bases school assignments on race and parent choice. About two-thirds of the school system's students are now bused under this formula.

But because of Boston's large minority population, "you're taking predominantly minority children and putting them on a bus, shuffling the deck," and sending them schools that are mostly minority anyway, said City Councilor Peggy Davis-Mullen, who is white and represents South Boston.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1849, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman [illegible] degree.

On this day in 1943, "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, premiered.

On this day in 1970, singer Judy Collins was denied permission to sing her testimony at the trial of the Chicago Seven.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stendahl (1783-1842), novelist; Edouard Manet (1832-1883), artist; Sergei Eisenstein (1898-1948), Soviet film director; Randolph Scott (1898-1987), actor; Humphrey Bogart (1899-1957), actor; Potter Stewart (1915-1985), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Ernie Kovacs (1919-1962), comedian; Jeanne Moreau (1928-), actress, is 71; Chita Rivera (1933-), dancer-actress, is 66; Richard Dean Anderson (1953-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, the Dallas Cowboys defeated the San Francisco 49ers, winning the NFC championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When you look at a city, it's like reading the hopes, aspirations and pride of everyone who built it." — Hugh Newell Jacobsen

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Jan. 24).

Jan. 24, 1999

Today is the 24th day of 1999 and the 35th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, James Marshall found gold near Colona, Calif. His discovery set off the California Gold Rush.

On this day in 1922, the Eskimo Pie was patented by Christian Nelson of Onawa, Iowa.

On this day in 1970, the Moog synthesizer was introduced by Andrew Moog.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Congreve (1670-1720), dramatist; Frederick II (the Great) (1712-1786), Prussian king; Edith Wharton (1862-1937), writer; Jack Brickhouse (1916-), sportscaster, is 83; Ernest Borgnine (1917-), actor, is 82; Oral Roberts (1918-), evangelist, is 81; Neil Diamond (1941-), singer, is 58; Sharon Tate (1943-1969), actress; John Belushi (1949-1982), actor; Rob Dibble (1964-), pitcher, is 35; Mary Lou Retton (1968-), gymnast, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, the San Francisco 49ers beat Cincinnati 26-21 in Super Bowl XVI.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect something for nothing — but we all do and call it Hope." — Edgar Watson Howe

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (Jan. 24).



RESERVE CHAMPION — Hermleigh's FFA member Kendra Nachlinger exhibited the reserve champion hog, a light weight Duroc, in the 1999 Scurry County Livestock Show and Sale. Pictured with Nachlinger is judge Dale Schaffner. (SDN Staff Photo)

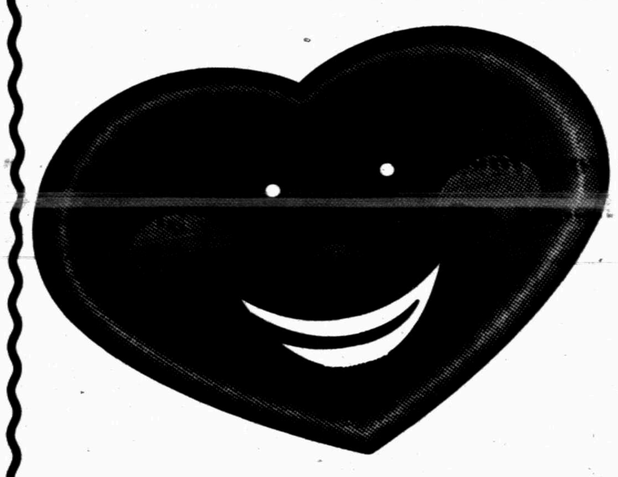
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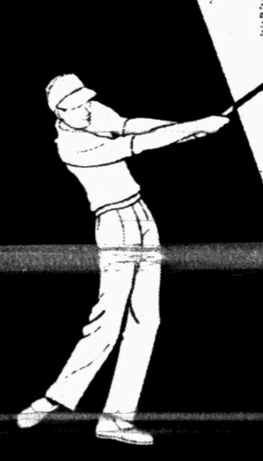
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Hermleigh's fifth grade class has a new globe as well as U.S. and world maps and Geotrivia world books, all donated by the Southwestern Bell Pioneers.

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Cathy Beckman is the fifth grade teacher.

Students include Georgianna Smith, Alana Culp, Danni Webb, Samantha Berry, Johnathon McClure, Robby Anderson and Frank Smith.



DONATION — Hermleigh fifth graders display the globe, U.S. and world maps and Geotrivia world books that were donated by Southwestern Bell Pioneers. From left, back row, Georgianna Smith, Alana Culp, Danni Webb, Samantha Berry; front row, Johnathon McClure, Robby Anderson, Frank Smith. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Unsinkable Leadville finds a way to survive without mines

LEADVILLE, Colo. (AP) — In 1882, Oscar Wilde visited this rough-and-tumble mining town high in the Rockies and read the works of Renaissance author Benvenuto Cellini to a group of townspeople.

The crowd liked it so much they asked Wilde why he hadn't brought the writer along. Wilde explained that Cellini was dead.

"Who shot him?" someone in the crowd asked.

As of Friday, the mines that made Leadville a tough and pitiless Wild West outpost are all gone. But while the place is a far cry from its heyday, when 40,000 people packed the city, Leadville is no ghost town.

In fact, Leadville is booming again, a growing middle-class community of charming Victorian homes.

"Leadville will never die because living here becomes the most important thing in your life," said Stephanie Olson, who gave up her law practice to care for her kids and run a small scenic railroad in Leadville, at 10,430 feet the nation's highest incorporated city.

Part of Leadvilhome prices start at $300,000. That has forced resort employees to turn to Leadville and its more affordable homes.

These days, most of Leadville's revenue comes from small businesses, tourism and people living here and working in the ski-resort towns.

Leadville has also become a magnet for ultramarathoners and other extreme sports enthusiasts. It also holds burro races and ski joring, in which a rider on horseback pulls a skier through an obstacle course down Harrison Avenue, the city's main street.

But history remains the area's biggest draw.

Leadville was once part of the biggest silver-mining district in the country. Though Abe Lee first struck gold in the region in 1859, the big fortunes were made in the 1870s when silver made Meyer Guggenheim, Horace Tabor and J.J. Brown — husband of the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown of Titanic fame — the Silver Kings.

Hundreds of mines were carved in the 20-square-mile district, some on top of each other. At Leadville's peak during the 1870s, tens of thousands of people caroused on the dirt streets, filling brothels and saloons.

Wilde, gunfighter Doc Holliday and suffragette Susan B. Anthony were among the colorful characters drawn to the boomtown 100 miles west of Denver.

Hangings were frequent and popular, drawing crowds of up to 10,000. Today, a judge takes visitors on a tour of 21 spots where murders were committed.

The recent influx of middle-income residents is changing the face of Leadville, squeezing out lower-income immigrant workers — many of them Hispanic — who had become a burden on the county's budget.

John Ozello, head of social services for Lake County, said his welfare caseload has dropped from about 60 cases a month to 12 in the last several years, and fewer people are on food stamps.

The population is about 8,500, up 40 percent from 1990. Virtually every available home has been sold and builders cannot keep up with demand.

Visitors now can sip lattes and read The New Yorker at the Cloud City Coffee House, in what was the atrium of Tabor's Grand Hotel.

Not everyone is pleased with the transformation of the mining town to what some would call a tinsel town. State Sen. Ken Chlouber, a former miner, fears for the town's soul.

"When we lost our mining industry we had to reach every which way, and now we're getting a lot of developers. They want to pick the bones of what is left," he said.

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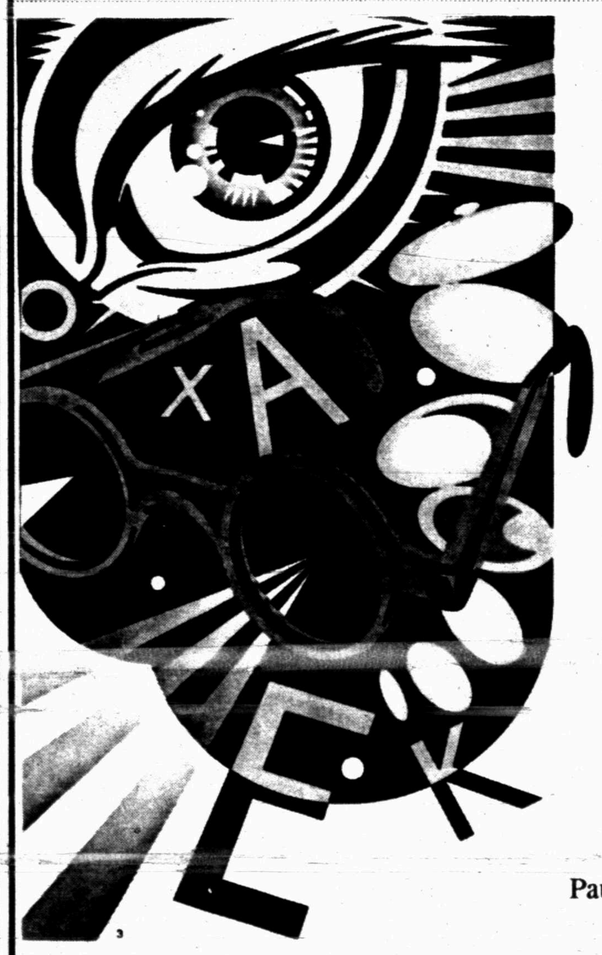


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SPORTS

Late Chief rally cages Tigers, 71-58

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers knew Lake View had some potent offensive weapons in speedy point guard Alonzo Robinson, sharp-shooter Grant Freeman and 6-9 post Cody Renfro.

What the Tigers didn't expect was that it would be Bruce McDonald and Michael Gonzales who fired the fatal shots.

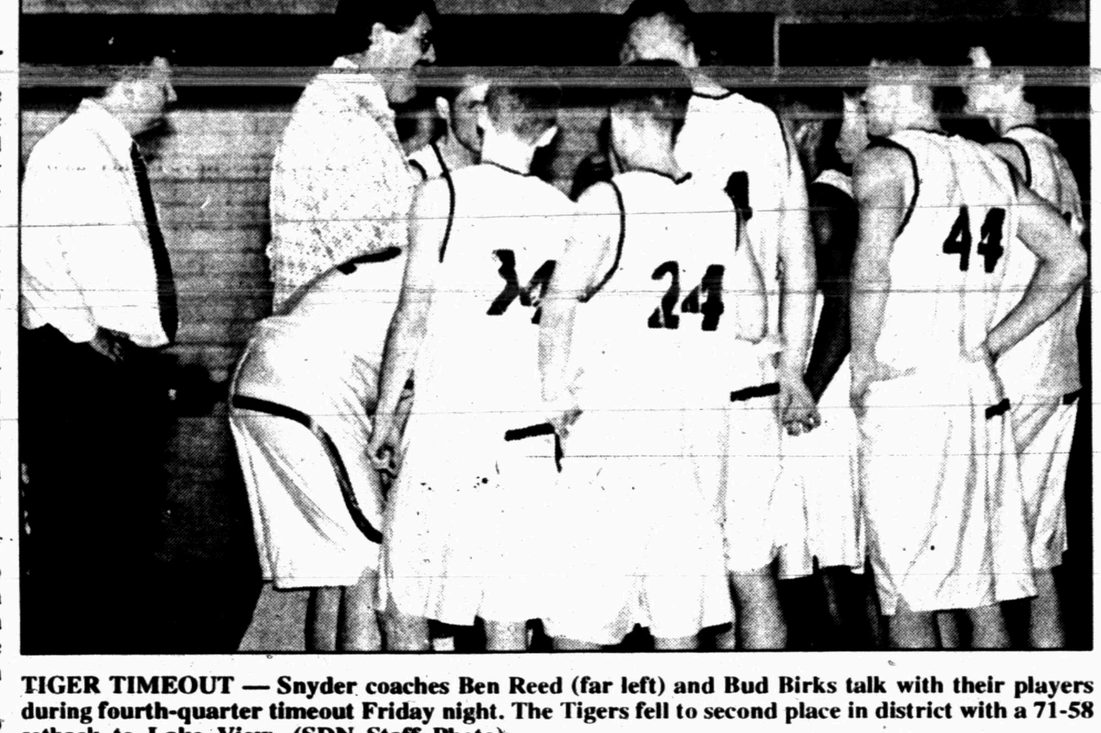
McDonald poured in 17 points, including a key fourth-quarter jumper from behind the arc, and Gonzales registered 18 points in the paint to power the Chiefs past Snyder, 71-58, Friday night in a battle for the District 5-4A lead at the SHS gym.

After hurting Snyder most of the night with slashing drives to the basket, McDonald grabbed an offensive rebound and buried a three-pointer to break a 48-48 tie only 30 seconds into the fourth quarter.

The long-range bucket and two Lake View free throws gave the Chiefs a five-point lead and the breathing room it needed to utilize its speed.

"I thought the key in the fourth quarter was McDonald's three-pointer," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "He hasn't hit that many this year but that was a big one. It put us in a position where we had to play catch up.

"When you have to start shooting three-pointers to get back into it, if you make them it's good. But if you miss, it gives the other team another opportunity. That's what happened to us. The final score wasn't indicative of how close this game was."



TIGER TIMEOUT — Snyder coaches Ben Reed (far left) and Bud Birks talk with their players during fourth-quarter timeout Friday night. The Tigers fell to second place in district with a 71-58 setback to Lake View. (SDN Staff Photo)

The Tigers had answered the ball all night when it looked as if Lake View had them on the mat.

Trailing 35-32 at halftime, Snyder manufactured a 7-2 run to open the third period, grabbing their first lead, 39-37, since the opening minutes.

The two squads traded buckets for the remainder of the quarter, with Snyder's Brady Cobb nailing a three-pointer and Cory Mandrell scoring twice on the inside to regain the lead for the Tigers.

With the score knotted entering the final eight minutes, Snyder opened the period with an empty trip, leading to McDonald's key basket.

A Brock Durham baseline drive brought the Tigers back within three of the lead at the 5:07 mark.

Snyder was plagued by foul trouble most of the contest and on the Chiefs' next trip, Tiger senior Tyler Warren picked up his fifth foul. Warren had held Freeman to just five points before sitting down.

Lake View extended the deficit to 57-50 with two pairs of free throws as Snyder couldn't find the mark from long range.

McDonald and Gonzales continued to find room to operate, accounting for 13 of the Chief's 23 fourth-quarter points.

Snyder could muster just 10 points over the final eight minutes for the 71-58 final outcome.

The Tigers held Robinson and Renfro below their season averages, with the towering post player scoring only three points after the first quarter.

"Our kids played extremely hard tonight," Birks said. "I thought we did a pretty good job against their main players. McDonald and Gonzales had big games and they were the difference."

Cobb and Jared Hester shouldered the scoring load for Snyder. Cobb netted 14 points, with Hester adding 13 more. Justin McNair also finished in double digits with 11 points.

With the win, Lake View (19-7, 3-0) opens a one-game lead over Snyder and Andrews in the 5-4A standings.

The Tigers host the Mustangs on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the SHS gym.

Lake View	18	17	13	23	— 71
Snyder	12	20	16	10	— 58

Lake View
Gonzales 7 4-4 18, McDonald 7 2-3 17, Robinson 3 6-7 12, Renfro 5 1-4 11, Freeman 1 7-8 9, W. Moore 1 0-0 2, C. Moore 1 0-0 2. **Totals 25 20-26 71.**

Snyder
Hester 5 2-2 13, McNair 3 4-4 11, Mandrell 3 1-2 7, Cumbie 1 1-2 3, Cobb 4 4-4 14, McAnaw 2 1-1 6, Durham 2 0-2 4. **Totals 20 13-17 58.**

Three-point goals: Lake View 1 (McDonald), Snyder 5 (Cobb 2, McNair, Hester, McAnaw). Rebounds: Lake View 25 (Renfro 11), Snyder 18 (Mandrell 9). Total fouls: Lake View 14, Snyder 22. Fouled out — Warren.

5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	3	0	19	7
Snyder	2	1	11	12
Andrews	2	1	7	18
Big Spring	1	2	7	15
Ft. Stockton	1	2	13	9
Sweetwater	0	3	7	15

Friday's results: Lake View 71, Snyder 58; Andrews 68, Sweetwater 28; Ft. Stockton def. Big Spring (OT).

Tuesday's games: Andrews at Snyder; Ft. Stockton at Lake View; Big Spring at Sweetwater.

Tigers 62, Chiefs 45...

SHS frosh run past Lake View

After scratching out a five-point lead at halftime, Snyder's freshman boys dominated the third quarter to etch another mark in the win column.

Snyder poured in 21 points in the third period Friday night, while holding Lake View to only three en route to a 62-45 whipping of the Chiefs at SJHS gym.

The second half outburts were spurred by four points from Brandon McGuire and Jamaal Pruitt and a Brooks Nunley three-pointer.

Wade Pinson led all scorers with 19 points, while Pruitt finished with nine and McGuire with eight.

Nunley accounted for five points, with Jay Scott posting four. Tito Alaniz dropped in three points.

Chris McLeod, Tate Thompson, Ricki Dorsett, Nick Landes, Wes Martin, Shay Franks and Craig Bowen added two points apiece.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it hosts Andrews at 4:30.



BASELINE BASKET BY BROCK — Snyder's Brock Durham powers past a Lake View defender for two points during district action Friday nigh at the SHS gym. The Tigers face Andrews on Tuesday with second place in the standings on the line. (SDN Staff Photo)

Announcement doesn't happen...

Snyder's McGinnis still working on details to become Bears' coach

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Oops.

The Chicago Bears wanted Dave McGinnis to bring the black and blue back to their defense. What they got instead was a red face on one of the most embarrassing days in their long history.

Instead of meeting the press, McGinnis left the building. And the Bears were left to explain why they announced they had a coach when it wasn't a completed deal.

"The matter has not been resolved," team spokesman Bryan Harlan said. "There will not be an announcement today."

It was a colossal blunder for the Bears, already under fire for bungling their search to replace Dave Wannstedt, who was fired three weeks ago. The Bears refused to say why talks broke down, but McGinnis, the Arizona Cardinals defensive coordinator and a former Bears assistant, reportedly was unhappy in part because the team announced he was the coach before he had a contract.

McGinnis, a Snyder High graduate and former TCU Horned Frog, could not be reached for comment. Team president Michael McCaskey refused to comment.

"We had a press conference scheduled. It was agreed on in principle," Harlan said of why the announcement was made. "But there were obviously some parts of the contract talks that weren't resolved and didn't get finalized."

McGinnis and McCaskey plan to talk again, Harlan said. But McGinnis left the Bears' practice facility Friday afternoon with Mark Hatley, the team's vice president of player personnel who conducted the first part of the search process, and Hatley later returned without him.

"We don't have a timetable right now for when it will be resolved," said Ted Phillips, the Bears vice president of operations. "There's just several issues that have to be discussed. That's all I can say."

This was the last thing the Bears expected, especially with McGinnis. He'd spent 10 years as Chicago's linebackers coach, and he was a frontrunner for the job as soon as it opened. He was the last of five candidates interviewed, and he called the job "anyone's dream" after meeting with McCaskey.

McCaskey wanted a coach with ties to the Bears' past and one who could restore the bruising, imposing defense that defined Chicago in the 1980s and early 1990s. McGinnis looked like the perfect fit.

He was the linebackers coach when Mike Singletary, Otis Wilson and Wilber Marshall were in their prime. The Bears were 95-64 when McGinnis was an assistant, and the defense ranked among the top six in fewest yards allowed in seven of those 10 seasons.

So when the Bears sent out a release Friday saying McGinnis was the new coach, the only surprise was that they made the announcement before the press conference.

But things began going awry when the scheduled start of the news conference came and went. About an hour later, Phillips announced the delay. After another 90 minutes, Harlan said talks were off.

"I can't really say anything else about it right now," Harlan said. "I'm very sorry about what everyone's been put through today."

This disaster was months in the making. McCaskey, a grandson of Bears founder George Halas, refused to give an indication until the season ended of whether Wannstedt would be fired or retained. On the morning he fired Wannstedt, McCaskey surprised Hatley by telling him to come up with a list of candidates and conduct initial interviews.

Screening coaching candidates wasn't in Hatley's job description, and this would take up valuable time during the prime scouting period.

When the Bears did finally put their list together, they were woefully behind other teams. Including the expansion Cleveland Browns, nine NFL teams had coaching vacancies and the Bears are the only team still with an opening. Kansas City hired Gunther Cunningham — also a finalist for the Bears job — about the same time Chicago was supposed to be introducing McGinnis.

The Bears didn't contact George Seifert until he was finalizing details of a contract with the Carolina Panthers. They got permission to interview Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator Brian Billick as Billick was getting on a plane to Baltimore to accept the Ravens job.

Of the five candidates interviewed, Buffalo offensive coordinator Joe Pendry was the only one with head coaching experience.

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SPORTS

Rodman hoping for a move to Florida

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Rodman is "pretty much" sick of basketball, but in the same breath Friday hinted that he'd like to continue his rebounding in the warm weather of Miami or Orlando.

"I'm going to play somewhere," Rodman told Jay Leno during a "Tonight Show" appearance. "Hopefully, I'll be the first man to ever win three championships on three different teams. I was the first one to do it on two different teams."

Actually, Rodman meant he was the first player two win consecutive titles with different teams — Detroit in 1988-89 and '89-90 and Chicago the last three seasons.

Leno asked the former Chicago Bulls forward if he'd like to play for the Knicks.

"New York is all right, but I'd rather go where it's warm — Miami, Orlando," Rodman said.

Leno suggested the Los Angeles Lakers, and Rodman said he had talked to owner Jerry Buss.

"Hmm, it's not a possibility. There's no money," he said. "With the new rules today, you can only make a million dollars. After making 10, 12 million the last three years I don't think I need to take one million.

"I think I'm better than most guys in the league and who better to fill up a stadium than Dennis Rodman?" he said.

Rodman suggested a team could pay him $1 million and "buy me some land that's worth about 10, 12 million and give it to me."

The TV appearance capped a wacky week for Rodman. On Tuesday, Rodman's retirement was announced and the next day the news was retracted.

"I never left," said Rodman, who explained that he wants to do other things besides basketball.

The lockout that delayed the start of the season by three months didn't help.

"Once you've been gone this long, it's like you don't want to go back," he said.

Local Sports Schedule

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Basketball: Snyder 9th grade girls & boys at Colorado City, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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MONDAY

Basketball: Western Texas at Odessa, Odessa JC Sports Center, 5:50 p.m.

Snyder 9th grade boys at Sweetwater, 6 p.m.

Snyder 7th & 8th grade girls & boys at Sweetwater, 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m.

Hermleigh Jr. High at Highland, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder Tigers host Andrews, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Lady Tigers host Andrews, JV at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 6 p.m.

Hermleigh varsity girls & boys at Loraine, 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

Ira varsity girls & boys at Westbrook, 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m.



HACKED — Snyder senior Shannon Hall gets fouled by a Lake View player on her way to the hoop Friday night. Hall paced the Lady Tigers with 14 points, but the Maidens scored the 64-46 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Broncos' Davis ensures there will be no migraines in this year's big game

DENVER (AP) — Terrell Davis makes this promise:

If, on Super Bowl Sunday, he suddenly sees stars and experiences blurred vision and searing head pain, he wants it to be from a hard tackle.

It won't be because he forgot to take his migraine medication. This time, Davis insists he'll do what he's supposed to.

Last year, he skipped his dosage and was stricken with a blinding migraine that sidelined him for almost the entire second quarter of the Super Bowl in San Diego.

Thanks to emergency treatment on the sideline, the Denver Broncos running back was able to return for the second half and wound up running for 157 yards and three touchdowns to win Super Bowl MVP honors.

"I will make sure it won't happen again," Davis said Thursday. "I already have a reminder. I will have this big sign and put it on my locker. That's the first thing I'm going to do."

Davis, plagued by migraines since he was a teen-ager, has experienced relief in recent years, provided he follows doctors' orders.

During the regular season, the fourth-year pro rushed for 2,008 yards, becoming only the fourth player in NFL history to reach the 2,000-yard plateau, and was named the league's MVP.

He has exceeded 100 yards rushing in six straight postseason games, including 199 and 167 yards this postseason, the latter coming in last week's 23-10 victory over the New York Jets in the AFC championship game to advance the Broncos to the Super Bowl in Miami on Jan. 31 against the Atlanta Falcons.

In four postseason games last season, he rushed for 581 yards, and playoff statistics are numbers he cherishes.

"I'm hoping for a lot of postseason numbers because people tend to measure you by that," he said. "Eric (Dickerson) was the greatest back to play the game, but as far as his postseason numbers, they're not really up there. That's one thing I'm trying to do.

"You look at Emmitt Smith, he's really been put in front of a lot of running backs because of the championships he's won."

Denver's small but mobile offensive line received much of the credit for the Broncos' offensive success in 1997, but Davis believes this year's revamped line — with two new starters and a third player moving to a different position — is actually better than last year's.



INSIDE OFFENSE — Snyder's Kameron Kallenieyn shoots, while Katie Voss (53) and Shannon Hall get rebounding position during action Friday night against Lake View. The Lady Tigers currently occupy the third spot in 5-4A. (SDN Staff Photo)

Maidens' shooters scorch SHS, 64-46

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

For the Lake View Maidens, the basket must have looked as big as a Hoola Hoop Friday night, while it looked more like a thimble for the Snyder Lady Tigers.

The Maidens shot 64 percent from the field in the first half and 49 percent for the night, compared to a 16 of 57 outing by the Lady Tigers as Lake View rolled to a 64-46 District 5-4A victory at the SHS gym.

The setback drops Snyder (11-13, 3-2) into third place in the district standings, behind the 4-1 Maidens and 5-0 Sweetwater.

Lake View set the tone early on Friday, grabbing a 11-5 first-quarter lead, then catching fire in the secind period.

Paced by Hillery Lee, the Maidens connected on nine of 12 shot attempts in the second quarter.

Lee poured in 15 points over the eight-minute span, including a trio of three-point baskets. The junior guard finished with a game-high 19 points.

Lake View's shooting performance pushed the deficit to 32-16 by halftime.

Snyder's Shannon Hall and Kristin Murray netted the first four points of the third quarter, bringing the Lady Tigers within 10 of the lead at the 5:40 mark.

Lake View responded by widening the gap to 17 points, before SHS freshman post Katie Voss buried a three-pointer as the third-period horn sounded.

The Maidens secured the victory from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter. Lake View regsitered 10 of its 18 points in the final frame from the charity stripe.

Hall paced the Lady Tigers with 14 points, including a 6 of 8 performance from the line.

Lake View was on target from the perimeter throughout the contest, draining 40 percent of their three-point attempts, to just 17 percent for Snyder.

The Lady Tigers, who still have their best chance at a postseason berth since the '80s, can retain sole possession of third place in the district race with a victory over Andrews on Tuesday in the SHS gym.

Snyder ripped the Lady Mustangs, 66-38, in the district opener.

Lake View	11	21	14	18	— 64
Snyder	5	11	16	14	— 46

Lake View
Lee 8 0-2 19, Irvin 5 2-2 12, Hernandez 3 2-4 9, Simpson 4 0-0 8, Hill 3 0-0 6, Brosh 1 2-3 4, S. Leifeste 0 2-4 2, Turner 1 0-2 2, Teague 0 2-2 2, Blanek 0 0-2 0. **Totals 25 10-21 64.**

Snyder
Hall 4 6-8 14, Voss 3 1-4 8, Peoples 2 3-4 7, Geiger 1 1-2 3, Murray 1 0-0 2, Mackey 3 0-0 7, Kallemeyn 1 1-3 3, Beard 1 0-0 2. **Totals 16 12-21 46.**

Three-point goals: Lake View 4 (Lee 3, Hernandez), Snyder 2 (Voss, Mackey). Rebounds: Lake View 30 (Hill 6), Snyder 34 (Hall, Voss 6). Total fouls: Lake View 19, Snyder 17. Fouled out — Peoples, Hill.

5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Sweetwater	5	0	20	4
Lake View	4	1	11	12
Snyder	3	2	11	13
Andrews	2	3	7	16
Big Spring	1	4	5	19
Ft. Stockton	0	5	4	18

Friday's results: Lake View 64, Snyder 46; Sweetwater 55, Andrews 38; Big Spring def. Ft Stockton.
Tuesday's games: Andrews at Snyder; Ft. Stockton at Lake View; Big Spring at Sweetwater.

Sports Briefs

Chiefs promote assistant coach

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham was promoted to head coach.

Cunningham replaces Marty Schottenheimer, who won 101 games in 10 years with the Chiefs but resigned unexpectedly Jan. 11 following a 7-9 campaign, his first losing season in 15 years as a head coach.

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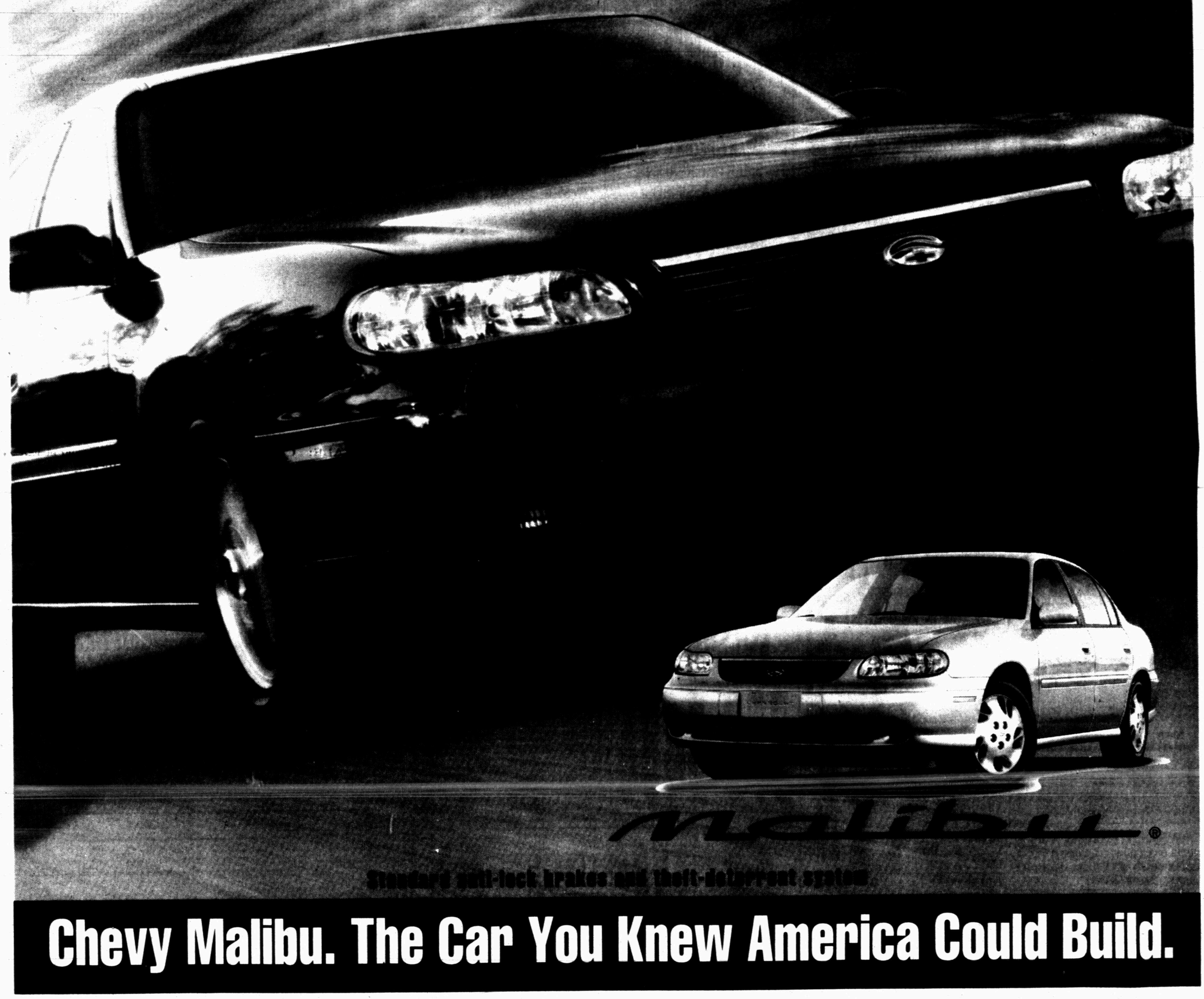
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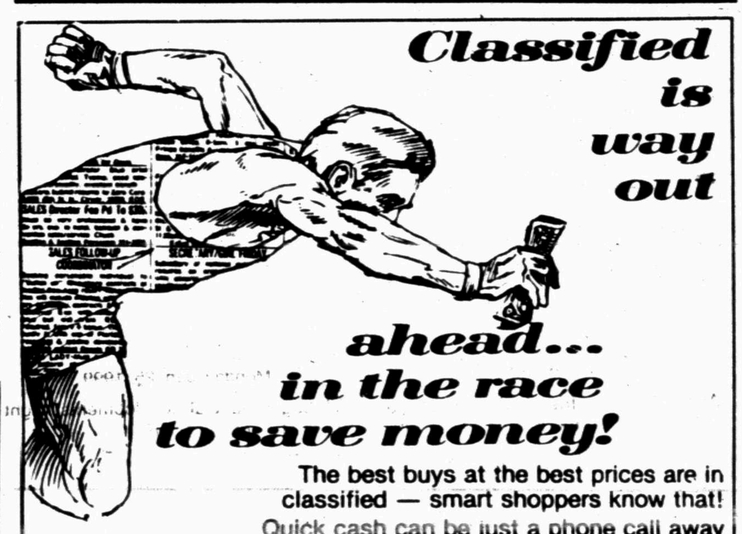
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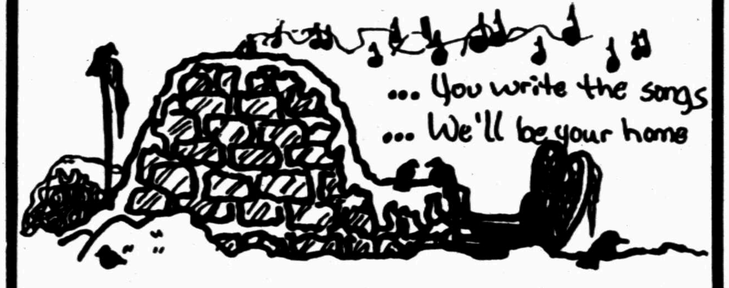
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CU lays out priorities for legislative session

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature should narrow exemptions to state open records laws and the attorney general's office should be made to issue opinions on records disclosure in a more timely manner, a consumer group said Friday.

Consumers Union, a nonprofit testing and information organization, outlined its issues for the 1999 legislative session. They included eliminating questionable loan practices the group says are rapidly expanding in Texas; reducing the number of uninsured motorists; and making sure consumers benefit from plans to deregulate the electric utility industry.

"We're looking at this as really the opportunity to shape how this state looks in the next 20 years," said Reggie James, director of Consumers Union southwest regional office.

Lawmakers should narrow the broadest exceptions to open records laws, such as information classified as trade secrets and financial institution information, which have been expanded by the attorney general's office and the courts, the group said.

Agencies should not be allowed to delay release of information by asking the attorney general's office to "reconsider" when it determines information is open to the public.

Instead of immediately releasing records, about 100 "reconsiderations" were sent by agencies to the attorney general's office in 1997, causing public access to be delayed by several months, the group said.

The Legislature also should create civil penalties against officials who disregard disclosure laws, the group said.

Attorney General John Cornyn, who took office earlier this month, said state law does not allow for reconsideration and that he will tell agencies to go to court to challenge an opinion.

"Apparently there has been no enforcement," Cornyn said. "I want to make open government one of the priorities of my administration. That's the recourse, not dragging their feet for reconsideration."

The Legislature also should eliminate so-called "sale-leaseback" loans, which allow lenders to charges interest rates of 700 percent or more on loans of only a few hundred dollars, the group said.

Under such an agreement, a lender supposedly "buys" an item, such as a television, from a consumer and then "leases" it back for a rental payment instead of offering a loan with repayment of interest and principal.

Although the lender claims to buy the item, it remains with the consumer at all time. The borrower gives a personal check to the lender, who threatens to cash it if payments are not made, even thought the borrower may not be able to cover it, said Consumers Union attorney Rob Schneider.

Schneider said the use of such loans is growing in Texas' largest cities. One lawmaker, Rep. Gary Elkins, R-Houston, has a business that uses "sale-leaseback" tactics, Schneider said. "The problem is growing quickly," he said.

Elkins did not immediately return phone calls from The Associated Press.

Price decline hits hard in tiny oil town

TAFT, Calif. (AP) — At Howard Supply Co., dog food is selling better than the gaskets, couplers and well fittings that for decades helped keep crude flowing from the giant Midway-Sunset oil field nearby.

Since the store opened in 1944, Howard Supply has survived in this tiny Central California town by selling heavy-duty hardware unique to the oil patch.

But after a historic slide in crude prices, oil producers large and small are shutting down wells and laying off employees. At Howard Supply, sales are down 80 percent, forcing store manager Hope Binkley to move the oil gear to a back room and experiment with new products, like pet food and veterinary supplies that might appeal to farmers.

"You have to find something," said Binkley, who has worked for oil-dependent businesses since 1976. "I've seen a lot of ups and downs, and this is by far the worst."

The price sag that has helped fuel the nation's long economic boom has turned into a big bust in Taft and other towns across America that depend on oil.

In recent weeks, big companies including Atlantic Richfield Co., Occidental Petroleum, Texaco Inc. and Conoco Inc. have announced plans to lay off thousands of employees and curtail drilling and exploration worldwide. Smaller drilling, marketing and service companies are doing likewise.

In Kern County, California's biggest oil producing region, about 1,000 of an estimated 12,000 oil workers have been laid off or will be in coming months, said Hal Bopp, deputy director in the Bakersfield office of the state Division of Oil and Gas.

Prices are at their lowest levels since the Depression. Light sweet crude traded at $12.28 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Friday, but the price for the heavy crude pumped from most wells in Kern County is even lower, around $7 a barrel, $1 or more per barrel less than it costs to get it out of the ground.

"We're going broke," said James Hall, president of Drilling & Production Co., a small company that operates about 30 wells.

In March, Hall imposed a 20 percent pay cut on himself and his 10 employees to avoid layoffs. Even with the cuts, he's not sure he can survive another year at current price levels. Most of his employees are looking for new jobs outside the oil industry.

Foreman Darin Holden, 33, advised Hall this week that he would be gone by summer, when his wife is due to deliver the couple's third child. After the pay cut, Mrs. Holden went back to work, but even with the added income, they've exhausted their savings to pay their bills.

Other employees tell similar stories.

"Just to make everyday expenses you raid your retirement account, you raid the college funds you set up for your kids," said Mike Pilatti, 42, a father of three.

Conditions are especially tough for small, independent producers such as Drilling & Production that operate "stripper" wells, those that produce less than 10 barrels a day. Independents depend exclusively on crude prices for their profit margins. Big oil producers, such as Texaco or Chevron, can build profit into the retail sale of gasoline and other petroleum products.

Of Drilling & Production's 30 wells, about half are in operation, each yielding one to five barrels a day. On a recent afternoon, Holden was trying to figure out whether it was worth the cost of repairs needed to bring six more into production. With the producing wells already in the red at $7 a barrel, there seemed to be little point in spending thousands of dollars to bring more money losers on line.

Nationwide, such stripper wells yield about 1.2 million barrels a day, about 20 percent of U.S. production and roughly the equal to the amount imported from Saudi Arabia. Should stripper operators go out of business, the nation's dependence on foreign oil will rise and a skilled workforce will be lost, independent operators say.

"Once you lose workers, they're not coming back," said Les Clark, vice president of the Independent Oil Producers' Agency, a marketer that represents about 40 California independents. "They'll get solid jobs and stay away."

Holden counts himself among those not likely to return. When recession hit the industry in 1986, he was the first let go from Drilling & Production's payroll. He stayed in the industry that time, working another job at nearly half his previous pay until being rehired in 1992. The personal price of that downturn included the breakup of his marriage.

"I was bankrupt and divorced all in the same week. I'm not going to relive that," said Holden, who later remarried. "It'll be hard to leave here. I like the industry, but you have to look to the future, and right now I don't see any future."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 24, 1999

An enterprising friend whose methods might be slightly brusque could be instrumental in helping you further a personal ambition in the year ahead. This individual will know how to get things done. Trust his or her instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When it comes to projects that require minimum effort today, you should have no trouble accomplishing them. However, in endeavors that require a second try, you may not score so well. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You won't like yourself if you allow yourself to be drawn into a conversation with friends who want to chop up a buddy who isn't present. Don't be a contributor to gossip.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you might be quite adept at acquisition concerning finances today, you could be equally adroit at squandering. Try to keep some of what you acquire in your pockets.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should you become disenchanted with your rate of progress today, all your good intentions of getting things done could quickly be swept under the rug. Stay on course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's little chance that you'll lack being imaginative today, and that is good. However, problems could ensue if you become sold on one of your more illogical schemes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A special deal that is offered to you today because you're a buddy of someone may not be a bargain at all. Check out the proposal to make certain it's all that it claims to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to avoid persons today who are of an argumentative bent, or worthy objectives you set for yourself will be difficult to accomplish. You'll just be consumed with disharmony.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely careful today that you don't overindulge the undeserving out of your blind kindness. Generosity is an admirable virtue, but it should be steered by wisdom as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Just because a friend may have had some luck at taking a risk doesn't necessarily mean that you will repeat your pal's results. Find a more valid measuring rod.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Disappointment can be minimized today by realizing that you can't be all things to all people. Should you be confronted by someone difficult to please, don't even try explaining yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sagittarians will sometimes weigh and balance things to the point of indecisiveness, but don't let that influence you in letting someone else make all the decisions. That could be trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're unsure of your abilities to properly manage your resources today, don't make matters worse by taking on another's affairs. Keep things within reasonable limits.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 25, 1999

Although financial developments might move at a snail's pace early in your annual birthday cycle, greater material security is very likely for you in the year ahead. Be patient, for it will be generously forthcoming.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Spontaneous entertaining at your place today could turn into a very pleasant event for you, so don't hesitate to invite a few friends, even if all you've got to offer is potluck. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Mental gymnastics are your cup of tea today. Your faculties are keen, and you should be good at analyzing anything offered by others — whether they be facts, figures or propositions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Move at your own speed and be practical today. Don't let others dictate your affairs and all should work out well for you, especially in your commercial or financial realms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The quality of your efforts is what will determine the types of personal rewards you receive today. Thus, it behooves you to apply yourself diligently in all your undertakings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep to yourself today on what your plans are in furthering a personal ambition, and you'll be able to operate more efficiently. Once you're accomplish your purposes, the truth will come out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be realistic and not just a wishful thinker today. Conditions in general are rather favorable, but you need real goals to pursue, not pipe dreams.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you hope to be successful today, you must be assertive. Now is the time to get the required impetus to give your career a boost, especially if you feel you've been in a rut lately.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have excellent chances for achievement today if you first build a strong foundation for your aims. Following this, you must then layer each small brick into place as called for by your individual blueprint.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It may be through an arrangement you establish with another that something propitious could develop for you today. This might involve providing additional income for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Everyone knows you are an equally important asset in an association, even though the spotlight might be shining on your partner today. You'll get to take your bows later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Chances are you'll stick to anything you begin today, so this might be an excellent time to inaugurate that diet or exercise program you've been promising yourself. Get the ball rolling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take the reins today in situations that others have muddled, because your most outstanding ability is to manage, reorganized and assemble order to nonfunctional areas.

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Six subjects jailed Friday, early Saturday

Six people were arrested Friday and early Saturday.

A 19-year-old male was taken into custody at 10:32 a.m. Friday at the adult probation office on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Scurry County.

Officers arrested a 37-year-old male at 11:36 p.m. Friday in the 2600 block of Avenue E on warrants for allowing a dog to run at large and failure to appear.

At 11:32 p.m. Friday, DPS troopers took a 27-year-old male into custody on U.S. 84 for misdemeanor bail jumping and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old male at 12:27 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 29th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 20-year-old male was taken into custody at 2:06 a.m. Saturday by DPS troopers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 3:06 a.m. Saturday, officers took a juvenile into custody in the 3100 block of 39th Street for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor. The subject was brought to the police department and released to parents.

In other activity, Betsy Griffin requested an officer in the 2800 block of Avenue W in reference to the back window being shot out of her Ford Explorer while it was parked at her house. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

Officers filed an offense report for Class C assault/threats at Lawrence IGA #100 at 9:29 p.m.

The state tree of Maine is the white pine.

A couple of royal banquets cost Queen Isabella just as much as it did to sponsor Columbus' first expedition to the New World.

Texas skier collides with N.M. governor

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Here's bad news: You crash into another skier, knock him down, and it's your fault.

Here's worse news: the guy you just flattened is the governor.

That was one Texas teen-ager's experience a couple of weeks ago at Taos Ski Valley.

"I've been skiing for 30 years and I've never been nailed before. This guy nailed me," Gov. Gary Johnson said with a laugh.

New Mexico's chief executive, a triathlete and an accomplished skier, was crossing an intermediate run, heading toward the opening of an expert run.

"And this guy comes off the side. Man, apparently he'd just taken a jump ... And whack!" Johnson recalled in an interview this week.

The governor estimated the youth was going about 20 miles an hour when he T-boned him.

Taos Ski Valley wouldn't release the skier's name, identifying him only as a 17-year-old from Wimberley, Texas.

Chris Stagg, vice president for marketing at the ski area, was skiing ahead of the governor.

"I kind of stopped, just to check Gary — and I saw him go tumbling down the hill," Stagg said.

Coincidentally, a member of the ski patrol was right behind Johnson and stopped to check on the accident.

Neither skier was hurt.

"What they did was talk to the young man and ... explain to him that you're supposed to ski responsibly," Stagg said.

The governor talked to him, too — and eventually identified himself.

"But initially I wanted him to know that he was in the wrong. I mean, I could have been killed. ... He was very remorseful," the governor said.

Johnson, 46, who was a ski racer in college, was wearing his helmet, which he bought in late 1997 after taking a tumble at Taos, hitting a tree and bruising his leg.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Help for incontinence

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 27-year-old mother of three, who recently started jumping rope for exercise. I'm baffled by the fact that I wet myself shortly after beginning to exercise, even though I urinate beforehand. Also, I have to get up two or three times a night to relieve myself. This is a new problem. What's causing it?

DEAR READER: You are showing signs of "stress incontinence," in which exertion causes small amounts of urinary leakage. Common in older women who have had multiple pregnancies, stress incontinence is rare in healthy young women, with two exceptions: Diabetes can cause increased urinary flow, and urinary infection can often produce leakage without discomfort. Thus, you should check with your doctor to determine the exact source of your problem. If your stress incontinence is not resulting from the conditions I mentioned, you may need referral to a gynecologist who will instruct you in methods to regain control of your urine.

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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My brother drank heavily for years and, except for a few DWI citations, appeared to suffer no harmful physical effects. However, my sister also drinks regularly and has developed cirrhosis.

DEAR READER: Nobody knows. But women are more prone to dangerous liver scarring (cirrhosis) than are men. According to an article in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1995, daily alcohol consumption of about three or four drinks (one drink is equivalent to 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1-1/2 ounces of spirits) for 10 years or more is associated with liver disease in women, whereas five or six drinks a day are required for alcohol-induced cirrhosis in men.

As an aside, I'll bet that your brother is in more trouble than he suspects. Cirrhosis is only one consequence — and a late one at that — of alcoholism. The pancreas, brain, heart and immune system are also damaged by alcohol abuse, not to mention the profound and detrimental effects on behavior. Is your brother an alcoholic? Sure. The DWI citations prove it. He better get his act together before it's too late.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are cigar- and pipe-smoking as damaging as the use of cigarettes?

DEAR READER: Tobacco is tobacco; it's dangerous whether it is smoked, sniffed or chewed. Pipe smokers don't generally inhale, so they are statistically at less risk than are cigarette smokers. Recent studies have confirmed that. Cigar smokers, although they don't inhale, are at high risk for mouth and lung cancer because of second-hand smoke and the fact that the average cigar takes so long to burn down. Non-cigarette tobacco users have an additional problem: an increased incidence of lip and throat cancer.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle a disagreement in our household. When you get a burn from grease, water or something hot, what should you do? Is butter an appropriate antidote?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, trivial burns of the household type are best treated with cold compresses. If the burn involves more than some blistering — for example, charring — or if the burned areas are extensive, I recommend immediate medical attention.

Butter or oil will not help a burn. However, there are salves containing local anesthetics and/or aloe gel that may soothe burns after cold compresses have been applied for several minutes. In fact, some homemakers keep aloe vera plants in their kitchens for just this purpose.

DEAR DR. GOTT: If my brother lifts anything heavier than 20 pounds, he experiences intestinal bleeding. The doctor says his intestinal blood vessels have ruptured and nothing can be done. Do you agree?

DEAR READER: Such a sequence of events would be distinctly unusual. Sometimes, when people strain while lifting heavy objects, the increased abdominal pressure can cause a sudden surge of blood through the intestinal circulation. If there is a malformed vein, it could leak blood under these circumstances.

Based on the information you've supplied, I can neither agree nor disagree with the doctor. Twenty pounds is pretty light, however, so I'd want to know the exact location of your brother's bleeding, in the hope that the offending vein could be cauterized or removed to prevent more serious future bleeding that could occur if he were to strain in other ways — such as on the toilet, for example. Using special tests, including colonoscopy, a gastroenterologist should be able to identify the precise source of the bleeding and offer treatment.

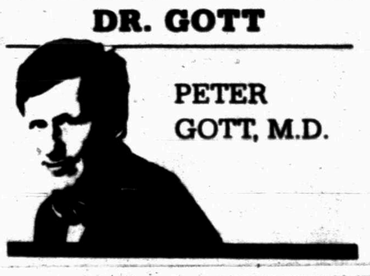
DEAR DR. GOTT: Despite taking thyroid supplements for several years, I still gain weight — even though I consume fewer than 1,000 calories a day. Should I change doctors? See a specialist?

DEAR READER: Some people gain weight even if they substantially reduce their caloric intake. This unusual tendency is usually the result of unique metabolic alterations that are genetic and have nothing to do with the thyroid gland. I advise you to make an appointment in the metabolic clinic of a teaching hospital. In such a setting, specialists can study your metabolic balance and suggest ways for you to maintain an ideal weight.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Control Through Calorie Control." 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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PETER GOTT, M.D.

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Students of the 3rd Six Weeks

Stanfield Elementary's Students of the Third Six Weeks are Chloe Reecer, Toby Lopez, Tye Holley, Nan'kta Davis, Anna Fortney, Dylan Rodriguez, Kalyn Hildreth, Robert Castaneda, Sarah Wilson, Eduardo Arrellano, A'Lex Koonce, Jake Graves, Leslie Rosas, Will Toombs, Kendall Alarcon, Alex Rivera, Haley Stewart, Timothy Iglehart, [illegible]

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Perfect Attendance 3rd Six Weeks

Tanya Adams, Leticia Aguilar, Tilatha Akins, Ryanna Alexandra, Bianca Alvarado, Adrian Alvarez, Robert Alvarez, Ashley Anderson, Eduardo Arrelano, Esperanza Benitez, Frankie Benitez, Manuel Benitez, Miranda Benitez, Jessica Bilderback, Michael Brasher, Zoe Briseno, Jonathan Burns, Lareshia Carey, Jared Cave, Daniela Chavez.

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Recall for meat ordered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers who have purchased meat products manufactured at Thorn Apple Valley's Forrest City, Ark., plant in the last six months are being urged to return them because of concerns of possible contamination with the Listeria monocytogenes bacteria.

The Agriculture Department announced the recall Friday night. It includes all meat and poultry products bearing the codes "EST 13529" or "EST P13529" anywhere on the package. The recall includes dozens of brand names, based on information collected by the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service and provided by the company.

The department suspended operations at the Arkansas plant on Dec. 31 because of its noncompliance with sanitation requirements. Operations there remain suspended. That plant has a production capacity of 400,000 pounds of hot dogs per day, according to the company.

No consumer illnesses have yet been linked to the products, which were distributed nationwide and shipped to foreign countries, including South Korea and Russia, and manufactured after July 6, 1998.

"Because of the potential of foodborne illness, we urge consumers who have purchased the suspect product not to eat it and return it to the point of purchase," said Margaret Glavin, associate administrator of the FSIS.

Between July and December 1998, government inspectors collected 20 ready-to-eat samples from the plant. Five tested positive for Listeria monocytogenes bacteria, which can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Based on the findings and conditions at the plant, the agency concluded there may be a public health risk associated with the product.

The Agriculture Department said it has no evidence, however, linking the product to a nationwide listeriosis outbreak that is under investigation. About 1,800 cases of food poisoning caused by listeria are reported in the United States each year.

Healthy people usually can fight off the bacterium with no more than flu-like symptoms. But listeria can kill, by causing meningitis or blood infection. Most at risk are pregnant women, the elderly and people with weak immune systems.

This is the third major recall in a month of meat products.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Chicken pot pie, fried cauliflower, Harvard beets, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookies

TUESDAY

Braised ham, scalloped potatoes, chopped broccoli, sliced pineapple w/cheese, chocolate pudding

WEDNESDAY

Chicken spoonbread w/giblet gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, Italian green beans, cucumber/onion/salad, pecan pie

THURSDAY

Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, sopapillas.

FRIDAY

Fried fish, tomatoes w/croutons, baked beans, perfection salad, pineapple upside-down cake

Senior Center News

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and the monthly domino tournament begins at 10 a.m. Juanita Ellington leads a mild exercise program daily at 11.

TUESDAY

88 play begins at 10 a.m., the Local Yokels will entertain at 11 and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Seniors are encouraged to attend the dance/game night. The building opens at 6:30 p.m. and the dance begins at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Cake will be served at 10 a.m. and the Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. Line dancers will perform at Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m. and the cloggers practice at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will be singing at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. The Pool Association will be meeting at 11 a.m. in the conference room.

FRIDAY

Bridge play and the blood pressure clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10 a.m. There will be no sing-a-long this Friday. Seniors are encouraged to attend the 11 a.m. Social Security program presented by Glyn Hammons, retired Abilene Social Security district manager and current volunteer for the National Committee to preserve Social Security and Medicare, and Ken Hagins, the current Abilene SS district manager.

The presentation will focus on the present status of Social Security, projections for the future and what individuals can do to influence any changes. This program is not on the newsletter so seniors are urged to mark their calendars.

Recipes for the Senior Center Cookbook will be accepted until Feb. 5. Past and current members and employees are urged to submit recipes.

The Swimnastics schedule has not been released, but should be set by Tuesday. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Beginning Feb. 3, Bernhard Bartels will be available on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to assist individuals in filing their income tax. He will be stationed at the Senior Center through April 14.

Princess Caroline to wed prince

PARIS (AP) — Maybe the third time will be a charm for Princess Caroline of Monaco.

Once divorced and once widowed, Caroline reportedly is getting married a third time.

She was to marry Prince Ernst August of Hanover, her longtime boyfriend, in a private ceremony today — her 42nd birthday, Radio Monte Carlo and French RTL radio reported Friday.

Caroline, daughter of the late Princess Grace, had her marriage to French playboy Philippe Junot annulled. She later married Italian Stefano Casiraghi, who died in a 1990 boating accident.

Mrs. Clinton announces security plan for clinics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of anti-abortion activists gathered near the White House for speeches, songs and prayers to mark the 26th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion while across town first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton celebrated the law's survival.

"We should all take heart that despite many attempts to chip away at its guarantees, Roe is still the law of the land," she said, referring to the decision in the famous case known as Roe vs. Wade.

Mrs. Clinton announced Friday that President Clinton plans to seek $4.5 million for alarm systems and closed-circuit camera systems to protect clinics where abortions are performed.

Clinics would buy security devices — which also include motion detectors, bulletproof windows and improved lighting — with federal money under a White House plan to counter clinic violence. The money also would be used to determine which clinics were most at risk.

She said the president will include the plan in his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

"Violence, harassment and intimidation have no place in our health care system or in this debate," she told members of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, which was celebrating its 30th anniversary at a Washington hotel.

Mrs. Clinton also saluted Dr. Barnett Slepian, an obstetrician who was shot to death by a sniper last October in the kitchen of his home in Amherst, N.Y., a Buffalo suburb. Investigators suspect he was killed by an anti-abortion protester.

"This is not free expression," she said of doctor murders and clinic bombings. "This is domestic terrorism and it must stop."

The anti-abortion rally was held by the group March for Life on the Ellipse, a grassy area just south of the White House.

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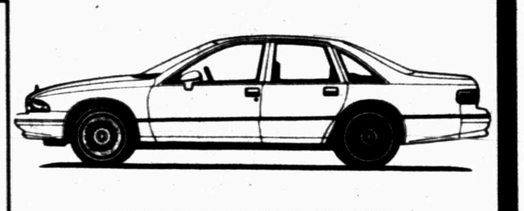
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Mrs Herrley has been selected as resident of the Month at Snyder Healthcare Center by her fellow residents. Mrs. Herrley has resided at Snyder Healthcare since July 3, 1992. She has two sons that reside in the local community and one that lives in Colorado City. Mrs. Herrley enjoys participating in bingo, music and church activities with the other residents of Snyder Healthcare.



Mrs. Bertie Herrley

Congratulations on being selected as resident of the month Mrs. Herrley

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Passion by itself cannot be foundation for solid marriage

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "K," a woman who has been dating a wonderful man for 18 months. She loves him with all her heart, but thought she would rather be his friend than permanent partner. You advised her to break things off, so that both of them may be free to find "true love."

Abby, that helps perpetuate one of the saddest lies of human existence. "Chemistry" and "magic" — as you call them — have almost nothing to do with love. Passion and lust, as such, are illusions that hold empty promises and fade quickly. Why do you think there are so many more failed and broken relationships than happy, lifelong ones? Because people believe these lies are indicators of love, and search again and again for them when they fail to fulfill.

Love is eternal and ever-present. Love is also more closely related to friendship than passion. If you polled successful marriages, you would find that the most committed partners claim they were best friends first. Passion is certainly exciting and part of the shared experience between partners, but true intimacy grows from trust and friendship — not from the fear that lustful illusions bring.

At one time, my wife was like "K." It took seven long years for my patient love to find its way into her heart, but we've been happily and passionately married ever since! True love never walks away from another. I hope "K's" boyfriend hangs in there and shows her what love is really all about.

BRUCE CULP,
VERO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR BRUCE: Although much of what you say about love is true, it's my observation that when a woman says she "would rather be friends," it means that sexual attraction is missing. Please read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to you, but because the topic is so important, I felt I must share my thoughts.

I am writing in response to the young woman who has been seeing a man for 18 months, but wants to be only friends with him. While she says she "loves" him, she clearly is not "in love" with him. You were so right to advise her to be honest with the man. I hope she takes what you said to heart and doesn't fall into the trap that I did.

Twenty years ago, I had been seeing the ideal man. We had so much in common. After a few months of dating, I told him I liked him very much, but didn't feel that I was in love with him. He was devastated, and I was racked with guilt. I doubted my own judgment and wondered how I could throw away the "perfect" mate. The result was that I "learned" to love him and we married.

Abby, after 17 years of a very difficult marriage, I am finally on my own — regretting that I ever gave in to guilt. Please tell your readers, as the saying goes, "In matters of the heart, follow your heart ..." not your need to take care of others. The price is too high.

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED THE HARD WAY: You said it — and eloquently.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple to host their own housewarming party? Or should someone else host it?

D.C. IN DALLAS

DEAR D.C.: Traditionally, housewarming parties are hosted by the new homeowners.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing this in the hope that it will help other young people at risk with credit cards. I had to live this experience to know, but perhaps my hard-earned lesson will help others.

The first time you open an envelope containing a small, hard piece of plastic with your name on it, the battle is lost. With credit card in hand, you rush off to the mall. Once you have used the plastic to activate it, it's, "Look out world, here I come!" You see something you want — you buy it. You may experience a momentary twinge of guilt, but you'll worry about it later.

Some people think this is because of the kind of personality you have, or the way you were raised, or that you didn't learn the value of money when you were young. None of that was a factor with me, nor is it with many other young people. I think that at age 18, the temptation is just too strong.

I'm not the only person in my circle of friends who's in this situation. At 18, earning $5.50 an hour, I had no money experience and no business having a credit limit of around $3,500. Thanks to my creditors — who aren't in it for the best interests of consumers — I'm working to pay off debts of more than $10,000. After four years, I've only reduced it to $6,500. The interest, late payment fees and finance charges [illegible] double my original purchases.

Perhaps hearing this firsthand from someone under 25 will help young people at risk: Listen to your parents about the dangers of credit. Please think twice about your future, because if you use plastic now, your future credit rating won't be worth the paper it's printed on. Trust me. I know from experience. Now I pay only with cash when I can afford to splurge, which isn't often. But it's far more rewarding and less stressful.

NO MORE CREDIT,
PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR NO MORE CREDIT: I'm printing your letter for all to see as a warning. However, perhaps you should place the blame for your predicament a little closer to home. According to the publication Credit World (March/April 1998), credit cardholders between the ages of 18 and 24 account for only 18 percent of late payments — while consumers ages 34 to 44 account for 29 percent, the largest proportion of overdue bills. In fact, the generation of Americans born in the mid-'70s and who are quietly coming of age are ambitious, enterprising and responsible young adults.

Learning responsible use of credit is vital. According to Teen-Age Research Unlimited, 39 percent of America's 18- and 19-year-olds have credit cards in their own names. Students should ask their teachers whether personal financial literacy information or training is provided in their curriculum. If it's not, educators should know that free workshops are offered by Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Contact it at (800) 388-2227.

Democratic Leader Daschle has stake in Clinton trial too

WASHINGTON (AP) — One consequence of the impeachment case against President Clinton is the strain it has placed on his relationship with Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle.

This was never a cozy friendship, and Daschle was deeply hurt by Clinton's efforts to conceal his affair with Monica Lewinsky, say aides to the South Dakota senator.

Professionally, Daschle has [illegible] ally of Clinton's, blocking Republican initiatives, limiting congressional investigations and keeping the GOP leadership off balance.

"You have a very good sense after you talk to Daschle where the Democratic caucus is. That has not always been that way in the past," said Leon Panetta, a former Clinton chief of staff and former House member.

But the Lewinsky sex and coverup scandal has complicated things.

Daschle publicly accepted Clinton's denials of his relationship with the former White House intern. But the senator later demanded that the president stop the "legal hairsplitting" he was using to deny that he lied under oath.

Not only that, Daschle rebuffed White House requests to organize support for Clinton in the Senate, and stopped his attacks on Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Daschle said Clinton had failed "a basic understanding of the standard of truthfulness."

But now Daschle is, in effect, a foreman for Democrats serving as jurors in the Senate impeachment trial, and Clinton needs his help more than ever.

It is a challenge that carries risks for Daschle: how to punish Clinton, short of removing him from office, while making sure Democrats are not seen as defending the president's conduct or blamed for making the trial partisan. Also, both Democrats and Republicans are wary of what fallout there will be in the 2000 congressional elections.

"The party that appears to have turned this into a partisan battle potentially risks being seen as pursuing a particular agenda that is very different from the agenda of this country," said Anita Dunn, a Democratic strategist who is advising Daschle.

Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political scientist, said he thinks Daschle "is off to a good start, keeping it bipartisan and keeping the focus on Clinton's offenses."

Clinton has called Daschle "a [illegible] in a fight and ... also good at making a principled compromise." Their ties have been strengthened by Clinton's hiring of former Daschle aides, including John Podesta, now his chief of staff, and Larry Stein, the White House congressional liaison.

The improving relationship has paid dividends for Daschle.

Last fall, just as Starr's allegations against Clinton were being made public, the White House switched positions on farm disaster relief under pressure from Daschle. Then the president vetoed the Republican-backed measure, forcing GOP leaders to add $1.7 billion. One frustrated Republican called the minority leader "President Daschle."

During the impeachment trial, Daschle has stayed in constant contact with Podesta and spoken with Clinton several times, updating him on the proceedings as well as discussing farm problems, the State of the Union message and the Democrats' congressional agenda.

Poll: Post office: doing pretty good job after all

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plenty of people make wisecracks about the U.S. Postal Service, but it turns out most Americans say they are pretty satisfied with their mail service.

Rates increased this month for the first time in four years, raising the cost of sending a first-class letter one penny, to 33 cents.

But about two-thirds of those questioned in an Associated Press poll said the new rate is about right or actually a bargain. Only a third said the new stamp cost too much.

Almost three-fourths of Americans believe the Postal Service is doing an excellent or good job, said the AP poll by ICR of Media, Pa.

Scott Howard, 42, a scientist from the San Francisco area, is among those who still considers the cost of sending a letter a pretty good deal.

"The lady who delivers our mail is a wonderful person," he said. But Howard is not always as happy with the service at the post office, where "tellers aren't always the most pleasant people."

The poll of 1,015 adults by ICR was taken Jan. 13-17 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Attitudes about the Postal Service, long the butt of jokes for delayed deliveries, bureaucratic boggle and disgruntled workers, have improved over the last five years. In 1994, just over six of 10 said they viewed the Postal Service as excellent or good.

The agency has worked hard to improve both its businesslike performance and public perception, officials say. Post offices have been modernized, internal procedures revamped and the service has actually operated in the black, said spokesman Roy Betts.

Customers seem to have noticed.

Nearly one-third of those polled said they think service is better now than five years ago. Sixty percent think it is about the same.

When asked their biggest complaint, the leading issue was the speed of mail delivery, mentioned by just over a third.

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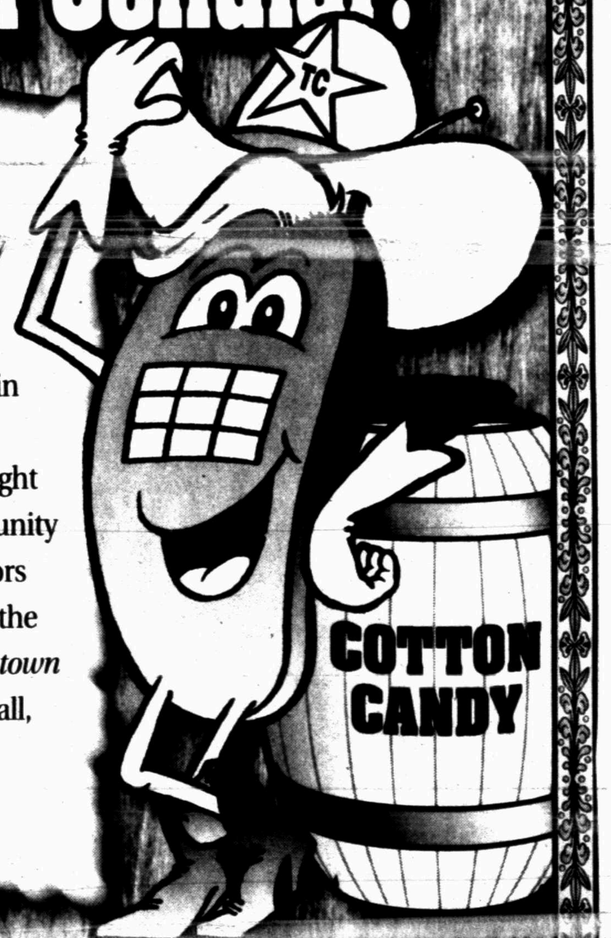
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

In southern Iraq...

U.S. warplanes bomb missile sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — American warplanes patrolling the "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq bombed two surface-to-air missile installations Saturday after encountering Iraqi MiGs "darting in and out" of the off-limits airspace, U.S. officials said.

The two American F-14 Tomcats and two F/A-18 Hornets returned safely to the USS Carl Vinson in the Arabian Gulf, according to the U.S. Central Command outside Tampa, Fla., and the Pentagon.

The incident, the latest in a string of clashes, occurred at 1:15 a.m. EST when American planes on routine patrol detected two Iraqi warplanes "darting in and out" of the restricted airspace over southern Iraq, a U.S. official said.

The Americans "responded to a threat initiated by two Iraqi MiG-21s flying south of 33rd parallel in Iraq and ground fire from anti-aircraft artillery," said Lt. Col. Mike Milord, a Pentagon spokesman.

The American planes dropped laser-guided bombs on two Iraqi surface-to-air missile systems. A damage assessment of the sites was still under way, a U.S. official said Saturday.

At the White House, National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said Saturday's incident would not alter U.S. resolve to enforce the flight-interdiction zones that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed to at the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

"As the president has made clear, we will continue to enforce the no-fly zone vigorously and take appropriate action to protect our aircraft and continue to contain the threat Saddam poses to the region and international community," Leavy said.

"Saturday's actions are consistent with both."

Aircraft mainly from a NATO base in Incirlik, Turkey, are maintaining a similar no-fly policy in northern Iraq. Officials there said no Northern Watch missions were flown Saturday because of very bad weather conditions.

Draft of Medicare changes unveiled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a Medicare reform commission advising President Clinton and Congress said Friday the panel could recommend a higher eligibility age and making the wealthy pay more for old-age health coverage.

Under the compromise plan, Medicare would also shift to helping elderly Americans buy health insurance instead of paying individual medical bills, as it does now.

"Medicare needs fundamental reform, not just more money," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., chairman of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

Breaux also said the commission is likely to recommend adding a prescription benefit to Medicare, which does not cover most drugs now. "People would like to have a drug program if we can find a way to pay for it," he said.

In his State of the Union address, Clinton said Medicare should cover prescriptions.

However, the health care program for the elderly and disabled is expected to be financially overburdened by the huge, aging baby boom generation.

Clinton proposed devoting 15 percent of government surpluses expected over the next 15 years — $650 billion to $700 billion according to the latest projections — to Medicare. White House officials estimate this would keep Medicare from running short of cash for another 20 years.

But further savings would be needed to keep Medicare out of financial trouble beyond that, or to expand the program such as adding drug benefits.

Clinton and Congress are awaiting recommendations due from the Medicare commission — a 17-member panel of lawmakers and private experts — on March 1.

On Friday, Breaux released a draft outline recommendations he supports and believes stand a good chance of getting the 11 commissioners' votes required. But some already were not happy.

"There's certainly one vote he's not going to get," said Bruce Vladeck, a former Medicare administrator.

Breaux's plan would incrementally raise the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 67 — the same as is already scheduled for Social Security. People now age 62 and older would not be affected.

A handful of commissioners say they will not vote for a higher eligibility age unless at least some Medicare benefits remain available to people between the ages of 62 and 65 — similar to the reduced early-retirement benefits Social Security offers.

In addition, Breaux's plan would transform Medicare to make it more like the health benefits many companies and the federal government offer workers.

Under such a system, sometimes called "premium support," a retiree could choose from a menu of health insurance policies and receive a Medicare subsidy to help cover the enrollment fee, or premium.

Several commissioners have criticized that idea, likening it to a voucher system that would control government costs, but leave retirees at the mercy of the marketplace.

"There's no guarantee of adequate levels of (financial) support," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash.

Obituaries

Mrs. Thompson

1930-1999

Service is pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Laverne Thompson, lifetime resident of Snyder.

Mrs. Thompson, 68, died Saturday, Jan. 24, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, H.L. Thompson of Snyder; a son, Larry Thompson of Snyder; a daughter, Brenda Thompson of Sweetwater; a brother, Weldon Perry of Snyder; and two granddaughters, Jacki Thompson and Temi Thompson, both of Snyder.

Jeff DeShazo Jr.

1916-1998

Graveside rites for Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" DeShazo Jr. will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Alan Lee, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh, will officiate.

Mr. DeShazo was 81 when he died on Nov. 14, 1998 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He was cremated.

Born on Dec. 24, 1916 in Camp Springs, he married Georgia Louise Forkner on July 3, 1936 in Snyder. She died in 1982. He married Jerry Vernon in August of 1983. Mr. DeShazo, a lifetime Snyder resident, owned and operated a carpet store in Snyder for many years, and also owned and operated a service station at one time.

Survivors include his wife, Jerry DeShazo of Hermleigh; two daughters, Mary Fikes and Beverly Moore, both of San Antonio; a stepdaughter, Sharon Farmer of New Braunfels; two stepsons, James Vernon of Sweetwater and Joe Vernon of Abilene; a sister, Irene Jones of Snyder; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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U.S. eyes changes in arms control treaty with Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring the United States must shore up its defenses against "new threats," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright intends to explore with Russian leaders changes in a historic arms control treaty.

Albright said Friday that she would push for changes next week in Moscow even though Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov claims Russia will oppose any U.S. plan to amend the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

It is a landmark in accords reached with the former Soviet Union to cap and then reverse the nuclear arms race between the two powers. Still languishing in the Russian Duma, without ratification, is the START II Treaty, which would cut U.S. and Russian arsenals by two-thirds their size during the Cold War.

Asked Friday whether Russia might agree to modify the 1972 treaty under certain conditions, Ivanov responded bluntly, "No."

"We proceed from the assumption that it mustn't happen, and will actively be trying to convince our American partners," the foreign minister said.

Albright was not deterred. She said she would assure Ivanov that the United States was committed to key strategic aspects of the treaty.

"We have many new threats with which to deal and we need to make sure that we are able to fulfill our responsibilities regarding our own defenses," Albright said at a news conference.

The treaty stripped the two sides of a national defense against missiles. The theory, which gave arms control a big push, was that a country was unlikely to launch a nuclear attack if it was unable to defend itself against massive retaliation.

The treaty has had its domestic foes from the outset, essentially conservative members of Congress who were anxious about defending against a Soviet attack. Picking up on this theme, President Reagan in 1983 proposed a space-based defense program known as Star Wars.

Reagan's program, which would have been very expensive, was shelved, partly because arms control experts argued that the Soviet Union might respond with its own defense system or with a weapons buildup.

In recent years, the emergence of Iran, Iraq and North Korea, among other nations, as potential nuclear powers has prompted some arms control advocates to consider changing the 1972 treaty.

Prominent in the conservative opposition, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said he intends to have the Senate vote on the treaty this year and "toss it into the dustbin of history."

The United States and Russia each have the right under the treaty to withdraw and go their own way on a missile defense system.

In community...

Jasper victim's church pastor says he has seen 'real' healing

JASPER (AP) — A change of heart is visible in Jasper, seven months after a black man was found dragged to death, the pastor of the victim's church says.

"At first I thought it was a put-on," the Rev. Kenneth Lyons told The Associated Press late Friday. "But after seven months, I think it's real."

On June 7, police discovered the body parts of James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man who was chained to a pickup truck and dragged for two miles. The first of three white suspects, John William King, goes on trial Monday.

The church Lyons heads, New Bethel Baptist, is around the corner from the home of Byrd's parents and along the street where Byrd was last seen walking. He was given a lift by one of the three suspects either late June 6 or June 7.

Since Byrd's death, this town of 8,000 about 140 miles northeast of Houston has assembled a special task force to re-examine thoughts about race. Their work resulted in the removal this past week of an iron fence that separated white and black graves in the city cemetery.

"Thanks be to God we survived," Lyons said. "And I can see the healing on the horizon. We're looking forward to a greater year this year in '99. Hopefully, the healing will continue."

On Sunday, the night before King's trial is to begin, Lyons will choose the topic of "Bearing Fruit" for his sermon.

"Regardless of the outcome of the trial, they must continue to bear out good fruit," he said. "I'm hoping through this message this will inspire them and help them in the continuing weeks."

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ONGOINGS

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WTC will be teaching the newest moves in aerobic kick-boxing in a class beginning Monday at the WTC gym. The coed class hours are 6-7:15 p.m.. Beginning and advanced levels will be taught. Call 573-8511 for more information.

Weigh-down workshop

The workshop will begin Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the 37th Street Church of Christ Fellowship Building. This is the last chance to register for this session. Call 573-9688 for more information.

Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start will have a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Jesus Through the Eyes of James," followed by "Where Have All the Fathers Gone."

Genealogical Society

The group will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Scurry County Library. Joe Thrower will show pictures taken in Hermleigh between 1900 and 1915. Everyone is invited.

WTC aqua aerobics

The class will begin Tuesday at WTC's pool and classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15 until 6:45 p.m. Aqua aerobics is designed for people of all ages. Call 573-8511 for more information.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Shirley Head who is retiring from the Justice of the Peace office will be held in the commissioners court room from 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday.

East Elementary parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. immediately after the family reading night. That program begins at 6 p.m.

Ira Bulldog annual

Ira's 1999 Bulldog annuals are on sale until Tuesday, the last time they will be offered this school year. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school. Only a few are left.

Ira spring casual pictures

On Wednesday, spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira School. Each person will be photographed and each class will be photographed as a group. Friendship pictures will be taken, with a limit of six people per picture, at a cost of $2 per person, sitting fee. Families may also set up a time with the school to be photographed.

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

LL coaches needed

Anyone interested in managing a Little League, minor league (farm league) or an 8 & 9 year-old-team this summer should contact Sid Wall at 574-6818, or go by Caprock Security at 2517 College Ave. by Jan. 29.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-8-7
(six, eight, seven)

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-49-78-97
(two, forty-nine, seventy-eight, ninety-seven)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
16-19-21-28-34
(sixteen, nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-eight, thirty-four)

State recognizes Richardson Farm Friday

The Richardson Farm, located east of Dunn, was recognized during Friday's annual Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin.

Family members attending the ceremony were Anne von Roeder, Mary Alice Dunn, Judy Gebben and John Richardson, all children of Ollie and Maurine Richardson.

Many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren also attended the ceremony.

The family has owned and operated the land continuously for almost 111 years.

In all, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized 102 farm and ranch honorees.

Friday's ceremony marked the 24th year for the Family Land Heritage ceremony with more than 3,300 farms and ranches throughout Texas already receiving the designation.

During the ceremony, farms and ranches from 68 counties received Family Land Heritage certificates.



RECOGNIZED — The Richardsons' Farm was recognized in Austin Friday. (Contributed Photo)



EARLY SETTLERS — This photo of W.H. "Willie," J.M. "John," and G.N. "George," Richardson and their sister, Laura Barton, was taken in 1915. (Contributed Photo)

In 1889, William Jefferson Richardson and his wife, Sarah, left Hood County, heading west with their three sons, J.M., W.H., and G.N., and one daughter, Laura.

G.N. had gone to Amarillo on a cattle drive as a horse wrangler. When he returned home, he found his parents preparing to move west. The family began their journey on May 1, 1889.

They took 100 head of cattle with them and purchased 100 more along the way. A bill of sale was secured so that any officers they encountered would know the cattle had not been rustled along the way. The original bill of sale is now displayed in the home of John Richardson, a great-grandson.

During the following two months, the family traveled by covered wagon from Hood County. On July 5, 1889, they stopped in Scurry County to graze their cattle and camp was made in a bend on Big Sulphur Creek.

The following morning the father, W.J. Richardson, learned that the land could be filed on. The family of the three sons and one daughter settled near the future townsite of Dunn. They received the patent on the land in 1898.

The Richardsons were among the first Scurry County farmers to raise cotton. They planted their first crop from seed they had brought with them from Hood County. They planted the seed in every third row, since they were unsure if cotton would grow in this new area.

One of the families the Richardsons met in Scurry County was the A.T. Dunn family. The Dunns had homesteaded land in 1890 and the townsite of Dunn was named for A.T. Dunn.

The Dunn's oldest daughter was Sudie Amy, a slender blue-eyed blonde who won the heart of young G.N. Richardson. They were married when G.N. was 19 and Sudie was 17.

The young couple then settled on the land G.N. and his father had filed on. They had five children: Ernest Jefferson, Ross, Eula, Lela and Ollie. All of the children grew up on the family land and attended school in Dunn and Snyder.

G.N. plowed with a team of mules and always maintained his pioneer spirit. He stayed on the family farm until his death at age 93.

G.N. and Sudie's youngest son, Ollie Richardson, took up farming with his father as a young man. He married Maurine Grimes and they too settled on the family farm near Dunn. They had four children: Anne Richardson von Roeder, Mary Alice Richardson Dunn, John Richardson and Judy Richardson Gebben.

Ollie died in 1998, having lived his entire life on the land his father and grandfather homesteaded.

John Richardson, great-grandson of W.H. Richardson, farms the family land now. The original land is now owned by the Ollie Richardson Estate. The family has owned and operated the land continuously for almost 111 years.

That comet that we saw a short while ago won't return to Earth for 10,000 years. Just time enough to learn how to pronounce its name.

In Boston...

Score might not be what it seems

BOSTON (AP) — It was no hat trick, simply a trick that high school hockey coaches played on Boston newspapers for more than 30 years.

Boston's school athletic director, Rocco DiLorenzo, has acknowledged reporting phony hockey scores to The Boston Globe and the Boston Herald for years to avoid embarrassing the losers in really lopsided games.

He promised to stop the practice.

DiLorenzo, who has been athletic director for 15 years, said an informal agreement existed between his office and the hockey coaches to fudge the scores when a game was a blowout.

"It's bad enough already in the hockey arena when it is so physical and the adrenaline is pumping," DiLorenzo said. "Then to look in the paper and to have your nose rubbed in a bad score is really embarrassing. So we improvised."

For example, he said, an 18-0 game might be reported as 7-0. However, the loser remained the same.

The Globe blew the whistle on the practice after one its photographers realized the scores in the paper didn't correspond to what she had seen on the ice. The papers do not usually cover high school hockey games, relying instead on the athletic director's office for scores.

The Globe reportedly told DiLorenzo if the practice continued it wouldn't print any Boston high school scores for games it did not cover.

DiLorenzo wouldn't comment on whether other sports report bad scores. But Kenny Grubbs, a basketball coach at Snowden International High, said he knows the practice.

"If it's a real big blowout, the coaches don't want to make it look that bad," Grubbs said.

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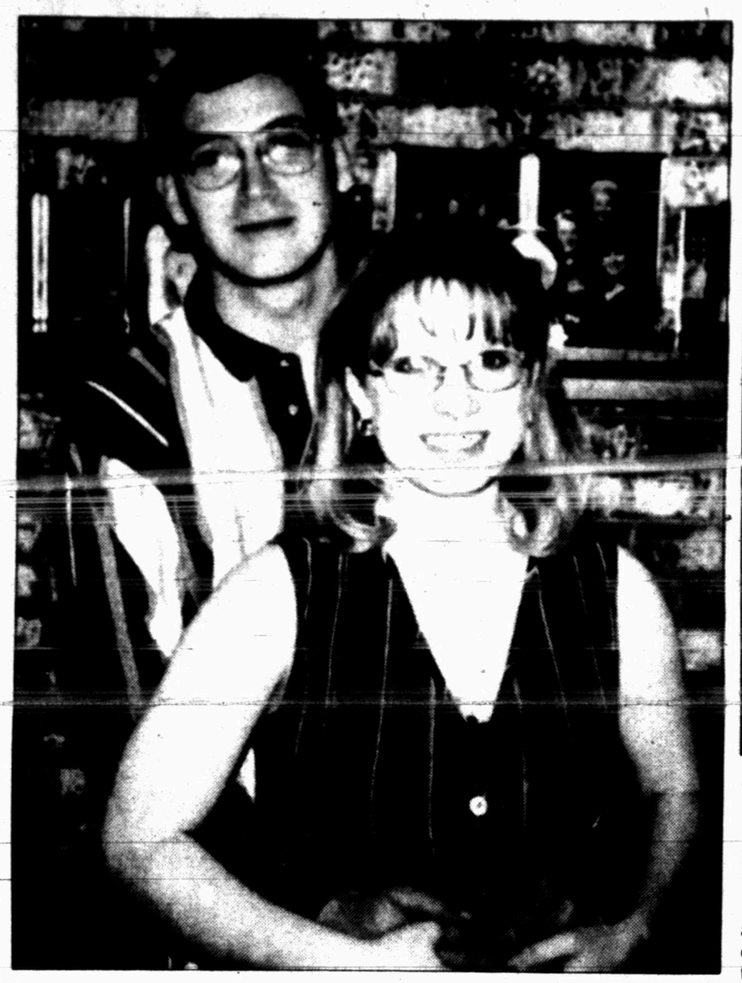




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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Parents of Amber Dawn Duncan and Darrell Wayne Campbell announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children. The future bride's parents are Terry and Angel Duncan of Snyder. Parents of the prospective groom are Ms. Betty Campbell of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Campbell of Hermleigh. Wedding plans are being made for 7 p.m. on March 13 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Death wish finally accomplished

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Anna Beck has proven you can fight City Hall. Even from the grave.

City lawmakers gave up their challenge of Miss Beck's dying wish that her little clapboard cottage be demolished. The house came tumbling down Tuesday.

The demolition ended a year-long battle that pitted preservationists against the 97-year-old woman's will, which contained the unusual provision that the Civil War-era house be torn down upon her death.

Preservationists argued the house was a fine example of how working-class families in Buffalo lived at the time of the Civil War, and was an important part of Buffalo's heritage.

But no one but Miss Beck's family had ever lived in the home her grandfather built, and her last wish was that no one else ever would. She died last January.

"This is exactly what she wanted. I'm sure she's jumping for joy," Arline Hoyt, a longtime friend of Miss Beck, said after the demolition. "In an hour, it was gone."

The demolition was approved after the Common Council denied a request for landmark designation.

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Blow-Pop truck wrecks

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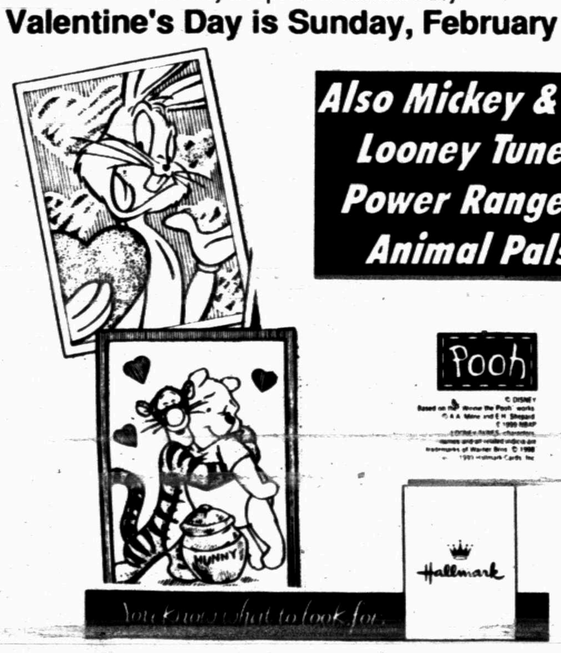
The truck was loaded down with Blow Pops — and Thursday's accident left 72,000 pounds of the candy suckers scattered at the junction of Interstate 65 and I-40.

Traffic was diverted to other routes, delaying many commuters. No injuries were reported in the predawn accident.

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ A 8 4 3
♦ A K Q 3 2
♣ 6

West
♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ K Q 10 9 6
♦ 7
♣ K 8 5

East
♠ Q J 9
♥ J
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2

South
♠ A K 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ A Q J

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Three chances to win

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master looked out at his students. "Most of you have had children. So you might be interested to know what Confucius said about them. He claimed, 'There are three degrees of filial piety. The highest is being a credit to our parents; the second is not disgracing them; the lowest is being able simply to support them.' For once, the lowest isn't so bad!"

There was considerable laughter and nodding of agreement.

As this is today's first deal (the SLM continued), it contains three winning plays. You are in three no-trump. West leads the heart king. What is your line?

While they were thinking, the SLM pointed out that three no-trump is best. To make five diamonds, declarer must guess who holds the club king. With two heart losers, declarer must discard dummy's spade loser on a club winner without losing a club trick.

South has seven top tricks: two spades, one heart, three diamonds and one club. If the missing diamonds are 2-2, the play is childish. But as the heart ace has been dislodged from the dummy, if the diamonds are 3-1, the suit is blocked. Of course, this is no problem if the hearts are 4-3 or if the club finesse is working, but otherwise things are tricky.

The secret is to duck the first round of hearts, then to win the second, third or fourth round! If you win the fourth round, you discard a diamond from hand, unblocking the suit. Alternatively, after winning an earlier round, you return a heart. Whatever happens, you can unblock, throwing a diamond on the fourth round of hearts.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Jan. 15

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Martha Fagin, Maribeth Vestal.
4. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.

SUNDAY
Jan. 17

1. Jane Hinton, J.O.Morrison.
2. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY
Jan. 19

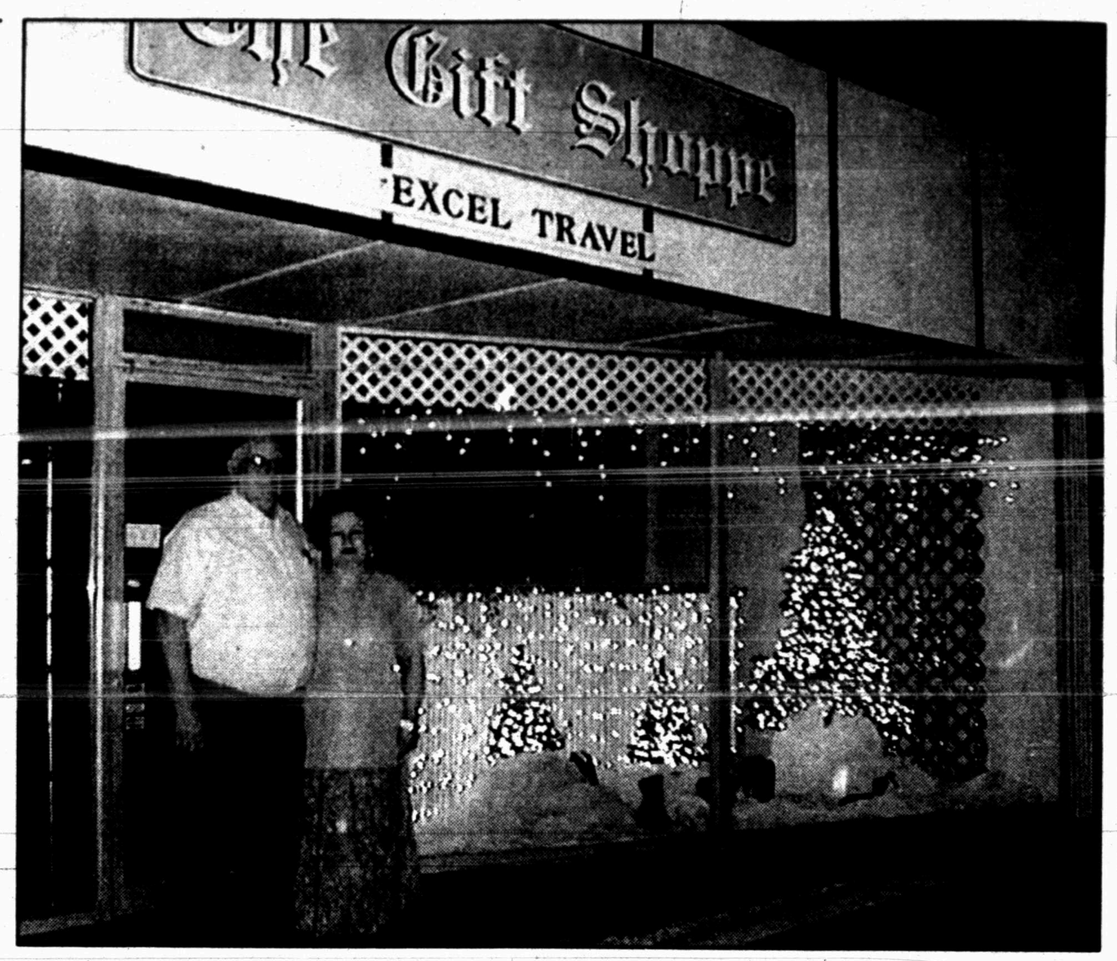
1. TIE — Anita Talbott, Barbara Yorgesen and Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
2. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard.

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The Gift Shoppe, EXCEL Travel
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Committee names business of the month on the square

Joan and Bob Bell are owners of The Gift Shoppe and EXCEL Travel at 1804½ 26th (south side of the square) and it has been named the business of the month on the square by the Snyder Beautification Committee and Snyder Garden Club.

Judges choose a business around the square each month to honor for having lighting in the store window until 11 each night; attractive displays in windows; and cleanliness of the store front and entry.

After the holidays, Joan made a winter scene in the window that can be seen from the street and offers a pleasing view as customers enter the store.

Joan and Bob formerly owned Bell Insurance Agency which they sold in May, 1994 to Don West at Hugh Boren and Son Agency. After the agency sold, Joan opened The Gift Shoppe at 1707 30th. Bob also does testing at TDCJ units.

With more room now, she carries a wide selection of jewelry that includes Swarovsky Crystals, "perfect for prom night or any other occasion when you want to look especially dazzling," Joan said.

The Gift Shoppe carries Animal Classic and Living Stone Collectibles, plush animals, candles, Fiesta dinnerware and Stone Garden products to compliment any garden setting, designed specifically for outdoor use.

In the same store, Joan and her husband, Bob, also have Excel Travel and can handle any travel needs one might have — cruise, air travel, tours, hotel or rental car. The Gift Shoppe and EXCEL Travel are open from 9:30 to 5:30 Monday through Friday.

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

TUESDAY
Fruit
French Toast

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Toast

LUNCH
MONDAY
Smothered Steak
New Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches

TUESDAY
Lasagna
Parsley Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Hot Rolls
Apple Cobbler

THURSDAY
Chicken & Rice Casserole
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce

FRIDAY
Sausage Pizza
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello

Ira

MONDAY
Chicken Strips
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll
Fruit

TUESDAY
Corn Dogs
Pork & Beans
French Fries
Apple

WEDNESDAY
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Wedge
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Crackers
Peaches
Plain Cookies

THURSDAY
Green Enchiladas
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Peaches
Plain Cookies

FRIDAY
Patti Melts
Ranch Style Beans
French Fries
Peanut Butter Cake

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk. Students' have option on breakfast menu of assorted dry cereal and chilled juice.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Cinnamon Toast

TUESDAY
Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Burrito

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cheese Toast

LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburger or
Ground Beef & Macaroni
Tater Tots
Sliced Peaches
Sliced Bread

TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Chicken Pot Pie
Tossed Salad
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Dinner Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Chocolate Pudding

THURSDAY
Burrito or
Crispy Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn
Refried Beans
Chilled Fruit

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Beef Stew
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Tossed Salad
Sliced Bread
Cake



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Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Melton
(Current Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Meltons celebrate golden anniversary at Hermleigh

Rosalee Owens and Arthur Mansfield Melton of Hermleigh celebrated their golden anniversary quietly at home.

A.M. Melton was born on July 13, 1929 in Rising Star and his wife was born on Sept. 7, 1932 in Cisco. Rosalee met A.M. when she worked at her grandfather's service station in Cisco. She later learned that he had told his mother, "That's the girl I'm going to marry." And he did — on Jan. 12, 1949 in Cisco.

They have also lived in Breckenridge, Paducah, Seymour and Ballinger.

He is a retired plumber and she retired from the U.S. Postal Service. They moved to Snyder in September of 1950, during the boom. He worked for a sizemograph company and retired from Lone Star Gas Co. in 1970. He was also a self employed plumber. The Meltons are Baptist and have lived in Hermleigh since 1962.

Their children include Rita Melton of Galena, Kan., Cynthia Cox of Waco, Jeanne Braziel of Bakersfield, Calif., Caroline Rodriquez of San Antonio, Susan Hembree of Hermleigh, Patti Kesner of Jacksonville, Fla., James Melton of Snyder and a deceased son, Wayne Melton.

They have 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 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 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for 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 Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; cost is $750 with serving to begin at 11-30, games of choice will be played afterward; reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Winston Field Airport meeting room; program, Myrtle Joiner—oils; hostess, Nettie Faye Gardner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 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.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

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 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.



MARRIED IN DECEMBER — Shawn Purcell and Jason Miller were married on Dec. 15 in Canyon. The bride's parents are Larry and Theresa Purcell of Snyder and the bridegroom's parents are John and Susie Miller of Kerrville, formerly of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



On a snowy day, give children a piece of poster board and let them cut pictures from old Christmas cards to make a Christmas poster for next year.

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Top country, Latin albums

The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Donde Estan Los Ladrones," Shakira. Sony Discos.
2. "Suavemente," Elvis Crespo. Sony Discos. (Gold)
3. "Cosas Del Amor," Enrique Iglesias. Fonovisa. (Gold)
4. Soundtrack: "Dance With Me." Epic.
5. "Vuelve," Ricky Martin. Sony Discos. (Gold)
6. "Atado A Tu Amor," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
7. "Juan Gabriel Con Banda... El Recodo!," Juan Gabriel Y Banda. Ariola.
8. "Ni Es Lo Mismo Ni Es Igual," Juan Luis Guerra. Karen.
9. "Buena Vista Social Club," Buena Vista Social Club. World Circ.
10. "Te Acordaras De Mi," Olga Tanon. WEA Latina.

Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
2. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
4. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
5. Soundtrack: "Hope Floats." Capitol. (Platinum)
6. Soundtrack: "Touched By An Angel: The Album." 550 Music. (Platinum)
7. "For The Record: 41 Number One Hits," Alabama. RCA. (Platinum)
8. "I'm Alright," Jo Dee Messina. Curb. (Gold)
9. "Everywhere," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
10. "Greatest Hits Volume One," Toby Keith. Mercury.

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Eight flavors of Cookies being sold by Girl Scouts

Around 70 Girl Scouts will be taking orders for eight flavors of Girl Scout Cookies to be delivered February 12.

Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Scouts are taking orders for cookies that sell for $3 per box. Flavors include caramel deLites, peanut butter patties, shortbread, thin mints, peanut butter sandwich, reduced fat lemon pastry cremes, five world cinnamons and a new flavor, upside-downs frosted oatmeal cookies.

In most communities, cookies subsidize one-half to two-thirds of Girl Scout programs and facilities. All proceeds from the cookie sale remain in the council and decisions about how the funds are allocated are made by local volunteers. Many councils use the revenue to fund property expenses for meeting places, and camps which incur costs for things like insurance, utilities, furnishings, equipment, repair, maintenance, renovations and improvements.

For over 60 years, the G.S. Cookie Sale has helped girls with learning experiences. In the 1920s, cookies were baked by the girls themselves and sold to initiate being self-reliant and to fund their own activities. The first national G.S. Cookie Sale was held in 1936.

Girls learn self confidence, safety, setting goals and having fun. In addition, they learn to be responsible in handling money and life skills.

The mascot this year is the Asiatic Lion which has a population of 280 in the Gir Forest in Gujarat State, India. Anyone missed by a scout and wants to order cookies may call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

SHORTBREAD 'N ICE CREAM SUNDAE CUPS

7 Girl Scout Shortbread Cookies, crumbled
2 tablespoons rainbow mix sprinkles
1 tablespoon squeeze vegetable oil spread
1½ cups vanilla ice cream
1 rounded tablespoon strawberry topping
1 rounded tablespoon fudge topping

Spray a 6-cup muffin pan with no-stick cooking spray. In a small bowl, combine Shortbread crumbs, sprinkles and vegetable oil spread. Press 2 rounded teaspoons of crumb mixture in bottom of each muffin cup; reserve extra crumb mixture. Spoon half of ice cream into muffin cups. Top each serving with strawberry and fudge topping. Spoon remaining ice cream over toppings; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Freeze 1 to 2 hours or until firm. To serve, loosen edges and remove from muffin cups.

Makes: 6 servings

NO BAKE "GORP" COOKIES

11 (½ package) Girl Scout Peanut Butter Sandwich Cookies, crumbled in ¼-inch pieces
2 cups toasted rice cereal
1 cup honey graham cereal
½ cup sweetened dried cranberries
½ cup miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces
1 cup white chocolate chips
½ cup creamy peanut butter
½ cup mini marshmallows

In a large bowl, combine cookie crumbles, rice cereal, graham cereal, cranberries and candy. Put chips and peanut butter in a 2-cup measuring glass. Microwave on MEDIUM-HIGH (70 % power) 1 minute; stir until smooth. If needed, microwave an additional 10 to 20 seconds or until smooth. Pour over cereal mixture; stir until combined. Add marshmallows; stir. Line a large tray with wax paper. Measure ¼ cup of cereal mixture and place on tray; press down to form cookie. Repeat with remaining mixture. If desired, decorate with additional cranberries, candy and marshmallows. Refrigerate cookies 10 to 15 minutes to set.

Makes: 16 to 18 cookies

CHOCOLATE MINT POLAR FREEZE

1⅓ cup vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt
⅓ cup milk
6 Girl Scout Thin Mint Cookies, crumbled
Whipped cream, optional
Maraschino cherries, optional

In a medium bowl, stir together ice cream and milk until smooth. Add cookie crumbs, reserving 2 teaspoons of crumbs for garnish, and stir until blended. Immediately spoon into 2 glasses. Top each serving with whipped cream sprinkled with reserved cookie crumbs and a cherry.

Makes: 2 servings (1 cup each)

UPSIDE-DOWNS CHOCOLATE MINI PIZZAS

1 pkg. (18 oz.) refrigerated sugar cookie dough
16 Girl Scout Upside-Downs Cookies, cut in quarters
¾ cup semi-sweet chocolate-covered raisins
½ cup shredded coconut
¼ cup cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon warm water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray 2 cookie sheets with no-stick cooking spray. Divide dough into 8 equal portions. Place one portion on cookie sheet and press into a 5-inch circle. Continue with remaining dough leaving 2 inches between each cookie and placing 4 pizzas on each sheet. Press 8 cookie quarters around the edge of each pizza. Sprinkle pizzas with raisins and coconut; press lightly. Bake 12 to 16 minutes or until golden brown on edges. Carefully loosen pizzas around edges. Leave pizzas on cookie sheets until completely cool. Then place powdered sugar and water in a resealable plastic sandwich bag; seal bag and combine until smooth. Snip ⅛-inch off corner of bag; drizzle glaze over pizzas.

Makes: 8 mini pizza cookies

Actor indicted for nonpayment

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — "Dances With Wolves" actor Rodney Grant owes $17,825 in overdue child support to his two children, a federal prosecutor contends.

Grant, 39, was indicted Thursday for alleged nonpayment of child support to the children, who live in Lincoln. The actor, originally from Macy, now lives in Friant, Calif.

Thanks!

Toys For Tots would like to thank the following for making Christmas possible for 762 children from 277 families.

Dink and Lydia Foree and all the DJ's at KSNY
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Jim Osterman visits past...

Hermleigh ancestors reviewed

Cowboy humorist Jim Osterman from Madera, Calif., visited Scurry County last June. His quest to learn the origin of German music led to research about the Germans who settled in Scurry County in and near Hermleigh after the turn of the century.

While here, he visited the burial places of his own German ancestors, the Waztles (or Wadzels), who are buried in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

He also visited the St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh, called St. Francisci-Xaverii when his ancestors, the Rienbschlaeger, Waztle-Wadzel and the Osterman families, were members and close friends of Father Joseph M. Keller who was instrumental in the church being built. He also helped build Catholic churches in Sweetwater and other areas of Texas.

Some time around World War I, Fr. Keller, the Rienbschlaeger-Osterman families and others left Scurry County and traveled to California.

While here, Mr. Osterman met with several Hermleigh residents and Scurry County Genealogical Society member, Jo Thrower, as he sought help in learning about the history of German families in Scurry County.

After he returned to California, he corresponded with Mrs. Thrower, sending her several pictures that were taken when his family lived near Hermleigh, between 1900-1915.

The pictures will be donated to the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College and will be displayed at the Scurry County Genealogical Society meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Scurry County Library.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting to view the pictures, to get acquainted, and to learn about researching their family lineage.



Congregation at St. John Catholic Church



Father Joseph Keller



Hermleigh School Students



The Old Osterman Homeplace

Michael Jordan has look-a-like

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Be like Mike? Heck, some people think Lee Kealon IS Mike.

The bald, 6-foot-6-inch Wilmington resident turns heads on city streets, draws autograph-seekers on the golf course and, when spotted in his BMW, has to speed away from fooled fans of basketball superstar Michael Jordan.

"You can just see the lips moving," he said. "They're saying, 'It's Michael Jordan.'"

Last week, a local television station mistakenly used a photograph of Kealon in a newscast about Jordan's retirement.

Both men are the same height, have the same prodigious hands and wear size 14 shoes. They even honed their basketball skills on the same courts at Empie Park and share other similarities in their backgrounds. Kealon does have a lighter complexion, a narrower nose and fuller cheeks than Jordan.

The two actually met in June 1995 at the opening of the Michael Jordan Discovery Gallery at the Cape Fear Museum.

Fans surrounded Kealon as he approached, mistaking him for their hero. Amid the commotion, the real Jordan entered relatively untouched.

When the two came face to face, Jordan had the first words, Kealon said.

Billboard Magazine top videos

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "'N The Mix With 'N Sync," 'N Sync. BMG Video. (Platinum)
2. "Night Out With The Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive/Zomba Video. (Platinum)
3. "All Access Video," Backstreet Boys. Jive/Zomba Video. (Platinum)
4. "Cunning Stunts," Metallica. Elektra Entertainment.
5. "Live At Wembley," Spice Girls. Virgin Music Video.
6. "Second Coming," Kiss. PolyGram Video. (Platinum)
7. "The Collection: Volume I," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. Epic Music Video.
8. "A Night In Tuscany," Andrea Bocelli. PolyGram Video. (Platinum)
9. "Bridges To Babylon: 1998 Live In Concert," The Rolling Stones. Eagle Rock Entertainment.
10. "The Complete Videos: 1991-1998," Tori Amos. Atlantic Video.

Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "The Negotiator," Warner Home Video.
2. "Lethal Weapon 4," Warner Home Video.
3. "Blade," New Line Home Video.
4. "The Mask Of Zorro," Columbia TriStar.
5. "Six Days, Seven Nights," Touchstone Home Video.
6. "Dr. Dolittle," FoxVideo. FoxVideo.
7. "Armageddon," Touchstone Home Video.
8. "Out Of Sight," Universal Studios.
9. "Sliding Doors," Paramount Home Video.
10. "The Avengers," Warner Home Video.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Armageddon," Touchstone Home Video.
2. "The Wedding Singer," New Line Home Video.
3. "Dr. Dolittle," FoxVideo. FoxVideo.
4. "The Mask Of Zorro," Columbia TriStar.
5. "Titanic," Paramount Home Video.
6. "Austin Powers," New Line Home Video.
7. "The Parent Trap," Walt Disney Home Video.
8. "Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Walt Disney Home Video.
9. "Good Will Hunting," Miramax Home Entertainment.
10. "'N The Mix With 'N Synch," 'N Synch. BMG Video.

Further information is available at Billboard Online on the World Wide Web at http://www.billboard.com.

Medicare covers mammogrphy screening every other year for women age 65 and older.

Were dinosaurs swift and deadly hunters?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A well-preserved fossil of a 110-million-year-old baby dinosaur suggests that the extinct animal had the lungs to be a swift and deadly hunter, researchers say in a new study.

Nicholas Geist, a paleobiologist at Oregon State University, said the remains of a specimen called Scipionyx may be the best preserved dinosaur fossil ever found and will provide researchers with new insights into the extinct animals.

"The extraordinary condition of the fossils allows us to hang some meat on the bones of these animals," said Geist, the senior author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

"What you usually get in fossils is just bones, but in this one there are remnants of liver, large intestine, windpipe and muscle," he said. "It is like a Rosetta stone for dinosaurs."

Scipionyx was a theropod, a type of meat-eating dinosaur that walked on its hind legs, had a big head with a large mouth and teeth, a long tail and small forearms.

Geist said the soft tissue impressions show that the Scipionyx had a two-partition abdominal cavity, with the lungs and heart in one section, and the liver and guts in the other. The liver was connected by muscle to a pelvic bone, he said, suggesting that the animal had a breathing system called a hepatic piston.

In such a system, muscles pull against the liver, causing the breathing cavity to expand slightly. This forces air into the lungs at high rate.

"This is necessary for sustained activity," said Geist. "These theropods were exceedingly fast and dangerous animals. They were not slow and sluggish like many modern reptiles. They could go like hell whenever they wanted to."

Mammals have a diaphragm muscle that causes the lung cavity to expand and draw in air. The ability to rapidly ventilate the lungs is essential for moving swiftly for long periods.

This lung capacity may be one reason that dinosaurs dominated mammals for about 150 million years, said Geist. Mammals during this period were small and no match for the meat-eating dinosaur.

"These dinosaurs were fierce animals that could run prey down over extended distances and definitely not the sort of sluggish movers of many living reptiles," Geist said. "This was like a turbo-charged lizard. The mammals couldn't get a foothold and just tried to stay out of the way."

Geist said the hepatic piston works best in a warm, mild climate such as the Earth enjoyed during most of the dinosaur era. When the climate chilled, the dinosaurs were in trouble.

"These animals may have been so specialized for the warm climate, that even a minor change over an extended period may have helped do them in," he said.

"The interpretation of this fossil makes this animal more like the popular idea of the dinosaur, such as in the movie 'Jurassic Park', that they were fast and agile and able run for some distance," said Terry D. Jones, a co-author of the study. "This gives some credence to that idea."

The sap of the giant sequoia tree is nonresinous, making the tree almost fireproof.

Top Microsoft executive denies claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Within the hundreds of pages of legal documents that make up the Microsoft antitrust case, a single allegation about the company's aggression toward one rival carries enormous consequence: that it once promised to "cut off Netscape's air supply."

Next week, the senior Microsoft executive alleged to have made that threat, Paul Maritz, takes the witness stand to defend his company. In 160 pages of written testimony made public Friday, Maritz denied ever saying the "air supply" comment attributed to him during a November 1995 meeting with Intel Corp.

"I never said, in the presence of Intel personnel or otherwise, that Microsoft would 'cut off Netscape's air supply,' or words to that effect," Maritz wrote.

Maritz also flatly denied other central allegations in the government's case, such as charges that Microsoft strong-armed Apple Computer Inc. into distributing its Internet browser software in 1997 and that it intimidated Intel Corp. into abandoning a rival technology earlier in 1995.

Maritz accused government lawyers of trying to "portray instances of routine interaction between companies in the computer industry, who inevitably must deal with one another, as something nefarious."

As a group vice president, Maritz falls in seniority below only Microsoft's billionaire chairman, Bill Gates, and its president, Steve Ballmer.

Maritz joined the company in 1986 after working five years at Intel, and he is responsible for Microsoft's most important products, including its dominant Windows operating system and its profitable Office software programs.

Throughout the 11 weeks of trial, Maritz's name appears on nearly every controversial e-mail used by the government as evidence, either as author or recipient.

Maritz also was a key player in convincing a reluctant Gates to include America Online's software within Windows in exchange for AOL distributing Microsoft's Internet software. The March 1996 deal proved important for Microsoft, whose browser now is used by many of AOL's 15 million customers.

"I know Mr. Gates was very, very uncomfortable about shipping AOL," Microsoft executive Brad Silverberg told government lawyers before the trial. "Maritz ... arranged to try to get Mr. Gates to see the benefits of Microsoft working with AOL."

Another witness, Intel Vice President Steven McGeady, testified previously during the trial that Maritz and others from Microsoft met with executives in Oregon to discuss technology issues.

"Paul and some of the other attendees made some fairly colorful statements that stick out in my memory," McGeady testified.

The government alleges, in part, that Microsoft decided in 1995 to include its Internet software free into newer versions of Windows to try to "crush" rival Netscape, whose own popular browser earned tons of millions of dollars.

FDA issues urgent GBL warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans should not consume a chemical widely sold in health food stores and over the Internet that has been linked to one death and 54 cases of severe reactions including seizures and comatose-like states, the government warned Thursday.

The chemical — sold in the guise of a dietary supplement and under half a dozen names including GBL and Blue Nitro — claims to have such affects as building muscle, enhancing sexual performance and reducing stress.

Instead, GBL can act on the central nervous system to cause life-threatening reactions, the Food and Drug Administration said.

"We really want to get out a clear warning to consumers that this is a dangerous product, and they should not be using it," said Joe Levitt, FDA's director of food safety.

The FDA has learned of 55 people who suffered reactions, including a woman found dead in her home after ingesting GBL. Nineteen other people lost consciousness, many with such difficulty in breathing that they required insertion of breathing tubes. Several GBL users were found incoherent while driving, and one was involved in a car crash. Others appeared to have suffered seizures.

Many were young adults, but four patients were teen-agers and a fifth was an 11-year-old. The FDA provided no further details.

The FDA is tracking down at least six companies that sell GBL under the guise of a dietary supplement. The government says GBL, or gamma butyrolactone, is not a dietary supplement but is a derivative of a powerful party drug banned in the United States since 1991.

When people ingest GBL, it breaks down into the drug known as GHB, or gamma hydroxybutyrate. GBH is a potent drug that some scientists are studying in carefully monitored clinical trials as a potential treatment for narcolepsy, but all other uses of GHB are illegal. Despite that ban, the FDA two years ago discovered laboratories illegally producing the odorless, tasteless chemical as a party drug. It was blamed for dozens of hospitalizations and at least three deaths during a brief resurgence, and it became known as a "date rape" drug after rendering women helpless when it was slipped into their drinks.

Because GBL breaks down into the banned GHB drug, it is by law illegal, the FDA said.

The agency is asking manufacturers to recall all GBL products, and one company, Florida-based Trimfast Group Inc., has agreed. It is recalling GBL sold under the names Revivarant, sold as a liquid in 32-ounce bottles, and Revivarant G, sold as a powder to be mixed in drinks.

If other companies do not pull GBL off the market, the FDA could seize the products.

Two former campus radicals sentenced on spying charges

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Two former campus radicals held hands Friday as they were sentenced to prison on conviction of spying for the former East Germany.

Theresa Maria Squillacote, 41, a former Pentagon lawyer, was sentenced to 21 years and 10 months in prison. Her husband, Kurt Alan Stand, 44, a former labor union representative, was sentenced to 17 years and six months by U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton.

"These defendants made a choice to betray their country," said federal prosecutor Randy Bellows.

Squillacote expressed her "profound regret at the conduct that has brought this case to bear."

Her husband told the judge, "I do take responsibility for what we have done."

Squillacote's lawyer, Lawrence Robbins, said the case "cannot responsibly be compared" to the cases of convicted spies Aldrich Ames and Jonathan Pollard, both of whom were sentenced to life in prison.

Stand's lawyer, Richard Sauber, said Stand's actions were hardly "real espionage activity."

Prosecutors had described the Washington, D.C., couple as dedicated communists who hated the United States and were willing to spy for any country.

They met as student Marxists at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee during the 1970s, and prosecutors said they worked for East Germany throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

Squillacote and Stand were convicted Oct. 23 of conspiracy, attempted espionage and illegally obtaining national defense documents. They have been held without bail since their arrest in October 1997.

They were found guilty of helping set up a spy ring for the former East Germany and of passing classified documents to an FBI agent they thought was a South African intelligence officer. The two were caught in 1997 after the FBI learned of their attempts to contact the Communist Party in South Africa and set up a sting operation.

Testifying against Squillacote and Stand at their trial was a former college friend, James Michael Clark, a former Army paralegal who was arrested with them. Clark pleaded guilty last June to conspiring to commit espionage and was sentenced in December to 12 years and seven months in prison.

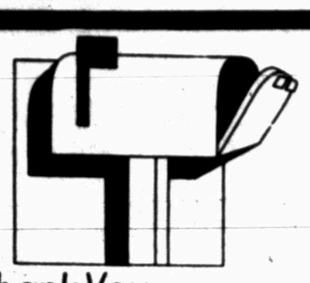
Prosecutors said Stand began his spying activities in 1972 when he was recruited by East Germany to line up spies in Washington. He recruited Clark in 1976 and his wife about the time the couple married in 1980, prosecutors said.

Defense lawyers argued that the couple never gave classified material to foreign agents.

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Dear Editor:

Toys for Tots would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your donation to the toy drive this year. We hope that it helped some one else have a better Christmas. We appreciate your generosity in printing our application in your newspaper and the publicity.

With the toys, we also enclosed a note that read: "Please remember that the true reason for Christmas is the gift of Jesus Christ."

Thank you for helping us to share this message with the 762 children and their families that we served for Christmas 1998. We could not have served so many children if it weren't for generous donations such as yours.

Sincerely,
Senior Girl Scout Troop 158
Cadette Girl Scout Troop 100

Good job, EMS

Dear Editor:

This past weekend I had the opportunity to work in Lubbock at both the UMC and Methodist emergency rooms. It was a very busy weekend with many different ambulance companies from surrounding communities coming and going.

I saw three crews from Snyder EMS and I want to take the time to tell Snyder that their EMS crews were by far the best dressed, most professional appearing crews I saw.

I heard several people in the department make positive comments on the Snyder people. Not taking anything away from the other services, but Snyder certainly stood out from the others.

I frequently work with Snyder EMS at Cogdell Hospital and know the late calls they receive. When they arrive at the hosptial, they always look professional, no matter what time they were called out. The personnel of Snyder EMS should be very proud of themselves, they are making good impressions.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Roy Bennett, LVN
Jayton, Texas

Happy anniversary

Dear Editor:

This letter is in appreciation of my wife on our 50th anniversary for being my private nurse and taking care of me during fifteen years of bad health.

She had some hired help during the times she was working. I appreciate that, too. We both try to live by the laws of God.

She did not want me to put a letter in the paper, but I want to let the people know what she has done.

She did this out of love for me and not for recognition.

She has carried the burden alone. I would like another fifty years with her, but I know I won't make it.

A.M. Melton
Hermleigh, Texas

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Basketball at WTC

Dear Editor:

I am writing to bring attention to Western Texas College Women's Basketball and an obstacle facing them for the conclusion of the 1999 season.

Dean of Students George Cormack and WTC administration have been gracious and kind enough to find enough money in the athletic budget to allow WTC the opportunity to play their home games in the Scurry County Coliseum through their games of January 21. At this time all games will be played in an on-campus gymnasium. By allowing the team to play in the coliseum, it puts the WTC women on an equal footing with other schools in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. If (when) they start to have to play their games on campus at WTC, this will place their team in an unequal facility when compared to other schools.

Not knowing the correct procedure on exactly how this situation could be corrected, I just ask for help from the citizens of Snyder that have the least piece of interest in WTC and its women's basketball program.

Possible solutions could be an infusion of money from interested parties in Snyder to offset rental costs for the Scurry County Coliseum or a possible reduction of rental fees from Scurry County Commissioners due to economic conditions and also this might help any possible loss of revenue for Scurry County because of WTC not being able to rent the coliseum.

The WTC administration is faced with financial decisions, like all other schools, and without help, I am sure that they can not continue to pay high rental costs associated with the Scurry County Coliseum. The support for WTC women's basketball has steadily improved over the past two years and there is definitely a loyal group of supporters that have backed the program with attendance and their financial support.

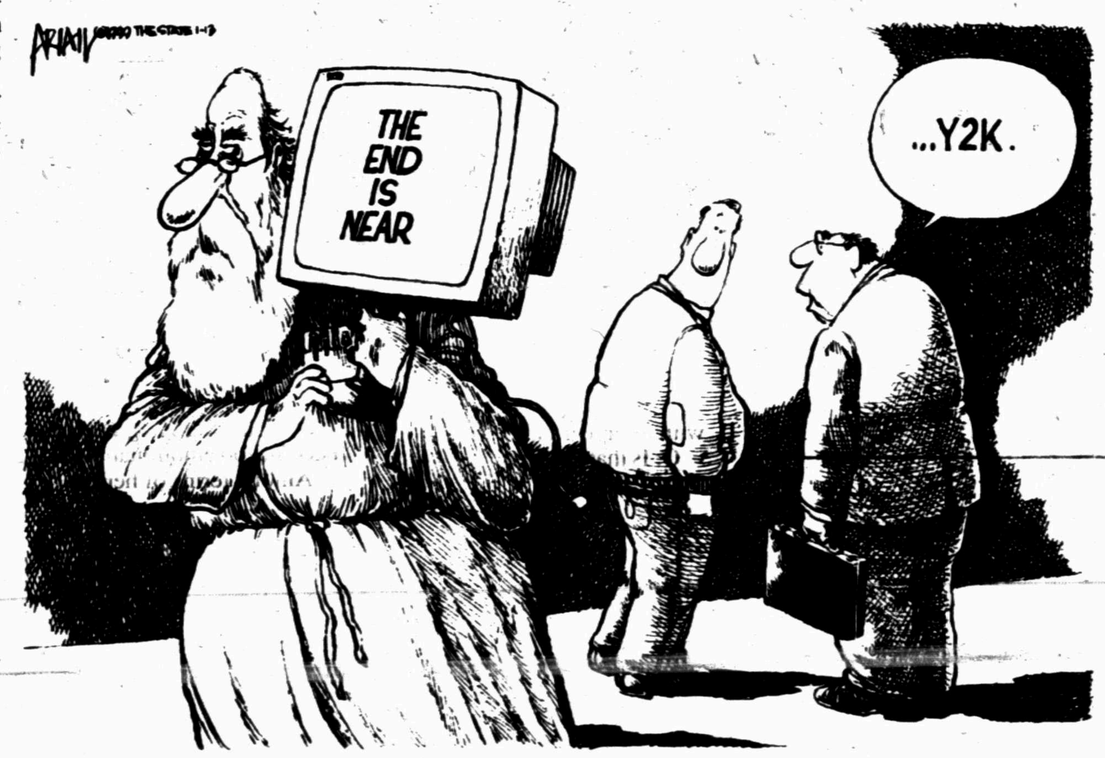
To these people, thank you.

The Snyder Daily News has been more than fair with its coverage, even going out of town to cover many games, and informing the people of Scurry County and the surrounding area of WTC events.

Thanks Snyder and the surrounding area for your support of WTC women's basketball and hopefully it will continue.

If you can help in any way, please let your WTC administration and Scurry County Commissioners (if they are in charge of the coliseum) know of your interest in helping.

Craig Wells,
Lubbock, Texas



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Fighting attorney's fees

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

John Cornyn has never been pleased with the contingency fee deal worked out for the private attorneys who represented Texas in the tobacco litigation. The idea of five law firms pocketing 15 percent-plus of a $17.3 billion settlement rankled him as a former Texas Supreme Court justice and candidate for the attorney general's office, and it rankles him as he begins his 16th day as the state's top attorney.

Cornyn is toying with the idea of trying to seize for the state some of the $3.3 billion awarded to the attorneys last month. The money is being paid by the tobacco companies under a special arbitration deal reached separately from the settlement itself.

We would caution the attorney general to shelve that idea.

Texas is not an island unto itself in this situation; the arbitration agreement included attorneys' fees for Mississippi and Florida. Although Texas negotiated its own $17.3 billion payment from the cigarette manufacturers independent of what other states will receive, the formula used to calculate each state's take could unravel like a cheap sweater if Texas starts picking at the agreement.

The money that Texas is receiving from the tobacco companies — about $1.3 billion to date, with another $1 billion expected later this year — has important work to do. Children's health initiatives, medical research projects and anti-tobacco education campaigns are just some of the programs that Texas legislators will consider when it comes time to allocate those funds.

Beyond the three-member arbitration panel that established the $3.3 billion fee amount, and the attorneys who will receive it, no one is happy about the obscenely large payments to the attorneys. But if trying to whittle away that amount would jeopardize the overall $17.3 billion settlement, then the best course of action is to let it alone.

Seminar on Terrorism

Houston Chronicle

Panelists at a recent seminar here on terrorism suggested that terrorism is on the rise and constitutes the most vexing threat to U.S. security. Houstonians who attended the event found it hard to escape that conclusion.

The question, then, is how best to combat the threat.

At the seminar, sponsored by Leadership Houston and held at Rice University's Baker Institute, the assembled experts made the following useful points:

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III said the United States must shore up its regional alliances, show uncompromising resolve toward nations that decline to live in peace, hold Israel and the Palestinians to promises already made and work to integrate China and Russia into the world community as the former rises and the latter declines.

Edward P. Djerejian, director of the Baker Institute and a former U.S. ambassador to Israel and Syria, noted that terrorism has a lineage as ancient as anarchy itself and must be resisted without the hope of final victory. The most dangerous "ism" today, he said, is extremism, which is fast gaining the status of a major religion.

Don K. Clark, who investigated the bombing of the World Trade Center and now heads the Houston office of the FBI, warned that state-sponsored terrorism is on the wane, but self-financed splinter groups are more dangerous, kidnapping, robbing and dealing drugs to pay for their terrorist violence. He lamented that the fragmented U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies are reluctant to share their information in order to better prevent and prosecute terrorism.

Andre LeGallo, who manages corporate security for Enron after a career with the CIA, said the United States cannot fight terrorism with satellites and can't infiltrate terrorist cells using agents recruited from Ivy League campuses. He advised Americans working abroad that awareness, common sense and variable routines were the best precautions against terrorism.

Houstonians can only pray that Washington holds four officials whose grasp of the threat is as incisive. The world's intractable ethnic and religious strife, combined with the proliferation of portable weapons of mass destruction, could produce calamities on a scale difficult to imagine.

Bilingual education

Valley Morning Star (Harlingen)

"State Rep. Rene Oliveira wants to change the way Spanish is taught in Texas public schools. House Bill 686, filed Thursday by the Brownsville Democrat, would require all school districts to make Spanish part of their core curriculum. It would also mandate that every student receives two years of Spanish-language instruction in high school.

Oliveira told a reporter Thursday that economic development is behind his proposal to have all Texas school children learn Spanish...

...We don't doubt that there are many Texans, particularly here in the Rio Grande Valley, who view the bills as a step in the right direction. There is no denying that the ability to speak both English and Spanish is a valuable asset in the border region and local elementary schools would be a fine place to introduce more Spanish instruction. But there are problems with Oliveira's legislation.

He commented Thursday that he didn't anticipate much opposition to the bill, but it clearly will tread on the territory, not to mention the self-determinism, of others. Given time, political opposition could be substantial.

First, there are the teachers who will find their specialties in less demand. High schools typically require two years of foreign-language instruction and offer several languages from which to choose. Making Spanish language a mandate might well eliminate classes in French, German, Latin and other languages, so don't expect teachers in those subjects to be among the bills supporters...

...Additionally, parents in other areas of the state also are unlikely to support legislation that limits the choices available to their children.

Oliveira insisted Thursday, "This is not a minority issue. This is not an ethnic issue. Its pure and simple good business." But it doesn't require much imagination to envision residents in North Texas or East Texas viewing this bill as an imposition, if not a threat.

The Spanish mandates potential divisiveness is significant, and it would give fuel to the proponents of English-only laws that have driven a wedge between Hispanics and non-Hispanics in other states..."



The honeymoon doesn't have to end!

Deanie Francis Mills

One of the delightful surprises I have discovered about having both my children grown and away at school is that I've found myself falling in love with my husband all over again.

We really don't realize when our kids are still at home, the amount of mental, emotional and physical energy it takes to parent them — even when they are old enough to drive and seemingly gone all the time for school events, work or with their friends. Even then, they are still teenagers, and the adolescent life is, by its very nature, crisis-driven. They need us, even though they would never admit it. They need our constant reassurance, our stubborn insistence on setting boundaries for their behavior, our love, our patience, our validation for who they choose to be. They need our money; they need our permission; they need our attention.

Then they are gone, and I tell you, it takes a few months just to catch our breath. This is about the time that the dust has finally settled and Mom and Dad find themselves alone together in a room with no interuptions and no one else who needs them.

One of two things tends to happen then. If the couple has let themselves drift apart, concentrating all their energies on the kids and none on each other, living parallel lives ... they may find that they can't handle it. We often hear of couples divorcing after 25 years of marriage, and if we ask them why, they may very well say, "We just drifted apart. We were living separate lives." Sometimes one partner may leave another because of an affair, but it really wasn't the affair that broke up the marriage. It was all that drifting that came before.

But if a couple has given their marriage at least as much priority through the years as they did the kids, then this is the time to cash in on the investment. In many ways, it's like being a newlywed again, only this time, we don't expect to be interrupted by a baby.

Looking back, I can in all honesty say that this new love affair that comes about when the kids are gone does not happen by accident. It happens because we both watched for warning signs of the dreaded drift — and fought to prevent it from happening.

It's so easy, really, to drift apart. Nowadays kids are ten times busier than most of us were when we were kids. A cover story in the new issue of "Time" magazine details not just homework demands on very young children, but lives packed with activities, from lessons to sports to play to church. (Parents are the guilty parties here, for overscheduling the youngsters.) Add to that households where both parents hold outside jobs and everybody has to be everywhere, and it seems all they do is run, run, run. Weekends are crammed and parents usually too exhausted to notice one another. Toss into the mix, a child who is troubled or has some sort of learning disability and you can max out the stress levels to the tenth power. Home becomes a war zone.

So how do you do it? you may ask. You just described ME. What can I do?

The first thing we all have to realize is that the most important single thing we can do for our children is keep our marriage strong. Putting our husband or our wife above our children may sound selfish, but actually, it's the best thing we can do for our kids.

That means, first of all, making time for one another. It doesn't have to be something so structured as a "date night," but we have to talk, whenever and wherever we get the opportunity. And not just about the kids, either. It's not silly for us to say to our own spouses, "How are you? How are things going at work? You look troubled. Are you all right? Talk to me."

Sometimes we may put off talking because we fear a fight may be brewing. So have the fight! There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned yelling argument to clear the air in a marriage and help us understand the subtext of what is meant when one of us says, "NOTHING is wrong."

Secondly, romance one another. In a recent magazine interview, Mel Gibson, movie star, father of six with one on the way, married 18 years, said, "I'm not a flowers and candy kind of guy. But for heaven's sake, guys, do the dishes!" For one partner to step in and pick up the slack for another is romantic. It is a welcome backrub, or a surprise night out, or an unexpected gift.

Third, simply for survival. Kids don't have to do every single thing their little hearts desire. We made our kids choose two extra-curricular activities apiece. Only two. They had to decide upon their own priorities. It was a good lesson for them, and easier on us.

Fourth, never take one single day for granted. Touch one another. Hug. Kiss. Say, "I love you." My daddy dropped dead of a heart attack at only 45 years of age. One day he was there and the next he was gone forever, his shoes still on the floor next to his chair. It taught me a tragic lesson early on: each day could be our last one together.

Treat one another that way, every day, as if it will be your last, and I can personally guarantee that the honeymoon will never end.

First Jasper dragging death trial set Monday

JASPER (AP) — The crime still horrifies: A black man beaten, then chained to the bumper of a rusted gray pickup truck and dragged for more than two miles until his body shredded, possibly because of his skin color.

Within hours after the torn right arm, head and torso of James Byrd Jr. were recovered along Huff Creek Road on June 7, investigators zeroed in on three white suspects.

All had criminal records. All had blood on their shoes. Two of the three reportedly had white supremacist leanings, reinforced in prison and reflected in racist tattoos that blanket their upper bodies.

Despite provocative physical evidence, the trial of the first suspect, John William "Bill" King, 24, will not be open and shut when it begins Monday with jury selection before state District Judge Joe Bob Golden.

Byrd's murder defined — some might say branded — Jasper, an East Texas timber town of some 8,000 just west of the Texas-Louisiana border and about 125 miles northeast of Houston.

The horror of the crime brought reporters from around the world. And then the suspected racist ties of the defendants ignited the passion of white supremacists like the Ku Klux Klan and militant black activists like the New Black Panthers who rushed to Jasper to use the killing as an excuse to spout their venom.

King is an ex-convict with a history of membership in a racist prison gang. But whether he intended to both kidnap and kill Byrd will be key to a capital murder conviction and punishment — either life in prison or the death penalty.

"You have to have an intentional murder to have capital murder," says Neil McCabe, who teaches at South Texas School of Law in Houston. "They have to prove kidnapping beyond a reasonable doubt, and they have to prove intent to kill beyond a reasonable doubt."

District Attorney Guy James Gray has declined to discuss his strategy for the capital murder trial — Jasper County's first since 1992 and the second ever.

Shawn Allen Berry, the only defendant to give a statement, offers in it a sequence of events leading to Byrd's death. But the statement itself is legally inadmissible unless Berry testifies.

"The prosecutor cannot introduce a written statement by a third party because Mr. King would not have the opportunity to cross-examine a statement," said Berry's attorney, Joseph C. "Lum" Hawthorn.

Hawthorn said he would not allow his client to take the stand without a plea agreement and he believes Gray intends to go forward without Berry's testimony.

Berry was linked to the crime after sheriff's deputies and police found a wrench with his last name engraved on it near Byrd's body.

A manager at Jasper's movie theater, Berry was rebuilding his life last summer after a 1992 burglary scheme with King landed him in a boot camp for first-time offenders.

When brought in for questioning, Berry revealed that late on June 6 or perhaps shortly after midnight on June 7 he was driving his roommates — King and Lawrence Russell Brewer — in his 1982 Ford pickup.

Many people in town knew Byrd, who lived off disability checks and was too poor to own a car, so he walked where he needed to go. Byrd had attended a niece's bridal shower on June 6, then two of his sisters drove him to a friend's house for a party that evening. Later he began walking the three miles to his home.

Berry spotted Byrd, whom he may have known because they had the same parole officer, and offered a ride. According to Berry's account, King became irritated about giving a ride to a "nigger."

After a stop at a convenience store, King took the wheel and drove the others to an abandoned dirt logging road outside town. There, Berry told police, King declared he was "fixing to scare" Byrd.

Berry said he watched as Brewer and King beat Byrd into unconsciousness. Berry fled and King drove after him. Berry got back in, turned around and saw Byrd's body, fastened with a chain and bouncing behind the truck.

Prosecutors charged all three with capital murder, but decided to try the cases separately. Trials for Brewer and Berry are expected to be scheduled after King's has concluded.

King's attorney, C. Haden Cribbs, declined to comment. However, in a letter King released to the media in November, he said he was innocent and accused a hot-tempered Berry of killing Byrd over a soured drug deal.

After his son was arrested, King's father apologized publicly to Byrd's family.

Does it matter?

Why is the U.S. trade deficit so high?

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the U.S. economy sailing through its longest peacetime expansion ever, economists are agonizing over a rapid growth in the nation's trade deficit.

Americans, who last year benefited from the lowest unemployment rate since 1969, 4.5 percent, may well wonder what's going on and whether it matters. Here, in question-and-answer form, is a look at the U.S. trade situation:

Q: How big is the deficit?

A: Based on the first 11 months of last year, it should total a record $168 billion, up from $110 billion in 1997. Economists predict it will rise to between $220 billion and $230 billion this year.

Q: Why is the trade deficit so high?

A: Because, in the words of Commerce Undersecretary David Aaron: "The United States economy is very strong in a world which tends to be a lot less strong." In short, American consumers have money to satisfy their appetites for imported goods ranging from cars to shoes. Foreign buyers, particularly in Asia and Latin America, don't. For example, airlines in Asia have had to cancel orders with Boeing Co. because Asians are traveling less.

Q: Why else?

A: The dollar is strong. Other currencies, from Thailand's baht to Brazil's real, are not. That means foreigners are selling their goods at bargain prices, in dollars. American-made goods, in their currencies, are costly.

Q: What does that mean for the U.S. economy?

A: In the short run, it helps keep inflation under control, and that, in turn, helps keep interest rates low. Rates on home mortgages have held under 7 percent for seven months. It also means Americans can buy all the goods they want without putting so much pressure on labor markets that wage increases accelerate to inflationary levels.

Q: Any other benefits?

A: It's about the only bright spot for many struggling economies. Think of it as a way for the United States to keep its allies afloat.

Q: What happens to the dollars Americans spend on imports?

A: They come back to the United States in the form of investment. Foreigners purchase U.S. securities such as corporate stocks and Treasury bills. That, too, keeps interest rates low and supports stock prices.

Q: So what's the problem?

A: A rapidly growing trade deficit hurts Americans who depend on export sales for their livelihood, such as soybean farmers, or who compete against foreign imports, such as steelworkers.

"If you're a steel producer, of course you're unhappy. You're losing your job," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "If you're a steel consumer, you're happy because the price is lower."

Roughly 10,000 steelworkers have lost their jobs. Job cuts last year totaled more than 200,000 in all manufacturing industries. Their loss of income and subsequent drop in spending eventually could hurt workers in businesses that have little or nothing to do with foreign trade.

Q: Is that all?

A: No. Growing foreign ownership of U.S. securities means profits on those securities — interest, dividends, capital gains — benefit foreigners. That means a growing share of the income on what Americans produce goes overseas.

Moreover, foreigners' appetite for dollars isn't inexhaustible. Sooner or later, when the U.S. economy weakens or their economies strengthen, or both, they won't be so eager to touch off a vicious cycle: U.S. interest rates would rise sharply, slowing or killing the economic expansion, and the American stock market could crash.

"In the short run, there doesn't seem to be a problem. But, certainly, in the long run this cannot continue indefinitely," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. "At some point it will be a burden on our children and grandchildren."

Ex-teacher pleads guilty to student sex

DALLAS (AP) — A former high school teacher has been barred from the classroom and put on probation after pleading guilty Thursday to one count of sexual contact with a child.

April Denise Toms, 27, may not teach school during a 10-year deferred adjudication.

A 16-year-old boy had told another teacher that he had consensual sex with Ms. Toms twice in March at her apartment, a court document stated.

In May, she resigned as a special education teacher at Nimitz High School in Irving after her principal confronted her about the accusations and said he was going to call the police.

Ms. Toms denied having sex with the boy, saying she was only giving him a place to stay for the night. But she apologized to school officials because "this is the only thing that everyone at school is talking about."

"This is not the kind of teaching situation that I could return to," she wrote in a resignation letter, adding that she allowed herself to become too emotionally attached to special education students.

Among terms of her deferred adjudication, she must register for 10 years as a sex offender and pay a $500 fine.



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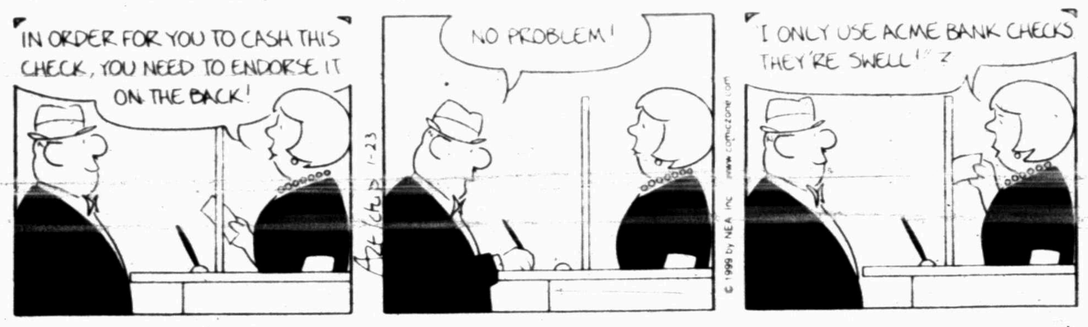
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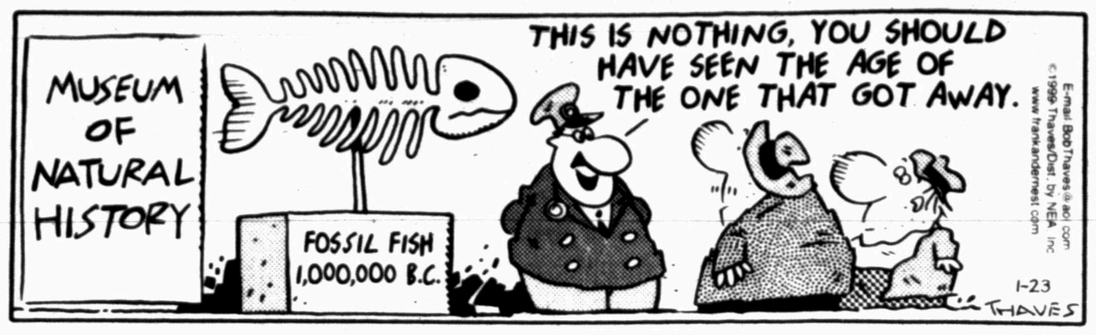
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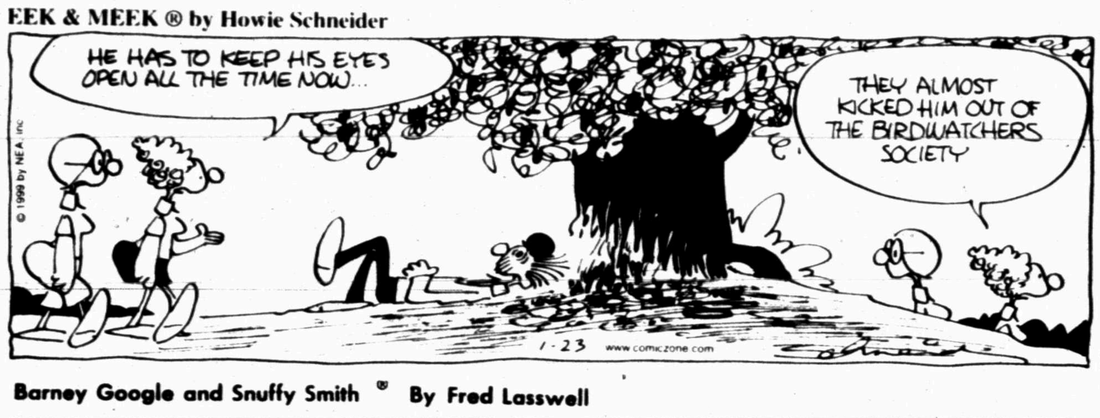
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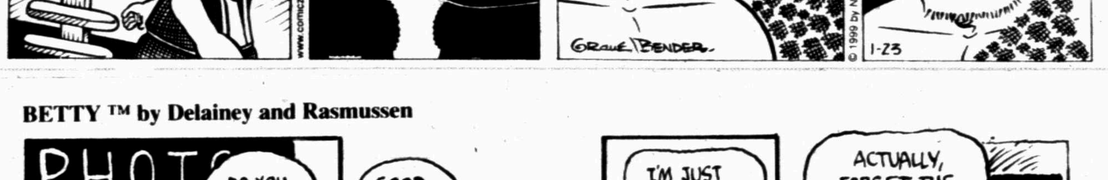
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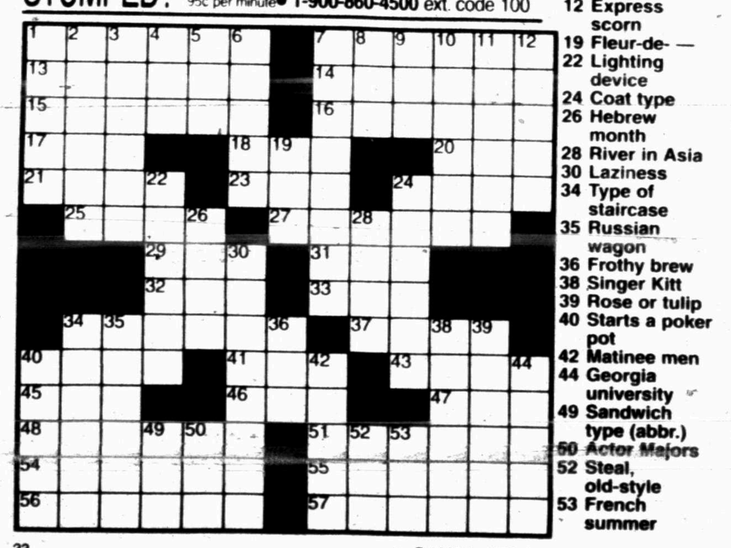
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28 River in Asia
30 Laziness
34 Type of staircase
35 Russian wagon
36 Frothy brew
38 Singer Kitt
39 Rose or tulip
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"MRS. WILSON SAYS YOU HAVE THE 24-HOUR VIRUS. WHEN IS YOUR TIME UP?"

'Master cell' research: The promise and fear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Should the tax dollars of people who oppose abortion be used for medical research based on cells taken from aborted fetuses or discarded embryos?

Anyone against abortion might answer no. But suppose that research creates a cure for, say, Parkinson's disease and an abortion opponent who had opposed the research gets Parkinson's. Should treatment be withheld?

Ethics experts are grappling with these kinds of questions as medical science moves toward a new frontier: research using master cells that are the root of human life.

They are called embryonic stem cells, microscopic dots that grow inside weeks-old embryos before morphing into 210 types of cells that make up a human body.

Finding and controlling embryonic stem cells has been a Holy Grail of science. Understanding how they develop could prevent birth defects. These cells could grow huge tissue banks for safer drug testing. They might even grow replacement body parts.

Hearts cannot regenerate. But imagine doctors one day repairing heart-attack damage with a simple injection of cells to grow new heart tissue — or curing diabetes by injecting insulin-producing cells.

Excitement in the scientific community was understandably great last fall when researchers in Wisconsin and Maryland culled some of these mysterious cells and grew large supplies of them in laboratories.

Sound like science fiction? Look to Johns Hopkins University, where Dr. John Gearhart already has used the technology to grow fledgling human brain cells in his lab.

The research is controversial because the original cells came from aborted fetuses, or from embryos donated by infertile couples who had extras left over from fertility treatment. Some ethicists have concerns, and abortion opponents declare stem cell technology immoral and want it banned.

That is unrealistic. Powerful patients' groups are demanding the research, and private companies already are racing ahead. But private research gets no public scrutiny. The government is about to finance stem cell research — and it can set limits. So President Clinton's National Bioethics Advisory Commission is charting the ethical boundaries.

What is "the degree to which the use of stem cells is tainted" because of their original source, asked ethics adviser R. Alta Charo of the University of Wisconsin. Does federal financing make abortion opponents unwilling partners to embryo-derived research? "We take seriously the notion of complicity," she said.

As a taxpayer, "I pay for a lot of things I don't approve of," responded Georgetown University ethicist Patricia King, one of the panel's expert witnesses. "Should we ever treat anybody with moral objections to abortion with treatments derived" from fetal tissue?

If the laboratory-grown stem cells run out, is it OK to reharvest just from aborted fetuses, or are fertility clinics' unused embryos acceptable? Clinics would destroy many of those embryos anyway, said University of Texas ethicist John Roberton. But custody fights over frozen embryos attest they are precious to the couples who produced them. If they are used, how do you ensure couples aren't pressured to donate?

Does a cell have any rights? What uses of stem cell technology are acceptable? Should scientists ever create an embryo just to grow stem cells?

That is not so far-fetched, if patients one day wanted a customized cell transplant containing their own genes.

Science is progressing so rapidly in this new area of research that it may circumvent these dilemmas.

Researchers announced Thursday that adult mice harbor certain "mature stem cells" designed to replenish one tissue that can sometimes be recoded to grow other tissues.

Q&A

What is denial?

(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.)

DENIAL

Q. What is it?

A. *The American Heritage dictionary* defines denial as: "A refusal to grant the truth of a statement." Let's add a little more to that definition: refusal to accept the fact or even acknowledge what is going on around us. It is quite possible that as you are sitting there reading this column, your child has already been offered some form of alcohol or drug. Just because we choose not to accept what is going on around us, doesn't mean that it isn't going on. Denial can bring lots of undue hurt and heartaches. When it comes to drugs and alcohol we often ask ourselves, "Did I teach my child this?" 99% of the time the answer to that question is no. But we can also ask ourselves, "Did we teach them about the negative consequences of drug use?" If we want to see success in the lives of our children, we need to be more involved with them. A child is the most precious gift that we have been given. We must take pride in ourselves and in our children. It's hard to try to talk to a child about the dangers of drugs when they are lying in a casket. This may sound harsh, but it is time that we take a stand and reclaim our lives and the lives of our children. We have lived in denial and refusal long enough, it is time we come to reality and acknowledge what is going on in the lives of our children. The only way we are going to win the war on drugs it to step out of denial and into reality. For those of you who heard Mrs. Belita Nelson's story on Heroin, let that be a challenge to us, so that Snyder I.S.D. doesn't become 'Plano East High School.' They have chosen to take a stand and change the lives of their children, one child at a time. Let's take that same stand for our school and our children.

Q. How do we come out of denial?

A. There are several ways to overcome this. The two that come to mind first are involvement and communication. Just to know that you are there and that you care is the beginning of what they need to know. A guest on the *Springer Show* said "Instead of just throwing money at me I would much rather them stop just long enough to say "Hi" or to see how I am doing". For those of you who missed Mrs. Nelson story you missed out on something very informative and inspirational. Your high school children were able to listen to her story, if you were not able to attend please talk to your children about what she spoke to them about and how they feel about it. Lack of communication sometimes is what puts us in the situations that we are facing and may face in the future. Talk to your children about what is going on in their lives. How long has it been since you asked your child how things are going? Just because they don't say anything doesn't mean that nothing is wrong. Your child may be battling with some issues of alcohol and drugs. Let them know that you care and want to be there for them. Our future lies in the hands of the children of today. Let's begin now and prepare them for what lies ahead. The problems of drugs and alcohol are very present in this day and time and in our community. Communication can make the difference in the future of our lives and the lives of our children.

Its time we get involved and take a stand for our children. We have thought long enough. It is time to put action to our thoughts. The time is now to get involved and become more aware of what is going on in our community and in the lives of our children. One last thought: we can't get involved and we can't talk to our children if they're not aware that we care. Love them, support them, and let them know that we are there. Whitney Houston sums it up well with one of the lyrics from her song *"I believe the children are our future Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside. Give them a sense of pride to make it easier. Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be. Everybody's searching for a Hero: people need someone to look up to."* Will you be the one that they look up to?

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.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Roman L. Leyva, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Wesley K. Evans, 1999 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Wallace E. Jones, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Ernie Lujan, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ronnie and Monty Clark, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Larry Callan, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Carl Knappe, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Dan and Jane Ann Cotton, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Matt N. and Kori Glenn, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

W.N. Coonrod, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Stephen A. Smith, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

William Cleveland, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Chad and Zeena June Raines, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

S.M. Weathersbee, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James D. Nowlin, dba Nowlin Farm, 1999 Mercury Mountaineer from Wilson Motors.

Sharon Nachlinger, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lea Ann and Andy Hudson, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Filed in District Court

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Ivan Krejci, suit on sworn account.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Sonny Harrell, suit on sworn account.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Omni Operating Co., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Annie Viola Gracey vs. General Motors Corp., suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Deed Records

Mark Doty to Lynn Fenton, the north 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 35 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Harvey L. and Suzan G. Pinkerton to Robert and Patty G. Terazzas, all of Lot 7 in Block 3 of the Kittrell Heights Subdivision of Blocks 7 and 8 and Blocks 17 and 18 of the Adams Addition.

E.F. Banks to Jimmy Lee Banks, Patricia Ann Stroud, Sharon Kay LaRoux and Debbie Raye Blevins, all of Lot 1 in Block 9 of the Highlands Addition.

Snyder National Bank, Linda Worth Light, Lanelle Sarine and Patricia Mincey to Jerry W. Hatfield, all of the southwest one-quarter of Section 144, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Gloria Nell Griffin, independent executrix of the estate of Ava Lopous, to Weldon M. Watson, Billy Ray Watson, Gloria Nell Griffin and Jimmy Pat Woolsey, the northeast one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

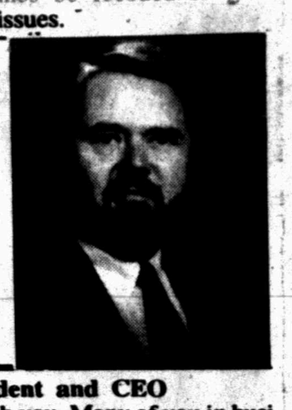
Wayne Eubank, individually and as independent executor of Faye Eubank, to Larry and Barbara Richards, 243 acres in Sections 121 and 122, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Betty Lou Price to James Glen Price and Jerry Frank Price, each an undivided 1/20th interest in: tract one being a tract out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 1.2219 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 3.3 acres in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jerry D. Wemken, trustee of the Doyle and Zelma Wemken Trust, to Scott L. Prince, tract one being 2.5 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 0.57-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



How I got to be the President and CEO

I'm sorry, but I can't share the name with you. Many of you in business might recognize the source. I only got these thoughts to share with you by promising anonymity.

I often wonder why some folks achieve success in the corporate world and reach the top. What factors, circumstances, skills, knowledge or ability allows an average person to become the president and CEO of a large company.

So when I have the opportunity, I ask. When I heard this executive's response, I asked to write about it. Yes, I could write what he told me, but no I couldn't write anything that would identify him or his company, I agreed.

I think you'll find this column contains solid advice. It applies equally well to small-business owners and corporate officers. You can apply this advice to all areas of your life.

Four Words of Wisdom

When I asked Floyd (fictitious name) how he got to be president and CEO of a very successful and profitable company, he replied in four words. He didn't hesitate, pause to think or beat around the bush. He simply replied, "I'm the best salesman."

Floyd went on to tell me that he sells vendors and suppliers because his company is a great firm to do business with. He sells the stockholders on new ideas, products and efficient use of profits. He sells his associates on the idea of doing more with less, keeping a positive attitude and serving customers well. He sells customers on the value and benefits they receive.

Yes, Floyd, is a great salesman. I'm told that the following ideas will help you, too.

Some tips from Floyd

•**Everywhere you go, sell everything you got.** Most companies have more than one product to sell. Point that out. Discuss your complete product line. Even if you only have two products and you feel certain that your prospect is only interested in product "A," mention "B" as well.

Floyd told about a time early in his selling career when he casually mentioned a product to a customer who bought only one line. The customer had no interest at all. However, the next time Floyd called on this customer, he got a referral to a sister company that did need the product. The resulting sale garnered Floyd's largest ever commission check.

•**Learn the Power Phrase.** The power phrase according to Floyd is: "The benefit to you is ..." Folks don't buy features, facts or statistics. They buy benefits. Too many salesmen sell features without adding the power phrase.

If Floyd were selling a mini-van to a young family, he would talk about the fuel injected V-6 engine and automatic transmission with overdrive. Then he'd say, "The benefits to you are more power, better acceleration and greater fuel economy." He'd point out the two sliding rear doors with power locks. Then he'd say, "The benfits to you are how easy you can get the children into their car seats, greater safety and convenient entry and exit."

•**Don't forget to ask.** Yes, you have to ask for the business. The Reverend Billy Graham was a Fuller Brush salesman. One of the things Rev. Graham does better than anyone else in the field of evangelism is close the sale. His sales presentations are short, clear and visual. Then he asks for a decision.

If Billy and Floyd ever got together, Billy might end his next sermon like this: "The benefit is that you escape eternity in hell and get to live a life of peace and joy on this earth." I'm sold on Floyd's secrets and I hope you are, too.

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



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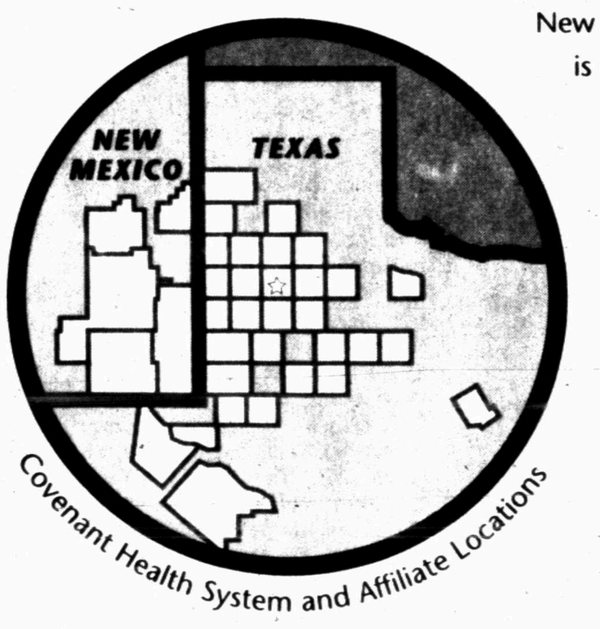


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