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Home Of Tyler Warren

Lorber Industries of Texas to begin hiring

Twenty-two workers needed now, more than double that needed by June

The bottom line of an economic development program is job creation.

Lorber Industries has been Snyder's primary industrial prospect for more than two years — and the fruits of those labors are starting to surface.

Lorber Industries of Texas now has two employees in Snyder, and the firm is seeking applications for its initial hires — representing 22 more jobs.

Lorber Industries of Texas, which plans to open a cotton spinning mill in Snyder's industrial park this summer, is running advertisements accepting job applications for phase I of the spinning mill.

The positions advertised are for four shift supervisors, 11 equipment technicians, five operators and two electronic technicians.

Jack Whitworth, local plant manager, said he anticipates 50 to 55 total employees in phase I. Starting Monday with Lorber will be Dwight Jackson, 35, who will serve as administrative manager of the Snyder operation.

The applications for Lorber positions will be processed by the Workforce Education Department of Western Texas College. Application packets are available at WTC in the Continuing Education Division office located in the Learning Resource Center.

The application packet also contains information about the positions, qualifications and skills needed as well as background information on Lorber Industries, the largest textile manufacturer in Southern California.

WTC will assist Lorber in the assessment testing of prospective employees, said John Gibson, director of workforce education.

Gibson said applicants should have strong mechanical aptitude as well as good verbal and mathematical skills. Prior textile experience is not required.

Deadline for submitting an application is Feb. 18 and testing will be held Feb. 21. Interviews are expected to begin on Feb. 23.

Brown-McKee of Lubbock has been contracted by Lorber to construct the 70,000-square foot building which will house phase I.

The foundation was being poured Thursday and Friday, and the pre-fabricated building is scheduled to arrive this week. Spinning equipment is projected for arrival on Feb. 23.

Whitworth said the 50 to 55 employees to operate phase I will be hired before June when production is expected to begin.

Administrative manager hired

Dwight Jackson will come on board Monday as administrative manager of the Lorber Industries of Texas textile plant here.

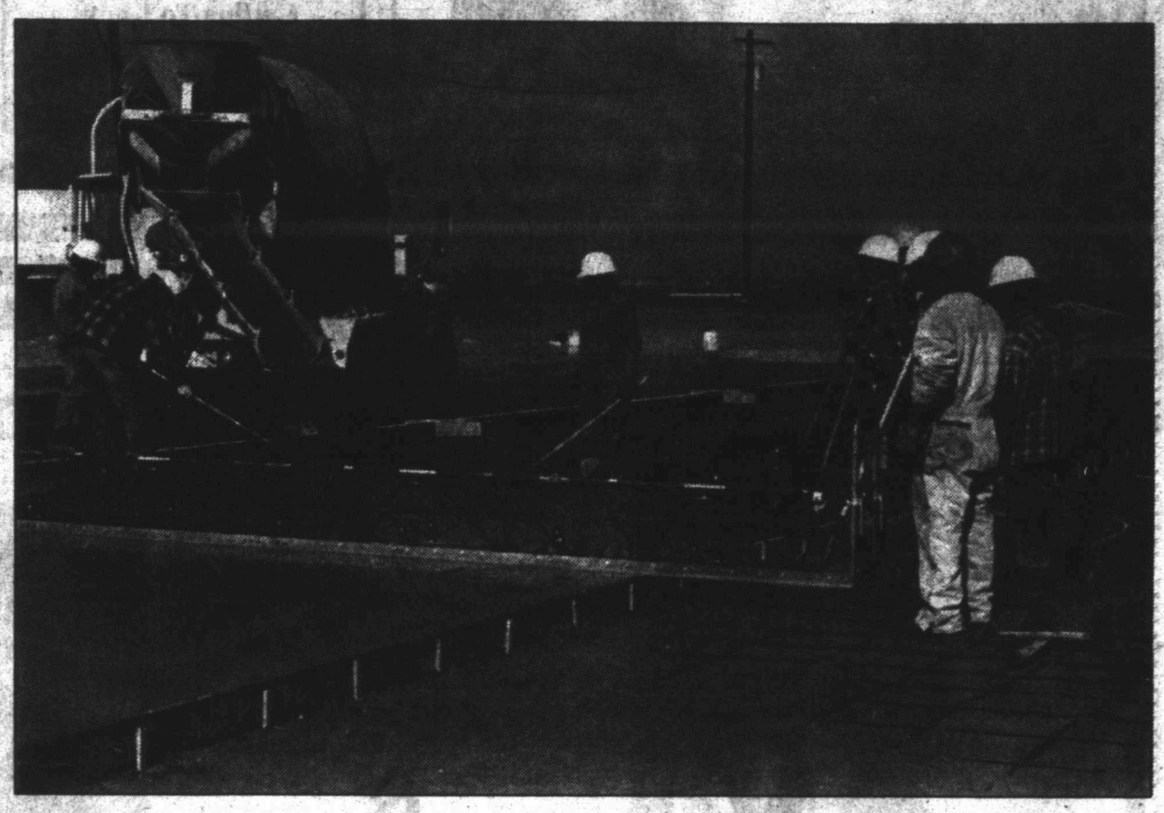
Jackson, a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a MBA in international business from from Texas A&M-Laredo, will move to Snyder from Knoxville, Tenn. where he has been involved in fiber testing.

A native of Lockney, Jackson worked for Anderson-Clayton in California, traveling to Egypt, Turkey and Argentina in the cotton business.

Jackson, 35, said he was pleased to join Lorber Industries and called the Snyder project "visonary with tremendous potential."

Jackson's wife, Sidney, is a native of Colorado City and her parents, Don and Linda Stewart, still live there. Her grandmother, Jewell Stewart, lives in Snyder.

The Jacksons have two children. Evan is 10 and Stewart is 5.



FOUNDATION WORK — Concrete work on the foundation of the Lorber Industries building at the industrial park began Thursday and will continue as the plant is being erected. Components of the building will be delivered this week. Applications for jobs at the spinning mill are now being accepted. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McCutcheon

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Few people blame themselves until they have exhausted all other possibilities."

A high school football coach in Miami is tired of the bad reputation that some are giving the sport.

A group of grown men known as the Dallas Cowboys trashed the dorm on the last night of training camp. On TV professional athletes say and do things that tempt impressionable amateur athletes to act the same way.

Coach Ernest Perkins decided that Miss Manners had a spot on his team — at least on the sidelines. And nice guys don't have to finish last as the Barracudas lost only one game last season.

Coach Perkins required his players to attend etiquette classes. His message was clear: learn manners or sit on the bench.

His aim was to help players acquire manners to help prepare them for life after football.

"It's not about the NFL, it's about being a man of honor, about getting a college degree," he said. "These guys are going to have to be polished when they meet others."

During one class, the players dressed in their blue and black football jerseys over a white shirt and tie and listened intently as the teacher explained how to properly set a table.

In addition to table manners, the team has learned everything from poise and appropriate dress to goal setting and acceptable greetings. Public speaking and successful interviewing are among the classes gridders are required to take.

Rather than a course in common courtesy and social skills, we'd like to see the concept threaded into everyday school life when traditional subjects are being taught.

Starting in kindergarten, kids would be encouraged to say such things as "excuse me, I'm sorry, may I, thank you, please, etc." In time, it would become natural.

If continued through 13 years of schooling, just think of the possibilities of reduced discipline problems and social conflicts.

And some of the acquired manners might just rub off on some of us adults.

Time to think about serving on council, education boards

It's still a couple of weeks before filing begins, but citizens interested in their city and schools might begin thinking about serving on a governing board.

Monday is the first day entities can issue an election order for the May 2 elections. That piece of business is in fact on Snyder City Council's agenda for Monday night.

Western Texas College and Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school district trustees will all take similar action during their board meetings this month.

Actual filing for a place on the ballot doesn't begin until Feb. 16.

All of the trustee seats to be filled are at-large, meaning anyone residing within the public school districts or college district can file as a candidate.

There are two spots up for election on the Western Texas College board of trustees. Those are Place 3, held by Carolyn Barbee, and Place 4, held by Dr. Jay Kidd.

Up for election on the Snyder ISD board are a pair of at-large seats held by Luann Burleson and Charles Anderson.

Ira ISD posts up for election are Place 6, held by Keith Clements, and Place 7, held by Doug White.

At Hermleigh, terms held by Sherene Digby, David Higgins and Alan Culp will be up for election. The term held by Culp is to finish out two years of a three-year term. He was appointed by the board last year to replace Chip Roemisch, who resigned after moving from the district.

There are four single-member districts and one at-large seat up for election on the Snyder City Council. Single member districts require that the candidate, office holder and voters reside within a particular geographic area. Those districts and their current office holders are District 1; Vernest Tippens; District 2, Jerry Webb; District 3, unfilled; and District 4, I.E. Martin.

Kerry Bredemeyer had held the District 3 seat, but vacated it when he moved from the district.

The at-large seat is held by Terry Martin and is to fill out a one-year unexpired term.

It's time for family, says local physician

Dr. Nussey planning to shorten office time

By Bill McClellan
Managing Editor

It's perhaps the forgotten part of the American dream, to be able to take time off work and devote it to family — to laugh and bounce a basketball with the kids, to teach them, to help mold them, and perhaps together explore other cities, states, even countries.

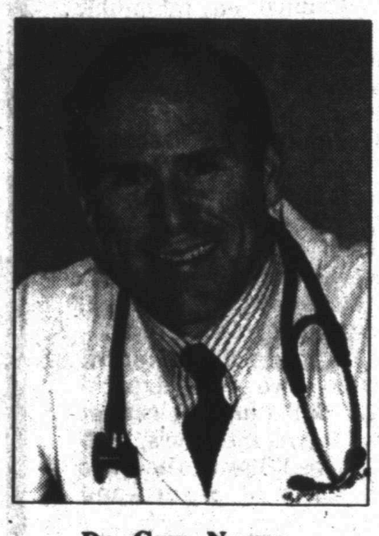
That's Gary Nussey's dream, and he's about to live it.

"This is something I've been thinking about for three years. My children are getting older and I want to invest more of myself in their lives," said the local family physician.

So beginning in early March, he is going to scale back his practice to two afternoons and one 24-hour emergency room shift a week.

He'll be around to fill in for other physicians if need be, and if an outbreak of an acute illness such as the flu occurs, he'll jump in to assist.

"I'm still committed to health care here," he said.



Dr. Gary Nussey

But gone will be his routine of seeing 80 to 100 patients a week. He estimates he will see from 20 to 30 in his limited practice. The free time will be donated to his family.

"The kids are at a time in their lives — I have a boy, 11, and a daughter, 13, and two younger daughters — when I think we need to be together more. My wife and I have home schooled our kids for several years. I love teaching," he said. "I am teaching my (oldest)

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Morning rains fall throughout county

Scurry County received its most significant rainfall in several months early Saturday morning as storms brought thunder, lightning and more than an inch of moisture in some areas.

Snyder officially received 1.15 inches, in what was only the second rain of the new year. The weekend forecast was calling for cloudy skies, but no more moisture.

Much of the county got some rain Saturday morning, but it was scattered. Ira residents recorded up to 1.5 inches while Dunn reported one inch and Hermleigh received between a half-inch and an inch.

Just northeast of Hermleigh, 1.15 inches was reported while residents on U.S. Highway 180 east of Snyder got 1.5. Camp Springs residents reported only a quarter of an inch. Loyd Mountain received 1 inch.

It was more spotty in the western portions of the county with some residents reporting up to 1.1 inches. Fluvanna received only a tenth of an inch while Union received an inch.

Northern Scurry County recorded up to 1.2 inches. Polar, in Kent County, got a half-inch.

Lake J.B. Thomas reported eight-tenths at the south end and one inch at the north.

Air Force scoping session set here Monday

An Air Force scoping meeting on the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Snyder Savings & Loan. The public is invited to comment on the proposal and the environmental analysis process.

Jail telephone service on county court agenda

Scurry County commissioners court, which meets at 10 a.m. Monday, will once again consider bids for inmate telephone service at the county jail.

The contract with the present provider, SA Telecommunications, expires Friday. The company did not submit a bid for continuing that service.

Bids were opened for the telephone service during the court's first meeting this year, but action was tabled due to their length. When the bids were considered two weeks later, the court opted to re-bid due to the wide variance of services offered.

Firms which submitted bids originally were Southwestern Bell, International Telephone Communication Solutions, Inc., and Alliance-Tel-Com Inc.

The court will also hear from County Treasurer Charlie Bell on the county's fourth-quarter financial activity, and consider declaring payments to adult sex offender counselors. Professional counselors are exempt from the county purchasing act.

ASK US

Q—When is the boys' state basketball tournament?

A—March 12-14. The girls' tourney is a week earlier.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 64 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Saturday, 46; 1.15 inches of rain; total for 1998, 1.20 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, areas of fog developing. Low 35-40. N wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. High, mid 50s. NE wind 5-15 mph.



Nicholas Salazar
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 30 days in 1998, the sun has shone 30 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

May the Lord bless and protect you, may the Lord's face radiate with joy because of you. May He be gracious to you, show you His favor and give you His peace.

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Vegetarian activist says he didn't have agenda

AMARILLO (AP) — A vegetarian activist being sued with Oprah Winfrey testified Friday that he didn't have an agenda to get people to stop eating beef when he appeared on her talk show.

Under questioning by a lawyer for Texas cattlemen, Howard Lyman said he went on the show "to express my opinion on the mad cow disease and the circumstances surrounding it."

When the attorney, David Mullin, asked him if he intended to sway people against eating beef, Lyman said, "I raise the issue with individuals about their diet and what they're eating, but I do not tell people not to eat beef."

Cattlemen who are suing Lyman, Ms. Winfrey, and her production company claim remarks made on an "Oprah" show titled "Dangerous Foods" forced already slumping beef prices to 10-year lows within a week after the show aired in April 1996.

They claim reassuring pro-beef comments were edited out of the show. The cattlemen are suing under a state law that protects agricultural products from false and defamatory remarks.

Lyman said on the air that eating beef tainted with mad cow disease could spread the human version — Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Asked if the spread of mad cow disease could make AIDS seem like the common cold, Lyman responded: "Absolutely."

Further, the former cattle rancher said that processed livestock was being fed to cattle, which could spread mad cow disease in the United States. Ms. Winfrey responded by swearing off hamburgers.

Under questioning from cattlemen's attorney Joe Coyne, Lyman was asked what facts he used to back up his claim.

Lyman, who acknowledged he was not an animal scientist and had never formally studied mad cow disease, said it was merely his opinion based on his experience working for 18 years as a cattle rancher in Montana and research he did on his own.

Coyne asked Lyman if all he did was regurgitate other people's findings, and Lyman said, "I would rather use the term educate."

"An educator tells people facts, though, right?" Coyne asked.

"I believe there are a lot of ways of educating other than facts," said Lyman, executive director of the Humane Society's Eating with a Conscience Campaign.

Lyman, who has yet to face questions from his own attorneys, also testified that even members of his own family think he's "a nut."

Jurors were shown a videotaped segment at the end of the show that was deleted before going on the air in which Lyman told Ms. Winfrey, "I'll tell you what. You're too important to this country to be eating beef."

Ms. Winfrey replied, "I've been healed this morning. I'm over it."

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Wolf wants shower plus a beach party when he gets home

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Although he says he could have spent more time on Mir, astronaut David Wolf admits that he is ready to enjoy some of the benefits of home.

Wolf left the Russian space station Thursday on the space shuttle Endeavour and was due to land Kennedy Space Center in Florida this evening.

"Earth's a great place and that's where our life is," the 41-year-old doctor said from Endeavour on Friday after spending four months on Mir. "And it's time to get on with it."

The first thing Wolf wanted to do, besides reuniting with his girlfriend and relatives, was eat a pepperoni-and-mushroom pizza cooked up by a NASA chef. He can't eat right away, however, because an empty stomach is a requirement for post-flight medical tests.

Wolf said he was most excited at the thought of going to a beach party his family planned for Saturday night.

He will be allowed to go to the party if he's strong enough, said Dr. Sam Pool, chief of medical operations at Johnson Space Center. Long-term weightlessness typically results in weakened bones and muscles.

"As soon as we can get processed through, we're going to show up out there," a beaming Wolf said of the party.

Even though he feels great and would prefer walking off Endeavour, Wolf said he will allow himself to be carried out in a stretcher. The longer he remains horizontal, the slower his body will readjust to gravity and the more doctors will be able to learn about the effects of long-duration spaceflight.

Of the five previous Americans to live on Mir, only one was carried off the shuttle on landing day. The others walked; one practically ran.

"We've decided — I've decided — to go ahead and come off the ship in a horizontal position," Wolf said, smiling, "and then at the beach party see what I can do."

His elation was obvious to his six Endeavour crewmates.

"I'm a Navy pilot and I've been on four long six- or nine-month deployments on aircraft carriers," said shuttle pilot Joe Edwards. "And I can tell you that I see the same look in Dave Wolf's eyes that I saw in the eyes of 6,000 sailors coming back from six months at sea."

Wolf, who was replaced by American Andrew Thomas, has taken sponge baths since September because there's no shower on Mir.

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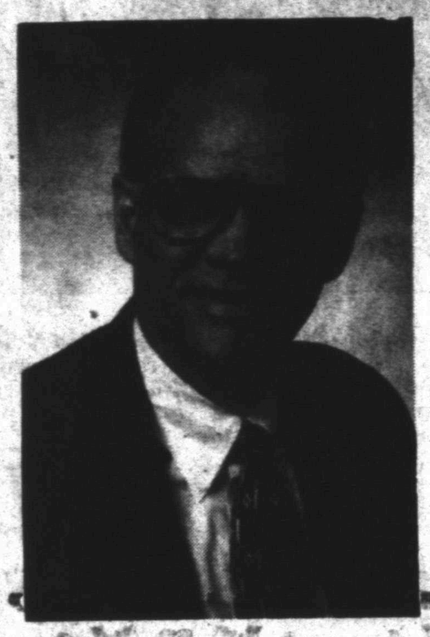

Tom Holcomb & Dee Wilson



No one disputed its need. The task was gigantic. Some said it would be impossible. However, there were believers in the dream — and the dream is about to become a reality.

Although they would hasten to tell you it was the work of many more people, it was a tandem of a board chairman and an executive director that kept pushing to keep the project moving forward.

In just a matter of weeks, Project Noah-West in Snyder will have a new shelter for victims of family violence. Because of their diligence in seeing the project successfully completed, Tom Holcomb and Dee Wilson share this month's Hometown Spirit Award given by Snyder National Bank.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, served as Noah advisory board chairman from 1994 to 1997. Mrs. Wilson has been the organization's executive director in Snyder since December, 1993.

Holcomb came to Snyder in July, 1982 from Tyler where he was minister of the Northwest Church of Christ. He has also served churches in Abilene and Clyde. He is a native of Corsicana where his father was also a minister.

Holcomb earned his B.S. degree in communications from Abilene Christian University. He worked for KSTA Radio in Coleman and also for KRBC in Abilene. He later worked for the Herald of Truth, an international radio and TV ministry.

While in Abilene, he also worked for Christian Homes, a pregnancy crisis and adoption center. In Snyder, he has remained in broadcasting by presenting a daily radio spot and by announcing the Lady Westerner basketball games for WTC.

Holcomb has served on the Noah advisory committee since 1991. He and his wife, June, a teacher at Central Elementary, have two grown children. Brad Holcomb is a coach at ACU and Leigh Holloway is a teacher. They have two grandsons, Hunter and Bryson.

Dee Wilson moved to Snyder in August, 1993, just three months before being named service area director for Noah Project-West. She also serves as a continuing education director and CDA coordinator for Western Texas College.

Mrs. Wilson has spent 27 years working with families. She began with the Head Start Early Childhood program in Mississippi in the early 1970s.

She was the owner and director of a private Christian pre-school for several years and is a licensed pre-school and childcare director.

She served on the Grady County Child Welfare Board in Oklahoma, and has provided training for prospective adoptive and foster parents in both Oklahoma and Texas.

Mrs. Wilson has served as a board member of the Texas Council on Adoptable Children and was the founding president of the North Texas Council on Adoptable Children.

She continues to advocate for children in Texas as a member of the Children's Advocacy Task Force of the Texas Council on Family Violence. She has appeared before the Senate Interim Committee on Domestic Violence.

Mrs. Wilson also serves on several committees and boards in the Snyder community, and she and her family attend the First Baptist Church.

A native of Wichita Falls, she obtained her education from Midwestern State University and from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Her husband, Charlie Wilson, is field superintendent for Primrose Operating Co. They have two grown daughters, Renee Waggoner of Sherman and Linda Wilson of Snyder. They have two sons, David and Chris, both students at Snyder High School. The Wilsons also have three grandchildren, Teah and Caleb of Snyder and Samatha of Sherman.

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Man sentenced for plot to blow up IRS office

TYLER (AP) — A Tyler man, found guilty of plotting to bomb the Internal Revenue Service office in Austin, has had his sentence reduced by five years.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice assessed a new sentence Thursday of 15 years and nine months in federal prison. The judge said he had been prepared to lop off even more time until the defendant vehemently expressed anti-government sentiments in court.

Charles Ray Polk, 47, was convicted in April 1996 of six federal charges in connection with the alleged plot.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals knocked five years off the sentence while ruling there was insufficient evidence to support two of the convictions.

In a statement Polk read during Thursday's hearing, he said he was "being abused and victimized by the IRS."

Polk said he believes his sentence was excessive and "challenged" the government to produce a weapon. He also asked the judge to dismiss all charges against him.

Polk, who has been incarcerated in a federal prison in El Reno, Okla., said the First Amendment to the United States Constitution gave him the right to express his feelings and, "the system has criminalized me."

"I'm disappointed that the defendant still maintains his level of hostility toward the government agency which was the object of his wrath," the judge said.

Polk was convicted after a jury trial in Justice's courtroom. He was accused of trying to acquire manpower, explosives and weapons to engage in an offensive against IRS offices across the country, particularly the IRS Austin Service Center.

Evidence at the trial showed Polk claimed to have access to $150 million for the attack.

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Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998

Friends will play impressive roles in your affairs in the year ahead. This is because old pals can be relied upon as usual and your newer acquaintances will prove dependable as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your ability to analyze situations realistically could be superior to your peers today. However, they'll ignore you if you play the role of a know-it-all. Aquarius, 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Innately, you are a very generous person. Today, however, you may be so concerned with your own self-interests that you won't have time for others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not let people with negative attitudes put a damper on your hopes and aspirations today. Cheer loudly for victory, even if they don't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Self-doubts could impede your progress today if you're negative. If you're going to make forecasts, enhance your possibilities with wonderful thoughts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Temper hope with realism today, not pessimism. Forge a metal that will withstand the stress of testy challenges and is able to bend without breaking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An important objective is achievable today, even if Lady Luck's contribution is only nominal. This is something you'll have to earn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have to handle a situation today similar to one you mismanaged in the past. Do not let a lapse of memory cause you to repeat an old mistake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Curiosity might draw you into another's complicated affairs today. Once you open the door, you could be asked to handle things you'd rather not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Time is running out on a difficult decision you've been dodging. It is going to have to be resolved eventually. Why not take a crack at it today?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Doing what is required of you should be uppermost in your mind today. You are in a cycle where you must not treat your obligations indifferently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to be a tolerant director today and those in your retinue will respond accordingly. If your demands are unreasonable you'll stir up trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against inclinations today to treat your loved ones coolly. They won't comprehend the reasons for your behavior and this could create resentment.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 2, 1998

In the year ahead, you could be fortunate having others look out for your interests and needs and for helping you achieve critical objectives. Your strengths will lie in your relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you might have too many irons in the fire at one time. Quality of effort produces appropriate payoffs. Quantity could produce volume, but not values. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you might be angered too easily for your own good, not so much from present events, but from unrequited memories. Put the past to rest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Forget about trying to keep up with the Joneses in a new round of upmanship. If you have to control key expenses, don't be afraid to let others know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you fail to make a proper effort to appreciate the views of others today, you might find yourself out in the cold with no warm allies to help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your attitude might incline you to make things harder on yourself than they actually are. If this occurs, it could affect you commercially and socially.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert today so that you aren't drawn into something complicated that is not of your own making. It already is affecting several friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, it might seem like you only have two choices, bad or worse. This erroneous assumption could limit your ability to make appropriate decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually, you're a well-organized person, capable of dedicating full focus to your assignments. Today, however, your attention span may be limited.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be cautious and prudent today where side ventures are concerned. This is a critical area and if you act impulsively, you could regret it later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your mate might resurrect several issues today that conflict with your views. If things aren't handled carefully, an argument could erupt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep a light foot on your accelerator today if you're cruising around town. Also, remind passengers and companions to do the same.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Trends are still a trifle fragile today where your finances are concerned. Limit your expenditures to real needs instead of frivolous fancies.

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Hobbs used for advance training

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — Good flying weather has brought a military contingent to Hobbs for advance flight training.

Normally, training is done near Corpus Christi, Texas, but the weather this time of year causes too many delays and lost training hours so it is shifted to the skies of West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

"We can't afford to lose training days," said Navy Lt. Brian Fuller, adding that the military has many people awaiting training.

Midland, Texas, is the main training site, while Hobbs is a satellite training area. Each day pilots fly from Midland to Hobbs, hold exercises and return to Midland.

"I can't tell you how easy it is to work out of here," said Fuller, who is in charge of the training in Hobbs.

The joint squadron from the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard that is training in Hobbs averages four T-44 aircraft, six instructors and 18 students. The civilian equivalent of a T-44 is a Beechcraft C-90.

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Lawmakers consider campaign report

AUSTIN (AP) — State House lawmakers charged with examining campaign finance reform took aim Friday at a report examining where they get their own contributions.

The report says in the last election cycle, House members got $14.6 million in campaign donations, mostly in large checks from outside their home districts.

Several members of the State Affairs and Elections committees, meeting to consider campaign reform, contended the report was misleading.

"I think you've done a great injustice to a lot of people," Rep. Bob Hunter, R-Abilene, told Tom Smith of Public Citizen.

Smith, whose group did the report with Texans for Public Justice and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said, "I don't think that what we have done is in any way misrepresentative of the source of these funds."

Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, said it was wrong to show as an out-of-district contribution money that came from a real-estate political action committee with an Austin address. He said people from his district who are in the real estate business donated to that PAC.

"It really didn't come from out of district, yet you called it that," Jones said.

Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, said he represents the residential part of the city while Jones represents the downtown area.

"The people who live in the district I represent probably work in the district he represents," said Isett. But a check to Isett with an address from Jones' district would be counted as an out-of-district donation.

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston and head of the Elections Committee, said a number of people who live in her district sent her donations from their downtown offices outside of her district.

Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, took issue with a part of the report showing unopposed incumbents still raised a large amount of money.

Lawmakers don't know whether they will later draw an opponent, said Madden, who added that the money is used not only for campaigns but for officeholder expenses.

"But we were skewered on that," he said.

Isett said the report should have better explained the methodology used, noting that Smith wants officeholders to submit accurate reports on campaign finances.

"You did not hold yourselves to the very standards that you're asking us to," he told Smith.

Smith said the criticism is a good argument for one of his group's reform proposals: fuller, immediate campaign disclosure that is accessible by computer and at county offices. That way people could look up candidates' detailed reports and make their own decisions without having to visit the Texas Ethics Commission in Austin, Smith said.

If home addresses were required, that also would give a clearer picture of donations' source, he said.

Jury will decide who gets custody in pet monkey case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman who put her pet monkey in the care of a wildlife center last year when she thought she was dying of breast cancer now wants the monkey back.

The Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio refuses to return the animal. And state District Judge John Specia says Joey, an 18-month-old Java Macaque monkey, will stay at the center until a jury decides custody or until a settlement is reached.

Susan Cockerell of Dallas testified Thursday she left the monkey at the animal orphanage with the understanding she could have him back if she got better and paid a boarding fee of $300 per month.

"I wanted to find him a home," Ms. Cockerell said. "He's a very people-oriented monkey. I knew he would live another 30 years, and I didn't think I would."

There was no written agreement, she said.

Wild Animal Orphanage officials said the woman signed paperwork giving Joey to them, but they cannot find the documents.

Ms. Cockerell denies she signed away her rights to the pet monkey, a five-pound primate valued at $3,000.

In November, after three operations and chemotherapy, Ms. Cockerell tested free of cancer then sought the return of Joey.

"When I asked for Joey's return, I was told, 'No way, see our lawyer,' " she said.

Carol Asvestas, director of the Wild Animal Orphanage, testified she never told Ms. Cockerell she could leave Joey and get him back later. She said the orphanage does not board animals for private citizens.

The non-profit orphanage contracts to board animals seized by city, county and state authorities for $20 per day.

Giving the monkey back to Ms. Cockerell would be traumatic for the animal because he has been in a natural habitat since June and has bonded with Kramer, another Java Macaque monkey, Ms. Asvestas said.

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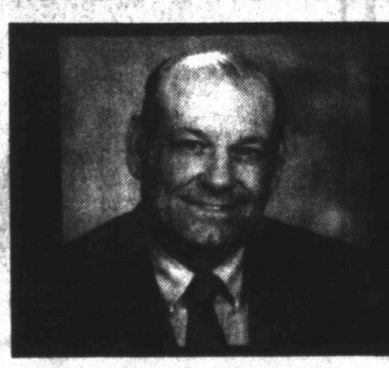

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Clinton's strategy said working so far

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least for now, President Clinton's aggressive damage control strategy appears to be working against sex and cover-up allegations. His approval rating has skyrocketed, White House anxieties have calmed and aides have settled in for a long battle to save his presidency.

After several days of near-despair and paralysis after the accusations, the White House has regained its footing with a three-part strategy.

The key ingredients: Refuse to answer specific charges, keep Clinton in a presidential setting and attack Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr and his allies in the investigation.

Rebuffing questions from reporters, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Friday, "Most of the time I feel like I'm double-parked in the 'no comment' zone."

After vigorously denying the allegations and saying there were a lot of legitimate questions that needed answers, Clinton, too, has refused to discuss the matter publicly.

A significant turning point in the controversy was Hillary Rodham Clinton's vigorous defense of her husband in television interviews. She said she believed her husband's denials and accused Starr of being part of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" determined to destroy the president.

The first lady's offensive "was as powerful and effective as the State of the Union address" was for the president, said Clinton adviser Paul Begala. "It encouraged the country to stop and think: What's going on here?"

Realizing there will be more leaks and embarrassing questions, White House officials don't pretend the threat to Clinton is over. Said one: "Anyone who tells you that ought to be committed."

While Clinton's job ratings have climbed in the polls, the surveys show a lot of Americans think he had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, despite his denials.

"Get six and a half hours of sleep, drink plenty of fluids, eat a lot of leafy greens, exercise regularly because this ain't going away," Clinton defender James Carville told an audience in Louisville, Ky.

Since late 1991, Begala has helped Clinton survive tough questions about his character, including allegations that he had a long-term affair with Gennifer Flowers and dodged the Vietnam draft.

"Each time he has responded the same way, with a calm and confident demeanor and a strong and effective program," Begala said. "He can't sink to their level."

Clinton's approval ratings dropped sharply when the allegations emerged last Wednesday but then rebounded after his well-received speech Tuesday night before Congress.

His job rating was 68 percent in a new ABC News poll, 73 percent in a CBS News poll — his highest ever in each survey.

Even the jokes, while still playing off Clinton's troubles, had a different tone by the end of the week. Late-night comedian David Letterman suggested the poll numbers were "so high right now Clinton's already planning his next scandal."

While saying polls should be taken with a grain of salt, spokesman McCurry said, "It's probably testament to the American public's common sense. They have not rushed to judgment — unlike some others — and they want to have some time to consider all the facts."

The president will not comment until after Starr's investigation is over, perhaps weeks or months from now, officials say, even though he has a news conference next Friday.

With a half dozen or more aides working on damage control, the president devoted the week to his State of the Union speech, a campaign-style trip to Illinois and Wisconsin, consultations with the nation's military leaders and a meeting with mayors. Some aides want the president to travel as much as possible now to show he is not retreating into a bunker mentality.

FDA approves artifical blood for dogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government approved the first artificial blood Friday — but it's just for dogs.

BioPure Corp.'s Oxyglobin for dogs is big news for veterinarians because animal blood banks are rare and veterinarians struggle to find canine blood donors whenever a dog gets hit by a car or comes down with anemia.

But the approval by the Food and Drug Administration Friday also signals hope for scientists seeking a blood substitute for humans — because if artificial blood works for a four-legged mammal, it one day could work for the two-legged kind.

"This is a tremendous step in the context of the therapy and the care that people will be able to provide for animals," said Dr. William Muir, veterinary professor at Ohio State University. "In an interesting way, it's happening in dogs before it's happening in people. But I'm led to believe it should be sometime in the near future that a product ... will be available for humans as well."

Some 4 million dogs need transfusions for anemia every year, and 20 percent of the cases are serious enough that the dog could die, BioPure says.

Some large veterinary practices freeze canine blood and some lets house dogs as on-site donors. But dogs have more different blood types than people, so matching blood and thawing transfusions can take too long in an emergency.

"In almost all situations except the dog that happens to live next door to one of the rare banks, if a dog is hemorrhaging, there's nothing that can be done in any less time than 24 hours," said FDA microbiologist Paul Aebersold.

In a study of 64 anemic dogs, treatment failures occurred in just 5 percent of Oxyglobin-treated dogs vs. 68 percent of dogs given standard, supportive care.

Unlike real blood, Oxyglobin can sit on a vet's shelf at room temperature for two years, ready to be used. It will cost $150 a unit, about as much as donated canine blood, said BioPure. Most dogs would need up to one unit, although very large ones could need two.

Derived from cattle blood, Oxyglobin is bioengineered hemoglobin, the part of blood that carries oxygen. Hemoglobin normally is carried inside red blood cells. BioPure removed hemoglobin from those cells to create a fluid that carries oxygen straight into a dog's tissues without causing an allergic reaction.

It can cause side effects, including temporary urine discoloration, overly expanded blood vessels and vomiting. Because Oxyglobin contains no blood cells and disappears from the body within 24 hours, some dogs will need blood transfusions later, cautioned FDA veterinary drug expert Dr. Melanie Berson.

BioPure contends Oxyglobin is actually better than real canine blood because new transfusions take extra time to push the oxygen out of red blood cells. It calls this emerging field "oxygen therapeutics."

The company has created a similar product for people, called Hemopure, that is being tested in surgery patients to see if the blood substitute gets oxygen into their tissues better than standard surgical care. BioPure expects results from clinical trials later this year.

"That is where this field is going to go," predicted Dr. Ted Jacobs, BioPure's founder and a surgeon. "We believe it will be used very, very widely for many critical-care issues."

Other companies are testing potential blood substitutes for trauma patients, in case a hospital runs short of the right blood type or for ambulances to use instead of the salt water now infused to keep patients alive until they reach a hospital.

Oxyglobin shows a human blood substitute might one day work, Aebersold acknowledged.

"That's a very plausible scientific rationale," he said.

But because the nation has safe, well-stocked blood banks for people, the use of a blood substitute probably would be very different for people from dogs, and testing for safety and effectiveness will be strict, Aebersold stressed.

'Upbeat' mayors end annual meet after talks with Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's mayors ended their winter gathering in high spirits after meeting with President Clinton, a virtual parade of obliging Cabinet officers and members of Congress who share a vision of safer, cleaner, better-managed cities.

"When you can draw the attention of America's leadership to your cause, you've done your job," Paul Helmke, the Republican mayor of Fort Wayne, Ind., and president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, said Friday as the three-day meeting concluded.

"In years past, when we came to Washington, I felt we had to lobby for our positions. Now I feel we are the ones being lobbied. The president in effect is lobbying us for our help for his agenda," Helmke said.

Mayor Joseph Riley of Charleston, S.C., said, "This meeting was important because it shows we will help the president forge a new agenda for our country."

At an hour-long meeting Friday, nearly 200 mayors heard Clinton outline proposals he unveiled in the State of the Union speech on education, crime prevention and job growth.

Clinton also told the mayors his new budget plan will propose $400 million for a "community empowerment fund" designed to spark private enterprise in America's down-and-out cities.

The $400 million fund would — by buying down interest rates and guaranteeing repayment — leverage an estimated $2 billion in private-sector loans to modernize inner-city businesses and start new small businesses, the president said.

Clinton is due to submit his budget plan for fiscal 1999 to Congress on Monday. His urban agenda will also include anti-crime measures such as $28 million to crack down on illegal gun trafficking and a proposal for hiring as many as 1,000 new local prosecutors.

During the three days, mayors heard from the secretaries of housing and urban development, defense, transportation, labor, education and commerce. Each outlined plans on how their initiatives would help urban centers through job creation, home building and improvement of schools.

"With the deficit coming down, we can once again talk about progressive government," said HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo. "HUD is back in the housing business."

Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation Committee, got enthusiastic support from the mayors in calling for increased spending on mass transit systems, bridges and roadways.

Shuster's proposal would increase spending by about 30 percent by using gasoline and aviation taxes.

Although Shuster faces resistance from some fellow Republicans opposed to higher spending, he drew cheers from the mayors.

Datebook

Jan. 31, 1998

Today is the 31st day of 1998 and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1851, Gail Borden of Brooklyn, N.Y., announced the invention of evaporated milk.

On this day in 1950, President Truman announced that he ordered the development of the hydrogen bomb by the Atomic Energy Commission.

On this day in 1986, Mary Lund of Kensington, Minn., became the first female recipient of an artificial heart.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Schubert (1797-1828), composer; Anna Pavlova (1882-1931), ballerina; Eddie Cantor (1892-1964), comedian; Tallulah Bankhead (1903-1968), actress; Jackie Robinson (1919-1972), baseball great; Carol Channing (1923-), actress, is 75; Ernie Banks (1931-), baseball great, is 67; Philip Glass (1937-), composer, is 61; Nolan Ryan (1947-), baseball great, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Howard Cosell retired from broadcasting.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "He who speaks without modesty will find it difficult to make his words good." — Confucius

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1969, some schools in Boulder, Colo., were forced to close due to 80-mph winds.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 28) and first quarter (Feb. 3).

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Feb. 1, 1998

Today is the 32nd day of 1998 and the 43rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1884, the First Oxford Dictionary was published by Sir James Murray in Scotland.

On this day in 1893, Thomas Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture.

On this day in 1982, "Late Night With Dave Letterman" debuted on NBC-TV.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victor Herbert (1859-1924), cellist-conductor; John Ford (1895-1973), director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1902-1967), poet; S.J. Perelman (1904-1979), humorist; Renata Tibaldi (1922-), singer, is 76; Don Everly (1937-), singer, is 61; Sherman Hemsley (1938-), actor, is 60; Brandon Lee (1965-1993), actor; Laura Dern (1967-), actress, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, American Hayes Jenkins won the gold medal in figure skating at the Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Money helps, though not so much as you think when you don't have it." — Louise Erdrich

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1936, a hailstorm of jagged lumps of ice killed 19 people in the northern Transvaal area of South Africa.

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He was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Jeff included: very knowledgable about his job ... excellent clinician ... like the Energizer Bunny, just keeps going and going and going ... very courteous to patients, visitors and co-workers ... has been dedicated and loyal to CMH for many years.

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Staff Radiologic Technologist
Employee of the Month
January, 1998



D'Les has worked at CMH for 10 months. She has an Associate Degree in Science from Clovis Community College, Clovis , New Mexico, and has earned an ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists) license. She performs x-ray examinations, mammography, and CT procedures.

D'Les and her husband, Brian, who is employed at The Amazing Toy Company in Snyder, have two sons; Tyler is in the 3rd Grade at Central Elementary, and Collin is in the 1st Grade at Stanfield.

She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for D'Les included: knowledgeable about the procedures in her department and works efficiently ... courteous to patients, family members and co-workers ... has a warm smile ... she is calm and confident and able to project that calmness and reassurance to patients.

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Audible ringing is unusual

DEAR DR. GOTT: Don't laugh, because this is true: Our 14-month-old son has ears that ring so loudly that we and the doctor can hear it. He's not in any pain, and no one can figure out the cause. We are afraid he may go deaf.

DEAR READER: Tinnitus (ringing in the ears) is a common consequence of nerve damage from excessive noise. It can also occur in normal people for no apparent cause. I have never heard someone else's tinnitus. I'd always been under the impression that only one person can hear tinnitus; the patient himself. Therefore, your son's problem must be a very unusual one indeed.

I do not know whether his hearing will be affected, but I would certainly encourage you to have him examined and tested by capable ear specialists in the hope that the doctors could discover a cause for the ear-ringing — which must be, at best, an annoyance for him.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does castration help repeat sex-offenders stop their behavior?

DEAR READER: Not enough sex offenders have opted for this drastic treatment to allow experts to conclude that castration is a suitable "therapy." In general, sex offenders have profound psychological problems that govern their inappropriate behavior. The theory that hormone levels or excessive sex drive are the causes of sex offenses has been discredited. For example, rape is viewed as a crime of violence, rather than of sexual appetite. Sex offenders seem to be better served by psychotherapy. Nonetheless, some offenders, who have chosen castration as a desperate step to control their impulses, report feeling better and less prone to obsessive anti-social misbehavior.

As you might expect, the legal ramifications of involuntary sterilization of criminals are profound. Even if castration were shown to be medically beneficial, years would pass before state legislators could pass criminal-sterilization laws.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You asked if any of your readers had success in treating skin discoloration with PABA. I take 100 milligrams daily, along with 200 milligrams of pantothenic acid. It completely cleared up the cloasma (skin discoloration on the cheeks), which had lasted several years after the birth of my son.

DEAR READER: Para-aminobenzoic acid, or PABA, is a naturally occurring substance, often linked to the vitamin B complex, found in cereals, eggs, milk and meat. PABA acts by combining with the outer layer of skin and preventing its removal by water and sweat. The compound is useful as a sunscreen and, as you point out, for treating certain skin diseases. It is added to some commercially available vitamin preparations. It is harmless in the usual dose of 100 milligrams daily, but can cause a severe skin reaction in people who are allergic to it. I appreciate your writing to me about your experience with PABA.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Will you explain what happens during balloon angioplasty?

DEAR READER: Balloon angioplasty is an effective treatment to remove obstructions in arteries.

As we age, we develop progressive arteriosclerosis, the insidious buildup of material — composed of blood cells, calcium, protein and fat — within our arteries, the blood vessels that supply oxygen and nutrients to our organs. With time, these rough and irregular deposits cause arterial narrowing, much like rust in an old pipe.

When the stenosis (narrowing) becomes pronounced, organs become oxygen-depleted and symptoms result. For example, claudication (cramps upon walking) or angina (painful heart cramps) are the consequences of narrowed blood vessels to the leg muscles and to the heart, respectively.

Until recently, the most satisfactory treatment was bypass grafting, in which an artery or vein was surgically grafted across the narrowed arterial segment. After surgery, the graft acted as a bridge to allow more blood-flow around the obstruction.

Now, by using a relatively simple and safe technique, skillful practitioners can help patients avoid bypass surgery. The doctor passes a small balloon-covered tube (catheter) into a diseased artery and advances it, under fluoroscopic control, to the point of obstruction. The balloon is then forcefully inflated. As it expands, the balloon stretches and cracks the obstruction.

Next, the balloon is deflated and the catheter removed. The debris is carried away in the bloodstream and the artery is thus freed of blockage. In a few weeks, the smooth arterial lining grows back and the blood vessel heals.

Of course, the aging process continues. Therefore, patients who have had arterial bypass surgery or balloon angioplasty must alter their lifestyles and diets to reduce the risk of further, accelerated arteriosclerotic buildup inside the treated arteries. These patients must lose weight (if they are obese), stop smoking (if they haven't already), obtain more exercise and reduce dietary fat.

As more specialists have become familiar with the procedure and as the equipment has improved, balloon angioplasty has become a common procedure, offering hope and health to millions of patients with arterial disease.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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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Dan Morales asks challenges to be moved to federal court

AUSTIN (AP) — Facing a barrage of "wait a minute" complaints, Attorney General Dan Morales asked a federal judge Friday to take over all legal challenges to the state's $15.3 billion tobacco lawsuit settlement.

"It is difficult to understand why anyone would take steps to jeopardize the largest settlement in the nation's history," Morales said. "The political bickering must stop."

On Jan. 22, U.S. District Judge David Folsom approved the deal in which the tobacco industry agreed to pay billions to cover the state's costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

Since then, numerous state legislators have gone to the Texas Supreme Court to challenge the $2.3 billion in fees for private lawyers who helped the state and attacking the settlement's provision for spending $1.2 billion on health-care initiatives.

But Morales said Folsom retains exclusive jurisdiction over the case, and that any challenges should be heard in his Texarkana court.

"Notwithstanding this clear judicial directive, various political candidates and officials have filed objections with the Texas Supreme Court," Morales said.

"The state of Texas has won an unprecedented victory; let's set aside the grandstanding and go about the business of improving the public health," he said.

Also Friday, seven legislators asked the Texas Supreme Court to order Morales to oppose paying the $2.3 billion to the five private lawyers who worked with the state.

"Attorney General Morales does not have either constitutional or statutory authority to enter into the contingency agreement with the outside counsel," said Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

"Clearly, he's overstepped his legal authority in his decision to endorse such a fee for the outside counsel," Fraser said.

On Thursday, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, asked the Supreme Court to order Morales to put all of the money from the settlement into the state's general fund for lawmakers to determine how to spend.

Former Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn, a Republican candidate for attorney general, filed a similar motion last week.

Texas A&M deal with South Texas criticized

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston officials are calling for Texas lawmakers and higher education officials to review a new alliance between Texas A&M University and the private South Texas College of Law.

University of Houston President Arthur Smith says the pact between Texas A&M and South Texas should not have been signed without approval from legislators and the state Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"This marriage was contracted and consummated without the clergy," Smith said Thursday.

The deal gives Texas A&M the law school it has sought for 30 years, without money changing hands. The debt-free law school remains private and in downtown Houston. It will continue charging its $14,700-a-year tuition. South Texas officials say the Texas A&M name will give their faculty and graduates better name recognition outside the state.

"All the affiliation does is state that we are the institution that provides legal services," said Jerry Thorn, South Texas vice president and general counsel.

Not surprisingly, Smith said he opposes what he considers essentially a third public law school in Houston. Texas Southern University also has a law school.

About $1 million in jewelry reported stolen from home

DALLAS (AP) — Billionaire businessman Harold Simmons has launched a worldwide search for about $1 million in jewelry reported stolen from his home.

Among the items reported missing are two gold-and-diamond brooches, a platinum diamond-encrusted cross, and a 40-caret pink sapphire-and-diamond ring.

Simmons placed an advertisement in The Dallas Morning News offering to buy back the items and also tendered an unspecified reward for information leading to the recovery of the jewelry.

Michael Haberer, a private investigator hired by the family, said similar ads featuring various pieces of jewelry would run again in the Dallas newspaper and other newspapers and in jewelry journals aimed at readers in New York, California, Antwerp, Frankfurt, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

"The client wishes to buy back some of the items. The other objective is to notify the public there is a reward for the recovery of the jewelry," said Haberer of Dale Simpson and Associates in suburban Richardson, Texas.

The private investigator declined to identify his clients, but Dallas police confirmed that the jewelry being sought was among items reported stolen from the Simmons residence.

Simmons and his wife, Annette, declined to comment about the burglary.

Dallas police spokesman Jim Chandler says the burglary stands out because of the value of the items taken. It is estimated to be worth about $968,000, the same amount as all of the jewelry reported stolen in Dallas burglaries in 1996, he said.

Police said the break-in happened sometime between noon on Jan. 10 and noon on Jan. 11 while the couple was out of town.

Mrs. Simmons told police that someone had broken in through the rear of the house and out of view of an on-site guard, and for unknown reasons, the burglar's entry failed to trigger the home-alarm system. The burglar also evaded guard dogs at the rear of the house, according to the police report.

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SPORTS

Tigers dominate Frenship, 51-35

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Going into Friday's contest, it had been said that the Tigers performance would be a "gut check" and "a test of the team's character."

What the effort ended up being was dominating.

Snyder showed no ill effects from its quadruple overtime loss Tuesday, trouncing the Frenship Tigers, 51-35.

The victory propells Snyder (14-14, 3-3) back into the thick of the 2-4A race.

With Plainview's 83-61 rout of Estacado, the hometown Tigers find themselves tied for third with the Matadors, heading into Tuesday's battle in Lubbock.

"Our guys' performance tonight showed a lot of character," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We really got after it on the defensive end."

Snyder got off to a rough start, struggling against the Frenship zone to trail 8-5 after the first quarter.

"They did some different things with their zone that we weren't ready for," Birks stated. "But the guys adjusted well and our shots started falling in the second quarter."

The second period would be the turning point in the contest, as Snyder took control and never looked back.

Justin McNair got things going with a three-pointer and the SHS defense took over from there.

Jimmy Taylor rejected four Frenship shots in a 3½ minute span, triggering Snyder's fast break.

Taylor posted 11 points to close the first half, including a two-handed dunk and a three-pointer as time expired.

Possessing a 22-14 advantage to begin the third quarter, Snyder didn't let up.

Long-range buckets from McNair and Tyler Warren, followed by a Taylor putback, capped a 25-4 Snyder run which spanned 10 minutes over two periods of play.

Snyder's only bit of bad luck came on a scary play shortly after McNair's second bomb from behind the arc.

McNair was fouled going in for a layup and slammed into an unpadded portion of the gymnasium wall.

The 5'11" junior quickly hopped to his feet, but was forced to the bench with a cut just above his right eye.

Preliminary reports showed no signs of a concussion, but the Tigers' three-point specialist did receive "six stitches on the outside and several on the inside."

Following the injury, Snyder continued its dominant play.

Alvin Fabre added three more to the tally from downtown and Taylor registered two more blocks for a 39-24 advantage, heading into the final eight minutes.

Any hopes of a Frenship rally were quickly snuffed out by the Snyder defense.

Warren twice picked the pocket of an FHS ballhandler and Taylor poured in all six points during an 8-0 Snyder run.

The visiting Tigers managed 11 points in the final stanza, their largest output of the night, but it wasn't enough. Snyder held on down the stretch for the 51-35 victory.

Although out-rebounded, Snyder controlled every other aspect of the game.

SHS shutout Frenship's leading scorer and held the FHS starters to only 10 points between them.

Taylor paced the Snyder offense with 21 points, while Fabre and McNair drained two three-pointers apiece.

In addition to Plainview's win over Estacado, Lamesa levelled Levelland, 71-35, in the district's other contest.

FRENSHIP — Jones 0 0-2 0, Weese 1 0-0 2, Walker 2 2-2 6, Sinclair 0 0-1 0, P. Shelby 1 0-0 2, Riley 2 2-2 6, J. Shelby 0 4-4 4, Green 2 1-2 5, Swan 3 4-4 10. Totals 11 13-17 35.

SNYDER — Fabre 4 0-0 10, McNair 3 1-2 9, Warren 1 0-0 3, Taylor 9 2-2 21, Carter 2 0-0 4, Hodges 1 0-0 2, Mandrell 1 0-2 2. Totals 21 3-6 51.

Frenship	8	6	10	11	— 35
Snyder	5	17	17	12	— 51

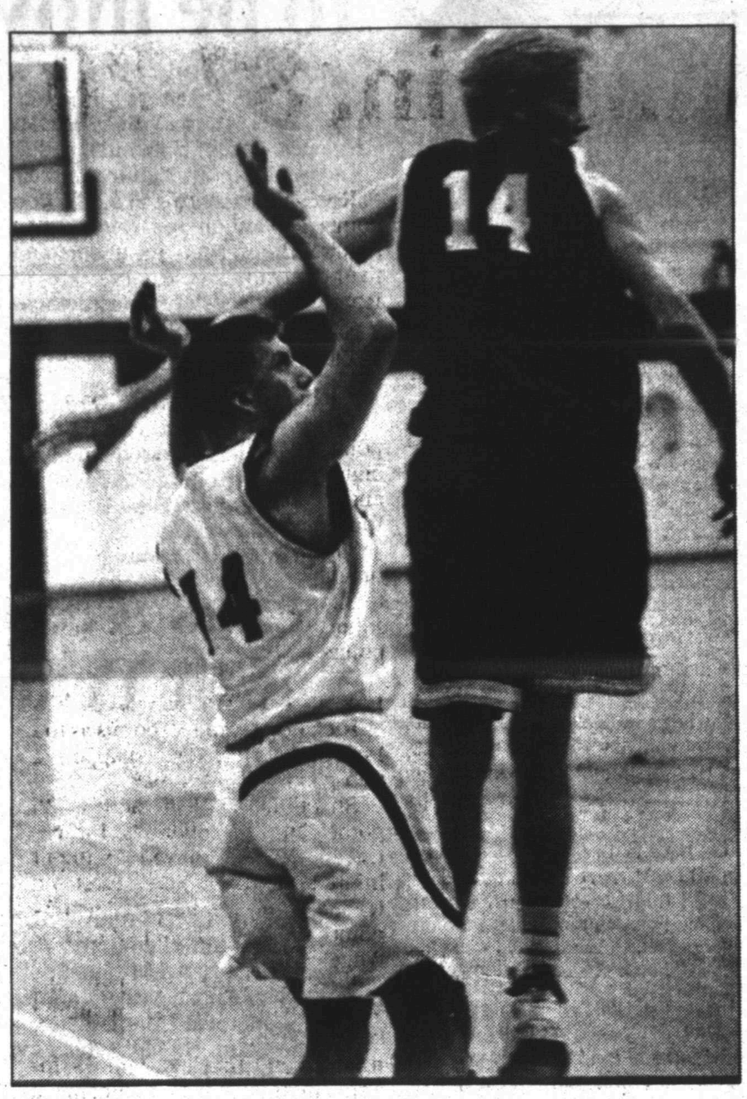
Three-point goals: Snyder 6 (Fabre 2, McNair 2, Warren, Taylor). Rebounds: Frenship 30 (Jones 9), Snyder 17 (Taylor 4). Total fouls: Frenship 13, Snyder 17. Fouled out: none. Technicals: Snyder — Smith.

2-4A Boys

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Lamesa	6	0	1.000	-
Plainview	4	2	.667	2
Snyder	3	3	.500	3
Estacado	3	3	.500	3
Levelland	2	4	.333	4
Frenship	0	6	.000	6

Friday's Results — Snyder 51, Frenship 35; Lamesa 71, Levelland 35; Plainview 83, Estacado 61.

Tuesday's Games — Snyder at Estacado; Lamesa at Plainview; Frenship at Levelland.



CONCENTRATION — Snyder's Justin McNair puts up a three-point shot over the top of Frenship's Brandon Jones during the Tigers' 51-35 victroy Friday night at the SHS gym. McNair poured in two long-range buckets and nine points before leaving the game with a cut over his right eye. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cards grab OT victory with Lambaren bucket

District 25-A had better take this group of Cardinals seriously.

After winning only one league contest a year ago, Hermleigh captured a 60-58 overtime victory Friday night against Blackwell to improve to 3-0 and remain atop the district standings.

Led once again by Larry Lambaren, who finished with 20 points, the Cardinals opened a 17-11 advantage in the early going.

But the Hornets managed to put together a strong run in the second quarter, seizing a 25-23 lead by halftime.

Hermleigh would be down by three entering the fourth period, before knotting the contest at 54-54 to force the extra frame.

The Cardinals stayed on track in the overtime, surrendering only four points while posting six.

Lambaren laid in the winning bucket with three seconds left on the clock for the 60-58 victory.

"The difference between this year and last is our leadership," Hermleigh coach Juan Rios said. "We have a great group of seniors.

"Larry is an example of that. These guys are starting to realize that they can play and that makes a world of difference."

Lambaren had 12 rebounds to go along with his 20 points. Jason Hernandez poured in 17 points and hauled in nine boards.

Hermleigh improves to 9-12 on the season and 3-0 in district play, while Blackwell falls to 9-13 and 2-1.

The Cardinals will take their first-place ranking on the road Tuesday when they visit Highland at 8 p.m.

Hermleigh 60, Blackwell 58 (OT)
Hermleigh: Lambaren 20, J. Hernandez, 17; Johnny Garza, 12; Caleb Callaway, 5; A. Luna and Joey Garza, 2.

Bulldogs fall to Mustangs

ACKERLY — Ira got 75 percent of their offense from two players Friday night.

That was bad news for the Bulldogs.

Logan Daves and Jerek Brown combined for 43 points in a 73-58 loss to Sands.

Ira falls to 15-7 on the season and 1-2 in District 27-A play.

Daves poured in 23 and Brown finished with 20, but a hot-shooting Sands team wasn't to be outdone.

Sands outscored the Bulldogs, 24-12, in the second quarter, giving it a lead it would never give up.

Ira continues its league schedule Tuesday, when its hosts Westbrook at 8 p.m.

Beyer, Frenship top Lady Tigers

Even in a district contest, sometimes basketball takes a backseat to other issues in life.

Having to play without the services of starting point guard Mandy Hess, who was at a Lubbock hospital where her father was in critical condition after contacting malaria while working overseas, the Snyder Lady Tigers fell to Frenship, 55-42.

The setback leaves Snyder at 12-13 on the season and 2-6 in district play with two games remaining on the schedule.

"I think the girls played well considering all the factors," Snyder assistant coach Vanessa Gutierrez said. "Some of the girls were pretty upset during the day."

Alicia Peoples dropped in Snyder's first bucket of the contest to knot the tally at 2-2, but after that it was all Frenship.

The visiting Lady Tigers used the size and shooting ability of Connie Beyer to pull away.

Beyer posted 14 points in the opening half, with most of them coming on short jump shots over Snyder players.

Frenship outscored SHS, 14-3, in the second period to hold a 31-14 halftime advantage.

"The last time we played them we fronted Beyer, but since then we've started playing behind in the low post," Gutierrez stated. "Beyer is tough, she didn't miss many shots."

FHS and its 6'2" sharpshooter kept things rolling in the third quarter.

Beyer registered eight more points, as Snyder substituted regularly due to foul trouble.

Starters Ashley Delce, Shannon Hall and Melanie Kidd were hampered by early fouls.

But the Lady Tigers showed a spark in the final eight minutes.

Trailing 52-24, Snyder refused to go away.

Delce blocked a Frenship shot to ignite an SHS run.

Hall then drained a three-pointer, followed by a long-range bucket from Kidd and two free throws.

Brooke McGuire chipped in two more from the charity stripe, as did Peoples.

Hall capped the Snyder streak with another basket from behind the arc at the 1:00 mark.

The SHS defense had kept up its end of the bargain, surrendering only three Frenship points in the final period.

Snyder ended up outscoring its opponents, 18-3, in the fourth for the 55-42 final.

Frenship shot 56 percent from the field on the night, compared to 27 for Snyder.

Peoples led the SHS offense with 12 points, including a four of six performance from the line.

Next on the Lady Tigers' schedule is a visit to Estacado.

Snyder toppled the Lady Matadors in a physical battle earlier in the season and Gutierrez doesn't expect anything to be different this time around.

"I'm sure it will be a very physical game again this time, especially in their (Estacado) gym," she remarked. "It's going to be a dogfight."

FRENSHIP — Hubbard 2 0-0 5, Beyer 11 2-2 24, Potts 4 1-1 11, Warden 0 0-1 0, Zouzalik 0 0-2 0, McClendon 1 1-2 1, Crowson 1 2-2 4, Holloway 1 2-2 4, Lewis 3 0-0 6, Claybrook 0 0-2 0. Totals 22 8-14 55.

SNYDER — McGuire 0 4-6 4, Hall 2 1-2 7, Burleson 1 0-0 2, Kidd 2 3-4 8, Delce 2 1-2 5, Kallemeyn 1 0-0 2, Peoples 4 4-6 12, Murray 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 13-20 42.

Frenship	18	13	21	3	— 55
Snyder	10	4	10	18	— 42

Three-point goals: Frenship 3 (Potts 2, Hubbard), Snyder 3 (Hall 2, Kidd). Rebounds: Frenship 17 (Beyer 4, Holloway 4), Snyder 29 (Kallemeyn 6). Total fouls: Frenship 15, Snyder 16. Fouled out: none.

2-4A Girls

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Levelland	7	1	.875	-
Plainview	6	2	.750	1
Frenship	5	3	.625	2
Lamesa	3	5	.375	4
Snyder	2	6	.250	5
Estacado	1	7	.125	6

Friday's Results — Frenship 55, Snyder 42; Levelland 50, Lamesa 26; Plainview 49, Estacado 30.

Tuesday's Games — Snyder at Estacado; Lamesa at Plainview; Frenship at Levelland.

Lady Cards clamp down on Blackwell

The Lady Cardinal defense is playing a key role in Hermleigh's title defense.

The Hermleigh girls stymied Blackwell's shooters, while four Lady Cards posted double digits for a 66-41 victory Friday night.

Hermleigh improves to 12-8 on the season and 3-0 in District 25-A, as it attempts to repeat its league championship of a year ago.

The Lady Cards came out firing against Blackwell.

Melissa Brasuel, Kendra Dacus and Crystal Jackson each drained three-pointers in the first quarter as Hermleigh opened a 16-9 lead.

Hermleigh didn't let up in the second period, as Jennifer Roemisch got into the act with four buckets.

Holding a 34-20 advantage, entering the final two quarters, the Lady Cardinals relied on their defense and long-range shooting to preserve the win.

Blackwell couldn't rally, mustering only 21 points over the final 16 minutes.

On the Hermleigh offensive end, the shots were still raining down.

Brandy Wood nailed two baskets from behind the arc, with Brasuel and Dacus pouring in one more apiece.

Brasuel and Roemisch paced the Lady Cards with 14 points each, with Roemisch adding 10 rebounds and Brasuel chipping in nine assists.

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SPORTS

Jordan off but Bulls win, 87-80

By The Associated Press

The Golden State Warriors sopped Michael Jordan. They couldn't stop his teammates, though.

Jordan missed 15 of 17 shots from the field and finished with only 14 points, but the Chicago Bulls still beat the Warriors 87-80 Friday night.

"You can't defend Michael any better," Golden State coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "Michael might have missed some shots, but that's as good as you can defend him."

Scottie Pippen, Luc Longley and Dennis Rodman helped make up for Jordan's shooting woes. Pippen scored 22 points and Longley had 16, while Rodman grabbed 22 rebounds for the Bulls.

Although he was off from the field, Jordan made 10 of 11 free throws, including a pair with 8:54 left that extended his NBA record of consecutive double-digit scoring games to 804.

"I had confidence at the free throw line, so I was certainly looking for fouls," said Jordan, who leads the NBA in scoring with a 29-point average. "With the game on the line, even when I'm shooting bad, I still want to be there."

Joe Smith scored 18 points for Golden State, which has lost 13 straight to Chicago.

Elsewhere, it was Charlotte 97, Boston 95; Indiana 89, Cleveland 83; Phoenix 74, Miami 71; Washington 102, Detroit 95; Utah 104, Dallas 94; San Antonio 97, Los Angeles Clippers 87; Los Angeles Lakers 121, Minnesota 114; and Sacramento 123, Toronto 97.

Pacers 89, Cavaliers 83

Reggie Miller scored 24 points, including two consecutive 3-pointers that put the Pacers ahead to stay at Indianapolis.

The Pacers overcame a 16-point, third-quarter deficit to win their fifth straight and 10th in their last 11. Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 25 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland.

Hornets 97, Celtics 95

David Wesley scored 28 points against his former team, including a key 3-pointer in the final minute as Charlotte won its fourth straight.

The visiting Hornets overcame 38 points and 11 rebounds by Antoine Walker. Anthony Mason had 24 points and 13 rebounds for Charlotte.

Suns 74, Heat 71

Rex Chapman hit a 22-foot jumper with 12 seconds remaining and Phoenix overcame 31 percent shooting to win at Miami.

Tim Hardaway led the Heat with 19 points, including a 64-foot basket at the first-half buzzer, but he missed 16 of 23 shots from the field. Cliff Robinson scored 23 points for the Suns, who won despite a season-low point total.

Wizards 102, Pistons 95

Rod Strickland had 25 points and nine assists as Washington beat Detroit.

The Wizards, who nearly blew a 20-point lead, overcame 28 points and 10 rebounds from Grant Hill to break their three-game losing streak at the Palace.

Chris Webber had 20 points and 15 rebounds for Washington.

Jazz 104, Mavericks 94

Karl Malone scored 29 points and John Stockton had 17 points and 10 assists as Utah beat Dallas for the 17th straight time at the Delta Center.

Michael Finley led Dallas with 27 points. Hubert Davis added 19 for the Mavs, who haven't won in Utah since 1989.

Dallas trailed by only two points with 4:35 remaining in the third quarter before Utah pulled away with a 13-2 run.

Spurs 97, Clippers 87

David Robinson scored 10 consecutive points in the final 4½ minutes and finished with 28 for San Antonio, which overcame a 15-point deficit at Los Angeles.

Rookie Tim Duncan had 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs, who handed the Clippers their seventh consecutive loss. Robinson grabbed 13 rebounds.

Lamond Murray scored 26 points for Los Angeles.

Kings 123, Raptors 97

Mitch Richmond scored 27 points as Sacramento won its eighth straight home game and ended Toronto's franchise-best four-game winning streak.

The Kings built a 62-39 halftime lead and widened the margin to 32 in the third quarter. Reserve John Wallace led Toronto with 18 points.

Lakers 121, Timberwolves 114

Rick Fox scored 30 points as the Los Angeles Lakers snapped a two-game losing streak.

Shaquille O'Neal added 26 points and 17 rebounds for the Lakers, who played without injured starters Nick Van Exel and Robert Horry. Eddie Jones had 24 points and Kobe Bryant 22 for Los Angeles.

Stephon Marbury led the Wolves with 35 points, including six 3-pointers.

WTC linksters set for first tourney of spring

The Westerners are ready for a run to the postseason.

The Western Texas College golf team departed Saturday for the sunny confines of Melbourne, Florida to take part in the Brevard Invitational at Suntree Country Club.

Participating for WTC will be Tomas Korberg, Fredrik Widmark, Jonas Wahlstedt, Michael Stenger and Andreas Lungren.

Westerner coach Milton Ham is optimistic about his team's chances on the 7,235 yard layout.

"It is a challenging course. There's no doubt about it," Ham said. "But I believe we have a stronger team now than we did in the fall."

WTC will get in a practice round Sunday, before the tourney begins with 36 holes on Monday. Competition will conlcude Tuesday with the final 18 holes.

Following their trip to Florida, the Westerners will be back on the links Feb. 22 in Seminole.

Lady 'Dogs drop 27-A contest, 82-41

ACKERLY — The Lady Bulldogs have hit a rough spot in the road.

After beginning the season 19-1, the Ira girls have dropped their last two district contests, including an 82-41 decision Friday night to Sands.

The Lady Bulldogs ran into a stingy Sands defense, as Ira could manage only 11 points over the second and third quarters.

Morgan Clements and Terri Robinson paced the Lady Bulldog offense, pouring in 15 points apiece.

The setback drops Ira to 19-3 on the season and 1-2 in District 27-A play.

The Lady Bulldogs will try to regroup when they host Westbrook at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Players take it easy for Pro Bowl in Honolulu

HONOLULU (AP) — The Pro Bowl is a paid vacation for the NFL all-stars, with a football game at the end.

"You give them a playbook, and you try to get things done in practice so you can function on game day and let them show what they can do," said San Francisco's Steve Mariucci, the NFC coach for Sunday's game.

"But the practices are short and sweet. We practice early, and by the time we finish, they still have most of the day to play golf or whatever they want to do."

But Barry Sanders said things get more serious on Sunday.

"The intensity during practices isn't the same as preparing for a regular game," said the Detroit Lions running back, who has made the Pro Bowl each of his nine NFL seasons.

"But at this level, when the game starts I don't think any of us wants to be outdone. You want to do what you did to get here."

This Pro Bowl signals a sort of changing of the all-star guard, as 28 of the players will be appearing in the game for the first time.

The AFC will start six first-time selections: cornerback Aaron Glenn of the New York Jets; linebackers Chris Slade of New England, Joel Steed of Pittsburgh and Ted Washington of Buffalo; safety Darryl Williams of Seattle; and offensive lineman Jonathan Ogden of Baltimore.

Four Pro Bowl rookies are starters for the NFC: Green Bay running back Dorsey Levens; offensive lineman Todd Steussie of Minnesota; and New York Giants linebacker Jessie Armstead and defensive end Michael Strahan.

There are, of course, the all-star perennials such as the AFC's Bruce Smith of Buffalo, making his 10th appearance; and Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, voted into the game for then ninth time.

Grid great Doak Walker injured in skiing mishap

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Football great Doak Walker remained in critical condition today with a head injury sustained in a ski accident at Steamboat Ski Resort.

Walker, 71, a Heisman Trophy winner and member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, was hurt Friday.

He was airlifted to Columbia Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

CAT scan tests "showed no real physical damage, just a closed head injury," hospital spokeswoman Sara Spaulding said late Friday night.

"Mr. Walker sustained a severe closed head injury today while skiing. He is presently in critical condition and unresponsive," said Walker's doctor, trauma surgeon Bert Katubig. "All X-rays — head, spinal chord and abdomen — are negative (good) at this time. He will undergo further observation and tests tonight and tomorrow."

Walker fell while skiing on Lower Rainbow, a groomed intermediate trail on the upper mountain.

Resort spokesman Rod Hanna said witnesses said Walker was making giant-slalom type turns "when he hit a change in terrain, not like moguls or a bump, but rolling terrain, which caused him to travel 20-30 feet in the air. Then he tumbled approximately another 75 feet after he hit."

There were no trees in the area and no collision, Hanna said, "just a bad fall."

Walker's friend John Nichols, 40, said he was skiing in front of Walker.

"Everything was going fine, he was doing some giant slalom turns, but he was very in control, not excessive speed," Nichols said.

When he realized Walker had crashed, Nichols said he went back up the mountain and was told that Walker's heart had stopped.

"When I got there they said there was no pulse," Nichols said. "After 15 seconds of chest compressions, they got a pulse."

Ski patrolmen also administered oxygen and got Walker off the mountain by toboggan to a waiting ambulance, Hanna said.

The accident happened just before 11 a.m. Walker was taken to Routt Memorial Hospital, then airlifted to the Denver hospital.

Walker, a resident of Steamboat Springs, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1986.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	27	16	.628	-
NewJersey	25	19	.568	2½
NewYork	24	19	.558	3
Washington	23	23	.500	5½
Orlando	21	24	.467	7
Boston	20	24	.455	7½
Philadelphia	14	28	.333	12½
Central Division				
Indiana	31	12	.721	½
Chicago	33	13	.717	-
Charlotte	27	17	.614	5
Atlanta	27	18	.600	5½
Cleveland	25	18	.581	6½
Milwaukee	22	22	.500	10
Detroit	21	23	.477	11
Toronto	10	34	.227	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
SanAntonio	32	14	.696	-
Utah	29	14	.674	1½
Minnesota	25	18	.581	5½
Houston	20	22	.476	10
Vancouver	13	32	.289	18½
Dallas	8	35	.186	22½
Denver	3	40	.070	27½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	35	10	.778	-
L.A.Lakers	32	11	.744	2
Phoenix	28	14	.667	5½
Portland	24	19	.558	10
Sacramento	19	26	.422	16
L.A.Clippers	10	36	.217	25½
GoldenState	8	35	.186	26

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 115, New York 112, OT
Atlanta 109, Philadelphia 99, OT
Orlando 95, Houston 88
Toronto 84, Denver 80
Chicago 100, Portland 87
Seattle 109, Golden State 97
Minnesota 112, Vancouver 106

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Chicago 87, Golden State 80
Sacramento 123, Toronto 97

Saturday's Games
Houston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Miami at New York, noon.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 6 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division						
NewJersey	31	16	5	67	150	106
Philadelphia	28	14	9	65	150	114
Washington	25	17	10	60	146	131
N.Y.Rangers	16	21	15	47	131	141
Florida	17	25	11	45	131	151
N.Y.Islanders	18	28	7	43	136	149
TampaBay	9	34	8	26	90	165
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	28	15	10	66	148	120
Montreal	27	18	7	61	156	126
Boston	22	20	9	53	130	126
Ottawa	21	23	9	51	121	130
Buffalo	19	21	10	48	123	128
Carolina	20	28	6	46	130	151
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Dallas	33	12	8	74	162	107
Detroit	29	13	11	69	164	121
St.Louis	27	20	8	62	158	137
Phoenix	23	20	10	56	152	146
Chicago	21	21	9	51	124	117
Toronto	17	26	7	41	118	145
Pacific Division						
Colorado	26	12	16	68	161	128
LosAngeles	22	19	9	53	144	139
Edmonton	18	24	10	46	131	146
SanJose	19	25	7	45	124	137
Anaheim	17	27	9	43	128	161
Calgary	14	29	10	38	136	167
Vancouver	13	32	8	34	135	191

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Boston 2
N.Y. Rangers 2, Ottawa 2, tie
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2
Florida 3, Dallas 2
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Friday's Games
Phoenix 3, Buffalo 3, tie
N.Y. Islanders 2, Carolina 0
Vancouver 3, New Jersey 1

Saturday's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
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Detroit at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
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Ottawa at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
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How some public figures handle accusations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Indignation and denial — unequivocal or artful — come first when sexual allegations are raised against a public figure. Hasty efforts to discredit the source of the accusation often follow. Finally may come contrition — if there was ever fire as well as smoke in the first place.

History provides something of a playbook on getting out of these scrapes, although it is hardly a guarantee of success. History, that is, starting with Gary Hart, whose collapse in the 1988 presidential primaries following accusations of philandering was the turning point in treating private lives as public business.

At the height of the 1992 campaign, the Clinton camp was juggling more than 20 potential "bimbo eruptions," in the words of the loyalist who was at the center of efforts to make them go away. That is how many women were in varying stages of coming forward — or thinking about it — to claim to have had intimate relations with Bill Clinton.

The campaign's Betsey Wright, a great believer in pre-emptive strikes, went on the offensive, hiring detectives to check backgrounds of the women and gather contrary evidence on their claims, and, in some cases, their character. Most went away; Gennifer Flowers and her widely publicized claim of a 12-year affair did not.

But while seeds of public suspicion were sown, Clinton did not suffer lasting political damage. He admitted past marital strains and flatly denied an affair with Flowers — now reported to have been confirmed in his deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit.

Four years later, Bob Dole's Republican campaign for the presidency tensed when it got word that major publications were gathering material on an alleged affair that began in 1968 when Dole was married to his first wife.

While publicly slamming the "trashy" gossip, the Dole campaign sent a lawyer to see what the woman had to say about the relationship. Campaign officials also fanned out to news executives to argue that the allegations, even if true, did not meet the test of relevance. The story got scant distribution until the elections were over and the campaign's post-mortems were written.

The late Cardinal Joseph Bernadin, Roman Catholic archbishop of Chicago, is an example of a public figure who dealt effectively with charges of sexual misbehavior, said professor Robert George, a constitutional law scholar at Princeton University and author of "Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality."

Accused by a man of sexually abusing him as a youth 17 years earlier, Bernadin not only flatly denied the charges but explained in detail his past dealings with the accuser and the circumstances that might give some people the appearance of misbehavior. The man eventually withdrew his charges.

"There was no mincing of words, no bobbing and weaving," George said.

After the House reprimanded him for using his influence on behalf of a male prostitute, a repentant Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., went home to his constituents and faced them at a meeting until they ran out of questions.

"I will tell you again, with chagrin, that I did not handle the pressures of having a public life, of being a closeted gay man, nearly as well as I should have," Frank said at the time. He survived and was soon as fiesty as ever.

"That's a remarkable case ... of simply toughing it out," George said.

Politicians find that when allegations of misbehavior reach sufficient critical mass to become the subject of questions fired at them by the mainstream press it may be too late to stop the story.

The White House is mindful of how a denial can become a headline as it tries to deal with some of the more salacious twists in the alleged affair between President Clinton and former intern Monica Lewinsky.

"I just want you to stop and think long and hard," Clinton spokesman Mike McCurry pleaded when asked about former adviser Dick Morris' speculation on a radio program about the Clintons' sex lives, "because ... anything I say in response is going to be an excuse for people to print something that I think is objectionable."

The Miami Herald staked out Hart's Washington townhouse in 1987 amid widespread rumors that the married Democratic senator was seeing other women and after he invited scrutiny of his life. The scandal shrunk the scope of what politicians could expect to remain off-limits to scrutiny.

Campaign manager Bill Dixon counterattacked in an effort to salvage Hart's candidacy but quit two days later, unaware until then that Hart had also been seen and photographed on a boat with Donna Rice.

Hart admitted his involvement with Rice was "a damn fool mistake" but declared, "If I am elected, I won't be the first adulterer in the White House." But he quit within days, re-entering later in the campaign to no avail.

From Clinton's finger-wagging denial to Clarence Thomas' cry of a "high-tech lynching" as he negotiated Anita Hill's lechery allegations en route to the Supreme Court, indignation by itself is no clue as to whether someone has been fairly accused or not.

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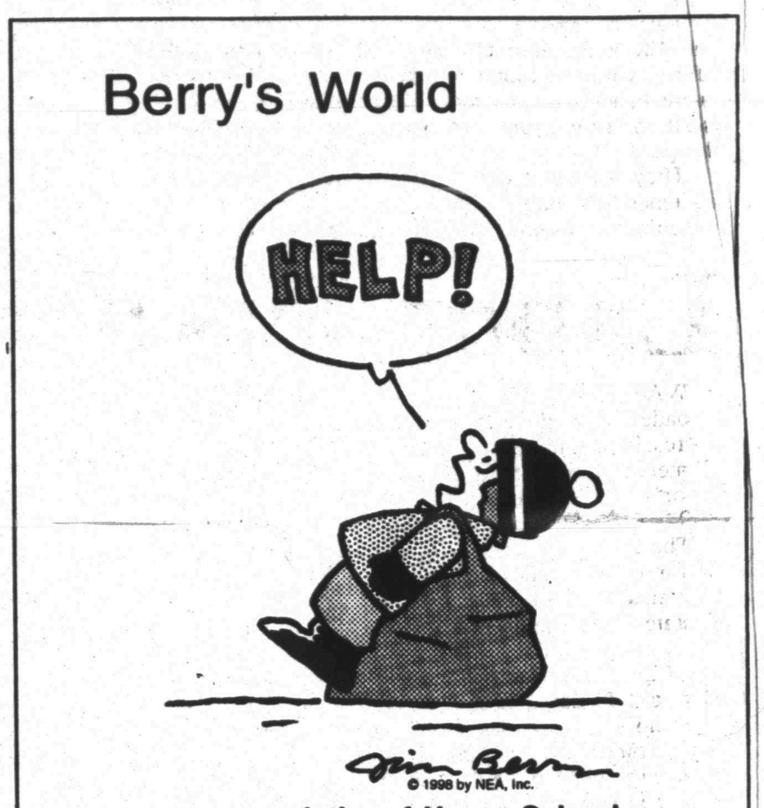

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Was tot's death medical mistake or murder?

ELEM INDIAN COLONY, Calif. (AP) — One Friday evening in 1996, 11-month-old Cody Burrows was diagnosed with a routine ear infection at an emergency room near his home in rural Northern California.

Two days and two more visits to the ER later, after the boy had started vomiting blood, his parents were handed a road map by the staff and told to drive to a bigger hospital 55 miles away.

They drove fast. Rhoda Thomas clutched her baby to her chest, listening for his breaths. The boy's father, David Burrows, took the sharp mountain turns as fast as he dared.

But it was too late. By Monday, Cody was dead.

Now, an ER doctor is going on trial in an extraordinary case. At issue: Was Cody's death a medical tragedy, or murder?

Dr. Wolfgang Schug, 45, is charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment. He could get at least 15 years in prison.

The trial, which begins with opening statements Tuesday, shocked doctors, who usually face malpractice suits and the loss of money or their license — not their freedom — if they are accused of practicing bad medicine.

Prosecutor Vernon Pierson told the grand jurors who indicted the doctor last summer that he isn't claiming Schug meant to kill Cody. But Pierson said the doctor realized the seriousness of Cody's illness and decided to solve the problem by sending him away.

"There is a balancing act: 'My reputation in admitting how badly I screwed up vs. endangering this kid by throwing him in a car, sending him away, and having somebody else clean up the mess,'" Pierson said.

Defense lawyer James Costello argues that Schug did his best to treat Cody. When nothing seemed to be working, Costello says, the doctor arranged for the child to get care at a hospital with more pediatric resources.

Costello says Schug believed that the child's condition was stable enough for him to be driven by his parents, and that it would be quicker than waiting for an ambulance.

The American Medical Association estimates only 10 doctors nationwide have faced charges of criminal negligence in recent years.

"Dr. Schug should not be on trial for murder. The proper jurisdiction is in the civil court," said Dr. Mark Freeman, chief of staff of the Redbud Community Hospital, where Schug works and where colleagues describe him as trustworthy and skilled.

During grand jury testimony, jurors heard a detailed account of Cody's three-day descent.

On Feb. 23, 1996, Cody's mother took him to the Redbud Community Hospital emergency room, a few miles from the desperately poor Indian reservation where they live. Schug examined Cody, diagnosed an ear infection and prescribed an antibiotic.

Early Sunday, Cody was back in the ER. Another doctor diagnosed a gastrointestinal ailment and advised the parents to come back if Cody didn't improve. Just before noon on Sunday, they did.

Schug was on duty. He ordered a tepid bath for Cody's fever and a chest X-ray. At one point, the boy vomited blood that looked like dried coffee grounds.

Five hours after Cody had been brought in, Schug and the nurses tried to insert an IV to give him fluids. But no one could get an IV started. By that time, Cody's veins probably had collapsed because of dehydration, said pediatric expert Dr. Kathryn Albin, who testified before the grand jury for the prosecution.

At the larger hospital in Santa Rosa, Mrs. Thomas discovered her boy had stopped breathing. The baby was resuscitated and transferred to San Francisco but was declared dead the following day.

An autopsy found that Cody died because of the effects of an infection with dehydration, metabolic imbalances and fever.

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Labor sets agenda for 1998

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broadening health care coverage, increasing the minimum wage and tightening retirement security top labor's legislative agenda for 1998.

The AFL-CIO also is gearing up for the November elections, but first must fight initiatives in several states that would limit political spending by unions.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said Friday those initiatives were an attempt to silence workers' voices when unions are increasing organizing activities and reasserting their political clout.

"We're ready to fight back," he said. "We'll draw energy from these attacks to enlist even more workers and more families."

The federation's executive board approved an initial budget of $15 million to influence this year's midterm congressional elections, The Washington Post reported today. However, officials said that figure will swell as campaigns heat up approaching November.

The leaders of the 13 million-member labor federation's affiliated unions also held a closed-doors session on the Teamsters election scandal to discuss the alleged involvement of the AFL-CIO's No. 2 officer.

Labor's $35 million political campaign in 1996 helped trim the Republican majority in the House and drew the ire of business leaders and the GOP. Last year, labor helped to block President Clinton's request for fast-track authority to negotiate trade deals.

Now Sweeney said labor would go to Capitol Hill with proposals to require all business with 50 or more employees to provide health insurance for their workers and pay 75 percent of the premiums.

The proposal, which Sweeney said would be sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., would add health coverage for 20 million workers.

Union leaders also will oppose any attempt to privatize Social Security while supporting plans to shore up pensions and make them more portable.

As for the minimum wage, while most unionized workers already earn well above it, the issue lets labor appeal to unorganized workers and it will press for another raise this election year, just as it did during the 1996 campaign year.

After Congress passed the 1996 minimum wage increase over the objections of GOP leaders, the federation filled the airwaves with ads critical of Republicans who had opposed it while training hundreds of organizers to help get the vote out for Democrats. The AFL-CIO plans a comparable campaign this year.

However, they face a new obstacle.

An initiative on California's June ballot would require that workers give written permission before unions can use their dues for political purposes. Several state legislatures are considering similar measures, and labor is mobilizing substantial resources to kill the California initiative to send a signal to other states.

In an executive session Thursday, the federation's general counsel briefed union leaders on the Teamsters scandal.

Some council members were concerned about allegations that AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Rich Trumka funneled $150,000 in Teamsters funds through the federation to help Teamsters President Ron Carey's re-election. Carey is now on a leave of absence.

Helms backs Cuba aid plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, endorsed a legislative proposal promoted by a leading Cuban-American group to provide increased food and medicine to needy Cubans.

The proposal, announced in Miami on Thursday by the Cuban-American National Foundation, could channel up $100 million worth of humanitarian goods to Cuba if the Caribbean nation provides assurances that the aid will not be diverted to government stores or Communist Party officials.

Some of the aid could be provided under U.S. government assistance programs.

"This is a worthy proposal based on sound principles," Helms, who co-authored legislation approved in 1996 to deter foreign investment in Cuba, said Friday.

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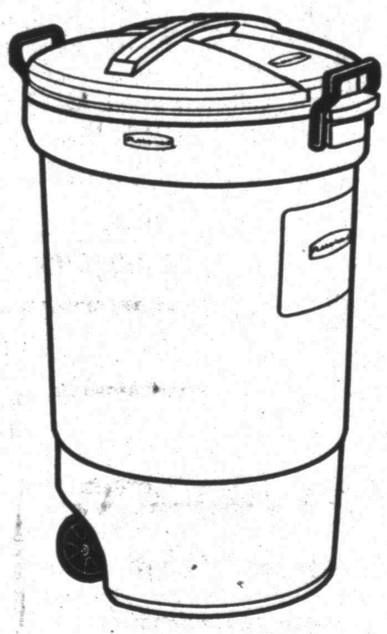

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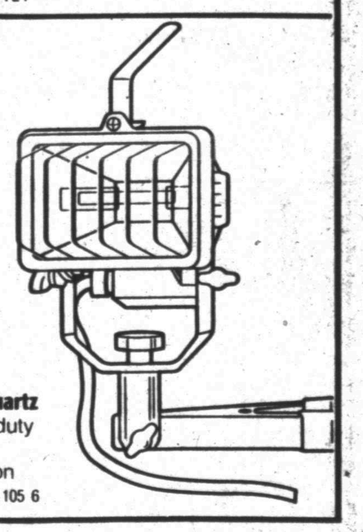

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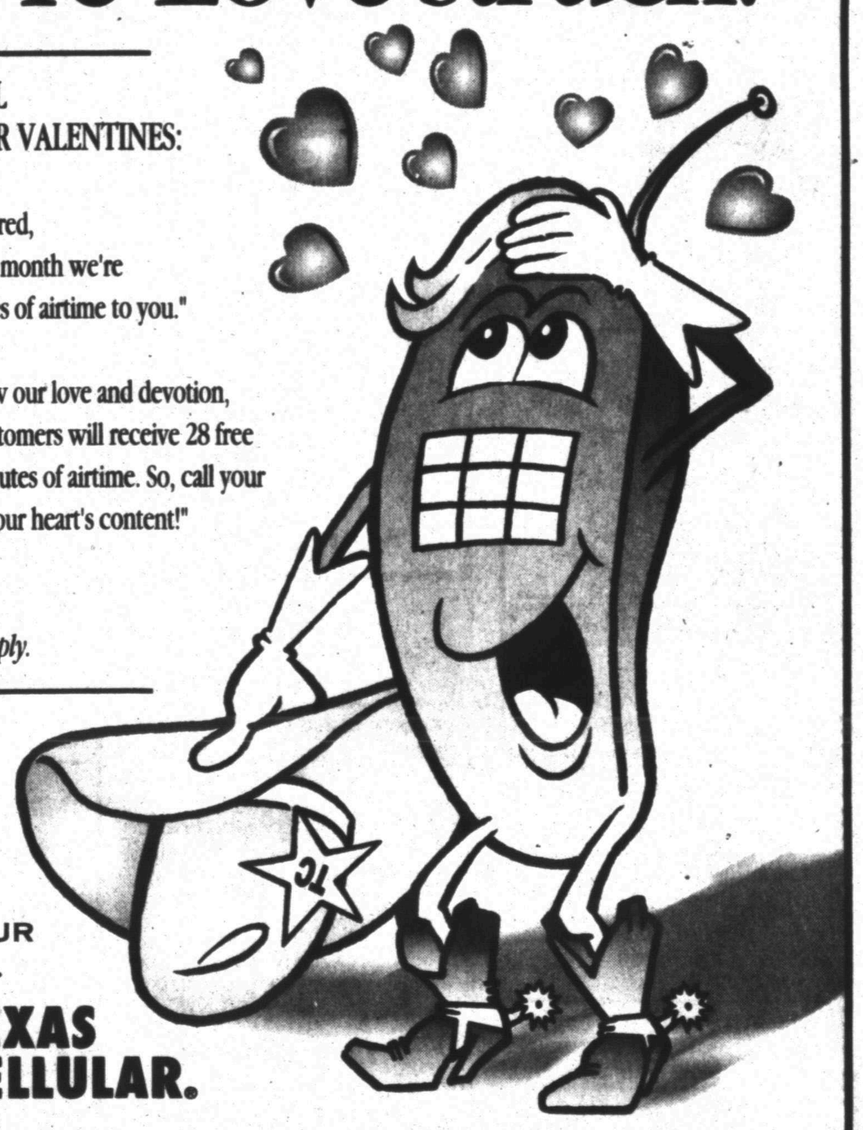

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Farmers Insurance Agency appointment available. Training and financial support provided. Must have a history of job stability and no prior insurance experience. 4-year college degree required. Contact Sonny Harvey, District Manager, at 915-692-4981.

150 BUSINESS SERVICES

R & J CONSTRUCTION
Metal Buildings, Roofs, Carports & Fences. Sharpening, most blades
John Green 573-3976

160 EMPLOYMENT

GOV'T POSTAL JOBS. Start $12-$17 per hour. For Information and application (818) 506-5354 Ext. 2039.

R.N. Case Manager position available for home care agency providing home health and hospice services. Contact Sandra Galyean, R.N., Heart of West Texas Health Care 1-800-728-2657.

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WANTED: Water Truck Drivers. Must have Class A - CDL with N endorsement. Also need Laborers & Equipment Operators. Contact: Eddie at Price Construction, Big Spring, Texas.

HOMEMAKERS DELIGHT
Home Based Business. $500-$2000 Monthly. 10-15 Hours a week. Around your schedule. Call 1-888-274-9118.

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Now Looking for 1,000 New Customers! Loans from $100/$446. Call 573-1761 or come by 511 Coliseum Drive.

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Construction Estimator, preferably with metal building experience. Willing to relocate. Fax resume to 915-674-1952.

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

DEPARTMENT: Business Office. **POSITION:** Accounts Payable / 12 month position. **SALARY:** College Scale. **DUTIES:** Issue checks for all bills, travel expenses, reimbursements and membership dues. Issue checks for scholarships and financial aid requests. Issue checks for investments and transfer funds. Issue checks for monthly operating expenditures. Must be familiar with accounts payable procedures. **SKILL/ABILITIES:** Ability to perform detailed work, large quantities of computer work with speed, accuracy and honesty. Need to have the ability to work with little supervision, and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, and other personnel and trade vendors. Associated degree in office careers or related field preferred, or experience in accounting department of business office utilizing accounting and general office skills acceptable. Submit applications to Mrs. Terry Busby, Director of Human Resources. Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, Texas, by February 6, 1998. Employment begins as soon as available. Evaluation by Work Assessment Center required. **No phone calls please.**

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION. APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, VETERAN'S STATUS OR DISABILITY.

CRUDE OIL DRIVER NEEDED: Applications are being taken for positions in Colorado City & Snyder areas. Current CDL for combination & hazardous material and with some crude oil experience required. Applicants should be 25 yrs. or older, have a good driving record. Be able to perform job requirements & pass Drug & Alchohol test. Qualified applicants call 1-800-580-3202. EEOC.

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QUALIFICATIONS:
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a 153 Bed JCAHO Certified Acute Care Medical Facility. EOE.

HELP WANTED: 49 People needed to lose weight & earn extra income. TOLL FREE 1-888-248-2593.

Maid to train, at Purple Sage Motel. Apply in person. Non-smoker. Needs phone.

Master Journeyman and beginning machinists wanted. Training provided. Send application/resume to Shop Foreman, YZ Industries, Box 890, Snyder, Tx. 79550.

Mitchell County Hospital, is accepting applications for Ward Clerk, 11-7 shift. Contact JoAnn Merket R.N., D.O.N.,(915) 728-3431 ext. 266 or 232.

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161 POSITION WANTED

OFFICE MANAGER: 20 years experience; payroll, accounts receivable/payable & computer. Good with the public. NEED A TOP-NOTCH WORKER? Respond to P.O. Box 949-B, Snyder, Tx. 79550.

WTC Continuing Education Division
Workforce Education

Western Texas College on behalf of
Lorber Industries of Texas, Inc.
is receiving job applications for the following initial *Phase I** Spinning Mill positions:

Position	Minimum Education
Shift Supervisors (4)	High School/GED
Equipment Technicians (11)	High School/GED
Operators (5)	High School/GED - *preferred*
Electronic Technicians (2)	College Degree or Certificate

* 50 to 55 anticipated "*Phase I*" positions

Applicants should possess strong mechanical aptitude with good verbal and mathematical abilities. While previous textile experience is not required, Lorber Industries is seeking individuals with the motivation and ability to learn. Lorber Industries offers an excellent wage and benefit package.

Application packets are available in the Continuing Education Divisional Office located in the Learning Resource Center on the Western Texas College campus and may be picked up between 8AM and 6PM, Monday-Thursday, and until 4 PM on Fridays.
For further information, call 915-573-8511 ext 390.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is 12:00 Noon, Wed, Feb. 18, 1998.

Western Texas College is an equal opportunity institution and is in compliance with the ADA. Applications are accepted and considered without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, veteran's status or disability.

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FOR SALE: LARGE ROUND BALES OF HAYGRAZER HAY. $35 a bale. 863-2335 or 863-2271.

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260 MERCHANDISE

CASH or CONSIGNMENT BABY.....and Before: Maternity Wear, Baby Furniture & accessories. Call 573-0502 for appointment, 11:30-5:30.

CONVALESCENT NEEDS
Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, Etc. Sales & Rentals
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Extra nice matching sofa, love seat, chair after 5:30 pm. 573-6458.

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GUARANTEED USED APPLIANCES: Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers. WESTERN AUTO 2510 AVE. R.

KING SIZE WATERBED w/ drawers & headboard. $250. Also 1988 Yugo, 40K, $600. 573-1566.

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Roper Gas Range	$150
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Kenmore Dryer	$75
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King Size Mattress Set Reg. $899.99.	$350
Sofa/Love Reg. $599.99.	$495
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18 Cu. Ft. Refrig Reg. $899.99.	$450
20" TV Reg. $249.99	$150

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Recliner	$30
Sofa	$95
Love Seat Sleeper	$125
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261 ANTIQUES

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4X8 Masonite Siding-$13.49 each. 1X12-79¢ ft. 1X6-35¢ ft. 1X4 Flooring 25¢ ft. 14" Panel Doors $3.95 each. 24"-28" Closet Doors-$9.95 each. Joint Compound-$4.59 box. Builders Surplus 915-235-9966

290 DOGS, PETS, ETC.

FOR SALE: BLUE HEALER PUPPIES-6 WEEKS OLD. CALL 573-1772.

315 WANT TO BUY

WANTED TO BUY: Jenn-Aire Cook Top, good condition & reasonably priced. 573-0801.

WANTING TO PURCHASE: Small Farm with a good house. Prefer East side of Snyder. Send information to P.O. Box 1063, Snyder, Tx. 79550.

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3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garages, rent houses available. Elizabeth Potts Realtors, 573-8505.

FOR RENT: 3 Bedroom 1 bath home, w/new carpet/paint. $400/month $200/deposit. 573-2141 or 573-3192.

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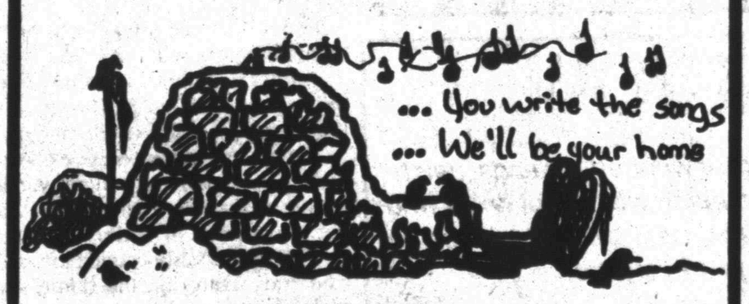

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335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT. $250 A MONTH. 573-1711.

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340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

3b-2b-3cp Mobile Home, nice Deck, on 2 corner lots. Owner Finance. $750/down $300/month. 573-2251.

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3606 Kerrville 3-2-2 CH/A	$49.9T
2115 35th St. 2-1-1	$21.9T
409 29th 2-1-1cp CH/A	$16.5T
2113 42nd 3-1-2cp	$36.5T
2801 34th 3-2-2-LR + Den	$75T
1609 Augusta 3-2½-3 Reduced..Buyer incentive offer	
406 20th Pl. 3-2-1cp	$35T
2207 41st 3-2-brick fpl	$44.5T
2307 41st 3-2 Str/Bldg	$32.5T
Cedar Creek 4-3-2..Lovely	
5 Acre Country Estate C. City	
3307 Irving 4-2½-2-Dining	
3209 Irving 3-2-2	$81.5T
2702 48th 3-2-2 Pool	$89.5T
4503 Fredonia 3-2-2-strg	$71.5T
2812 Ave. V 3-1½-2	$55T
3602 44th 3-3-3+Extra lot	$72T
2333 Sunset 2-1-1 CH/A	$28.5T
2903 36th 3-3-2-loft	$82.5T
205 37th. 2-2-1 fpl	$42.9T
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704 30th 3-1-1	$25T
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Colonial Hill 2-2-1+2cp	$50's
3606 Kerrville 3-2-2	$49.5T
3503 44th 3-2 By Park	$59.5T
Colonial Hill 3-2-2	$91.5T
3733 Avondale 4-2-3	$49.5T
Reduced 3614 Ave. B	$49.5T
2207 41st 3-2-1-Brick	$44.5T
3741 Sunset 3-1-Apt.	$45T
Lg 3-1-1+Den 3702 Sunset	$38T
3002 38th Brick 3-2-1	$28T
112 Ave. R Brick 2-1 Call	$12T
Reduced 2410 30th	$36,750
217 36th 3-1-2Lots	$28.5T
4502 Galveston 3-2-2-Den-fpl	
403 30th 3-1-1	$15T
3213 40th 3-2-fpl	$29T
165A South of Town-Call	
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- Colonial Hill Addition

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For Appointment

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#2 37 ACRES: Close In
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Rotan Municipal Water Authority, will receive bids for its Waterline Facility Improvements until 11:00 a.m., February 23, 1998, at the offices of Bart Strayhorn, 204 W. Sammy Baugh, Rotan, Texas, 79546. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m., February 23, 1998. Bids are invited upon the several items and quanities of work as follows:

Furnish and install 15,000 LF of C-900 PVC, including all necessary fittings, valves, and necessary appurtenences.

Bid/Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at McK Engineering, 2807 74th St., Suite #9, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing $70.00 with McK Engineering for each set of Documents obtained. The deposit is non-refundable.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Rotan Municipal Water Authority or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The Rotan Municipal Water Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Rotan Municipal Water Authority for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

Rotan Municipal Water Authority
John Gray, President
Date: February 1, 1998

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: Jim Delao; I have surveyed the property located at 1201 Avenue O, (Lot 1, Block 7, of the Cloyes S/D, Block 12/17, Cody Addition to the City of Snyder), I declare this structure to be unsafe as defined in Ordinance 324 and intend to order the demolition of the structure on or about February 23, 1998.

Tom Valentine
Building Inspection Department
City or Snyder
(915) 573-4959

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: Zafar-U1-Islam; I have surveyed the property located at 2011 Avenue E, (S57"Lots 3 & 4, Block 12, Grayum and Clark Addition to the City of Snyder). I declare this structure to be unsafe as defined in Ordinance 324 and intend to order the demolition of the structure on or about February 23, 1998.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SCURRY COUNTY'S INTENTION TO RECEIVE BID PROPOSALS FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR THE SCURRY COUNTY JAIL.

Notice is hereby given that Scurry County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., Monday, Frbruary 2, 1998. Any bids received after bid closing time will be returned to bidder unopened. Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open all sealed and properly marked bids during Special Session on Monday, February 2, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

MARK ENVELOPE:
Bid No. 0148
Scurry County Jail
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Schwarzenegger: felt 'vulnerable'

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger testified Friday that his newly repaired heart was pounding and he felt frightened as he and his pregnant wife Maria Shriver tried desperately to elude two paparazzi last year.

The muscular actor appeared as a witness against photographers Giles Harrison and Andrew O'Brien, who are accused of misdemeanor false imprisonment, battery and reckless driving.

"I was feeling very vulnerable and very shaky," Schwarzenegger said when prosecutor David Armstrong asked about his state of mind during the incident last May, a week after the actor underwent heart valve surgery.

Schwarzenegger testified that as his wife weaved through traffic, he was following doctors' orders by holding a pillow between himself and the seatbelt. The couple's 3-year-old son, Patrick, was in the back seat.

At one point, the photographers allegedly boxed in the family's Mercedes-Benz, forcing the car to stop so they could take pictures and record video.

"I could die by raising my blood pressure, so I was telling myself, 'Calm down,'" he said. "What was going through my mind was this is my last minute because I was getting so angry."

Shriver managed to drive on to her son's school. Outside, a United Parcel Service driver and a school official were allegedly shoved by O'Brien when they intervened to aid the family.

Lawyers for the photographers claim they broke no laws and that they didn't know there was a child in the car at the time. The defense introduced photographs and video of the pursuit to illustrate their case.

In a twist, Schwarzenegger also had a camera, and his pictures were also used as evidence. One showed a photographer shooting pictures through the couple's windshield.

Harrison and O'Brien each face a year in prison if convicted of false imprisonment, six months for battery and 90 days for reckless driving.

Shriver is scheduled to testify Monday.

Town will return family's dance hall

EAST WINDSOR, Conn. (AP) — After a slow and simmering tango with bureaucrats and the law, Ed Thrall is finally getting back his dance hall.

The town has voted to return "Thrall Hall" to the family of the cantankerous old tobacco farmer for $100,000. The sale will end a struggle that dates back 20 years and includes standoffs with police and three jail stints.

Town officials, who had confiscated the property for back taxes, said it was time to bury the hatchet.

"I think we should have a heart," said Harald Mikkelson, a town building inspector who has clashed repeatedly with Thrall. "It's something that should have been sold back a long time ago."

Thrall was thrilled.

"I just can't believe all of you people turned out for us tonight," he said after Thursday's 115-11 vote at Town Hall. "Who would think an old farmer could stir things up like this?"

Thrall, 79, descends from a long line of farmers who settled in East Windsor before the Revolutionary War. He began building his dance hall across from his rural home in 1968. Working mostly by himself, Thrall used materials he had gathered from razed buildings.

He and his wife, Flicka — whom he met at a square dance — had hoped to to boost their dwindling farm income with dance hall receipts. But town official say the rambling frame structure didn't pass building codes.

Three arrested Friday in family violence cases

Three people were arrested Friday in incidents involving family violence.

A 911 call alerted officers and deputies to an assault taking place in a vehicle in the 3700 block of Avenue M around 1:30 p.m. The subjects were later located at Snyder Chrysler and two people were arrested for Class C assault/family violence. Taken into custody were a 20-year-old male and an 18-year-old female.

Officers were called to the 2200 block of 44th Street shortly before midnight in reference to a female being assaulted. Officers arrested a 49-year-old male for Class C assault/family violence.

Early Saturday morning, officers arrested two people in the 1700 block of Avenue Q on alcohol-related offenses. A 43-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated while a 32-year-old male was taken into custody for public intoxication.

Also booked into jail Friday was a 28-year-old man from Gail who had been arrested by Borden County officials in their county for assault/family violence.

Four adult illegal aliens and a juvenile were taken into custody shortly after 7 p.m. Friday at the Handi-Mart and held at the sheriff's department until they could be released to Border Patrol agents. Their vehicle had caught fire around 4 p.m. just south of the Handi-Mart and they had left the scene.

In other activity Friday, officers were called to Stanfield Elementary at 8:06 a.m. in reference to someone breaking into a portable building on the campus. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Officers were called to Snyder High School around 4:30 p.m. in reference to money missing from a teacher's purse. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

The fire department responded to a grass fire at 5:35 p.m. on the Garza/Scurry county line.

A deputy was requested at the emergency room at 10:18 p.m. in reference to a possible assault victim. Deputies spoke with the juvenile victim and his family and they stated they did not want to file charges at this time.

A 36-year-old Snyder woman was listed in serious condition at Lubbock's University Medical Center Saturday morning for treatment of an overdose. She was first taken to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday where she was treated and then transferred by Snyder EMS to Lubbock.

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News Briefs

Half a ton of marijuana is found

SWEETWATER (AP) — For the second time this week, troope with the Texas Department of Public Safety have intercepted a load marijuana being smuggled via Interstate 20.

Trooper Todd Snyder said more than a half ton of marijuana w found hidden in a truck that was pulled over Friday in Sweetwater f speeding.

The DPS said it seized more than 60 bundles of marijuana, with street value topping one (M) million dollars.

The driver, Osbaldo Herrera of Odessa, was charged with felo possession of a controlled substance.

Three days earlier, troopers seized about 300 pounds of pot from t sub-floor of a utility vehicle traveling on I-20 in Eastland. That truck from Mexico, was jailed on drug-related charges.

Cancerous bladder found in bag

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Thirteen days after surgeons remov her cancerous bladder, Virginia Broache discovered she had carri the organ home along with other belongings in a hospital bag

A home nurse found the bladder Tuesday wrapped in a surgic towel, sealed in a double plastic bag and tucked into the bag M Broache took with her when she was released Monday from B Secours St. Mary's Hospital.

"I never thought anything like that could happen in the hospital," shocked Mrs. Broache said. "My doctor's been looking for n bladder."

Bon Secours spokesman James M. Goss said the specimen shou have been placed in the hospital's pathology refrigerator for examin tion later.

"We're still investigating how that step was missed," he said. "W apologized to the patient. We sent a medical courier to retrieve th specimen."

Six arrested in suspected drug case

DALLAS (AP) — After a two-year investigation, federal and cit narcotics agents arrested six people in a suspected cocaine ring

An army of detectives descended on several south Dallas home Thursday.

They seized more than $500,000 in cash, about $200,000 in gold an diamond jewelry, two kilograms of cocaine, 14 vehicles and 2 weapons, including an automatic M-16 rifle.

Julio Mercado, special agent in charge of the Dallas Field Office o the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, described the ring a "mid-level," but said it was noteworthy because of the age of it suspected members.

"This is a young organization, but look at the power, the amount o money and the weapons they had in their possession," Mercado said

Victor Manual Carrillo, 31, and his brother, Anastacio Carrillo, 23 were indicted on federal charges of distributing cocaine and conspirin to distribute cocaine. They are the suspected drug ring leaders, polic said.

Dallas police — who discovered the alleged ring — the Bureau o Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the DEA arrested four other men ranging in age from 17 to 26. Mercado said he expects more arrests

Runner sues over TV commercial

CHICAGO (AP) — A jogger is suing Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. fo allegedly using him in a commercial for a cholesterol-fighting dru without his permission.

Bartender Willard Sheldon, 67, filed his federal lawsuit Friday accusing the drug maker of invasion of privacy and making mone using his image.

Sheldon was jogging around the indoor track at the Lakeshor Athletic Club in 1996 when he saw a film crew taping him, accordin to the lawsuit. He said he asked them what they were doing.

"The film crew advised Sheldon that they were making a documen tary film on the subject of senior citizens," the lawsuit said.

Sheldon didn't sign a release form or otherwise consent, the lawsui said. He said two of his friends saw the footage in a commercial for th drug Pravachol on an American Airlines flight in March and other have seen it on television.

Does the semiretired Sheldon take Pravachol?

"I don't need it," he said. "I've been running since '76. I've beer cycling since '71."

He's also swimming, he said, as he prepares to compete in a triathlor this year.

Patrick Donohue, a spokesman for Bristol-Meyer in Princeton, N.J. said the company hadn't received formal notice of the lawsuit anc couldn't comment on it.

Court rejects way fees calculated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Friday that the government legally imposed fees on airplanes that fly over the country.

It rejected the way the fees are calculated.

The so-called overflight fees were imposed last year, bringing in about $100 million from airlines that fly over the United States or through U.S.-controlled airspace. It covers the costs of such services as air traffic control, radar and weather reports.

Planes that land in the United States pay for those services in landing fees, but those simply passing through without landing had not been charged previously.

Airlines faced with the new charges sued the Federal Aviation Administration, contending that it did not follow proper procedures in imposing the new fees.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled Friday that the agency acted legally when it instituted the charges.

The court said an improper method was used to calculate the charges and ordered the FAA revise the fees. It was not clear whether the government would be able to continue imposing the charges in the meantime.

"We have just received the decision and we need time to read it and assess the implications of the decision," the FAA said in a statement.

Two nurses accused of terrorizing

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — Two nursing home workers terrorized a group of helpless Alzheimer's patients with cruel practical jokes, prosecutors say, in one case threatening to shoot a patient if he turned them in.

Nurses Linda Brown and Michelle Smith are charged with stalking and harassment involving at least five elderly patients at the Taylor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the district attorney's office said Friday.

Police said the nurses told one patient, "Your sister was murdered and dismembered, and you'll have to identify the body parts."

Another patient, a strong union supporter, was told that the late union leader Jimmy Hoffa was after him. The nurses allegedly placed a ticking alarm clock in the patient's room and told him it was a bomb.

The two also poured salt on the food of a patient on a low-sodium diet, gave vodka to a patient who had a drinking problem and informed a woman that her treasured car was being towed away — then blamed her roommate in order to incite a fight, police said.

"What's doubly tragic here is that we're here to help the helpless," said Judy Harding, the home's administrator. "These women were picking on helpless people."

Ms. Harding said both nurses deny the charges. She quoted Ms. Smith as saying: "I need my comedy, that's why I do this."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wedding Day Promise Is Tribute To Loving Parents

DEAR READERS: Last year I printed a letter from a California mother who wanted to share a letter she and her husband had received from their daughter the night before her wedding. It read:

"Dearest Parents: On our wedding day, as my husband and I take our vows and make promises to each other, I make this promise to you as well. Even as I take him into my heart and life, I promise to keep you, parents dear, in my heart and life always.

"On this day, know that our love is not divided; it is multiplied, and you are embraced with the full measure of love and promises that he and I share here today.

"For I know that I am able to love and cherish him so much because you loved and cherished me first."

I recently received the following letter from a Waterford, Mich., reader. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You published a letter a couple received as a gift from their daughter the night before her wedding, and you responded that it was a beautiful tribute to them and that they had raised a winner.

I wept when I read the words of the letter, as I did when I first wrote them a few years ago. I am an owner of the Victoria Wedding Chapel in Waterford, Mich. The tribute was written by me with my own precious mother in mind — to sell as a scroll to brides at my chapel.

It is now also sold by I Do Ltd., a mail-order firm in Newport Beach, Calif., from whom I receive royalties.

Although the California bride may have copied my words, it does not diminish her sincerity, for I have always known that the thousands of brides across the country who have purchased my scroll must have an extraordinary love and appreciation for their mothers or parents.

I wrote not so much to claim credit for the words, but because my own dear parents, Florence and Edwin Ostrander of Pontiac, Mich., both now gone, deserve the ultimate tribute. Indeed, I am a winner, for they instilled in me such love and gratitude that I was able to write words that touch the hearts of many brides, and among the thousands of letters you receive, touched you as well.

Abby, please set things straight, and let the world know about my wonderful parents.

SHARON OSTRANDER REED

DEAR SHARON: Please accept my apology for any pain that was caused you because someone else claimed credit for your beautiful essay. Your parents raised a very special daughter, and your words have inspired countless brides and deeply touched their parents.

Readers who quote the writings of others should always remember to credit the author.

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DEAR ABBY: I grew up with a very old-fashioned mother. Living with someone before marriage was against her rules. How I wish I had broken that rule and lived with my first husband before I married him. We dated for five years, but after our wedding I discovered that I really didn't know very much about him. Besides being a total slob, he used drugs. I didn't know that before I lived with him.

I divorced him and am now married to a wonderful man who is neat, sweet and drug-free. We were engaged after dating eight months and were married six months later. Yes, Abby, I lived with him first, and this time I knew what I was getting into. After the experience I had with my first marriage, even my old-fashioned mother approved of my "trial run."

HAPPY THE SECOND TIME AROUND, SAVANNAH, GA.

DEAR HAPPY: I'm from your mother's generation. However, if you are happy and she approves, who am I to criticize a winning combination?

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

DEAR ABBY: My mother has always suffered with various degrees of depression. She no longer takes medication or sees a therapist, but perhaps she should.

When Mom and I go to lunch together, or when I call her, the conversations are always about the wrongs Dad has done to her throughout their whole marriage. I've heard these stories since childhood, and here I am at 32 still being forced to listen to the same old tales of woe.

Because I have heard all this before, I have little patience with her. When I try to change the subject or request she stop complaining, she makes me the enemy and a fight ensues. Dad always insists that I apologize so Mom won't go into another deep depression.

Abby, Mom has no friends, only enemies. I suggested she join church groups, etc., so she will have a life, but she still dwells mainly in the past. Dad can't see that I'm trying to bring her into the present when I ask her not to rehash the past.

I want to enjoy my mother's company and have her enjoy mine. Abby, what can I do to make our visits more pleasant?

IMPATIENT DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Please be patient with your mother. Apparently she is still sick and needs further treatment. She wouldn't rehash past traumas in her marriage if she were able to let go and live in the present.

Talk to your father about encouraging your mother to get back into therapy and on medication. With both of you urging her, she may accept that additional therapy is necessary.

When you and your mother are having lunch, acknowledge her pain and give her a little sympathy; then gently change the subject, preferably to something she cares about other than her pain. If that doesn't work, try, try again. One day you will be glad you did what you could for her rather than cutting her off.

DEAR ABBY: My grandma worships you. She gave me one of your booklets, "What Every Teen Should Know." I put it away for months, then I read a few chapters, including "Please God, I'm Only 17." It made me cry.

Thanks a lot. You're great — you really are.

JAIME E. JOST, 13, SUPERIOR, WIS.

DEAR JAIME: Thank *you*. Your letter made my day. At age 13, you exhibit a quality some people never acquire: giving roses to people while they are still able to smell them.

DEAR ABBY: Re: Promise Keepers.

The original promises were made at the wedding in front of the families, friends and, usually, God. Why do new promises have to be made? Why do promises to women have to be made in the absence of women? Any time a group is excluded from an organization, it implies the group is believed not to be worthy of membership. I am willing to apply this both to the Promise Keepers and the National Organization for Women (NOW).

I am all for keeping promises. But I'd find it more credible if the male Promise Keepers stayed home and did the dishes, rather than having another night out with the boys. In this regard, I see little difference between bowling and Promise Keepers meetings or rallies.

FAITHFUL (MALE) READER

DEAR FAITHFUL (MALE) READER: You may have missed the column I printed, comprising letters from wives of Promise Keepers who praised the organization for having inspired their husbands to work harder at being better mates. Although it would be nice if the Promise Keepers were co-educational, with an emphasis on both spouses keeping the promises they made at the altar, unless I receive negative mail from the wives, I'm reluctant to criticize a program that seems to be having a positive influence on couples who feel they need it.

P.S. Membership in the National Organization for Women is not restricted to women only.

Microsoft still sparring with the government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. continued its high-stakes legal battle with the government on Friday by challenging the legality of a court-appointed expert's role in the antitrust case.

"While we respect the court and we respect Professor Lessig, we are appealing this matter because Microsoft has a constitutional right to have this important case heard by a federal judge, not by a private citizen," Microsoft chief operating officer Robert Herbold said in a statement.

Can government stand by its promise on waste disposal?

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a promise made 16 years ago. By Feb. 1, 1998, the government would find a place to safely store the thousands of tons of highly radioactive waste generated by civilian power plants.

At midnight Saturday the deadline passes. And there won't be any trucks hauling wastes from power reactors.

A federal court last November reaffirmed that the Energy Department, which has collected billions of dollars from electricity users to build a waste burial site, has an obligation to accept the used reactor fuel rods that remain deadly for thousands of years.

And, the court declared, the government can't hide behind the excuse that it has no place to put it. Since then, utilities and department officials have dueled over what steps should be taken next.

"Obviously it's impossible for us to meet this (obligation)," Deputy Energy Secretary Elizabeth Moller said recently when asked about the dilemma. With no permanent burial site available, department officials have offered to help pay for continued storage at reactor sites.

"What the utilities want is for the Energy Department to take their spent fuel, and they're simply not willing to do that," said Jay Silberg, an attorney representing 36 reactor operators who have asked the courts to require the wastes be taken to a government facility.

More than 40,000 tons of used reactor fuel have piled up at 71 civilian nuclear power plants in 34 states, with the amount growing every year. Reactor storage pools are filling up, and 10 plants have had to put fuel in dry-cask storage, which has been expensive and in some cases locally controversial.

"The Energy Department's handling of this matter is inexcusable," said Joe Colvin, president of the Nuclear Energy Institute, the industry's trade group. He said utility customers already have paid nearly $14 billion into a federal fund to develop a centralized waste storage facility, but so far not even a site has been found.

"The American taxpayers and electric customers have a right to be outraged," he continued.

Others argue that the utility industry is exaggerating the urgency, and some nuclear critics maintain the industry should take care of its own waste.

"It's one of the biggest industrial bailouts ever," argues Michael Mariotte of the Nuclear Information and Resources Service, an anti-nuclear advocacy group. He said a central storage facility would mean thousands of nuclear waste shipments criss-crossing the country by truck and rail, posing increased safety hazards.

Lawsuit: American Family Publishers contest fradulent

BALTIMORE (AP) — The $11 million sweepstakes offered by American Family Publishers is a fraudulent scheme to get people to buy magazines, according to allegations in a class-action lawsuit filed Friday.

The suit was filed by two professors at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington on behalf of Marylanders who received promotional sweepstakes material in the past three years.

The suit alleges American Family Publishers intentionally designed the mailings to mislead recipients into believing they were getting closer to winning the $11 million, especially if they bought magazines.

Tampa, Fla.-based American Family Publishers has been criticized for its marketing practices before. The Florida Attorney General's Office has said it is considering suing the company.

Earlier this month, the company promised to stop national distribution of two of its mailings that Florida officials said were deceptive. The decision came after a wave of people rushed to Tampa to collect their supposed winnings, only to go home empty-handed.

The suit seeks to have the company stop misleading mailings in the state. It also asks that plaintiffs who bought magazines get their money back and that punitive damages be awarded.

The suit also names celebrities Dick Clark and Ed McMahon, who promote the sweepstakes, as defendants. Clark's publicist said he was on his way to the Caribbean for a vacation and was not available for comment. McMahon's publicist said she would seek comment from McMahon, but did not call back by Friday evening.

The suit names as plaintiffs four people who work at the law center who bought magazines in the belief their chances of winning would increase.

One of the plaintiffs, Joan Marshall, said she has ordered dozens of magazines over the years.

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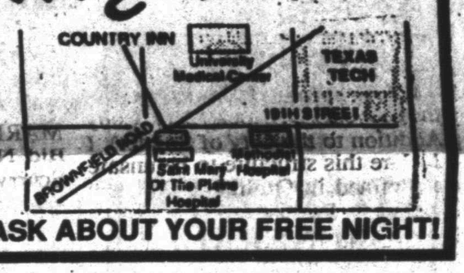

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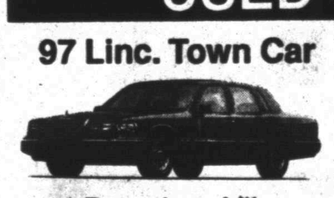
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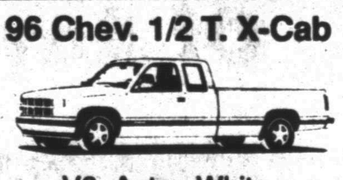
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Clinton seeks $270.6 billion for defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a sharp increase for new weapons, the Clinton administration plans to seek $270.6 billion in defense spending for next year, according to documents obtained Friday.

The administration's defense spending blueprint seeks $48.7 billion for weapons purchases, including the first two Air Force F-22 fighters, 30 Navy FA-18 E and F fighters, a new attack submarine, an amphibious assault ship and three destroyers. That's up nearly $4 billion from this year's weapons spending level. By comparison, the total proposed defense budget itself for next year is $3 billion above this year.

In addition, the spending blueprint pledges to reach a level of $61 billion for weapons spending by 2001. The administration plan reflects the prevailing philosophy in U.S. military circles that long-term military modernization represents a higher priority than current force size. No major weapons systems are canceled in the budget plan, and some, such as a new aircraft carrier, a fully ''digitalized'' Army division, and unmanned surveillance planes, are accelerated.

Defense Secretary William Cohen is to announce the spending package on Capitol Hill next week. A copy of the defense budget plan was obtained Friday by The Associated Press from a government official briefed in advance on its contents.

In a speech Thursday at the National Defense University, an elite officer school in Washington, Clinton said the budget maintains a cutting-edge force ready for battle.

''Readiness remains our No. 1 priority, and my budget provides for the readiness we need in a hopeful but still hazardous time,'' Clinton said. Suggesting administration thinking toward a smaller but still effective force, Clinton said, ''Our military leaders understand that tomorrow's force must be agile, effective and lean.''

Part of that leanness, Clinton says, must come in the form of additional military base closures, and his budget seeks authority for two more base closure rounds.

Yeltsin says he won't run again, but door still open

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin declared Friday he is not planning to run for re-election in 2000 and is already thinking about a successor — but the Russian president still managed to leave room to change his mind about a third term.

Yeltsin, who turns 67 on Sunday, would face two big question marks if he runs again — his uncertain health and a Russian constitution that limits a president to two terms.

''I won't violate the constitution,'' Yeltsin was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency. ''My opinion about a possible successor has been formed already. Now I have one problem facing me — when to say it.''

Russian news agencies interpreted Yeltsin's remarks as a clear signal he would not run again. But there is a catch.

Top aides have said that Yeltsin could probably run again if he chose, because he first took office in 1991, two years before the post-Soviet Russian constitution was adopted, and thus is serving his first full term under that document.

Snyder man hurt in mishap

A 37-year-old Snyder man was treated and released at Fisher County Hospital Friday after being injured in a one-vehicle accident west of Rotan Friday morning.

Daniel Guerrero was driving a Bryant Septic Tank truck which overturned and in turn, spilled some 300-400 gallons of raw sewage.

DPS trooper Allan Arnwine of Roby said the load apparently shifted on the truck which caused it to overturn.

Taking time for family

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daughter chemistry right now and it's really fascinating watching her learn and remembering things I had forgotten."

Although he is looking forward to the change, it didn't come without a lot of thought.

"When I began thinking about this, I came up with three issues I considered especially important to me. Those were to make sure my patients would be cared for, to make sure my employees would have a place to go, and to where the other physicians would not have to go to a three-man call schedule."

Joining St. Mary helped in those regards, said Nussey. They purchased his equipment and hired him and his employees. It also allowed a "blending" of patients with physicians involved.

He realizes limiting his hours will cause a strain on other physicians, but is hopeful doctor recruitment efforts will pay off soon.

"I have said many times I think we need to double the number of physicians in this town and that has not changed. That is why I have been pressing so hard for the community, the hospital and St. Mary to try and recruit physicians."

Other local physicians will handle those patients with acute illness such as bronchitis, sore throat and other ailments. To his other patients, Dr. Nussey has been recommending physicians in Lubbock who are taking on new clients, either for an interim period until more doctors are recruited locally, or for an on-going relationship.

In the two afternoons he will continue seeing some of his patients, including some obstetrics patients. He will also see some children with attention deficit disorder, a field in which he has particular interest.

He also hopes that time away from a heavy patient load will help refresh him for the day he returns to a full-time practice.

"This is not a sabbatical, exactly, but it is similar. I think it's important to not let yourself get burned out. I think a lot of physicians do get that way."

Although he will still be tied to a limited practice, he hopes he can use some free time to travel.

"One of my desires is to travel with the children to different parts of the country... I have family in Michigan and Ontario, Canada, that I haven't seen in years and that they've never seen. I'm limited to a few weeks a year vacation through my contract with St. Mary, so some of these trips won't be anytime soon, but I think it would be wonderful to be able to take the family and explore areas you've been studying about. A field trip, sort of."

He also hopes to participate in some medical missions trips, in Piedras Negras, across from Eagle Pass — something he has done in the past. Another possibility in the future is to substitute for medical missionaries overseas who need a sabbatical.

Dr. Nussey located his practice here in 1991, after five years in Monahans. His wife is Cynthia, and their four children are Sandi, James, nine-year-old Andria and two-year-old Krista.

Entuss-D Jr cold medicine recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A children's cold remedy was recalled Friday by its manufacturer because of a labeling error in its adult dosage instructions.

Entuss-D Jr. Pediatric Expectorant was voluntarily pulled off the shelf by Roberts Pharmaceutical Corp. of Eatontown, N.J.

The product's instructions for adults could lead to an overdose producing drowsiness, respiratory problems and hypotension (low blood pressure) said Brad Stone, a spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration. Excessive amounts of the drug could lead to circulatory collapse and cardiac arrest, Stone said.

The recall involves 538 bottles from one lot, J960855A. Anyone with such a bottle is urged to return the product to the pharmacy where it was purchased.

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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Crystal River Gospel Group

Crystal River Gospel Group will be at Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome.

SHS Band Boosters to meet

Snyder High School Band Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the band hall

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 10 cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Weather alert sirens

Snyder Fire Department will test the weather aleft sirens at noon Monday, weather permitting.

WTC boosters to meet

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's. Everyone is invited.

Donations could be doubled

According to Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, millionaire Alan Feinstein has pledged to match donations of $25 or more to food banks across the country between Feb. 4-14. If you want to help the local Food Cupboard, send your check to SCMAFC, c/o Jerry Vestal, Treasurer, 3011 Ave. X, Snyder 79549. Make your check to the Food Cupbard.

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "You Can't Keep A Good Man Down," followed by "Getting to Know God's Presence," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Tiger Pride Club

Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center to begin preparations for the annual banquet, which will be held in April.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

Tuesday is the deadline for ordering 1998 Snyder High School yearbooks. The cost is $40. No extra books will be ordered; this will be the only time to purchase them. Call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Women and Heart Health

"Women and Hearth Health," presented by the American Heart Association, will air at 10 a.m. each Wednesday during February on Channel 2. February is Heart Month.

Retired teachers

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Feb. 9 at the Senior Center. Members will be asked to turn in their volunteer hours at this meeting.

Student Valentine Dance

Snyder High School softball team will sponsor a Student Valentine Dance from 8 to midnight Feb. 12 in the student center. Admission is $3 per person or $5 a couple.

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

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

College games free

Western Texas College has announced that there will be no admission charge during the remainder of the Lady Westerners' home basketball games.

Financial aid information

Texas Association of Financial Aid Administrators, with assistance from EducationFirst, will conduct a financial aid information line next Saturdayand Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll free number is 800 323-3961. Two $500 scholarships will be awarded from the names of people who call.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti production Feb. 18. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
10-13-16-33-37

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-5-0

Hermleigh girl marks fifth year of remission

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

January 14, 1998 will always be a day that Toni Jackson and her family remember. The 14-year-old daughter of Barry and Sandra Jackson passed her final medical checkup with flying colors and is now considered "cured" since her illness has been in remission for five years.

Dr. John Iacoune of Lubbock gave the family the welcome news, which culminates several years of medical crises for the Hermleigh sixth grader.

Besides battling a form of cancer called acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL, Toni is also almost deaf, and small for her age.

The family plans a party in April for everyone who has been involved with Toni's care, since as Sandra said, "It's their victory too. Everyone worked very hard."

After receiving the good news, Sandra said they "could not peel her (Toni) off the ceiling for days. At last she wasn't going to have to go through any more hurtful things (tests, treatment)."

K'Leigh, Toni's sister, received the news quietly wondering "Oh no, she (Toni) will get all of the attention again."

This past year has been a busy one for the family. K'Leigh, a third grader, played softball and Toni was in the Pep Squad, where she had "a lot of fun." The students and teachers have always been very good to include Toni in activities, Sandra said.

Toni is also in athletics and Sandra said Clem Daniel, girls coach, takes extra time with her because she is "smaller and less coordinated than others in her class."

Both girls also placed pigs in the just-completed county stock show.

Sandra will graduate from TSTI in Sweetwater next month.



CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH — Toni Jackson, who battled a form of cancer for several years, has marked her fifth year of remission. She received her final good checkup on Jan. 14, a date that she and her family will always remember. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Military News

2 from Snyder in Marine units

Marine Cpl. Ruben Salinas and Marine Lance Cpl. Joe Bilano recently participated in a training exercise while serving with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

Salinas is the son of Gloria and Jesse Salinas Jr. of Snyder. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1987 and joined the Marine Corps in July of 1992.

Bilano graduated from SHS in 1996 and joined the Marine Corp in June of that year.

Salinas' and Bilano's units participated in Exercise Eager Mace, a multinational exercise in the Kuwait desert 20 miles from the Iraqi border. The exercise was designed to increase the interoperability of participating nations and enhance the special operations capability of the MEU.

Their units are an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

Steakley listed on BU honor roll

WACO — Amy Elizabeth Steakley of Snyder has been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a mimimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jene Steakley.

Agrees to buy

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — A developer has agreed to buy two properties from Bob Hope, clearing the way for a massive housing development in the countryside.

Former Snyder resident will run in fund-raising marathon

Leukemia Society of America sets California event

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Randy Isbell of Arlington, a former Snyder resident, has just begun training for a June marathon that will benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Walkers and runners will participate in the Rock and Roll Marathon slated June 21 in San Diego.

Randy will be one of about 10,000 runners, walkers and cyclists who will participate in marathons or century rides this year.

Marathons are 26.2 miles long while the century rides cover 100 miles.

Randy will be running for an as-yet-to-be-named area leukemia patient and in memory of Jean Yearwood of Snyder who died of leukemia last year.

Yearwood was a friend of Randy and his mother, Mary Isbell, who lives in Snyder. She had also hosted the wedding shower for Randy and his wife, Kim.

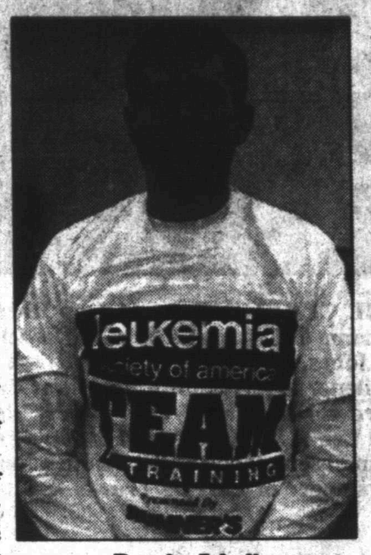
Randy, a jogger, is a newcomer to marathons as well as LSA fund-raisers. He is a member of the Leukemia Society's North Texas Chapter and will train with a group of runners or walkers from the Arlington area.

They belong to one of the Society's Teams in Training who run or walk throughout America. Their coach will be Jim Newsome, a 20-year veteran jogger, marathon runner and LSA Team in Training coach.

The coach will establish a training schedule for Randy and each team member. Randy already runs from three to four miles a day and around 10 miles or so on Sundays. As he trains, he said he will gradually increase the distance.

In terms of personal achievement, Randy said he wants to finish the course. Of equal importance is his personal goal to raise $2,800 or more by the first of June or so. If he does, the LSA will pay his expenses for the marathon.

Randy said nationwide, Teams in Training received more than



Randy Isbell

$33 million in 1997. The North Texas Chapter raised more than $630,000 with more than 300 runners, walkers and cyclists participating in the Honolulu and Alaska marathons and the Durango Century Ride in 1996.

The Team in Training (TNT) program went national in 1993.

Anyone wishing to help sponsor Randy may call his mother at 573-6781. Or they may write to him at 5300 Sherburne Drive, Arlington, 76018-1923.

Any checks should be made to the Leukemia Society of America.

Randy is a Snyder native and lived here for several years. However, he did not graduate from Snyder High School as he and his family moved away.

They later returned to Snyder and Randy attended Western Texas College where he earned an associate's degree.

He is a detective for the Grand Prairie Police Department.

The following information was taken from a Society brochure. The Leukemia Society of America is a not-for-profit voluntary health organization whose mission is to cure leukemia and its related cancers — lymphoma, multiple myeloma and Hodgkins Disease — and improve the quality of life of patients and their families."

Major goals are to significantly accelerate cures for leukemia and related cancers by the year 2000 and to be the recognized leader in the fight against leukemia and related cancers.

The Society provides funding for research, public and professional education, advocacy, patient aid and community service programs.

Leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma struck more than 100,000 Americans last year. The cause of these cancers remains unknown, but steady advances in research and treatment bring us closer to cures every day.

Thanks in part to research funded by the Leukemia Society, the survival rate for the most common form of childhood leukemia has improved from four percent in 1960 to 79 percent today.

Funding for research is imperative to helping the Society accelerate cures for leukemia and related cancers.

Leukemia research has even lead to potential cures for other forms of cancer. Bone marrow transplantation and chemotherapy — the backbone for treatment of most forms of cancer — stemmed from leukemia research.

Financial help is needed to ensure that this progress continues.

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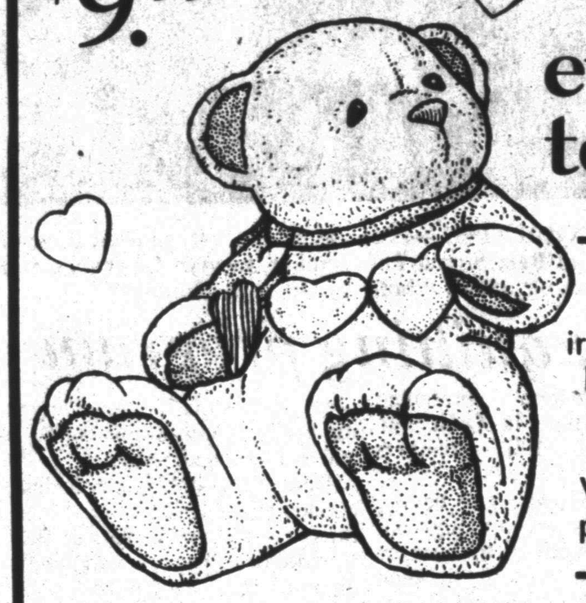

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VOWS EXCHANGED IN HOME CEREMONY — Melissa Rhea Jones and Steven G. Lee were married on Dec. 27, 1997 in the home of Ed and Lavada McDaniel with Preston Wilson officiating. Honor attendants were Jennifer Jones, sister of the bride, Melissa Huddleston of San Angelo, Jody Gilbert and Chad Sellars of Abilene. A reception was held at the Spanish Inn. The bride is the daughter of Malinda Jones of Snyder. Her father is C.E. "Sonny" Jones of Colorado City. Parents of the groom are Larry and Brenda Lee of Snyder. A 1991 graduate of Snyder High School, the bride attended WTC and Texas Tech and is employed at the Spanish Inn. The groom, a 1986 SHS graduate, also attended WTC. He is manager of Larry's Trucks & Stuff. The couple reside in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Geared to help women entering the work force

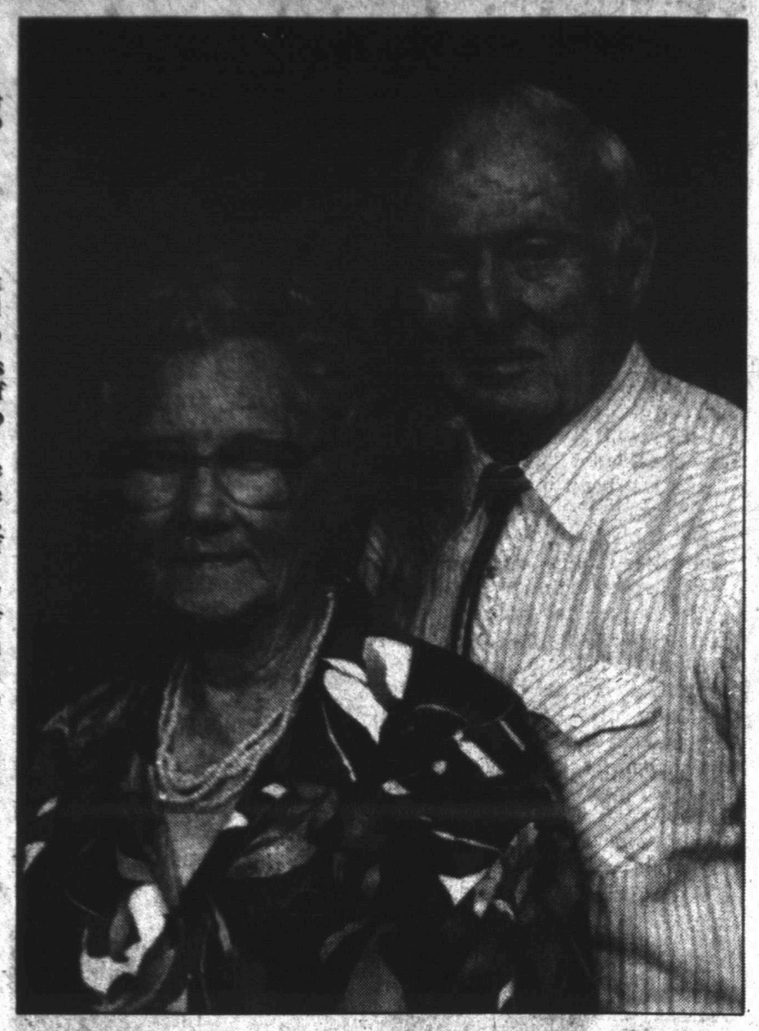
'Suited for Success'

NEW YORK (AP) — Weight Watchers magazine and Goodwill Industries are joining forces to provide gently worn business attire for women coming off welfare and entering the job market.

"Suited for Success" was the idea of Kate Greer, editor of the magazine based in Birmingham, Ala., which claims a readership of 5 million.

Goodwill Industries, with 187 regional centers and donations of used goods, helps more than 200,000 people each year through employment, training and job placement programs.

"Millions of women throw away clothes each year for a number of reasons," Greer said, adding that by merging her network of readers with Goodwill's regional centers, "we knew we could create a successful and far-reaching program to help women get back into the workplace."



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY NOTED — Warren and Florine Badger of Snyder were married on Jan. 18, 1948 in Waco. Moving to Snyder in 1952, they owned and operated Cozy Courts for many years and are now retired. They have three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Badger are members of East Side Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)

Nation's best selling recorded music announced

By The Associated Press

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

TOP SINGLES

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1. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin)(Gold)
2. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace)
3. "How Do I Live," LeAnn Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
4. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)(Gold)
5. "Been Around the World," Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy) (Platinum)
6. "I Don't Ever Want to See You Again," Uncle Sam (Stone Creek-Epic) (Gold)
7. "Tubthumping," Chumbawamba (Republic)
8. "A Song for Mama," Boyz II Men (Motown)
9. "Dangerous," Busta Rhymes (Elektra)
10. "You Make Me Wanna...," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. "'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3. "Spiceworld," Spice Girls (Virgin) (Platinum)
4. "My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
5. "Backstreet," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
6. "Yourself Or Someone Like You," Matchbox 20 (Lava-Atlantic) (Platinum)
7. "Tubthumper," Chumbawamba (Republic) (Platinum)
8. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia)
9. "'Soul Food' Soundtrack," (Arista) (Platinum)
10. "All I Have In This World...," Young Bleed (No Limit)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "Just to See You Smile," Tim McGraw (Curb)
2. "Love of My Life," Sammy Kershaw (Mercury)
3. "I Wanna Fall In Love," Lila McCann (Asylum)
4. "Imagine That," Diamond Rio (Arista)
5. "He's Got You," Brooks & Dunn (Arista Nashville)
6. "Don't Be Stupid (You Know I Love You)," Shania Twain (Mercury)
7. "What If I Said," Anita Cochran (Duet with Steve Warner) (Warner Bros.)
8. "On the Side of Angels," LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
9. "You've Got to Talk to Me," Lee Ann Womack (Decca)
10. "Round About Way," George Strait (MCA)

CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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1. "Viaggio Italiano," Andrea Bocelli (Philips)
2. "My Secret Passion — The Arias," Michael Bolton (Sony Classical)
3. "Piazzolla: The Soul of the Tango," Yo-Yo Ma (Sony Classical)
4. "Paul McCartney's Standing Stone," London Symphony Orchestra — Foster (EMI Classics)
5. "Pavarotti's Greatest Hits: The Ultimate Collection," Luciano Pavarotti (London)
6. "An Italian Songbook," Cecilia Bartoli, James Levine (London)
7. "A Hymn for the World," Cecilia Bartoli, Andrea Rocelli (DG)
8. "The Vienna I Love," Andre Rieu (Philips)
9. "The Mozart Effect — Volume 1," Don Campbell (Children's Group)
10. "Appalachia Waltz," Ma-Mayer-O'Connor (Sony Classical)

R&B SINGLES

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1. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace)
2. "I Don't Ever Want to See You Again," Uncle Sam (Stonecreek) (Gold)
3. "My Body," LSG (Eastwest) (Platinum)
4. "Dangerous," Busta Rhymes (Elektra)
5. "A Song for Mama," Boyz II Men (Motown) (Gold)
6. "No No No," Destiny's Child (Columbia) (Gold)
7. "We're Not Making Love No More," Dru Hill (LaFace) (Gold)
8. "What You Want," Mase (Featuring Total) (Arista)
9. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse)
10. "Are U Still Down?," Jon B. (Epic)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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(While the other charts are based on retail sales, this list is compiled from radio station airplay reports.)

1. "Sex & Candy," Marcy Playground (Mammoth-Capitol)
2. "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)," Green Day (Reprise)
3. "Given To Fly," Pearl Jam (Epic)
4. "Bitter Sweet Symphony," The Verve (Hut-Virgin)
5. "How's It Going To Be," Third Eye Blind (Elektra)
6. "Brick," Ben Folds Five (550 Music)
7. "Clumsy," Our Lady Peace (Columbia)
8. "3 AM," Matchbox 20 (Lava-Atlantic)
9. "Touch, Peel and Stand," Days of the New (Outpost)
10. "Everything To Everyone," Everclear (Capitol)

DANCE MAXI-SINGLES

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1. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse)
2. "Deja Vu (Uptown Baby)," Lord Tario and Peter Gunz (Columbia)
3. "Dangerous," Busta Rhymes (Elektra)
4. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin)
5. "You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)," Byron Stingly (Nervous)
6. "Roxanne '97-Puff Daddy Remix," Sting and The Police (A&M)
7. "Been Around the World — It's All About the Benjamins," Puff Daddy & the Family (Bad Boy)
8. "The Worst," Onyx Wu Tang Clan (Tommy Boy)
9. "Elements," Danny Tenaglia (Twisted)
10. "I'm Not a Player," Big Punisher (Loud)

Oats contain naturally occurring phytochemicals that have been associated wtih protection from a variety of chronic diseases. Whole grains contain naturally occurring phytoestrogens which have been linked to decreased risk of hormone-related diseases such as breast cancer.



HOURS OF QUILTING — Terrisu Mann, left, showed some of her quilting to Beta Sigma Phi member Jacalyn Lowrance at a Tuesday meeting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

BSP: quilting program

Terrisu Mann presented "Memories Made in Quilts" to Beta Sigma Phi members Tuesday.

"Quilting allows us to have a love of the past, even though our future has given us the use of technology in quilting," Mann said, "quilting is therapeutic and creative for both men and women."

Displaying many quilted pieces, she showed different ways to use quilts from wall hangings and wearable art to covering beds. She explained various ways to quilt, using different fabrics and how they were used in the past.

In conclusion, she encouraged the group to join a quilting class and to attend quilt shows.

Dena Ellis, president, conducted a business session. Plans were made for a BSP Valentine Queen candlelight dinner on Feb. 10. Ellis announced a barbecue dinner to benifit Noah Project to be held March 1.

Hostesses were Jacalyn Lowrance and Beth Bowen.

Nation's most popular videos

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

VIDEO SALES

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1. "My Best Friend's Wedding," (Columbia TriStar)
2. "Men In Black," (Columbia TriStar)
3. "Scream," (Dimension)
4. "Soul Food," (Fox)
5. "Rage Against the Machine," (Epic)
6. "George of the Jungle," (Disney)
7. "Hanson: Tulsa, Tokyo and the Middle of Nowhere," (PolyGram)
8. "The Lost World: Jurassic Park," (Universal)
9. "Air Bud," (Disney)
10. "Spice Girls: One Hour of Girl Power," (Warner)

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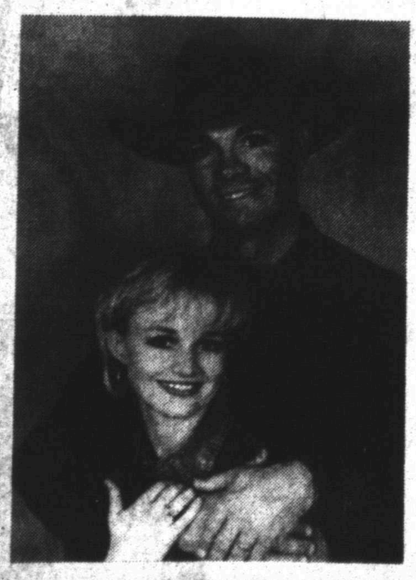

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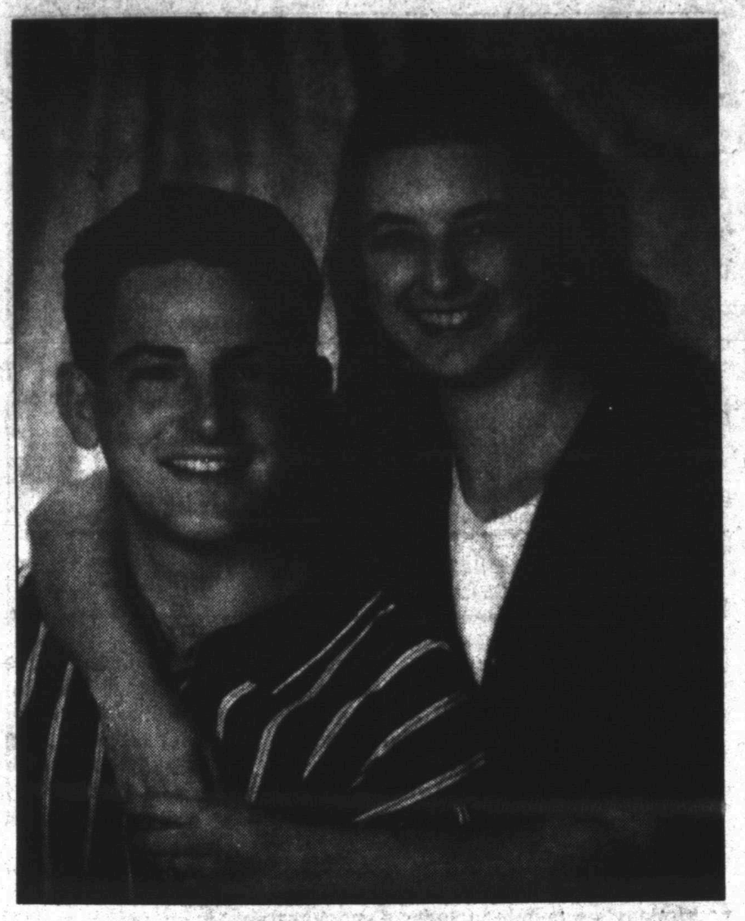

Lana Brionne Henley and Jonathan Neal Wooldridge

Locals' grandson plans marriage in Oklahoma

YUKON, Okla. — Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Henley and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wooldridge, all of Yukon, Okla., announce the engagement and future marriage of their children, Lana Brionne Henley and Jonathan Neal Wooldridge.

The future bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gail Demuth of Rosston, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Lathon Henley of Mustang, Okla.

Grandparents of the prospective groom include Mr. and Mrs. O.N. Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Cox, all of Snyder.

Miss Henley and Wooldridge are planning a July 11 ceremony in Lakehoma Church of Christ in Mustang, Okla.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Mustang High School and is an accounting major at Oklahoma Christian University.

The future groom, a 1995 graduate of Yukon High School, is a computer information systems major at OCU. Both will graduate in May 1999.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program "Gardening on the Internet," by Bullard's Computers; hostesses, Wyvone Davis and Lanette Patterson; noon.

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

"A company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	01-31-98
	♠ 9 7	
	♥ A Q 10 5	
	♦ K J 9 8	
	♣ 9 6 4	
West		East
♠ A K 8 5 2		♠ 10 4 3
♥ K 6 3		♥ 8 7 4
♦ A 7		♦ 5 4 3 2
♣ 8 5 2		♣ 10 7 3
	South	
	♠ Q J 6	
	♥ J 9 2	
	♦ Q 10 6	
	♣ A K Q J	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

The oft asked question

By Phillip Alder

Several times a year students ask me a question like: "Why stick to one's leading agreements if declarer is learning all that useful information too?"

Well, defense is difficult at the best of times. And it usually requires cooperation between both defenders. So, each relies on the other to pass dependable data. However, there is one time when it is not only acceptable but normally advisable not to follow your prearranged methods. This deal is an example.

You are sitting West. Via a straightforward Stayman auction, your opponents romp into three no-trump. What should you lead?

Without giving the matter any thought, you would probably select the spade five (or perhaps the ace or king, depending on your agreements). But think a moment longer. You have 14 prime points, yet the opponents have contracted for game. Partner is playing third violin at best. So, try the effect of leading the spade *two*.

Now move into the declarer's chair. He can see six top tricks: one spade (trick one), one heart and four clubs. For the extra three, he can either take the heart finesse or drive out the diamond ace. If the spades are splitting 5-3, he must risk the finesse; it is his only chance. But if the spades are 4-4, playing on diamonds is a certainty. And your lead was the spade *two*, apparently fourth-highest announcing a 4-4 spade split. Which line will South pick, do you think?

Ignore your normal leading agreements when you know partner has a useless Yarborough.

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Snyder School Menu Elementary

All meals are served with milk; all breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Waffles w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Sausage & Biscuits

THURSDAY
Breakfast Taco

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chicken Burger
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
French Fries
Baked Beans
Lettuce & Tomato

TUESDAY
Beef Taco
Corn Bread
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Pineapple Chunks

WEDNESDAY
Grilled Cheese
Soup
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Orange Halves
French Fries

THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Cream Gravy
Homemade Roll
Pizza
Hamburger on Bun
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables

FRIDAY
Sloppy Joe
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Baked Beans
Peach Cobbler

Snyder Menu Jr. High and High School

BREAKFAST

All meals are served with choice of milk; all breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Waffles w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Sausage & Biscuits

THURSDAY
Breakfast Taco

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chicken Burger
Rib Sandwich
Ranch Style Beans
Fried Okra
Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY
Taco Salad
Beef Nachos
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread
Spanish Rice

WEDNESDAY
Patty Melt
Submarine Sandwich
Peaches
Tater Tots
Cowboy Cookies

THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Peas & Carrots
Homemade Roll

FRIDAY
Barbecued Beef on a Roll
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Corn on the Cob

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Charbroiled Pork Ribs
Green Beans
Creamed Potatoes
Bread
Pineapple Tidbits

TUESDAY
Turkey Roast w/Gravy
Scalloped Potatoes
Peas and Carrots
Biscuits
Cowboy Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Carrots
Parsley Potatoes
Biscuits
Apple Crisp

THURSDAY
Barbecue on a Bun
French Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Apricots

FRIDAY
Sandwiches
Cheetos
Bomb Pops

Hermleigh School Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast

TUESDAY
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toasted Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Juice
French Toast Sticks

THURSDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

MONDAY
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
French Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Spice Cake

TUESDAY
Pinto Beans
Buttered Carrots
Corn Bread
Pink Applesauce

WEDNESDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello

THURSDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tater Tots
Soft Bread Sticks
Apricot Crisp

FRIDAY
Sausage Pizza
Buttered Corn
Tossed Salad
Chilled Pears

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

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

FRIDAY
Jan. 23

N-S

Seven tables.
1. Sue Reed, Martha Fagin.
2. Ann Davis, Monte West.
3. TIE: Charles Blakey, Julian Jones and Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.

E-W

1. Tizzy Hall, Anita Talbott.
2. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever
3. Alta Cates, Louise Thompson.

SUNDAY
Jan. 25

Three tables.
1. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

TUESDAY
Jan. 27

Four tables.
1. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
2. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Charles Blakey.

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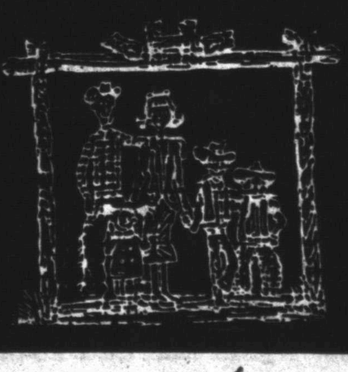

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Public Records

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WJC Inc. and W.J. Collier, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Wilson Motors.

Emerson L. and Marie Armstrong, 1998 Ford Windstar from Wilson Motors.

Raymond and Jerry House, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

The Rental Store and More, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Marvin and Mary E. Hanson, 1998 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Mark Timmons, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mel Kiddy, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

GMAC-CGDRACS, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby Jones, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

William Charles Taylor, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Ellis Production Company Inc., two 1997 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

Andrew and Estella Rivera, 1998 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Earl Ware, 1998 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., two 1998 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Rick Wells, dba Farr-Wells Cattle Co., 1997 Ford truck from Wilson Motors.

Richard L. and Mary Q. Smith, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Robert Patterson, 1998 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Culligan Water Conditioning, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jennifer M. Morton, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Steve J. and Dana Person, 1998 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Producers Coop Gin Company, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Jose Javier Cortez and Misty Lynn Glick, both of Snyder.

Charles Kenneth Peterson and Renee Elizabeth Tollison, both of Snyder.

James Michael Bishop and Natosha Lee Swaim, both of Snyder.

Eddie Melvin Cobb and Shalawn Devon Smith, both of Snyder.

Freddy Mena and Mary Helen Flores, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Malvin L. Donelson and Bobbie J. Donelson vs. Nelson D. Hogg and First National Bank of O'Donnell, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Larry Joe Thompson and Cathy Melinda Thompson, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Terry Cain, et al, order granting non-suit.

B&F Well Service Inc. vs. MEC Energy No. 2, MEC Energy No. 1, MEC Resources and Pharaoh Oil and Gas, order of dismissal with prejudice.

B&F Well Service Inc. vs. MEC Energy No. 2, MEC Energy No. 1, MEC Resources and Scarlock Permian Corporation, order of dismissal with prejudice.

B&F Well Service Inc. vs. MEC Energy No. 2, MEC Energy No. 1, MEC Resources and Plains Marketing and Transport, order of dismissal with prejudice.

B&F Well Service Inc. vs. Pharaoh Oil and Gas Inc. and MEC Energy No. 2, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Scurry County vs. C. Crawford Mills Jr., et al,, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. $5,606 in U.S. Currency and approximately 6 grams of cocaine, agreed judgment of forfeiture.

Laura Powell, individually and as next friend of Andrea Jo Powell, a minor, and William Powell vs. Richeson Dairy Queens, judgment for plaintiff.

Bill Wilson Inc., dba Wilson Motors, vs. Jimmy Farmer, agreed judgment.

Deed Records

John Williamson to James D. Williamson, part of the north side of Lot 1 in Block 14 of the Town of Hermleigh.

James D. Williamson to Tommy D. and Carla G. Campbell, part of the north side of Lot 1 in Block 14 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Cathy Melinda Thompson to Larry Joe Thompson, all of Lot B in Block 1 of the Kittrell Heights Second Addition.

Frances Felan to Jimmy Lee Hernandez, a tract in Block 2 of the Hatcher Subdivision in Block 8 of the Cody Addition.

Juanita Chaidez to Jimmy Lee Hernandez, parts of Lots 14-16 in Block 1 of the Cornelius Subdivision of Block 7 of the Cody Addition.

Carla M. Coffey and Scott W. Atwood to Ladonna Fay Tarpley, all of Lot 3 in Block E of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Eugene Hudnall to Mark and Amy Hargrove, all of the south one-half of Section 51, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jesse S. and Ninfa R. Navarette to Doug W. and Courtney C. Chandler, an 0.028-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Samuel Hubert Clements, independent executor of the estate of Helen Frank Clements, to Samuel Hubert Clements, tract one being the northwest one-quarter of Section 153, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the southwest part of the south one-half of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the southeast one-quarter of Section 155, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being 82.05 acres in Section 34, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract five being the southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract six being the northwest one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract seven being the north part of the west one-half of Section 157, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract eight being the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 170, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract nine being the south one-half of Section 189, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ben Michael Gafford to Henry Grady and Merle Gafford, tract one being the northwest one-quarter of Section 38, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 104.90 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 37, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Cynthia G. Beck and Karen R. Sears to George T. and Evelyn Burton, all of Lot 19 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Gina Lisa Adams to Joe Rue Beaver, the north one-half of the south one-half of Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

John Marcus Ward and Harilyn Ward McMicken to Robert and Maria Vera, the west 85 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 26 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Gayle Burleson, attorney-in-fact for Laura Greenfield, to Scurry County, Western Texas College and Snyder Independent School District, the west part of block 11 in the town of Dermott.

Gayle Burleson, attorney-in-fact for Laura Greenfield, to Scurry County, Western Texas College and Snyder Indpendent School District, tract one being Lot 8 of the McDowell Subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition; tract two being all of Lot 2 in Block 46 of the McDowell Subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition.

Betty Baker, for Scott A. Maynard, to Dillard Teal, the north one-half of Lot 7 and the north one-half of the east one-half of Lot 8 in Block 49 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Chicken & dumplings, golden carrots, fried squash, three bean salad, brownie

TUESDAY

Meat loaf, lima beans, baked potato, tomato wedges, coconut pudding

WEDNESDAY

Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, cucumber/onion salad, cherry cobbler

THURSDAY

German sausage w/barbecue sauce, green beans, potatoes au graten, lettuce/tomato salad, sugar cookies

FRIDAY

Fried fish, baked beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cabbage slaw, pineapple flop cake

Senior Center News

Every Wednesday, beginning next week, an AARP volunteer will be available to help seniors with their income tax returns, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and nominations for king and queen must be made by Feb. 10 so that ballots will be ready for voting on Feb. 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nominees must be Scurry County residents, age 60 or more. Former kings and queens are not eligible.

Volunteer hours must be recorded no later than Feb. 27 in order for credit to be awarded at the annual volunteer banquet on March 13.

Monday's schedule includes a snooker tournament, bridge at 9:30 a.m. and exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday's activities include 42/88 at 10, the Hoss Clayton Band at 11, and Golden Kiwanis at noon.

The Kitchen Band will perform at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Wednesday Trio will perform in the Senior Center's dining room at 11:15 a.m. and the Line Dancers will perform at 1 p.m.

The Tri Chem class begins at 9 a.m. and the Sunshine Choir will practice at 10 a.m.

Friday bridge and the blood pressure clinic begins at 9:30 a.m. Only 88 days remain until May Day on May 2, the first Saturday in May. Volunteers are already making crafts. Many items have been donated that seniors could use for making crafts for May Day.

Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

Whenever I am visiting with a group of high school students about Western Texas College, I always encourage them to come and visit the campus, particularly while school is in session.

A campus tour provides an opportunity to see the dorms, the library, the student center, classrooms and other areas of interest. Coming while school is in session gives visitors a chance to see the campus at its best and to talk with students and teachers and coaches.

Those who wish to can sit in on a class or participate in a student activity. The dining hall is open to visitors, and talking with students in the dorm or student center can help a visitor to learn first-hand campus activities and student life.

When my son was looking at colleges in 1996, he and my husband visited seven schools. By seeing them in person, he eliminated one school where run-down buildings did not at all look like the ones pictured in the literature, and the visits reinforced his enthusiasm for five other schools where he felt comfortable and welcome. I accompanied my daughter on a similar trip this past Thanksgiving. We visited four schools and found three to be friendly and exciting campuses. The fourth had experienced a fire the year before and had not yet rebuilt the theatre. Drama students were bused to the local community playhouse, something that wasn't mentioned anywhere in the literature. As a prospective drama major, this was important for her to know.

If you are considering attending WTC, or if you'd like to see the campus, we invite you to come for a tour. We would be happy to show you our facilities and introduce you to the friendly people who help make Western Texas College happen. Let us know what your interests are, and we'll put together a personal tour package that gives you all the information you need to decide if Western Texas College is the right place for you.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is the Student Center. In Snyder, the phone number is 573-8511 ext. 394. Outside of Snyder, call us toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).

Administration unveils protection for working children in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following on his pledge to ask Congress and other nations to fight "the most intolerable labor practice of all," President Clinton will seek an $86 million increase in funds to enforce child labor laws.

The administration on Thursday unveiled an initiative aimed at curbing child labor abuses in the United States and overseas.

The plan, which requires congressional approval, calls for hiring additional investigators, boosting educational funds for migrant children and increasing global support for an international foundation against forced child labor.

Clinton briefly referred to the plan during his State of the Union address Tuesday night but provided few details.

The initiative calls for a $27 million increase in the U.S. contribution to the International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour. The United States gave the organization $3 million last year.

Another $355 million would go to a federal migrant education fund — a $50 million increase over last year that would serve 70,000 to 100,000 migrant children in addition to the 550,000 to 600,000 now helped.

The Labor Department would get $4 million to hire 36 new investigators to enforce child labor laws, and $5 million would go toward setting up a pilot job training program for youths.

Clinton formally will release his budget proposal Monday.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman said the initiative allows the department to make fighting child labor a priority and to help children who "are stuck in the workrooms instead of studying in the classrooms."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, commended the administration for urging other countries to crack down on child labor abuses but he said Americans must lead by example.

"If we're going to be the leaders of the world, we have to make sure our own back yard is clean," he said.

Harkin said while he expects both Democrats and Republicans in Congress to support the initiative, he believes it could be a "ripe target" because it represents a 900 percent increase over last year's funding for child labor programs.

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Former prosecutor named to defend accused murderer

BELTON (AP) — Former Coryell County district attorney Sandy Gately has been appointed to represent the accused killer of KWTX-TV reporter Kathryn Louise Dettman.

State District Judge Joe Carroll had appointed Killeen attorney Bobby Dale Barina earlier Thursday, but Barina then begged off, saying he knew the victim.

That's the same excuse used by all eight local attorneys on a court-appointment list of lawyers qualified and willing to defend murder defendants.

Anthony Gary Silvestri, 21, of Temple, has been accused of murder in the beating death last Thursday of Ms. Dettman, 36. He is accused of brutally beating and repeatedly stabbing her with a Phillips screwdriver.

Silvestri remains in county jail in lieu of a $500,000 bond.

Silvestri lived in the same apartment complex as the slain reporter. Officers said they believe Silvestri had been spying on Ms. Dettman with binoculars from his apartment across the way.

Neighbors called police after hearing a disturbance in Ms. Dettman's apartment. Silvestri, splattered with blood, was arrested as he stood against a wall in Miss Dettman's bedroom.

Collector's Corner

It is almost February, and romance is in the air. Visions of candlelight, roses and hearts come to mind, as we get ready for that most sentimental of occasions - Valentine's Day!

This year, along with the flowers and candy, give that "significant other" something different and special. Here are some suggestions:

GLASSWARE: Think about an exquisite Roseville vase or a hand-blown, etched glass vase to go along with the flowers. A set of pink glass "Depression" dishes, or a very elegant cut glass compote or cake plate would be a very nice gift. You can find these items at Janet's Antiques and Antique Alley. Check Our Place for red glass lovebirds.

CANDY CONTAINERS: What about a glass, tin, or ceramic candy dish to accompany the candy.

LAMPS: You can find lovely reproduction Victorian at Our Place or original "Aladdin" Lamps at Janet's Antiques.

TRINKET AND MUSIC BOXES: A music box playing a sentimental tune, or a "love" note tucked inside an old fashioned trinket box says "I care" in a very special way!

JEWELRY: Stop by Nathalies and see their new line of vintage jewelry made from semi-precious stones.

VALENTINES: Adorned with lace, doves, cherubs and elaborate, mechanical pieces like paper hearts, which would pop out when opened, their golden era lasted from the 1860's to the end of the century. You can find antique valentines at Our Place.

NEW ITEMS: It doesn't have to be old to be romantic! Betty Boop, with her sweet, but sexy smile, is a perennial favorite. Her heart shaped music box and very pretty night light are available at The Pink Flamingo.

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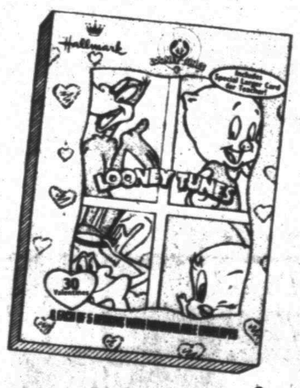

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Overall tax changes for 1997 examined below

WASHINGTON (AP) — As you sit down to do your 1997 taxes — cup of coffee in hand and Rolaids nearby — you'll find that few of the goodies from the much-heralded 1997 tax cut bill will apply this year.

Good news about the 1997 tax bill: you can start planning today to gain maximum advantage from the $152 billion in savings the new legislation promises over the next five years.

Congress and the White House have been in a mood in recent years to provide middle class tax relief, and the results now are filtering down to the average taxpayer.

There are about two dozen significant changes to individual income taxes that apply to this year's tax return. They range from lower taxes on capital gains, loosened rules for Individual Retirement Accounts, tax credits for adopting children, and new "medical savings accounts" to pay for medical bills.

And if these items don't apply to your situation, next year promises many changes, such as a $400-per-child tax credit and education-related tax benefits.

What's new for this year:

— Adoption Credit: The 1996 tax bill law provides for a $5,000 credit to defray the adoption fees, court costs, legal bills and other expenses in the adoption of a child. It applies to both foreign and domestic adoptions in 1997 and later. And there's a $5,000 exclusion for employer-provided adoption assistance. Any expenses reimbursed by an employer aren't eligible for the credit.

A higher credit of $6,000 is available for adopted children with "special needs." You'll see the credit added to line 42 on IRS form 1040.

The full credit is available for people making less than $75,000, although marital status isn't an issue.

Kathy Burlison, tax research training specialist at H&R Block, said the credit is straightforward for most people but can be complicated when adoption expenses are spread out over several years.

"You have some record-keeping issues and little traps to work around," Burlison said. The adoption credit appears on line 42 of form 1040; IRS form 8839 has more details.

— IRAS for non-working spouses. A spouse without a job now has the same opportunity to contribute a full $2,000 to Individual Retirement Accounts as do those in the paycheck world.

Couples with one wage earner were limited to $2,250 in tax-deferred IRA contributions. The new law permits these couples to shelter up to $4,000, the same as couples in which both spouses work.

The savings can be tangible. For a family with $40,000 in taxable income, a couple placing $4,000 aside will result in $600 in tax savings.

Deductions for a spouse's IRA contribution are subject to income restrictions. For example, married people making less than $40,000 qualify for the full deduction if one spouse is covered by a pension plan.

— Medical savings accounts. Tax-deductible medical savings accounts, new this year, are like Individual Retirement Accounts, except these are used to cover certain doctors' bills.

They allow people with high deductible insurance policies to build a nest egg for routine health expenses not covered by their catastrophic health insurance policies.

This four-year pilot program is narrowly targeted for the self-employed or workers in small businesses — 50 workers or fewer — with high deductible medical plans. That refers to insurance plans with deductibles of $1,500 to $2,250 for singles or $3,000 to $4,500 for families.

The money in an MSA grows on a tax-deferred basis. Contributions are deductible, but withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are tax free. If the full amount isn't used for doctors' bills, it can be kept generally for retirement savings.

And like an IRA, contributions to MSAs can be made right up to the April 15 deadline.

Despite the narrow eligibility standards, "it's a great relief for people who can't afford good health coverage," said Burlison of H&R Block. People can make contributions up until April 15, which allows them to know what their out-of-pocket medical expenses are at the time they contribute to their medical savings account, she said.

Ed Slott, a Huntington, N.Y., accountant, said the MSAs didn't take off as predicted because the rules are so complex.

The MSA deduction appears on line 24 of form 1040.

— Higher deductions of health premiums for self-employed. The deduction for health insurance of self-employed workers rises from 30 percent to 40 percent in 1997. Under last year's tax bill, the self-employed will be able to deduct the full 100 percent of their health insurance premiums by 2007.

— Long-term medical care. You'll be able to deduct the cost of long-term care at home and in nursing facilities and related insurance premiums for 1997, to the extent that expenses exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

— Death benefits. AIDS patients and other terminally ill people who receive accelerated death benefits from life insurance policies stand to benefit from this tax break. It allows certain taxpayers to exclude from taxes the money received from such accelerated death benefits, sometimes known as viatical settlements. Publication 525 on taxable and non-taxable income and Publication 559 for survivors, executors and administrators have details.

— Capital gains. People selling a home, stocks or mutual funds stand to reap big savings from the 1997 tax changes.

The 1997 tax bill allows married couples filing jointly to exclude $500,000 of profits from sale of their primary residence. Singles will be able to exclude up to $250,000. You can take the tax break every two years.

"In its most simple form, it exempts most home sales from all taxes — a bonanza for homeowners, realtors, banks ... and anyone in the business of home sales," said Slott.

The law does away with the old "rollover" rules on home sales. The old rules permit taxpayers to defer profits from a home sale if they buy a new home with at least an equal or greater value. Also repealed is a one-time $125,000 exclusion on a home sale for people 55 years and older.

Investors will see the maximum 28 percent capital gains tax for individuals drop to 20 percent. For people in the 15 percent tax bracket (up to $24,650 for singles and $41,200 for married couples filing jointly), the tax drops to 10 percent.

An example: you have a $1,000 profit from Microsoft stock sold last summer to pay for some of your kid's college expenses. Since you bought the stock in 1990, you qualify for the long-term capital gains rate, allowing you to pocket $800 after taxes, instead of the $720 you would have kept under the old rate of 28 percent.

The lower capital gains rates generally apply to investments held 18 months or longer and sold after May 6, 1997. Beware of tricky transition rules for investments held less than 1½ years.

For investments sold between May 7 and July 28, the maximum rate is 20 percent if the investment was held more than a year. After July 28, investments held more than one year and not more than 18 months are taxed at the maximum 28 percent rate.

Going forward, lower maximum rates of 18 percent will apply for investments bought after the year 2000 and held five years or more. For people in the 15 percent bracket, this long-term rate will fall to 8 percent for all property held five years.

There are numerous exceptions. Profits from sales of collectibles, such as coins and artwork, won't get a break; they're taxed at a maximum 28 percent. Gains from so-called depreciation recapture, such as on rental property, will be taxed at a maximum 25 percent rate.

Schedule D has all the details.

— Futures planning. If you don't benefit from any of the changes for this year, don't give up hope. Start planning now to cut your taxes next year.

In 1998, a host of new tax breaks takes effect: the $400-per-child tax credit, President Clinton's education tax credits, expanded Individual Retirement Accounts and the new Roth IRAs, and expanded relief from estate taxes. In addition, health insurance deductions for self-employed people will increase to 45 percent.

The child tax credit applies for each child under age 17, available in full or in part to singles making less than $75,000 and couples making less than $110,000. The credit rises to $500 in 1999 and thereafter.

A child is eligible if he or she is a dependent, such as a foster child or stepchild, son or daughter. Tax experts urge people who anticipate they will qualify for the credit to adjust their tax withholding to account for the credit by filing a new W-4 with their employers.

A range of education tax incentives kicks in for 1998. While attractive, many of these goodies aren't available to families making more than $80,000 per year.

The 1997 tax bill is a major departure from previous law, which generally didn't allow taxpayers to deduct education and training expenses. There are several new options to get tax credits for your higher education expenses.

The so-called Hope scholarship provides a maximum $1,500 tax credit to defray tuition and other higher education expenses for the first two years of college. And there's the Lifetime Learning Credit which starts at $1,000 and, after 2002, increases to $2,000.

These credits begin to phase out for individuals with taxable income greater than $40,000 and couples with $80,000.

In addition, there's a deduction for student loan interest that begins at $1,000 a year. The tax writers threw a curveball here: the income threshold is lower than for education credits, phasing out for couples making more than $60,000.

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And an exemption for employer-paid tuition is extended through May, 2000.

Beginning in 1998, parents can save up to $500 a year per child in education savings accounts. They're known in Congress as "education IRAs," but these accounts don't provide for retirement savings.

Contributions to these education savings accounts aren't tax deductible, but withdrawals — including earnings — are tax-free if they go to tuition and other specified uses. Also, withdrawals from state prepaid tuition plans will be tax-free. These education savings accounts phase out for couples with taxable income above $150,000.

If these education savings accounts don't apply for your situation, then consider other savings options through expanded rules for IRAs.

Traditional IRAs don't allow people to deduct their contributions if they already have a retirement plan at work and have taxable income greater than $25,000 for singles or, more than $40,000 for couples.

But those income limits rise next year. In 1998, the limit for singles rises $30,000 and for couples, to $50,000.

And there's a new kind of IRA account for 1998, called the Roth IRA, so named for Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del. With these accounts, people can invest up to $2,000 a year, but you have to pay taxes on the contributions.

However, you won't have to pay taxes on the earnings or the withdrawals. Eligibility starts to phase out for individuals with taxable income of $95,000 and couples earning $150,000. The money has to be held for five years. Withdrawals can begin after age 59½, or in the event of disability, death or for first-time home purchase.

"Any money that's in there is going to be completely tax free forever," said Brian Whitlock, a CPA with Blackman Kallick Bartelstein LLP in Chicago.

Whitlock is enthusiastic about the Roth IRAs and urges taxpayers to consider "rolling over" their existing IRAs into new Roth IRAs. You qualify for a rollover if your income is $100,000 or less in 1998.

To do so requires people to pay income tax on the amount being transferred, but that tax bite will be spread over four years if you roll over the amount in 1998.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

House ready for dedication

CADIZ, Ohio (AP) — Frankly, my dear, Clark Gable's hometown still gives ... well, you know how it goes.

This Ohio village and Gable's only son will dedicate a replica Saturday of the house where the "Gone With the Wind" star lived as a baby.

The original house was torn down in 1960, the year the actor who often described himself as "a poor slob from Ohio" died of a heart attack.

Since 1985, the village that once thrived on coal has been trying to mine the legacy of its most famous son — even though he was only 9 months old when he and his newly widowed father moved to nearby Hopedale, and despite the fact Gable rarely visited.

"If Cleveland can have the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, we're going to take claim to Gable," said Michael Cope, a member of the Clark Gable Foundation, which oversaw construction of the house and sponsors an annual festival in honor of Gable's birthday, Feb. 1, 1901.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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Letters to the Editor

Callous comments

To the Editor:

On August 29, 1997 my husband passed away quite suddenly in our home in Fluvanna.

Being Labor Day weekend, it took several hours to get a justice of the peace to my home to pronounce him dead. Though I was unhappy about the delay, I understood and accepted it.

John Williamson, JP in Hermleigh, came in and was very polite and efficient.

Since my husband was alone at the time of his death, was only 40 years old and was not terminally ill, an autopsy was required. Even through my shock and grief I understood the reasons for this procedure.

It took me over four months to recover enough emotionally to check into getting a copy of the autopsy report. Naturally, I assumed it would be filed at the courthouse in Snyder. I began my search there and after being sent to several departments, I ended up in the JP's office.

I introduced myself to Charlie Reynolds, the Scurry County JP, and made my request for the report.

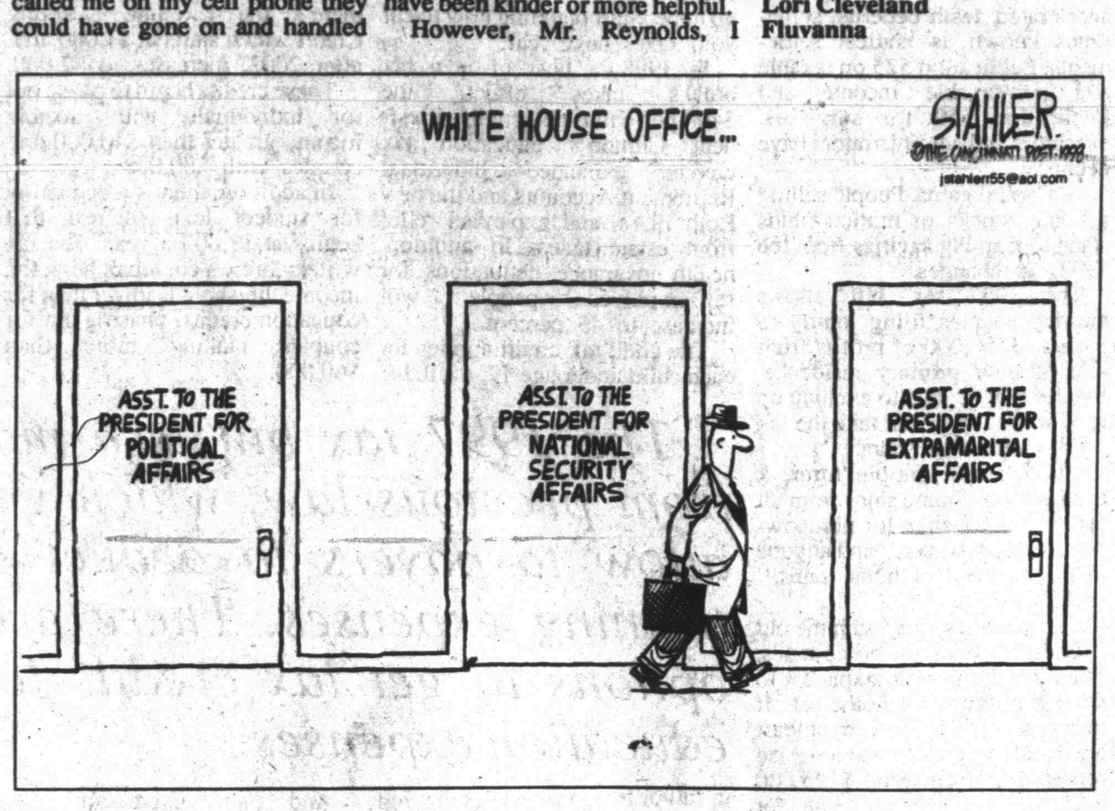
I was stunned when he replied, "Oh, that was that Fluvanna thing. If those EMS people had just called me on my cell phone they could have gone on and handled that thing. They just blew it all out of proportion. When someone is dead it's not as though they're going anywhere so there's really no need to rush."

He then told me to contact Mr. Williamson to get a copy of the autopsy because they are sent to the JP that orders the autopsy.

I did receive the report and Mr. Williamson's secretary couldn't have been kinder or more helpful.

However, Mr. Reynolds, I wanted you to know that "that thing" you referred to was my husband and I feel your comments were callous and inappropriate. Next time you are dealing with a grieving spouse, please try to think before you speak and spare that person from additional pain and grief that is caused by comments better left unsaid.

Thank you,
Lori Cleveland
Fluvanna



Calling 911 is still your best choice



Deanie Francis Mills

Sometimes I spend days before my weekly column is due, casting about for ideas like an unlucky fisherman in a dried-up creek. I've even been known, in really desperate times, to scan the Internet looking for something I can just take down and relay to you guys with some sort of lame comment like, "taken from the Internet."

But sometimes a column drops into my lap, and it's so easy, and I'm so grateful, especially when I'm as busy as I have been lately. This evening I got a call from a gentleman who had some questions about my last week's column, and we had such a lovely conversation that I thought I might relay those questions and answers for any of the rest of you who may have been wondering your own selves.

Last week, under the title, "One of Those Spooky Nights," I wrote about what it feels like when you live in the country and have one of those spooky nights that comes along every so often, where you hear strange noises and you feel uneasy and nervous. I don't know anybody who hasn't had a night like that, and you don't have to live in the country to have one, but you feel more vulnerable, I think, because you don't have neighbors handy to run to, and you don't live five minutes from the local police department.

Even my daughter, upon reading the column, asked, "Did this really happen?" And I answered that yes, it did. Her daddy had been out of town and she'd been sound asleep and on that windless night, I kept hearing things that spooked me, and I spent an hour or so investigating those noises. It's funny when you get spooked and when you don't. I've only had that experience one other time, and I blush to confess this, but the truth of the matter on that particular occasion was that I'd sat up late watching that old scary movie, "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" and it spooked me so bad that, as I recall, I was unable to go to sleep until I'd gotten up and turned on every light in the house.

But I don't think these things happen to just women, because I remember that my daddy would sometimes sleep with his bathroom light on when my mother was out of town. And one time, when I was getting in late on a date and was afraid I'd get in trouble for breaking curfew, I climbed through my brother's bedroom window, which woke him up and caused him to scream bloody murder, which sort of defeated the whole purpose.

But I digress.

This gentleman was concerned about a comment I had made, which was that, "when you live in the boonies, you know that even if you dial 9-1-1 and a sheriff's deputy is dispatched right away, it still might take him 45 minutes to find the place. And of course, the axe murderer would be finished with you by then."

My caller wanted to know if that had ever really happened to me? Had I ever actually called 9-1-1 from my country home, only to have to wait a very long time for help to arrive? And the answer to that question is a resounding no.

Of course you know I was only kidding about the axe murderer anyway, but my caller and I discussed how it was back in the days before 9-1-1, when we country folks had to give lengthy directions along the lines of, "go three-quarters of a mile south of the railroad tracks, then turn west on the dirt road until you get to the big tree, and then..."

But now we all have these fancy county addresses that pop right up on the computer and show the deputy exactly where we live. Sources at the sheriff's department have told me that the longest any of us here in Scurry County should have to wait for a deputy to arrive is maybe 20 minutes, "and that's for the farthest corner of the county."

What I told my caller was that if I had indeed detected the presence of an intruder on that spooky night, you can bet the first thing I would have done is pick up my portable phone and dial 9-1-1. Then I would have retreated to my daughter's bedroom with my shotgun and the telephone — keeping the lines to the sheriff's office open while awaiting the arrival of help — watched the door, and waited until the operator could assure me that deputies had arrived. This is what the best firearms experts in the country advise you to do in such a situation, to prevent you from accidentally shooting a family member or law enforcement officer, and to afford you the best protection while you await help.

So I just thought I'd pass that information on to you country folks out there for you to consider the next time you get one of those spooky nights that gives you the heebie-jeebies. You may not have any neighbors or live five minutes away from the po-lice, but you are never alone.

Yes, this is the rubber products editor



Bill McClellan

About once a week I get a phone call that goes something like this:

"Hello?"

"Is this Mr. MacCleeeeee-land, Mac-Killan? Mac...

"Hmmm, yes it is."

"Mr. MacCleeeeeee...uh, sir, this is Patsy Zchlengelhormpff with the Media Distribution Service and we are updating our files. Do you have a few minutes?"

"Well, no, actually I'm pretty bus..."

"Thank you. Sir, are you the science editor?"

"Ah, yes, I guess I am."

"And I have you listed as the religion editor. Is that also correct?"

"Yep, that sounds fine to me."

"Ok, sir. I also have you down as the education editor. Is that correct?"

"Yes, I do both — just in case the Supreme Court allows organized prayer back in the classroom."

"Oh, okay. And you, Mr. MacKell...uh, Sir, are you also the automotive news editor and the political editor?"

"That's me, I guess."

"Sir, who is your military editor?"

"Ahhh. That would be me."

"Oh really?"

"Yes. We think that in an enlightened world, education, religion and the military all go hand in hand. Don't you agree?"

"Ah, well, sure, Mr. MacKlennan...."

About three weeks later I'll receive a postcard in the mail which lists the various editorships as compiled by this company. The card asks that I list each editor's email address and return it.

I don't. I throw these in the trash.

This may be important to the New York Times, but at the Snyder Daily News, we don't put much stock in military editors. The mail is sorted as needed, with the largest recipient being the dumpster.

The New York Times probably has a military editor. I'm sure the Washington Post has a travel editor. In fact, they probably have a whole travel department staff. So it might make sense for companies to contact the travel editor directly.

At the SDN though, we don't have a bunch of editors. We don't even have a bunch of people working here. But outfits like the Media Distribution Service can't comprehend that. Besides, their business is to distribute your address; what do they care.

And although we don't have a travel editor, the Media Distribution Service insists we must. And the travel editor, according to Miss Zchlengelhormpff, is me.

Would you be interested, just a bit, in the scope of my job, according to MDS? No, of course you wouldn't.

I'm gonna tell you anyway.

I am the travel editor. And the military editor, the science editor, the religion editor and the automotive editor. You already know that. But you probably didn't know that I am also the aviation editor, the consumer affairs editor, the environment editor, health editor, medical editor, business editor, accounting editor and the calendar editor. I'm not sure what a calendar editor does, but I think once you've got all the dates filled in, you can pretty much coast the rest of the year.

In addition to being the aviation editor, I am the aircraft/missle editor. I already mentioned I am the military editor. I am also the foreign trade editor. I say we don't cut Saddam any slack at all.

I handle business management and business news highlights.

I also work as the foods and beverages editor. I am still waiting on free samples.

I am the city editor, and not only am I the photo editor, I am also the amateur photo editor. Now why, you ask, would a newspaper need a photo editor and an amateur photo editor? I haven't a clue.

I am the new products editor. I suppose that person reviews the new products, then sends them over to the business department, food department or where ever they go next.

I am petroleum editor and the taxes editor.

I am also the rubber products editor. I live for the day some company calls up asking for the rubber products editor.

I am also the women's clothing editor, a title which I am especially proud of but a little embarrassed about.

So here I sit, waiting for my big break. I'm anticipating that any moment a tax-evading priest with a business degree, who travels the country taking amateur photos of military aircraft while munching on Twinkes and wearing a dress will drive up to the door wanting to know what day of the week it is and try to sell me some foreign rubber products.

It's got Pulitizer written all over it.

Editorial Comment

Clinton and the intern

The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette

If psychiatrists treated entire nations, they might conclude that America went nuts in the past week. The society plunged into an obsessive frenzy over whether the president did, or didn't, unzip his pants.

TV news channels are pulling out all the stops, giving breathless national urgency to a trivial topic. From the avalanche of coverage, you might think that an alleged sex fling is more important than a war. Newspapers and newsmagazines are almost as fixated. It's the hottest subject of the year.

What's odd is that millions of sex flings occur in America, at every level of society, yet they're barely noticed. Few people care.

Why is President Clinton's private life treated in such a startling different manner? Why is he being hounded ruthlessly for something that would be ignored in others? The pursuit is so fierce that it may even drive him from office. ...

Cuba and the pope

The Daily Tribune, Wisconsin Rapids

There was a remarkable story in Cuba as Pope John Paul II promoted Christian values in a communist nation that has been ruled by dictator Fidel Castro since 1959.

It is a story that is abundant in symbolism and blunt with the pope's message for strengthening the family, condemning abortion and improving human rights. ...

This is the same pope who had a major influence in the fall of communism in eastern Europe and the demise of the Berlin wall. Now, even at his advanced age, this same pope has the energy to make an impassioned plea for improved human rights in another communist land. ...

Unfortunately, because of... news that federal investigators are looking into new allegations of wrongdoing by President Clinton, people in the United States aren't seeing the full significance of this papal trip to Cuba. ...

The pope's message to the Cuban people about a lack of morals, easy availability of abortion and the breakdown of the family is something Americans need to hear and reflect on, too. Just as Cuban society is in a state of moral decay, the United States might not be far behind.

Open the door to Cuba

The Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

The best way to lay the groundwork for a free and democratic Cuba is for the United States to begin trading with the island nation. Show Cubans what they've missed the last four decades. Give them a taste of religious and economic freedom. They'll want more.

Pope John Paul II (was) delivering the first freedom with his historic visit, and the U.S. should follow with the second. ...

So U.S. policymakers should listen when the pope condemns the embargo for unduly punishing poor Cubans. That doesn't make John Paul an ally of Fidel Castro. Rather, it's an indication that he recognizes, as the U.S. should, that the embargo is now more punitive than useful. Even our closest allies, Canada, Mexico and the European Union, have come to that conclusion. ...

... (T)he resumption of trade is just as much in our interest as Cuba's. Sharing American wealth is the best way to encourage Cubans to demand more food, more fuel, more freedom. Opening Cuba to the U.S. is our most effective policy to ensure that Castro's communism doesn't live on. And that's been our overriding interest there for 40 years.

Pope John Paul's visit opened the door to Cuba. The U.S. should not miss the opportunity to go through it.

Privatize Social Security

The Dallas Morning News

What do Australia, Britain, Chile have in common with the Texas counties of Galveston, Brazoria and Matagorda?

None has Social Security or a similar pension system. Instead, their workers pay into privatized systems that earn them significantly higher returns...

By 2012, contributions to Social Security are expected to exceed payments to retirees and other beneficiaries.... To meet its obligations, Congress will have no choice but to raise taxes or reduce benefits.

Social Security's inevitable collision with insolvency is causing President Clinton and... Congress to ponder its radical reform. They need look no further than the privatized systems adopted by Australia, Britain, Chile and three Texas counties.

Two decades ago... rightly fearing that benefits eventually would outstrip tax collections, Australia, Britain and Chile opted for privatized systems, in which workers were required to pay into special funds that invested mainly in corporate stocks and bonds.

Around the same time, the three Texas counties took advantage of a now-closed loophole and opted out of Social Security, establishing their own privately managed pension systems.

The results have been phenomenal. Australia estimates that its workers will retire with benefits two to three times greater than under the old system. A government safety net guarantees them at least as much as they would have received under the old system.

Britain's privatized system is performing so well that retirees' average income has increased 60 percent. Since 1979, the median return on Britain's private pension funds has been 13.3 percent. Compare that to the meager 2.2 percent that Social Security returns U.S. workers!

Chile's private pension funds have grown as rapidly as Britain's....

Public employees in Galveston, Brazoria and Matagorda counties receive an average annual return on their contributions three times greater than that generated by Social Security.

The cost of transitioning to a privatized system is high. But other countries have shown that it can be done, and without harming current beneficiaries. Delay will only increase the cost.

The United States should follow the good example...

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After Starr, special prosecutor powers may be curbed

AP news analysis

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — By the time Kenneth W. Starr is done, the unchecked power of special prosecutors may be, too.

Effectively, the independent counsel system has created an extra branch of government, without restraints that apply to elected officials and their appointees.

The law giving independent counsels unlimited budgets, tenure and broad authority expires in 1999. There were proposals for an overhaul long before Starr got another expansion of his Whitewater franchise to cover allegations that President Clinton had a sexual affair with a White House intern and tried to get her to lie about it under oath.

Clinton vehemently denies it.

But the whole operation, including a tape-recorded sting — "consensual monitoring," in Starr's words — raises new controversy about the powers Congress voted 20 years ago to independent counsels.

Ironically, it lapsed for 18 months because Senate Republicans, angry at the way the system was used against their presidents, blocked an extension in 1992 with a threat to filibuster.

By then, Clinton had been elected president, and he favored renewing the law. Now his administration is the target, in four cases including Whitewater, and the GOP is demanding the appointment of others on campaign fund-raising abuses and assertions of misconduct involving two Cabinet members.

A product of Watergate, the independent counsel system was to be used in dealing with credible allegations that a crime may have been committed by a top federal official, about 70 people under current law.

The attorney general decides whether an accusation meets that test and, if so, recommends the appointment of an independent counsel to a panel of three federal appeals judges.

Once they're in, there's no limit on their time or money. They can be fired for cause by an attorney general who would dare the firestorm that would ignite. As a practical, political matter, it can't be done.

Richard Nixon tried to get rid of the Watergate special prosecutor in 1973, and the scandal that eventually drove him from office only got worse. Another prosecutor took over. The law wasn't even on the books then: Both Watergate prosecutors were appointed by the attorney general, with powers used only five times before Watergate, in extraordinary scandals like Teapot Dome.

Nor was there an independent counsel law when Clinton, under political pressure, told Atty. Gen. Janet Reno to appoint an outside prosecutor in the Whitewater case. Indeed, Clinton has said that if the law had been in effect early in 1994, there wouldn't have been one because the threshold set by statute hadn't been met.

When Congress renewed the law later that year, it included a provision to keep the Republican prosecutor Reno had named, but the three judges overseeing the system replaced him with Starr anyway.

Since he took over that summer, the Whitewater investigation had cost more than $32 million. Starr has had its mandate expanded far beyond the Arkansas land deal that began it, four times now, including the Lewinsky case.

He went to the attorney general with the sex and coverup charges, and she approved the latest expansion. There wasn't much choice: to have said no would have invited a political eruption.

Starr's role is certain to be at issue when the law comes up for extension next year. There will be proposals to reduce the number of officials it covers, set time limits subject to court extensions; require investigators to be full-time prosecutors, without the private law practice Starr has retained; or end the whole thing.

Before Starr took the Whitewater post, he advised attorneys for Paula Jones on her sexual harassment suit against Clinton; testimony in that case led to the current one. He announced a year ago that he would resign as prosecutor to become dean of a California law school, a job that turned out to have been endowed by a conservative financier and Clinton foe. Starr reversed himself and said he'd stay.

His performance was argued on opening day in the Senate. Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., denounced his tactics and said the whole independent counsel system has "been corrupted and no longer serves its intended purpose."

Leahy called the Starr operation "partisan, unjustified, demeaning."

So Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., telephoned Starr, who, of course, denied it.

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Scientists link gene and hair loss cause

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists seeking a remedy for baldness say they have discovered a gene that causes a rare kind of hair loss. The finding, reported today in the journal Science, may one day lead to better remedies for more common types of baldness.

"We're hoping this will lead us to the next gene and the next," said lead researcher Angela Christiano of Columbia University.

A mutation of the gene — appropriately named "hairless" — can cause an inherited form of alopecia universalis, a very rare condition in which people are born without eyelashes or eyebrows, quickly lose the hair on top of the head and never grow any body hair.

It is a far cry from the more common male pattern baldness that sends millions of men racing for hair-growth drugs or toupees.

But because the hairless gene regulates the same hair follicle, and appears to switch on other hair-related genes, it provides a vital clue to understanding hair growth and loss, Christiano said. The dermatology professor has begun test-tube experiments to uncover exactly how the hairless gene works.

"This is sort of like getting your foot in the door," said Dr. David Valle, a medical geneticist and pediatrician at Johns Hopkins University, who praised the study.

"We don't know too much about the hair follicle," explained Valle, whose patients include several teen-age girls with similar severe baldness. "It's a chance to begin to understand the role of the genes in controlling and regulating the function of the hair follicle."

There are several forms of hereditary hair loss, but scientists until now had been unable to find any of the genes responsible.

Christiano began her hunt in a large Pakistani family that had inherited alopecia universalis — the rarest and most extreme form of hair loss — that struck at least five generations, including seven still-living patients.

Extensive DNA testing failed to find a possible gene, but scientists did narrow the hunt to one region of Chromosome 8 that appeared flawed.

Stymied, Christiano turned to animal research. Scientists already had discovered that knocking out the so-called hairless gene in mice let them breed bare rodents.

Theorizing that the gene was a possible human culprit, Christiano used gene cloning techniques to investigate a database of healthy human DNA and discovered the human version of the hairless gene.

But the question was whether the hairless gene was active in people. First Christiano discovered it resides in that same region of Chromosome 8 implicated in the Pakistani hair loss. Then a closer look at the family's genes showed all the bald relatives had a single mutation that she could not find in 150 healthy people.

If the hairless gene is mutated so that it does not make a certain protein, hair follicles cannot form, Christiano concluded.

Scientists believe hair growth is "regulated like a clock and needs to pass through certain checkpoints before a new hair can grow," she said. "We're hoping this is the first checkpoint."

If so, then following the hairless gene's trail as it makes proteins that switch on other genes could uncover where milder forms of baldness originate, and possible therapies.

It is a field already attracting interest. Drug giant Johnson & Johnson has recruited balding families for its own gene hunt. A California company has proved that if genes to stimulate hair growth are found, it has the technology to transfer them into empty hair follicles for gene therapy.

But a more immediate question, Valle said, is whether the hairless gene is affected by hormones, because male pattern baldness occurs when there is a buildup of a testosterone byproduct in the scalp.

A boomerang cannot return to the thrower if it hits anything.

Charles Dickens believed one must be aligned on a north-south axis in order to get a good night's sleep.

The human body is composed of about 60 trillion cells.

More hospitals are serving up made-to-order service meals

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — Elizabeth Vanner padded down the hospital hall in a blue robe, ankle socks and pink fluffy slippers. At the nurses' station, she picked up the telephone and dialed the kitchen.

"Hello," she said. "What's the soup du jour?"

She found out the soup of the day and more. And like a growing number of hospital patients nationwide, she was pleasantly surprised at what was on the menu. Mrs. Vanner got to choose from five kinds of soup and more than two dozen entrees — plus breakfast food.

"I feel like I'm in a hotel or something," she said after ordering roast beef, french fries, cream of mushroom soup and more for dinner at St. Elizabeth Hospital, the first in New Jersey to allow patients to choose what they want to eat when they want to eat it.

Hospitals across the country have been revamping their food service, some offering the hotel-style room service like St. Elizabeth and others hiring gourmet chefs to make haute cuisine. Menus may stop short of soup-to-nuts feasts, but choices are wider than ever before.

"You want the patient to feel like they've been to a fine hotel when they come to your hospital," said Kevin Ronayne, president-elect of the American Society for Healthcare Food Service Administrators.

And recent research by the New Jersey Hospital Association found that food is one of the most memorable parts of a patient's stay.

"It's not so much how much better they felt or how successful the surgery was," said Ron Czajkowski, association spokesman. "It's how they were treated, how good the food was."

At St. Elizabeth, which launched its program earlier this month, patients who are not on restricted diets peruse a four-page menu offering entrees such as vegetable lasagna, chicken Caesar salad, baked fish with crumb topping and even meat loaf.

The meals are promised in 45 minutes. The kitchen closes at 7 p.m., but patients can order the same meals from the hospital coffee shop until 2 a.m.

"It's good," said Michael Corbett, 42, a construction worker in the hospital with a foot infection. "It's better than some places I've eaten at on the outside."

Mrs. Vanner liked the vast selection — so much that she ordered about 10 items from the dinner menu, including peaches, rice pudding, salad and coffee.

"You have a big choice," she said. "The other way, it was every day the same thing."

The meals are made to order, said hospital dietitian Poonam Batra. Before, dishes were prepared in bulk a day ahead of time.

"Now you don't have a pan of steamed chicken sitting in an oven for two hours," she said.

Batra said patients' appetites are likely to perk up when they can order what they like. Before room service, "we sent the food and it got wasted," she said.

Patients whose doctors have put them on special diets can't always order as freely, though. Diet menu clerk Noemi Yarra had to turn down a patient on a low-sodium diet who wanted french fries.

"I said, 'Wouldn't you like a baked potato or some noodles?'" she said.

St. Elizabeth offers the service for all of its 300 or so patients. St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston has started a similar room service program in one unit.

Convicted killer executed

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A man who said dying for the murder of an ailing teen-ager was the Christian thing to do was executed Friday in North Carolina's gas chamber.

"I'm dying for a deed I did and I deserve death for it and I'm glad Christ forgave me," Ricky Lee Sanderson, 38, said moments before he inhaled cyanide gas fumes at Central Prison. He was pronounced dead at 2:19 a.m.

Sanderson was serving a life term for two rapes when he confessed in 1987 to killing 16-year-old Sue Ellen Holliman. The confession led to the release of a man police had held as a suspect for nine months.

Prosecutors said Sanderson kidnapped the girl on March 14, 1985, after attempting to break into her home to get money to buy drugs. The girl had stayed home from school with the flu.

Evidence showed that Sanderson locked Miss Holliman in the trunk of his car and drove around using drugs. He drove to a remote field and dug her grave as she scratched at the trunk hatch. He raped her before strangling and stabbing her to death.

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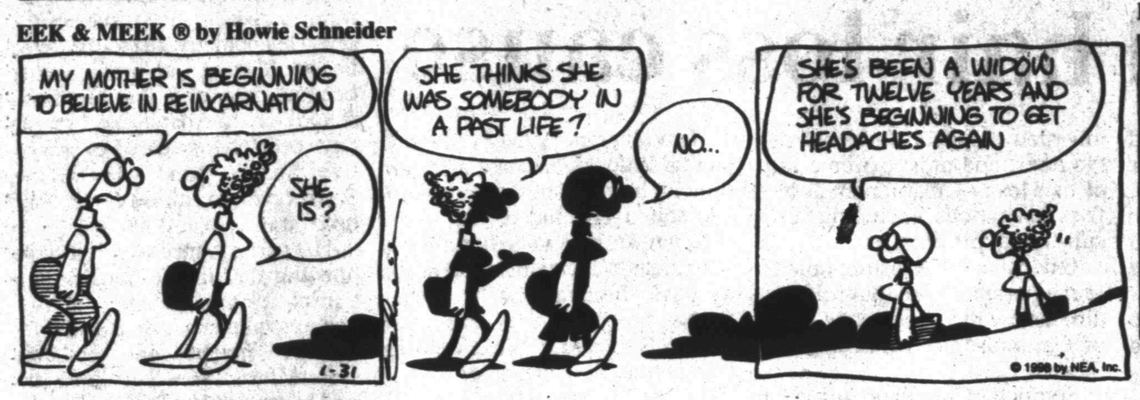

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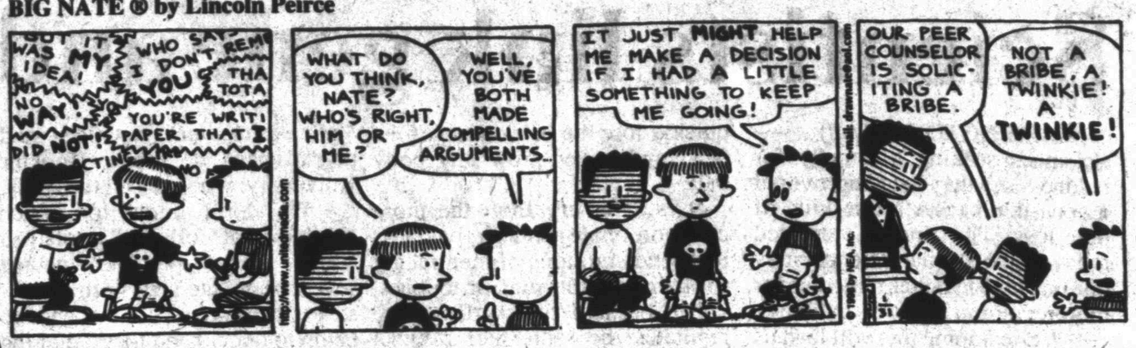

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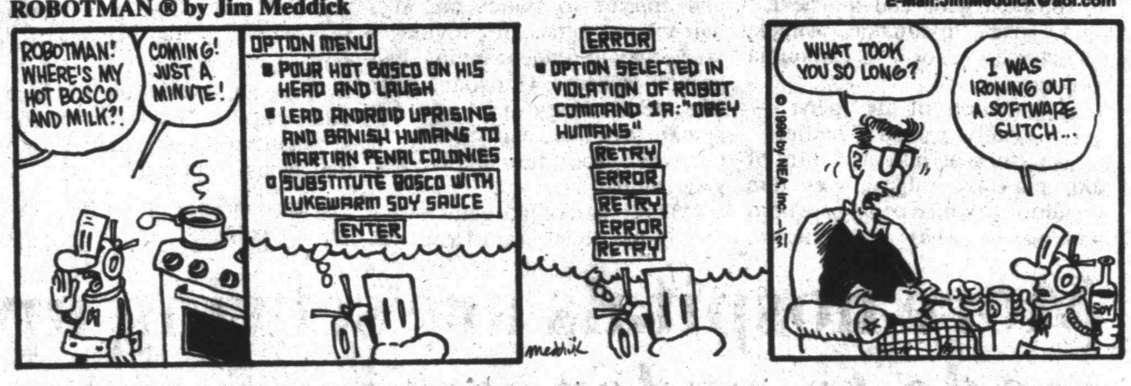

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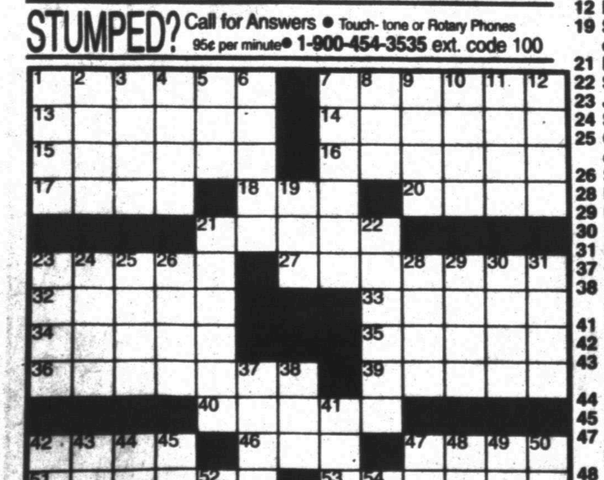

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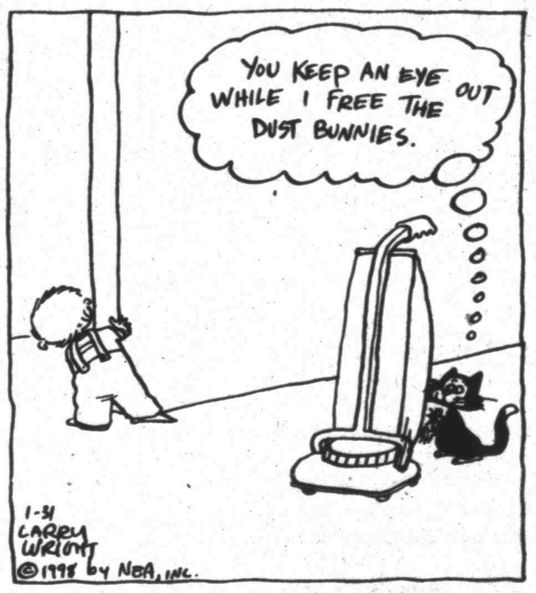



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Homeowners are battling over rocks or grass

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — For years, people moving to Albuquerque from the East have been bringing a little bit of home with them, planting lush green lawns where there were once rocks, cactus and bones bleached by the desert sun.

With water becoming scarce, however, the city is restricting the cultivation of lawns and promoting what's known as "xeriscaping," or rocky desert landscaping.

Now the question of rock or grass is causing turf battles around town.

More than two years ago, the city moved to conserve the rapidly shrinking acquifer that supplies Albuquerque with water. The city limited high-water-use lawns to just 20 percent of any new home lot, not including the house and any pavement.

Just how strongly people in Albuquerque felt about the issue was soon demonstrated by a dispute in a walled subdivision that isn't even subject to the new restrictions.

The upscale Towne Park, governed by a homeowners association, dug its heels into the sod and went to court when Kim Hedrich, a New Mexico native, ripped out her grass and xeriscaped her yard last spring. The association sued, claiming its rules require grassy front yards.

"Most people who bought here bought because there was that little bit of green out there," said Joe Gironda, a 67-year-old semi-retired man who moved here from New Orleans 25 years ago. "It was called Towne Park. It would have been called Towne Desert otherwise."

Looking down a row of lawns interrupted by xeriscape is like looking at someone "who has a tooth missing," said Gironda, chairman of the Towne Park architectural control committee.

The case was settled earlier this month in favor of Ms. Hedrich and a few other Towne Park homeowners who xeriscaped last year, partly because the language of the subdivision's covenant was murky.

"We live in New Mexico, not Kentucky," Ms. Hedrich said.

Over the years, people in Albuquerque have been planting lawns consisting of a mixture of rye, tall fescue and bluegrass. Eventually, bluegrass alone became more prevalent in this mile-high desert city of 420,000 people and less than 9 inches of rain a year.

"Most folks want a place for their kids to play — a cooling effect on their back patio," said Bobby Lee of Conroy's Landscaping. "They see a need for grass."

"We often joke that they bring Ohio with them," said Jean Witherspoon of the city's Water Conservation Office.

In contrast, xeriscaping — the word is derived from the Greek "xeros," meaning dry — can include gravel dotted with native shrubs, trees or flowers, or dry expanses with fist-size rocks or boulders.

Doug Bennett, irrigation conservation manager for the city, said that bluegrass needs 30 to 35 inches of water a year but that most homeowners use between 50 and 100, and he's seen lawns that got more than 160.

Xeriscaping the same area would use about one-third as much water, "and that's a fairly densely planted xeriscape, one with lots of flowers, lots of shrubs, lots of plants," Bennett said.

In Towne Park, which was the 11th biggest water customer in the city in 1995 with more than 63 million gallons used by its nearly 500 homes, the opposition to xeriscaping is so strong that pro-xeriscaper Scott Varner resigned from the homeowner board last year after receiving hate mail and nasty phone calls.

Elsewhere in the city, retirees Richard and Pat Hartleben said they used to have a grassy backyard but are replacing the lawn with rocks, railroad ties and desert plants such as yucca. They said xeriscaping their front yard had saved them nearly $100 a year on water bills and freed them from worry while traveling.

"When we come back the grass is almost seven miles high — or it's almost dead," said Hartleben, 67, who moved here after retiring from the Greece, N.Y., police force in 1986. "We're probably going to rock more this spring."

Mrs. Hartleben said she doesn't miss the high maintenance of the grass: "It was too much work and too much weeds."

Budget offers salvo in war on cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying scientists are "right on the verge" of a breakthrough in cancer research, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday the administration wants to increase federal funding by 65 percent over the next five years.

The budget plan, which must be approved by Congress, would also allow Medicare patients access to clinical trials for the first time.

"We want to be the first generation that finally wins the war against cancer," Gore said Thursday. "For the first time, the enemy is outmatched."

Later, Gore flew to California's Silicon Valley to announce plans to extend a corporate research and development tax credit.

In his budget, President Clinton is proposing considerably more money for all federal research at the National Institutes of Health, but cancer research would get the biggest boost.

Clinton is counting on revenue from a national tobacco settlement to fund the plan, despite its shaky prospects on Capitol Hill. Still, his call for more biomedical research funding should be welcomed in Congress, where members usually propose spending more than the president requests.

"We are united in our effort to get the resources into the hands of the researchers," Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., said Thursday. But he cautioned that it's not a sure thing. "Where are we going to find this money?" he asked.

Last year, Clinton proposed only a 2.6 percent increase in funding for NIH. But for next year he is asking Congress for $1.15 billion more for NIH, an 8 percent jump, including 10 percent more for cancer research. Over five years, Clinton wants a 50 percent increase overall, including a 65 percent jump for cancer research to $4.8 billion.

In singling out cancer research for more money, Gore noted that cancer touches nearly every family, afflicting 40 percent of Americans and killing half of them. Advances in research, he said, hold promise for better prevention, detection, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

"We're right on the verge of a whole new phase in this war," he said.

So far, most of the research has focused on understanding cancer and its genetic links, said Dr. Joseph Pagano, founder of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina. Now, he said, researchers are ready to apply that knowledge to treatments for actual patients.

"In the next decade we're going to be actually putting it to the test," Pagano said.

At the same time, administration officials said, the long-term budget plan should allow researchers to plan for the future while giving frustrated young scientists hope that money will be there. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said the new money should allow NIH to fund about one-third of the approved research applications it receives.

The administration is also proposing $750 million to allow Medicare patients to participate in clinical cancer trials for the first time. Like many other health insurance plans, Medicare will not pay for treatments unless they are established treatments.

A three-year demonstration project will determine how much it actually costs to participate in a trial and will develop guidelines for what constitutes a "high-quality" experiment, said Richard Klausner, director of the National Cancer Institute. The data could then be used to persuade private insurers to cover clinical trials for their patients.

There should be enough money to pay for all Medicare patients who qualify for cancer trials and want to participate in the project, he said.

Report says Texas getting tougher on juvenile crime

AUSTIN (AP) — A new report says tougher juvenile crime laws are having an impact, and while encouraged, Gov. George W. Bush's office says the administration will keep up the pressure.

"Most Texans are pleased that tougher penalties and tougher consequences seem to be deterring some juveniles from violent crime," said Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for the governor.

But Ms. Hughes noted that the state faces "troubling demographics" of a growing juvenile population. "Gov. Bush will continue to focus on our juveniles, because he knows the juvenile criminals of today are the adult criminals of tomorrow," she said.

The new study, released Thursday, says many young offenders are getting tougher punishment and violent juvenile crime is dropping.

The Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council study also said the tougher punishment is filling up Texas Youth Commission facilities faster than originally projected.

"Texas juvenile justice policies have become significantly tougher since juvenile reforms were approved by the state Legislature in 1995," said Tony Fabelo, the council's executive director.

Lawmakers in 1995 approved a package of new laws aimed at making the punishment of young criminals more severe.

Among those were laws lowering from 15 to 14 the age at which juveniles can stand trial as an adult in many cases and adding dozens of crimes to the list for which juveniles can be sentenced to TYC facilities.

According to the report, the number of juveniles given "determinate" sentences — the toughest juvenile incarceration penalty — rose 83 percent in 1996. The number of juveniles certified for trial as adults was up 10.1 percent.

Meanwhile, the juvenile crime rate in 1996 for violent and weapons offenses dropped by 12 percent — despite a juvenile population in Texas that went up 1.4 percent.

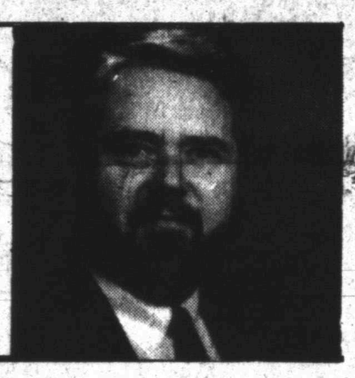
Preliminary data for the first six months of 1997 also was encouraging, showing a decline of 1 percent in the number of juvenile arrests, the report said.

Tougher supervision policies have had an impact as well. More juveniles are being committed to TYC for failing their probation or parole supervisions, with the percentage of such commitments up from 58 percent in 1995 to 71 percent in 1997.

Fabelo's report said that by August, the projected TYC population will exceed capacity by 249.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Taking it to the next level

I visit with a lot of small-business owners. I hear two comments most often: "I'm so swamped I'll never get caught up," and "If I could get a bank to loan me more money, I could make more money."

I don't have to ask too many questions of these entrepreneurs to find that they are mired in a mud hole named "busy." This common situation causes all owners some frustration from time to time.

Often the owners' initial success leaves them so busy doing, that they don't have the time or energy to move their business to the next level. Unfortunately, if the owners get stuck in this mode, they may never execute the steps necessary to grow their businesses and improve operations.

Seven Steps

•**Revisit your original plan.** You need a simple plan to act as a guide to establish direction for your business.

Your plan should help you answer these questions: Are we achieving what we set out to do? What business are we really in? Who are our target customers? Is there really a demand for what we sell? Are we reaching the sales and profit levels we originally projected? In what areas do we need to adjust and refocus our plan for success?

•**Know what really drives your business.** These are your "Critical Success Factors (CSFs)." Business drivers will vary from business to business.

A business writer might list a CSF as a working database of publishers, editors and publications who purchase articles regularly. A restaurant might focus on fast service, consistent quality and cleanliness. A plumber might consider quick response and a wide inventory of parts as CSFs.

•**Break each CSF into measurable goals.** You must reduce each factor into achievable, measurable objectives. Build results by analyzing the steps you must take to be successful.

For example, assume an insurance agent wishes to sell five policies each week. He knows that one customer in three buys (A CSF), so he must schedule at least 15 appointments each week to reach his goal.

•**Find the money.** There is a difference between being busy, and making money. Some CSFs will lead to greater profit, while others won't. If you need capital to move your business to the next level, focus on short-term factors with the greatest yield.

Know what makes money for you. You must have good records of income and expenses for this analysis.

•**Stay ahead of your competitors.** To do this you must know who your competitors are, and what they are doing.

I recently consulted with a small-business owner who didn't know her competitor's price for the same service she offered. She was losing business, but didn't know why.

•**Do what you do well.** All too often I find owners who are spread too thin. They are trying to do too many things in their business. In addition, the business itself may be too broadly focused.

The owner should focus all of his or her efforts on the 20 percent of business functions that generate the majority of profit impact. The overall business focus needs to be narrow enough to do everything well, but broad enough to capture opportunities in a changing marketplace.

•**Know what you need to know.** You need information to move your firm to the next level. What you do is not as important as knowing what really needs to be done.

Successful owners who keep moving up spend more time thinking and less time doing. It's a normal part of taking it to the next level.

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Woman convicted of selling baby

COVINGTON, La. (AP) — A 42-year-old woman burst into tears and proclaimed her innocence as she was convicted of selling a teen-ager's baby for $7,399.

As her lawyers met with the judge to set bail Thursday, Bridgette A. Pitts of Slidell began singing a hymn softly under her breath in the courtroom. She then sobbed loudly: "This is not fair. I didn't do nothing."

She wept again when the judge increased her bail from $50,000 to $75,000 for selling a minor. She faces up to five years in prison when she is sentenced April 23.

Ms. Pitts was accused of checking Melissa Lockwood, 17, into a Bay St. Louis, Miss., hospital under the name of her own 17-year-old daughter, apparently to have her insurance pay for the birth.

Miss Lockwood, who lived with her parents, had concealed her pregnancy. She gave birth on Jan. 7, 1996.

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1960s records outline plan to provoke Castro

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's military leaders signed off on a scheme in 1963 to provoke Fidel Castro into attacking the United States so that retaliating U.S. forces could squash him "with speed, force and determination," newly declassified records show.

The records were among 600 pages opened at the National Archives by a government agency, the Assassination Records Review Board, to help researchers into John F. Kennedy's Nov. 22, 1963, assassination explore the possibility of a Cuban connection and to "put the assassination into its historical context."

Some Cuban involvement has been theorized because of slain suspect Lee Harvey Oswald's association with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"These military records further demonstrate how high on the U.S. government's radar screen getting rid of the Castro government was in the early 1960s," said John R. Tunheim, a federal judge in Minnesota and the board's chairman.

The documents showed that in February 1962 the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell Gilpatric approved a plan to "lure or provoke Castro, or an uncontrollable subordinate, into an overt hostile reaction against the United States."

The attack "would in turn create the justification for the U.S. to not only retaliate but destroy Castro with speed, force and determination," the memo said.

It was not clear where along the chain of command the plan eventually was squelched.

But by the following year, another Pentagon policy paper discussed a new scheme to make it appear that Cuba had attacked a member of the Organization of American States so that the United States could retaliate.

Five scenarios were spelled out, foreseeing either real or faked Cuban attacks on a U.S. ally.

One of them: "A contrived 'Cuban' attack on an OAS member could be set up, and the attacked state could be urged to take measures of self-defense and request assistance from the U.S. and OAS."

The paper expressed confidence that "the U.S. could almost certainly obtain the necessary two-thirds support among OAS members for collective action against Cuba."

The planners got cold feet, the documents show. They feared leaks.

"Any of the contrived situations described above are inherently, extremely risky in our democratic system in which security can be maintained, after the fact, with very great difficulty," a memo said.

"If the decision should be made to set up a contrived situation, it should be one in which participation by U.S. personnel is limited only to the most high trusted covert personnel."

The documents were the second set about Washington's preoccupation with getting rid of Castro to be made public by the board. Late last year, 1,500 pages showed that military planners had come up with a variety of dirty tricks intended to harass or humiliate Castro.

One prescribed flooding Cuba with faked photos of an overweight Castro "with two beauties" and "a table brimming over with the most delectable Cuban food" to make the point that Castro's lifestyle was richer than that of most Cubans.

In the new set of papers, one prepared by the Defense Department's Caribbean Survey Group and dated Feb. 19, 1962, wanted to make Castro so fearful of an imminent U.S. attack that he would call up the Cuban militia. The purpose was "a complete disruption of the available labor force" for the 1962 sugar cane harvest.

Another, a psychological warfare proposal dated Feb. 12, 1963, proposed the creation of an imaginary Cuban resistance leader. The paper called him "our Cuban Kilroy."

"After a period of time, all unexplained incidents and actions for which credit has not been seized by some other exile group would automatically be ascribed to our imaginary friend," the paper said. "At some point in time it could be leaked that the U.S. is, in fact, supporting this imaginary person."

Eventually, the paper speculated, "a member of the resistance in Cuba may gain sufficient stature to assume or to be given the title of this imaginary leader."

The Pentagon documents were written after the disastrous April 1961 invasion of Cuba's Bay of Pigs by Cuban exiles trained, armed and directed by the United States.

Lawsuit settled

MIAMI (AP) — The estate of late designer Gianni Versace has settled a trademark infringement lawsuit against a company it claimed sold knockoff Versace sunglasses.

Under the settlement, Sunny Trading Inc. agreed to pay Gianni Versace SPA an undisclosed amount of money and turn over any remaining merchandise in the dispute.

Sunny Trading didn't admit any wrongdoing but promised not to produce or sell any more of the sunglasses under the settlement filed in U.S. District Court last week. Versace attorney Elio Martinez didn't return a call seeking comment Thursday.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merritt
Community Coordinator

I have been asked many questions concerning the changes AARP is making in the health care plans. As one may or may not know, AARP will have a new carrier for its supplemental health insurance, starting this month. Prudential Insurance Company will no longer be the carrier. United Healthcare Insurance Company will be the new provider for supplemental insurance to Medicare.

AARP offers some Health Care Options. Here are some questions and answers which might be helpful in deciding what is needed or wanted.

Q. What is the new AARP Health Care Option Program?

A. AARP Health Care Options is an enhanced version of AARP's current group health insurance program for members. This program is designed to serve the supplemental health insurance needs of AARP members into the 21st Century.

Q. How is it different from the old group health insurance program?

A. AARP Health Care Options will continue to provide the same plans as always, several positive changes will take place. Those changes include enhanced products and health-education services. It is designed to meet members needs in the future.

Q. What new companies will be providing the various AARP insurance plans?

A. AARP selected the two following companies to provide its health care program. Metropolitan Life will provide the Long Term Care Insurance Plan. United HealthCare Insurance Company will provide AARP's Medicare Supplement, Medicare Select, Hospital Advantage and Group Hospital Indemnity Plans.

Q. How did AARP select these new insurance companies?

A. Of course, the ability of a company to meet AARP's members' needs — now and in the future — was the most important consideration. Additionally, providers must be financially stable and able to meet their financial obligations to AARP members. Providers must be committed to quality and understand the unique needs of AARP members. They also must be flexible and willing to help develop new plan alternatives to meet members needs.

A. What happens to the benefits of members who already have AARP health insurance?

A. Rest assured, if currently protected under AARP Group Insurance Program Plan, the benefits of coverage will not change as a result of the program change. In fact, one does not have to reapply for the current plan. No one will experience any interruption in coverage or program service. Plus, everyone will continue to receive benefits for eligible health conditions that are covered under their present plan.

In short, the only difference between the current plan and the plan under AARP Health Care Options is the company that provides it.

If one is covered by AARP's current Health Care Plan, this should give some answers to any questions they have. No one has anything to worry about, or anything that has to be done.

In October, I discussed this subject in my AARP Corner in more detail but perhaps the questions mentioned above will be of help to you. If you have any questions come by our information center at the Senior Citizens Center on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be happy to answer your questions or direct you to the right source.

Locals are invited to join our AARP chapter 2063. We meet at the Senior Center every third Monday at 11:30 a.m. We have lunch at the center before we conduct the business meeting. We have many interesting and informative programs on subjects pertaining to our community, state and national government affecting our senior citizens.

More tolerance seen for dissent in China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Friday in its annual report on human rights worldwide that China took a "somewhat more tolerant" attitude toward dissent last year but that serious rights problems remain.

"The government exhibited some limited tolerance of public expressions of opposition to government policies and calls for political reform," the report said.

It said that during the year, a number of dissidents, academics and former officials issued public statements, letters or petitions challenging the government's policies and calling for reform.

A year ago, the report was more critical of China, asserting that "all public dissent against the party and the government was effectively silenced." There is no such conclusion in this year's report.

It found that China during 1997 "continued to commit widespread and well-documented human rights abuses, in violation of internationally accepted norms stemming from the authorities' very limited tolerance of public dissent."

The report, mandated by Congress, covers all the world's countries and dependent territories and has been issued annually for two decades.

"Strong authoritarian governments in many parts of the world kept themselves in power through systematic abuse of the human rights of their citizens," the report said. "The dismal scenario is all too familiar."

It found pervasive rights abuses in a number of countries, including Burma, Cuba, Nigeria, Algeria, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The report saw hopeful signs in Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Bosnia, Guatemala and Egypt.

The report concluded there were "serious human rights abuses" but some improvements in territories controlled by Israel as well as those subject to Palestinian jurisdiction.

It cited the suicide bombings by Palestinian militants, one of which, in Jerusalem, left 16 dead and 178 wounded. In the aftermath of these bombings, Israeli authorities arrested hundreds of Palestinians in an effort to obtain information. "Israeli security forces abused, and in some cases tortured, Palestinians suspected of security offenses," the report said.

In Turkey, a close NATO ally, widespread human rights violations continued, and Russia "took a big step backward" with passage of a law restricting freedom of religion, the report said.

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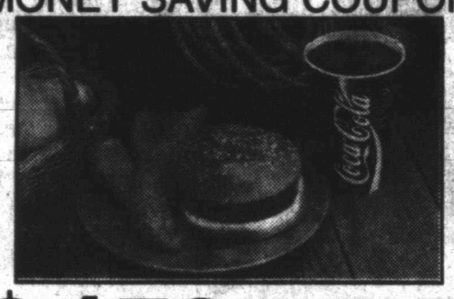

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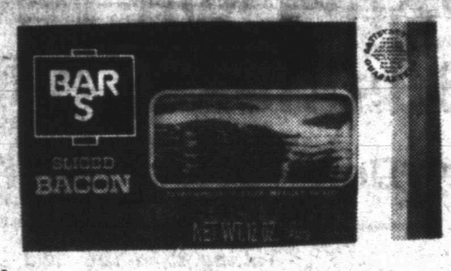

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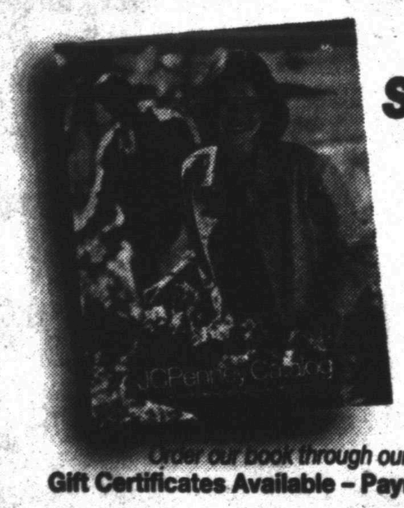

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