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Home Of Stella Bailey

TDCJ board approves warehouse expansion

8.6 million dollars projected for distribution center here

Construction of a regional warehouse and distribution center for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is expected to begin here in July as the TDCJ board has approved opening bids on the project next month.

Meeting in Houston Friday, the board approved the construction of the warehouse in the amount of $8.6 million.

Initial estimated cost of the facility was $3.4 million, which included $2.4 million for the building and cold storage.

Rep. David Counts had said earlier that he expected the TDCJ to spend more money than had originally been planned.

Counts also said the agency is looking at utilizing a private contractor rather than inmate labor in order to expedite the project.

First announced in August, 1996, officials said other priorities for available funds have delayed the project until now.

Currently, TDCJ operates a 70,000-square foot warehouse located in the former Wickes building on U.S. 84.

It is expected the expanded facility will include 20,000 square feet of freezer and cold storage space which will enable the agency to house bulk inventories of frozen foods, meats and other perishable items.

The distribution center is expected to employ an additional 13 people, bringing the total warehouse employment to 51. The total includes 25 truck drivers.

The expansion will result in an additional payroll of approximately $300,000 annually. The Snyder facility is the first regional distribution center for the prison system and is expected to save the state almost $1.1 million annually in transportation costs.

The region includes Dalhart and Amarillo on the north, Wichita Falls to the northeast, El Paso to the west. Currently, these prisons are supplied from Huntsville.

The Windham School regional staff will be displaced by the warehouse addition. Portable buildings currently are being set in place on the southwest corner of the Price Daniel Unit property to be used for the 15-member school staff.

Memorial Day activities slated here Monday

Memorial Day activities will get underway at 9 a.m. Monday with a flag-raising ceremony scheduled at the VFW post, followed by visits to the American Legion post, Snyder Cemetery and Hillside Gardens.

A flag-raising ceremony is also set for 10 a.m. at the courthouse.

The VFW has also scheduled a barbecue meal for 6 p.m. Cost of the meal is a $5 donation.

Scurry County offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day as will offices at Snyder City Hall.

Snyder ISD students will also get a holiday as it will take the place of a scheduled bad-weather day.

The Scurry County Museum, Snyder Senior Center and the county's health clinic will also be closed Monday.

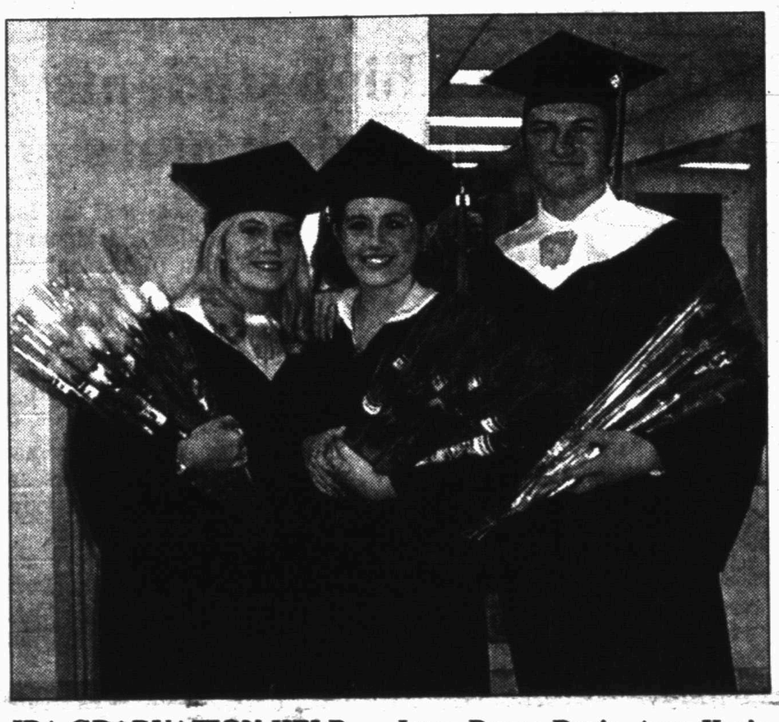
The library will also be closed Monday.

While city hall is closed, the city's landfill will be open on Monday.

Mail will be put in boxes at the post office, but there will be no city or rural mail delivery.

Local financial institutions will also be closed.

Congratulations graduates!



IRA GRADUATION HELD — Jacsy Deane Davis, Amy Karin Harless and Billy Keith Box, from left, are shown prior to presenting roses to special guests at Ira High School graduation Friday evening. Twelve seniors and 15 eighth graders received diplomas. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

GETTING READY — Michael Guzman and Melissa Brasuel are shown getting ready for Hermleigh High School's graduation Friday night. They are among the 12 seniors who graduated. Thirteen eighth graders also graduated. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. McGraw to speak at baccalaureate

Dr. Larry McGraw, associate dean of Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University, will be the guest speaker during Sunday's baccalaureate service for Snyder High School graduating seniors.

The program will begin at 3 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

Dr. McGraw is a professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons, where he has taught since 1982.

He received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and his master's and PhD from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Abilene.

Born in Wichita Falls, he and his wife, Sandy, have two children, Matthew Edward and Jonathan Ray.

Graduation ceremonies for Snyder High will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in Scurry County Coliseum.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Experience is something you don't get until after you need it."

We had hoped to change jobs, but still haven't heard from Texas Monthly. We wanted to be a restaurant and food critic — those unknown faces who write single paragraphs rating restaurants across the state.

Don't know about the pay, but it appears those folks eat well — and often. Ole what's-her-name had warned not to get hopeful, noting that there was rarely a mention about feasting on chicken fried steak laden with cream gravy or heavenly nachoes smothered with tonsil-sizzling jalapenos.

We thought of the dream job after reading about two hotel executives trading places for one evening to rate the other.

What does a room that costs $500 a night have in common with one that costs $50? The answer may surprise you: it's mouthwash.

Don Landry of Comfort Inns checked into the swanky St. Regis in New York City. He had to tip six times before getting to his room. Instead of a coffeepot, he found a floor butler who provided the first cup of java free.

The roadside motel executive found an electric telephone he could use to control the room's lights and television as well as to summon the butler. His TV, however, was smaller than in his own economy rooms back home.

He ordered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich from room service — for a mere $17 (tip not included).

And Daniel Weadock, the St. Regis CEO, checked into the nondescript Comfort Inn in Danvers, Mass. He found a friendly front desk clerk who forgot to hand him a fax and FedEx package. He admired the large, clean rooms and well-lighted hallways, but hated the hotel-style clumsy hangers that prevent guests from taking them off the rod and taking 'em home.

At checkout, Mr. Weadock's total bill was $86.12 compared to the $731.09 total paid by Mr. Landry. The 86 bucks would have just about handled the taxes at the St. Regis.

The Comfort Inn guy moaned about his experience, "Most things here are either acclaimed or legendary, including the rate."

Back taxes...

Officials catch up

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Two Scurry County commissioners who were delinquent in paying their local taxes are now current, according to records from the county tax office and appraisal district office.

Also, two Hermleigh ISD board members, also reported as delinquent in paying their taxes, have now paid all back taxes. Two board members remain delinquent on the Hermleigh board.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey said he questioned why the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal included him in a May 17 story since he said he had paid his taxes in April.

The newspaper noted that he and Hermleigh ISD trustee John Williamson had paid their taxes after the newspaper first inquired about unpaid taxes earlier that month.

Trevey paid his back taxes on April 28.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway paid all his back taxes Friday.

Ad valorem taxes are due on Oct. 1, and become delinquent on Feb. 1.

Trevey was delinquent $1,384.97, while Gannaway owed $3,979.48.

Hermleigh ISD board member Sherene Digby paid back taxes of $1,956.60 on Wednesday.

Hermleigh board member Tony Lambaren still owed $81.19 on Friday, while board member Burton Sandefur is $258.85 delinquent.

There are no provisions in the list of qualifications to serve on the Hermleigh board that prevents serving because of delinquent taxes.

Both Trevey and Gannaway said they believe public officials should pay their taxes when they are due, but like other citizens, don't always have the money.

"I've never failed to pay them," said Trevey. "I've probably been delinquent every year.....but, they do get paid and so is the penalty."

"You might say I'm a typical cotton farmer. I get my business together when I can."

Gannaway said, he too, had waited to sell his cotton before paying his taxes.

"It was just an oversight on my part. Unfortunately, a lot of people get behind," said Gannaway. "And I agree, this is not the best example to set, but I do always pay them."

Trevey has an annual salary as commissioner of $26,936.78, while Gannaway's is $26,152.21 — the difference being that Gannaway refused to accept an across-the-board raise given to county employees last year.

Furry Tails! Funny Tales!

Summer reading program sign-up begins on Monday

"Furry Tails! Funny Tales," summer reading and read-to-me programs for kids, begin Monday at Scurry County Library.

The read-to-me program is for preschoolers or any non-reading children, with readers being parents, grandparents, siblings or any other care provider. They have activities each Monday at 10 a.m.

The summer reading program is for students who have completed K through 6th grade. Their activities are held each Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Registration for both begins Monday, though parents may sign their children up at any time through July 24.

Children keep records of their reading and receive prizes depending on how many hours they accumulate during the course of the program. Mayor David Holt will present special certificates on July 29.

A kickoff party will be held Monday and staff will have activities and crafts for children to do while registering. Storytime will be held at 10 a.m. for preschoolers.

Read-to-Me Program

June 1 Silly Tales
June 8 Dog Tales
June 15 Cat Tales
June 22 Farmyard Tales
June 29 Jungle Tales
July 6 Sleepy Animal Tales
July 13 Tales of Animal Mothers
July 20 Animal Pals
July 29 Awards program.

Reading Program

June 3 Students from Snyder High School drama department will present a program.

June 10 Dr. Charles Church, local veterinarian, will present a program on pet care.

June 17 Children & Parents: A walk along the Deep Creek Walking Path to Albert Browning Park where Mrs. D.V. Merritt, local birdwatcher, will present a program.

June 24 Children & Parents: A walk to Snyder Concrete Co. for a tour of their facility.

July 1 Sgt. Trevelyn Pitner, his police dog and McGruff will present a program on bicycle safety, police work on bicycles and using the police dog.

July 8 Luann Grice and Stephanie Knipe from Scurry County Health Unit will present a program on personal health care.

July 15 David Tate, city animal control officer, will present a program.

July 22 The annual Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest and Sidewalk Chalk Art.

July 29 Awards program.

Splash Day is Friday

Friday is the last day of school and the first day of pool — swimming, that is, at Towle Park.

Splash Day, the annual event marking the opening of the pool, will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 5 o'clock. Best of all, swimmers get in free that day.

After that though, you'll have to pay. Admission this year is $2 and $1.50. Citizens age 18 and over pay the higher fee; those 17 and under get in for 50 cents less.

New this year are monthly and family memberships. A monthly membership is $25 per person. A family membership is $50 for the first two people plus $15 for each additional family member.

The pool will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 5 Tuesday through Sunday.

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ASK US

Q—I see where the Snyder school board approved bids for new athletic equipment for next year in the amount of $42,376. What is the total athletic budget for next year?

A—That has not been decided. The board will begin budget talks during its June 1 meeting.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 94 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Saturday, 73 degrees; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.10 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 65-70. S wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 90-95. S-SW wind 10-15 mph. Memorial day: partly cloudy. Low around 65. High, lower 90s.

Tara Robertson
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Of 142 days in 1998, the sun has shone 140 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.

Unknown

146 donors register for blood drive here

A number of participants rolled up their sleeves for area patients during the three-day blood drive May 19-21 held in various locations in Scurry County.

During the drive, supported by area businesses and sponsored by Cogdell Auxillary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for Texas Blood Institute, 146 donors were registered and 133 units of blood were drawn.

The drive began Tuesday at the Price Daniel Unit. Seventeen employees registered and 14 units were drawn.

The location on Wednesday was Cogdell Memorial Hospital with 32 registered donors and 24 units drawn.

The drive was wrapped up on Thursday at First Baptist Church Family Life Center with 97 donors registering and 95 units drawn.

Gallon pins were awarded to Patsy Parmer and Michael Browning, one gallon; Trish Payne, two gallons; Anna Rodriguez, three gallons; Dannie Pierce, seven gallons; Freda Shepard, nine gallons; and Zelma Irons, 10 gallons.

Donors receiving gift certificates from Jaramillo's restaurant were Norman Matthis, Ken Spoor, Kathy Spoor, Richard West, Brenda Ingram, Sterling Williams, Sally Herrington and Judy Border.

Receiving Lota' Burger gift certificates were Velma Ward, Dannie Pierce, Stacie Bohannon, Trish Payne, Cindy Lee, Linda Larkin and Dan Chasteen.

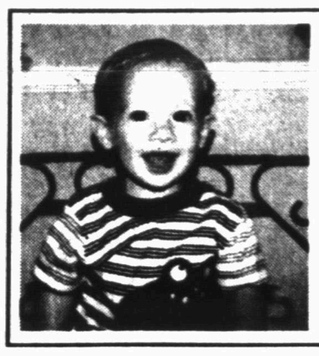
Pizza Hut gift certificate receipients included Melinda Martinez, Irma Perez, Eldon Kirkpatrick, Anna Rodriguez, Lisa Moore, Gary Moore, Sandra Barboza and Teressa Williams.

Pizza Inn gift certificates were given to Kathy Huff, Olga Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez, Adolfo Flores Jr., Darrell Johnson, Diane Arnold, Amanda Huff, Dedra Driggers and Linda Briseno.

Receiving gift certificates from Spanish Inn were Lannette Callaway, Bob Travis, Chris Denick, George Adams, Vickey Rowland, Bobbie Combest, Martha Schiebiel and Christy Brown.

Rudy's restaurant gift certificates were given to Mitzie Cribbs, Kathy Post, Stephen Messenger, Barbara Messenger, Ruby Johnson, Mack Kruse, Margie Anderson and Bernard Garrett.

David Marricle won a dinner for two at The Shack.



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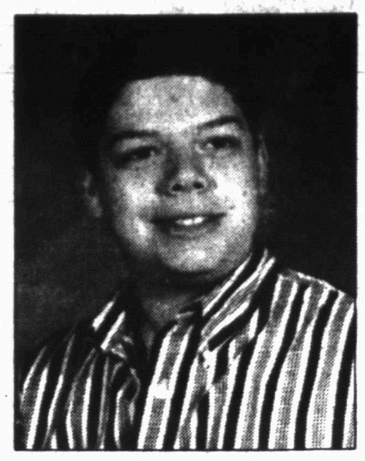

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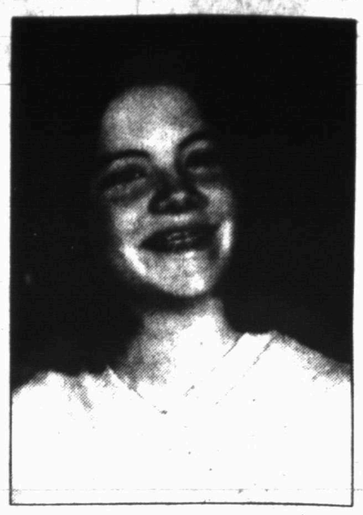

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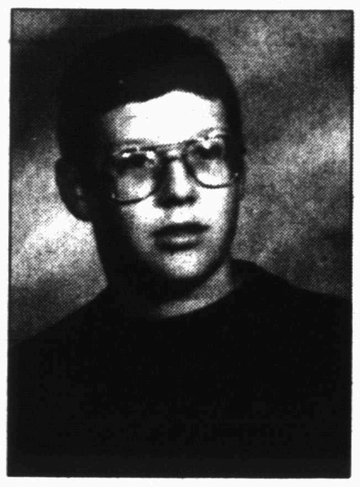

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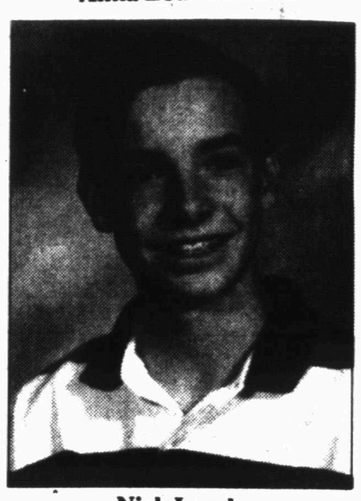

Nick Landes

Four junior high students receive academic honors

Four Snyder Junior High School students have received recognition from the United States Achievement Academy.

Four have been named All-American Scholars, with one also receiving a National Award.

Joining the ranks of All-American Scholars are Justin Stokes, Anna Lou Williams, Nick Landes and Cody Beaver.

Justin has also received a National Award in mathematics.

All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or better grade point average.

Justin is the son of David and Darlene Stokes. Grandparents include Dot Stokes and the late Carl Stokes. Other grandparents are Mary Abbott of Haskell and the late Chester Abbott.

Anna is the daughter of Jim and Lisa Williams. Grandparents are Max and Anne vonRoeder and Beryl H. Williams and the late Betty Williams.

Nick is the son of Gary and Kathy Landes. Grandparents are Anna Sescil of Snyder and Loys and Dorothy Landes of Rotan.

Cody is the son of Steve and Becky Beaver of Fluvanna. Grandparents are James and Lynda Beaver of Fluvanna and Patsy Westbrook of Snyder.

Pam's Chicken anticipates June 1 opening in Snyder

A building which has been vacant for several years will be occupied by Snyder's latest food venture as Pam's Chicken restaurant which anticipates a June 1 opening.

"At least that's what we're shooting for," said Pam Irvin, who will manage the business.

"We had hoped to be open earlier, but delays in obtaining the equipment has slowed us down some."

The building is located at 1001 37th St., at a site where the Snyder Jaycees formerly met.

"We've really worked on the building," Irvin added. "I believe it is now a nice addition to Snyder's business community."

The business will specialize in fried chicken and is basically a take-out operation.

"We'll have a drive-thru where a customer can order and pick up their food, or they can can order at the counter inside," Irvin said.

The business will be open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

"We'll have all kinds of specials and combinations," she said.

Irvin is a veteran of the chicken fast-food business, as she managed another chicken restaurant in town for some six years.

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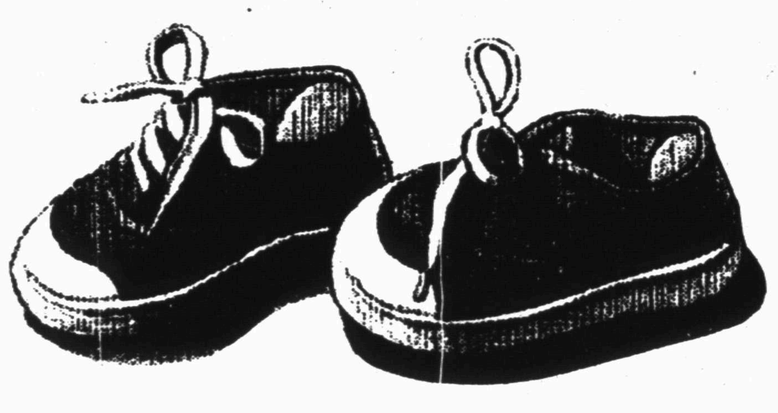

This phrase is said so often, especially around special events..like the graduation from high school.

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IRA COMBO GRADUATES — Ira's Combo has been entertaining locally for several years. Director David Brown, second from left, is shown with three seniors who collectively served 14 years before they graduated Friday night. They received certificates of appreciation during the end-of-the-year awards assembly. From left are, Chris Gee, three years; Brown, B.K. Box, five years; and Caleb Wilson, six years. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Clinton offering target date for signing land mine treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton for the first time has indicated a willingness to commit the United States to joining the international treaty banning land mines by 2006. But he linked the move to development of alternate weapons.

The policy shift, disclosed Friday, drew generally positive reactions from pro-treaty groups which have criticized the administration for not aligning itself with the more than 100 nations that signed the pact last December in Ottawa.

Clinton also agreed for the first time to order the Pentagon to search for alternatives to the practice of combining anti-personnel mines and anti-tank mines. The technique is used to deter enemy troops from trying to defuse the anti-tank weapons.

The shift was spelled out in a letter from National Security adviser Sandy Berger to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., a leading opponent of land mines. Tens of millions of land mines are scattered in more than 60 countries, and an estimated 20,000 people are killed or injured each year, mostly innocent civilians.

Leahy expressed support for the new position in exchange for his agreement not to oppose dilution of legislation, approved in 1996, that would impose a one-year moratorium starting next February on U.S. use of land mines.

At present, the Pentagon has no fielded alternatives to land mines, but it has requested $4.7 million in the fiscal 1999 budget to search for them.

"Right now, the alternatives that are being considered are conceptual," said one military officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

One possibility is a weapon that would temporarily disable an approaching enemy, but not kill. Another involves sensors that warn of an opponent's approach and then trigger weapon systems.

The administration had refused to go along with the treaty to ban land mines, maintaining that such weapons are needed on the Korean peninsula to deter an invasion from North Korea.

Friday's decision was announced at the conclusion of an international conference on land mines convened by the State Department. One official, asking not to be identified, described the changes as an important clarification of previous policy but not a major shift.

Berger's letter contained these commitments:

—The United States will destroy by 1999 all non-self destructing anti-personnel land mines, except for those needed for Korea.

—It will end the use of all such land mines outside Korea by 2003, including those that self-destruct.

—It will aggressively pursue the objective of having anti-personnel land mines alternatives ready for Korea by 2006, including those that self-destruct.

—It will search aggressively for alternatives to mixed anti-tank systems.

Jody Williams, who last year shared a Nobel Peace Prize with her International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, called the administration announcement a tentative step in the right direction.

But, she said, it falls short of her goal of an immediate ban. "How can you justify continued use of a weapon determined by most of the rest of the world to be illegal," she said in a telephone interview.

Leahy, who also advocates signing the treaty without further delay, said he is nonetheless "greatly encouraged by this decision." He said he believes "there is no longer any doubt that we will sign.

In 1878, Emma M. Nutt was employed by Telephone Despatch Co. of Boston and became the first woman telephone operator in the United States.

Washington Monument reopens after 500-foot climb to fix latch

WASHINGTON (AP) — A cooler Washington Monument reopened to visitors Friday after four months of interior repairs. But a 500-foot climb to fix a balky latch on the just-refurbished elevator threw off the opening by nearly an hour.

Hundreds of tourists were waiting on the grass outside at 8 a.m. when the elevator, parked at the viewing level 500 feet above the ground, refused to move.

"A latch didn't catch. The door wouldn't stay closed," said Erin Broadbent, site manager of the National Mall for the National Park Service. "It just took a minor adjustment to fix. There was no safety problem."

But she said park rangers had to "run upstairs," a climb that took a full 15 minutes.

"In all, we fell behind by about 45 minutes," she said. "You have to expect a minor shake, rattle and roll after a major refurbishment like this."

Once the problem was fixed, the tourists rolled in. Packs of children and parents rode the now-cooperative elevator to take in the capital's best views.

By 10 a.m., thousands of the timed, free tickets had been snapped up and the earliest a visitor could get in was 6 p.m. The monument was open until 11:45 p.m.

"This is a pretty special day; you're here on the first day that the monument has been open since January," a National Park Service ranger told a capacity load of tourists as the reinstalled elevator made the 70-second climb to the viewing platform. It's near the top of the white-marble obelisk, 555 feet, 5½ inches from the ground.

Up on top, Steve and Bretta Taylor of Ukiah, Calif., escorted their three children, window view by window view.

Taylor, responding to a question, approved of spending millions of dollars on the nation's memorial to its first president.

"We enjoy history and the kids enjoy geography," Taylor said. And the Washington monument, a historic, geographic landmark, has a lot of both, he said.

Ranger Mark Ragan, pausing from collecting tickets and ushering visitors toward the elevator, said the first phase of an $8 million repair job included renewing an "antiquated" ventilating system that "broke down a lot."

"Now it will be much more comfortable to visit, cool in the summer and warm in the winter," he said.

The elevator, meanwhile, received a new lifting system and an array of safety features, he said.

"But for the most part a visitor who has been inside the Washington monument before probably won't notice much that's physically different," Ragan said. "It will just be a more comfortable visit."

The repair job is now moving from the inside out.

Beginning in July, construction will begin on a web of scaffolding that will curtain the monument for more than a year while workers patch and seal damaged stones.

The Washington Monument was completed in 1884 after decades of off-and-on construction that began in 1848.

Mother of girl locked in dog cage pleads quilty on Friday

CHILTON, Wis. (AP) — A 7-year-old girl whose parents locked her in a small dog cage pumped her fist in the air in delight after learning she would not have to testify against her mother.

Angeline Rogers, 28, pleaded guilty Friday to three counts of failing to prevent mental cruelty to her daughter and one count of aiding physical abuse, sidestepping the need for her children to take the stand against her.

"As far as we are concerned, it's a wonderful day in the neighborhood," Police Chief Alan Radloff said. "We didn't want to put the kids through the trial."

Rogers faces a maximum 40 years in prison when sentenced in July along with her husband, Michael Rogers, who earlier pleaded guilty to four felony abuse charges.

Six months after her harrowing ordeal, the girl has outgrown two pairs of shoes and is no longer learning disabled, District Attorney Ken Kratz said.

"She has made unbelievable personal strides. She has grown several inches. She's a bright little kid and, at least academically, she's well on her way," he said.

Both parents were arrested in November after their 11-year-old son walked barefoot and coatless in freezing weather to a police station to report what happened to his sister.

The girl was found in the unheated basement of the family home in Brillion, about 80 miles north of Milwaukee, in a 17-by-24-inch cage. Her blanket was drenched in urine and covered with feces.

Judge rejects defense motion

INDEPENDENCE, Va. (AP) — A judge refused to remove a prosecutor accused of favoring one defendant over another in the case of two white men charged with burning and beheading a black man.

Grayson County Prosecutor J.D. Bolt played favorites by charging Emmitt Cressell Jr. with a lesser crime to get him to testify against co-defendant Louis Ceparano, according to Ceparano's lawyers.

Bolt also represented Cressell several times as a lawyer in private practice. Ceparano's lawyers said the previous relationship amounted to a conflict, but the trial judge, Colin Campbell, rejected the argument Friday.

Cressell is charged with first-degree murder and remains free on bond. He is expected to testify against Ceparano, whose trial on a capital murder charge is to begin Wednesday.

Happy Birthday Daddy!
Love,
Your Little Angel
Courtney Renee
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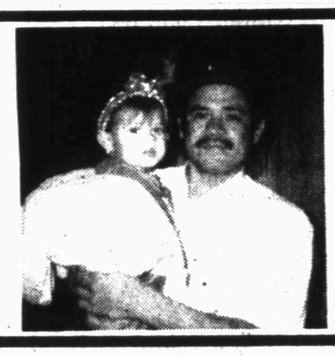

Bullard's Computer Solutions adds new Internet web server

Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc. is setting up its own Internet web server. Business on the Internet is growing rapidly and a number of local businesses have established a strong Internet presence with web sites designed by Computer Solutions.

"Most customers tell us what they want and then we design the site and make periodic changes for them. However, there are some customers who desire to do it all themselves. With our new web server, we allow them to set up and edit their own sites," said Drew Bullard, president of the company.

Another change on the Internet service at Computer Solutions is the addition of 56K modems. Given the right conditions, these can speed up Internet access.

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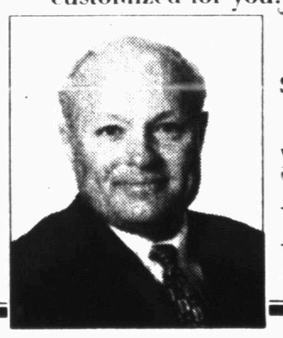

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Illinois couple unsure what to do with jackpot millions

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — America's newest multimillionaire promptly awoke at dawn and made it to work on time, despite a late night celebrating his record $104.3 million fortune.

A day after learning that he had won the largest Powerball lottery jackpot in history, Frank Capaci had another sort of green on his mind. He reported to his part-time job Friday at a suburban Chicago golf course.

His assignment? To mow the grass.

"If I didn't show up, I would have gotten fired and lost my job," Frank Capaci joked at a press conference later in the day.

Capaci, 67, of Streamwood, Ill., a retired electrician who works as a groundskeeper, now has enough money to play 1.2 million rounds of golf at Poplar Creek Country Club.

After putting in his regular work hours, Capaci and his wife Shirley, 63, piled into their 1990 Grand Am and drove to Wisconsin lottery headquarters in Madison to validate their ticket. They were tightlipped about any immediate plans to spend their wealth.

But the Capacis did buy drinks for the house Thursday at Bill's on Bartlett, a tavern and pizza hangout in Streamwood. It's the place where Capaci paid a bartender $5 to cross state lines and pick up what would become the winning ticket.

With his new millions, Capaci is rich enough to buy 44.8 million pints of his preferred brew — Old Style. Or, he could order 4.7 million large cheese, sausage, mushroom and green pepper pizzas from Bill's, the kind the Capacis ordered to celebrate.

The jackpot Wednesday reached a record $195 million. The Capaci ticket, however, is worth $104.3 million because the buyer designated a lump-sum option rather than 25 annual payments of $7.7 million.

That's $104.3 million before taxes. The total probably will be substantially less — around $55 million, said Don Walsh of the Wisconsin Lottery.

The Lakeside Country Store in Pell Lake, just a few miles north of the state line, is one of many lottery-licensed sales outlets that attract bettors from Illinois. The 20 states that participate in Powerball along with Washington, D.C., do not include Illinois.

Two bartenders from Bill's drove to Pell Lake and bought tickets on behalf of about 15 customers, including the Capacis and their son Brian Capaci. The tickets were passed out in sealed envelopes Thursday.

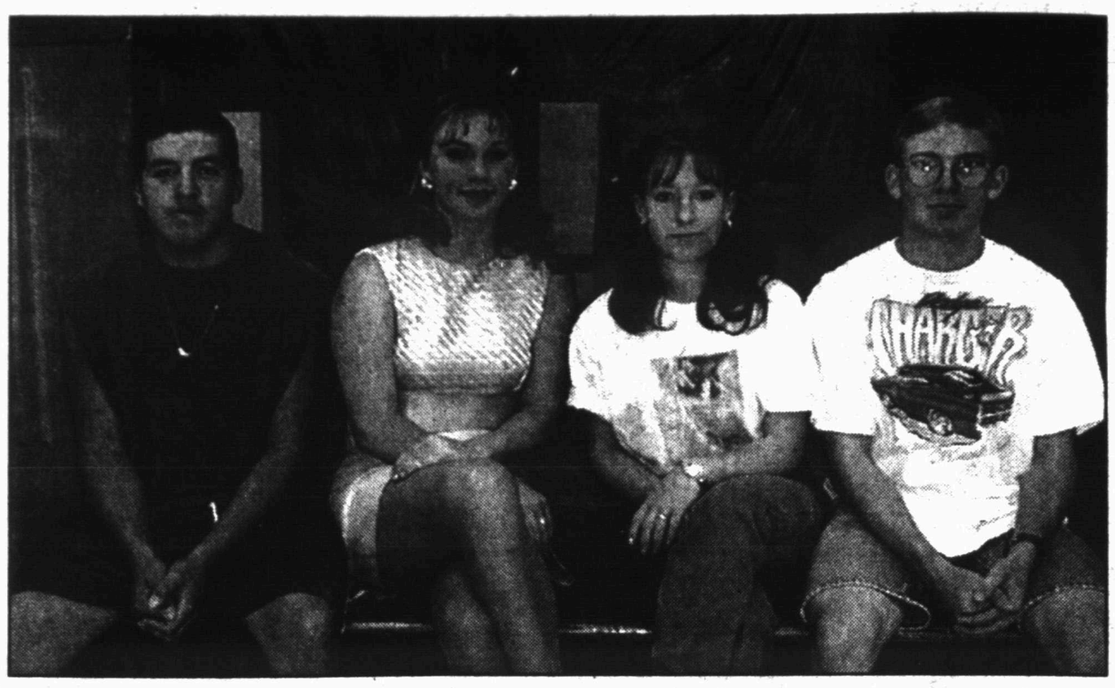
Brian Capaci said his mother telephoned with the news.

"At first I didn't believe her but then she started crying," he said.

"I didn't know what to do. I was shaking and crying too."

Mrs. Capaci, a retired secretary, hinted that no lavish lifestyles or wild spending sprees were in the works, though her husband has said he might buy a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

These days, he's rich enough to buy about 2,900 of the classiest model — Harley's 95th anniversary, a two-seater in the exclusive champagne-cherry red color, with a suggested retail price of $19,290.



TOP HIGH SCHOOL MATH STUDENTS — The top math students at Hermleigh High School for 1997-1998 are from left Joey Garza, algebra II; Jennifer Roemisch, geometry; Randi Herrington and Jared Higgins, both algebra II. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

TOP JUNIOR HIGH MATH STUDENTS — The top math students at Hermleigh Junior High School for 1997-1998 are from left, Christina Arellano, Sabrina Terry and Terrel Culp, all algebra half. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

May 23, 1998

Today is the 143rd day of 1998 and the 65th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1553, the marriage of English king Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

On this day in 1934, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were killed by law officers near Bienville Parish, La.

On this day in 1994, Roman Herzog was elected president of Germany.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Payne (1912-1989), actor; Helen O'Connell (1920-1993), singer; Joan Collins (1933-), actress, is 65; Robert Moog (1934-), musician/inventor, is 64.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1883, the Snorkeys, a team of one-armed players, defeated the Hoppers, a team of one-legged players, 34-11, in Philadelphia.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is the feeling of injustice that is insupportable to all men." — Thomas Carlyle

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, a farm worker was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning near Buckeye, Ariz.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (May 19) and new moon (May 25).

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May 24, 1998

Today is the 144th day of 1998 and the 66th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the words "What hath God wrought?" from Washington to Baltimore, formally inaugurating the nation's first telegraph line.

On this day in 1962, Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the earth.

On this day in 1984, Detroit pitcher Jack Morris led the Tigers to their 17th straight victory on the road, setting an American League record.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lilli Palmer (1914-1986), actress; Frank Oz (1944-), puppeteer/director, is 54; Bob Dylan (1941-), singer, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Al Unser won his fourth Indianapolis 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint." — Daniel Webster

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1889, more than 2,000 people died in a flood in Johnstown, Pa.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (May 25).

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Archer raises tax status of 'Coalition' with IRS chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bill Archer, the House's top tax writer, personally asked the IRS commissioner to ensure fair treatment for a conservative Christian group's application for tax-exempt status.

The Texas Republican raised the matter of the highly influential Christian Coalition's long-delayed application in a private meeting Tuesday with Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. The meeting was to address the IRS restructuring bill that is pending before a House and Senate conference committee.

"Archer brought it up, without bias, to Rossotti and asked him to look into it so the IRS was using its rules and regulations in an absolutely apolitical manner," Archer spokesman Ari Fleischer said Friday.

The prospect of the House Ways and Means Committee chairman raising the issue at a time when Congress is finishing work on the biggest overhaul of the agency in decades drew sharp criticism.

"Instead of focusing on the business of the American people, the Republican leadership has channeled its energies on advancing the agenda of right-wing organizations," said Roy Romer, general chair of the Democratic National Committee.

"Representative Archer's actions make clear what has been obvious for far too long: that the sole purpose of the Republican leadership is to push the agenda of the radical right," he added.

Asked if Archer was making a plug for an influential part of the Republican Party, Fleischer said, "We don't see it that way at all."

"It wasn't a plug. It was making sure the IRS conducts its business in a fair and impartial manner," he said.

Christian Coalition spokesman Arne Owens said the group has had its application for tax-exempt status, under 501(c)4 of the tax code, pending for eight years.

The group is concerned because other liberal groups have had their status approved in the interim, Owens said.

"We do have concerns, as do countless other Americans, as to whether we are being treated equitably by the IRS," Owens said.

As for Romer's comments, Owens said: "Not only has the DNC accepted donations from the communist Chinese, but now they seek to silence the voice of conservative Christians because they fully realize the impact they will have on electoral process of this country."

Inventor Thomas A. Edison received a patent in 1887 for his "Kinetoscope," a device which produced moving pictures.

Trucker sues his employer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A trucker who says the Bible won't allow him to make overnight runs with female drivers because it could "lead to lustful thoughts" has sued his company, claiming emotional distress.

David Virts filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Consolidated Freightways Corp.

Because the bunk area of a truck cab is cramped, drivers paired on overnight trips usually disrobe in the cab before making their way to the sleeper, according to the lawsuit.

Such a practice is evil, the lawsuit said, because "it can lead to lustful thoughts and sexual temptation, all of which the Bible says Christians should avoid."

Virts says the company has caused him emotional distress and harm to his reputation. He wants $150,000 in damages and the right not to make overnight trips with women.

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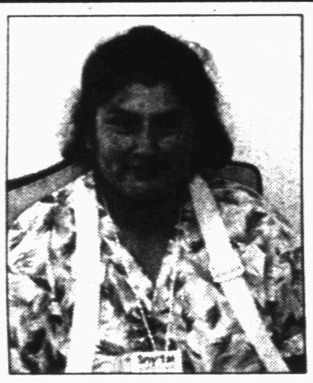

Mary Pena
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Mary is a certified nurses aide at Snyder Healthcare Center and has been employed for one year.

She and her husband have four children - two boys and two girls.

In her spare time Mary enjoys playing softball.

Of her job at Snyder Healthcare, Mary says, "I like to take care of the residents-they are such nice people to be around. They make me feel like we are one big family."

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STANFIELD PLAY — Stanfield second graders in Neoma Harlin's and Sharlot Sparlin's classes presented "The Wackadoo Zoo" last week. Harlin's students (top photo) are from left, first row: B.J. Witte, Destiny Rylant, Audra Hall, Cassie Cazarez, Adrian Cuellar, Erin Hogan, Colton Brewster; second row: Mark Aguilar, Ana Aguirre, Christian Tippens, Alison Cox; row three: Alex Urias, Rudy Martinez, Stefphen Rodriguez, Angel Ervin; row four: Brad Ashworth, Blane Knipe, Joseph Hefner, Cody Burney. Mrs. Sparlin's class (bottom photo) are from left, first row: Erika Vasquez, Josh Christensen, Jacob McFatridge, Ashley Farquhar; second row, Eliseo Medrano, Willie Berkley, Jennifer Free, Ramsey Rodriguez, Alayna Alexander, Vanessa Rayna; third row: Tess Gruben, Rebecca Goolsby, Whitney Jenkins, Destinee Naegele, Adrianna Herrera; fourth row: Charles Peterson, Paul Garcia, Simon Stolarczyk, Chris Richards. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Cattle rustlers steal millions from ranchers in New West

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — They use chain saws, not six-shooters, and fast-moving pickup trucks instead of horses.

Cattle rustling — that staple of movie Westerns and a crime that used to get poachers hanged from the nearest tree — is alive and well in the New West.

"People don't realize that rustlers have changed with the times, they've mechanized," said James Hoy, an expert on the Old West who teaches English at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

Nowadays, some rustlers use electric chain saws to butcher the cattle right in the pasture or in their trucks. Some rigs are even refrigerated and have meat processing equipment inside.

"One guy's driving, while the other's in the back processing the meat," said Kelly Hamilton, a law enforcement officer with the Wyoming Livestock Board.

The U.S. cattle industry lost 19,700 animals worth about $12.1 million to theft in 1995, according to the latest figures available from the Agriculture Department. Actual losses are far worse; the figures do not include horses, sheep and other livestock. And because ranchers know there is little chance of recovering stolen animals, many cases of rustling are never even reported.

A hundred years ago, cattle thieves would herd the animals by horseback into remote canyons.

"They would leave a sizable trail in the dirt," said R.T. Burton, a private investigator based in Tombstone, Ariz., who has chased rustlers for 20 years. "Today we chase them in cars and using radios, but they don't leave a trail. The highways just don't leave a trail."

Rubber-tire rustlers can strike at night and have the cattle at an auction by the next morning in a state with lax or nonexistent brand inspection laws. Sheriff's departments and state brand inspectors are often understaffed or underfunded.

In Niobrara County, a hotbed of rustling near the Nebraska and South Dakota state lines, cattle thieves began helping themselves soon after Barbara and Monty Fenway started their modest, 250-cow operation.

The couple returned from vacation in July 1996 to find their animals scattered on their 13,000-acre spread, apparently by rustlers. One cow's face was "ripped to shreds," probably from resisting. Thirteen cows and 10 calves were stolen.

The Fenways have had to protect their stock by keeping them closer to home. "We practically lived with them all summer," Mrs. Fenway said.

Early one evening, she spotted an unfamiliar truck in the pasture. The rustlers must have spotted her, too. The next thing she saw was the truck kicking up dust as it retreated into the dusk and a fold in the Plains.

"The next morning we saw tracks from a pickup and a horse trailer and found out that a neighbor was missing some yearlings," she said.

However, high-tech equipment is also helping the good guys.

Burton said he frequently brings motion detectors and night vision goggles to stakeouts. At crime scenes, investigators dust gate handles for fingerprints, take plaster molds of shoe prints and tire tracks and, if lucky, find a cigarette butt or two to run through DNA testing.

Hamilton has also inserted computer identification chips under the skin of a few Wyoming cattle. Some livestock sale barns or stock shows have scanners that read the chips. But the method is not widely used in the industry, which still relies mostly on cattle branding.

In the old days, a rustler could expect a swift hanging or a bullet in the head. Today, rustling is punishable in Wyoming by up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine. But the thieves rarely spend much time behind bars.

"I don't think I've ever seen anyone given over two years," said Jack Chase, who recently retired after 38 years as a brand inspector in North Dakota.

Riot breaks out

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rioters smashed windows, looted souvenir stores and stole cash registers at Six Flags' Hurricane Harbor.

A large fight broke out Friday night during a party sponsored by a radio station, forcing the water park to close early.

Investigators are trying to determine what sparked the melee, and remained at the park early Saturday morning gathering evidence.

Arlington police Officer Doug Hirschman said several people received cuts and scrapes but there were no major injuries. Thousands of young people were at the park at the time, but it's unknown how many took part in the fight.

Morales says schools must allow on-campus interviews

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas schools cannot interfere with state children's welfare officials who want to interview students on campus about possible abuses, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

Morales said Friday state law makes clear that investigators from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services have the right to determine when and where they interview children who may have been abused.

Morales' opinion came after Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, asked whether schools could prohibit DPRS investigators from conducting student interviews on campus or whether schools could require that a counselor or other official be present for the interviews.

Brown said he sought Morales' opinion because school districts, including Clear Creek ISD, had questions about the law.

Attorneys for Clear Creek Independent School District told Morales that child welfare officials clearly have the right to interview students. But they added that state law says DPRS interviews "may" be conducted on campus.

"Clearly, the authority for determining when and under what conditions an outside organization has access to a child while that child is attending school lies within the sole discretion of the board and the superintendent," the attorneys said.

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Gloria Romero

Gloria Romero was chosen as employee of the month at the Purple Sage for January. She has been an employee since 1995 working in the office as a desk clerk. Gloria has lived in Snyder for 34 years and has two children. Her daughter Tina lives with her husband Greg Stansell in Fluvanna where they farm. Gloria's son Eric Romero, will be a senior at Texas Tech University. She has two grandchildren, Jordan and Joshua Stansell.

Besides taking care of reservations, check-ins and other responsibilities at the Purple Sage, Gloria says she enjoys "tending her flowers and spending time with her family." She attends North College Ave. Baptist Church.

Diana Hernandez

Diana Hernandez was chosen employee of the month for February at the Purple Sage Motel. Diana is the head housekeeper at the Purple Sage and as such trains new housekeepers and is responsible for seeing the rooms are kept up to high standards.

Diana has lived in Snyder all her life. She has three children: Malina, who is 14 years old and is a student at Snyder High School; Rosanna is 12 years old and is a student at West Elementary; and Ben Jared is 7 years old and attends Central Elementary.

Diana says with a touch of humor, "In my spare time, I try to rest!"

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SPORTS

Tigers chop Chiefs in series opener, 11-1

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Despite the fact that their counterparts were only six hours away from graduation, the Snyder Tigers were in no mood for "Pomp and Circumstance."

Snyder pounded out 12 hits and held San Angelo Lake View to only five en route to an 11-1 rout in Game 1 of the regional quarterfinals Friday afternoon at Chiefs' Field.

The Tigers knew the type of pitchers they were going to face and they took advantage of it.

"We were expecting to face slower paced pitching with a lot of breaking balls and we did," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "The guys did a good job of being selective and picking out pitches they could hit."

Snyder, which improved to 28-6 on the season, blasted four doubles on the day, including a two-RBI shot by Clay Berryman in the second inning that gave the Tigers a 3-0 lead.

Berryman also got the job done on the mound, surrendering only five hits, striking out seven Chiefs and walking one to up his mark to 15-2 on the year.

The Tigers stretched the margin to 6-0 in the top of the third after David Smith led off with a single to right.

Next up, Dustin Fish smashed a double to left and two batters later Sonny Cumbie drove him home with a base hit. Eric Lang capped the inning by scoring on a balk after reaching first base on a walk.

Lake View posted its only run in the fifth when Chris Martinez slapped a two-out single and was knocked in by a Guy Velez base hit to right field.

But the Tigers answered back in the top of the sixth, sending five men home on three hits, two errors, a walk and a wild pitch.

Berryman, Fish and Cumbie finished the day with two RBI apiece, while Beck slapped a pair of two-baggers.

The series was to have continued with Game 2 Saturday at Moffett Field.

Beck, who has struggled in his last three outings was to have started on the hill for the Tigers.

"We worked again this week on Kyle's mechanics," Herrera stated. "He was throwing the ball really well in practice and I expect him to do the same in the ballgame."

The winner of the series will advance into the regional semifinals where they'll face the winner of the Sherman-Brownwood match-up.

The Lions and the Bearcats were to have played a one-game series Saturday afternoon in Graham.

In other Region I action, Frenship downed Andrews in the opener of their series.

Played at Moffett Field, Frenship turned numerous Mustang miscues into runs, while pitcher Stephen Leist kept the speedy Andrews runners off the base paths most of the night.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	4	0	0	0
Berryman p	4	0	3	2
Roemisch cr	0	2	0	0
Beck 3b	3	1	2	0
Smith cf	4	2	2	1
Fish 1b	4	1	1	2
Martinez pr	0	1	0	0
Lang 2b	3	1	0	0
Shields dh	3	2	1	1
Cumbie c	4	0	2	2
Hernandez rf	4	1	1	0
Totals	33	11	12	8

Lake View	ab	r	h	bi
Martinez ss	3	1	1	0
Santillan rf	3	0	0	0
Velez 1b	3	0	2	1
Gonzales 2b	3	0	0	0
Sykes lf	3	0	1	0
Rodriguez 2b	2	0	1	0
Hill cf	3	0	0	0
McDonald 3b	2	0	0	0
Solis p	1	0	0	0
Edwards p	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	5	1

Snyder	123	005	11	12 3
Lake View	000	010	1	5 4

2B — Beck (2), Berryman, Fish.
WP: Berryman, 6 innings, 1 R, 0 ER, 5 H, 1 BB, 7 SO.
LP: Solis, 2 innings, 5 R, 5 ER, 6 H, 1 BB, 0 SO. McDonald, 2 innings, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 H, 0 BB, 1 SO; Edwards, 2 innings, 5 R, 3 ER, 3 H, 1 BB, 3 SO.

SOUNDING OFF FOR SNYDER — Tiger fans celebrate following a Snyder base hit during regional quarterfinal action Friday in San Angelo. The Tigers downed Lake View, 11-1, to take a 1-0 lead in the series. (SDN Photo By Kristi Drennan)

SDN Sports Briefs

Viking ownership undecided

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings owners, back where they started after Tom Clancy withdrew his $200 million bid, made no decisions about the team's future during a teleconference Friday.

He would not comment on when the 10 owners might meet again.

Several people are interested in buying the team, including president Roger Headrick, and one of the issues to be settled is how quickly the owners move in accepting another bid.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Memorial Day Scramble

A Memorial Day scramble is planned Monday at Snyder Country Club. Play begins at 10 a.m. and entry fee is $20 per person.

WGA Playday

Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly playday at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Friday's couples play will be at 5:30 p.m.

Jazz go up 3-0 on Lakers

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The Jazz ensemble was in full swing in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals.

As a result, Utah is one victory away from a sweep of the Los Angeles Lakers and a return trip to the NBA Finals.

Utah's reserves outscored their Los Angeles counterparts 46-22 Friday night to propel the Jazz to a 109-98 victory over the Lakers and a 3-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"Their bench knocked us out," Lakers coach Del Harris said.

Utah can complete its first sweep of a seven-game series in franchise history with a victory in Game 4 on Sunday.

Shaquille O'Neal powered his way to 39 points and 15 rebounds, but every other Laker was missing-in-action most of the game.

Shandon Anderson, one of a series of heroes for the Jazz, scored nine points in a three-minute span of the fourth quarter. He finished with 13 points, 11 in the fourth quarter. Another reserve, Chris Morris, scored 15 for Utah.

Bryon Russell, who didn't miss a field goal in six attempts, hit a 3-pointer with 1:37 left to put the Jazz up 99-92, and the disbelieving Lakers fans streamed toward the exits.

Karl Malone, who was 9-of-22 from the field, scored 22 of his 26 points in the second half and grabbed 10 rebounds. Russell added 17 points.

While O'Neal did everything he could to get the Lakers back in the series, Van Exel, Eddie Jones, Kobe Bryant and the other Los Angeles shooters were absent most of the night. Jones was 1-for-10 in the first half and 6-for-19 for the game. Van Exel was 2-for-13.

"It's not over, but it's obviously a great position to be in," Stockton said.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 16
Utah 112, L.A. Lakers 77
Sunday, May 17
Chicago 85, Indiana 79
Monday, May 18
Utah 99, L.A. Lakers 95, Utah leads series 2-0
Tuesday, May 19
Chicago 104, Indiana 98, Chicago leads series 2-0
Friday, May 22
Utah 109, L.A. Lakers 98, Utah leads series 3-0
Saturday, May 23
Chicago at Indiana, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, May 24
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONFERENCE FINALS
Saturday, May 23
Buffalo at Washington, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, May 24
Detroit at Dallas, 2 p.m. (FOX)
Monday, May 25
Buffalo at Washington, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, May 26
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, May 28
Washington at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, May 29
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, May 30
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Stars ready for tough test against proven Red Wings

DALLAS (AP) — The wait is over. The Dallas Stars finally get to see if they really are the best team in the NHL — or at least, the best in the West.

The top-seeded Stars meet the No. 3 Detroit Red Wings on Sunday in the opening of the Western Conference finals.

"We have had Detroit as a measuring stick for us the last couple of years," Stars center Mike Modano said. "I think now we are finally getting there."

The Stars haven't played since wrapping up their Western Conference semifinals series in five games with the Edmonton Oilers a week ago Saturday. The Red Wings finished off St. Louis in Game 6 of their series on Tuesday.

The Stars are at a disadvantage with Joe Nieuwendyk out for the playoffs with a knee injury. Nieuwendyk led the Stars with 39 goals during the season.

As a result, Modano, Greg Adams and Pat Verbeek will have a bigger offensive burden. Modano leads the team in playoff scoring with 10 points, even though he was utilized mostly as a defensive force in the series against Edmonton.

If the Stars have an edge at any position, it's goaltending, where Ed Belfour (8-3) boasts a league-leading 1.49 goals-against. Detroit's Chris Osgood has an 8-4 record and 2.49 GAA.

As defending Stanley Cup champions, the Red Wings feature one of the best skating teams in hockey and a talent-rich group that goes four lines deep. Centers Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov are the 1-2 scorers in the playoffs and Nicklas Lidstrom the top-scoring defenseman.

Although the Stars only won one of five games with Detroit this season (1-2-2), they're confident as they approach Sunday's opener.

"It's not so much that we want to win more than everyone else, but that we believe we're going to win more than everyone else," Modano said. "That attitude is what separates us from the rest."

Brent Gilchrist has a great amount of respect for the Stars, a team he played for before coming to Detroit.

"When I left the Stars and signed with Detroit, I guess I envisioned this matchup — two of the best teams in the conference. I left one of the best teams, and I came to one of the best teams," Gilchrist said.

"They're tough. They check and check and check. It's unbelievable. I watched some of their games. I guess I've seen it up close because I was there. But they pressure the puck and really try to control the middle, the inside portion of the rink, and they've had a lot of success with it."

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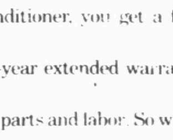

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SPORTS

Rangers rally again...

Gonzalez' three-run blast carries Texas past Royals

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez got his first two RBIs without hitting the ball out of the infield. His last three came a more conventional way.

Gonzalez hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning Friday night to give the Rangers a 13-10 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

"I was just trying to hit the ball hard to drive in one run for the win," said Gonzalez, who lead the majors with 59 RBIs. "But I got a good pitch to hit and I hit the ball out of the yard. That's even better."

Gonzalez drove in his first two runs on a groundout and when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. His 12th homer off Jeff Montgomery (0-2) bailed out John Wetteland (2-0), who had his first blown save in 26 tries dating to last season.

Wetteland gave up consecutive homers to Jeff Conine and Jermaine Dye in the top of the ninth when the Royals tied it 10-all.

The Rangers played the game under protest after Royals leadoff hitter Johnny Damon was credited with a walk by home plate umpire Ed Hickox, although the stadium scoreboard showed the count as 2-2.

Shane Mack hit a grand slam for Kansas City, which has lost seven straight.

Montgomery walked Mark McLemore and Rusty Greer to open ninth before Gonzalez hit Montgomery's first pitch over the wall to straightaway center.

Greer's walk included taking two tight pitches from Montgomery that were called balls.

"Whether it's a hit or a walk, I'm just trying to put Mark on second base any way that I can," Greer said.

The Rangers have come from behind for victories in their last three games. On Wednesday and Thursday they rallied from six- and five-run deficits to beat the Seattle Mariners. Against Kansas City, Texas had to come back from a 3-0 deficit.

"It seems to be habit-forming," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "Hopefully, we don't need to do it every night, but as long as we win, I'm happy."

The comeback victory was Texas' 15th of the season, and sixth in its final at-bat.

"It's exciting for us to come back in the ninth like that," Gonzalez said. "It's part of baseball. Everything's possible."

In the seventh inning, Gonzalez was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to drive in a run and broke up a double play to allow the Rangers to take a 9-8 lead. Ivan Rodriguez followed with an infield RBI single.

Pinch-hitter Mack's grand slam in the seventh inning put the Royals ahead 8-7. Mack has four homers this season and five career slams.

"It was a hell of a game, but we lost it," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "I thought we were going to win it when Mack hit the grand slam. Then we hit two homers off Wetteland to tie it."

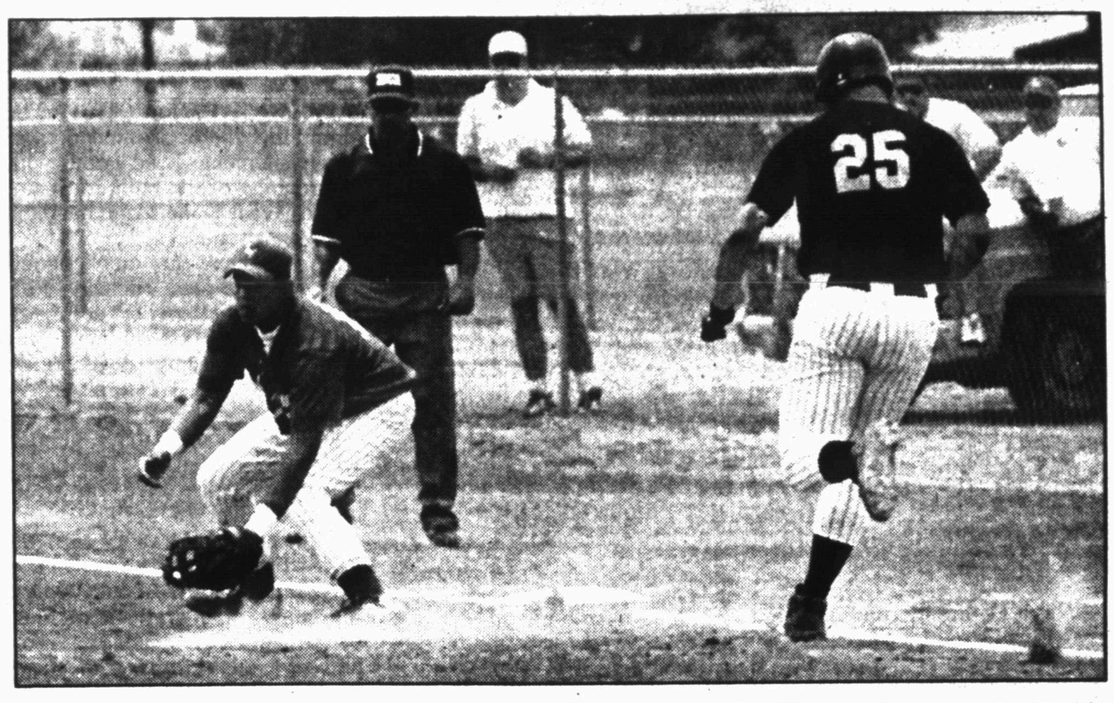
Kansas City led 4-2 in the fifth on Dean Palmer's RBI double before the Rangers scored five runs in the fifth off rookie starter Jamie Walker.

Walker, making his second major league start, gave up seven runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

The Royals took a 3-0 lead in the third on Jose Offerman's three-run homer, his second.

Texas got a run in the third on Kevin Elster's RBI single to make it 3-1.

Rangers starter Bobby Witt gave up three runs and five hits over 3 2-3 innings.



HURRY, HURRY — Snyder's Dustin Fish beats out a throw to Lake View first baseman Guy Velez during the first inning of Friday's contest in San Angelo. Fish finished the day with a double and two RBI. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Dallas officials considering putting lid on Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — The city of Dallas and a private foundation interested in turning the Cotton Bowl into a domed facility are getting down to specifics.

City officials presented a proposal Thursday to the Dallas Park and Recreation Board under which the nonprofit Cotton Bowl Dome Foundation would be given one year to raise construction money and three more years to actually dome the stadium.

If approved, the foundation would spend $140 million on renovation that would also include 80 luxury suites, 4,000 club seats and general repair work all over the 60-year-old stadium.

The Cotton Bowl is at Fair Park, about five miles southeast of downtown Dallas.

The foundation would lease the facility for 30 years and assume control of all bookings, marketing, maintenance, ticket sales and concessions.

The foundation would not be allowed to make a profit from Cotton Bowl operations. After breaking even, the foundation would direct any surpluses into an operating reserve and two trust funds — one for stadium repairs and another for work on other Fair Park facilities.

"It's still a work in progress," said Dianne Curry, park board president. "The board still wants the project to happen, but there are sill some issues to work on."

The deal looks like a good one for the city, she said.

"With private funding, the renovation and increased use of the Cotton Bowl will happen quicker," Ms. Curry said.

The park board has not set a date to further review the proposed Cotton Bowl deal, but city officials said they will try to present more information at the board's next meeting on June 4.

Darrell Jordan, a Dallas lawyer spearheading the project, said the foundation has secured pledges of about $25 million toward the renovation and hopes to raise about $75 million through the sale of suites, seats and advertising rights.

At Hogan's Alley...

PGA Tour rookie enjoying 2-stroke lead over Calcavecchia, Furyk, Perry

FORT WORTH (AP) — If you're wondering about PGA rookie Harrison Frazar's game plan for winning the MasterCard Colonial, forget it.

"Remember," he joked, "you're asking someone who's never done this before."

True enough. But the three-time University of Texas All-America was hardly without comment, confidence or strategy as he took a surprising 2-shot lead into today's third round.

"I think it all depends on what happens with the weather out there," he says. "If the wind blows, it can get awful rough on this golf course. If it doesn't blow, I'm going to have to go shoot 8-under-par this weekend to win the golf tournament.

"The golf course is there for the taking if the wind doesn't blow."

Frazar, 26, fresh off a second-place finish last week at the GTE Byron Nelson Classic, has alréady taken unusual liberties with the proud old Colonial Country Club course, nicknamed "Hogan's Alley" for 5-time winner Ben Hogan.

He embellished an opening 6-under-par 64 with a 67 Friday. The 131 total gave him a 2-shot cushion at the halfway point over Mark Calcavecchia, Kenny Perry and Jim Furyk.

"My swing felt a little jerky and a little funny," he admitted after Friday's round. "I hit a couple of bad shots, but got some good breaks ... I guess that's the measure of when things are going your way, when you're not feeling good and still shoot 67."

He said his scheme Friday was simply to "put it on the steer mode ... keep it in play ... and not hurt myself."

And while admittedly a "little shaky," he succeeded.

Calcavecchia and Perry both had 5-under-par 65s after opening 68s, while Furyk posted a 67 after claiming a share of second place Thursday with a 66.

Another stroke back at 134 was a group headed by Tom Watson and John Cook, last week's Nelson champion. Both posted 66s Friday and shared fifth place with Jeff Sluman (67-67), Steve Flesch (68-66) and Phil Blackmar (66-68).

Calcavecchia, seeking a second victory this year, recorded three quick birdies and holed a 95-yard approach shot for an eagle-2 at No. 7 before surrendering a shot with a 3-putt bogey at No. 9.

"If I start making some putts, I'm going to be dangerous," he said, explaining that he 2-putted every green on the back side for pars until his 25-footer for a birdie at 18.

The shot of the day was Calcavecchia's wedge to the 420-yard seventh, which was no fluke.

"I knew it was a good shot," he said. "It landed about six feet short and looked like it rolled in the middle of the hole. I saw it all the way."

A winner at the Honda Classic in Florida two months ago, Calcavecchia said he "figured it was time to get myself going again."

Perry, who found the fast track and the Texas weather to his liking, birdied the first two holes, then rode a 4-under-par 31 on the back side into a share of second place.

"The golf course is in excellent shape," he said. "It's playing very firm, very fast, but the greens are soft because of the heat and humidity."

He said his game has heated up with the temperatures.

"I'm a hot weather player," he explained. "Being from Kentucky, it's kind of my climate, kind of what I'm used to playing in ... and I've been knocking at the door the last couple of weeks."

Furyk, meanwhile, dropped four 8-foot birdie putts and closed out the round with a 3-footer for birdie on the 18th.

"Any time you are two back with the weekend to go, you're in good position," he said.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	31	10	.756	-
Boston	29	16	.644	4
Toronto	23	24	.489	11
TampaBay	21	25	.457	12½
Baltimore	20	27	.426	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	27	19	.587	-
Detroit	18	25	.419	7½
Minnesota	19	27	.413	8
Chicago	18	26	.409	8
KansasCity	16	30	.348	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	30	16	.652	-
Anaheim	25	21	.543	5
Seattle	21	26	.447	9½
Oakland	20	26	.435	10

Thursday's Games

Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 6, Minnesota 3, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 1
Clevèland 6, Kansas City 2
Texas 9, Seattle 8
Anaheim 12, Oakland 2

Friday's Games

Cleveland 9, Toronto 7
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 5
Texas 13, Kansas City 10
Anaheim 10, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 2
Oakland 9, Baltimore 5

Saturday's Games

Toronto (Clemens 4-5) at Cleveland (Colon 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 5-1) at Boston (Lowe 0-2), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 3-6) at Texas (Sele 7-2), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-4) at Seattle (Cloude 3-2), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Drabek 3-5) at Oakland (Haynes 3-1), 9:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 2-4) at Anaheim (Watson 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	35	13	.729	-
NewYork	24	20	.545	9
Philadelphia	22	23	.489	11½
Montreal	16	30	.348	18
Florida	16	32	.333	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	29	18	.617	-
Chicago	27	20	.574	2
St.Louis	24	22	.522	4½
Milwaukee	23	23	.500	5½
Pittsburgh	23	26	.469	7
Cincinnati	22	26	.458	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	31	17	.646	-
SanFrancisco	27	21	.563	4
LosAngeles	23	24	.489	7½
Colorado	20	28	.417	11
Arizona	14	33	.298	16½

Thursday's Games

Arizona 6, Florida 4
San Francisco 8, Milwaukee 1
Houston 6, Montreal 0
Los Angeles 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 2
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 2, Colorado 0

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 7, Montreal 5, 10 innings
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 3, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 2
Atlanta 8, Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 9, Houston 6
St. Louis 4, San Francisco 3, 12 innings
Los Angeles 5, Arizona 0

Saturday's Games

Colorado (Astacio 4-5) at Cincinnati (Tomko 5-2), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Juden 5-2) at N.Y Mets (Leiter 3-3), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-6) at Florida (Fontenot 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 5-4) at Montreal (Pavano 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-2) at Atlanta (Smoltz 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Langston 1-0) at Houston (Hampton 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Darwin 4-2) at St. Louis (Aybar 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (R.Martinez 5-2) at Arizona (Anderson 1-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 7:35 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

Vaughn overpowers Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Greg Vaughn hit a pair of two-run homers as the San Diego Padres continued their best start ever Friday night with a 9-6 win over the Houston Astros.

Vaughn's first homer tied it 6-6 in the seventh and he added his second in the ninth after Wally Joyner's RBI single gave the Padres the lead.

Tony Gwynn and Greg Myers also homered for San Diego, which leads the NL West at 31-17.

Craig Biggio homered twice for the Astros.

Tied 6-all, Tony Gwynn led off ninth with a double off C.J. Nitkowski (1-2) and was lifted for pinch-runner Ruben Rivera. Joyner then singled to center and Carl Everett's strong throw to the plate probably would have gotten Rivera, but catcher Brad Ausmus dropped the ball while making the tag.

Vaughn followed with his 15th homer for his 18th career multi-homer game.

Dan Miceli (4-1) got one out for the victory and Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 14 opportunities.

Biggio had a solo homer in the first and a two-run shot in the sixth. His second homer put the Astros up 6-4, but the Padres tied it in the seventh on Greg Vaughn's shot.

San Diego took a 1-0 lead in the first on Joyner's RBI double.

Houston moved ahead 2-1 in its half of the first on Biggio's homer and and RBI single by J.R. Phillips. The Astros added a run in the second on Biggio's RBI single.

The teams traded runs in the third on Gwynn's seventh homer and a sacrifice fly by Moises Alou.

San Diego tied it 4-4 in the sixth when Vaughn doubled and scored on Myers' second homer of the season.

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TOP SCORERS — Rodney Schneider, principal of Ira Schools, is shown with the top two scorers in the UIL meet recently hosted by the school. Colter Long, left, earned 75 points; and Colter Brown, had 53 points. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

The state bird of Utah is the sea gull.

Bull runs studied by town

MESQUITE, Nev. (AP) — The trampling, the occasional goring, the excitement — all come with the running of the bulls in Spain. Now Nevada wants to get in on the act — no bull.

If the Mesquite city council approves the idea Tuesday, Phil Immordino's Phoenix company will charge 1,000 runners $50 each to be chased by a dozen range bulls as part of a Western festival in July.

Immordino said kinder, gentler bulls would be used. The bulls' horns would be filed down to lessen chances of goring.

The promoter also said he would build 6-foot fences along the quarter-mile route down Mesquite's main drag and include some getaway passages for runners to slip through if they run into trouble.

"In Spain, the bulls are bred to chase people and kill, they're antagonized," Immordino said Friday. "The bulls we're using are just range bulls. They're not looking to kill anybody. They're just looking to run down the street."

There would be another key change from the event in Pamplona, Spain: The runners in this town near Las Vegas would be sober.

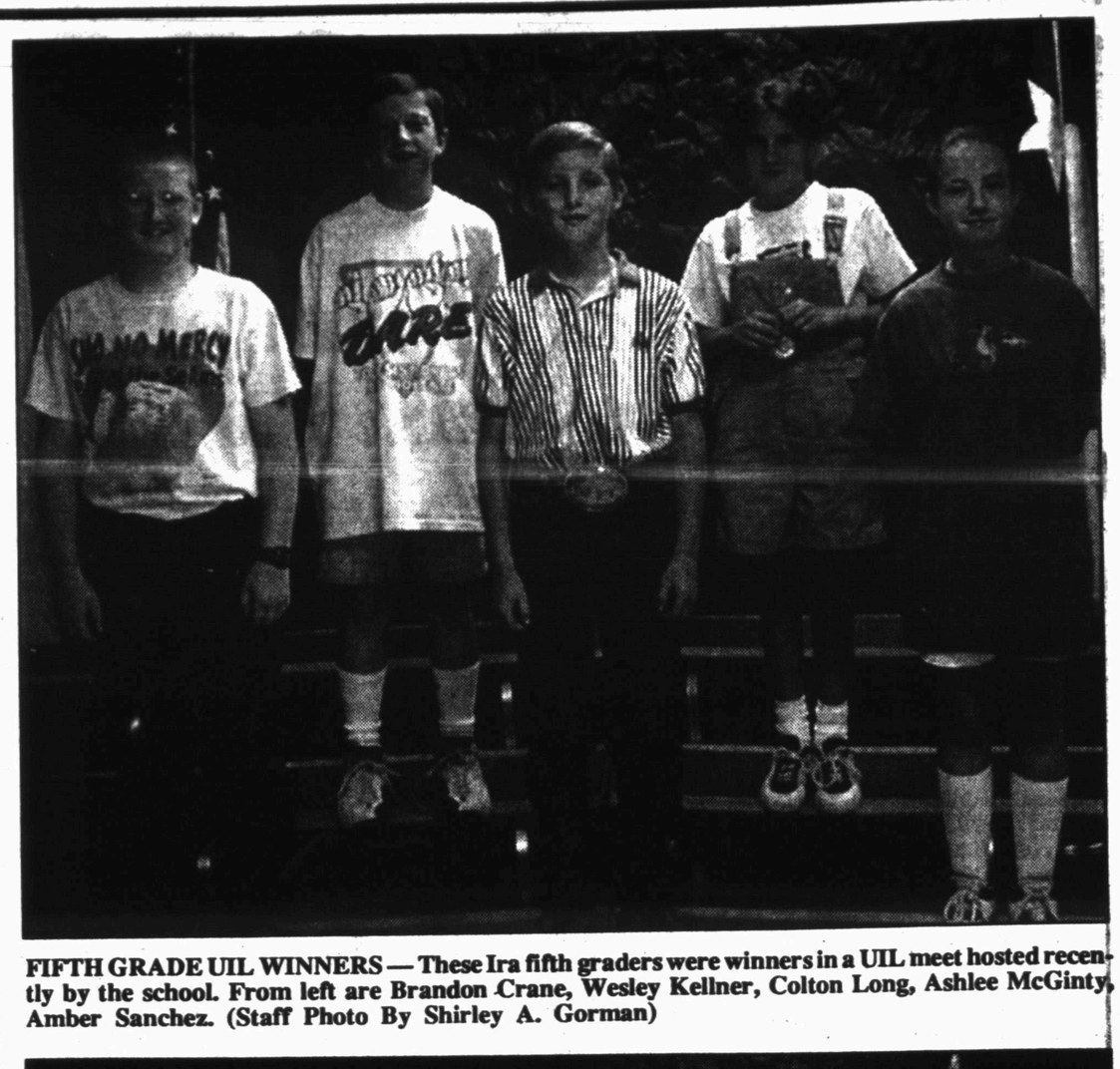
"In Spain, most of the runners have been partying and they're drunk," Immordino said. "You've got 7,000 people trampling over each other. In Mesquite, we'll limit the number of runners to 1,000."

Charges dropped

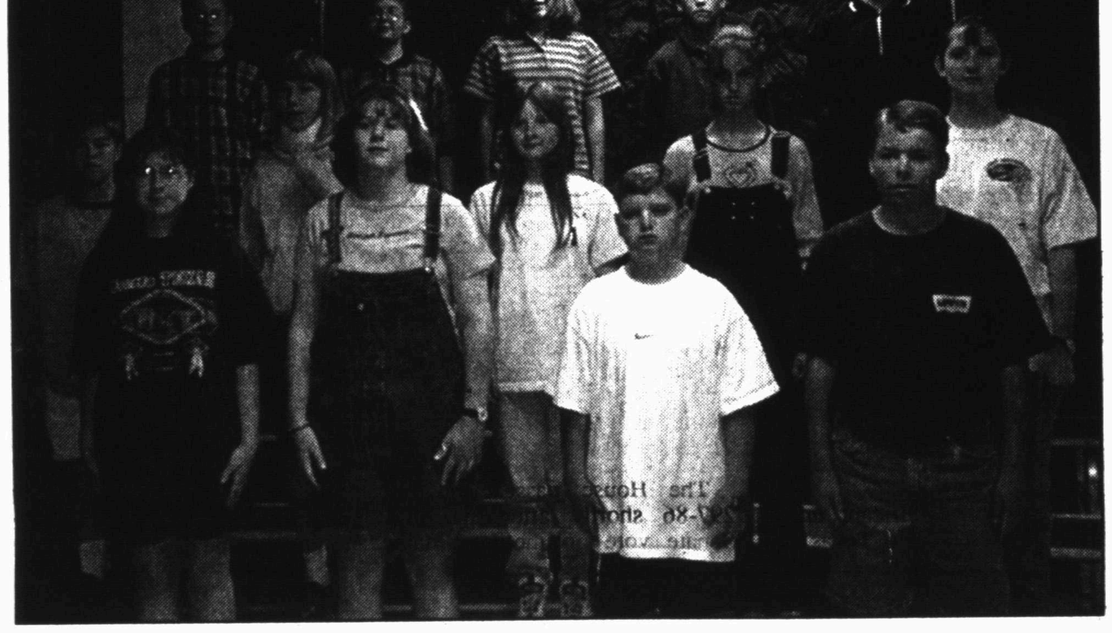
TOLUCA, Mexico (AP) — A judge dropped money laundering charges against a former Jalisco state governor, saying prosecutors failed to provide sufficient evidence to prosecute him.

Flavio Romero de Velasco, 73, was arrested in January on charges of helping a drug smuggler hide his profits. Romero remains imprisoned on charges of criminal association, and bail was set at $168,000.

After Judge Tomas Hernandez handed down his decision Friday, the federal attorney general's office issued a statement saying prosecutors were studying whether to refile the money laundering charges.



FIFTH GRADE UIL WINNERS — These Ira fifth graders were winners in a UIL meet hosted recently by the school. From left are Brandon Crane, Wesley Kellner, Colton Long, Ashlee McGinty, Amber Sanchez. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



SEVENTH GRADE UIL WINNERS — These Ira seventh graders were recent winners in a UIL meet hosted by the school. From left, back row, Michael Allen, Colter Brown, Kali Clements, Eric Dickerhoff, Tyler Frey; middle row, John Gainer, Kati Harper, Casey Kellner, Kayla Krop, Michelle Nettles; front row, Candace Sanchez, Celeigh Sterling, Joel Watson, Jeff Fine. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Man accused of doing illegal operations

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man accused of performing an illegal leg amputation that caused the death of a New York man may be responsible for hundreds of illegal operations, from sex changes to liposuctions, prosecutors said.

John Ronald Brown, 75, pleaded innocent Friday to charges of murder, practicing medicine without a license, illegal drug distribution and theft. He was held without bond.

"For 20 years he's been hacking on people," prosecutor Stacy Running said. "We're not sure how many people he has disfigured or caused pain, but we think it may be hundreds based on the records we found."

Brown's medical license was revoked in California in 1977 after he botched operations to surgically turn men into women in places such as a garage and a hotel, according to records.

He served three years in prison after a 1989 conviction in San Francisco for attempting to move the hairline of a man preparing for his transformation into a woman. Brown also was banned from practicing medicine in Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

Brown was arrested Tuesday. At his apartment, investigators found bloody towels soaking in a bathtub filled with bleach water; a trail of blood leading from the bedroom to the bathroom; and videotapes of him performing sex change operations.

There were hundreds of records on patients from all over the country, indicating that he performed sex changes and related operations such as breast augmentations, face lifts and liposuction, Running said.

Brown advertised his services in gay publications and on the Internet, prosecutors said.

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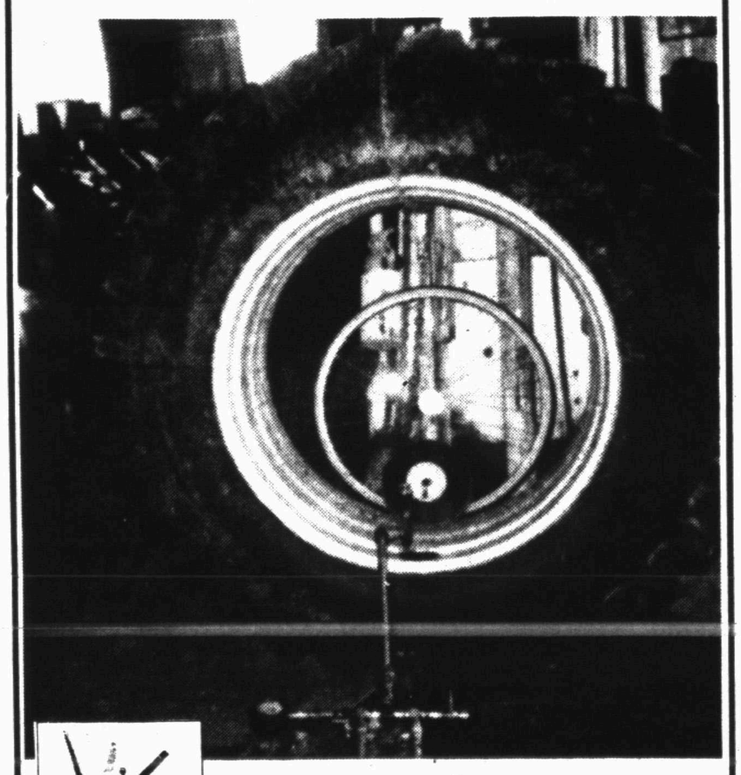

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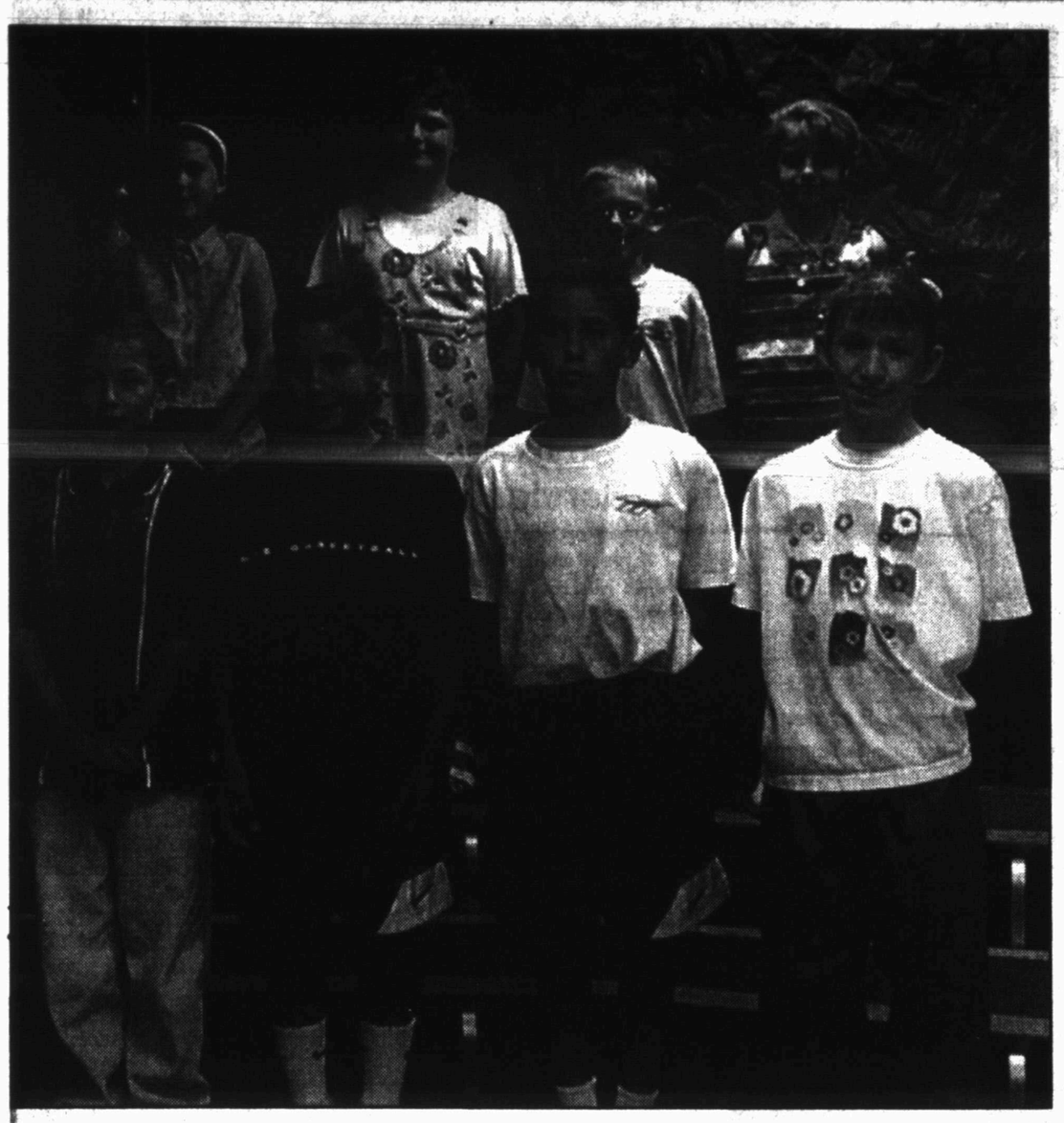

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Judge tells Bill Gates to get prepared for early trial date

WASHINGTON (AP) — The courtroom fight between Microsoft and the government is on the fast track.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson on Friday set a Sept. 8 trial date that is much earlier than the software maker wanted. Microsoft had asked him to wait at least seven months before making his first ruling in the antitrust case filed against the world's most powerful software company by the Justice Department and 20 states.

"With the greatest respect for your honor, that isn't enough time for us," Microsoft attorney John Warden told the judge.

"I tend to believe it is," Jackson replied, adding that he has presided over similarly daunting lawsuits of equal complexity in as little time.

"Microsoft wanted a trial in four years, but the states and Justice got one in four months," said Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger. "That alone is an indication of the power of our arguments."

But the ruling also means that Microsoft can continue until at least Sept. 8 to require computer makers to sell the next upgrade to its popular Windows software exactly as Microsoft wants — with its own proprietary look and with its own Internet browser included.

That is especially significant because the nation's computer makers begin preparing as soon as late summer for sales during the Christmas season.

The government argues, among other things, that Microsoft's decision to bundle its own Internet browser with Windows amounts to illegal "tying" under the federal Sherman Antitrust Act. Windows software is used in roughly 90 percent of the world's desktop computers.

Charles "Rick" Rule, a legal consultant to Microsoft and former head of the Justice Department's antitrust division, described Jackson's trial schedule as "ambitious."

"It's going to be very busy during the summer," Rule said.

Microsoft's senior vice president for law, William Neukom, said the time "will give us a chance to prepare our case, to assemble our evidence and law and make a very powerful presentation."

The Justice Department and the states had asked the judge for a preliminary injunction to force Microsoft to relax restrictions on computer makers, allowing them to remove parts of Microsoft's browser from Windows 98 and giving them more flexibility to customize the look of Windows.

The government also wanted Microsoft forced to include as part of Windows 98 the Internet browser from one of its most bitter rivals, Netscape Communications Corp. It also wanted Microsoft to refund money to computer makers that want to sell Windows 98 without the company's Internet browser already installed.

Microsoft's attorney said those actions would cause "irreparable injury."

Jackson rejected a government request for a June 18 hearing on those issues, saying that Microsoft has already shipped Windows 98 to computer makers and that the launch date for boxed copies to be sold in stores is June 25.

Instead, the judge said he will hear those government arguments also on Sept. 8, the same day he scheduled the court date for the overall case.

"You tell me how in the world I could enter a preliminary injunction without de facto requiring a complete recall of Windows 98," Jackson told Justice Department lawyer David Boise.

Boise said the changes the Justice Department wants would not require Microsoft to alter existing copies of Windows 98, except to include Netscape's browser. The changes could be made by computer makers under Microsoft's direction, he said.

"It is true that Microsoft has distributed to the (computer makers) Windows 98. We're not seeking to have those brought back," Boise said.

State hails federal highway spending bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The $203 billion transportation spending bill passed Friday by Congress includes good news for Texas, state officials said.

The Texas Department of Transportation said the state would get about $1.88 billion per year, compared with the $1.1 billion in federal transportation funding it receives now.

"Years of significant underfunding have driven Texas into the ditch. This gets us back on the road again," said David Laney, Texas transportation commissioner.

"For years, too much money collected from Texans has been used to pay for roads in other states. It's high time that money came back to work for Texas transportation," he said.

Laney said the state shouldn't celebrate until President Clinton signs the measure into law. However, he called it "another positive step toward restoring common sense and fairness to the federal transportation funding process."

The House passed the bill 297-86 shortly after the 88-5 Senate vote on the last major piece of business before Congress leaves for the Memorial Day recess.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said the bill earmarks $700 million for trade corridor and border infrastructure.

She said the measure will finance the Texas "NAFTA Highways" designations sought for I-35, I-69 and the I-10/I-25 link at El Paso.

Mrs. Hutchison also said the highway bill allocates up to $41 billion for mass transit projects.

"This really is a boost for Texas," she said Friday. "Expanding mass transit rail systems is vital to our state if we are going to deal with the related problems of traffic congestion and air pollution."

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To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks and prayers.

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Thank You

The family of Faye Bruns acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of your sympathy during the 38 days of illness and the death of our loved one.

To the doctors and nurses that cared for her with TLC, the beautiful choir of our Emmaus Community, the Snyder Senior Citizens she enjoyed so much, for each thought, prayer or kindness shown we thank each one and praise our Heavenly Father.

The families of Faye Bruns
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To the many friends who were so generous with their acts of kindness, beautiful floral offerings, also Wright Colonial Funeral Home and all who assisted in any way, we wish to say thank you and may God's richest blessings rest on you and yours.

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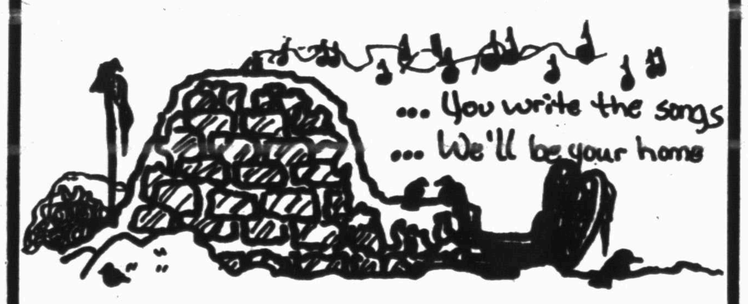

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife Feels Slings and Arrows From Husband's War of Words

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: All my life, I've lived the way I was raised to live — church every Sunday, living those commitments during the week, and holding family and marriage above all else. I have waited on my husband hand and foot, taken excellent care of our family, done all of the housework and parenting (he was always too busy), and did nothing without first thinking how it would affect the family.

After 25 years of my husband running around on me, I kicked him out. (My goal was to wait until the children were out on their own.) Now, he has started the most malicious (and untrue) rumors about *me*. I'm sure it's to cover up his escapades. People in this small town are having a heyday with the gossip. I can't even go to the grocery store without someone making a snide remark or not speaking to me. I am crushed.

For years I worked with every organization my children were involved in, held offices, cooked, baked, ran errands, raised money and supported all of their efforts. I came to know a lot of people this way — and they came to know me.

What happened to those friendships? Why are people listening to the gossip and feeling sorry for him? His mother, sisters and brother have all had extramarital affairs, and it has been well known in this community. (His brother's affair was plastered across the front page of the local newspaper as part of a murder trial.)

Why are people believing him now? Please don't tell me that time will fix everything. It's been six months and the gossip is getting worse. Obviously, I can't sign my name or hometown — I don't want to even think about what gossip would result from it.

My husband saw a psychologist and a psychiatrist for two years. They urged me to throw him out because they felt he was dangerous. I've talked with them both, and they tell me to just hang in there and ride it out.

Abby, that's much easier said than done. Please help me. I have talked with my husband's ex-aunt at length. She tells me his uncle did the same things to her, and she feels the same way I do. Is there no end to this malicious gossip and hurt?

LONELY AND HURTING

DEAR LONELY AND HURTING: Probably not until the gossips in your town find something else titillating to talk about. The problem with gossip is that it sometimes takes on a life of its own, becoming more outlandish the farther it travels from its source.

Unless you plan to leave the community, you are going to have to do what your husband's psychologist and psychiatrist told you to do — ride it out. If you need an ally, your clergyperson could be a valuable one throughout this difficult time.

Bear in mind that people who make snide remarks, or refuse to speak to you without having given you a chance to defend yourself, were never your friends to begin with — so you haven't lost anything. It's possible that those who are siding with your ex-husband are doing it because of his perceived status in the community, not because the gossip is believed.

People who are truly your friends will listen to you, support you and help you build a future. Although this is a bitter chapter in your life, it is only a chapter. It's not the whole story. Viewed in the proper perspective, this experience will only make you stronger.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Memorial Day Is Right Time To Polish Your Flag Manners

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Memorial Day is being observed tomorrow, and it's shameful the disrespect that's shown our veterans both deceased and living. How many young people do you see at the ceremonies?

I have attended services that were held next to parks. The loud radios kept playing and the ball games never stopped when the flag was being raised, the speakers speaking and honors given.

Isn't it time that some history of our past wars be taught in our schools? Then, just maybe, citizens of all ages would begin showing a little respect for their country and fellow man.

I'm enclosing a summary of proper flag etiquette, Abby. You might want to share it with your readers.

BARBARA J. McGHEE, SAN DIEGO

DEAR BARBARA: Your letter is certainly food for thought. And thank you for the rules of proper flag etiquette. I'm happy to pass them along to my readers:

FLAG ETIQUETTE

Our nation's flag is to be respected, never defaced or scorned. There are appropriate ways to show respect in the presence of the flag:

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, or when the flag is passing in a parade or review, everyone should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hands over their hearts. Military members who are present and in uniform should render the military salute.

When not in uniform, remove your hat with right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column (such as a parade) should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. When driving a car on a military installation and "Colors" or "Retreat" (when the national flag is hoisted at 8 a.m. or lowered at sunset) is sounded, stop the car and wait until the ceremony has been completed. If walking, stop, turn toward the flag, and stand at attention with your right hand over your heart.

When the flag is displayed during the playing of the national anthem, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand placed over the heart. If not in uniform, you should remove your hat with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the right hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform stand and render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and hold their salute until the last note is played. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.

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DEAR ABBY: I support your advice to the young mother considering relinquishing her child for adoption, and I vehemently chastise the woman who disagreed with you, stating that the young woman would deeply regret giving her child away.

The young mother's possible future regrets are not the most important issue because they are not in the best interest of the child. Had my birth mother decided to keep me for fear she would regret it, I would never have been placed with the wonderful parents who raised me.

My birth mother gave me the precious gift of adoption. She selflessly looked beyond her own needs and desires to give me two incredible parents who provided me unlimited love and support. I hope someday to thank her personally, and let her know how grateful I am for her generosity.

I pray this young mother is willing to put her child's needs before her own and to decide what will benefit her son the most. Such a decision would never lead to regret.

GRATEFUL IN NORTHEAST IOWA

DEAR GRATEFUL: I'm sure you speak for the majority of adopted children.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Many warning signs preceded rampage

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — So what if Kip Kinkel liked stuffing firecrackers down gopher holes? Boys will be boys. Toilet-papering a house? Kid stuff. Shooting at bottles and squirrels in the woods? Just passing time, friends and neighbors figured.

As for making pipe bombs and setting off firecrackers in cats' mouths? Not to worry. Probably just a phase.

You see, 15-year-old Kip was from a good family, on the right side of town. The high school freshman lived in a big, beautiful house. He hung out with the preppies at school, played football, listened to Nirvana, played the guitar. He was a joker, a boaster.

So when he told his friend, Destry Saul, that he wanted to put a bomb under the bleachers at a pep rally and block the doorway so students couldn't get out, Destry didn't take him seriously.

Destry blew off the next threat, too.

"If I ever get really mad, I'd go and hit the cafeteria with my .22 (rifle)," Kip was said to have told Destry. "I have lots more rounds for my .22 than my (9 mm pistol) and I'll save one for myself."

"Sure," Destry said. "Whatever."

Only Thursday morning, just before classes began, Kip allegedly strode into the Thurston High cafeteria, pulled a .22-caliber rifle from beneath his tan trench coat and opened fire. Two classmates were killed; 22 more were wounded or hurt in the scramble to escape. His parents were later found shot to death in their home.

The warning signs seem so obvious now, just as they did after recent school shootings in Arkansas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi.

Kip's parents weren't blind to his problems. They had him taking Prozac and sent him to anger management counseling sessions, friends of Kip's said. Around school, though, no one it seems took Kip seriously until Thursday.

"Teachers considered him an average, everyday kid," Springfield Schools Superintendent Jamon Kent said Friday. "If we detained every student who said I'm going to kill someone, we would have a large number of students detained."

As a young boy, Kip seemed to have it made. His parents were both popular Spanish teachers who often took Kip and his older sister hiking and camping. Bill Kinkel was a member of the tennis club. His wife, Faith, volunteered with a group that enlists America's privileged youth to help poor children in Brazil.

"This was a trustworthy, middle-class, high-family values kind of family," said Dr. Dennis Ellison, 57, a urologist who lives a few houses away in the woodsy, secluded neighborhood. "We watched Kip grow up. This was not a weird kid. This was a trustworthy, Boy Scout-type of kid."

And Thurston High is considered the good school in Springfield, on the richer side of town. Parents are involved with their kids. They go to sports events, and practices, too.

"We thought we were doing everything right," said Deborah Lares, a mother of two teen-age boys.

Among his schoolmates, Kip seemed to be just one more kid with an attitude.

He boasted about his butterfly knife; about wanting to get a hook knife, held easily in the fist so you can punch and gouge your enemy at the same time.

"He was more violence-oriented than most, but he had a good heart," said Mikell Young, 15. "He wanted to go into the Army so he'd know what it was like to kill somebody. But I never thought he'd do something like this."

Neither did his friend, Mike Joseph. But he was worried that Kip seemed angry a lot. And one day he asked Kip why he was poring over a knife catalog.

"He said, 'When I snap, I want the firepower to kill people,'" Mike recalled. "I didn't think nothing of it. I didn't think he'd do it at this age. I figured it would be older."

Despite his parents' efforts, Kip seemed to be getting into more trouble. He threw rocks at cars from an overpass. He toilet-papered a house with friends. His parents stepped in and took away his guns as punishment.

On Wednesday, he showed up at study hall.

How you doing? his friend Mikell asked.

"I'm a little mad," Kip said. "My parents took away my guns."

A few minutes later, a security guard came in and accused him of trying to buy a stolen gun from a friend on campus. He was arrested and booked, then released into his parents' custody.

The next morning, police say, Kip let loose with 51 rounds of ammunition in the cafeteria.

It's a copycat thing, said Clovis Alexander, a 21-year-old hanging out at Thurston High. "You watch a cooking show and learn how to cook. You watch the news and learn how to kill," he said.

Others blamed movies such as "The Basketball Diaries," in which a boy dreams of opening fire on his classroom.

How to tell the difference between a teen going through the usual turmoil of adolescence and a child with serious problems?

"I don't know," said Ellison, Kip's neighbor. "That scares me. If Kip Kinkel could do this, anybody could."

First recipient

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Goldie Hawn's humanitarian spirit shows through on the big screen, and it's getting raves.

The actress will receive the first Frank Capra award, to be handed out by the International Family Film Festival at a banquet May 30.

"This means a lot, not only to be the first one given the award, but Frank Capra was a man who had a point of view, a level of social responsibility," she said in Friday's Albuquerque Tribune.

Hawn's 1997 directorial debut, "Hope," a coming-of-age story set in the 1960s South, will be screened at the festival.

Make-A-Wish Foundation offers chances for Beetle

Volkswagen has reissued the Beetle, the first in 20 years, and the only one available in this area belongs to Lubbock Make-A-Wish.

The organization is selling chances to win this car for a $25 donation, which are tax deductible. The winner will be announced July 12 during the 8th Annual Caprock Classic Make-A-Wish Car Show.

The popular Bug will be on display at Wal-Mart on Tuesday. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and sign up those wishing to register.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains, Inc, is a non-profit organization dedicated to fulfilling the special wishes of children between the ages of 2½ and 18, who have a life-threatening illness or medical condition.

The Lubbock office serves all or part of 29 counties in the South Plains area, including Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Kent, Garza and Stonewall.

Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has grown to 83 chapters in the U.S. Through the help of private, corporate and group donations, Make-A-Wish volunteers have granted over 50,000 wishes, ranging from computers to trips to visit with favorite celebrities.

One of those wishes came true for Toni Jackson of Hermleigh who received a horse several years ago.

Others in the area inclde Heather, who wished for a computer system; Randall, a fishing trip to San Antonio; Steven, a shopping spree at Toys 'R' Us; and Samantha, who spent a week at Disney World with her family.

In the first four months of 1998, Make-A-Wish has already granted as many wishes as were fulfilled in all of 1997

Granting these wishes is possible through the support of the communities the organization serves. Doctors predict that each year in the 29 county area, 100 new children will be diagnosed with a qualifying illness.

The reissued Beetle is loaded with many modern features including: air conditioning, six-speaker stereo system, five-speed automatic transmission, water cooled engine (in the front), side and front impact airbags, 16-inch tires and disk brakes all around.

Locked up, locked out

There were more people locked out than locked up Friday as 13 motorists called for assistance after locking their keys in their vehicles.

One person was locked up late Friday as deputies arrested a 48-year-old male at 10:20 p.m. for assault. The incident occurred at a residence on CR 473.

Deputies received a call at 11:38 p.m. that a person in Hermleigh was making alcohol available to minors. A 29-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of Harlin at 12:23 a.m. and charged with that offense.

Two reports of criminal mischief were investigated by officers Friday as Trent Owen reported damage to his vehicle while it was parked in the 3000 block of Austin. Randi Reed told officers that her vehicle had been damaged Thursday night while parked at the high school.

An offense report for theft was submitted at 4:55 p.m. as subjects left the Sonic without paying for their food.

A criminal trespass warning was issued to a subject at Lawrence IGA #400 at 7:30 p.m. in reference to a 16-year-old female in custody for shoplifting.

A criminal trespass warning was also issued to a subject at McDonald's at 8:19 p.m. in reference to an employee being harassed.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 9:20 p.m.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Herbal remedy may not be effective

DEAR DR. GOTT: After suffering crippling bouts of depression for years, I was finally prescribed Prozac. Within weeks, the difference in my mood was unbelievable. I found that I could face life and its problems with a far healthier attitude.

However, not being a person who relishes taking prescription drugs, I decided to experiment with alternative medicine. I stopped the Prozac and placed myself on St. John's wort.

I'm right back where I started. The herbal remedy is useless. Should I go back on the Prozac? Is it addictive? Am I the victim of a pharmaceutical industry racket?

DEAR READER: Your apparently complex questions are actually quite simple.

You and your doctor believed that you had depression. (We all agree on this.) To combat the depression, you were prescribed Prozac. (No argument there.) The medicine worked. (Hallelujah!) Then you decided to change to an herbal remedy that was ineffective. (Not smart.) Now you wonder how to proceed (fair enough) and whether the drug company finally has you in its clutches. (Unlikely.)

St. John's wort appears to help depression in some patients who are mildly affected. It is not appropriate therapy for people with significant depression, as you discovered. Basically, you attempted to run your car on turpentine instead of gasoline.

Based on your experience, I believe that you've answered your own question. I urge you to follow your doctor's advice and continue the Prozac, because the prescription certainly changed your life for the better. The medicine is not addictive. In fact, over time, you may be able to reduce or eliminate it. But not now.

Neither are you the victim of a corporate scam. It's great that the Prozac helped you. Count your blessings. Is a person with pneumonia a victim of the company that manufactures the curative antibiotic? I think not. You have a physical disorder for which you are receiving the proper antidote. Stick with it and follow your doctor's advice.

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

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DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a teaching hospital? Are the residents in such hospitals permitted to perform surgery?

DEAR READER: In a general sense, all hospitals are institutions of learning, where staff and employees continually acquire knowledge about sickness and disease. However, in the strictest sense of the word, teaching hospitals are those that specifically train residents, interns and medical students. Although many teaching hospitals are affiliated with medical schools, some aren't. This latter category consists of hospitals — usually large ones — that train new doctors in their respective specialties, such as internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics and so forth.

Once a medical student obtains a medical degree, he or she invariably opts to hone skills in a teaching hospital, under the supervision of experienced clinicians who are either attending physicians/surgeons or professors.

In the pecking order, interns — being the least experienced — are at the bottom. Then come the residents, who gain skills and prestige with each passing year of training. In most teaching hospitals, the chief residents are at the top of the pyramid. Once physicians and surgeons complete their residency programs, they either enter private practice or choose the academic world of the teaching hospital. At this point, they are eligible to take their board examinations, which certify them in their specialty of choice.

In all teaching hospitals, resident surgeons are permitted — even encouraged — to perform operations. For obvious reasons, first-year residents operate under the close supervision of older, more experienced surgeons. The more years of residency a surgeon has, the more complicated the procedures he or she is allowed to perform. Moreover, as they gain experience, there is less direct, hands-on supervision. In fact, fourth- or fifth-year residents may actually supervise first-year residents during relatively uncomplicated procedures.

The same is true of nonsurgical residents, who are permitted more and more autonomy as their training progresses. For example, a first-year resident in internal medicine may be permitted to treat a heart attack patient, under the close watch of more experienced doctors on the team, whereas a third-year resident can be more independent, calling for assistance from a cardiologist or attending physician only when circumstances demand it.

Very little medical attention exists in a vacuum in teaching hospitals. The system is designed to provide plenty of backup. This situation reflects the general state of medical practice today: Most physicians and surgeons prefer a team approach, because medical problems and their solutions are so much more complicated. For instance, a patient with cancer would rarely be solely cared for in a teaching hospital (or anywhere else, for that matter) by an internist; surgeons, oncologists and radiotherapists would certainly be involved as a matter of course.

Therefore, the short answer to your question is: Yes, residents perform surgery under varying degrees of supervision.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 71 and recently had a normal Prostate Specific Antigen blood test. Medicare refused to approve the claim. Why?

DEAR READER: This is yet another arbitrary bureaucratic decision that drives doctors nuts. You are not alone. Medicare will not cover the cost of a PSA test unless the reading was previously abnormal. Therefore, any man who has his first PSA determination will pay out-of-pocket and will continue to pay for each normal follow-up test. This is the way our government saves money.

Fortunately, the cost of a PSA (about $30) isn't prohibitive. Therefore, I explain this to my patients when I ask them to have the test. Most go for it. Still, the Medicare decision does seem shortsighted.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Insuring Your Good Health." 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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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, May 24, 1998

Your chart indicates the year ahead will be filled with a spate of activity tailored to satisfy your restless inclinations. Lots of new and exciting people could enter your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might get involved in an arrangement today where you'll feel you're doing another a favor, only to discover later that the real benefactor was you. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Optimism and enthusiasm will be aroused in you today, and this could be an asset. What will really make your day will be an unexpected, unsolicited benefic development.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who likes you might do something extraordinary for you today that will allow you to do something extraordinary for yourself. Be sure to acknowledge your benefactor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a good day to work out a future plan requiring cooperation from two others. Your chances for gaining these allies look promising.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some changes might occur today, triggered by an event over which you'll have limited control. Don't fret; the shift in circumstances could be advantageous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your judgment is a bit keener than usual today. You'll be fortunate to have this asset, as you may be called upon to make a critical decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Services you perform today for people you love will bring them happiness and fulfillment. Do your duty wherever you feel you can help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Friends hold you in high regard in this cycle, and several might seek out your company today. It's a good feeling to know you're popular with your peers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If early indicators aren't favorable today, don't be shaken up. Given adequate time, conditions will end up working in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your ideas will gain the respect of others today, so if you have some points you'd like to get across to a specific individual, seek him/her out and express them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Probabilities pertaining to your financial well-being will be discernible today. However, it's up to you to scout out opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Help for advancing your personal interests could come from the least-expected source today — even from individuals you don't hold in high esteem.

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Your Birthday

Monday, May 25, 1998

Joint endeavors look promising for you in the year ahead, provided you pick the right partners. Do not form an alliance with people who have nothing to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Associates whose cooperation you need may not be as anxious to move on a project as you are. Don't make things worse by being insistent. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Responsibilities you've been neglecting might get in the way of what you hope to do today. It's best not to try to sweep them under the rug anymore.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be sensitive to the structure of your relationships today. Don't make the mistake of slighting an old friend in order to impress a new one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's not likely you'll get support from associates in achieving career objectives today. Be prepared to cut it on your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not announce your plans to negative persons today. Their comments could discourage you from trying. If you need a counselor for advice, look in the mirror.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Before making any financial or business deals today, examine them closely to be sure they are everything they seem to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who is usually cooperative may be inflexible today. Treat this individual with kid gloves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Certain methods you're using at work aren't going to improve with time. Make adjustments that will give you a more positive perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Before joining a new social organization, try to get to know some of the members first. If you aren't warmly welcomed, start looking for a more compatible group.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be sure other members of the family are in accord with the domestic changes you're contemplating today. If they aren't, it's best to shelve matters temporarily.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you don't fully believe in the cause you're working for today, others can't be expected to either. For credibility, total commitment is a must.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Guard against temptations to spend recklessly today. Your financial timetable could be faulty.

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Snow piled up in mountains of usually sunny California

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — It's spring in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada: Flowers are blooming, the trees have new leaves. Tourists sport sunglasses and shorts.

Not so in the mountains themselves. Though the El Nino-powered storms have passed, wintry temperatures and snow linger in the high country.

At least two major national parks in California — Sequoia and Lassen Volcanic — will not have as many campgrounds available this weekend, the unofficial start of the summer camping season.

At 4,500 feet, snow covers the ground and hangs from trees and buildings like cake frosting.

"We hiked up about 200 yards and we were just lying down, watching the snow come down," said Jeff Pierce, 44, of Palos Verdes. "I was suspecting some snow on the ground, but this is unbelievable. In May! It's ridiculous!"

Pierce, had brought his childhood friend from New York to see the "Largest Living Thing on Earth," the 270-foot General Sherman Tree at Sequoia National Park.

"I was sitting in a boat in Marina Del Rey in the sun, and a few hours later, I see this," said his friend, Brian Hart. "Here I am, from the Northeast, coming to California to see snow."

Rob van den Dobbelsteen and his wife, Truus, visitors from Holland, showed up in the snow in khaki shorts.

"I didn't expect this at all. We were at Death Valley and it was raining there. This is unbelievable. We like it very much," the travel writer said. "We're from Europe and we're used to snow, but we didn't expect to see this here, in May."

Snow has collapsed the roofs of some vacant buildings and caused structural damage at Sequoia. No injuries have been reported.

"You don't often get to experience snow on the Memorial Day weekend," park Superintendent Mike Tollefson said. "I'd like to think of it as one last time to throw snowballs."

Farther north, the snowfall has been dramatic.

"All our campgrounds are snowed under," said Marilyn Parris, the superintendent at Lassen. "Over 750 inches of snow from January and it's still snowing. The park is always open, but our facilities are snowed under right now."

It's not clear when campgrounds will be open for the summer, but people will be able to cross-country ski into August, she said.

About 300 miles south of Lassen is Yosemite. Because of snow, the Tioga Pass Road, the California-Nevada link that usually opens by the end of May, won't open until mid- to late June.

"We're still seeing the last legs of El Nino," Yosemite spokesman Scott Gediman said. "It's not something that happens every year, but snow and rain in May is not that shocking."

What has been surprising is the temperature.

Jitters at schools — with no easy answers after shootings

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Education Writer

From foiled fire drills to anxiety over how students dress, a string of deadly shootings has distracted teachers and principals from the business of education in America's public schools.

But even those who are worried say they cannot afford to be too distracted or they will stop being effective. Still, even tough talk among students that might have been ignored in the past must be investigated for fear there may be bullets behind the bravado.

"I guess it's one of those things almost like accidents that might happen on the highway," said Eddie Davis, a ninth-grade English teacher at Hillside High School in Durham, N.C. "Obviously, people don't stop driving their automobiles, although it does cause people to stop and reassess what they're doing and what we might be able to do to prevent any kind of occurrences."

Davis said he will "sharpen" his ears more and "listen to things that kids say and sometimes pull them aside and find out if there are things we might be able to help them with."

Teachers don't want to overreact, said Mary Jane Hartzog with the Mobile Education Association, the teachers union in Mobile, Ala.

"But they can't ignore anything anymore," she said. "Teachers have to weigh in their mind what would be idle threats or what would need serious attention."

Kathy Epps, a teacher in Lumberton, N.C., said she has to keep fear under control.

"If I let that come always to the front of my mind, I don't think I would be an effective teacher," she said.

Still, Epps worries about things such as students' wearing clothes that are baggy enough to hold weapons.

"The clothes are supposed to make them big and bad and bold," she said. But, she said, "It's hard to tell whether these students have things in their pockets, as baggy as their clothes are."

Such concerns prompted teachers in Montgomery County, Md., last year to push for a classroom ban on bulky coats and book bags. The effort failed, in part because security officials said it wouldn't work.

Epps says her anxiety level rose in March, after four girls and a teacher were killed at a school in Jonesboro, Ark., allegedly by two boys who pulled a fire alarm and then shot at people as they streamed out.

That month, deputies came to Magnolia Elementary School where Epps works, looking for a 14-year-old boy who reportedly had threatened to kill everyone in his eighth-grade class.

The boy was found at home, dressed in camouflage, with no weapon. Still, teachers had not been told of the possible threat. "I felt betrayed," said Epps, who teaches grades four through eight and had hall duty that day.

The March scare at Epps' school wasn't the only one this spring in the rural town of Lumberton. A third-grader was caught at another school smuggling in a pistol he wanted to use to scare an older pupil. The clip had been removed, but a round was in the chamber.

In Waldoboro, Maine, a high school principal now announces fire drills in advance, so no one will worry about alarms set off for lurking snipers. For a while in Springfield, Mo., children and teachers refused to budge when school fire alarms sounded.

Overall, the level of crime victimization, including thefts, in school buildings, grounds and buses remained steady between 1989 and 1995 at less than 15 percent of students, the Education and Justice departments reported recently.

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Dead man's car yields $120,000

MIDLAND (AP) — A fortune was found hidden in a dead man's car, authorities said.

Operators of a wrecker service contacted law officers after they got a number of calls about a wrecked car.

A search of the vehicle Friday turned up more than $120,000 upholstered into the seats.

The car had been involved Tuesday in a fatal accident in Martin County, about 25 miles north of Midland.

Alfredo Rodriguez, 20, of Odessa died after his car slammed into the back of a pickup, investigators said.

Rodriguez had about $900 in his wallet. An initial search of the car turned up nothing.

But then workers at B.B. Wrecker Service, which towed the vehicle, started getting lots of calls about the car. Law officers were summoned for the second search.

The source of the money was under investigation.

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Starr wins again; but next roadblock?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though he is adding to a string of courtroom victories in the Monica Lewinsky matter, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr almost certainly will face more obstacles in gathering information from the Secret Service.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson rejected the Secret Service's contention that its agents deserved a special "protective function privilege" to avoid testifying for fear that they would lose the confidence of the president if they revealed what they observed or overheard.

The ruling Friday leaves the Clinton administration with several choices, including an appeal or a change in legal strategy; President Clinton could invoke executive privilege to try to stop two uniformed Secret Service officers and the agency's counsel from testifying.

Compelling testimony from the Secret Service "will have a chilling effect perhaps on the conversations presidents have and the work that they do and the way they do it," Clinton said.

He acknowledged there was no law on the matter, but added, "It never occurred to anybody that anyone would ever be so insensitive to the responsibility of the Secret Service that this kind of legal question would arise."

The Justice Department and Secret Service said in a statement that they were reviewing the decision and "continue to believe that any action that could distance the Secret Service from the president increases the danger to his life and that of future presidents."

But Johnson, in her written ruling, said: "The court is not ultimately persuaded that a president would put his life at risk for fear that a Secret Service agent might be called to testify before a grand jury about observed conduct or overheard statements.

"When people act within the law, they do not ordinarily push away those they trust or rely upon for fear that their actions will be reported to a grand jury," she continued. "It is not at all clear that a president would push Secret Service protection away if he were acting legally or even if he were engaged in personally embarrassing acts."

Even if there were a valid claim to confidentiality, the judge wrote, it was not properly handled. Clinton himself did not invoke the privilege, nor did he order Secret Service employees not to testify. Instead, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who oversees the Secret Service, invoked what the agency called a "protective function privilege."

Johnson's ruling granted Starr's motion to compel two uniformed Secret Service officers, Gary Byrne and Brian Henderson, and agency counsel John Kelleher to appear before the grand jury investigating the Lewinsky matter.

In an earlier ruling, Johnson rejected the president's efforts to use executive privilege to block the testimony of two key aides. The White House plans to appeal that.

And she has ruled that Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers did not have a binding agreement to grant her full immunity in exchange for her testimony. An appeals court declined to reverse that ruling.

On the question of the Secret Service, Starr had argued that "the testimony of certain Secret Service personnel is highly relevant" in this case in determining whether "one or more persons may have engaged in illegal acts including perjury, obstruction of justice and intimidation of witnesses."

Starr is investigating whether Clinton lied under oath in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him and encouraged Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, to do the same in exchange for helping her to find a job and a lawyer.

Both Ms. Lewinsky and the president have denied under oath that they had a sexual relationship.

Obituaries

Margaret Key

1909-1998

Margaret Key, a retired school teacher, died Friday, May 22, in Lubbock's Heritage Oaks Care Center.

Service for Mrs. Key, 89, is set for 4 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Elton Wyatt of Lubbock, retired Methodist minister, will officiate.

Born March 8, 1909 in Electra, she married Clyde W. Key on July 18, 1931 in Altus, Okla. He died in 1991.

A graduate of Electra High School, she graduated from Sul Ross State University in 1947. Mrs. Key taught school in Colorado City from 1950-54 and in Snyder from 1954-72. The Keys moved to Lubbock in the early 1980s. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include a son, David Key of Lubbock; a daughter, Marianna Wright of Austin; a sister, Ruth Gossage of Washington, D.C.; a sister-in-law, Martha Moore of Snyder; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Charles Boren

1919-1998

LUBBOCK — Snyder native Charles L. Boren, 79, of Lubbock died Thursday, May 21, in Methodist Hospital.

Service was to be held at 11 a.m. today in Sanders Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Stan Blevins, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, and the Rev. Charles Carman, pastor of Raintree Christian Church, were to officiate.

Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born April 28, 1919 in Snyder, he moved to Lubbock in 1952. He married Ruth Modawell on Sept. 9, 1939 in Floydada. He graduated from Morton High School and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Boren received the European Campaign Medal, World War II Bronze Service Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and the Bronze Star. He was a Baptist. Mr. Boren retired from Owens Corning Roofing Co.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Boren of Lubbock, a daughter, Char Shamel of Dover, Ohio; a brother, Bill and Carrollton; a sister, Alma Moore of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Lewis Holdren

1905-1998

Graveside service is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Dunn Cemetery for Lewis Dell Holdren, 92, of Lubbock. Jess Peterson, minister of Lubbock Monterey Church of Christ, will officiate.

Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Holdren died Friday, May 22, in Lakeside Nursing Home in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Born on July 11, 1905 in Delta County, he married Zilpha Cox on Feb. 4, 1928 in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by five brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Zilpha Holdren of Lubbock; one son, Jerry Don Holdren of Lubbock; three sisters, Ila Cox of Snyder, Eula Virginia Maupin of Portales, N.M., and Ellie Brown of Odessa; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Swimming

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Family night returns each Saturday evening from 6:30 until 8 o'clock. The immediate family pays $4 if accompanied by a parent. Individuals pay $2 per person.

A concession stand will be open during regular operating hours, offering a variety of candy and soft drinks. No outside food or drinks will be allowed in the pool area.

Arrangements for parties can be made at the pool during operating hours. Prices start at $30 per hour for groups of up to 30 people.

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Youth camp fund-raiser

Word is Life Deliverance Church children ages 7-12 are raising money to attend Willie George's Camp Dry Gulch in Oklahoma. They are taking orders for Christian shirts and caps. Contact any church youth or call Jackie Hackfeld at 573-6763 or 573-2873.

Landfill to be open

Despite Memorial Day, the city landfill will be open Saturday and Monday.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Revelation," followed by "Becoming Persons of Integrity," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Alzheimer information

Linda San Miquel, director of social services at Palo Duro Canyon Alzheimers Unit, will be speaking at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Highway. Her topic will be communication and management of difficult behaviors in alzheimer patients.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Following a business meeting, members will assist visitors with research. Everyone is welcome.

Diabetic support group

The Diabetic support group will meet at 7 p.m. next Thursday, in the Cogdell Rehab Center. Guest speaker will be Denise Hoyt, R.D., L.D. Her topic will be the constant carbohydrate diet. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

There will be no evening classes conducted in May and June. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Parents of SHS seniors

Parents of SHS seniors are reminded they need to make a $20 donation to help pay for Friday's senior steak supper and the May 29 all-night graduation party. The funds can be taken to the high school office or mailed to Barbara Eicke at Box 1111. Checks should be made out to the Snyder High School Senior Class 1998.

Benefit bake sale

A bake sale is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 20 at Wal-Mart to benefit Tiffany Sneed, a cancer patient.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief, caring for aging parents and learning to improve the family experience will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. Parents and teens are welcome and child care will be provided.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be held June 13 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Dayton McCarter at 573-3093.

End of school party donations

Contributions are being accepted for an end-of-school party for eighth graders. To donate, call Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169 or Carla Nunley at 573-7134, or mail to Class of 2002, P.O. Box 674 in Snyder.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church announces two new programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Class of 2000 fund-raiser

Snyder High Class of 2000 is offering chance at a Super Bowl football autographed by Emmitt Smith and a Titanic photograph autographed by Leonardo deCaprio. Donations are $1 each. See any class member to purchase tickets.

Ministry in song

Gospel singers Maria Ellena and Jesse Ruiz will be ministering in song at Rivers of Living Waters Ministries, 413 26th St., at 7 p.m. next Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

Pick 3

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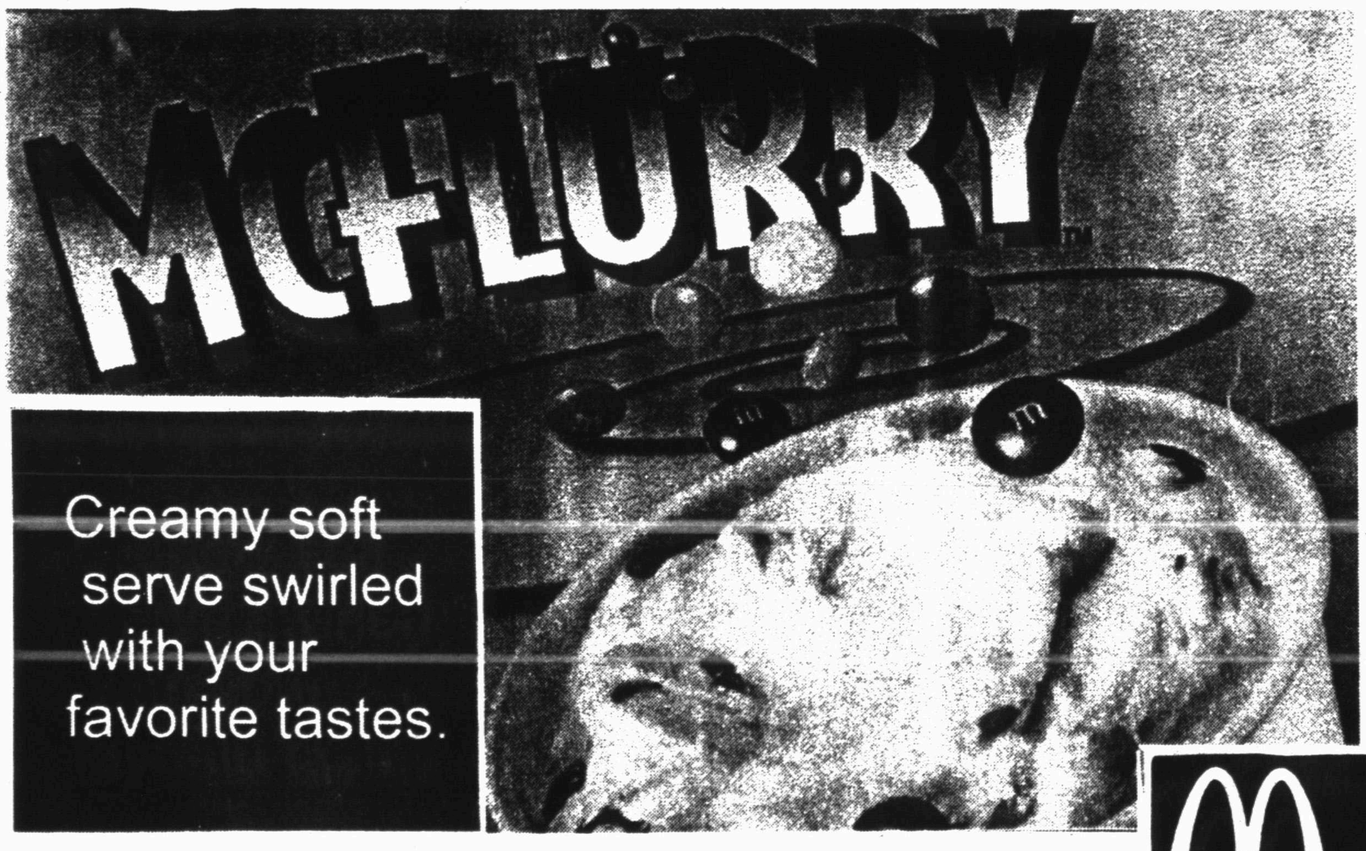

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Scurry County Arc in need of more people as volunteers

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Anyone wanting to volunteer need look no farther than the Scurry County Association for Retarded Citizens which serves as the local advocate for mentally retarded persons.

The Arc, (pronounced ark) formerly known as the ARC, is part of the Arc of Texas. And both are branches of the national Arc.

The local Arc has been in Snyder some 25 years, said Tommy Cotton, the manager of the local training center and the regional employment specialist for the West Texas Centers For Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

One way people can assist the Arc is through the twice weekly garage sales. Donated clothing has to be sorted and readied for sales which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pre-sale volunteers work on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The only paid help at the garage sales are five mentally retarded citizens, who are assisted by four to five women, all longtime volunteers, who have logged many years of service.

Earlier this month, Cotton said they presented volunteer Cecil Fulks with a plaque of appreciation since she is considering retiring and moving away from Snyder.

The veteran volunteers need assistance from younger ones, Cotton said. "We can use all the help we can get."

The money raised through the weekly sales benefit the activities of the county's mentally retarded citizens.

These include three socials per year. Some 85-90 persons get to occasionally dine out. Entertainment is provided.

Another activity is bowling on the first and third Tuesday of each month, open to all mentally retarded persons.

Some of the monies raised through the garage sales helps with maintenance and other expenses for the training center. In recent years, new offices and a computer room have been added to the building.

The Arc also helps fund the Special Olympics which are held each winter and summer.

Scurry County has an active Special Olympics program, which could also use more volunteers. The local program has some 21 athletes involved, Cotton said.

Several sports are offered here such as athletics, bowling, equestrian, basketball and tennis. More could be available if more volunteers were trained in other sports.

Cotton is certified to coach bowling, basketball and athletics.

Other coaches include Mike Duddleston, the equestrian coach; Jerry Tucker, track and field, basketball and bowling; Juanita Glass, bowling and track and field; and Doug Harrison, bowling and track and field.

Cotton said head coaches are Juanita Glass and Jerry Tucker who both are employed by Snyder Independent School District.

"If the school system did not help out with the Special Olympics program, we couldn't do it," Cotton said.

Becoming certified involves attending a coaching school and then serving a minimum of 10 hours working with athletes in that sport.

The certification has to be renewed each year or else the person has to become certified all over again.

Local coaches are certified through Area 14 Special Olympics which is based in Abilene.

Additional coaches could also allow unified sports to be available here. Unified teams combine regular athletes with mentally retarded ones.

The local program also needs chaperones and volunteers to accompany the athletes to out-of-town games.

Special Olympics rules require one chaperone per three athletes, Cotton said.

Athletes have to be eight or older to compete for regular meets. But those competing at the state level must be 12 years old.

Those aged six and seven are allowed to train but not compete.

Local athletes try to compete in area meets twice a year, Cotton said.

Other Special Olympics events include cycling, roller blading, golf, tennis, skating, power lifting, gymnastics and acquatics.

Cotton said "the best sportsmanship in the world" is practiced in Special Olympics. He noted that during a 100 meter race in Abilene, the athlete running in front tripped and fell. The other runners stopped to help her across the finish line.

During one meet, he said he saw some 15,000 athletes and about 10,000 volunteers on the University of Texas field at the same time. That "was quite an experience," he added.

He said it's very enjoyable to watch Special Olympics meets because the athletes enjoy themselves so much.

All athletes place and receive either a ribbon or medal.

The first Special Olympics meet in Texas held in Waco in 1969 drew 350 people. Today, over 22,000 compete in various events.

Scurry's Special Olympics also receives assistance from local police officers and Price Daniel Unit personnel who are particpatring in the Torch Run.

Volunteers help by carrying the torch from town to town. The ultimate goal is Houston, where the summer games will be held.

The West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation is a state-funded organization which serves 23 counties, including Scurry.

Currently, about 14 mentally retarded citizens are employed throughout Snyder.

Odell and Nell Graham

Longtime Midwest Electric customers recall early days

By Edwin Jackson

(This is the third article in a series celebrating Midwest Electric Cooperative's 60th anniversary.)

Odell and Nell Graham are the subjects of this month's "member interview." I must admit I had only a casual acquaintance with the Grahams prior to our visit the other day, even though I had driven by their home hundreds of time enroute to work. The Graham home sits right on the north side of Highway 180 leaving Snyder going east towards Roby.

Their home is just east of the new entrance to Snyder SnTx Industrial Park and is bordered by the park on the west and the north.

Earlier, as I was looking for a prospective interview with another co-op member, I noticed their early membership date in the list: Odell Graham, July 7, 1939. My first telephone call was answered by Mrs. Graham (Nell). I explained to her that we were seeking interviews and asked for permission to come do an interview with them. Nell was most gracious and set a time for the visit.

The two and a half hours of the interview was most enjoyable, as I listened to their reminisces of early years. Odell won my heart immediately as I sat down in the chair next to him. Before I could even begin, he placed his hand on my arms and said, "Before we get started, just let me say that I can't say enough good things about Midwest Electric Cooperative." I could feel the grin spread across my face, and I responded, "Thanks...I just can't hear enough good things about our co-op."

He said that they had always been treated special by all the co-op employees.

Let me assure you that people like Odell and Nell Graham deserve the special treatment we try to give to all our members. Odell is 85 years old, and even though I never ask a lady her age, Nell admits to being the same age.

I'm sure readers know that the movie box office smash today is "Titanic." Odell shared with me that he was born the year the Titanic sank in 1912.

Odell was a young lad of 16 years when his father, W.H. Graham, built the home where they now live, and he recalls hauling the lumber in a wagon from the lumberyard to the home site. This was about the time that Odell and his father were farming with a mule and a single row cultivator and planter.

The Grahams made their first crop on the home place in 1932. He recalls that they made a pretty

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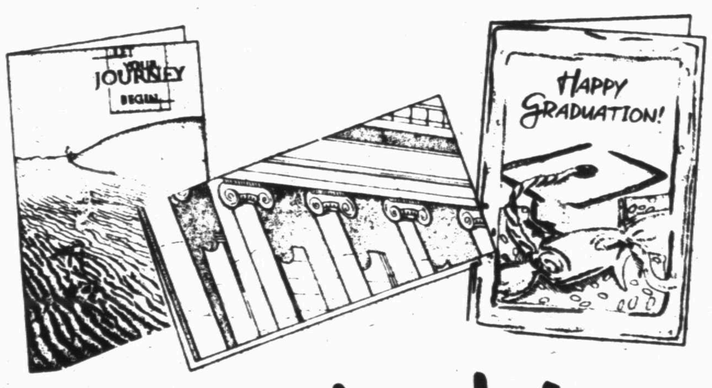

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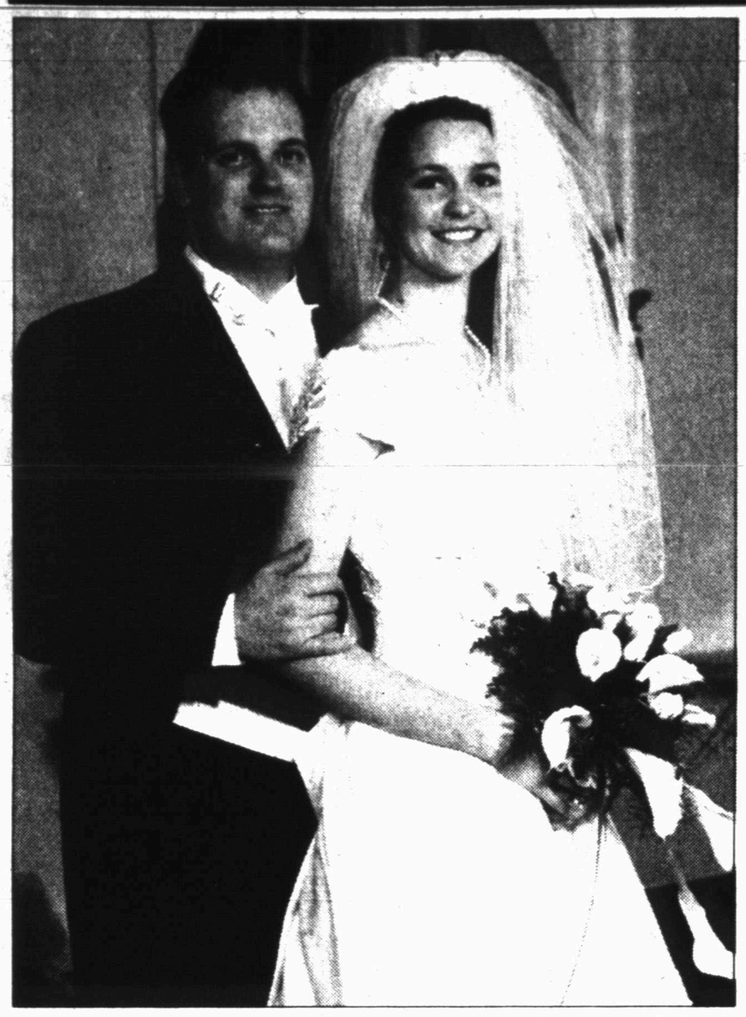

MARRY IN CALIFORNIA — Tim Beauchamp, son of Allie Beth Beauchamp of Snyder and Arthur Beauchamp of Abilene, and Joanne Cook exchanged marriage vows on March 28. She is the daughter of Chaplain and Mrs. Michael Cook of McMinnville, Ore. Tim received a bachelor of arts degree in religion from California Baptist College and Joanne is working on a bachelor of science degree in business management. Tim plans to attend Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and work full time in pastorial ministries. Their home is in Riverside where they both attend school and work. (Contributed Photo)

Scurry County Library News & Views

Registration and a kickoff party for Scurry County Library Summer Reading Program will begin Monday, June 1.

Activities will center around a birthday party theme. Richard Scarry, the creator of Busytown, has a birthday on June 5. Garfield the cat will be 20 on June 19. The staff will have activities and crafts for the children to do while registering.

Also, a storytime will begin at 10 a.m. for 4- and 5-year olds as usual. Storytime activities consist of stories, fingerplays, crafts, puppet plays and games. These will last about 35 to 45 minutes.

Special programs will be held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. beginning on June 3 for children who have completed grades K-6, and they may sign up any time beginning Monday, June 1.

Prizes will be given based on the time spent reading library materials. It is not necessary to sign-up beforehand to attend the Wednesday programs.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"Hello," by Eric Carle.
"Days of the Blackbird," by Tomie DePaola.
"A, My Name Is...," by Alice Lyne.
"Cats on Judy," by JoAnn Early Macken.
"Bamboo Valley," by Ann Nagda.
"Piggie Pie!" by Margie Palatini.
"Engelbert Joins the Circus," by Tom Paxton.
"Tracy's Mess," by Elise Petersen.
"Trail Drive," by James Rice.
"A Summer Picnic," by Richard Scarry.
"Henry and Mudge and the Sneaky Crackers," by Cynthia Rylant.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tuesday & Thursday.

COMPTON-KINCHELOE PLAN MARRIAGE — John and Alana McRoberts announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marci Ranae Compton, to Jerry Nick Kincheloe Jr. He is the son of Joyce and Jerry Kincheloe. Their wedding date is set for 2 p.m., June 13 in the First Baptist Church Chapel. (Photo by Mr. Geez)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

The city of the mermaid

We end our week in Europe with a visit to Copenhagen. The beautiful capital of Denmark is well-known, *inter alia*, for the statue of the mermaid in the harbor and the Tivoli gardens. Danish is a language I could never master. Even the pronunciation is a mystery. For example, I have a friend whose name is spelled Knud Aage. How do you think that is pronounced?

Aage used to partner Peter Schaltz, who made a great defensive play on this deal from a mixed-pairs event in Copenhagen in 1972.

That two-club response looks awful, smells awful, and tastes awful! But that's what Europeans used to do in those days. Now the stronger two-over-one has crossed the Atlantic. (East should have raised to two spades, of course.)

West, Gudrun Wille-Jorgensen, started with her three top spades. After ruffing the last, declarer tried to enter the dummy by leading a diamond to the jack. Guessing what was happening, Schaltz played low without a tremor. Now declarer confidently took the trump finesse, which lost to West's singleton king. And the diamond ace in a moment spelt one down.

No doubt you have realized that if Schaltz wins trick four with the diamond ace, declarer, unable to reach the dummy, will be forced to cash the heart ace, with gratifying results for him.

Declarer probably agreed with Shakespeare's view that "there's ne'er a villain dwelling in all Denmark, but he's an arrant knave."

Knud Aage is pronounced very softly, sounding something like k-nuth er.

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
2 ♥	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
3 ♦	4 ♣	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, 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. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of CMH (will not meet during the summer); 7 to 8 p.m.

Scurry County Genealogy Society; county library; business meeting and research session to assist visitors in the genealogy section of library; everyone welcome; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & 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 information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed all games for Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
May 15

Five tables.

1. Frances Stevenson, Tizzy Hall.
2. Mary Bast, Johonye Van Dever.
3. TIE: Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson and Charley Blakey, Julian Jones.

SUNDAY
May 17

Three tables.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. TIE: Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart and Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.

TUESDAY
May 19

Three tables.

1. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
2. TIE: Barbara Yorgesen, Shirley Stewart and Linda West, Monte West.

ENJOYING GAME DAY — Alice Gray, Becky Knipe, Yvonne Davis and Rae Adams, from left, were one of several tables enjoying games following a luncheon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The monthly event will be held Wednesday with the luncheon beginning at 11:30 and games will follow throughout the day. Reservations are necessary by 5 p.m. Monday by leaving a message at 573-3427. Working women and others unable to stay for games are welcome to eat lunch. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

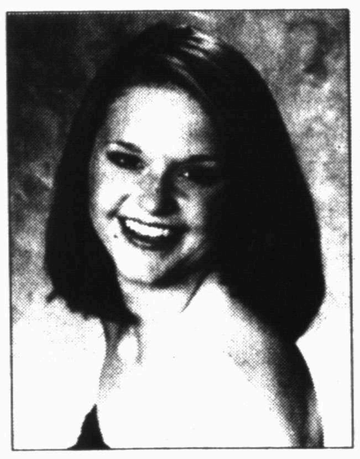
The International Red Cross was founded by Swiss banker Jean Henri Dunant in 1863 after he watched the battle of Solferino in 1859.

Snyder School Menu

All meals are served with choice of milk; all breakfasts are served with chilled juice and assorted dry cereal.

MONDAY
Holiday
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
Manager's Choice
LUNCH

MONDAY
Holiday
TUESDAY
Pizza or
Barbecued Chicken
Potato Salad
Kernal Corn
Applesauce
Dinner Roll
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
Manager's Choice



Rana Jones

Fluvanna couple's daughter competes in beauty contest

Rana Beth Jones, 17-year-old daughter of Max and Jane Jones of Fluvanna and Cutter and Bethe Cunningham of Tatum, N.M., will compete in the Miss New Mexico USA Pageant May 31. Las Cruces is the host city for the yearly pageant to select the young lady who will represent the state at the Miss Teen USA-Universe nationally televised event.

After a photo session, she will compete in three catagories — swimsuit, evening gown and an interview. A victory ball will be held following the pageant.

Bridal Registry

Brooke French
and Troy Botts
Megan Harris
and Glenn Lewis
Abbey Boles
and Wesley Griffin
Julie Zeck
and David Smithey
Wendi Sharp
and Jerrod Short
Kayla Drain
and Matthew Dickey
Holly Sanders
and Cody Avants
Julie Lang
and Brandon Lee
Rachel Wilson
and Kevin McMillan
Shannon Canada
and George Broyles
Shelley Sharp
and Cody Shields
Magan Wadleigh
and Jim Thomas
Claire Bowers
and Grant Jordan
Kelli Loc...
and Brad Harmon
Elyse Merritt
and Brandon Terry
Misty Clem
and Jack Haley
Marci Compton
and J.J. Kincheloe
Somer Dennis
and Mark Love
Jennifer Tovar
and Martin Orosco

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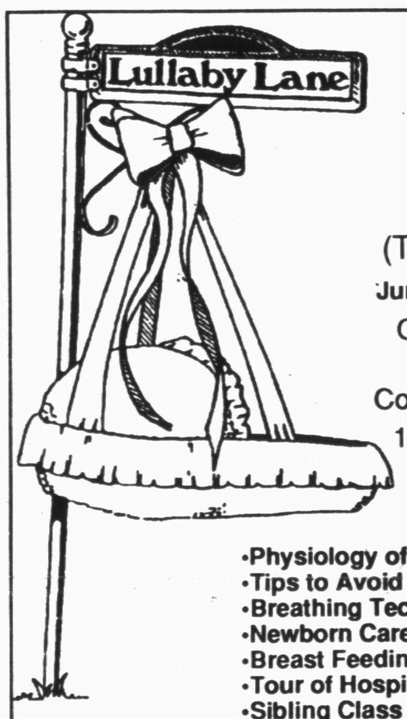

Prepared Childbirth Classes
Mondays 7-9 p.m.
(Total of Five Classes)
June 1 through June 29, 1998
Classes Will Be Held at
Board Room at
Cogdell Memorial Hospital;
1700 Cogdell Boulevard
(South Parking Lot)
Instructor:
Linda Briseno, RN

- **Physiology of Pregnancy and Delivery**
- **Tips to Avoid Complications**
- **Breathing Techniques**
- **Newborn Care**
- **Breast Feeding Techniques**
- **Tour of Hospital OB Department**
- **Sibling Class (for future big brothers and sisters - included in final class)**

Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a coach, two pillows and a blanket.

Open To Any Expectant Parents
The fee is $40.00 per couple, payable prior to the first class, unless enrolled in the LULLABY LANE program.

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SJHS Awards

Snyder Junior High School students have received awards for 1997-1998 school year.

Teachers presented awards for outstanding performance and best best effort.

Students who were named to the A Honor Roll had earned A's or 90-100 in each subject for every six weeks.

For the A-B Honor Roll, students earned between 80 and 100 in each subect every six weeks.

Some students also received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, bestowed by the president of the United States and the U.S. Department of Excellence.

This recognition was awarded to the top five percent of the class for oustanding grades in eighth grade English, math, history and science.

The S.T.A.R.S. (striving to achieve responsibility and success) Awards were to an eighth grade boy and girl whom eighth grade teachers determined worked hard and had given their best during the school year.

Recipients include Mayra Borrego and John Logan.

The following students were recognized:

Seventh Grade

A Honor Roll

Kayla Beck, Erin Cooley, Taylor Cotton, Christan Curry, Kellie Dodson, Shelley Fisk, Cozy Jones, T.J. Jones, Whitney Jones, Jacinda Judah, Kristina Mayer, Matt McCormick, Lina Olvera, Wendy Proffitt, Afton Schwertner, Zachry Starnes, Lilli Valadez, Kasey Wemken.

A-B Honor Roll

Ana Arce, Tanner Beard, Jackie Beccue, Cameron Brown, Daniel Brown, Kara Brumley, Glenn Burns, Sara Cantu, Kristin Casas, Rachel Cave, Dara Chambers, Colby Driggers, Caleb Durham, Erika Estrada, Ashlee Grantham, Stafford Gray, Josh Green, Chance Greenwood, Jason Guynes, Laura Hager, Amanda Hartzog, Shell Hembree, Isaac Hernandez, Katie Kerley, Tyler Kerr, Shane Kitchens, Josh Knox, Duran Lopez, Veronica Maldonado, Rumaldo Martinez, Cindy Nachlinger, Jacob Pechacek, Zipporah Peoples, Alberto Perez, Natalie Perez, Tyler Pollard, Hailey Putnam, Clark Reed, Adam Rodgers, Marcel Rodriguez, Trey Roland, Isaac Sanchez, Bobby Sands, Aaryn Stewart, Matthew Stokes, Afton Sutter, Jade Taggart, Christopher Thames, Tara Trammell, Patricia Vargas, Clay Williams.

Best Effort

Jacque Alvarez, Ana Arce, Kyle Bartels, Virginia Benitez, Leticia Cabrera, Colby Driggers, Caleb Durham, Brandon Gonzales, Zina Guidos, Janie Hembree, Michael Hernandez, Valerie Hernandez, Felicia Ibarra, Lupe Jaramillo, Brady Jones, Cozy Jones, Jessie Keller, Patrick Kincaid, Shane Kitchens, Melissa Laird, Cory Lyons, Jacob Macias; Veronica Maldonado, Reynaldo Martinez, Daniel Medrano, Malorye Miller, Lina Olvera, Adrian Ramos, Clark Reed, Randal Rich, Chaelyn Robinson, Ashley Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Marcel Rodriguez, Afton Schwertner, Eric Sickler, Bianca Sookraj, Chas Stroud, Jade Taggart, Christopher Thames, Kimberly Walker.

Outstanding

Ana Arce, David Arizmendi, Rene Ballard, Kayla Beck, Sara Cantu, Rachel Cave, Christan Curry, Horacio DePaz, Kellie Dodson, Erika Estrado, Brandon Gonzales, Lupe Jaramillo, Whitney Jones, Jacinda Judah, Katie Kerley, Melissa Laird, Duran Lopez, Tressie Martin, Oscar Oliva, Lina Olvera, Alberto Perez, Joseph Perez, Wendy Proffitt, Chaelyn Robinson, Ashley Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Trey Roland, Bobby Sands, Eric Sickler, Matthew Stokes, Kristin Sweetin, Jade Taggart, Tara Trammell, Lilli Valdez.

Eighth Grade

A Honor Roll

Kasey Collier, Cassie Cooper, Charlie Gorman, Kasey Collier, Marci Kruger, Jeremee Lester, Brandon McGuire, Jeffrey Proctor, Jaci Smith, Dustin Whitson, Anna Williams, Jason Williams, Kate Wright.

A-B Honor Roll

Amber Alexander, Cody Beaver, Alex Best, Craig Bowen, Trent Boyd, Lana Broaddwater, Loryn Brown, Joanna Burk, Bradley Bynum, Shannon Chambers, Stormy Clark, Steven Crain, Erin Dunham, Kristen Early, Haley Elkins, Vanessa Freeman, Crystal Garcia, Stacey Garcia, Mark Haines, Hayli Henderson, Haley Holmes, Tyler Hunter, Melissa Jones, Tyson Kubena, Andra Lancaster, Nicholas Landes, John Logan, Bernice Macias, Wes Martin, Ryan McAnally, Justin McBroom, Ryan McKamie, Chris McLeod, Cole McLeod, Joseph Minefee, Tyler Neves, Brooks Nunley, Adam Oden, Ashley Owen, Sarah Pilgrim, Wade Pinson, Carcie Posey, Jennifer Ruiz, Erica Speedon, Bailey Stoker, Justin Stokes, Tate Thompson, Katie Voss, Mary Wesson, Erika Ynguanzo.

Best Effort

Tito Alaniz, Samuel Arizmendi, Elvia Barrera, Clifton Beights, Kyle Blum, Priscilla Carrasco, Shannon Chambers, Justin Cline, Steven Crain, Jennifer Deel, Jared Fletcher, Rachel Fritz, Jeri Garcia, Lacie Green, Amanda Greenwood, Tim Gutierrez, Nathan Hines, Haley Holmes, John Logan, Linda Luera, Mechele Mize, Aaron Molina, Tyler Neves, Paul Overhulser, Ashley Owen, Justin Pechacek, Brodie Pierce, Carcie Posey, Jammall Pruitt, Amy Reynolds, Jessica Rodriguez, Jennifer Ruiz, Erica Speedon, Justin Stokes, Sean Thomas, Johnny Vasquez, Kate Wright, Erika Ynguanzo.

Outstanding

Sameul Arizmendi, Brandy Birkenfeld, Joe Bishop, Alicia Bowlin, Heath Conner, Cassie Cooper, Eric Courtney, Vanessa Freeman, Rachel Fritz, Charlie Gorman, Troy Grametbaur, Marcos Gutierrez, Jason Hall, Hayli Henderson, Tyler Hunter, Andra Lancaster, Jeremee Lester, Jamie Martinez, Stacy Martinez, Justin McBroom, Cole McLeod, Jeremy Miller, Mechelle Mize, Cizun Moore, Justin Pechacek, Saul Pena, Michael Pendleton, Sarah Pilgrim, Wade Pinson, Jeffery Proctor, Jennifer Stoval, Tate Thompson, Steven Torres, Dustin Whitson, Jason Williams, Kate Wright.

President's Awards

Cody Beaver, Bradley Bynum, Casey Collier, Cassie Cooper, Charlie Gorman, Marci Kruger, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Brandon McGuire, Jeffrey Proctor, Jaci Smith, Dustin Whitson, Jason Williams, Kate Wright.

Western Texas College's literary magazine receives seven awards

The 1997 version of the Western Texas College literary magazine "Aquifer" received a record seven awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) recently, including a 1st place in both the short story and essay categories.

The publication received an Honorable Mention in the single magazine "best overall" category for Division 2, which includes two and four-year private and public colleges with up to 3,000 enrollment.

Other awards for the 1997 "Aquifer" are:

—1st place in the short story category awarded to Pam Foster of Snyder for her story "The Day the Rains Came." She graduated from WTC in the spring of 1997 and is now attending Angelo State University. She was named the college's Outstanding Female Student her sophomore year.

—1st place in the essay category awarded to Irene Suchkova for her essay "Gain Respect Through Keeping the Distance." She was an international student from Russia attending WTC in 1996-97.

—2nd place in the magazine illustration category awarded to Akiko Nishijima for her illustration of the poem "Back to Santa Fe." She was a sophomore international student from Japan who graduated from WTC this past spring.

—2nd place in the story packaging category awarded to Michael Gilbert of Snyder and Akiko Nishijima for their entry "Steel Ribbons."

—3rd place to Kenneth Beasley in the magazine cover design category. He was a sophomore art major from Houston attending WTC the past two years. He was named the college's Outstanding Male Student this past April 30.

—3rd place in the poetry category awarded to Junichi Kikkawa for the poem "Back to Santa Fe." He was a sophomore international student from Japan who graduated from WTC this past spring.

Seven is the most honors ever awarded to the publication since its inception in the fall of 1990.

Since its founding, "Aquifer" writers or artists have been recognized at the TIPA contest 24 times with six 1st place awards, six 2nd place prizes, nine 3rd place honors and three honorable mentions.

The 1998 "Aquifer" was recently completed and will be submitted next year for TIPA awards.

Previous honors won by "Aquifer" are:

—Spring of 1997, 2nd place, short story; 2nd place, story package; 3rd place, essay.

—Spring of 1996, 1st place, short story; 1st place, essay; 2nd place, poetry.

—Spring of 1995, 1st place, essay; 3rd place, single issue magazine; honorable mention, poetry.

—Spring of 1994, 2nd place, illustration.

—Spring of 1992, 3rd place, essay; 3rd place, opinion.

—Spring of 1991, 1st place, short story; 3rd place, essay; 3rd place, opinion; 3rd place, single issue magazine; honorable mention, poetry.

The publication is served by five faculty editors, Bill McGlothing, Janet Halbert, Jana Wesson-Martin, Donny Brown and Ben Sum.

Couple recall early days

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good crop, but cotton only brought five cents a pound. It was tough getting by then, but like so many others during those times, they raised their own chickens, hogs and a few cows, which provided some of their food staples such as pork, eggs, cream and butter. Also, the family sold dairy products to help them get by.

During the mid 30s, Odell was finally able to purchase a F-12 Farmall tractor. His dealer in Roscoe allowed him to trade in his horse-drawn equipment towards the purchase of the new tractor and equipment, with a difference of $990. Things were looking up, and I expect that the view while plowing improved also.

During their early farming years they raised cotton and goose-neck maze. Nell recalls her son, Wayne, as a very small boy hitching a ride on top of her cotton sack while she pulled cotton. Over the years they endured several poor crops.

When those times came along, Odell would work part-time for Nell's brother, Ennis Floyd, who operated a filling station in Snyder. As they said, they did whatever it took to get by.

When Odell inherited the home place, his father had already installed the first lighting system — a carbide (gas) lighting system plumbed by small gas lines into several rooms of the house. This seemed to work reasonably well until their home was struck by lighting and the gas pipes connecting the individual lights became a pathway for the lightning. Zap, crackle, pop! It was destroyed. For a period of time afterwards, they used a wind charger that would generate power to recharge batteries and provide lights for their home, but this system's reliability was dependent on the wind. Nell recalls carrying her kerosene lamp through the house to find things she needed when the batteries were down.

In July, 1938, Mel Andress and Warren Sturgeon visited with Odell and Nell and convinced them to purchase a membership in Midwest Electric Cooperative. Later, Forest Jones and a Mr. Phillips came and wired their home for electricity, which they finally received in 1940. Their quality of life took a sharp upswing.

The Grahams, like others that I have visited with, first purchased a refrigerator that is still in use in their home today. It was a General Electric that acts as a secondary unit, keeping their eggs and other commodities fresh and still making ice. Odell says they have never spent one single cent on that refrigerator, a statement they cannot make about its $1,400 replacement sitting in their kitchen now.

Nell showed me her old "flat" iron that required preheating on a stove prior to use. She smiled and said the electric iron was certainly a blessing, and when she showed it to her uncle, Bud Rogers, he laughed and kidded her, saying that now she could go and iron Odell's shirts.

But, then, as today, one of their special enjoyments was making homemade ice cream. Having cows that furnished them with fresh milk and cream made this a special event for Odell, Nell, their son, Wayne, and a daughter, Joye (Mrs. Beecher McCormick).

The only thing that could improve on that was the invention of the electric ice cream freezer. Rating among the other most enjoyed electrical devices was electric blankets. The Grahams loved turning down the heat in their home as they had heat in their home at night and crawling under those toasty-warm electric blankets.

Their son, Wayne, helped farm the home place until he enlisted in the Marines in 1949. (Over the years, men in their families have served in the Marine Corps.)

For a couple of years around 1949, they ran a small dairy located on the home place. They marketed milk, cream, butter. Nell recalls her daughter Joye sitting with the old churn and wood dasher churning butter. Nell commented that the coming of oleo margarine drastically reduced the market for cream and butter. Odell was quick to add that running a dairy was so time consuming there really wasn't time for anything else, so they opted to give it up after a couple of years.

Later, Nell managed the Marigold Milk store in Snyder for about 10 years.

Odell and Nell have since retired, putting their crop land into CRP. They sold off a small portion of property, which was purchased — along with adjoining property — for relocating the co-op gin. Nell spends a lot of time quilting, as I can witness by the beautiful quilts I saw in her home.

Odell and Nell are proud grandparents of six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one very special daughter-in-law, Margaret Graham. Just to make the visit extra special for me, Odell told me that Nell had never missed a single annual membership meeting of Midwest Electric Cooperative and that he had missed only one following a bad fall. This really sets a standard of loyalty to their electric cooperative. As I was leaving, Nell packed me up with some homemade cookies and apple bakery treats that were indescribably delicious. So if I may return a quote to Odell and Nell, "I just can't say enough good things about these fine folks." Thanks...

Candles recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A potential fire hazard has prompted the recall of about 1.7 million Glade Gel Candles, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reported.

The three-ounce candles burn with larger than normal flames, some as high as three inches above the container.

Manufacturer S.C. Johnson & Son Inc. of Racine, Wis., said no injuries or damages have been reported.

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New Vehicle Registrations

Ice Melt Products Inc. and C.D. Gray, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Saul Aviles Jr., 1998 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Petroleum, two 1998 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

S.M. McWhorter, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Jason Bynum, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Associates Leasing Inc., 1998 Ford from Jordan Ford Associates.

James N. Jefferson, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Niewoehner Inc., dba American Energy Services, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Paul Glover, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Gene and Nancy Bowlin, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

David M. Lynch, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Armando and Chris Alvarez, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

John T. Short, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Charles W. and Sharla Darter, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Jerome K. Hogan, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Kathy A. Weber, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Electronic Data Devices and Robert K. Williams, 1999 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Steve L. Adams, 1998 GMC pickup from from Big Country Autoland.

Calyn D. Coffee, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Doyle Max Hildebrand, 1998 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Stockton Edward Roberts, 1998 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Mike Benner Inc., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ken and Shirley Minyard, 1998 Ford Escort from Wilson Motors.

Leslie J. O'Dell, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Norberto and Hermelinda G. Arguello, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Tiajuana V. and Eugene L. Padon, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Donald B. Wells, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jody and Deanna Clark, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Pan American Produce, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bill and Joyce Stephens, 1998 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Hayden Mills and Julia Lauren Dominy, both of Snyder.

Wallace Houston Jones III and Laketa Evette Cochran, both of Snyder.

Johnny Dean Ervin and Gloria June Bennett, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Providan National Bank, formerly First Deposit National Bank, vs. Effie Elliott, suit on account.

David Shifflett vs. Troy Marchbanks and Anadarko Petroleum Corp., suit for breach of contract.

Deed Records

Freddie Everton to Dan Greer, tract one being a 2,000-square foot tract in Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being part of Lot 1 in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being part of Lot 1 in Block 23 of the Cody Addition.

H.C. Ball to Billy and Shirley Leatherwood, all of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 1 of the Evancrest Addition.

Dee H. and Bobbie D. Lockhart to Bill and Marilyn Lockhart, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Adams Addition.

Greg Falkin to Jim Dyer, the northwest one-quarter and the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of Section 541, Block 97, H&TC survey.

John B. Kirkpatrick, Trustee of the John B. and Mary R. Kirkpatrick Revocable Living Trust, to John B. Kirkpatrick, Trustee of The Mary R. Kirkpatrick Trust, tract one being 85.5 acres out of the west part of Section 36, Block Y, T&P survey; tract two being 80.2 acres out of Section 36 and 5.3 acres out of Section 31, all in Block Y, T&P survey; tract three being 72.5 acres out of the east part of Section 36 and 13 acres out of the northeast corner of Section 31, Block Y, T&P survey.

Prudential Residential Services to Dalvin W. and Belinda K. Alexander, the east part of Lot 5 in Block B of the West Ridge Addition.

Charles and Patsy Day to Jack and Betty Elam, 9.893 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kenneth Steve Babcock to David Dean Babcock, a 140 x 180-foot tract in Tract 50 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 38, Kirkland and Fields Survey.

Rebecca Black to Kenneth Steve Babcock, a 140 x 180-foot tract in Tract 50 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 38, Kirkland and Fields Survey.

Charlotte Ellen Kincheloe McDowell, independent executrix of the estate of Terry Don McDowell, to Charlotte E. McDowell, the south 10 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Replat of the George W. Brown Original Homesite tract of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Luz Chavarria to Russell Jones Jr,, all of Lot 1 in Block 25 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Kenneth E. and Wanda L. Rinehart to Shawn B. and Carol McCowen, tract one being 74.786 acres in the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 170, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 78.655 acres in Section 158, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Hazel A. Bruns Curb to Richard D. and Betty P. Able, all of Lot 15 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

William R. and Frankie J. Baker to Keith L. and Temi Matthies, co-Trustees of the Willonson Group Trust, tract one being all of Lots 6-8 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition; tract two being all of Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

Susanne and Damon Kennedy to Doyle and Peggy Fowler, all of Lot 5 in Block 6 of the First Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Walter and Mary Rabb to Daniel T. and Harriet W. Massaro, all of Lot 24 of the Second Replat of Block 3 of the First Section of the Parkway Addition.

Daniel T. and Hariet W. Massaro to Walter and Mary Rabb, the south 140 feet of the west 57.5 feet of Lot 4 in Block 10 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Kathy Jacobsen, Allene Bridges, Judy White, Bobbie Bogle, Becky Henson and Billie Pippen to Ellen Louise Edwards, tract one being a 98 x 160-foot tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 160 x 236-foot tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kenneth E. Davis to Donnie Ray Goswick, all of Blocks 17-19 and Lots 1, 5 and 6 in Block 20 of the Helms Subdivision in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Donnie Ray Goswick to Lois McQuhae, Kevin McQuhae and Doyle Kellner, all of Blocks 17-19 and Lots 1, 5 and 6 in Block 20 of the Helms Subdivision in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lois Jackson to Victor R. and Shelia B. Means, all of Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Western Hills Addition, Section 1.

Myron Fenton to Clarence and Judy L. Collins, part of the southwest one-quarter of Section 28, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Closed for Memorial Day

TUESDAY

Steak fingers, fried squash, pickled beets and onions, fruit cocktail, oatmeal cookies

WEDNESDAY

Macaroni, cheese and ham, mustard greens, tomato wedges, diced carrots, chocolate cake w/chocolate icing

THURSDAY

Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, savory peas, lettuce & tomato salad, red applesauce

FRIDAY

Fried fish, broccoli/rice/cheese casserole, corn O'Brien, creamy coleslaw, peach cobbler

Senior Center News

The Senior Center will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Activities the rest of the week will include the daily exercise class which begins at 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, seniors will be able to vote for the Silver-Haired legislator of their choice, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

42/88 will begin at 10, Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m., the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon and the dance/game night begins at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the birthday party begins at 10 a.m., the Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 and the line dancers will visit Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, the Sunshine Choir will visit Snyder Oaks at 10.

Friday will have the blood pressure clinic and bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Social Security agents have rescheduled their regular visit for June. Instead of the second Tuesday of the month they will be here the first Tuesday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Since summer is a hectic time due to volunteers taking vacations, anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the home-delievered meals program is encouraged to do so.

To sign-up, call 573-4035 and ask for Margie.

Anyone interested in quilting is also asked to join the quilters who are already working on quilts May Day 1999.

Collector's Corner

Remember the old saying, "What goes around comes around" ? This is certainty true in the field of collectibles! Here are a few examples....

Polyester, Hawaiian shirts and Bell bottom jeans are back and are being embraced by scores of young people!

Blond furniture of the fifties and sixties, especially brand names like Heywood Wakefield is hot right now. So is enamel kitchen tables of the thirties and forties and chrome dinette sets of the Fifties . There is also a strong market for armoires. These are being converted into entertainment cabinets.

Lime green is back. You can find it in the latest clothing and household fashions. If you like the *retro* look, you'll love the colorful fruit, vegetable and flower tablecovers of the1940's and 1950's . Check out The Pink Flamingo and Nathalies for these items.

In the "strangest collections" category.. a gentleman in Minnesota collects "barf" bags from airlines. Of course they are not used, but still....! Speaking of strange collections, there are hundreds of cereal box collectors out there. In fact, they have their own newsletter called "Flake" OH WELL, TO EACH HIS OWN!

Happy hunting!
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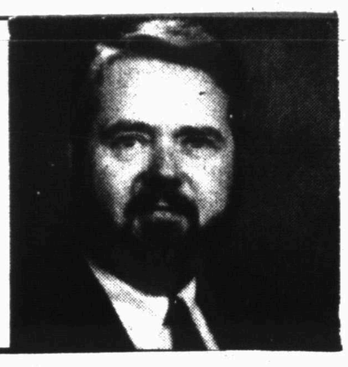
Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Are you listening? Some helpful hints

One of the most difficult skills business owners, executive and professional speakers must develop is the art of listening. Most of these folks are more comfortable talking than listening.

However, if you study those who achieve even a modest level of success in life, you'll often find that over the years they have honed their listening skills. Listening is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself.

Good listening is a skill anyone can acquire with practice. Here are some tips to get you started.

The SPEAK EZ method

Spend more time listening. If you know how to listen you can profit from someone who speaks poorly. Practice your listening skills. When you attend a meeting, spend more time listening than talking. Promise yourself you'll keep quiet at all cost. You'll learn more when you listen more. If you aren't spending more than half of your communication time listening, you aren't learning all you could.

Pay attention to the speaker. Maintain eye contact. Put aside other thoughts and give the speaker your undivided attention. If you drift off for a moment, ask the speaker to repeat his or her last few words. Become an active listener and it will help you focus on the speaker.

Encourage the speaker. You should give the speaker subtle signs of encouragement from time to time. You can nod, raise your eyebrows and change your facial expressions. Verbally, you can encourage with "mmhmms," "ahs" and other affirmative little grunts. Brief injections such as "interesting," "I didn't know that" and "Is that right?" will also embolden the speaker to continue.

Ask good questions. Questions can be both a way to get more information and a method of encouraging and guiding the speaker. Don't be afraid to ask if the speaker can expand on a thought or comment. Questions can help you focus the speaker's comments and clairfy concepts you don't fully understand.

Kick the habit of interrupting. A wise communicator once said that people are either talking or getting ready to talk. However, good listeners listen. They resist the tendency to interrupt. They wait until the speaker completes his or her thought before responding. The Bible advises us to be swift to hear and slow to speak. It is great advice when you are trying to kick the habit of interrupting.

Empathize with the speaker. Try to understand not only what the speaker is saying, but why. There is an adage that states you cannot fully understand where someone is coming from until you've walked a few miles in his or her shoes. Feelings and body language may be as important as words. Keep your eyes and ears open. Be a detective and try to discover those underlying emotions and motives.

Zero in on the key concepts. Several weeks ago, I visited with some marketing executives who are with a Fortune 100 company. Three weeks after that meeting I had a phone conversation with the highest ranking person in attendance. He quoted some of the key concepts I mentioned in the meeting. He did not take notes during the meeting, nor was the meeting recorded. He simply focused on the most important points of my discussion, and committed them to memory. I found his recall impressive.

When you really listen to someone you pay them a high compliment. As you improve your listening skills two things will happen. First, you'll have more friends, and second, you'll learn new and worthwhile things.

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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TAAS scores improve for fourth year

AUSTIN (AP) — A focus on ensuring students can read in the early grades is paying off, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said in announcing the fourth straight year of gains on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

This spring's preliminary results on the TAAS, which is given in grades three through eight and 10, show an overall passing rate of 77 percent for students enrolled in regular education programs. That's up from 55 percent four years ago.

The figure doesn't include students in year-round schools who take the TAAS in June, special-education students and those who took the Spanish-language TAAS.

Eighty-six percent of third-graders passed the reading portion of the test, as did 89 percent of fourth graders, Moses noted Thursday.

"I think the intensified focus on reading is obviously making a difference in the early grades," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush, who has pushed the need to ensure students can read on grade level early in their school careers, said, "I will continue to insist on high standards and high expectations for every child, because I know every child can learn to read."

Officials congratulated students, parents and teachers for the improvement.

"What we need to talk about today is ... the great job that the schoolchildren of Texas, the teachers of Texas and the parents of the schoolchildren of Texas have done," said Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

At the same time, Bivins is considering a proposal he said would make the exit-level TAAS that's required for students to receive a diploma "a test that measures high school accomplishment as opposed to minimum 10th-grade skills."

"It would cover more than the current test does. It would be a more meaningful test in terms of ensuring prospective employers of the value of a high school degree in Texas," Bivins said.

The passing rate on the exit-level reading, writing and math TAAS, which is first given in the 10th grade, has improved from 52 percent to 72 percent passing over the four-year period. Students have eight chances to take it before they are due to graduate.

Under Bivins' idea, the test would be given beginning in the 11th grade rather than 10th grade.

If he pushes the idea in the 1999 Legislature, Bivins said he likely would recommend ending the state's end-of-course tests in high school. He also said students completing the more rigorous TAAS would be exempt from the college test necessary to take upper-level courses.

Moses said, "It's probably time to take a look and see whether or not that's a bar that we want to raise."

An 11th-grade test could include English language arts, math, social studies and science, Moses said. If the change were made, he would want to look at how to ensure students have multiple chances to take the test and what remedial help is available to those who fail.

The exit-level TAAS continues to draw concern from Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which has filed a federal lawsuit challenging the exit-level TAAS on behalf of minority students who failed.

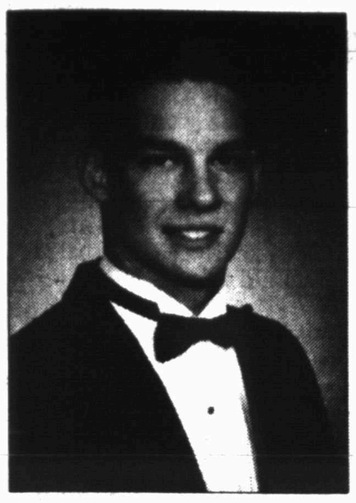
"We do believe in high standards. We should demand good work from our students," Kauffman said. But he added, "The way the TAAS is used in inappropriate. You shouldn't use any test as basically a sole criteria .. for graduating from high school."

Moses said strong gains have been made in closing the gap between minority and white students. He said the trend particularly shows in eighth-grade math scores.

In 1994 in the eighth grade, the math section of the TAAS was passed by 33 percent of black students, 41 percent of Hispanics and 73 percent of white students. This year, 71 percent of black eighth-graders passed the math section, as did 75 percent of Hispanics and 92 percent of whites.

"We are not here today to declare victory. ... We are very encouraged to see improvement, but there is still much work to do," Moses said.

There were 38,837 more students tested this year than in 1997, for a total of 1,849,214. That doesn't include year-round students.



Chad Avery Key

Chad Key graduates from Tech with honors

Chad Avery Key, son of Gary and Elaine Key, graduated from Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources on May 9, earning a bachelor of science in agronomy summa cum laude.

Upon entering Tech in the fall of 1994, Key was awarded three four-year scholarships including the University Presidential Scholarship, the Agriculture Dean's Gold Scholarship and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.

He was named the highest ranking junior in 1996 and the highest ranking senior in 1997 in the plant and soil science department and was included on the President's List seven semesters and the Dean's List one semester.

Key is a member of the Mortar Board and served as vice-president of this honor society. He is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Cardinal Key Honor Society, the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Society and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Key served as an AgriTechsan (recruiter/ambassador for the College of Agriculture) and a Chancellor's Ambassador (promoter of Tech by hosting functions for the chancellor).

He was also a member of the Student Arena Advisory Board, the Student Agriculture Council, the College of Agriculture Student-Faculty Scholarship Awards Committee, the Agronomy Club and the Junior Greek Council.

Key also participated in intramural football, basketball and softball.

As a member of the Beta Theta Pi Greek Fraternity, Key served as secretary, rush chairman and was on the executive committee for three years.

Key will enter Southern Methodist University School of Law in the fall.

In March of 1998, Key received the Hatton Sumners Scholarship from SMU, a three-year scholarship including tuition and books.

Key is the grandson of Weldon and Mary Ann Key and the great-grandson of Opal Key, all of Snyder.

Bill Dryden will host open house and ribbon cutting

Bill Dryden, owner-broker of Stevenson Real Estate will host an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday. The open house is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The business is located at 2405 25th Street.

Dryden owned and operated Dryden's Shoe Store on the east side of the square for 33 years. After retiring, Dryden joined Stevenson Real Estate in January of 1993.

He served his required two-year apprenticeship in sales and completed his educational requirements at Western Texas College.

Dryden purchased Stevenson Real Estate from Malven Stevenson in July, 1997. The business has retained the same name, but has since moved to the 2405 25th Street address.

Swimming classes will be offered at Towle Park pool

Swimming classes will be offered again this year at Towle Park Pool.

Registration will be held next Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Learn to Swim

Beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate swim classes will cost $25 per person for eight classes of 55 minutes each. Classes will meet Tuesday through Friday for two weeks. Classes which have to be canceled because of bad weather will be made up on Saturdays and Mondays.

All classes will be taught by Mike Harrison, an American Red Cross instructor for 23 years.

Beginner: Must be six years old and at least 42 inches in height. Classes: June 9 to June 19 10:30-11:25; June 23 to July 3, 10:30-11:25; July 7 to July 17, 9:30-10:25; June 17 to July 10, 5-5:55 W&F.

Advanced Beginner: Must have passed beginner swimming which consists of swimming on front, treading water and floating on back. Classes: June 9 to June 19, 9:30-10:25; June 23 to July 3, 9:30-10:25; July 7 to July 17, 10:30-11:25; July 21 to July 31, 10:30-11:25.

Intermediate: Must have passed advanced beginner which consists of crawl and elementary back strokes. Will learn breast stroke and side stroke. Classes: July 21 to July 31, 9:30-10:25.

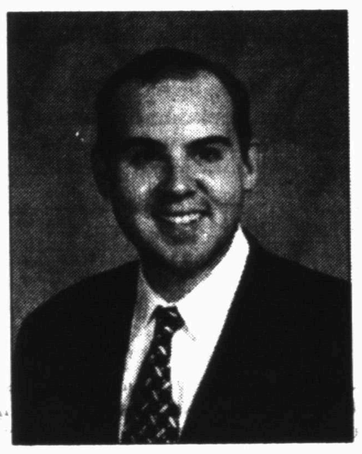
Adult Beginner: Any adult who wants to learn basic swimming skills. Tuesday and Thursday nights only, June 23 to July 16, 6:35-7:30.

General Swim Classes

Snyder Tigersharks: Swim team for anyone 6-18 who can swim one length of the pool on their front and one length on their back. $25 USS yearly registration required. $30 a month fee. Attend workouts when possible. June 2 through July 31, 12:1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Infant/Toddlers: Infants and toddlers 6 months to 6 years. Adult must accompany each child in the water. Classes meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 30 minutes. Cost is $10. Classes: June 9 to June 18, 11:30-12:00; July 7 to July 16, 11:30-12.

Aqua Aerobics: Exercise program designed to improve flexibility and increase aerobic capacity. Non-swimmers can participate. Cost is $40. Classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., June 2 to July 30.



Jon Louis Derouen Jr.

Derouen graduates

Jon Louis Derouen Jr. graduated from the Oklahoma City University School of Law on May 9. The Juris Doctor degree was conferred during the hooding ceremony held at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City.

Jon is a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas A&M University.

He is the son of Carolyn and Jon Derouen Sr. of Snyder. His grandparents are Evelyn and Martin Murphy of Dunn and Lois Derouen of Galena Park.

Jon and his wife, Shaun, reside in Oklahoma City.

Q&A

What is GHB?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News in cooperation with the AL-ANON support groups and the Snyder Area on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this weekly column to your questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community. This week continues the series on "Club Drugs."

GHB (Gamma Hydroxybutyrate Acid) is an illegal drug that has become alarmingly common in the West Central Texas area. Street name for the drug includes: "Liquid Ecstasy," "Somatomax," "Scoop," or "Grevious Bodily Harm."

GHB causes severe confusion and coma. It often causes breathing to stop. When mixed with alcohol or other drugs, it is especially dangerous. It is purchased most frequently at night clubs where it is often added to alcohol drinks, a particularly hazardous practice. It was once thought that it might be of benefit to body builders, due to stimulating growth hormones, but it turned out that this is not true. It has an insignificant effect on muscle building.

GHB is distributed in powder or in solution (rarely in pill form). It is not easy to detect when mixed in drinks, and it has been used by unscrupulous persons to "dose" other unsuspecting individuals.

GHB works in the central nervous system to cause mental depression and often stops breathing, especially when mixed with alcohol. This often requires that the person have a tube inserted into his/her lungs and be connected to a ventilating machine. It may cause vomiting into the lungs, a serious problem.

Several of the victims said, after recovering, that they did not know what happened, which is often the case because it is almost tasteless in mixed drinks. It is also risky because the user may be raped, murdered or robbed under the influence of the drug. There are reports from paramedic personnel that some employees of night clubs have been given the drug in their drinks.

As with other illicit drugs, the user doesn't really know what they are getting because it is made in illegal laboratories. It may be of bad quality or even a completely different drug from what is expected.

Dr. David Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health said, "we've got to get word out to users and woulds-be users. GHB is dangerous and deadly."

Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling 915-573-1141 or 1-800-659-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar. Send your questions to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously.

Rural carrier exams open to the public

The rural carrier associate examination will be open to the public beginning Tuesday and will remain open through June 5 in the Abilene area eligibility register.

Offices in the Abilene area include Snyder, Abilene, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh and Knox City.

Others are Lawn, Loraine, Lueders, McCaulley, Merkel, O'Brien, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Rule, Stamford, Sweetwater, Tuscola and Winters.

Individuals interested in applying to take the exam may complete one application/admission card at any one of the post offices listed above.

No applications will be accepted before Tuesday or after June 5.

Arel "Red" Faver

What's So Great About Cogdell Hospital?

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Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Showing our true colors

Anthony G. Jordan

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and of thanksgiving.

"Remembrance" because we pay our respects to the one million American men and women who laid down their lives in time of war.

"Thanksgiving" because we thank our Creator that such people once lived, and that their legacy is the unparalleled freedom we enjoy in this great country and much of the world.

Too often on Memorial Day we think only of our military patriots as having sacrificed for our freedom, but there are millions of other unsung Americans who supported their efforts.

And today, there are those who never wore the uniform of our country, but they, too, continue the fight to preserve the values we all cherish. Some of them will probably lead the effort to decorate graves and handle the myriad details of memorial services. Let's remember to say "thanks" to them, too.

Throughout the history of civilization, men and women of good wills have honored their war dead. They have paid homage to those who went into harms way when their country called. If we expect future generations to answer the call of duty, this is a tradition that we must preserve. And it is fitting that we do so.

All of us, veterans or not, have a duty to do what we can do to pass on to the next generation the blessings of liberty and an appreciation for the values of patriotism, honesty, clarity, civility and diligence that provides the firm foundation for our freedoms.

On Mermorial Day, we will celebrate the lives of our great patriots in many ways — family gatherings, memorial service, private moments at a graveside where a single rose or tiny American Flag has been offered in remembrance.

But as we remember those who paid the price to make our country — and, indeed, much of the world — the place it is today, let us also remember that theirs is only one symbol that embodies all that they believed as Americans — and that is our flag.

I don't have to tell you what our flag means, not only to us, but to freedom-loving people everywhere.

Lets fly our flags to remind the world that it was not the media that gave us freedom of the press. It was our patriots.

It was not the ACLU that gave us freedom of speech. It was the blood of men and women of all races, creeds and religions, who honored our flag as a banner of opportunity and freedom, and saw it as an ally against the forces of oppression.

And it was not the demonstrators burning our flag that gave us peace. It was the men and women who served and sacrificed under that flag.

It is their memory that we honor on this day. Let us do so through prayer, reflection, thanksgiving — and by "Showing Your Colors, America!"

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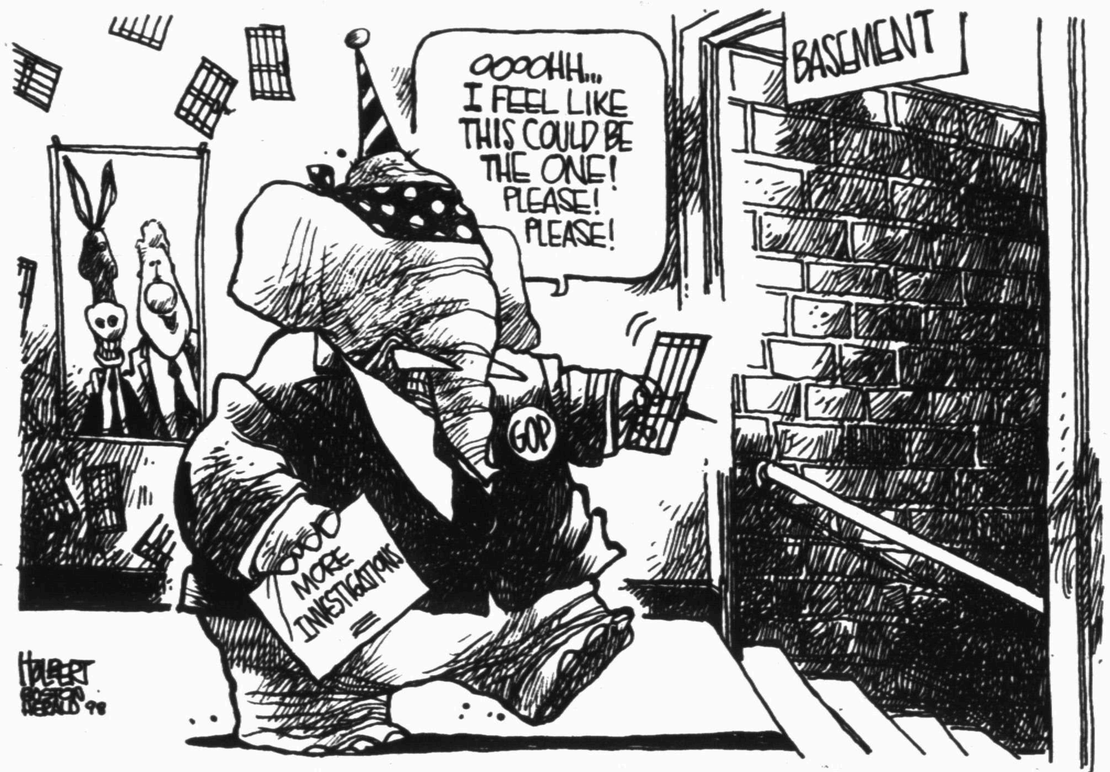

PIN THE JAIL ON THE DONKEYS

Twenty-one years later, rolling on

Bill McClellan

When I rolled into Snyder back in 1977, the sky was dark, full of red dirt.

It was the worst sandstorm I had ever seen, and considering I was coming back "home" to West Texas, that's saying something.

I wondered if it was an omen.

I took the job as sports editor anyway.

It was the latest "heyday" of sports in Snyder, if you will. I was able to follow the baseball, basketball and volleyball teams to Austin. There had been other great sports years in Snyder; there will be more.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s though, Snyder athletic programs were consistently in the playoffs. That was back in the time when districts had single representation, not double or triple.

I had the privilege of writing about Albert Lewis' baseball teams, unrivaled for years in district play. I followed Western Texas College to six national tournaments, including the one in 1980 when Coach Nolan Richardson, Paul Pressey and the rest of the guys topped off an undefeated season with a championship.

I recall track and field teams that could out-run, out-hurdle, out-leap and out-jump squads for miles around. Remember Brad Richardson in the high jump, Dale Jenkins in the pole vault, Thomas Selmon in the long jump?

I can think back to a bitterly cold day in Brownfield, standing in a freak snow storm, snapping a picture of Brenda Anderson winning the district long jump en route to state.

There were so many fine young athletes that I have had the pleasure to watch and write about. I can't even begin to name them all, and won't try.

The job wasn't without its hazards. Twice, I got run over on the sidelines at the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater. I've been hit by baseballs, basketballs, volleyballs, footballs and tennis balls.

I've been knocked down by a bull and a saddle bronc, fortunately, with no more hurt than my pride.

I have stood on the sidelines in rain and sleet but I'ver never been colder than I was one year during the finals of the Snyder Baseball Tournament.

I've had calls late at night from angry mommas who wanted to inform me that was not a single their Little Leaguer hit but a home run, idiot.

After twelve years of covering sports, I became the managing editor. That was a whole new experience.

Schools, hospitals, courtrooms and city hall replaced golf courses, rodeo arenas, tennis courts and dugouts.

Ballfields became board rooms. It wasn't balls and strikes anymore; it was yea votes and nay votes.

Gone was the controversy over an umpire's call or a line fault. Instead, the issues were school reorganization, hospital leases, landfill expansions and escalating taxes.

Late night calls weren't from Little League mothers but from irate public officials who took offense about something in a story.

On the lighter side, there was Uncle Elber. You all know Elber.

Through the years, I've seen the oil industry swagger, and I've seen it stagger. I can say the same about Snyder itself.

Neither fell, of course. Folks here have too much pride for that.

Now as Snyder begins the move from the 1990s to the 2000s, the future really does seem robust. Businesses are opening and expanding. Industry will soon provide more jobs, which in turn will boost the economy and increase construction.

I sincerely believe that Snyder has a bright future. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

But sometimes, it is time to make a change. It's time to try something different.

A few weeks ago, I left Snyder and drove south toward Big Spring. This time the air was dark again. It wasn't blowing dust I saw, but smoke from a huge grass fire that covered the horizon.

And I wondered again, it this some kind of omen?

I took the job as news editor, anyway.

Thanks, Snyder, for all the memories and for all you have done for myself and my family.

May God bless you all.

Editorial Comment

Schools and drugs

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Last month, when a classmate suffered a severe asthma attack on a school bus in Mount Airy, Md., Christine Rhodes, 12, shared her prescription inhaler with the stricken girl — possibly saving her life.

In a rational world, Christine would be hailed a hero. But "rational" is not a word that fits the world of education these days. Christine was branded a "drug trafficker" by school officials — a black mark that will remain on her record for three years. Makes you wonder what they were inhaling.

It's happening all over and it's happened in Ohio. Two years ago near Dayton, Ohio, two middle-school girls were suspended for sharing a packet of Midol.

Education's highest mission is not to cram students' heads with facts, formulas and rules, but to teach them how to think critically and act rationally. Instead, school officials show that they've failed to master those abilities.

What we need is zero tolerance for such mindless, rigid thinking.

More aggressive FAA

The Seattle Times

Critics have long worried that the Federal Aviation Administration was torn by its dual obligations to promote safety and the airline industry. The agency recently showed unusual aggressiveness, however, in its swift handling of fuel-tank concerns for older Boeing 737s.

In the most widespread grounding in 19 years, the agency ordered immediate inspections of 179 airplanes after chafing was found on 115-volt wires inside conduit that ran through fuel tanks. Experts worried that exposed wires could create sparks, and possibly a fire or explosion. Though immediate inspections of 737s threatened to disrupt air traffic nationwide, the FAA was obviously correct in its aggressive approach. By quickly shipping repair kits, Boeing helped minimize delays to the flying public. ...

Last year, the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security called on the FAA to adopt more aggressive inspections with older planes, especially non-structural parts, such as fuel pumps and wiring. The FAA is moving to implement new procedures. Congress should make sure the agency is adequately staffed to handle increased chores.

As this episode demonstrated, dangers lurk in hidden areas. Greater scrutiny is justified. This latest episode may be a welcome sign of a more aggressive FAA.

The last straw

The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City

Is there no outrage that will finally end the long ethical nightmares of the Clinton presidency?

Last weekend's revelations that Democratic fund-raiser Johnny Chung had methodically funneled contributions from an officer of the People's Liberation Army (the Red Chinese military) into President Clinton's 1996 re-election efforts should be considered the last straw.

Unlike nearly every other illegality and immoral act of the last six years, the president's defenders this time seem restrained and, shall we say, concerned.

The stalling actions and the apologia will no doubt continue in at least some quarters, but it's long past time for a credible mainstream Democrat in Congress to ask the obvious question and demand the public know the answer: What did the president know, and when did he know it?

Colossal waste of money

Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette

President Clinton promised to end Ronald Reagan's loony "Star Wars" project when he ran for election in 1992. Instead, he renamed it and streamlined the operation.

So, instead of a gargantuan waste of money, the missile defense system being developed under Clinton is merely a colossal waste of money.

But in some ways, it's worse under Clinton.

At least when Reagan proposed his "umbrella," there was a real threat of a massive missile attack.

Now the likelihood of such a strike is virtually nil, and even the threat of a rogue nation acquiring a nuclear-tipped ICBM and launching it against the United States is incredibly remote.

It would be much cheaper and more effective for an enemy to smuggle in a nuclear device in a truck or boat, than to launch an ICBM.

But, money is still being poured down the Star Wars drain. Earlier this month, Boeing Co. was awarded a $1.6 billion research and development contract to coordinate a limited missile defense system. ...

Remembering those days spent in the classroom

Deanie Francis Mills

Recently, we had to trek down to Bryan-College Station and move our son back home lock, stock, barrel and bean bag chair.

It seems that when a student is accepted into Texas A&M University and enters the Corps of Cadets, he can no longer live in an apartment. He has to move into the Corps dorm in the fall with the other cadets.

Since Dustin's lease was up in May and he needed to work this summer, that meant finding some place to put all his stuff in the meantime.

Fortunately for us, we found a young bachelor who just moved into a house and needed some furniture, and he bought everything we were willing to sell, which was a big help. But we decided to keep all the kitchen and bath things and whatnot, so that when our daughter gets her first apartment in a couple of years, we'll be ready to go.

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

But man, YOU try finding room for all this stuff. We started turning out closets we haven't peered into in twenty years. And that's when I found all my teaching boxes.

It brought it all back.

The last time I taught school, I was pregnant with our son — 20 years ago, I taught English at Snyder High. Before that, I taught at the Fluvanna school — the last year there WAS a Fluvanna school. (And before I married, I taught out in Florida.)

So I dug out lesson plans for world history, American history, Texas history, government, seventh and eighth grade English from my Fluvanna days, and junior-level composition and rhetoric from SHS, along with senior-level English literature and term-theme writing, and a class I taught at SHS called "Applied English." That class was probably the best class I ever taught in terms of usefulness — we learned all about how to fill out job applications, interview for positions, develop telephone manners, balance bank statements and checkbooks, look into warranties for appliances — and any other kind of skill you might need to survive in the real world.

Mimeograph. Everything was mimeograph, And since I didn't own a typewriter back then and had to use the ones in the typing room — a computer room now — then anything I wrote up at home was done in longhand on memeograph paper. Tests, homework assignments, lesson plans.

There were the posters I'd put up on my bulletin boards, with quotes, like the one from the play, "Man of La Mancha," (which was based on the novel, "Don Quixote"). "Too much sanity may be madness, and the maddest of all, to see life as it is and not as it should be." And John Lennon's "Life is what happens when you are planning something else."

There was the unit we studied on poetry, when I'd taken the lyrics of popular songs and transcribed them. We still had record albums back then. I'd brought a turntable to class and we'd listened to the songs and read the lyrics, from poets as diverse as Bob Dylan and John Denver. And I read Robert Browning aloud to them so they could follow the lilt of the language. Later, a young lady told me she decided to become an English teacher because of that — and she did.

Remember opaque projectors? I projected some of the student's best essays on the wall to use as examples — even the ones I vehemently disagreed with, like the essay one girl had written about how destructive she thought the women's movement was. It made me mad, but it was well written nonetheless, and she got an A.

I was a dedicated workhorse teacher and I expected no less from the kids. We worked hard, but I always gave them time in class to do their homework, and I was always fair. It surprised me, in fact, going over all those lessons again. I'd forgotten how hard the classwork was, because the way I remember it, the kids thought I was "cool" and spent a lot of time hanging out in my classroom. So being a cool teacher does not mean you do not teach.

The kids don't mind hard teachers — most, in fact, appreciate the challenge. They do mind petty, mean-spirited, close-minded teachers. But even the poor students will put forth some effort for a hard teacher, as long as that teacher is fair. And they know who is fair and who is arbitrary and unfair and nasty and small.

There was discipline in my classroom but within that structure, we had a lot of fun. I loved those kids and they knew it. To

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CDC: More than a third of high school smokers already hooked

ATLANTA (AP) — Four years after taking his first puff, 18-year-old Benjamin Ledford can feel the effects of his pack-a-day habit — shortness of breath when he goes roller skating or plays basketball.

The high school senior from Chattanooga, Tenn., says he keeps lighting up because he's addicted. And he's far from alone.

One in three high school students who try smoking even once develop a daily habit before they graduate, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

Like Ledford, most high school smokers say they've tried to quit. And most fail.

"It's a very bad habit, it's so incredibly addictive," Ledford said. "The first thing you notice is you start to want one really bad when you don't have one."

The study shows that many smokers develop a pattern of nicotine addiction and have a desire to quit in their teens, said Michael Eriksen, director of the CDC's Office of Smoking and Health.

"We had thought that this process of experiment, becoming addicted and trying to quit played out over decades," Eriksen said. "What we're finding is that this process really occurs before high school graduation."

Seventy percent of 16,000 students surveyed nationwide said they had smoked at least once, the CDC said. And almost 36 percent of students who had tried cigarettes said their habit escalated to smoking at least once per day.

Nearly 73 percent of daily student smokers said they had tried to quit. But only 13.5 percent successfully stopped.

"I've never quit an entire week," said Ledford, who's tried to stop cold turkey twice. "If you don't have a cigarette, it's not like you're really hungry, but you get real tense."

The study was released as Congress debated anti-tobacco legislation that would impose a $1.10-per-pack tax and levy stiff fines against tobacco companies if teen smoking fails to drop dramatically.

"The findings underscore the need for Congress to pass comprehensive tobacco legislation this year ... that will significantly reduce teen tobacco use," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

The Tobacco Institute, the lobbying arm of the tobacco industry, had no immediate comment.

Previous studies had estimated between 33 and 50 percent of people who experiment with cigarettes become regular smokers.

RIBBON CUTTING — A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Saturday at Lil' Bit on the east side of the square. Howard Limmer, Gold Coat president, third from left, welcomed owners Pam Naegele and Shelley LaRoux as new members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Lil' Bit specializes in children's apparel, shoes and accessories. (Contributed Photo)

Sharon Stone draws spotlight in tale of handicapped genius

CANNES, France (AP) — The uplifting story of a young handicapped genius and his tough but slow-witted classmate, "The Mighty" caused a stir at Cannes, thanks to a minor role by festival favorite Sharon Stone.

Though merely a sideshow "special showing" at the festival, the movie's world premiere drew thousands of fans cheering Stone up the steps of the festival palace.

In the film, which also stars Gena Rowlands, Harry Dean Stanton and Meat Loaf, Kieran Culkin plays the young Kevin Dillon, victim of a degenerative disease called Morquio's Syndrome.

Kevin befriends his young next-door neighbor, Maxwell Kane. The hulking son of an imprisoned wife-killer hoists Kevin, who has a curved spine and is in steel leg braces, on his shoulders, and the two become "Freak The Mighty."

For someone who soared to fame with the steamy "Basic Instinct," Stone says she jumped at the chance to play the small role of Kevin's mother.

"I think you can have all the ego you want when you pick out fabulous dresses and whirl around like a big diva," Stone said. "But when you bring your ego to the set you are not an artist, you are a dilettante."

Stone said the role was a tough new challenge for the as-yet childless actress.

"The mothers I played before were always under duress or tying their children to the bed," she said. The new role "was a big, confusing, complicated awakening to a part of me that I don't think I had a clear understanding of."

Based on a 1993 novel by Rodman Philbrick, the film moves along crisply with quick and witty lines from Culkin, the brother of Macaulay. His character, Kevin, persuades the hulking Maxwell to pretend they are King Arthur's Knights of the Roundtable in a working-class neighborhood of Cincinnati.

When Maxwell wants to break things off after Kevin's sharp tongue has repeatedly gotten the duo into trouble, Kevin lays it on the line: "You need a brain and I need legs, and the Wizard of Oz doesn't live in South Cincinnati anymore."

"The Mighty" will hit U.S. screens in October and go international in December, Miramax says.

The recently married Stone, who walked up the festival palace steps with husband and San Francisco newspaper executive Phil Bronstein, was asked whether motherhood is in her future.

"I know that if it is rewarding as it has been to play a mother, that it's got to be good," said Stone, 40. "As for my personal life, gee, you know, my husband and I would like to keep that among ourselves."

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this day, I run into former students who ask if I'll ever return to the classroom. One young woman said, "I loved being in your class because you talked to us like we were people instead of kids."

Do I miss them?

Every single day of my life.

Would I ever return to the classroom?

Well, I do have this whole other career now, writing novels. While I was busy raising two kids, I had seven books published and more underway.

But you never know. Life is usually what happens when you are planning something else.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

What makes a food 'organic'?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Whenever possible, I try to buy organically grown foods for myself and my family at a local farmer's market. In the past few months there have been petitions at the market asking that we protest against the USDA's new organic food production act. This act, the petitions say, will allow the use of sewer sludge, irradiation and genetic engineering in foods labeled as organically grown. I know about irradiation and genetic engineering, but I was hoping you could explain how sewer sludge can legitimately end up in our food system under any conditions, let alone in organic foods. I sent in a letter of protest, and I am wondering how I could find out if the protests are making headway with the government. — T.F., Pasadena, Calif.

DEAR T.F.: Eight years ago, Congress passed the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, a law that mandated the establishment of standards for the growing, processing, labeling, importing and certifying of organically grown food. The law created a National Organic Standard Board (NOSB), which was to be an independent advisory board staffed by those with experience in organic agriculture. Last December, the Department of Agriculture released its set of proposed rules and requested people to send in comments. They got more than they bargained for.

On May 8, 1998, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced that approximately 200,000 mostly critical comments had been received and that the USDA would be making fundamental revisions to its rules.

The key problem with the rules was not so much what they said, but what they didn't say. There were simply too many loopholes. For example, the rules failed to specifically prohibit a number of practices long considered taboo by organic farmers. The thrust of the objections was that the organic label could be applied to foods that had been irradiated, genetically engineered, or grown with sewer sludge. But there were also objections to the potential for irresponsible use of antibiotics in organically raised livestock. Finally, there was the fact that the experts on the NOSB were given no real power to guide the process.

Concerning sewer sludge, the waste from your home sewage system typically makes its way into your local sewage treatment plant. Sludge, also referred to as biosolids, is what remains after bacteria work on (digest) the sewage. If it were only human waste, the product would be composed of nutrients; just as manure and compost are added back to the soil, it would be reasonable to return these nutrients to the land. The problem is that sewage treatment plants also receive a wildcard of household chemicals, industrial wastes, agricultural chemicals and storm runoff, which can wash gas, oil and other toxins off the streets and bring them into the system. Sludge is unacceptable because it can end up increasing the level of heavy metals and other toxic contaminants in the soil. Regardless of whether it has been used in conventional agriculture, the use of sludge had never before been allowed in organic food production.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am a vegan. Although I eat a varied diet of veggies, grains and legumes, beans are the biggest source of protein that I rely on. However, a friend told me that fiber hampers protein absorption. Is this true? — R.S., Pasadena, Calif.

DEAR R.S.: There can be a slight decrease in protein absorption on a high-fiber vegan diet, but it would only be an issue if you had a low protein intake to begin with. If your diet contains high-protein plant foods, such as soy and other legumes, along with nuts and seeds, it is doubtful that the effect would be sufficient to cause problems.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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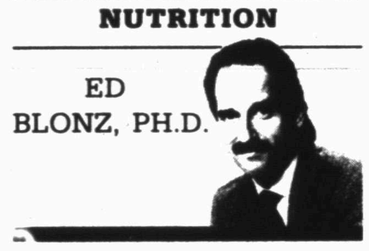

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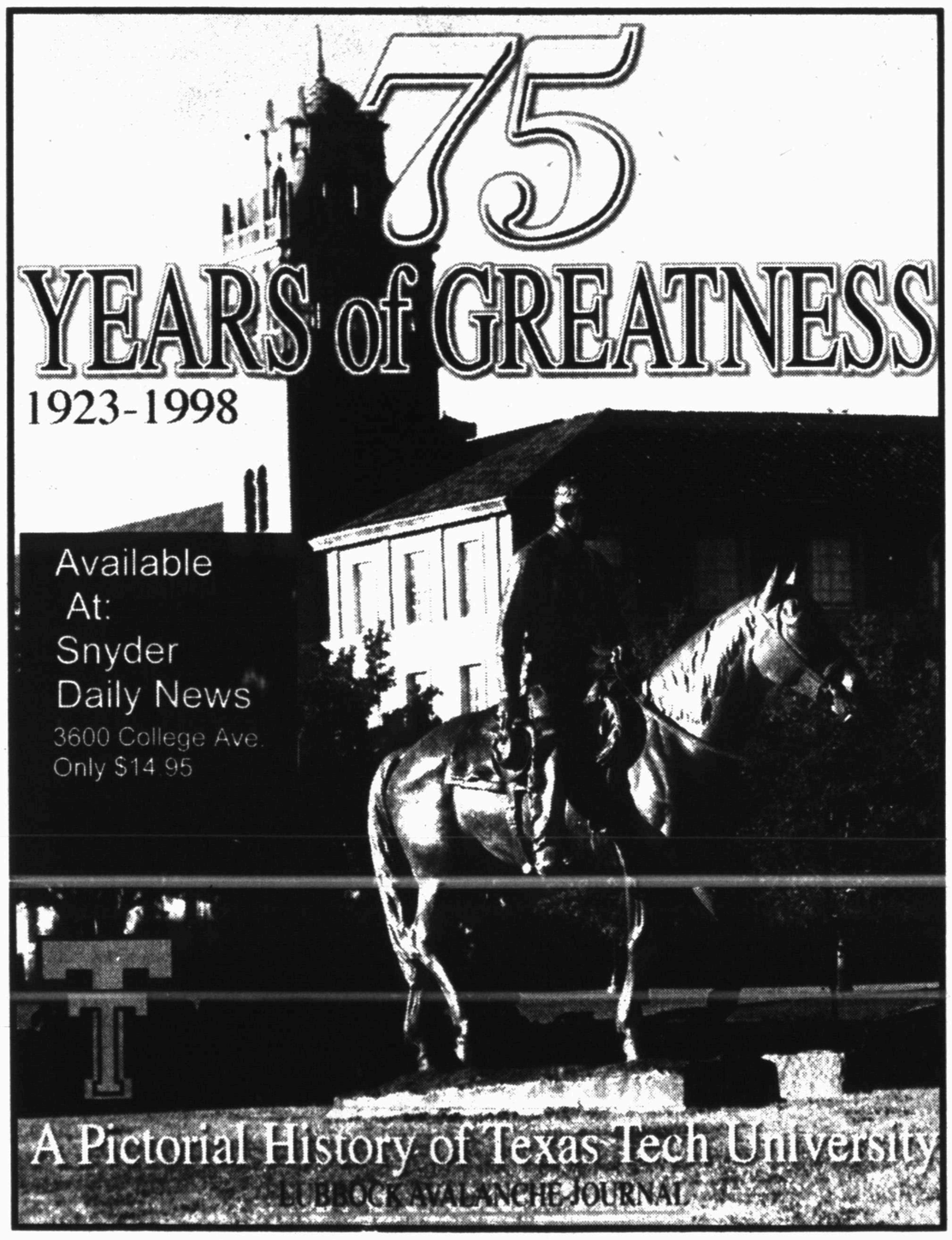

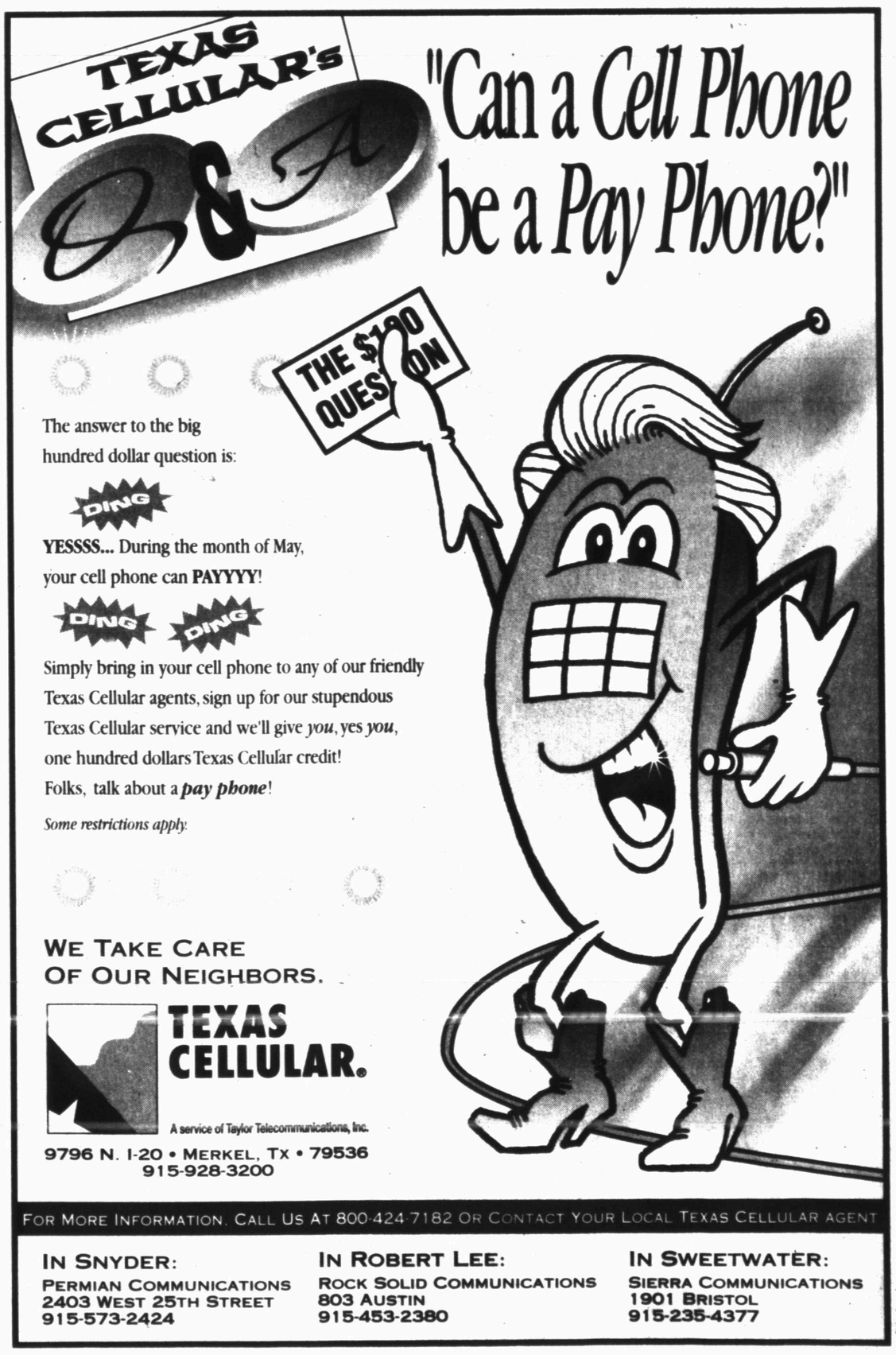

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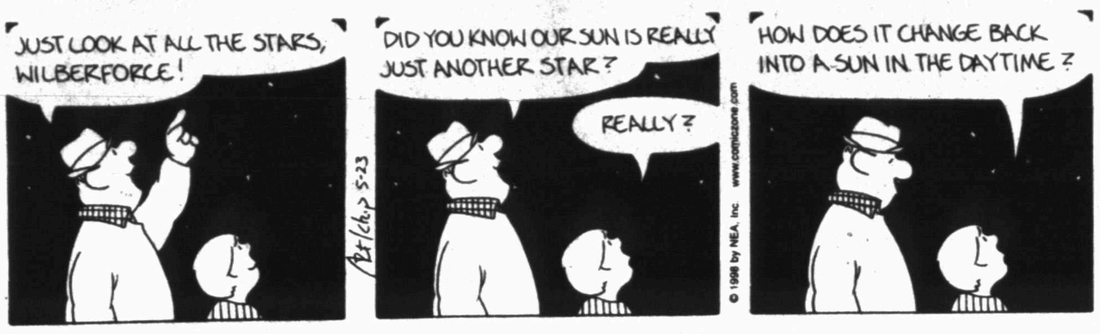

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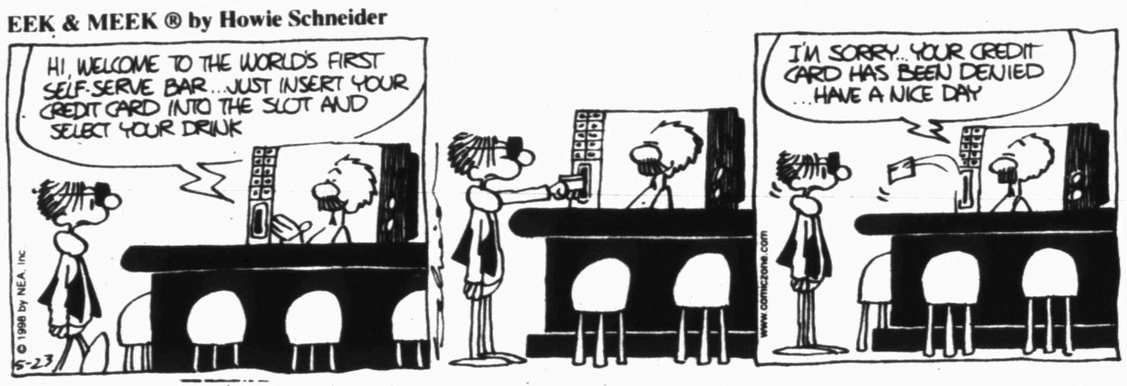

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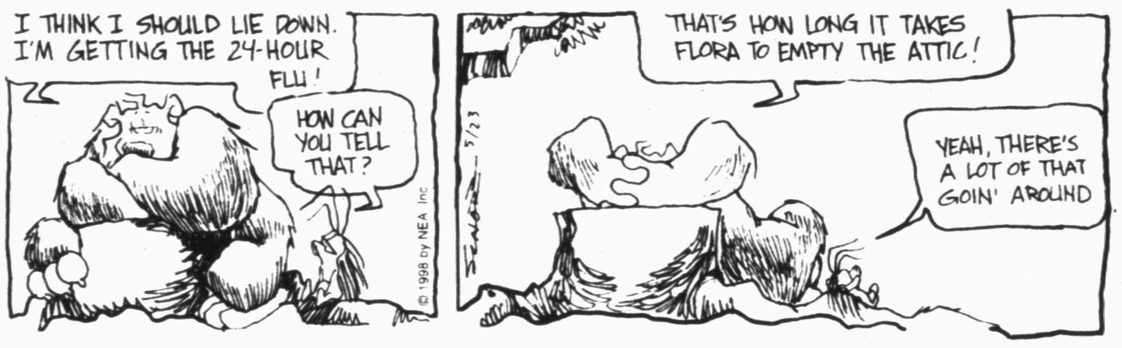

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18 Middle East org.
21 Summarize
23 In favor of
26 Poetic foot
28 Type of ranch
29 Chemical suffix
30 Happily — after
31 Tiny pastry
33 Actor Jack —
36 Inter — (among others)
37 Honest —
38 Celestial bear
40 The Return of the —
41 Negative word
42 Daffy
44 Indian dish
45 Plus
46 Dull noise
48 Roved
51 Pass by
55 Solar system model
56 Walks imperiously
57 Sideshow worker
58 Sips

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2 Fireplace shelf
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8 Greek letter
9 From — — Z
10 Greek letter
11 Actor Mineo
13 War fleet
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20 Egg dish
22 Most adorable
23 Cut (trees)
24 New York lake
25 Not wholesale
27 Bikini top
32 — Mahal
34 Cloister
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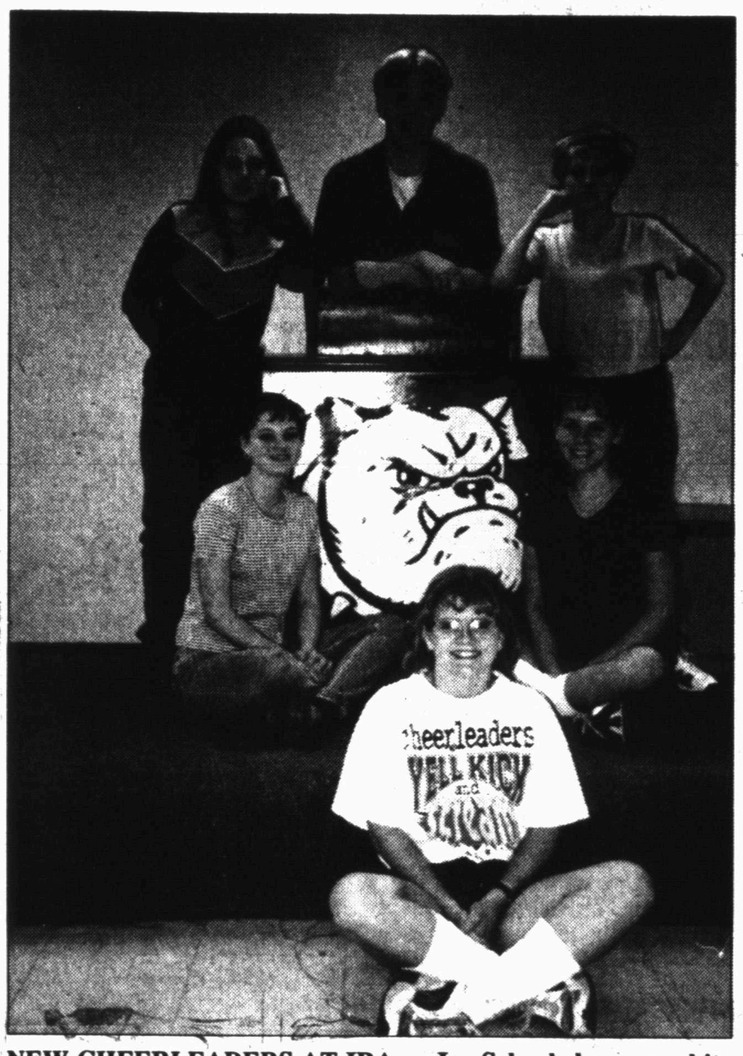


NEW CHEERLEADERS AT IRA — Ira Schools has named its cheerleaders for 1998-1999. Junior high cheerleaders (top photo) include from left, standing, April Lollar, Rusty Josey, Candace Sanchez (mascot); sitting, Kali Clements (head), Amanda Calley, Franki Bresino, lying down. High school cheerleaders (bottom photo) include from left, back row, Emily Hardy, Tye Shirley (mascot) Brook Wilkes (head); seated in middle, Tara Allen and Morgan Clements; and Tosha Walker, seated in front. (Contributed Photos)

N.J. Supreme Court backs governor's plan for schools

RENTON, N.J. (AP) — Ending a 28-year battle, the New Jersey Supreme Court has backed Gov. Christine Whitman's plan to improve failing urban schools without spending millions of extra dollars.

A court-appointed judge had called for $312 million in spending on programs ranging from full-day preschool and after-school arrangements to health and social services. The state balked.

And on Thursday, the court largely rejected the recommendations made by the judge, who was trying to determine what low-income children need to overcome disadvantages. The only supplemental program ordered by the court was half-day school for 3-year-olds.

Instead, the court put the burden on schools to prove they need programs, though it did order the state to continue providing parity funding so poor districts spend the same as the state's richest ones.

The ruling sidesteps a threatened constitutional showdown in which legislators and Whitman said the court would overstep its boundaries if it ordered specific programs and classroom sizes.

"With this decision we are entering a new era of education that will benefit every child in the state," Whitman said. "The important thing here is education, not just dollars."

Though this case was filed in 1981, court battles over how much should be spent on poor schools have been waged for 28 years in New Jersey.

Business said as usual at medical marijuana clubs

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — If anything, the medical marijuana debate in California has heated up.

Marijuana clubs throughout Northern California — in Oakland, San Francisco, Ukiah, Fairfax — and in West Hollywood defied U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer's order to close Thursday.

Marijuana burned freely at the Cannabis Buyers Cooperative in Oakland.

"We are not closing down," Jeff Jones, the emporium's executive director. "We feel what we are doing is legal and a medical necessity and we're going to take it to a jury to prove that."

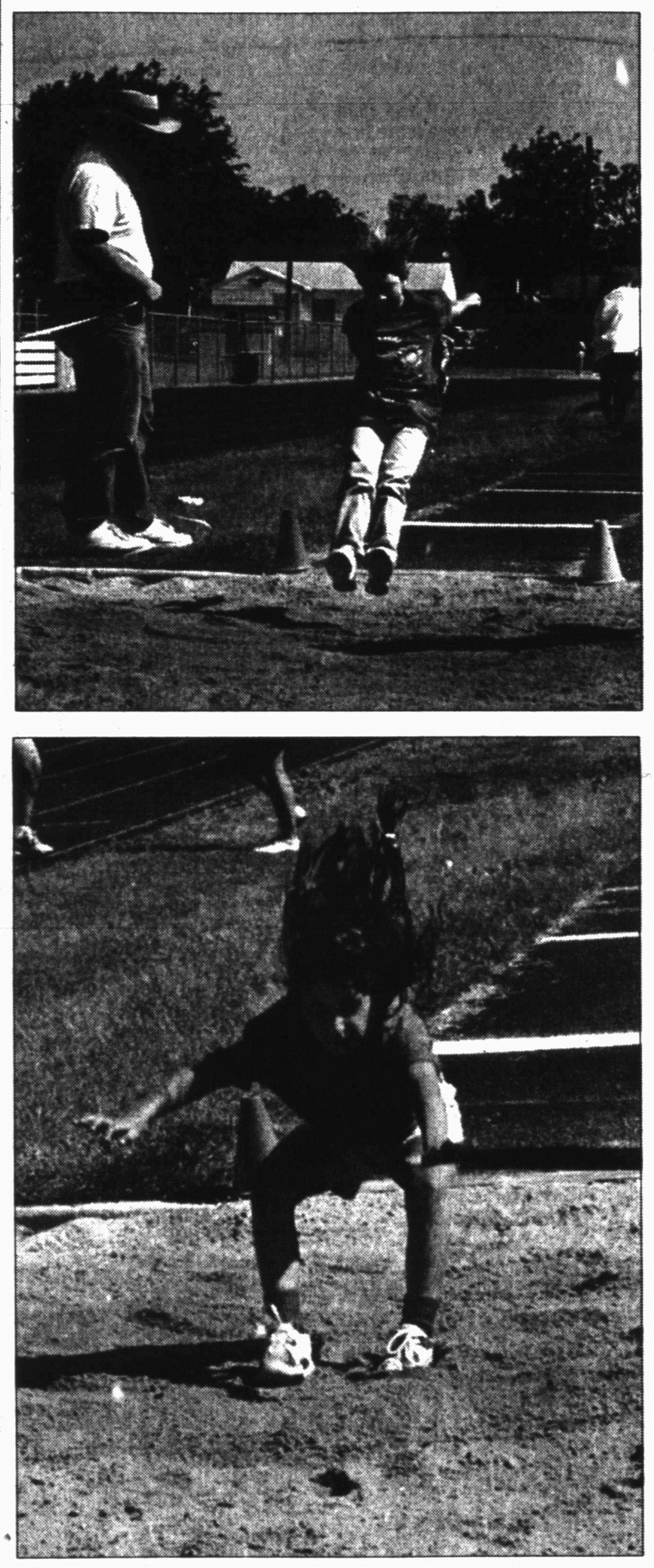
Hazel Rodgers, the 79-year-old director of the Cannabis Healing Center in San Francisco, said she had on comfortable shoes and was packed and ready to go in case she was hauled off to jail.

"Our members are so supportive," she said. "They say that if I'm sent to jail, they'll go, too."

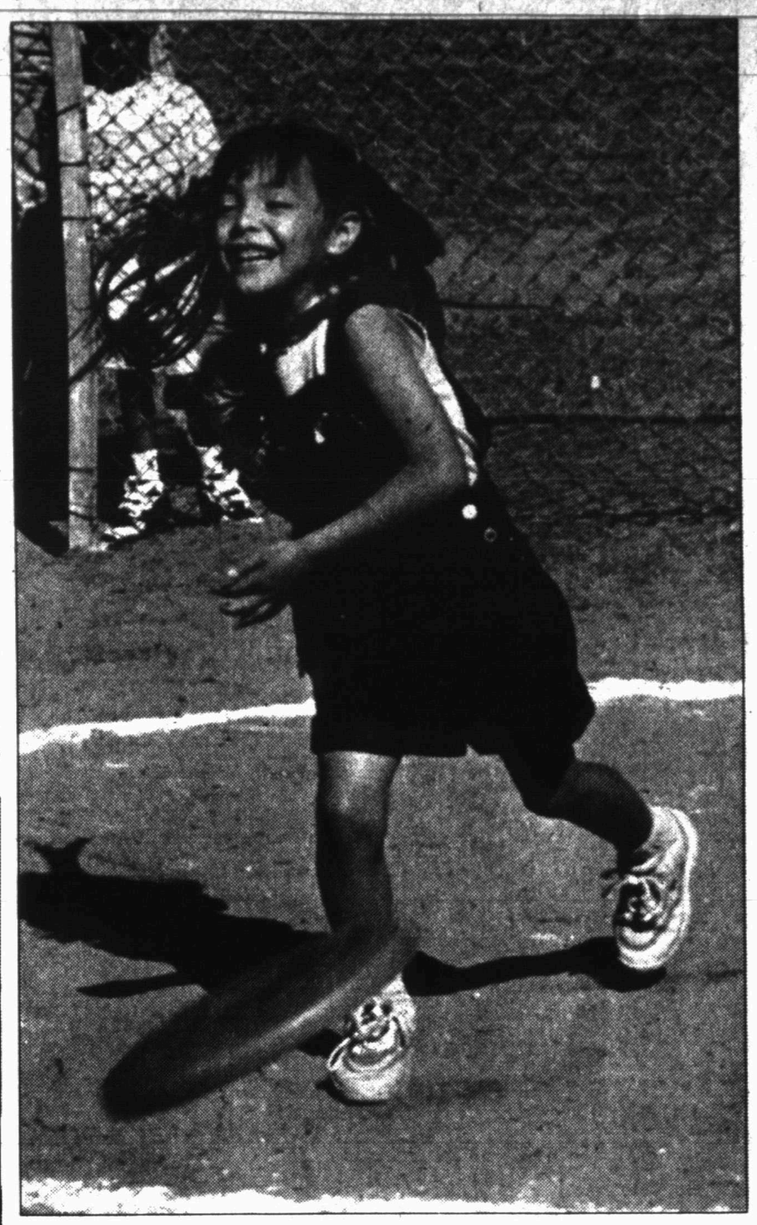
In a preliminary ruling May 13, Breyer said Proposition 215, the November 1996 initiative that legalized medical marijuana, did not and could not override the federal ban on the drug.

He reiterated the argument in releasing the official ruling this week, saying even a "laudable" reason to distribute marijuana conflicts with federal law.

He rejected arguments that the clubs should be entitled to furnish the drug because customers find it hard to survive without marijuana to ease the pain and side effects of cancer and AIDS therapy.



LONGJUMP — Stanfield students entered longjump competition during last Friday's play day. Students shown are Alexis Castillo (top photo) and Samantha Garcia (bottom photo). (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)



FRISBEE THROW — Loretta Jaramillo, a kindergarten student at East, tossed the frisbee during last Friday's play day. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Man who abandoned family still faces charges in Texas

GALVESTON (AP) — An Ohio man sentenced to four years in prison for abandoning his family and starting a new life in this coastal city could face additional jail time for Texas probation violations.

Galveston County District Attorney Michael Guarino said he would seek to have Patrick Welsh extradited to Texas to answer charges that he violated his probation on a 1996 forgery conviction.

"We'll start the process immediately," Guarino said, adding that Welsh could face another four years in prison for the probation violations.

Welsh, 50, was sentenced in Newark, Ohio, Thursday for deserting his wife and two sons 15 years ago. In addition to the prison time, he was ordered to pay back $92,661 for Social Security and insurance benefits his sons received.

Welsh deserted home on Jan. 21, 1983, and sent his wife a letter a few days later promising to kill himself.

Instead, he hopped a bus to Galveston and began a new life as Tim Kingsbury. He soon became a respected member of the close-knit community, serving on the boards of the island's most prestigious organizations.

For those who knew the criminal Welsh as civic leader Kingsbury, reaction to his sentence Thursday was mixed.

Happy Spillar, executive director of a women's crisis center for which Kingsbury sat on the board, said the sentence seemed a bit stiff.

"That takes an otherwise productive person out of productivity," she said. "There probably are some other ways to punish him, although I do think he needs to pay back the money."

Asked whether she believed Galveston would ever welcome Welsh back, Ms. Spillar said, "It's a little bit hard to say. I'd be a little cautious."

Others weren't as charitable.

"He's not too welcome back down here," said one city employee, who asked not to be named.

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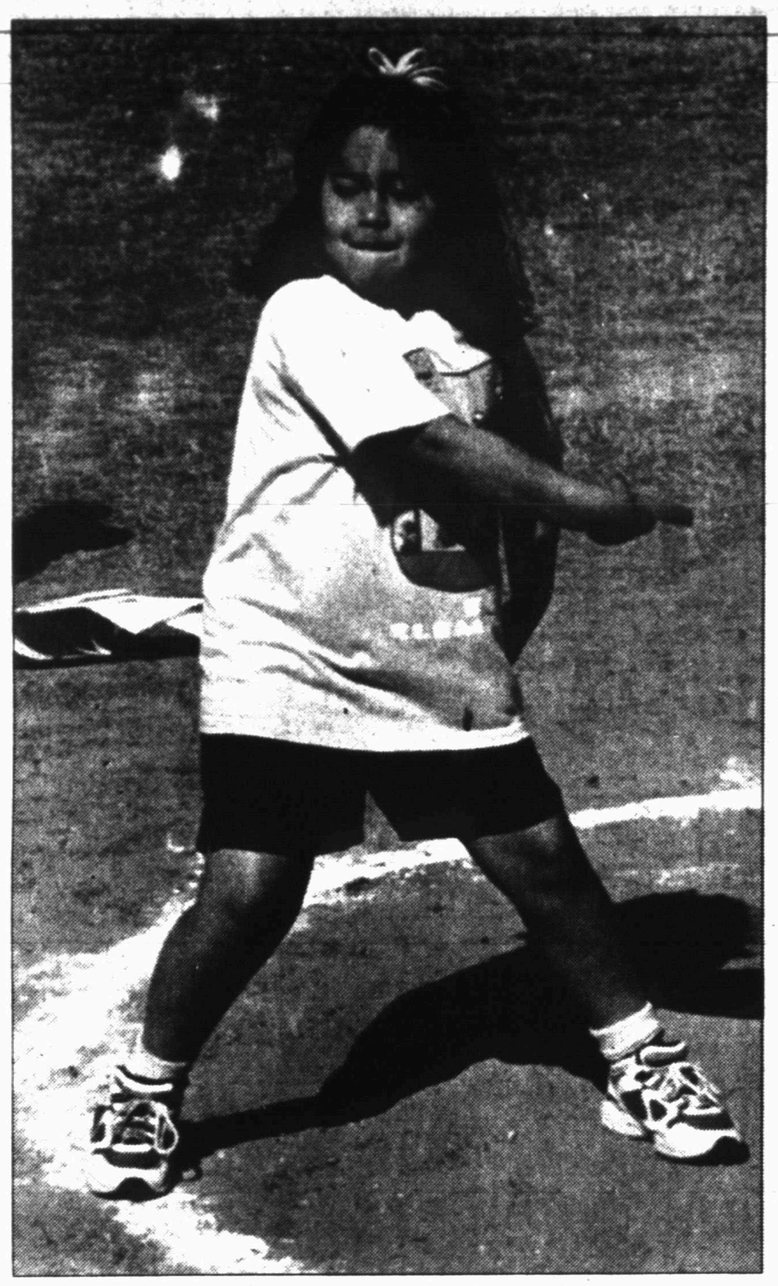

GETTING READY — Alexzandra Yruegas at East is getting ready to toss the frisbee during play day. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

COMING HOME — Kira Bilano crosses the finish lines during relay races at East. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Space station delay sought

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — In what's become almost a rite of spring, NASA recommended on Friday that the start of space station construction be delayed again — this time, until the end of the year — because of Russia's money crunch.

The first part of the international space station is supposed to be launched in November, a full year behind schedule.

NASA spokeswoman Debra Rahn said representatives of all participating space agencies will review NASA's recommendation at the end of this month.

"We're anticipating that the partners will approve those launch dates," she said.

The Russian Space Agency was supposed to send up the first component of the station, a chamber for providing power and control, last November. Last May, NASA postponed the launch to June 1998. The reason: The Russians could not complete another component — the all-important service module — on time because of inadequate government funding.

Earlier this month, NASA said that June was out and that the first assembly mission would be no earlier than August. But officials finally settled on November.

The Russians had pushed for a November launch to limit the amount of time the first piece would be in orbit and thereby limit the amount of fuel it would use before their next piece arrived.

If the plan is approved, a Russian rocket will carry up the motion-control chamber on Nov. 20. Space shuttle Endeavour would follow on Dec. 3 with the next component, a connecting passageway.

The third piece — Russia's belated service module — is supposed to be finished in time for a spring 1999 launch.

Astronauts and cosmonauts cannot live on the space station until the service module and its life-support systems are in place. NASA hopes to have the first permanent crew on board by next summer.

NASA expects it will take at least five years to assemble the international space station in orbit. Sixteen countries are involved in the project, expected to cost tens of billions of dollars.

Russian participation has not only delayed the station but driven up its price, the opposite of what was supposed to happen.

The delays also mean NASA will go all summer without a shuttle flight.

Discovery is scheduled to blast off June 2 for Russia's Mir station. After that, the next shuttle flight won't be until Oct. 29, when Discovery goes back up with Sen. John Glenn. That's a gap of nearly five months.

The last time NASA had such a long interval between launches was in 1990, when the shuttle fleet was stymied by dangerous fuel leaks.

NASA spokeswoman Rahn said the agency is not worried that shuttle workers might lose their skills during such a long hiatus.

3 sixth graders compose hit list

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — Three sixth-grade boys had a "hit list" and were plotting to kill fellow classmates on the last day of school in a sniper attack during a false fire alarm, police said.

The plan was modeled after a recent ambush at a Jonesboro, Ark., school that left five dead, Lt. Dave Todd said.

Police learned of the plan after they responded to a fight at Becky-David Elementary School in rural St. Charles County on Thursday. Todd said what officers found was far more serious than a schoolyard brawl.

The boys planned to pull a fire alarm, and then shoot students as they fled the school, Todd said. He said they got the idea from the March 24 incident in Jonesboro, where an 11-year-old boy and his 13-year-old friend allegedly opened fire on classmates after pulling an alarm. Four pupils and a teacher were killed and 10 people were wounded.

Police described the plan on the same day a 15-year-old boy allegedly shot and killed a fellow student at a high school in Springfield, Ore.

The sniper attack at Becky-David Elementary was to be carried out on the last day of school.

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ACADEMIC CLASSES - DAY

CLASS		COURSE TITLE	DAY	PERIOD	HRS	LOC	INSTRUCTOR	
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION								
BUSI 1301	0182	INTRO TO BUS	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7A-102	SNIDER, S	
COMPUTER SCIENCE								
COSC 1300	0183	INTRO COSC	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	LRC-111	BROWN, D	$20
BUSI 1301	0182	INTRO TO BUS	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7A-102	SNIDER, S	
GOVERNMENT								
GOVT 2305	0225	US/ST/LOC GOV	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
HISTORY								
HIST 1301	0232	US HIS TO 1865	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST 1302	0233	US HIS 1865-	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
MATHEMATICS								
MATH 1314	0175	COLL. ALGEBRA	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2C-101	BUUCK, S	$8
		LAB		TBA				
MATH 1316	0176	TRIGONOMETRY	M-TH	12:30-2:10	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	
MATH 1324	0177	BUS/ECO MATH I	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	
MATH 1442	0178	STATISTICS	M-TH	12:30-2:10	4	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
		LAB		TBA				
MATH 2313	0179	CALCULUS	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH 2314	0181	CALCULUS II	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	
PSYCHOLOGY								
PSYC 2301	0250	GEN PSYC	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	

ACADEMIC CLASSES - NIGHT

ART								
ARTS 1313	0100	ART/ELEM TEACH	M	6:00-10:10	3	FA-117	KIRK, S	$24
COMPUTER SCIENCE								
COSC 1300	0184	INTRO COSC	W	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-111	BROWN, D	$20
ECONOMICS								
ECON 2301	0245	MACRO ECO	T	6:00-10:10	3	2C-104	PALMER, J	
ENGLISH								
ENGL 1301	0300	COMP. I	T	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	DAY, D	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0301	COMP. II	M	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, M	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 2322	0302	ENGLISH LIT	W	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, R	
ENGL 2326	0303	AMERICAN LIT	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, M	
GEOGRAPHY								
GEOG 1303	0241	WORLD GEOG	M	6:00-10:10	3	2C-104	PALMER, J	
GOVERNMENT								
GOVT 2305	0226	US/ST/LOC GOV	W	6:00-10:10	3	2C-103	HARTMAN, M	
GOVT 2306	0227	US/ST/LOC GOV	M	6:00-10:10	3	2C-103	SMITH, K	
HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & RECREATION								
PHED 2103	0400	SCUBA DIVING	T	6:00-10:10	1	POOL	REED, R	$24
PHED 2103	0401	SCUBA DIVING	W	6:00-10:10	1	POOL	REED, R	$24
HISTORY								
HIST 1301	0234	US HIS TO 1865	M	6:00-10:10	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST 1302	0235	US HIS 1865-	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-105	STAFF	
MATHEMATICS								
MATH 1314	0180	COLL. ALGEBRA	M	6:00-10:10	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
		LAB	TBA					
MASS COMMUNICATIONS								
COMM 1316	0306	INTRO PHOTO	T	6:00-10:10	3	SC-106	BROWN, D	$24
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA		SC-106	BROWN, D	
COMM 2334	0307	DESKTOP PUB	TH	6:00-10:10	3	7B-105	BROWN, D	$20
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA		7B-105	BROWN, D	
PSYCHOLOGY								
PSYC 2301	0251	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-102	CORMACK, G	
SPEECH								
SPCH 1321	0124	BUS/PROF SPEAK	T	6:00-10:10	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH 1315	0125	FUND/PUB SPEAK	T	6:00-10:10	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	

COLLEGE PREPARATORY - DAY

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

COLLEGE PREPARATORY - NIGHT

ENGLISH								
DEN 011	0310	DEV ENG	W	4:00-5:00	3	2B-110	MARTIN, J	$12
		LAB		TBA				
MATHEMATICS								
DMT 012	0211	DEV MATH	M	5:00-6:00	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
		LAB		TBA				
DMT 033	0212	INTER ALGEBRA	T	6:00-10:10	3	2C-101	BUUCK, S	$12
		LAB		TBA				

VOCATIONAL CLASSES - DAY

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY								
OFAD 1311	0610	KEYBOARD/TYP I	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-105	SNIDER,S	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-105	SNIDER,S	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE								
CRIJ 2322	0600	JUVENILE PROC	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-117	CLIFTON,J	
GOLF/LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY								
GLT 135	0500	RELATED WORK	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	BUCKLAND, D	

VOCATIONAL CLASSES - NIGHT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE								
CRIJ 2301	0601	COM RES/CORRE	T	6:00-10:10	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ 2322	0602	JUVENILE PROC	W	6:00-10:10	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	