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AF fly-overs draw mixed reactions

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

There was mixed reaction in a crowd of about 1,000 as the U.S. Air Force's B-1 and B-52 bombers demonstrated over Winston Field Friday afternoon.

Some cheered and clapped as the B-52 made its lone pass and again after each of three passes by the B-1. Others simply watched, their hands held above their eyes to block the bright sunshine.

A few others, including Rotan-area rancher Buster Welch, who heads HEPA (Heritage-Environmental Preservation Association), sat silent, not even glancing towards the sky.



AIR FORCE FLY-OVER - A wing of an Air Force training plane serves as a resting place for military and civilians as Brig. General Joseph Stein and Cong. Charlie Stenholm answers questions from a group estimated at 1,000 at the demonstration Friday afternoon at Winston Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

The demonstration was arranged by U. S. Rep. Charles Stenholm to allow the Air Force the opportunity to demonstrate the noise level that B-1 and B-52 bombers produce when flying at 3,000 feet.

That is the altitude the Air Force says the airplanes will fly in proposed training exercises over a 40 by 80 mile area over parts of Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Borden, Dawson, Lynn and Garza counties.

State Rep. David Counts made the opening remarks, saying, "Today we have to put aside what we heard through rumors. Now we can judge for ourselves. I thank everyone for being here and now you can make up your own minds."

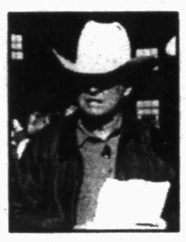
Stenholm spoke next, saying the Air Force was here to "demonstrate just what it is we've been talking about.

"There has been some fact and plenty of fiction about RBTI," the congressman said. "One fact is we will fly at 3,000 feet above where you and I are standing or sitting right now. Not 300 feet or 3,000 feet above sea level."

Stenholm stressed the importance of maintaining a strong national military defense.

"We have to train to keep our swords sharp and we have to train they way they would fight."

Air Force Brigadier Gen. Joseph Stein also made brief remarks, before he and Stenholm opened the floor to questions.



Buster Welch

"I wanted to be here personally for a number of reasons," the general said. "As Congressman Stenholm said, there has been some fact and a lot of fiction. I want to be up front, open and accessible, not only today, but as far as I can see into the future."

Gen. Stein said he came "wearing the hat" of a good neighbor, good steward of taxpayers' money and good commander.

Of the young men and women in the Air Force, the general said, "We owe them and their families the very best training we can give them so if we have to send them into the way of conflict, they will be ready. We owe that to them."



Gen. Stein

The realistic training was necessary, he added, because "someday when they are put to the ultimate test, we know they will be able to succeed."

Gen. Stein also said there would be a positive economic impact on the area. Thirty-three permanent civilian jobs would be created here with an annual economic benefit of $1.7 million.

The Air Force would also spend $14 million in construction costs for emitter sites, including a proposed building at Winston Field costing $1.7 million.

Gen. Stein urged those in attendance to "listen and judge for yourselves." He also said there would be approximately nine flights a day. "Picture how many times it will fly over one spot in a 3,200 square mile area with nine flights a day."

He also gave the number to contact the Air Force - 1-877-843-9280.

Gen. Stein also invited citizens to Dyess Air Force base in Abilene to see the bombers up close and to meet the men and women who work on the base.

Welch was the first to talk,

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Registration deadline here for voting in March primary

Monday is the last day for citizens to register in order to be eligible to vote in the March 14 primary elections.

County Clerk Joan Bunch advises registered voters who have not received their yellow registration cards to contact her office to verify their address.

"If they have changed addresses in the last two years, it is very likely that they do not have a card. If they call our office, we can sure change their address and send it to them," she said.

The office is located on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse and the phone number is 573-5332.

Both the Republican and Democratic primaries are set March 14 with early voting beginning Feb. 28 on the third floor of the courthouse.

Currently, the total number of registered voters in Scurry County is 11,024.

Persons wishing to mail in a voter registration application are reminded it must be postmarked by Monday at the latest. Otherwise, the voter will not be qualified to vote in the primary.

To be eligible to register, a potential voter must be 18 years old; must be a U.S. citizen; must be a resident of Texas and must not have been ruled mentally incompetent by a court. In addition, a person must not have a final felony conviction or, if so, must have fully served the sentence, including any probation or parole time in connection with the sentence, or have been pardoned.

Locally, voters will be deciding on several contested races, including who will be running in November for Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 county commissioners.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey, a Democrat, is being challenged in his party's primary by Bill Baldwin and Cloyce Scarberry. Carl Burleson has filed for the post on the Republican ticket.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer is seeking re-election. He is being challenged on the Republican ticket by Joe Bass. Donna Gray is the third candidate seeking to become Precinct 3 county commissioner. Gray, wife of former commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., is the lone Democratic candidate.

The resignation of Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds prompted four people to file as Republican candidates.

Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey are all seeking the post.

Pat Alexander and Kirk Taylor are running on the Republican ticket for Precinct 1 constable.

In Precinct 2, Pam Bryant has filed to run as an independent for the vacant JP post and Travis Brackeen has filed for the position on the Republican ticket.

Jeff Duck is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for Precinct 2 constable.

Others who have filed, and who will be unopposed in the primaries are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman – all on the Republican ticket.

Sheriff Darren Jackson is unopposed on the Demo ballot as is Diana Williamson who is running for the tax assessor-collector post.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, is being challenged by Big Spring businessman Tim Blackshear, a Republican.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is unopposed on the Demo ticket, but he has two Republican challengers. Darrell Clements of Dallas and Shane Hunt of Granbury have filed on the GOP ticket.

Postal Service now seeking proposals for new building

The U.S. Postal Service currently is seeking proposals for the construction and lease of a new post office building adjacent to its present location on the site of the former Snyder National Bank drive-in banking facility.

The interior space of the new structure will be 8,280 square feet, not much larger than the present building which consists of approximately 8,000 square feet.

"Basically, the problem is that we are in a 40-year-old building that has all the problems associated with a building that old," said Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett.

"One problem is that the building has asbestos tile flooring," Lipsett added.

Lipsett said construction could start within 120 days from the proposal deadline of March 10, but he did not have an estimate on construction time.

The building will be owned privately, and valorem taxes will be paid on it, said Lipsett.

Fund-raising efforts to begin for SNS projects

Snyder Neighbors Sharing (SNS) has begun its fund-raising efforts for the 2000 workday scheduled for April 29.

Funds are needed for this year's projects, said Thomas Fogleman, president of the SNS board of directors.

Fogleman said the board currently is reviewing 29 applications for home improvements.

To be eligible for consideration, the homes must meet several guidelines. These include the person being 60 years old or older, disabled or handicapped in some manner, own the house they live in, and have all taxes paid.

Fogleman said there is a change in the way SNS is raising funds this year.

"In the past, we have tried a direct mail campaign by mailing a letter and a return envelope for all those who donated previously," said Fogleman. "In an effort to cut administrative expenses so that more money will be available for projects, we did not do that this year."

"We are hoping that members of the community will make an effort to send contributions to Box 541, or take them to Sam Robertson's insurance office at 1926 26th St., or to the principal's office at West Elementary."

Each year, SNS, the local affiliate of Christmas in April, repairs homes in the community that qualify. Eight to 12 projects are done each year and members of local churches, civic organizations, businesses and individuals team up with each other to work with projects selected by the board.

In 1999, SNS was limited in the number of projects it was able to do because of limited funds and few workers.

"If we are going to be able to continue to help the people of our community, we are going to need the financial backing of our citizens," said Fogleman. "The people of Snyder have always come through when help is needed."

"We need that help now."

Circus Gatti performs here

The ever-popular Circus Gatti will peform in Snyder Tuesday with two shows in Scurry County Coliseum.

More than 100 performers will be in the three circus rings for the two-hour show with doors opening an hour before the 4:15 and 7:30 p.m. performances.

This is the 36th edition of the show which performs here annually, sponsored by the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse.

Free children tickets are available at most retail outlets in Snyder.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's reassuring to know that barking dogs never bite – as long as they're barking."

Interest in the opposite sex has been around a long time, but that spark is rekindled each year about this time.

Some say Happy Valentine's Day with flowers, others with candy and still others with a candlelight dinner.

Last fall, during National Singles week, our FAX machine received a news release urging readers to learn more about Solomon and his unbelievable advice.

The release was promoting a book, "The Complete Guide to the Book of Proverbs."

The news release reminded that about 3,000 years ago, King Solomon was a hot commodity. It's easy to question his wisdom when you consider his assortment of female encounters.

It is written that he had 700 wives and 300 mistresses. In case you hadn't thought about it, that is 1,400 mothers-in-law and probably at least twice that number of brothers-in-law.

If you keep reading the Good Book, Solomon fell out of favor, despite being a successful king in keeping the peace. It's not surprising, with trying to juggle so many wives and other female friends, Solomon also was known for his administrative ability. He managed to maintain a tight schedule, even before the invention of the computer.

Solomon also had his public relations skills, as pointed out in the top compliments that the author found in the Song of Solomon.

—I liken you, my darling, to a mare harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh. (1.9)

—Your eyes behind your veil are like doves. (4.1)

—Compared to other women, my beloved is like a lily among thorns. (2.2)

—Your hair falls in waves, like flocks of goats frisking across the slopes of Gilead (4.1)

—Your teeth are as white as sheep, newly shorn and washed. They are perfectly matched; not one is missing. (4.2)

—The scent of your clothing is like that of the mountains and the cedars of Lebanon. (4.11)

—Your lips are as sweet as honey (4.11)

—Your breasts are like twin fawns of a gazelle, feeding among the lilies (4.5)

—You are tall and slim, like a palm tree. (7.7)

—I will climb up into the palm tree and take hold of its branches. (7.8)

We decided a personal message might just be the ticket this Valentine's Day.

To ole what's-her-name:
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
We've seen your retirement plan, so we'll keep you.

ASK US

Q.-Is there any truth to the rumors that someone is trying to obtain options on large tracts on land in Scurry County.

A.-Yes. The SDN has been able to find landowners who have been approached, but has been unsuccessful in finding the names of any landowners who have executed an option. Two officials of Tex-Pro Port would not comment.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 81 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Saturday, 27; no precipitation; total for 2000, .88 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, low, mid 40s; SW wind 10-15 mph; Sunday, partly cloudy, high, mid 70s; W wind 20-30 mph.



Ashley Hagins
Warm & Windy

Sunset:
6:29 p.m.
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7:28 a.m.
Of 42 days in 2000, the sun has shown 41 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.
—Bertrand Russell

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STATE QUALIFIERS — Snyder High School speech students Jon Hensley, Liz Brown and Lyndell Lee, from left, have qualified for the state Texas Forensics Association meet slated March 2-4 in El Paso. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

3 qualify for state in TFA

Three speech students at Snyder High School have qualified for the Texas Forensics Association (TFA) state contest slated March 2-4 in El Paso.

They are Jon Hensley, Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Liz Brown, oratory; and Lyndell Lee, United States extemporaneous.

In order to participate, students have to qualify by earning eight points at TFA speech tournaments, said Lynda McCormack, speech instructor. In addition, two students also qualified to participate in the Congress. They are Audra Lilly and Mandy Chambers. Alternates are Chris Shoemake and Corey Knipe.

Each year the state meet is held in a different city. At last year's Houston meet, one speech student qualified for state and two for Congress.

In 1998, one speech student qualified for state, but no one qualified for Congress.

"This year's team has worked very hard," McCormack said. "I'm excited that three have qualified for state and four are representing us in Congress. I hope we can qualify more at Permian this weekend. The Permian tournament is our last chance to qualify.

"Tournaments are a test of a student's endurance and ability to communicate effectively from 7:30 a.m. to 7 or 8 at night, depending on whether they continue to advance."

McCormack noted that they choose to compete against 3A, 4A and 5A schools because it better prepares them for UIL competition.

This semester, speech students competed against 24 schools at Lewisville Jan. 7-8; 18 schools in Brownfield Jan. 14-15; 44 schools at Texas Tech Jan. 21-22; 28 schools at Monahans Jan. 28-29; 34 schools at Tascosa Feb. 4-5.

Students placed as follows:

— Lewisville: Jon Hensley, foreign extemporaneous finals, sixth; Mandy Chambers, prose semi-finals; Audra Lilly, semi-finals in prose and poetry; Corey Knipe, humorous interpretation semi-finals; Tiffany Stanley, semi-finals in United States extemporaneous; Scott Gilliland and Lyndell Lee competed in oratory.

— Brownfield: Liz Brown and Chris Shoemake, semi-finals in duet acting; Liz Brown, semifinals in prose and finals in oratory, seventh; Jenny Mayer, impromptu semi-finals; Austin Haire, prose semi-finals and oratory semi-finals; Audra Lilly, prose finals, sixth place, and poetry finals, fifth place; Jon Hensley, foreign extemporaneous finals, fourth, and Lincoln-Douglas finals, third, and oratory finals, sixth; Tiffany Stanley, United States extemporaneous semi-finals; Lyndell Lee, United States extemporaneous finals, fourth; oratory finals, fifth; Michael Compton, United States extemporaneous semi-finals, impromptu finals, eighth.

— Texas Tech: Liz Brown and Chris Shoemake, duet acting, finals, seventh; Corey Knipe, humorous interpretation finals, eighth; Austin Haire, poetry, finals, fourth; oratory and prose semi-finals; Jon Hensley, oratory semi-finals; Liz Brown, prose semi-finals; Chris Shoemake, humorous interpretation semi-finals; Audra Lilly, semi-finals in prose & poetry; and Lyndell Lee,

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SPEECH CONTESTANTS — These Snyder High School students competed in speech tournaments this semester. Front row, from left, Jamie Salinas, Janette Allen, Tiffany Stanley, Audra Lilly; second row, Rebecca West and Liz Brown; third row, Jenny Mayer, Mandy Chambers, Chris Shoemake; fourth row, Jon Hensley, Todd Dobson, Amy Braziel, Lyndell Lee; fifth row, Lauren Hackfeld, Keith Sharpe and Joe Villa; sixth row, Lance Beaver, Corey Knipe, Cole McLeod; seventh row, Laura Canada, Melinda Langham, Scott Gilliland. Austin Haire is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



TFA CONGRESS — Four Snyder High School speech students have qualified for the Texas Forensics Association Congress to be held March 2-4 in El Paso. Delegates are Audra Lilly and Mandy Chambers, front row; alternates are Chris Shoemake and Corey Knipe, back row. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

From previous column

semi-finals in solo parliamentary, impromptu speaking and United States extemporaneous extemporaneous; Amy Braziel, impromptu semi-finals; Todd Dobson, reasoned response semi-finals; Keith Sharpe, reasoned response semi-finals.

— Monahans: The team placed second in overall sweepstakes. Liz Brown was first in oratory and qualified for state TFA; Jon Hensley was third in Lincoln Douglas Debate and qualified for state.

Others who advanced to semi-finals were Audra Lilly, poetry; Liz Brown and Chris Shoemake, duet acting; Chris Shoemake, domestic extemporaneous and humorous interpretation; Keith Sharpe, foreign extemporaneous; Melinda Langham, foreign extemporaneous; Austin Haire, prose, poetry and oratory; Scott Gilliland, foreign extemporaneous; Cole McLeod, poetry; and Liz Brown, prose.

— Tascosa: Chris Shoemake, semi-finals in prose and humorous interpretation; Jon Hensley, semi-finals in oratory.

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Company to pay millions in fen-phen case

HOUSTON (AP) — American Home Products has agreed to pay $8 million to $9 million to a Houston woman in what could be the largest settlement to date for any individual claiming harm by the fen-phen diet drug combination, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

The deal was reached Friday, the newspaper reported, citing an unidentified source. Attorneys and the company both declined to comment.

Virginia Brinkley, 55, had to have two heart valves replaced with artificial valves and was facing a third replacement, allegedly because of side effects from the drugs. Her case was to go to trial on Monday.

John O'Quinn, her attorney, said Brinkley began taking fen-phen in 1995 to lose weight and treat an acid reflux problem. Her heart valve problems were diagnosed a year later.

American Home made the "fen" in fen-phen, a drug called fenfluramine. It sold the drug under the brand name Pondimin along with a chemical cousin called Redux.

The company pulled Pondimin and Redux off the market in 1997 after a Mayo Clinic study linked fenfluramine to potentially fatal heart valve damage. Phentermine hasn't been linked to problems when taken alone. It is made by another company and is still on the market.

In October, Madison, N.J.-based American Home Products announced it would pay $4.8 billion to settle fen-phen lawsuits. However, attorneys representing thousands of fen-phen users said they won't participate in the settlement.

Local AHA chapter is selling hearts

In observance of National Heart Month in February, the local American Heart Association chapter is once again selling paper hearts.

They are available at M.D. Laundry and Dry Cleaners for $1 each. All proceeds go to the American Heart Association for research and public education fighting heart disease and stroke.

Estate-planning seminar scheduled

LUBBOCK — "A properly drawn estate plan may save many farm and ranch families up to $200,000 in estate taxes."

This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension economist and attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have property worth $1.5 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children.

This is an eye-opening fact for many people. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in settling an estate or paying estate taxes.

"But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large — if they have smaller operations. In fact, for many families, the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with the Progressive Farmer magazine, will present four two-day seminars discussing complicated tax topics in several Texas cities including Lubbock, March 22-23, at the Best Western Lubbock Regency.

The program is structured to help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate-planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships, and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes also will be discussed.

"There are two problems with making excessive gifts — the first is dying poor, the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient. A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

Two problems that affect family operations — planning for inflation and growth of the business will be discussed. Another topic to be discussed is how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not will be addressed.

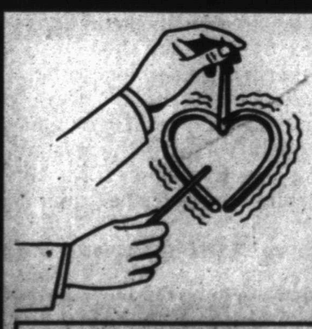
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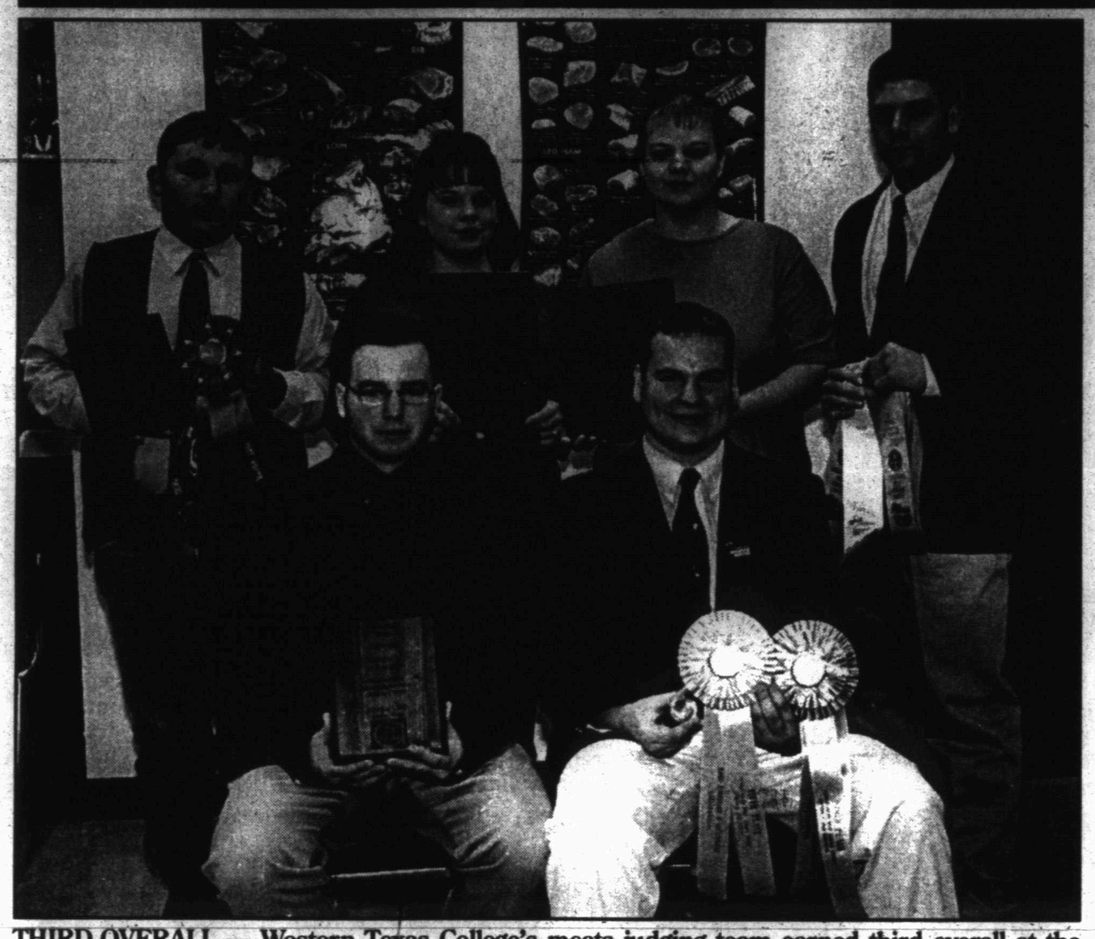
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THIRD OVERALL — Western Texas College's meats judging team earned third overall at the Southwestern International contest. From left, seated are Matt Thackerson and Jeff Ellis; standing, Jeremy Hernandez, Jimma Chapman, Amber Chisum and Chris Hartman. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC meats team 3rd overall

Western Texas College's meats judging team competed at the Southwestern International Contest earlier this month. The event is sponsored by the Fort Worth Stock Show.

The team placed third overall, finishing 16 points away from first place. WTC's score was 3,637.

WTC also placed first in lamb judging, first in placings, second in beef judging, third in pork judging, fourth in questions and fifth in beef grading.

Individually, Chris Hartman of Sweetwater was first in placings, third in beef judging and fifth in the overall contest.

Jeff Ellis of Colorado City was fourth in placings, fifth in beef judging, ninth overall and eighth in questions.

Jeremy Hernandez of Floydada was first in lamb judging, seventh in beef judging and ninth in questions.

Matt Thackerson from Colorado City was eighth in placings.

Jimmy Chapman of Abilene placed 10th in questions.

Amber Chisum of Jayton was fifth in beef grading.

Twenty-one colleges and universities with some 120 students from around the U.S. competed.

More federal aid to offset rising prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson says he has gotten "an ear full" about home heating oil prices. But aside from providing some money to ease the crunch on the poorest of consumers, there is not much the Clinton administration can do.

Richardson on Thursday announced an additional $130 million in assistance to help poor people pay for heating costs. About one-third is going to the Northeast where the problem is most severe.

That money is on top of $45 million in low-income assistance made available a week ago. An estimated 10 million to 14 million homes nationwide rely on oil for heating, with the highest concentration in the Northeast.

"We've gotten the message. We know there's a crisis in the Northeast. We hear our people are hurting," Richardson told reporters. He said he had met with Northeast lawmakers and "they gave me an ear full" of complaints.

Northeast lawmakers called it a badly needed and welcomed step. "This additional assistance is coming none too soon," said Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass.

The average retail price for heating oil nearly doubled to $1.66 per gallon from 86 cents a year ago. In the Northeast, prices are even even higher, with an average of $1.74 a gallon.

Some lawmakers from the region insisted Thursday that the administration should release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to increase supplies and dampen prices.

But many oil economists said that likely would not have much of an impact on current heating oil prices. It would take time for the oil to move through the system and probably not that much oil could be released.

Richardson said the administration does not intend to use the reserve. "It is this administration's view the markets should dictate prices and that the markets should flow on their own," he said.

Richardson said the soaring cost of heating oil, diesel and other fuels stem from "a volatile mix of conditions" — high oil prices, low stocks, transportation problems that make it difficult for dealers to get supplies.

Officials also said they are concerned about refinery output, which was at about 90 percent of capacity. Although refinery runs have increased over the last two weeks, some facilities have normal maintenance scheduled this time of year, which could result in new supply problems, officials said.

At a hearing Thursday of the House International Relations Committee, the chairman, GOP Rep. Benjamin Gilman of New York, said the White House ought to do more "to get the OPEC nations to turn on the spigot and let the market determine what the prices should be."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries rolled back production by 4.3 million barrels a day a year ago, causing prices to soar to nearly $30 a barrel.

Wood decay studied; probe of bon fire collapse continues

DALLAS (AP) — Photos of the broken center pole from the 59-foot Texas A&M bonfire stack constructed last fall show that it was lined with numerous small cracks, a wood pole expert said Friday.

James Taylor, a former head of the Rural Electrification Administration timber products group, said possible decay in the pole may have contributed to its collapse. Twelve people were killed.

The cracks, known in the utility pole industry as checks, could have made the untreated wood vulnerable to fungal infection and decay. That would have weakened the pole, said Taylor, who also has researched wood poles for Bell telephone and several federal agencies.

Taylor made the comments to Dallas television station WFAA, which asked him to examine more than 200 photographs taken of the bonfire accident by police and Texas A&M officials.

"It's my feeling that this wood outside the center and inside the shell has infection in it and the strength has been lost," Taylor, a Fairfax, Va., resident, told the station. "To a layman there's no sign of decay. Somebody who is not in the business is going to look at the pole and say that looks like a good pole."

In an interview with The Dallas Morning News, Taylor cautioned that a definitive conclusion was impossible without tests of the wood. He also said he did not think a weakened center pole caused the accident.

"The root cause, I think, is that this was a very loose structure and it started to shift," he said. "Instead of the pole being able to hold 100 percent of its strength capability, it was only able to hold 50 percent. So that meant there was less of a resistant force to stop the movement of this mass of wood, and it broke the pole.

Tech announces fall graduates and honor list students

LUBBOCK — More than 1,500 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1999 fall commencement exercises.

More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students also qualified for academic honors at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Students are from Snyder, unless otherwise noted.

Graduating students include:

—Kristi Elizabeth Sorrells of Ira, bachelor of science in human development.

—David Clark Kerr, bachelor of science in cell and molecular biology.

—James Troy Russell, bachelor of science in petroleum engineering.

— Rodney Dewayne White, bachelor of science in agriculture and applied economics.

Those on the President's List include:

—Holly Kay Goebel of Hermleigh, freshman, pre-pharmacy.

—Tamra Jo Anderson, freshman, pre-medicine.

—Vanessa Danielle Jones, freshman, chemical engineering.

—David Clark Kerr, senior, cell and molecular biology.

— Kevin Andrew Kerr, sophomore, mechanical engineering.

—Amy Rae Patterson, senior, multidisciplinary studies.

—Emily Marie Rice, junior, pre-physical therapy.

—Russell Ryon Riggan, junior, business undeclared.

—Christa Marie Rosson, senior, early childhood.

Dean's List recipients include:

—Tracy Brooke Kubena of Hermleigh, senior, biochemistry.

—Kristi Elizabeth Sorrells of Ira, senior, human development.

—Amanda Kay Baker, junior, family studies.

—Amy Carol Choate, senior, human development.

—Jonathan Brock Durham, freshman COBA.

—Brooke Nicole Gober, senior, early childhood.

—Lindsey Elizabeth Griffin, senior, family financial planning.

—Michael David Hensley, sophomore, communication studies.

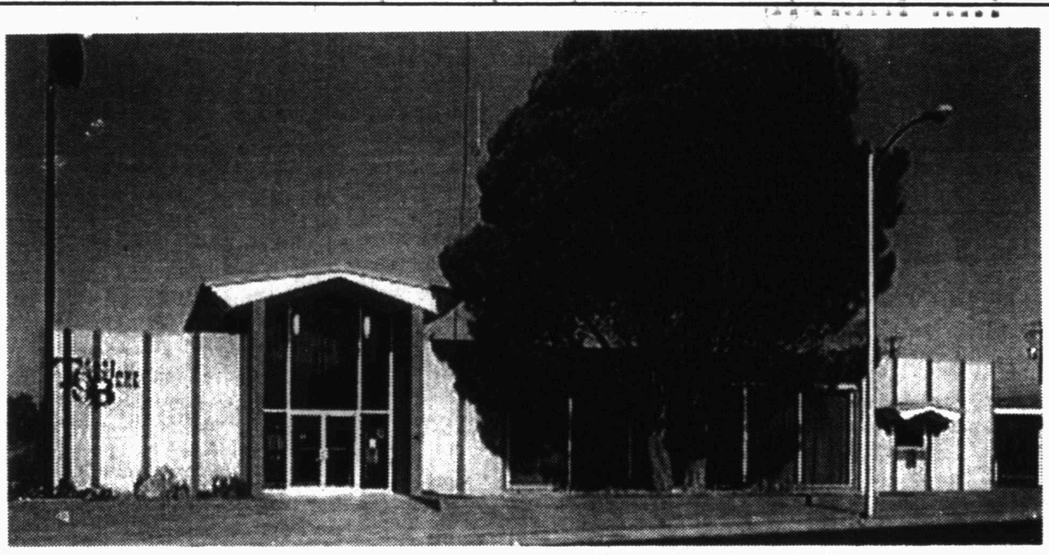
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SHS SWEETHEARTS HONORED — Some of the clubs and sports sweethearts recognized at the Snyder High School coronation Wednesday were, from left, band, Amber Schwertner and her escort, Chris Shoemake; baseball, Kaycee Marricle and her escort, Adam Beck; boys basketball, Mandy Chambers and her escort, Trevor Kerr; cheerleaders, Joe Dan Davenport and his escort, Gail McKinney; and choir, Jenny Mayer and her escort, Tony Arispe. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SHS SWEETHEARTS IN SPOTLIGHT — Sweethearts of organizations and sports at Snyder High School were recognized at a formal coronation Wednesday. Included were cross country, Matthew Boyd and Angie Shoemake; DECA, Debbie Foster and her escort, Zack Bilano; drama, Cheryl Reed and Michael Gibson; FCS, Lauren Lee and Seth Rosson; and FCCLA, Timothy Craig and his escort, Daphny Lopez. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Lifting Social Security cap next priority for House GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to lift the outside earnings limit on Social Security for people aged 65 to 70 is the next priority for House Republicans, Speaker Dennis Hastert says.

"The time has come to give our working seniors a break," the Illinois Republican said Friday.

Current law penalizes thousands of senior citizens by $1 in Social Security benefits for every $3 they earn over $17,000. Thousands of others are discouraged from working or work only part of the year to avoid the cap, advocates for the elderly say.

"They don't understand why we have a public policy that takes away all of their extra money," said John Rother, director of public policy for AARP.

GOP leaders are working on a bill to repeal or at least greatly raise the limit. A repeal bill introduced by Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, would cost roughly $24 billion over 10 years, which would come from the projected budget surplus, congressional aides said.

A House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security is scheduled to hold a hearing on the issue Tuesday. Its chairman, Rep. E. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., estimated that 400,000 working older Americans are affected each year.

Like the 10-year, $182 billion tax cut the House passed this week for married couples, ending the Social Security earnings limit is popular among Democrats and Republicans. It also appeals to the key elderly constituency, one of the main voter battlegrounds as the two parties wrestle for control of the House in this year's elections.

President Clinton has spoken frequently about the need to eliminate the earnings limit, but White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the president would not endorse a "piecemeal" approach to Social Security, which faces insolvency as the baby boom generation retires.

"We're not going to have a debate about Social Security that doesn't involve solvency," Lockhart said. "That is where this debate starts, and that's where the debate ends, as far as we're concerned."

But Democrats on Capitol Hill watched a fourth of their number join majority Republicans to send the GOP's 10-year, $182 billion "marriage penalty" tax cut to the Senate. They don't look forward to another fight over an issue many of them are on record as supporting.

A Democratic aide said while the party must be careful to avoid ignoring the White House, the faithful will work to find an acceptable alternative to the GOP bill.



CLUB SWEETHEARTS RECOGNIZED — Snyder High School organizations and sports sweethearts for 1999-2000 were recognized during the SHS coronation in the Worsham Auditorium Wednesday. From left are, FFA, Johnna Ferris and escort, Russell Wall; football, Shannon Chambers and escort, Brady Hackfeld; foreign exchange student, Sasha Danilov and his escort, T'Leah Eicke; foreign exchange sudent Morton Edwards and his escort, Liz Brown; and foreign exchange student Gregor Knirsch and his escort, Tara Price. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Two from Snyder get scholarships

ALPINE — Twenty-eight Sul Ross State University students, including two from Snyder, were awarded scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Snyder recipients include Sam Bedell and Shannon Hall, both PPP Area Chapter Sul Ross Ex-Student Association Designated Scholarship. Both are graduates of Snyder High School.

Scholarship recipients are selected by the University Scholarship Committee based on nominations forwarded by representatives of academic disciplines and department. To date, more than 310 Sul Ross students have been awarded scholarships for 1999-2000 totaling $310,000.

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Counselors sought for MDA summer camp from June 4-9

MIDLAND — The Muscular Dystrophy Association is seeking camp counselors for its local camp for children with muscle diseases.

MDA is especially in need of male counselors to assist with the camping program. The MDA camp will be held at Ceta Canyon Camp near Happy, June 4-9.

At the MDA camp, counselors work one on one with campers to provide care, supervision, attention and friendship to children with limited mobility. The volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and will be trained before camp.

As a summer camp counselor, young people are given the opportunity to perform a valuable community service, develop a greater understanding of individuals with disabilities and enjoy a week of summer camp.

Donations of supplies are also needed for MDA's summer camp. Arts and crafts items, carnival prizes and awards, life jackets, sporting equipment, snacks, medical supplies, and walkie talkies are among the donations being sought to help provide a memorable camp experience to approximately 60 youngsters.

MDA supports a nationwide network of summer camps offering a wide range of activities designed for youngsters who have limited mobility or use wheelchairs. Since 1955, MDA's extensive camp program has built bridges and knocked down barriers, fostering a sense of self-worth in young people with disabilities.

The summer camp program is part of MDA's comprehensive patient and community services, which includes clinics, equipment, and support groups as well as research and public health education. The Association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

For more information on becoming a summer camp counselor or to donate supplies for camp, call 915-683-2405.

Financial Focus

Over the past year or so, we've seen tremendous price appreciation in many Internet-based stocks. These surging stocks have caused concern on the part of market analysts, who realize that many of these companies are missing a key ingredient -- earnings. Now, some of these same stocks have tumbled back to earth.

The fact is that a company's stock price should be related to its earnings. That's why you need to pay attention to a stock's price-to-earnings ratio (P/E). A company's P/E is determined by dividing the current stock price by the per-share earnings, or profits. So, a company with a stock price of $50 and earnings per share of $5 has a P/E of 50/5, or 10. You might read that this company is "trading at 10 times earnings."

The P/E may help you answer a key question: Is the stock a good value? The P/E is basically the amount of money investors are willing to pay for every dollar of a company's earnings. If this ratio is too high, then you might begin to question whether the stock is priced too high -- and is therefore too risky. But what should be considered "too high"?

Some of the skyrocketing Internet stocks had P/Es -- also known as "multiples" -- of several hundred. By contrast, an established company with a long history of earnings may have a multiple of less than 20.

Of course, a lower P/E, by itself, does not necessarily mean a company should automatically be considered a good buy. Sometimes, a stock will have a low P/E simply because the market has low expectations of the company, for any number of reasons. The company may belong to a sector that is currently out of favor with investors. Or the company could be a victim of its own success; it may have produced strong earnings for such a long while that continued growth, at least at that level, is considered unlikely.

Furthermore, a company's P/E, by itself, may not tell you all you need to know about the firm's valuation. It's often useful to compare one stock's P/E with others in the same industry, and with that of major benchmarks, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. It's also a good idea to look at a company's P/E over time. A one-time situation, such as a write-off resulting from a major purchase, may dampen earnings and artificially raise the P/E.

Where can you find the P/E of a stock you're considering? Just look in your newspaper's financial section, or ask your investment representative.

Ultimately, your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon should govern your investment decisions. But, within these parameters, you may find that a stock's P/E has an interesting story to tell.

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Arco considers pipeline sale

HOUSTON (AP) — Atlantic Richfield Co. is considering the sale of some mid-continent pipeline operations as it tries to mollify federal objections to the company's proposed purchase by BP Amoco.

Any sale of the Arco Pipe Line Co. unit would be contingent upon completion of the $27 billion BP Amoco merger, which is on hold pending court action.

Challenging the deal, the Federal Trade Commission has said the combined company would control too many of the oil operations near Cushing, Okla., a major market center for light sweet crude.

In a statement released Friday, Los Angeles-based Arco said it doesn't believe FTC concerns are valid, but is willing to consider the sale of assets to hasten the merger.

Arco's mid-continent pipeline interests run from the Gulf Coast to Cushing.

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MORE SWEETHEARTS —Snyder High School organizations and sports sweethearts for 1999-2000 recognized at the annual coronation Wednesday in Worsham Auditorium were, from left, forensics, Rebecca West and Todd Dobson; French Club, Kyla Connel and Mark Medley; girls basketball, Wade Asby and his escort, Amber Haameyer; golf, Lacey Kidd and Landon Day; and KTXS Quiz Team, Audra Lilly and Jon Hensley. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CLUBS AND SPORTS SWEETHEARTS — Snyder High School students who were elected sweethearts of sports organizations and clubs were recognized Wednesday in Worsham Auditorium. Those recognized included photojournalism, Laura Canada and Devin Williams; powerlifting, Megan Riley, escorted by Tremaine Johnson; softball, Tim Gutierrez, escorted by Kristin Martinez; Spanish Club, Melissa Perez and Bebos Martinez; and SUN, Tera Kincaid and Trey Gorman. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SWEETHEARTS RECOGNIZED — Snyder High School clubs and sports sweethearts were recognized at the annual coronation in Worsham Auditorium on Wednesday. From left are sweethearts, TSA, Emily Vinson and escort, John Ortegon; tennis, Claire Cotton and Adrian Gonzales; Tiger's Lair, Cheyenne Courtney and Justin Guy; Tiger's Tale, Ashley Tucker and Chad Rice; track, Loryn Brown and Corey Knipe; volleyball, Greg McAnaw, escorted by Tessa Hildebrand. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Midwest Airlines, pilots approve labor pact

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Pilots for Midwest Express Airlines celebrated today after reaching a tentative agreement with airline management that averted a strike over the terms of their first labor contract.

Details were not released, but union strike committee chairman Karl Petersen said the deal provides pilots with enhanced compensation, retiree health insurance and a retirement plan "that will protect and enhance the careers of our pilots."

Airline officials canceled 15 flights late Friday and early Saturday in preparation for a potential strike. Airline spokeswoman Lisa Bailey said flights were expected to resume as scheduled Saturday.

"We're extremely pleased. The customers are No. 1 and we wanted to make sure we could continue serving the customers," Bailey said.

Midwest Express, which has its headquarters in Milwaukee, has 130 daily flights to 31 cities, including Boston, Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia. Labor talks involving the company and the Air Line Pilots Association have gone in for 19 months.

The union said key issues included wages, and pension and health insurance for retirees.

The union said the average salary for a five-year veteran pilot at Midwest Express is $86,000, compared with an industry average of $145,000. It also said current airline policy gives retirees less than 40 percent of their pre-retirement income, compared with 58 percent at comparable airlines. Union officials also wanted the airline to guarantee insurance for retired pilots.

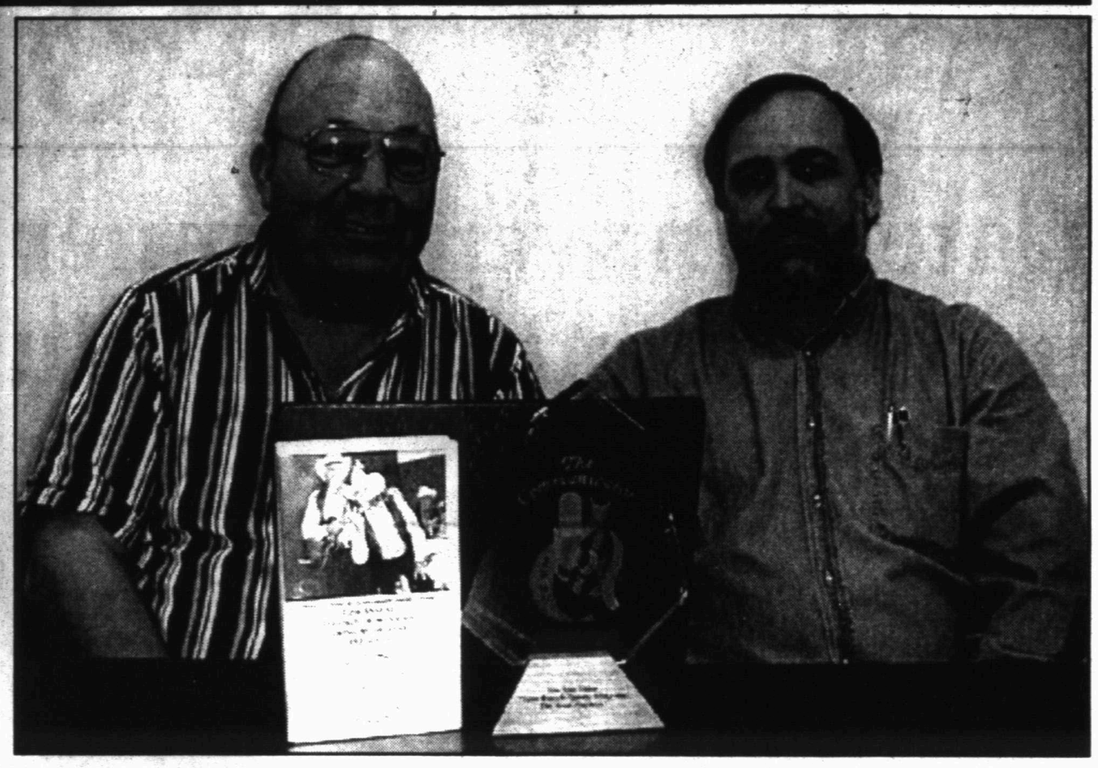
Union spokesman Paul Omodt said a ratification vote on the proposed contract could come in four to five days.

"There were a lot of people hugging, giving high-fives, shaking hands. But we were relieved. No one wanted to strike," Omodt said. "The pilots want to stay here, frankly. They want to make this a career airline."

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VIDEO WINS AWARD — You Star Video was recently awarded The Communicator Award of Distinction for its tape produced at the 1999 Western Swing Music Festival. The video featured Leon Rausch and Tommy Allsup with the Texas Playboys. Pictured are Tommy Williams (left) and Steve Whittenburg. (SDN Staff Photo)

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The Communicator Award is a national awards program that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field. Entries are judged by industry professionals who look for companies and individuals whose talent exceeds a high standard of excellence, and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry.

There were 3,275 entries from 49 states and seven other countries in the 1999 video competition.

Work is judged on a grade standard rather than against competition.

You Star Video sends videotapes all over the United States. The business has also sent videos to Japan, Australia, The Netherlands, England, Spain, Canada and Germany.

Tommy and Mary Williams own the business, which has been open for six years.

Tommy Williams said he credits everyone who works at You Star Video for the success of the business.

Steve Whittenburg and Tommy do the camera work, while Mary and Whittenburg's wife, Karen, and daughter, April, assist with sales.

Mary also designs and writes for the covers of the videotapes.

"It takes team effort and all of us working together," Tommy said.

He added that he also thanks "a sixth partner." "The Lord has been our guide in what we do. It is a neat experience. The Lord has really blessed us."

Tommy also expressed his thanks to Aline Parks.

"She taught me to pay attention to the fine points about production. She has also had a large influence on us being able to get where we are."

You Star Video covers a variety of events including weddings, seminars, school reunions and family reunions. Other services available include the transferring of 8mm film to video and editing tapes others have shot.

You Star Video will also tape special interest or instructional videos. One example is Jerry Beard's cooking tape.

The business is located at 3412 North Business Hwy. 84 and the phone number is 573-7567.

Copies are available of the award-winning Western Swing Festival video.

Brashears to have concert here Sunday

Two people, one team — that's the way it has been for many miles. Janice and Jerrel Brashear of Russellvile, Ark., Arkansas' Ambassadors of Good Will have criss-crossed the United States for the past 26 years.

Sunday, they will present a concert at Ira's First Baptist Church, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Brashears started singing gospel music with their family of three children. When their two daughters and son grew up, married, and moved away with families of their own, it was up to Janice and Jerrell to find a way to go on.

They now do all of their recordings with their children. So, when you attend a gospel music concert by the Brashers, you will be hearing a full band, full group sound, even though there will only be two people before you.

This couple presets about 250 concerts a year. Janice writes many of the songs they sing and Jerrel writes for a nationally distributed magazine, *The Gospel Voice*, from Nashville, Tenn.

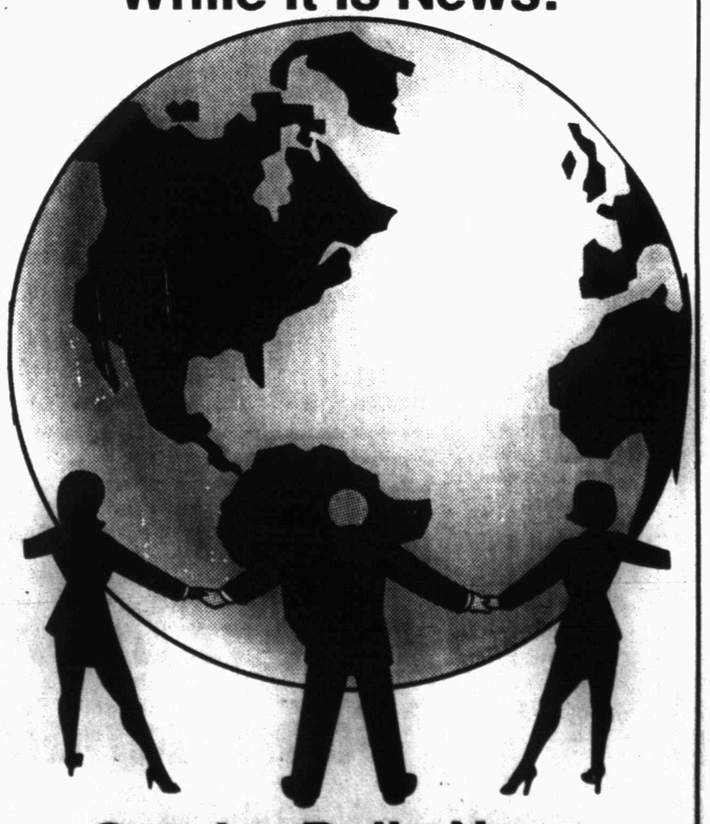
2 TWA jets land

PHOENIX (AP) — A TWA jet similar to the type involved in the recent Alaska Airlines crash experienced hydraulic problems before landing Friday night at Sky Harbor International Airport.

The MD-80 landed safely and the 149 people aboard were taken off without any problems, airport spokeswoman Suzanne Luber said.

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SPORTS

Late turnovers hamper Tigers in 59-57 setback to Mustangs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

With only one game left on the district schedule, a loss at this point in the season usually spells disaster for a team.

But for the Snyder Tigers, it simply put a damper on an otherwise sparkling league run.

Snyder led by as many as 16 points Friday night, but turned the ball over on six straight possessions late in the fourth quarter, as Andrews rallied for a 59-57 victory at the SHS gym.

It's the Tigers' first district setback, and has no bearing on their postseason future. Snyder, already crowned 5-4A champions, still holds the top seed, but the hopes of going 10-0 in league play are gone.

"You got to give it to Andrews. They made the plays that needed to be made to win the ballgame, and we didn't," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "They were playing for their lives, and it looked like we were just playing not to lose."

The win locked up third place for the Mustangs, with Fort Stockton owning the runner-up slot.

In a game filled with offensive outbursts by each squad, Snyder held a 49-42 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Andrews started chipping away at the margin from the onset, in the final frame. After Snyder was able to get some easy looks from close range in the opening minutes of the period, the Mustangs defense started collapsing on the Tigers' post players.

Despite the Mustangs' presence in the middle, Snyder continued to try to work the ball inside, resulting in four straight turnovers that Andrews turned into points on the other end.

"We had way too many turnovers in the fourth quarter," said Birks. "We would call timeout and try to fix things, then we'd the ball and just throw it away again. Andrews picked up their defensive intensity late in the game. They could have folded when we had them down, but they didn't."

The Mustangs took the final lead of the night at 58-57 with just over a minute remaining.

Snyder had three more chances to regain the lead when Andrews failed to convert from the free-throw line, but two Tiger turnovers and a missed shot killed any hopes of a comeback.

The Mustangs went 1-of-6 from the stripe in the final minute, but regained possession on two occasions, after the Tigers turned it over in the back court.

Snyder's final chance came with 22 seconds left in the game. Jared Hester worked the ball up court, but was unable to find an open teammate. Hester had to force up a shot with two seconds left and Andrews hauled down the rebound to seal the victory.

"We didn't get the shot we wanted in the end," Birks stated. "We didn't execute very well, and Jared was forced to throw up a shot. That's the way it was the entire last five minutes of the game. Andrews played smarter, and more aggressive than we did."

The Tigers will regroup, before closing out district play Tuesday at Big Spring.

"I hope that we learn from this," said Birks. "The effort was great tonight, but our execution in the end was poor. In the playoffs, if you play like we did in the last five minutes tonight, you'll be out in hurry. So we'll work on correcting our mistakes, before the playoffs start."

It looked early on as if the Tigers would roll to their ninth straight victory. Snyder opened up a 23-10 lead at the close of the first quarter, before Andrews changed its defensive strategy.

The Mustangs went to a 1-2-2 zone in the second quarter, limiting the Tigers to only nine points in the period for a 32-24 tally at halftime.

Andrews continued its charge at start the third quarter, reeling off a 12-0 run to take a 36-32 lead midway through the third.

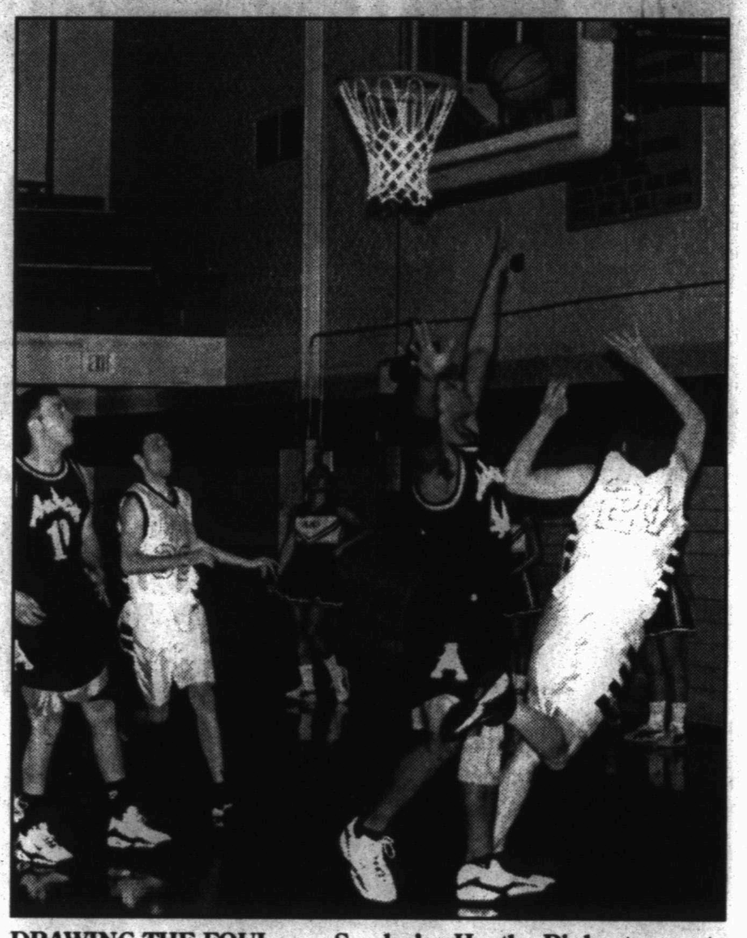
Snyder answered with a 14-6 streak to close out the period with a 49-42 advantage. The Tigers' run was fueled by a pair of three-pointers from Sonny Cumbie, and another from Greg McAnaw.

Cumbie finished the night with a game-high 18 points. Drew Fields paced Andrews with 17.

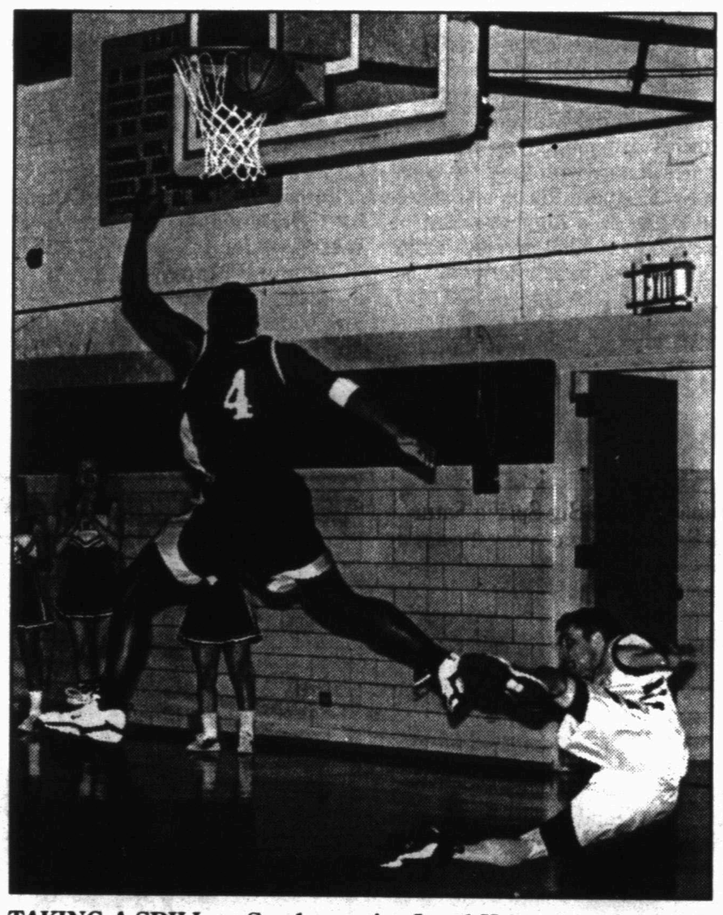
Following Tuesday's district finale, the Tigers receive a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Snyder will likely play a practice game, before beginning their postseason run in the area round Feb. 25.

Andrews	10	14	18	17	— 59
Snyder	23	09	17	08	— 57

Andrews
Fields 3 9-11 17, Jackson 6 1-5 13, Tharp 2 0-0 4, Leach 1 0-0 3, Sears 1 1-2 3, McCain 4 1-6 10, Glasson 2 0-0 5, Humphries 0 3-4 3, Haygood 0 1-2 1. **Totals 19 16-30 59.**
Snyder
Cumbie 7 0-2 18, Pinkerton 5 1-2 11, McAnaw 3 0-0 8, Wofford 4 0-0 8, Hester 1 0-0 2, Thornhill 4 0-0 8, Scott 1 0-0 2. **Totals 25 1-4 57.**
Three-point goals: Andrews 5 (Fields 2, McCain, Glasson, Leach), Snyder 6 (Cumbie 4, McAnaw 2). Total fouls: Andrews 11, Snyder 21. Fouled out —



DRAWING THE FOUL — Snyder's Heath Pinkerton gets fouled by Andrews' Jayme Jackson Friday night during the Tigers' District 5-4A match-up with the Mustangs at the SHS gym. Snyder suffered its first setback in league play, falling to Andrews, 59-57. (SDN Staff Photo)



TAKING A SPILL — Snyder senior Jared Hester hits the hardwood as Andrews' Chris McCain puts up a shot during Friday night's action at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

District 5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	8	1	21	10
Fort Stockton	6	3	16	14
Andrews	5	4	13	17
Big Spring	3	6	16	16
Sweetwater	3	6	9	19
Lake View	2	7	10	18

Friday's results: Andrews 59, Snyder 57; Fort Stockton 57, Lake View 51; Sweetwater 57, Big Spring 56.
Tuesday's games: Snyder at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Fort Stockton; Lake View at Andrews.

SHS JV tops Mustangs

Snyder used the first quarter as a warm-up Friday night, before running away from Andrews in the second period to record its ninth consecutive win.

Snyder broke an 8-8 tie with a 27-7 run in the second period, powering the Tigers to a 60-50 victory over Andrews in boys' junior varsity action at the SHS gym.

The Mustangs tried to rally in the final two quarters, but couldn't overcome the 20-point deficit.

Shante Taylor poured in 15 points to pace the Tigers, with Tovares Brandon posting, and Wade Pinson adding 10 more.

Nick Landes drained six points, while Riki Dorsett tallied five. Tate Thompson, Chris McLeod and Shay Franks registered four points apiece.

Snyder closes out its season Tuesday with a visit to Big Spring. Tip-off is slated for 6 o'clock in the junior high gym.



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Tech coach reinstates players after arrests on drug charges

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech head football coach Mike Leach has reinstated senior cornerback Derrick Briggs and quarterback Jamaal Crisp, whose futures were in doubt because of drug possession charges.

Briggs, who was indefinitely suspended in November, plans to participate in spring drills starting March 21. He is scheduled to return to the team along with Crisp, his roommate, who was charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession short after Briggs' arrest. Crisp, a junior, missed last season rehabilitating a knee injury and had not been officially suspended.

Briggs was reinstated after the charges against him were changed to misdemeanors. Texas Tech policy bars athletes from participating with their teams if a felony charge remains on their records.

"We definitely set some guidelines (for them to rejoin the team)," Leach said. "We set some ground rules, but that's all (confidential) team stuff."

Leach, who was offensive coordinator at Oklahoma last season, was hired after season's end to replace Spike Dykes, who stepped down.

Briggs recorded 17 tackles and one interception in eight games as a backup cornerback last year behind two senior starters. He was arrested on charges of marijuana possession and possession of a controlled substance, which is listed as a third-degree felony.

Briggs plea-bargained to the lesser charge, receiving one year of probation, a $250 fine and a 90-day suspended jail sentence.

The controlled substance possession charge was dropped from his record because of insufficient evidence, Lubbock County criminal deputy district attorney Clay Abbott said. Briggs also will be required to attend a drug education class.

Briggs and linebacker teammate Dorian Pitts were indefinitely suspended from the team last year because of their drug-related arrests. Leach said Pitts' team status is yet to be determined, pending the outcome of his case.

Pitts was charged with a state jail felony and turned himself in two days after the Briggs arrest. Crisp has not been charged with a felony and the outcome of his case is awaiting his retainment of a lawyer, Abbott said.

Frosh fall to Andrews, 43-41

Andrews outscored Snyder by two points in the first quarter, and it wound up being the difference.

Andrews grabbed a 10-8 lead in the opening frame, then held on to top Snyder, 43-41, Friday in freshman boys' action.

After falling behind early, the Tigers rallied to notch a one-point advantage at halftime, before the Mustangs regained the lead in the third quarter.

Josh Mendoza paced the Tigers with 13 points, while Tyler Pollard poured in 10.

Clay Williams drained five points, with Josh McGaha and Will Davis registering four apiece. Colby Driggers finished with three points, and T.J. Jones chipped in a pair.

Sports Briefs

Ira game times changed

Starting times for a pair of Ira practice games have been changed.

The Bulldogs will tip off against Reagan County Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Ira will also face Lorenzo Friday at 7:30 in Jayton.

Ira's squares off with Klondike in a bi-district tilt Feb. 22 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Starting time has yet to be announced.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Teen activities scheduled

A 4-on-4 volleyball tournament will be held Feb. 25-26 for ages 14 and up. Entry fee is $35 per team, and deadline to register is next Sunday. Proceeds benefit the Keystone Club.

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through March 10. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Mickelson chips in for lead

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Phil Mickelson chipped in for birdie on his last hole, shooting a 5-under 67 to tie Kirk Triplett (64) and Shigeki Maruyama (64) at 11-under 133 and the second-round lead at the Buick Invitational.

Tiger Woods, in jeopardy of missing only the second cut of his career, made five birdies and a sensational par save on the back nine to shoot a 67. He was at 139 and made his tour-leading 46th consecutive cut.

Sandy Lyle (66) was at 134, followed by Bradley Hughes (67). First-round leader Davis Love III (71) was cruising along on the easier North course until a double bogey on the par-3 sixth hole wrecked his round and left him at 136, along with Shaun Micheel.

Lewis indicted for murder

ATLANTA (AP) — A grand jury indicted Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis and two associates on murder charges for the stabbing deaths of two men after a Super Bowl party.

Lewis, a three-time Pro Bowl selection remained in the Atlanta Detention Center without bail, charged with the deaths of Richard Lollar, 24, and Jacinth Baker, 21. Despite the indictments, a bond hearing remains scheduled for Monday.

Saints sign QB Blake

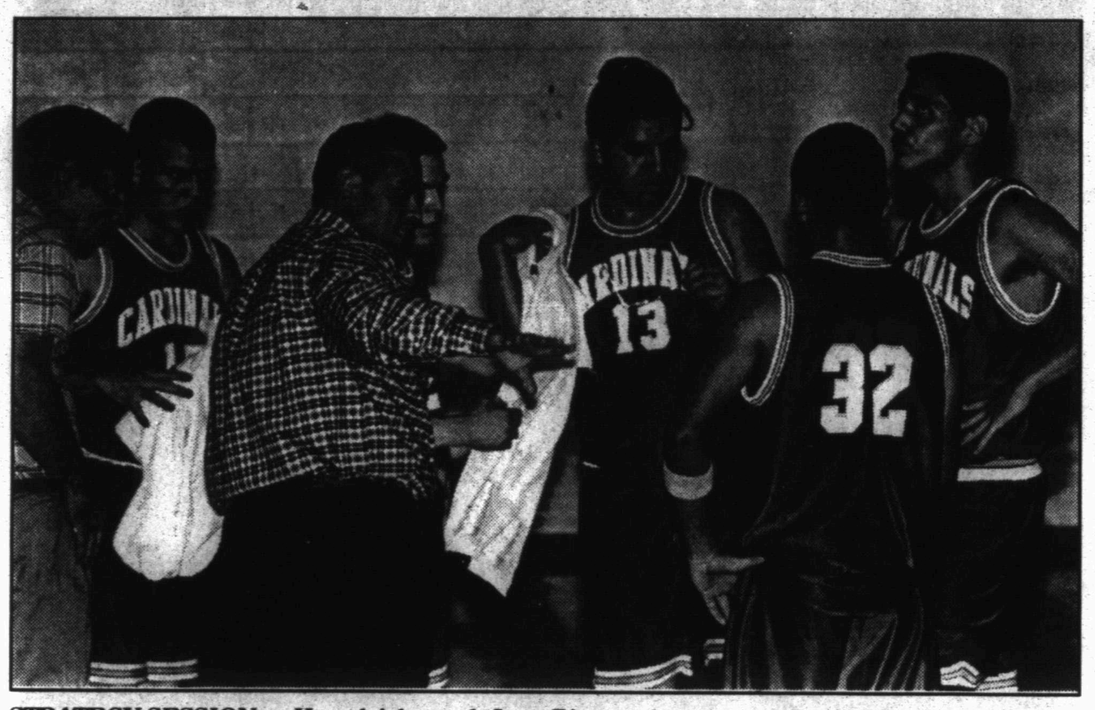
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints signed former Cincinnati quarterback Jeff Blake, the first significant free-agent to switch teams this year. Blake signed a four-year contract, reportedly worth $17.4 million, on the same day the Saints let Danny Wuerffel and Billy Joe Hobert, two of their four quarterbacks last season, become free agents.

Carruth offers alibi

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — For the first time, Rae Carruth offered an alibi for the fatal shooting of his pregnant girlfriend, saying he was on the phone and miles away from the murder scene.

The disclosures, made in court papers the day before, reassert the former Carolina Panthers player's claim that he did not murder Cherica Adams.

SPORTS



STRATEGY SESSION — Hermleigh coach Juan Rios, and asst. coach Rocky Clindaniel (far left), talk with some Cardinal players during a timeout Friday night. Listening in are, from left, Caleb Callaway, Joey Garza, Billy Lambaren and Andy Luna. Hermleigh captured the playoff's top seed with a 60-50 victory over Trent. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cardinals capture top seed with 62-52 win

HIGHLAND — Hermleigh's game plan going into Friday's contest was to work the ball inside, and the Cardinals worked that strategy to perfection.

Hermleigh got 42 points from its starting post players to outlast Trent, 62-52, in a District 19-A playoff at Highland.

The Cardinals, who garner the top seed with the win, square off with Roscoe in a bi-district tilt Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Sweetwater.

Hermleigh had knocked off Trent twice this year, and employed the same plan to chalk up the third victory.

"We passed the ball real well, on the inside," said Hermleigh coach Juan Rios. "And we shot the ball real well underneath. We wanted to get the ball to our post players, and we were able to do that, and they scored for us."

Starting posts Joey Garza and Billy Lambaren did most of the damage for Hermleigh. Garza poured in a game-high 22 points, with Lambaren adding 20 points, while hauling down eight rebounds and grabbing six steals.

Hermleigh's play in the paint gave it an early advantage. The Cardinals jumped out to a 16-point lead in the first quarter, and held a 37-21 lead at halftime.

With Trent forced to rally, another key for the Cardinals was handling the Gorillas' pressure defense. Hermleigh, spurred by the play of point guard Andy Luna, committed only five turnovers on the night.

"Andy handled the ball really well tonight, and ran the offense like we needed," said Rios. "We needed to get off to a good start, and Andy made sure we did by making smart decisions with the basketball."

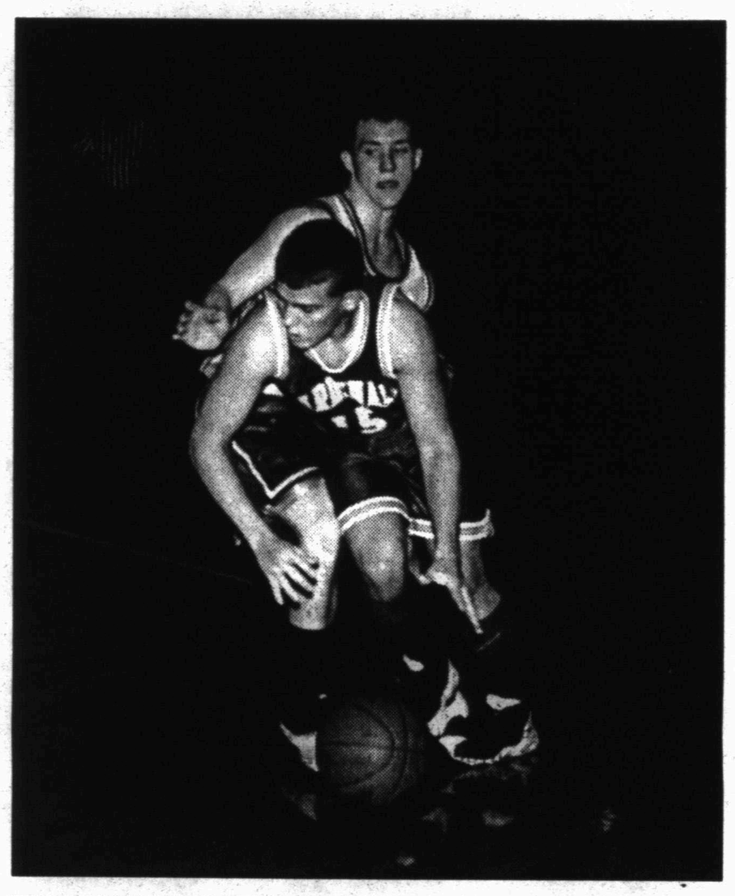
Trent managed to shave two points off the deficit in the third quarter, before scoring 20 points in the fourth, to bring the final margin to 10 points.

"We had a good outing in all facets of the game," Rios remarked. "Our kids decided to come out and play tonight, and they showed what they can do, when they put their minds to it."

Also finishing in double figures for the Cardinals was Caleb Callaway who dropped in 10 points, to go along with 10 rebounds and six assists. Luna tallied eight points, with Jared Higgins chipping in two.

Hermleigh will play a pair of practice games, prior to the bi-district round.

The Cardinals face Christoval Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Sterling City, before meeting Meadow on Saturday at 7 in Wilson.



TRYING TO TURN THE CORNER — Hermleigh's Caleb Callaway tried to get around a Trent defender Friday night during a District 19-A playoff contest at Highland. Callaway poured in 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the Cardinals' 60-50 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dallas strikes deal with speedy Seattle receiver Joey Galloway

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys found someone to replace Michael Irvin as their main receiving threat: Seattle's Joey Galloway.

Despite a reported mid-negotiation switch in agents, Galloway and the Cowboys have struck a deal that will be announced at a news conference today.

Dallas also must acquire Galloway's rights from Seattle, which has designated him as a franchise player. The Cowboys will likely send the Seahawks their first-round draft pick, the 19th overall, and possible other considerations.

Galloway began Friday working with agent Eric Metz. They were close to finalizing a seven-year, $42 million deal when the receiver fired Metz and hired Leigh Steinberg, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Galloway, 28, became an unrestricted free agent earlier this week when he won an arbitration case against the Seahawks.

The team had disputed his status because he missed all of the preseason and the first eight games of the regular season because of a contract fight.

Galloway, who has three 1,000-yard seasons, played poorly following his return, catching just 22 passes for 335 yards and a touchdown. He had only three catches of more than 25 yards.

In 1998, his last full season, Galloway made 65 receptions for 1,047 yards and 10 touchdowns. He has 36 career touchdowns and was the NFL's offensive rookie of the year in 1995.

The Cowboys were sorely in need of a reliable receiver of that caliber.

Raghib Ismail provided that threat early last season until Irvin had a neck injury. Ismail's production slowed once teams focused on stopping him.

Irvin hasn't said whether he'll return, but even if he does, he's unlikely to be quarterback Troy Aikman's go-to guy.

Lady Tigers, Big Spring meet for runner-up spot

The Snyder Lady Tigers were to have faced Big Spring Saturday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to determine the second and third playoff seeds out of District 5-4A.

Big Spring won a spot in Saturday's contest by eliminating Lake View from the playoff hunt with a 44-35 victory Friday night.

The winner of Saturday's contest will advance as the district's runner-up, and will face Cleburne in the first round of the playoffs.

The loser draws the No. 3 seed and a bi-district date with Stephenville.

Landry back in hospital

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry has taken a turn for the worse in his battle against leukemia, his son said.

"While the results of my father's latest chemotherapy treatments were at first encouraging, it is now apparent that the leukemia has returned," Tom Landry Jr. said Friday.

"Aided by the efforts of doctors and nurses, dad has been battling this disease for the last nine months. He is resting comfortably in a private room at Baylor University Medical Center, surrounded by his family," Landry's son told The Dallas Morning News.

"Although he can't receive visitors or flowers, the family wishes to thank everyone for their continuing prayers and concerns."

Landry, 75, was diagnosed in May with acute myelogenous leukemia. He has been in and out of Baylor University Medical Center and has undergone chemotherapy treatments.

He was released Nov. 21, but was readmitted last month.

Landry coached the Cowboys for 29 seasons, beginning with their first season in 1960. He is third on the NFL's career victory list with a 270-178-6 record. His teams won two Super Bowls and 13 division titles and had an unprecedented 20 consecutive winning seasons from 1966 to 1985.

He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990.

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	34	15	6	4	78	174	129
Philadelphia	27	16	10	1	65	156	123
N.Y. Rangers	24	24	8	3	59	160	154
Pittsburgh	24	25	5	5	58	170	159
N.Y. Islanders	14	34	6	1	35	121	180

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	30	19	6	3	69	166	145
Ottawa	26	19	9	2	63	146	136
Boston	18	23	15	4	55	145	159
Buffalo	23	25	7	1	54	137	140
Montreal	18	28	7	3	46	117	131

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	31	19	4	3	69	169	133
Washington	26	18	9	1	62	144	130
Carolina	22	25	8	0	52	138	152
Tampa Bay	12	35	6	6	36	138	202
Atlanta	11	37	6	4	32	117	197

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	34	15	6	0	74	167	114
Detroit	32	17	6	1	71	185	145
Nashville	20	29	6	5	51	146	169
Chicago	18	28	7	2	45	151	168

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	27	21	8	1	63	153	143
Edmonton	20	22	14	7	61	155	147
Calgary	23	26	6	3	55	134	162
Vancouver	16	27	10	6	48	137	160

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	30	20	5	2	67	133	120
Phoenix	29	19	6	1	65	161	142
San Jose	24	28	7	7	62	160	150
Los Angeles	25	22	7	3	60	171	157
Anaheim	23	25	8	1	55	144	148

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Thursday's Games

Detroit 2, St. Louis 0
Washington 1, Montreal 0
Edmonton 3, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
Buffalo 2, Nashville 1, OT
Colorado 3, Calgary 2

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 5, Boston 2
Ottawa 5, Florida 3
San Jose 3, Atlanta 0
Edmonton 2, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Los Angeles 3, Dallas 2

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Washington at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Jose at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m.

All-star game will feature NBA's youth

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Allen Iverson sat in a corner basking in the glory of his first NBA All-Star appearance, piece upon piece of diamond-encrusted jewelry draped across his body.

Kevin Garnett sat 100 feet away, mobbed by a horde eager to hear his 23-year-old wisdom.

Kobe Bryant shuffled in his seat, eager to get on with his rap album debut party co-starring supermodel Tyra Banks.

All around the room Friday on media day at All-Star weekend, the focus was on the youngsters. There are nine first-time All-Stars in Sunday's game, and only one 30-year-old starter.

People could only wonder what Karl Malone would have thought of it.

Malone was a no-show, choosing to remain at his ranch on the Arkansas-Louisiana border with his family. There was doubt whether he'd show for Sunday's game.

"I'm still not sure if he's coming," teammate John Stockton said. "I don't know what battle he's fighting."

Vince Carter might have been the busiest All-Star, coming into his first appearance in the league's showcase event as leading vote-getter among all players and the heavy favorite to win the slam dunk contest.

With his mother in tow, his Friday itinerary included taped interviews with the big networks, an appearance at a school in Oakland, the media session in San Francisco and a player meeting. His schedule was so tight, in fact, that he canceled a planned runway appearance at a fashion show put on by players' wives.

Reggie Miller got a kick out of some of the fashions on display as most of the All-Star participants gathered in a large hotel ballroom. Baggy jeans and baggier slacks were the preferred pants of the younger players, while headwear ranged from Jason Williams' slightly askew yellow Vikings cap to Larry Hughes, he of the 13 tattoos, wearing a ski cap over a doorag over his cornrows.

"The league is about change," said Alonzo Mourning, who turned 30 just a few days ago. "They're pushing this new generation to the forefront. I feel like the old man on the totem pole."

Malone has expressed a distaste for the way the NBA is promoting its younger players instead of its veterans.

He tried to back out of All-Star weekend by claiming he wanted to recover from nagging injuries. But the league wasn't buying his excuse, and Malone was facing a possible five-game suspension if he failed to show for Sunday's game.

"I just hope he shows," said Stockton, who was concerned about the consequences a five-game suspension would have on the Jazz.

Malone's agent and Utah owner Larry Miller have said Malone will show up Sunday, but Malone has said nothing definitive.

"He's such a huge part of our team, we can't afford to miss him. Regardless of what his feelings are, he's very important to the league and I hope he comes and plays," Stockton said.

Bryant was the player who furthered Malone's descent into generational jealousy in the last All-Star game in New York when Malone went to set a pick for Bryant and the youngster waved him off.

Malone took it as a blatant act of disrespect from the then-19-year-old Bryant to one of his elders. He even vowed that he had played in his last All-Star game.

Bryant said he doesn't regret waving off Malone and even joked with him that he'd do it again during practice today.

But Malone was expected to miss that, too.

At 36, Malone is the second-oldest All-Star behind Stockton (37).

"I don't feel like an old fogey, but an elder statesman? Yes," said Miller, who at 34 is the fourth-oldest All-Star. "You've got to promote the younger players because they are the future, and I think Karl has to face the realization that it's a young man's game, and the league will go on."

Today's All-Star events begin at 4 p.m. EST with the rookie game featuring players from the last two rookie classes. Nighttime events include the 3-point contest, the 2-ball event featuring WNBA players and the dunk contest.

Sunday's All-Star game starts at 6:38 p.m. EST.

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Reactions

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asking how the fly-overs would affect cloud seeding in the area.

Stenholm said there would be additional meetings soon to ascertain the answer.

Another audience member questioned Gen. Stein as to how often an environmental impact study would be done.

"I don't know if we will do a continuing impact study," he answered. He added, however, that there would be a community action team formed to work with the Air Force and to address problems as they arise.

Following the demonstration, Welch commented, "I think we'll have to go to court to stop them. And I think we can stop them. It's not the rural Texas communities' responsibility. This is a national problem to train the national Air Force."

He added, "There is no way they have the right to take away the full use and enjoyment of my property without just compensation."

A random survey of the audience found mixed reactions.

Carl Martin of Snyder, who recently finished a four-year stint in the U.S. Army, said, "Being in the military, jumping out of planes and being on bombing ranges, I can say the amount of noise of an aircraft travelling at 3,000 feet is very minimal. It is not any louder than any of the trucks or trains that go through this area."

Cindy Spires, area ranch owner, said of the fly-overs, "I thought it was extremely loud. It would definitely upset cattle operations."

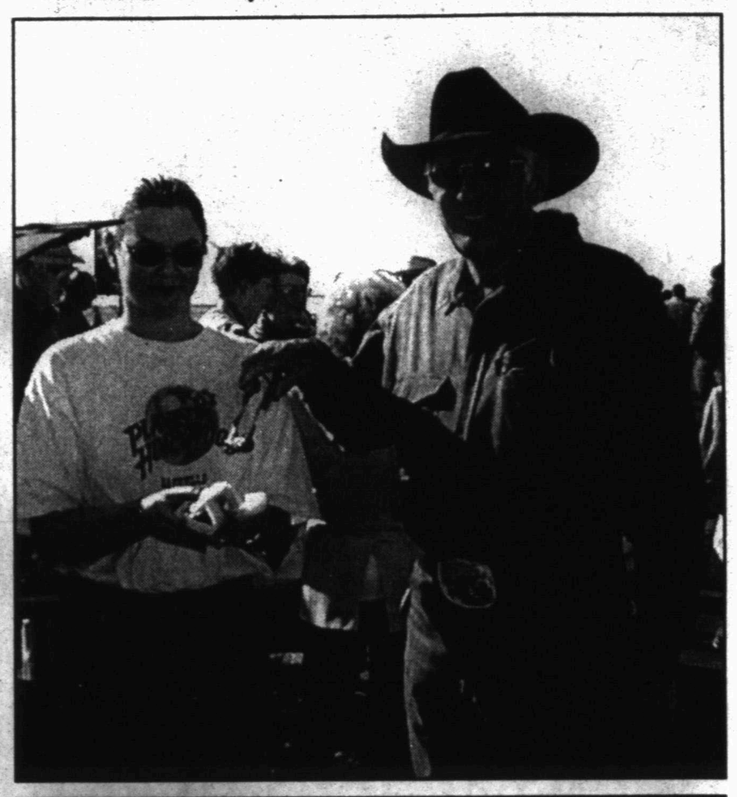
Rob Beckham of Abilene said he believed animals would adapt to the noise. "My family has been ranching for three generations. The noise there was less than what a chainsaw or train would make. Animals and livestock will adapt."

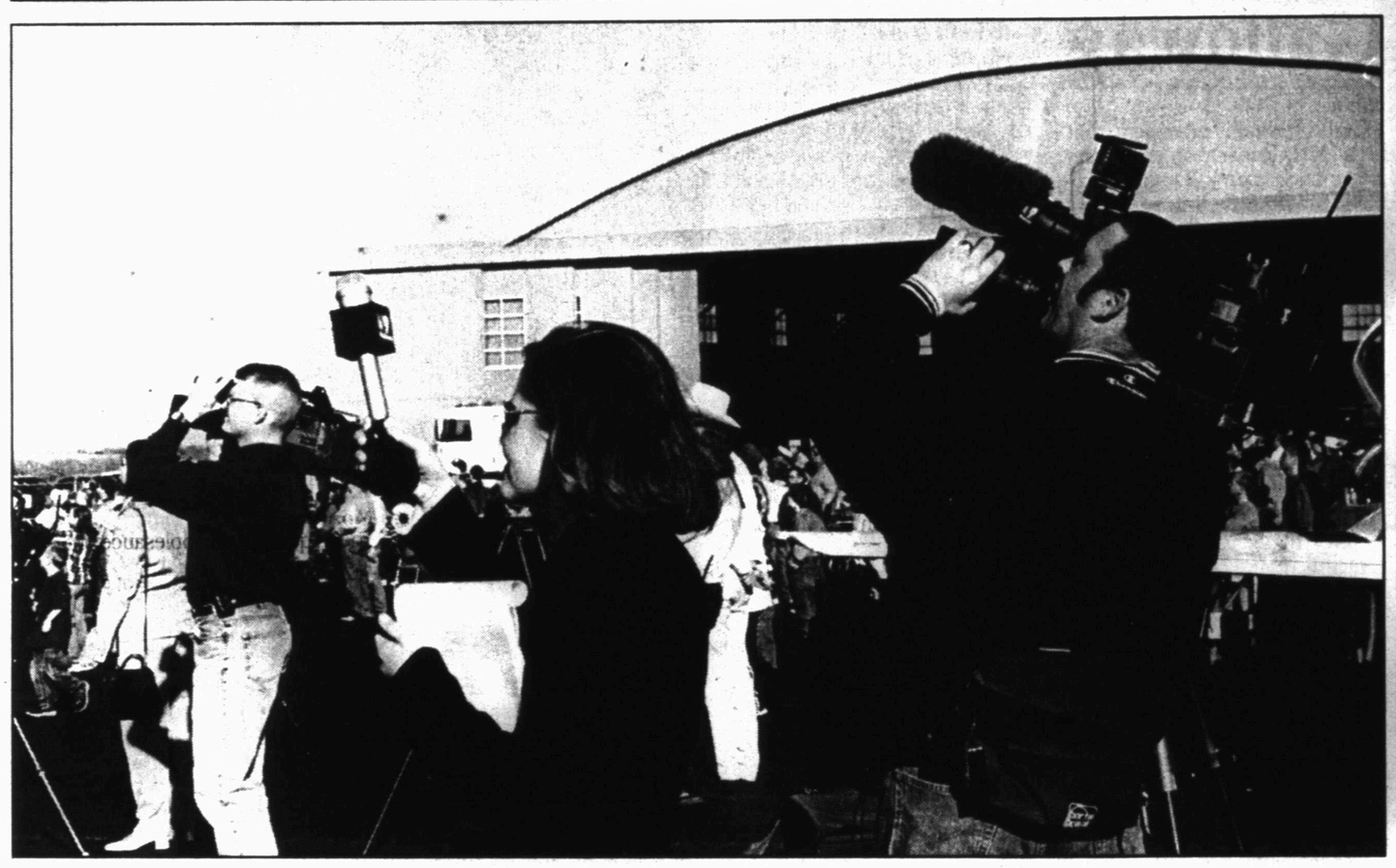
Blanche Lane of Snyder commented, "I think it was not bad. I've heard worse in Louisiana when I was there with my daughter."

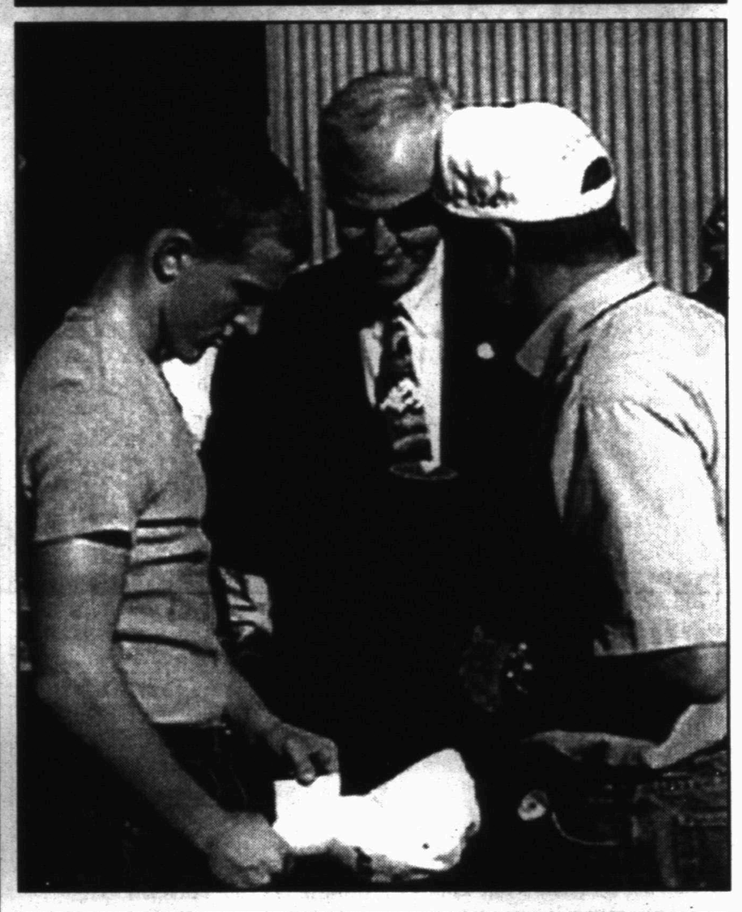
Randy Dollins said he was "for it." "I hope they bring it in. I don't think it's enough noise to bother the cattle."

A final decision on the recommendation is expected in March.



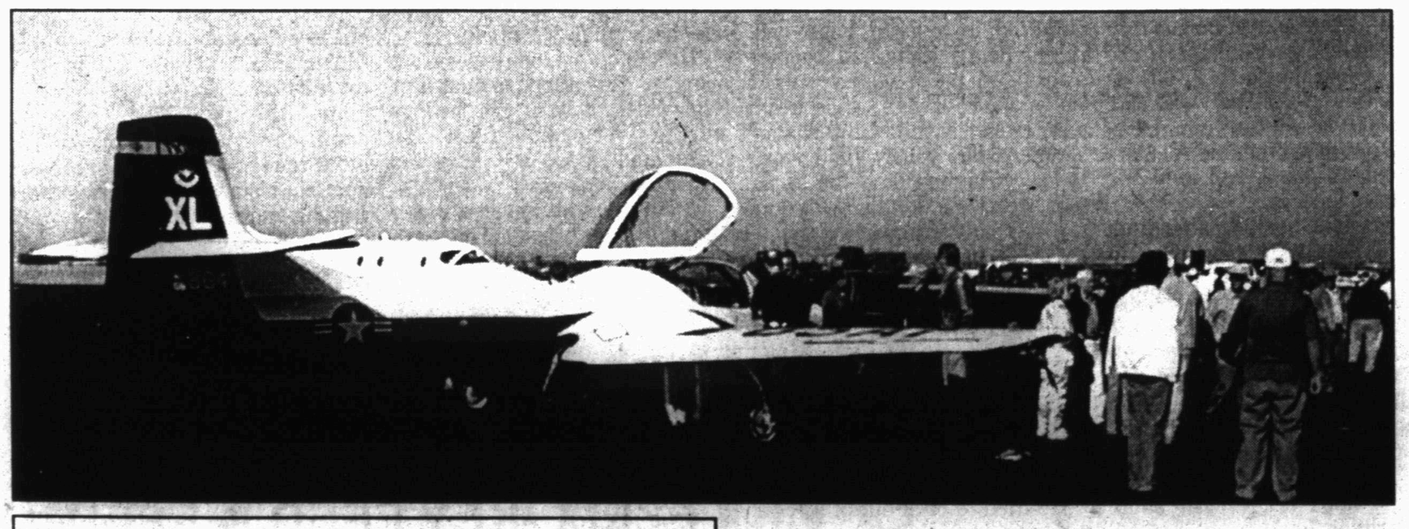






Photos from Friday's Air Force fly-over

Snyder Daily News photos by Joyce May and Wade Warren







Decibel measurements from Air Force flyovers

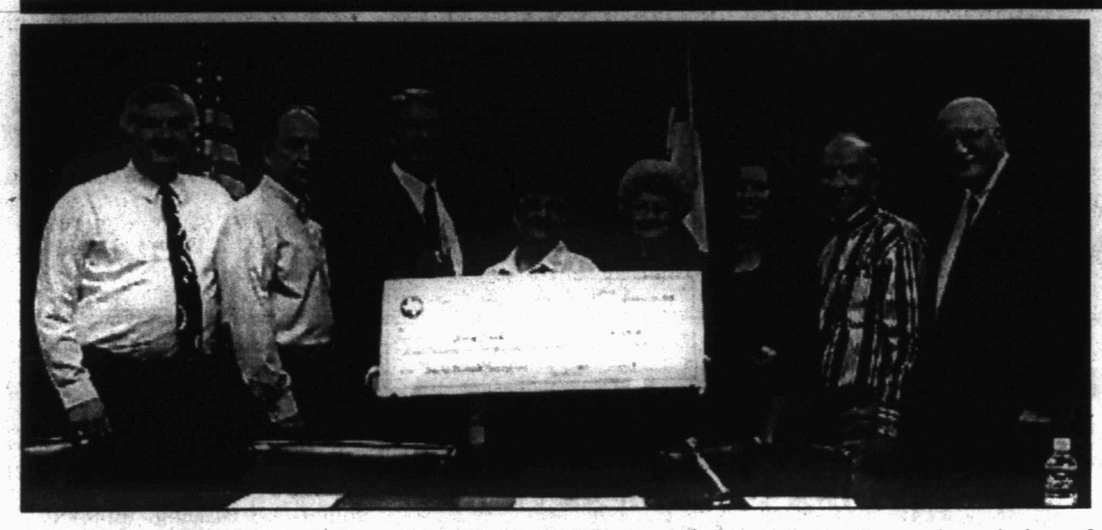
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B-52 ..... 84.35 decibals for 5 seconds
B-1 (1) ..... 93.5 decibels for 3.5 seconds
B-1 (2) ..... 113 decibels for 1 second
B-1 (3) ..... 106.5 decibels for 1 second

Comparison

Alarm Clock	80
Vacuum Cleaner	70
Lawnmower	90
Chainsaw	100
Rock Music	110
Jackhammer	130
Firearm	140
Snare drum 6" away	150

Source: Federal Drug Administration



COUNTY RECEIVES CHECK — James Cain, safety specialist with the Texas Association of Counties, presented a $7,038 check to Scurry County for enhancement of safety efforts in 1999. He made the presentation at the Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting. Pictured from left are Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer, Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom, Judge Ricky Fritz, Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, 1999 Safety Committee Chairman Kathryn Roberts, 2000 Safety Committee Chairman Julie Williams, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey and Cain. (Contributed Photo)



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR — Bryan Limmer, son of Howard and Carolyn Limmer of Snyder, was named Colorado City's citizen of the year at last week's chamber banquet. Limmer, a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School, is pictured far left. Others from left are Richard and Nell Gale, honored as Outstanding Farm and Ranch Family, and Bob Reily, recipient of the Elmer J. Martin Award. Limmer is trust officer at City National Bank. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1986. (Contributed Photo)



ROTARY AWARD — Rotarian Frank Miller (right) presented Cindy Josey with the Vocational Service Award at Thursday's Rotary Club meeting. Penny Roberson is pictured at left. Josey and Roberson are both paramedics with Snyder EMS. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Pure love' advocates rally against free sex

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Waving signs that said, "Free sex: No," hundreds of young people from across the world rallied here Saturday, vowing to save sex for marriage.

About 500 people from the United States, Japan, South Korea, Latin America and Europe danced to rock and folk music and waved balloons in the rally in the plaza of downtown Seoul's main railroad station.

"In Korea, like other countries in the East, a lot of Westernization is going on, a lot of influence from America, promoting free sex basically," said Bow Jones, 21, from Albany, N.Y.

"We want to say a different message, that America isn't all about free sex," he said. "A lot of Americans do practice good values before marriage."

Following their leaders, young participants raised their right hands and vowed to keep their chastity until marriage and remain true to their spouses.

They later marched through five city blocks, distributing leaflets promoting abstinence and fidelity within marriage and chanting, "Chastity! Love!"

They waved pickets that said "One man, one wife," and "Extramarital affair, you are a witch."

Saturday's rally was organized by the National Headquarters to Practice True Family Values, a group associated with the Unification Church of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Most of the participants were church members.

The U.S.-based Pure Love Alliance, made up of students celebrating their virginity and members of church groups from around the world, also sponsored the rally.

Diana van der Stok, a 26-year old shop clerk from Bourgas, Bulgaria, said she lamented that young people were overly interested in sex.

"It can be very satisfying in the beginning, but then it can result in a serious heartbreak," said Stok, who flew in for the rally with 79 other Bulgarians.

Reform Party strikes back at Ventura

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Reform Party is striking back at its dissenting top officeholder, Jesse Ventura, by moving to oust chairman Jack Gargan, an ally of the Minnesota governor.

Ventura's break with the national party on Friday was timed to pre-empt the national party's meeting here Saturday, at which members loyal to founder Ross Perot were expected to vote to topple Gargan.

Gargan, who took office Jan. 1, has been unable to control the warring factions loyal to Ventura and Perot. Members have fought each other over the Internet, in the press and in court over the direction of the party, its rules, where to hold the nominating convention and whom to support for president this year.

The battling has hobbled the Reform Party on the cusp of an election year in which it will bestow $12.6 million in federal funds upon its presidential candidate. Indeed, it threatens the future of a party that put Ventura into the highest elective office in the organization's history.

At a news conference Friday outside the governor's mansion in St. Paul, Ventura said the Nashville meeting Saturday would only cripple the party's national growth.

"Jack Gargan was elected through a total, fair process to be the leader of our party, and tomorrow they're holding a meeting where they're going to try to vote him out as the leader of the party," he said.

"They're trying to do it illegally," Ventura added, referring to the much fought-over party rules. "You have a small group of power brokers in this party that won't allow it to grow nationally, and that's not conducive to what we want to do in Minnesota."

Gargan arrived Friday afternoon at a Nashville airport hotel, the meeting site, while maintaining that the gathering would be held in violation of the party's rules.

Meanwhile, the Minnesota state Reform Party was holding its own meeting Saturday, at which Ventura ally and state chairman Rick McCluhan was expected to ask the state central committee to call a convention March 4 to vote on disaffiliation.

Ventura and his supporters have never been close to the national Reform Party. Perot, who ran for president in 1996 under the Reform banner, provided no help in his 1998 victory.

Katie Thornton is in OCU production

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma City University (OCU) Theatre and its Theatre for Young Audiences continues the 1999-2000 season with the comedy *Tartuffe* by Moliere March 2-5 in the Burg Theatre on the campus.

Senior theatre major Katie Thornton of Snyder plays the part of Orgon's daughter, Mariane, who is in love with Valere. Katie, an SHS graduate, is the daughter of Mike and Rebekah Thornton of Snyder.

What Shakespeare is to English, Moliere is to the French and *Tartuffe* is a new version of one of Moliere's greatest and most controversial comedies.

There was such a heated controversy when *Tartuffe* was first produced that Louis XIV forbade further performances.

The play opens in the house of the wealthy Orgon. Tartuffe, the character that prompted the King to forbid further performances, is a fraud but convincingly pious imposter who has insinuated himself in Orgon's home.

Tartuffe succeeds magnificently in winning the respect and devotion of the head of the house and then tries to marry the daughter, trick the wife and pocket the deed to the property. He very nearly gets away with it, too.



BAPTIST STUDENT CENTER DONATION — Dexter Norwood, left, recently made a donation to the Baptist Student Center on Western Texas College's campus. James Hanks, interim director of Baptist Student Ministries at the college, accepted. (Contributed Photo)

Baptist Student Union needs repair work, television, stand

James Hanks, interim director of Baptist Student Ministries at Western Texas College, recently accepted a donation from Dexter Norwood for the Baptist Student Center.

Norwood expressed concern over the repairs needed at the center and challenged all area Baptists to donate.

The center is housed in a 26-year-old building, which though structurally sound, is in need of a facelift.

"The BSC really needs some repairs which are not on the regular budget," Hanks said. "The overall state of the building is sound, but the center needs a fresh coat of paint throughout as well as work in other areas.

"I would say we need a couple of fixtures replaced, some plumbing repairs, the center's TV needs to be placed and we could really use a stand for it also," Hanks said. "Something along the lines of an entertainment stand would be wonderful. The furniture needs to be recovered in the living room and most of the pieces have holes in the cushions."

Hanks continued, "I don't think the community understands that the BSC is used by several groups in the area, not just the campus students. Churches also hold Sunday School parties there and during the summer the center is used almost weekly for family reunions and other social events."

He added, "The main goal for the BSC is to give students another choice on where to spend their free time. No one wants to spend time using a poorly kept facility. To attract students, we need to get the center in the best shape we can. It is utilized now, but it can be used a great deal more with some help from the community."

For more information call the Baptist Student Center Office at 573-1803 or 573-1804.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken & dumplings, carrots, fried squash, red applesauce, brownie

Tuesday

Meat loaf, steamed cabbage, mixed vegetables, tomato wedges, coconut pudding

Wednesday

Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, peach cobbler

Thursday

Barbecued German sausage, potato salad, baked beans, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie

Friday

Fried fish, macaroni & tomatoes, tater tots, creamy slaw, bread pudding

Senior Center News

Western Texas College has scheduled computer courses for senior citizens. Introduction to computers, basic Internet and basic Windows will be offered in March, April and May, respectively. Each session or class will cost $15. Classes are scheduled on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. The lab will be open to seniors on Monday and Friday from 2-4 p.m. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

An AARP volunteer will be available on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. to help citizens who need assistance in filing out their income tax forms.

Volunteers are asked to record all hours by Feb. 29 so that full credit may be awarded to each one at the recognition banquet on March 10.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Our valentine program begins at 11:15 a.m. with the Sunshine Choir entertaining and the crowning of our new king and queen.

The AARP will meet at noon with a short business meeting and entertainment by Don Johnson. The Sparkle City Line Dancers will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band performs at 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is set for 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 with a break for exercise at 11 a.m. The line dancers will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 1:15 p.m. Cloggers will practice at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m., the Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room at 10 a.m., and swimnastics at WTC will be from 2-3 p.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m. The Kitchen Band will be performing at Golden Corral from 6:15-8 p.m.

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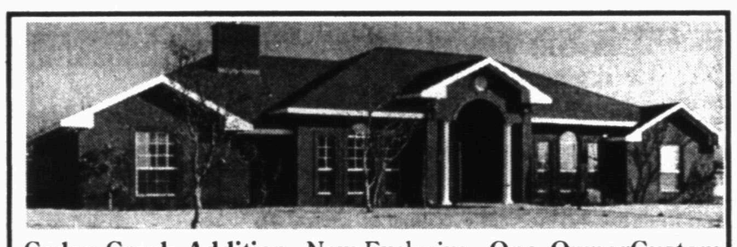
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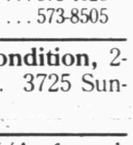


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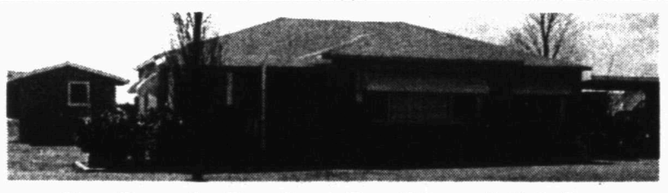
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228 Acres	3-1 Brick $80T
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Fixer-uppers:	107 Elm & 2107 27th 3-1
3 Acres	3-1½-2 Barns & Stalls $78T
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3-2-2cp	Nice & Large Hermleigh ... $52.5T
Neat Starter Home	316 32nd 2-1-1 $22.5T
3005 41st	3-1-1cp Nice $31.5T
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2107 43rd	3-1¾-2 Covered Patio $54,950
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000

Endeavors on which you have spent time and effort to develop have excellent chances of being fulfilled in the year ahead. Don't waste your time on arrangements requiring big risks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The path to success today is the moral route, so don't build your hopes on unrealistic premises or circumstances which are not in accord with your highest ideals. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be easier for you to make money today than normally, so long as you first put forth the necessary effort. Do not sit around waiting for dollars to drop in your lap. Go after them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be contacted today to take on something that you're uniquely equipped to handle. Properly managed, this could mean a lot towards the esteem in which you'll be held.

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Monday, Feb. 14, 2000

Seek new ways to take command and control of those things in your life that are of personal importance. By doing so, opportunities will develop, enabling you to benefit in a manner you desire.

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Bush spent more money on TV spots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush spent more money on television advertising last year than any of the other presidential candidates still in the race, a computer analysis of their latest spending reports shows.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley was second in TV spending, while his rival for the Democratic nomination, Vice President Al Gore, had the largest payroll and Republican Sen. John McCain's campaign spent more than one-third of its money on fund raising.

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	17 1/8	-1/4
Dell	36 7/8	-1 59/64
Wal Mart	56 1/16	-15/16
Compaq	25 11/16	+11/16
Dol. Gen.	20 3/16	-9/16
GTE	66 5/8	-1 3/16
SBC Comm.	40 7/16	-1 11/16
Tx Instr.	137 5/8	-7 3/8
LU	53 1/8	+1/8
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Radar mapping work begins

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of space shuttle Endeavour tuned up their massive radar antenna Saturday and began creating what scientists hope will be the best map ever made of the Earth's surface.

After cranking a 197-foot radar mast out of the cargo bay 51/2 hours after Friday's liftoff, Endeavour's crew successfully turned on the mapping system and began taking a close look at the Earth from 145 miles up.

Extending the antenna — untested in space — was the biggest challenge of the mission. But in just 17 minutes, the tower-like mast was all the way out — the longest rigid structure ever deployed in space.

"A long train out there," observed Mission Control.

The space agency spent months making sure Endeavour and its crew would be safe if the mast got stuck, bent too much or snapped off. NASA even trimmed the number of mapping days from 10 to nine to give the astronauts time to go out and crank the mast by hand if necessary.

But the extension went smoothly and the crew easily beat their deadline to begin mapping.

More jetliners found with problems with tail assembly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An equipment problem suspected in the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 cropped up on at least five other jetliners this week during inspections.

The MD-80 and MD-90 aircraft were found with unusual metal shavings in or around a control mechanism in their tail wings, National Transportation Safety Board officials said Friday. The same equipment in the doomed plane was found in a similar condition.

The latest cases, involving one Alaska Airlines and two Delta Air Lines jets, were uncovered Friday during inspections ordered by the Federal Aviation Administration. Two Alaska Airlines jets were grounded earlier for the same reason, prompting the FAA's action.

Officials have not determined whether the damaged horizontal stabilizer assembly found in Flight 261's wreckage caused the crash or was a result of the crash's impact. But pilots had reported trouble with the stabilizer, which helps keep a plane flying level, before Flight 261 plummeted into the Pacific Ocean on Jan. 31, killing all 88 people aboard.

FAA officials declined to comment on the NTSB's announcement.

"We have initial, unconfirmed reports that we need to verify before we release any information," said Paul Takemoto, an agency spokesman.

The FAA's inspection order affects about 1,200 planes, including MD-80s, MD-90s, Boeing 717s and DC-9s. The first part of the inspections must be completed by Monday, but the FAA is giving airlines 30 days to perform a more detailed check.

Delta mechanics found two MD-90s with a gritty residue below the horizontal stabilizer and took the aircraft out of service at least until Saturday.

"We're continuing to look at the planes and analyzing the residue, but we strongly suspect we'll have these planes back in service tomorrow," said Clay McConnell, a Delta spokesman. "There is absolutely nothing to indicate anything other than normal wear."

Alaska Airlines confirmed it had pulled a fourth plane from service.

Auditions for next Ritz play Monday, Tuesday

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre spring production "God's Favorite," a Neil Simon comedy, are scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the theatre on the south side of the square.

The cast includes five men and three women.

Simon's witty dialogue, zany characters and hilarious situations make this re-telling of the Job story from the Bible delightfully funny.

The setting is transferred to a Long Island mansion where a business tycoon Joe Benjamin resides. Also living there are his wife, Rose, a prodigal son, David, and a pair of kooky twins, Ben and Sarah.

Joe is a hard-working man who has risen from poverty to great riches. Through it all, he has maintained a deep faith in God.

Rose is a neurotic wife who is possessed by her possessions.

The prodigal David doesn't profess faith in God or capitalism, but spends his time partying and mooching off Dad.

The twins, Ben and Sarah, have an IQ of 160 between them and have a habit of repeating what they hear each other say.

The faithful servants are Mady and Morris.

God's messenger, Sidney Lipton, hired from an agency in Queens, shows up one night to tell Joe that God and the devil made a bet that Joe would not renounce God no matter how miserable the devil could make his life.

Sidney delivers the warning that if Joe cherishes his family, his possessions, his business and the flesh that covers him, that he'd better renounce God.

He refuses and the situations that follow are somewhat predictable, but presented with Simon's unique humor.

The characters rang in age from late teens to mid-50s. The auditions will consist of cold reading from the script.

Ellie Dryden will direct and additional information may be obtained by calling 573-9739 or 573-8880.

Three jailed as weekend begins

Law enforcement personnel arrested three subjects Friday and early Saturday morning.

Deputies booked a 26-year-old male into custody at 5:06 p.m. on a warrant for bigamy. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

A 20-year-old male was jailed for minor in possession of alcohol, making alcohol available to minors and a capias pro fine warrant for public intoxication. Officers arrested him at 12:44 a.m. Saturday at the Windridge Apartments.

At 4:54 a.m. Saturday, a 19-year-old male was taken into custody in the 300 block of 33rd Street for resisting arrest and Class C assault by threats.

In other activity Friday, Barbara Weaver contacted officers at 12:55 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief at 3911 Muriel Drive. An offense report was taken.

A clerk with Rip Griffin's reported a diesel drive-off in the amount of $32.25 at 2:10 p.m. Friday. An offense report was filed for Class C theft.

Deputies filed an offense report for assault at 5 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department responded to two separate grass fires Friday. Both were minor and damage was limited to grass. The first was reported at 12:30 p.m. at F.M. 1606 and U.S. Hwy. 84. The second was reported at 2:37 p.m. near the old gin in Ira.

The fire department also responded to a report of a dryer on fire at the Carey Cox residence, 1900 West Drive. However, the fire was out upon firemen's arrival.

17-year-old receives five-year sentence

A 17-year-old Snyder man was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a guilty plea entered Friday in 132nd District Court.

Sebastian Jaimes of 1211 23rd Street pleaded guilty to the June 27 charge of aggravated assault. Jaimes was indicted for stabbing Raymond Medrano Vera Jr. with a knife.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined Jaimes $750 and ordered the defendant's participation in the prison system's boot camp.

Obituaries

Ena Pogue

1905-2000

Funeral service for Ena Pogue, a longtime resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate.



Ena Pogue

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pogue, 94, died Friday, Feb. 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born March 27, 1905 in Newby, Tex., she married D.M. Pogue on June 20, 1923 in Abilene. He died June 30, 1980.

A resident of Scurry County since 1929, Mrs. Pogue was active in farming operations with her husband from 1929-74.

She was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Mrs. Pogue was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Patsy Ann Williams of Snyder and Dovie Brownfield and her husband, Frank, of Colorado City; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Maxine Session

1943-2000

FORT WORTH — Maxine Cobb Session of Fort Worth, formerly of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 10, at her home following a lengthy illness.



Maxine Session

Funeral service for Mrs. Session, 56, is set for 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Shannon Rose Hill Chapel with burial to follow in Memorial Park under the direction of Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Home.

Born June 2, 1943 in Snyder. She and her husband, the late R.L. Session, moved to Fort Worth in 1969. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Davis, and two sisters, Dorothy Hawkins and Pauline Armstrong.

She was the owner of Maxine's Barber Shop and attended the Apostolic Church.

Survivors include one son, Cornell Davis of Fort Worth; three stepdaughters, Ella Session, Angela Hoskins and Carla Sessions; two stepsons, Michael Session and Roy Lee Session; two sisters, Vonnie B. Wallace and Roann Clay of Snyder; four brothers, Melvin Cobb, Brady Cobb and Welton Cobb, all of Snyder, and Stanley Cobb of Monahans; and three grandchildren, Corvyron Davis, Oleta Davis and Ryan Thompson.

Museum to present speaker on Sunday

A presentation on collecting trench art and other military objects will be given at 1:30 p.m. Sunday by Jake Glickman at Scurry County Museum.

Glickman is an avid military item collector from Big Spring.

Glickman will address work made from shell casings and other war materials by men in the front trenches, as well as those behind the front lines.

He will also be available to identify trench art artifacts brought to the lecture.

A reception will follow in the museum located on the campus of Western Texas College.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 11-Robert Barham, Biggers girl.

DISMISSALS: None.

CENSUS: 39 (Med./Surg.-13, Long-term Care-24, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Matthew and Kayla Dickey of San Angelo announce the birth of their son, Garrett Van-Owen Dickey. Garrett was born, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, at 12:05 p.m. on Feb. 8 in San Angelo Community Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Buster and Rita Dickey of Midland and maternal grandparents are Daryl and Cindy Drain of Snyder.

Casey and Lynda Peterson of McKinney announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Peterson, at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 11 in a Plano hospital. Libby, weighing seven pounds, seven ounces, was welcomed by a brother, Ethan.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Nancy Peterson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lantz of Amarillo.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Enchilada plates

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will sell enchilada plates Saturday at the Guadalupe Center, 1311 Ave. K, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Plates are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children and include three beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert and tea. Plates may be delivered by calling 573-7142.

Valentine dance

The Lucky 13 Social Club will host a Valentine formal dance from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the Wagon Wheel party barn. Cost is $5 per person or $8 for a couple. Pay at the door.

Valentine banquet

North College Ave. Baptist Church will have its Valentine Banquet starting at 6 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall. The meal will be furnished and donations will be taken for funds for a youth trip. The public is invited. For more information call 573-9540.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host an Enchilada Dinner starting at noon Sunday at the West Elementary cafeteria. Plates are $2.50 for children under 12 and $5 for adults. Carryouts are available. For tickets call 573-9855 or 573-8264. Tickets will be entered in a drawing for fajita's for two from Jaramillo's.

Jury call postponed

The jury panel called for Monday in 132nd District Court has been postponed until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Call 573-5641 after 5 p.m. next Friday for an undated message concerning the jury call.

United Way awards luncheon

The Scurry County United Way awards luncheon will be held at noon Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $7.50 per plate. RSVP at 573-1731 by today.

AARP Chapter meeting

The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. A musical program by Don Johnson will be presented.

Retired teachers

The Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Tim Riggan will present the program, "Making Investments in Retirement Years."

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What Will We Be Like in the Next Life?" followed by "The Lost Art of Discipline."

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop is a 12-week Bible-based weight loss program starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Trinity Methodist Church. For more information, call the church office at 573-3988, or Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. Plans will be made for the disbursement of fund-raising money.

Sixth grade science fair

The sixth grade science fair will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the National Guard Armory in Towle Park. There is not admission charge.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Program will include a discussion, "What's New With You," and a Video, "Coping with Parkinson's Disease."

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will have a Partners-In-Service banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The club will not have its regular noon meeting that day.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Farewell party

A farewell party in honor of Johnnie and Wilma Penn will be held from 4-5 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Junior High Library.

Ira picture orders

The Ira school casual/friendship picture orders are due no later than Friday. Even if students are not ordering pictures, the proofs must be back in on that date.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-7-20-25-32

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-2-2

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-26-30-71
(five, twenty-six, thirty, seventy-one)
There was one winning Texas Million ticket sold, in Lufkin.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Don't store water for long

DEAR DR. GOTT: I store drinking water — sometimes for months — in glass gallon bottles. My neighbor says that such water will deteriorate and that I should change it every week or so. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Stored, unsterilized water can become stale and contaminated with mold spores. I suggest that you follow your neighbor's advice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is mucous colitis?

DEAR READER: This exceedingly common disorder is now known as irritable bowel syndrome. It is characterized by variable degrees of cyclic abdominal pain, constipation (or diarrhea) and gas. It is believed to be stress-related. Experts believe that tension and stress react in some way with the normal rhythmic contractions of the intestine. Sometimes mucus is passed in the stool, hence the old-fashioned name of mucous colitis.

Although each of us may experience intestinal problems at times, IBS can be a chronic source of irritation and embarrassment. For example, before taking important examinations, students may suffer diarrhea or constipation. This is mild IBS. In contrast, more severe forms may be incapacitating. For instance, one of my patients cannot travel abroad (an activity she dearly loves) because the stress of the trip causes her to have diarrhea that is both frequent and unpredictable.

Although common, IBS must be differentiated from other more serious intestinal disorders, such as inflammatory colitis, allergic colitis and diverticulitis. Therefore, such patients should undergo testing that includes bowel X-rays (or colonoscopy), blood tests and stool analyses.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, from whom I have been separated for several months, claims that my vagina will close up if I don't have sexual relations. Is he correct?

DEAR READER: Not only is he incorrect, he is an insensitive boor.

Your reproductive tract will function quite normally once you are ready and willing to resume relations. While it is true that post-menopausal women tend to experience vaginal dryness and narrowing unless they remain sexually active, this takes many years to develop in women who do not have intercourse.

I think that you have plenty of time to sort out your feelings and make an educated decision about your sex life — which should not, in my opinion, involve your previous husband.

DEAR DR. GOTT: If I rub vitamin E on my penis, can I maintain an erection longer?

DEAR READER: I'm sorry to disappoint you, but no. Vitamin E, when taken in pill form, may help treat some male sexual problems, such as the crooked penis associated with Peyronie's disease, but it will not prolong an erection. By the way, are you the guy whose wife just wrote me the preceding question?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I used to be amused by the carryings-on of your fictitious character, Dr. Ethan Mergatroyd, the doppelganger of the worst of modern medicine. I really miss him. How about a redux?

DEAR READER: Dr. Ethan Mergatroyd, the consummate dermatologist, was increasingly inclined to offer unsolicited advice to the Almighty. Often — in his fashionably lavish Southern California office suite — he acted as though he had an 800 number to God. This hubris, however, simply reflected another attribute: He had succeeded, where other MDs had failed, in beating the system.

After years of trial-and-error schemes, he had finally hit on a surefire method to milk his herd of patients and, at the same time, bilk private insurance companies and Medicare.

He had taken his cue from the Japanese automobile manufacturers, whose values of productivity and volume he embraced with the single-minded enthusiasm of a Trappist. Most especially, the volume.

After struggling to build his practice for several years, during which he had dutifully assigned each patient a 15-minute time slot and charged accordingly, Mergatroyd realized that he would never become rich following mainstream medicine. Rather, with a little maneuvering and some creative appointment scheduling, he saw that he could see three — maybe four — patients in 15 minutes.

Because third-party payers shell out according to office-call units, not time spent, the doctor discovered that he could triple or quadruple his income by merely spending less time with each patient — and still charge the full fee.

The only problem: how to coerce more cases into the office. The solution came to him after little, if any, thought: Recycle the patients he already had.

Here is a synopsis of how the Mergatroyd Method works.

Visit No. 1: Middle-aged man with small skin cancer on upper lip. Brief examination. Mergatroyd properly concludes that the lesion should be removed. Most doctors would remove the cancer then and there, and see the patient for a follow-up. This is not our hero's style, however. Patient told to return next week. Initial evaluation: $100.

Visit No. 2: Patient was presented with written consent form for surgery. Expected to read the document and sign it before leaving the premises. No examination. Appointment scheduled for next week. Office visit: $75.

Visit No. 3: The operation. Cancer excised under local anesthesia and sent to "lab" for analysis. Patient not allowed out of examining room until surgical fee is paid by cash or check. Patient instructed to return next week. Removal of skin cancer: $500. Anesthesia: $100.

Visit No. 4: Removal of two (2) sutures. Wound healing well. Patient to return in two weeks. Suture removal and extended post-operative care: $200. Lab fee: $300.

Visit No. 5: Wound healed. No new skin cancers. Patient to be followed every four months. Post-operative care: $100.

Visit No. 6 and ad infinitum: $75 per office call, until the cycle of new skin cancers repeats itself.

Bingo. A $300 skin cancer removal that could have been taken care of in 15 minutes burgeons into a $1,450 expense with no end in sight. Insurance or Medicare pays these ballooned-up charges without a blink. By repeatedly using this imaginative fandango to perfection, Mergatroyd can easily afford to drive and maintain his new Jaguar.

The patient is terrified and intimidated by the term "skin cancer." He doesn't care how much treatment costs or who else pays for it; he just wants the cancer gone.

But you and I, fellow consumers of medical care, are paying for it through bloated taxes and inflated insurance premiums. The system is greased by this legal larceny, and woe betide any physician who squawks that the system needs renovation.

The answer: an informed public that will demand responsibility through fiscal restraint and common sense.

P.S. The Mergatroyd story is true. Only the name has been changed to protect the guilty.

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Hacker attacks are traced to California

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts investigating recent attacks against major commercial Web sites say a computer and an Internet device used by vandals as weapons have been traced to two California universities.

The vandals used a desktop computer at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an Internet router — a device that can amplify data traffic — from Stanford University, officials at both schools acknowledged Friday.

There was no indication that anyone at either university was directly involved, only that their equipment was used. Experts believe dozens of computers nationwide were hacked and had electronic attack software secretly installed.

"They've attacked us in a way that hurts what we do as a university, and hurts all universities," said Robert Sugar, chairman of the information technology board in Santa Barbara. The school's computer was believed used in the attack against CNN's Web site Tuesday.

Stanford said one of its routers located at a remote wildlife preserve was used to transmit some of the data aimed against the Web site of auction operator eBay for about 30 minutes before engineers blocked hackers from using it.

"It's really out in the middle of nowhere," said Dave Brumley, assistant computer security officer at the university. He said engineers have checked Stanford's other routers to prevent their similar misuse.

Meanwhile, investigators suggested that the vandals in Monday's attack against the Yahoo! Web site — the first to be shut down for hours — may have been far more sophisticated than originally believed.

Ronald Dick, a senior official with the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, said earlier this week that automated hacker tools widely available on the Internet mean that "a 15-year-old kid could launch these attacks."

"This is not something that it takes a great deal of sophistication to do," Dick said.

But e-mail from engineers for search engine Yahoo! describing the attack in detail said the vandals apparently "knew about our topology and planned this large-scale attack in advance," and that other companies hit this week also were targeted "where it hurts the most."

This e-mail, sent as a warning to some Internet providers and obtained by The Associated Press, also described the Yahoo! attackers as "smart and above your average script-kiddie," a derisive term for an unskilled hacker. It said the vandals "probably know both Unix and networking ... pretty well and learn about site topology to find weak spots."

An executive at GlobalCenter Inc., which provides Yahoo!'s Internet connection, also said Friday that engineers there were surprised during the attack, which flooded Yahoo! with more data each second than some major Web sites receive under normal conditions in a week.

"About an hour into the initial attack, they were already commenting about what appeared to be some level of sophistication," said Laurie Priddy, the company's executive vice president. "These (vandals) seemed pretty smart who were doing it."

"Denial of service tools are widely available and do not require great sophistication to use," said a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity. "But what we've seen already does seem to be a somewhat sophisticated attack."

At the White House, President Clinton said the Internet offers new opportunities for people "just mischievous and people who have far darker motives."



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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Snyder Junior High School's weather station goes online

Accurate, up-to-date weather information is crucial if you are planning an outdoor event or trying to decide what to wear to school or work.

That data now is just a mouse click away, thanks to Snyder Junior High School's newly-operational weather station, which is part of the Weather School Network sponsored by KTXS-TV in Abilene and the First American Bank.

The junior high is the only school in Scurry County to be included in the School Weather Network.

Up-to-the minute data from the weather station is now broadcast via the Internet and may be accessed by logging on to the junior high's Web page.

The weather station includes sensors to measure temperature, humidity, barometic pressure, wind speed, wind direction and rainfall.

The electronic rain gauge which records rainfall has a hole in its screen so it does not collect the rain like an ordinary gauge does.

One of the junior high's computers is dedicated for weather station-use only and remains on-line 24 hours a day so it can transmit weather information over the Internet. In addition to the junior high's Web site, the information can also be accessed by logging onto KTXS-TV or other schools in the School Weather Network.

Marsha Krenek, science teacher, said she is extremely impressed with the weather station equipment. Since eighth graders study meteorology, she said the new weather station will be invaluable as a teaching aide. Students will be able to observe weather changes first hand, such as how fronts affect the temperature.

According to a letter which the school received in August, KTXS is placing the weather stations in some 20 schools in the area, so that station meteorologists can pinpoint the weather in each town.

Along with each system, each school also receives a multimedia *Teaching Weather* booklet, lesson plans, on-line manuals and all of the software needed to access, collect and share the weather information over the Internet.

The junior high's weather station has been in the planning stages since August and became fully operational last week.

The weather station equipment is housed in one unit, which was installed on the roof of the junior high building. Installers were Dale Byrd, director of technology, and Gary Scott, computer technician.

Byrd said three high school students have been assisting him in getting the software set up for the weather station.

The school's Web page was built by students in Malcolm Crawford's computer literacy class. They update it almost every day. He said they are doing some "pretty advanced work."

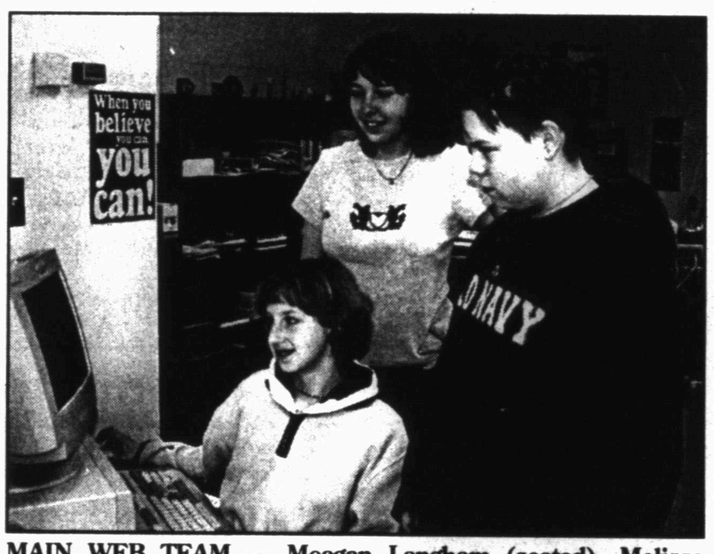
It's not a class requirement, so students who "want to go farther" devote time before and after school and during home room period. His main Web team consists of Meagan Langham, Chad Martin and Melissa Jerome.

Regarding the weather inform-

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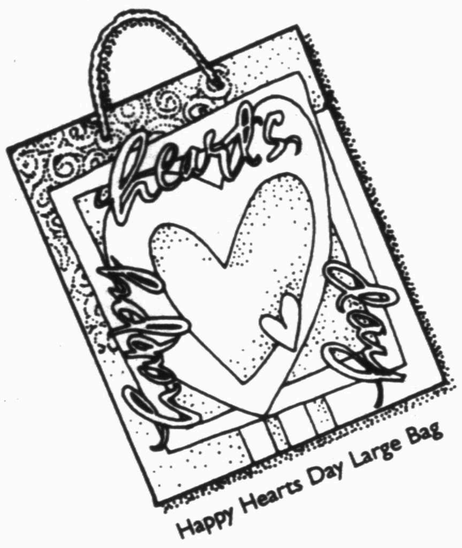
DEDICATED COMPUTER — Nikki Timora, Victor Terrazas and Jadon Guynes, from left, are looking at the computer at Snyder Junior High dedicated to collecting and relaying up-to-the-minute weather readings over the Internet. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



MAIN WEB TEAM — Meagan Langham (seated), Melissa Jerome and Chad Martin, helped build and maintain Snyder Junior High School's Web page. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

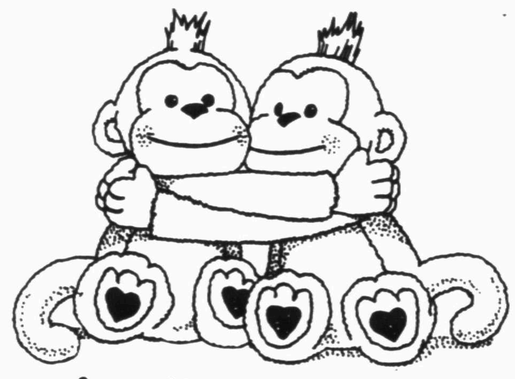


NEW WEATHER STATION — Dale Byrd is pictured with the new weather station which has been installed at Snyder Junior High School. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



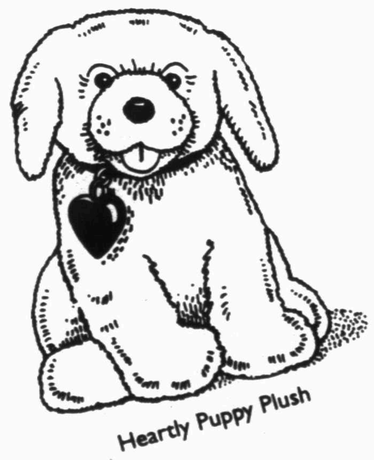
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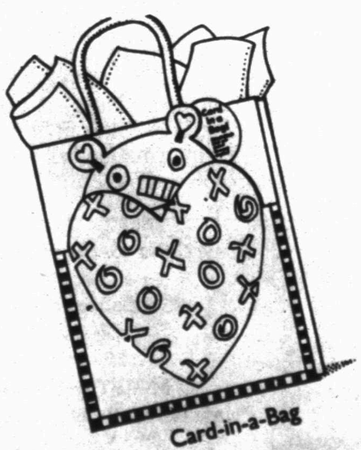

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	♥ K 5	
	♦ 3	
	♣ Q J 10 5	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♣	Dbl.
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 6

The pick of the latecomers

By Phillip Alder

Several books arrived too late for review before Christmas. My favorite was "The Big Game" by Robert Sheehan (Five Aces). Perhaps I enjoyed it so much because Sheehan describes players I know well. They are the toilers at the TGR club in London, regularly competing for $1.62 a point! Sheehan has that English dry sense of humor. This comment made me chuckle: My policy in The Times has been... to keep anonymous anyone below international class who makes a mistake. Of course, the most satisfying is to name Zia or Hamman if they do something foolish (not that Hamman ever does).

Zia is a big winner in the game. He made six spades on this deal after dubious bidding by his partner, who opened an Acol (strong) two-bid with a substandard hand, and should have rebid his suit before supporting spades.

After ruffing the club lead in the dummy, Zia played a spade to his king and West's ace. (If West had ducked, Zia would have switched to diamonds and got home.) Back came the heart jack. Knowing that if East had both missing spades, West would have led another club to force out dummy's final trump, Zia won with the heart king and laid down the spade queen, "while commenting on his acumen to the admiring kibitzers."

Sheehan comments that it's lucky that Zia plays only three months of the year in the big game, "and that's when I catch up on the gardening." Well, Sheehan never wears anything but the same light-gray suit. It's hard to picture him hoeing and weeding.

The book is $22.95 (including shipping and handling) postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Bridge Scores

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Friday, Feb. 4

Monte West directed.

1. Louise Thompson, Billisue Stuard.
2. Jane Hinton, Monte West.
3. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
4. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Mippy Brownlee.
3. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
2. TIE: Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen tied with Ann Davis, Jane Hinton.
3. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.

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Couple wed in Waco church

WACO — Molly Elaine Corbitt and Jeffrey Allen Armstrong, both of Fort Worth, were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18, in the First Church of the Nazarene in Waco.

Dr. W.M. Lynch, pastor, and the Rev. W.D. Corbitt, retired pastor of Atlanta, Ga., and the bride's grandfather, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

David and Sharon Corbitt of Waco are the bride's parents, and Ernie and Betsy Armstrong of Snyder are parents of the groom.

The auditorium was lighted with multiple candelabra holding votive candles. Candles on stands were placed at the end of each pew. Red poinsettias decorated the platform with Christmas greenery accenting the candles. The setting was further enhanced with candles and greenery over the entire altar area.

Wedding music was provided by a stringed quartet. The bridal party entered to "Canon in D" and the bride entered to "Praise to the Lord." Call to worship was a solo, "Surely the Presence," sung by Mendy Corbitt, the bride's sister and maid of honor.

During the ceremony, another bridesmaid, Lisa Almond, sang "Let It Be Said of Us," accompanied on the guitar by her husband. During the lighting of the unity candle, a recording of the bride singing "The Other Side of Me," was played.

The recessional was "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," played by the stringed instruments.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal dulcine satin gown by Mori Lee. Her form-fitted sleeveless bodice featured an open neck and no sleeves. Beaded trim formed a banded effect of pearls criss-crossing the front bodice. The skirt swept into a chapel train. Her shoulder-length veil was held by a beaded headpiece and she carried a bouquet of red roses and Christmas greenery.

Mendy Corbitt was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Amy Armstrong, the groom's sister of Austin, Lisa Almond and Samantha Urbantke of Waco. Attendants wore princess style, sleeveless, long black dresses of dulcine satin and carried bouquets of white roses with Christmas greenery.

Holly Winborne and Kara Love, cousins of the bride from Fort Worth, were flower girls and wore green velvet dresses.

Best man was Ernie Armstrong of Snyder, father of the groom. Groomsmen included Jon Patrick of San Angelo, Tab Urbantke of Waco and Joel Flint of Lewisville. Usher were Andy Corbitt, cousin of the bride from Killeen, and Ryan McCormick of Spring.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and bow tie and a red rose boutonniere. His father and the groomsmen wore black tuxedos and black bow ties with white rose boutonnieres.

The reception was held at the Carleen Bright Arboretum in Woodway. The bride's table featured the four-layered white wedding cake with each layer decorated with fresh red roses.

The house party included Nicole Fowler of College Station, Kathryn Rowan of Waco and Barbara Brittain of New Braunfels.

The groom's chocolate cake had chocolate mousse filling and was designed as a Christmas present tied with white edible ribbon decoration.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Allen Armstrong
(Contributed Photo)

Flower girls handed out rose petals to guests to shower the couple with as they departed.

The couple's honeymoon trip was to Cancun, Mexico, and their new home is in Fort Worth.

Molly is a 1997 graduate of Baylor University and is teaching fifth grade with the Everman ISD. She grew up in Waco and graduated from Midway High School.

Jeff was reared in Snyder, graduating from SHS in 1994. He received his master's degree from Baylor in May, 1999. He is a certified public accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Fort Worth.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; clubhouse; 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank, visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course set for two-night course, Monday and Tuesday evening in the community of Texas Savings Bank; no reservations needed, for more information call 573-2850; 6 t 9 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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



CITY STRUCTURE BSP PROGRAM — Mayor Dayton Robertson presented a program outlining the organizational structure of city government and the roles of various departments to members of Xi Alpha Alpha Theta on Jan. 25. The meeting was held at the Snyder Country Club. From left are Mickey Baird, left, and Mary Lou Scott welcoming Mayor Robertson. (SDN Staff Photo)

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ROSSON-LITTLEJOHN ENGAGED — Jim and Melissa Rosson of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Christa Marie Rosson, to Brett Lane Littlejohn. He is the son of Robert and Jan Littlejohn of Clovis, N.M. A 2 p.m., June 10 wedding ceremony is being planned at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Melanie Prichard, Casey Prather pledge vows in home ceremony

SAN ANGELO - Melanie Prichard and Casey Prather pledged wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 23, 1999, in the home of the groom's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Paulette Holladay and Robert "Butch" Prichard of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Leona Ford of Snyder.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Prather of San Angelo. His grandparents are Mr. Gene Kennedy of Rankin, Mrs. Ramona Brooks and GeorgeAnna Prather of McCamey.

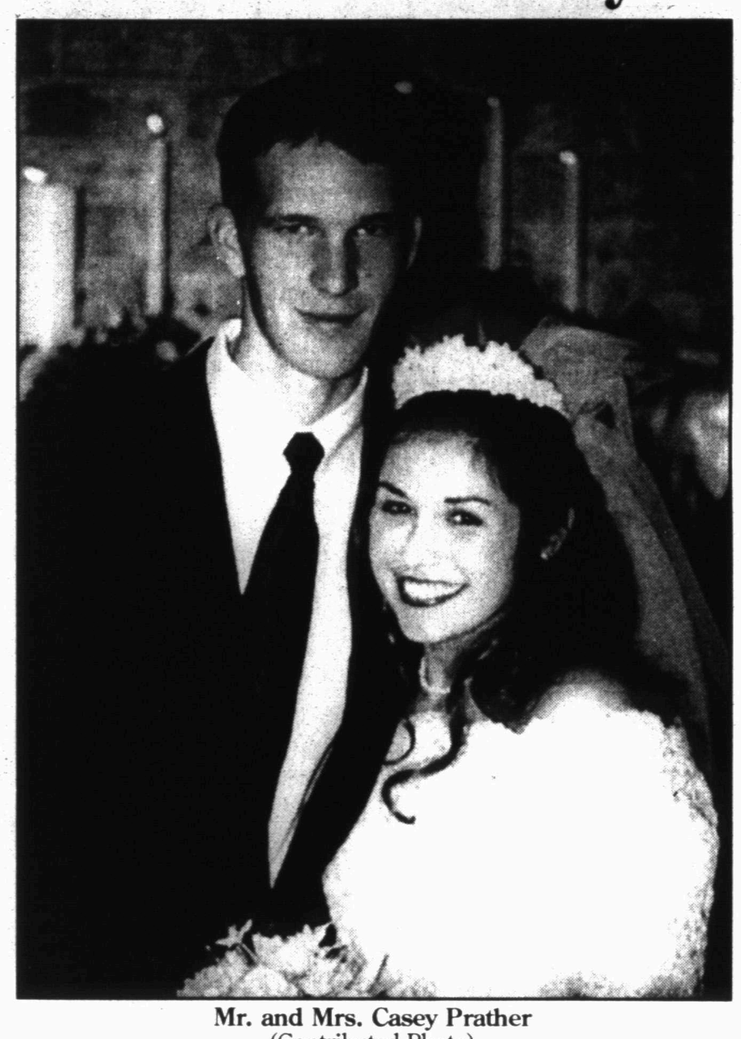
Standing before a fireplace decorated with greenery and eggshell taper candles and flanked by baskets of white poinsettias, the ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Gene Kennedy, maternal grandfather of the groom.

The bride, escorted by her cousin, Jason Sealy of the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C. and given in marriage by her parents, was attired in a traditional gown of eggshell satin and lace.

Her off-the-shoulder bodice with elbow-length sleeves was accented with pearls along the sleeves, the front, and extended to the dropped waistline that topped a satin skirt and train edged with lace. The veil was of French illusion cascading from a pearl encrusted tiara. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of eggshell roses accented with pearls and tulle with love knotted satin streamers, fashioned by the groom's paternal grandmother.

In keeping with tradition, she wore something old, new, borrowed and blue including a handkerchief belonging to the groom's paternal great-grandmother.

The bride was attended by her sister, Christy Gilbert of Rock Springs, Wyo. The groom's attendant was Jake Babb of Snyder. Candlelighter was Heath Prather, cousin of the groom from Sonora.



Mr. and Mrs. Casey Prather
(Contributed Photo)

Wedding music included the "Bridal Chorus," by Wagner, "I'll Still Be Loving You," and Mendelssohns' "Wedding March."

At the reception, the table was covered with a red cloth and overlaid with the groom's paternal great-grandmother's lace cloth. A two-tiered wedding cake with eggshell-colored icing was decorated with red poinsettias and featured the same bride and groom that had topped the cakes of the groom's parents and paternal grandparents.

The couple toasted each other from a crystal service in glasses etched with their wedding date.

Mrs. Steve Price of San Angelo was host for the reception, assisted by the groom's aunts, Mrs. Allan Prather of Sonora and Mrs. David Prather of Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Cathy Prather have made their home in Snyder

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Tuesday
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Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Thursday
Biscuits w/Cream Gravy
Friday
Pancake w/Syrup
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Taco
Lettuce and Tomato
Refried Beans
Ice Cream
Tuesday
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Carrots
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Pizza or
Stuffed Potato
W.K. Corn
Tossed Salad
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Burrito or
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Green Beans
Fruit
Salad
Chocolate Pudding
Friday
Corn Dog or
Rib Sandwich
Baked Beans
Broccoli w/Cheese
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Buttered Rice
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Waffles/Syrup
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Cinnamon Rolls
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Cheese Toast
Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
LUNCH
Monday
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Sweetheart Cake
Tuesday
Frank Rollups
Pork & Beans
Salsa Sauce
Pear Cobbler
Wednesday
Lasagna
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Pink Applesauce
Thursday
Swiss Steak
New Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jell-O
Friday
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Burger Salad
French Fries
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French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cookies
Tuesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Applesauce
Wednesday
Char-broiled Patties
Parsley Potatoes
Carrots
Bread
Cake
Thursday
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Jell-O
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Apples

Altrurians held regular monthly meet

Altrurian Daughters Study Club met for its regular monthly luncheon and business meeting Wednesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Jeanelle Hammack presided and BeBe Boren gave the program on landscaping with native plants. She encouraged members to preserve their heritage by using native plants.

Hostesses included Joyce Williamson and Billie Boren.

Complete cycle of life in cyberspace

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The cycle of life — as broadcast in cyberspace — is almost complete.

Births already have been shown live over the Internet. Now a funeral director wants to broadcast funerals online.

Fred Fergerson said Thursday that he decided to do it out of compassion for loved ones who cannot attend services in person. So far, Fergerson hasn't had any takers on his site, www.FergersonFuneralHome.com.

"I don't think there's going to be a big demand for it," said Fergerson, who is providing the service for free. "But we've got it if anybody wants it."

For now, he may be the only one. But industry experts think others will follow.

"What you are dealing with here is the front end of a trend. Death is different now than it was 50 years ago because family, friends and relatives are more scattered," said Kelly Smith of the Wisconsin-based National Funeral Directors Association. "If we reach the point where the computer is the tie that binds the family, more directors will use the Internet."

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Before Charles Darwin departed on his ship, the Beagle, for what would become one of the most important research expeditions in history, his father was dead set against his going. The idea of his son taking a five-year-cruise around the world infuriated the man, who feared his son was drifting iretrievably into a life of leisure.

Elizabeth Taylor to receive award

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor will be the third recipient of the Marian Anderson Award, which honors artists who work to benefit humanity.

Taylor was chosen because of her work on behalf of AIDS awareness, research and patient care, Mayor John F. Street said Friday.

"This quintessential movie star took the spotlight, which has illuminated her acting career throughout her life, and bravely turned it on the battle against AIDS following the death of her close friend Rock Hudson," Street said.

Taylor is to accept the award in person during special programs June 25 and 26 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The first two recipients of the award, Harry Belafonte and Gregory Peck, are among the celebrities scheduled to pay tribute to Taylor.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man devoted to dead wife should enjoy living instead

DEAR ABBY: A woman wrote you to complain about her gentleman friend who continued to put flowers on the grave of his deceased wife. You told her that her gentleman friend's devotion to the memory of his deceased wife had nothing to do with his relationship with the writer, unless she chose to regard it as a competition.

Excuse me, Abby, a year or two — or even three years of devotion for your deceased is great. However, he chose this woman to live with and have a relationship with him now. It looks to me like he wasn't yet ready to join the living, and his choice was premature. Had he come upon me at this time and tried to pull that, I would have told him there was "no room at the inn" yet for the living.

You call it "devotion." I call it feelings of guilt. If I were the woman who wrote to you, I would have moved out that first year. Of course, she won't do that. She thinks she has too many years invested in the relationship. I would move out — and when he needs some loving company or someone to cook for him, I would tell him to eat flowers or go see his beloved for sex. He certainly does not know how to treat the living. I suspect that is why he is still grieving. — **LIKES THE LIVING IN OHIO**

DEAR LIKES THE LIVING: I still prefer to call it devotion. Because a person dies does not mean that the love for that person dies with him or her. Nor should it. Read on for a different view:

DEAR ABBY: I just finished the letter from the girlfriend who was upset that her shack-up boyfriend still put flowers on his deceased wife's grave. How DARE she feel this way?

I married my husband only three months after his wife passed on. She died unexpectedly of a heart attack. I put flowers on his wife's grave three or four times a year — on their wedding anniversary and her birthday for sure. They are a token of my respect for her. I feel a grave without flowers is sad. Flowers show that someone still remembers.

I knew going into this relationship that he would always feel love for her. Just because someone passes on you can't turn the feelings on and off like a light switch! When it is his time to go, I'll have him buried next to his first wife, as he wishes. I am making payment on the plot next to his. My husband is a special man, and he has been blessed with the love of TWO good women who have and continue to adore him. — **SECOND ROMANCE IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR SECOND ROMANCE: He is, indeed, a lucky man to have found such a secure and caring woman as you with whom to share his life. Anyone who sets up a competition with someone who is deceased can only lose, because the "ghost" is often perceived to have no faults by the surviving spouse. Respecting the memory of the deceased together can be a powerful bond.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate to wear velvet after the Christmas holidays? Also, my new husband and I exchanged many gifts with my family and my new in-laws — should we send thank-yous for each? — **WANT TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT**

DEAR WANT TO: Velvet is fine in cold weather and certainly acceptable to wear after the holidays.

By all means, send a personal thank-you to each person who gave you a gift — you want to start your marriage off on the right foot. His family, and yours, will be impressed that you both married courteous and thoughtful people.

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DEAR ABBY: I am planning an elegant celebration for my husband's 50th birthday. We'll be having a black-tie sit-down dinner, a live band and dancing, a magician and a fortune-teller.

One of the invitees shocked me yesterday by announcing that she was bringing a guest. If she had a special man in her life, I would have included "and guest" on her invitation. Quite a few people she knows will be there — and at least half a dozen other singles.

I feel very uncomfortable that someone would consider bringing an uninvited guest to this party, and I resent the way she announced it — without asking and giving me the option of refusing.

After spending a sleepless night stewing over it, I realized I should have told her this was an imposition. However, I was too stunned when she mentioned it and didn't acknowledge the comment.

Would I be rude to tell her she can't bring a guest to our party? — **NEEDS ADVICE FAST IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR NEEDS: No. You would not be rude to tell this woman that you and your husband have discussed her bringing a guest to his party, and you cannot accommodate her request. Explain that your guest list is limited to close friends and family only, and she will not be the only single in attendance.

It is never proper for a guest to tell a hostess that he or she is bringing another person. The proper procedure is to ask if it would be all right to bring a date — and since that person is technically the guest of the guest, to graciously offer to pay for him or her.

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DEAR ABBY: A little over a year ago, I met a nice lady and we started to date. She told me a long tale of woe — how she had stayed with her last husband until the family business went bankrupt.

I felt sorry for her and gave her money and presents, including three automobiles, $1,000 worth of dental work and money for five months rent on her apartment.

All along, she broke every engagement we made to spend time and holidays together.

I am now behind in my bills. My charge cards are maxed out, and I am still paying for her new living room suite. She was supposed to have moved into my home by now and we were to be married. Now she says she needs three more months to "think about it" in order to be sure.

I own my own home, Abby, and do not want to lose it to this woman and her daughter, who is an attorney. Do you think I am being played for a fool? — **AFRAID IN EDGEWATER, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: You are not a fool, but you will be if you continue this relationship. Take advantage of the three months she wants "to think about it" to do some thinking of your own.

This "nice lady" seems to have a history of leaving the men in her life bankrupt; don't be her next statistic. You have taken generosity to an extreme. Next time, don't lavish gifts on a woman until you know she likes you for yourself — not for what you can give her.

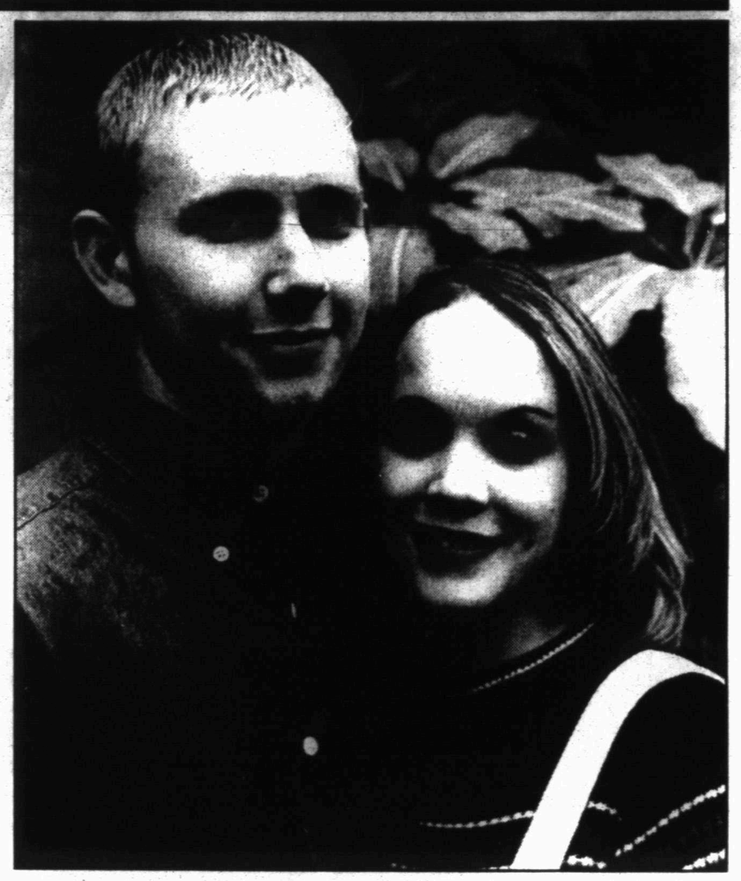
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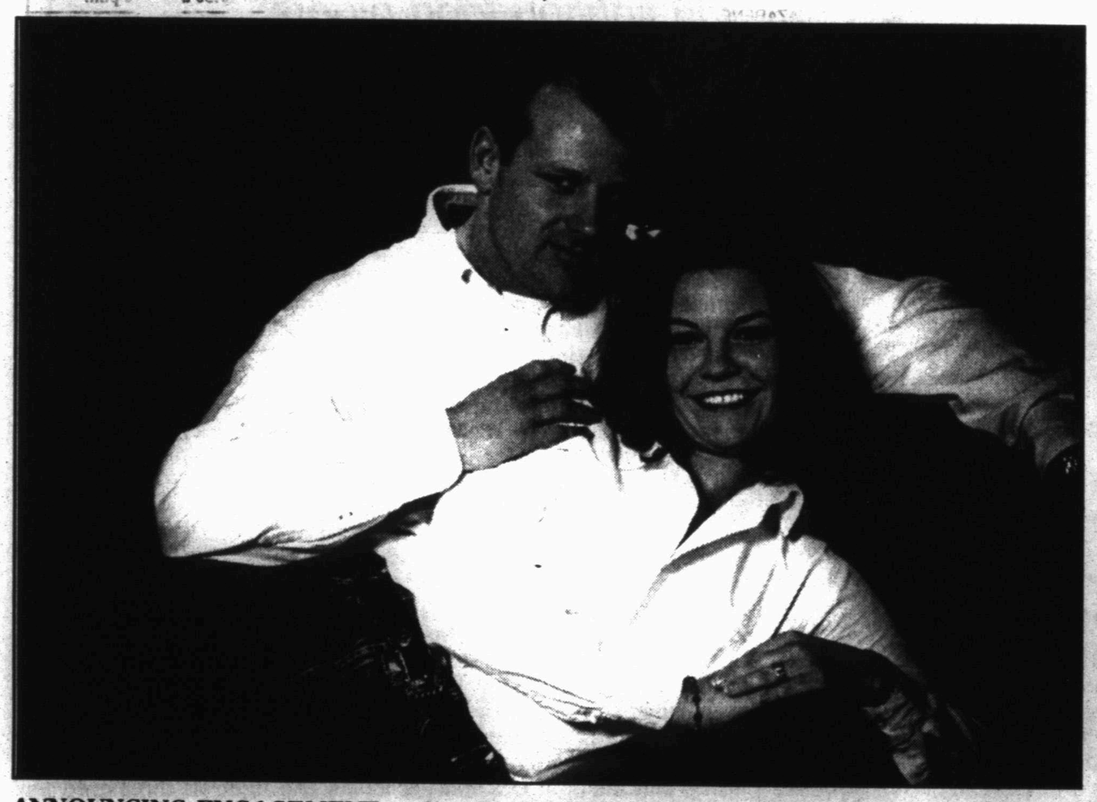
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Value ot children's pretend play — Provides an avenue for managing stress — A pet dies, a new baby arrives, the family moves, mom and dad divorce. Childen come to terms with these difficult childhood experiences through imaginative play.



GONZALEZ-ALEXANDER SET VOWS — Kelly Marie Gonzalez and Banks Logan Alexander Jr. have made plans for a 7 p.m., Feb. 19, wedding in the First United Methodist Church. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Gonzalez Jr. of Hermleigh and the future groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Peters of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Alexander of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



ANNOUNCING ENGAGEMENT — Jim and Jill Griswold of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karrah Nicole Griswold, to Todd Wesley Iglehart, both of Amarillo. Todd is the son of Marvin and Carol Iglehart of Snyder. He is a graduate of West Texas A&M University where Karrah is attending college. They are planning a June 3 wedding at the Mulberry Mansion in Sweetwater. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

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Kyser exchanges fame for God

By George R. Plagenz

If big-band lovers of a generation ago had heard that the devout Lawrence Welk was breaking up his band to pursue a career in religion, nobody on the dance floor would have missed a step.

But to be told that Kay Kyser, the zany, madcap star of stage, screen, radio and TV, was giving up fame and fortune to become a Christian Science healer (or practitioner — the term the church uses) — that would be something else entirely. Surely, Kyser was joking.

No, he was serious.

When he disbanded his musical group, which at one time or another included Ginny Simms, Jane Russell, Harry Babbitt and Ish Kabibble, he put show business behind him. He moved back to his hometown of Chapel Hill, N.C., and took up the serious study of Christian Science, which became a gradually evolving force in his life. Until then, he had had only a slight acquaintance with the healing movement.

When he was a boy, his Baptist mother had been healed of double pneumonia after the doctors had given up all hope for her. She became a Christian Scientist and Kyser grew up exposed to Christian Science teachings.

But he was only a so-so Christian Scientist in his early years. He smoked cigars (Christian Scientists didn't drink or smoke), and his church attendance was irregular.

After returning to Chapel Hill, he began carving out a new career for himself in Christian Science. He was 45. Three years later, he became a practitioner, engaged full-time in the church's healing ministry. Later, he became an accredited teacher of Christian Science — a position of distinction that few Christian Scientists reach.

In 1974, he went to Boston, headquarters of the Christian Science Church, to become head of the church's film and broadcasting division, replacing former screen star Alan Young (of "Mr. Ed" TV fame), who later left the church.

Kyser stayed in that position until he was named to the church's prestigious Board of Lectureship — a handpicked group of about 50 speakers who travel around the country giving talks on Christian Science.

In the years before Kyser, Christian Science lectures were not noted for being knee-slappers. They were formal orations to polite audiences who sat stonily with pallid smiles painted on their faces. Ushers wore morning coats and spats. It had all the pizzazz of a Sunday afternoon musicale in a Victorian drawing room.

But a transformation took place with the arrival of Harvey Wood, a youthful, exuberant lecturer who appeared on the speaker's platform in a turtleneck sweater and hound's-tooth trousers. The door opened for Kyser's brand of cornball informality and his signature, unchurchly opening, "How y'all?", copied from his radio and TV shows, "The Kollege of Musical Knowledge."

The program ran on NBC for 12 years. Kyser, dressed in cap and gown, quizzed his studio contestants by giving them true-false questions to answer. They were supposed to give the incorrect answer. If they gave the correct answer, Kay would say, "That's right; you're wrong." For an incorrect answer, he would reply, "That's wrong; you're right."

He starred in 11 movies and performed for more U.S. troops than any other entertainer, including Bob Hope. His band was one of the biggest money makers in the big band era.

Today, Kyser is all but forgotten by the current generation. But that is about to change. Mortarboard Productions, in association with the North Carolina Museum of Arts Foundation, is releasing a documentary about his life later this year.

I hope they use my favorite line of his: "If you're not havin' any fun, you ain't doin' it right."

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Letter to Editor

Need W-2 Forms?

Dear Editor:

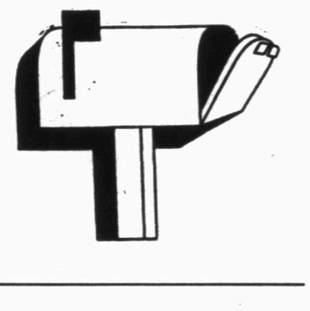
Some people in Snyder are frustrated because they have not received W-2 Forms from oil companies, some employers and etc. They want to file their income tax but cannot without the forms.

For once I had my books closed and ready to file my income tax, but I also have not received some W-2s I need.

There is some problem. On Jan. 10, I started to try to locate some W-2 forms to use for my out of town sales people and I could not find any, not even at the Post Office. After a 20-minute hold on a call to Austin, I called my accountant in Dallas and they bought me a package from an office supply, they had not received any either.

Now, I have some blank ones if anyone needs these. Hopefully, this problem will be taken care of in a short time.

Thank you,
Betty Boyd



EDITORIAL COMMENT

San Antonio Express-News

On layers of police waste time, money:

From school district truant officers and local constables through the Texas Rangers and on up to FBI special agents, there is no limit to the layers of police in South Texas.

There are park rangers and border patrolmen, airport police and military M.P.'s, drug agents and DPS officers, city police and county sheriff's deputies, literally tens of thousands of men and women wearing badges.

This newspaper has long been an advocate of city-county consolidation. The possible unification of local police forces into a single unit is one good reason to support the concept.

In that same spirit, a federal commission this week recommended giving the FBI control over the enforcement functions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (now part of the Treasury Department) and the Drug Enforcement Administration, just like the FBI is part of the Justice Department.

However, the concept likely will die upon arrival on Capitol Hill for the usual reason: It is substantive change that uproots political turf.

The Victoria Advocate

On education is prime presidential topic:

Although education has long been the responsibility of state and local governments — and rightly so — the issue has been a prime topic of contention in the presidential debates.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush emphasizes that, during his tenure in office, minority students in Texas have made considerable progress in closing the academic achievement gap. As president, Bush would give schools that receive federal funds for disadvantaged kids three years to shape up. Under his proposal, failure to improve would prompt Washington to provide parents with vouchers worth $1,500 (the approximate average per-pupil federal expenditure, plus state matching funds). They could use that money to send their children to public or private schools of their choice.

Bush's tough approach does not include dismantling the elephantine Education Department. Rather, he would have the department provide numerous financial incentives to improve student performance. He also would give states greater latitude in spending federal funds.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., vying with Bush for the GOP nomination, talks about the virtues of competition and holding staff and students strictly accountable for their performance. He would go one step further by enlisting a pool of military and other retirees to tutor students in English, math and science. He favors merit pay and strict competency tests for teachers. Those who cannot cut it in the classroom, he believes, should be fired.

Vice President Al Gore has disgorged a prototypical Democratic proposal that would cost $115 billion over 10 years. His grandiose plan, which would swell the Education Department's budget by one-third, flows from the flawed premise that the federal government alone can fix underperforming schools. It brims with buzz phrases about closing failing schools and reorganizing them under "dynamic" leadership, complete with financial inducements.

Waco Tribune-Herald

On fighting food bigots:

It was the United States against the world at a United Nations-ponsored conference in Montreal that attempted to resolve an international food fight over genetically altered foods and free trade.

The United States is the world's leader in food production and bioengineering. That's no coincidence. Bioengineering boosts food production.

Because much of the world has been smitten by a pandemic of paranoia over bioengineered products, U.S. officials at the contentious conference were properly fighting for America's producers of food and fiber who could suffer crippling loses due to unwarranted trade barriers.

As a result of a week of hard bargaining, the U.S. officials were able to forge an agreement with the 37 other nations at the conference that goes a long way toward assuring continued free trade of American food and fiber products.

The U.N.-sponsored "Biosafety Protocol" now must be signed by 50 nations. That process, which normally could take two or three years, should be put on a fast track to protect U.S. interests.

American scientists and biotechnology companies have been genetically modifying crops, seeds, animals and plants for years to make them more productive, more resistant to diseases and to enhance flavor, color or nutrition.

In recent years some U.S. companies began to make trans-species genetic alterations. Foreign radio talk shows, tabloids and eventually many government officials began to tag U.S. imported food products as Frankenstein food, or Frankenfood.

U.S. scientists and trade officials have been forced to defend the health and safety of U.S. food products and fight off threatened trade embargoes.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

On protecting a Texas treasure:

Work will begin soon on restoring miles of Texas beaches courtesy of a fund dedicated to the purpose. Eight of the 27 projects now in the planning stages are in the Corpus Christi area.

Texas is years behind in protecting its valuable beaches. Other states, notably Florida and Louisiana, spend millions more than the $15 million Texas has allocated for beach restoration for the next two years.

And there's a good reason why beach restoration is well worth the money spent. Beaches are a valuable tourism resource, drawing in millions of dollars each year to the state's economy and generating millions more in hotel and motel occupancy taxes. But the fund, the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act, is evidence that the Legislature is just beginning to understand the value of Texas beaches.

The job now is to demonstrate that the money the state has set aside for beach restoration has an immediate payback.

The biggest project in the area is work on Corpus Christi Beach, a $2 million project. The rate of erosion on the section of beach to restored, about a mile, is up to four feet per year, a significant amount of loss for a beach that is a major tourist attraction for the city.

Other projects included in the area are on the south shore of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel near the Port Aransas ferry, at Kaufer-Hubert Memorial Park in Kleberg County, at Key Allegro at Rockport, at the city park in Bayside, and wetland restoration projects.

Land Commission David Dewhurst is taking the right approach on pursuing completion of the projects, taking the easiest projects first in an effort to demonstrate the value of beach restoration before legislators meet again in Austin.

The $15 million in the fund is just a start on the work to be done. Dewhurst is right in attempting to show that more is needed.



Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Movies can help in working through problems

Last week we discussed the book, *Rent Two Films and Let's Talk in the Morning*, by marriage therapists John W. Hesley and Jan G. Hesley. We talked about how movies can have a profound emotional effect on us and how we can actually use movies for deeper self-understanding or help in working through a problem.

In their counseling sessions, as well as in corporate and professional workshops, the Hesleys point out that even just thinking over our favorite movies can help provide us with revealing clues about our own ideal self-images, our overall philosophy of life, our working role models, potential goals, and perceived obstacles.

And what is interesting about that is that, what may speak out to one individual about even a minor character in one movie, may be completely overlooked by someone else. Even the meaning of movies can differ from person to person. It's important to examine what a movie means to you, and why.

It's also important to note that some movies may be too intense for someone to deal with who is having a particularly hard time coping with a given situation. For example, a victim of sexual assault might find Farrah Fawcett's powerful movie about a rape victim fighting back, *Extremities*, overwhelming—or they might find it cathartic. It depends on where they are in the healing process and whether they need a therapist's help.

Or, say, a couple locked in an abusive relationship would probably not benefit from watching a movie that deals with family violence—the situation would be too volatile. Someone struggling to overcome serious childhood abuse might find *Bastard Out of Carolina* or *This Boy's Life* much too intense without guidance from a professional.

Others who have strict interior codes against profanity, sex, or violence in a movie might completely miss the point of a film if they are too offended by the language in it or whatever. So you need to learn a little about a movie—ask around—before watching it.

But most of us who are just rocking along in life, doing the best we can with a little help from friends and family and personal faith, can learn a great deal and benefit immensely from watching a movie that speaks straight to our hearts. The Hesleys refer to the process as "Video Work."

First, pick a problem from your present or past that's been bothering you. Find a film category that fits—does the movie deal with substance abuse in a family, or workaholism, or relationship conflicts? Choose a film—and it does not matter if you've seen the movie before.

While watching, note the character with whom you identify; the emotions you feel, similarities and dissimilarities; your insights.

Then discuss with someone, or simply reflect. Did this film have a unique message for you? What new ideas or behavior did you learn from it? Are there other movies in a similar vein that might help?

You can dig a little deeper, too. Ask yourself what attributes you'd like to take from that character and what aspects you'd like to avoid. Were there other characters in the film from whom you could learn? What were the obstacles presented in the film and what did you learn about overcoming challenges in your own life?

For example, when I was growing up, there were very few role models for girls of strong, gutsy women overcoming all odds to succeed in a man's world. But then I saw *Gone With the Wind* four times!

It wasn't because I had a romanticized view of slavery—far from it. Nor did I see it for the handsome Rhett Butler or the sizzling romance with Scarlett O'Hara. And it's not that I was blind to Scarlett's faults—her selfish, vain ways and her pigheadedness in wasting a lifetime pining for a man she couldn't have.

No, what spoke to me about that movie was that here was a woman with fire and guts, who single-handedly fought back against every obstacle in her way, who never gave up, who worked until her hands were callused, and who never lost sight of what really mattered to her—the land. That movie inspired and motivated me all through my young adulthood.

Then years later, when I was jaded and cynical and worn out by my own struggles as a woman trying to succeed in a male-dominated profession, the Demi Moore movie, *G.I Jane*, renewed and refreshed that old determination to keep on fighting, to never give up, and to believe in myself no matter what the odds. It gave me the confidence to realize that there was still time for me to prove myself in my chosen field.

Someone else might watch *Gone With the Wind* and see a soap-opera romance, or *G.I. Jane* and make snide remarks about women in the military. But you see, each movie speaks to us in our own way. It's important that you find your own fit.

If you would like more information on how to go about selecting movies to fit your individual life story, the Hesleys have a whole listing of movies and categories, frequently updated, on their website at: www.hesley.com.

Next week, I'll conclude this series by delving into the dark side and examining the negative impact movies can have on some of us, and what I think those of us who work in the creative arts can do to improve on that situation; as well as how parents can most effectively deal with negative movie images that may have an undesirable effect their children.

Q & A

Children of alcoholics - Part 3

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COA):

IMPORTANT FACTS *(Part 3 of 3)* **10. Children of alcoholics often have difficulties in school.**

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COAs) often believe that they will be failures even if they do well academically. They often do not view themselves as successful.

Pre-school aged COAs exhibited poorer language and reasoning skills than did non-COAs, and poorer performance among the COAs was predicted by the lower quality of stimulation present in the home.

COAs are more likely to be truant, drop out of school, repeat grades, or be referred to a school counselor, or psychologist. This may have little to do with academic ability; rather, COAs may have difficulty bonding with teachers, other students and school; they may experience anxiety related to performance; or they may be afraid of failure.

The actual reasons have yet to be determined.

There is an increasing body of scientific evidence indicating that risk for later problems, and even alcoholic outcomes is detectable early in the life course and, in some instances, before school entry.

11. Children of alcoholics have greater difficulty with abstraction and conceptual reasoning.

Abstraction and conceptual reasoning play an important role in problem solving, whether the problems are academic or are situation related to the problems of life. Therefore, children of alcoholics might require very concrete explanations and instructions.

12. Children of alcoholics may benefit from adult efforts which help them to:

Develop autonomy and independence.

Develop a strong social orientation and social skills.

Engage in acts of "required helpfulness."

Develop a close bond with a caregiver.

Cope successfully with emotionally hazardous experiences.

Perceive their experiences constructively, even if those experiences cause pain or suffering, and gain, early in life, other people's positive attention.

13. Children can be protected from many problems associated with growing up in an alcoholic family.

If healthy family rituals or traditions, such as vacations, mealtimes or holidays, are highly valued and maintained, if the active alcoholic is confronted with his or her problem, if there are consistent significant others in the life of the child or children, and if there is moderate to high religious observance, children can be protected from many of the consequences of parental alcoholism.

14. Maternal alcohol consumption during any time of pregnancy can cause alcohol related birth defects or alcohol related neurological deficits.

The rate of drinking during pregnancy appears to be increasing. Prenatal alcohol effects have been detected at moderate levels of alcohol consumption by non-alcoholic women. Even though a mother is not an alcoholic, her child may not be spared the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure.

Cognitive performance is less affected by alcohol exposure in infants and children whose mothers stopped drinking in early pregnancy, despite the mothers' resumption of alcohol use after giving birth.

One analysis of 6 year-olds, with demonstrated effects of second-trimester alcohol exposure, had lower academic achievement and problems with reading, spelling, and mathematical skills.

Approximately 6 percent of the offspring of alcoholic women have Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS); the FAS risk for offspring born aftean FAS sibling, is as high as 70 percent.

People with FAS demonstrate growth deficits, morphologic abnormalities, mental retardation, and behavioral difficulties. Secondary effects of FAS among adolescents and adults include mental health problems, disrupted schooling (dropping out or being suspended or expelled), trouble with the law, dependent living as an adult, and problems with employment.

The above information was provided by *The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.*

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Public choice school movement grows

WASHINGTON — The number of charter schools nationwide grew by 40 percent last school year — representing growing interest in public schools created by parents and teachers and run with exemptions from most state laws and regulations, the Education Department said Friday.

With the increase in the 1998-99 school year, there are nearly 1,700 such schools serving 250,000 children, the department's fourth annual charter school report said.

"We can see that there is a continued need for our support of these schools," Education Secretary Richard Riley said in releasing the report Friday. "Public charter schools are providing parents and students with choice they want and deserve."

Supporters of charter schools, which include President Clinton and Republicans alike, say they give parents in poor communities a much-needed choice over the traditional schools that are failing to help their children.

The administration favors public school choice over conservatives' proposals to use public funds to send children to private or parochial schools. Clinton is seeking a $30 million increase to a total $175 million for the federal program that helps states open more of the public charter schools.

Just eight years ago, when Clinton was first elected, there was one such school — in Minnesota. Today, 1,700 schools operate in 27 states and the District of Columbia, with 37 states and the District have laws supporting their establishment. New York, Oklahoma and Oregon passed the latest measures last year.

Nearly 90,000 children were served by 421 newly opened charter schools in the last school year, the department reported.

A charter school, created by a group of teachers, community members or parents, is free of most state laws and regulations but must be approved by a local chartering authority. A charter outlines its goals, procedures and standards to that authority. Charters that fail to meet them are shut down; 27 schools closed under those circumstances last year, the report said.

Though charters serve less than 1 percent of all public schoolchildren, the charter school movement remains popular. Seven in 10 schools told department researchers they have waiting lists.

Charters have opponents who note that they could drain the most motivated students and families from traditional public schools.

Also, charters schools have run into trouble for serving specific populations and about a quarter of them do just that, the report said. By virtue of being based in minority communities where they have been especially popular or opened with specific purposes such as helping troubled children, some schools have ended up being predominantly black.

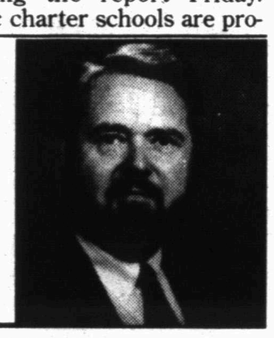
A growing number of parents are challenging decades-old desegregation orders to protect their charter schools.

The Justice Department has blocked just three of the nation's 1,700 charters; roughly 50 more could be affected by court-ordered actions to end patterns of racial separation in school districts.

Unlike the schools in Lufkin, Texas; Oktibbeha County, Miss.; and Georgetown County, S.C., most charters usually don't affect racial patterns, Justice Department officials have said.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Increasing the Average Sale: A Profit Builder

Looking for a good way to boost profits? Want to increase the efficiency of your business? Would you like to increase sales without increasing your promotion budget?

The answer, my friends, isn't blowing in the wind, it's increasing the average sale.

What is the "average sale?" It is the amount your customers spend with you per visit. For example, if 100 customers visited your business on Monday and sales for the day were $528.00, your average sale would be $5.28.

The average sale is calculated by dividing total sales by the number of customers or sales transactions.

For most small businesses, existing customers are the best short-term prospects for other products, services and programs. If you can visualize that potential in your customers, and put the right marketing plans into place you can reap a harvest of additional sales and profit.

Here are several ways to increase the average sale. These techniques are working for others and I'm sure they'll work for you as well.

Bottom line builders

Sell up. As simple as it sounds, sometimes just showing your customers a better quality choice will create a larger sale. Low price isn't the only factor customers consider. Everyone wants the best possible value. Value is the relationship of price compared to quality and quantity. Introduce a step-up offer, show the best you have, point out the added value then let the customer decide.

Offer more. When a customer is undecided, you can often add perceived value by offering additional products or services at a lower price. For example, a computer retailer might offer to add additional software or games at a discounted rate with the purchase of a better quality computer. Remember the objective is to sell more, not to lower margins by giving something away.

Suggest a go-with item. Train your staff to look for "go-with" opportunities. In retail seminars, I challenge those attending to suggest go-with items. For example, a customer comes into a hardware store to purchase a gallon of paint, what others items would you suggest? There are a few obvious answers—brushes, drop cloths, masking tape, paint thinner, razor blades, etc. However, in the three minutes I allow for this exercise I often get as many as 30 go-with suggestions.

This is a service to your customers. You may save them a trip back for a needed item. Make a game out of it. Challenge your staff to take any item you sell and find at least three go-with possibilities. This is one of the best ways to increase your average sale and all it takes is a simple suggestion.

Show your go-with items. Work with the previous idea in your merchandising efforts. When your staff creates their lists of go-with items, display them together. Scotch tape with wrapping paper, surge protectors with electrical appliances, books by the same author, batteries by battery-operated toys and games, etc.

Present a package. When companies and organizations ask me to speak professionally, they often mention my books. When this happens, I always present a package that includes a copy of my books for those attending the seminar or speech. I add value and increase the sale.

A package can present multiples of one product—three roles of tape, multiple products-tape and a hands-free tape dispenser or multiples of related products—three apples, three oranges, and three grapefruit.

Remember, first calculate your present average sale. Then use some of these techniques for a few weeks and watch that number grow. It's fun to do and good for the bottom line too.

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

Suspect will face 2nd degree murder in trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — A self-employed carpenter was allowed to withdraw a guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter Friday and will be tried for second-degree murder in the death of an American University student.

Shane DeLeon, 45, is charged in the Jan. 28, 1999, death of Matthew Odell, 18, struck as he Rollerbladed down a Washington street.

"He killed Matt," Kathy Odell, the young man's mother, told reporters. The Voorheesville, N.Y., woman said she has always wanted DeLeon to stand trial.

Witnesses said the driver of the white pickup truck that hit Odell failed to stop after the truck struck the youth. A hair pulled from the damaged window of DeLeon's truck contained Odell's DNA, police said.

Witnesses have testified that DeLeon was seen drinking four large beers at a nearby pool hall prior to the incident.

DeLeon's Maryland driver's license had been revoked because of two prior drunken-driving convictions. He held a District of Columbia license when the incident occurred.

If convicted of second-degree murder, DeLeon could be sentenced to life in prison. The involuntary manslaughter charge was punishable by imprisonment for 10 to 30 years.

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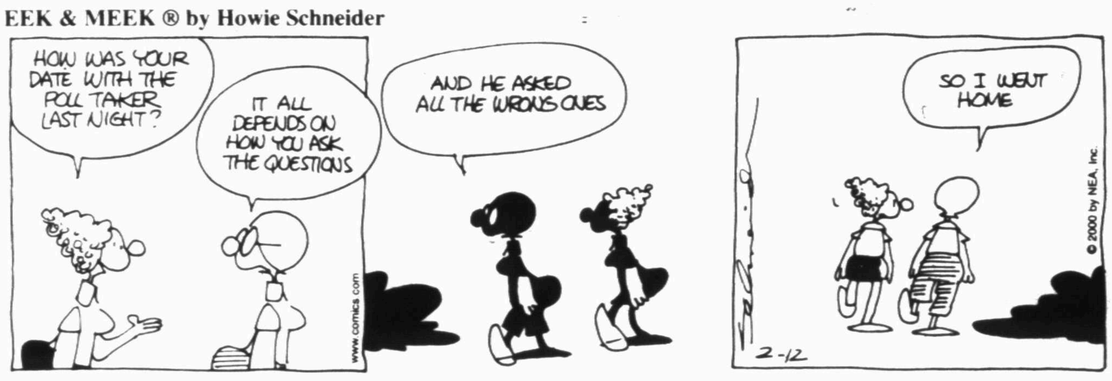
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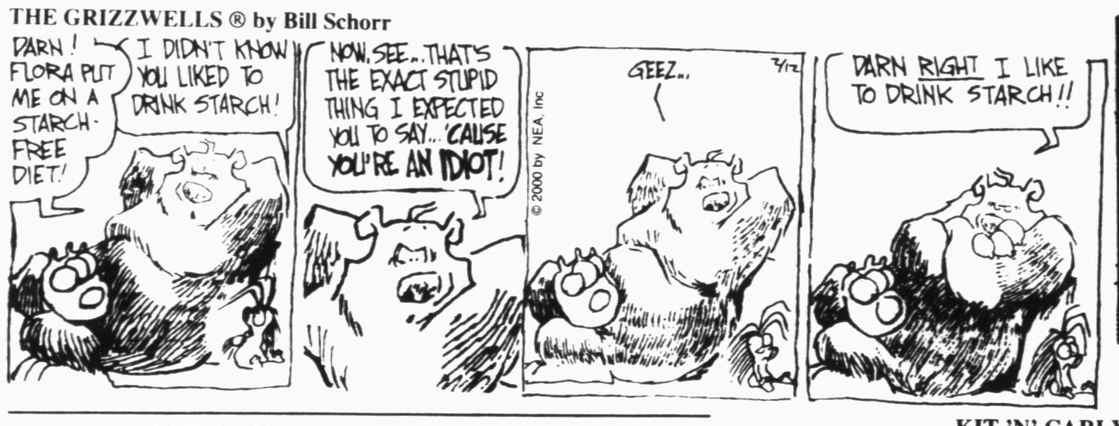
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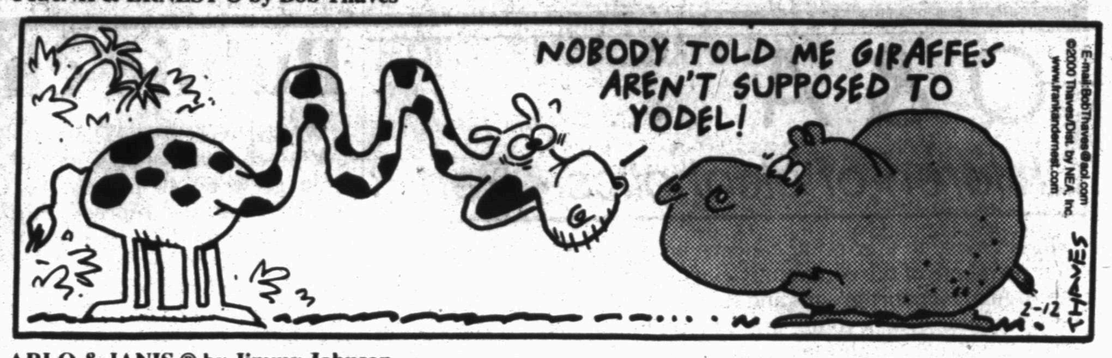
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12 Uses a car pedal
14 Ammonia compounds
15 Military units
16 "Way out!"
17 TV accessory
19 Terminates
20 Unlucky
23 Assertion
26 Colorado Indian
27 Room in a harem
30 Vent
32 Type of muscle
34 Actor Peter —
35 Officer's command (2 wds.)
36 Barbie's guy
37 Tax agcy.
39 Long-eared animals
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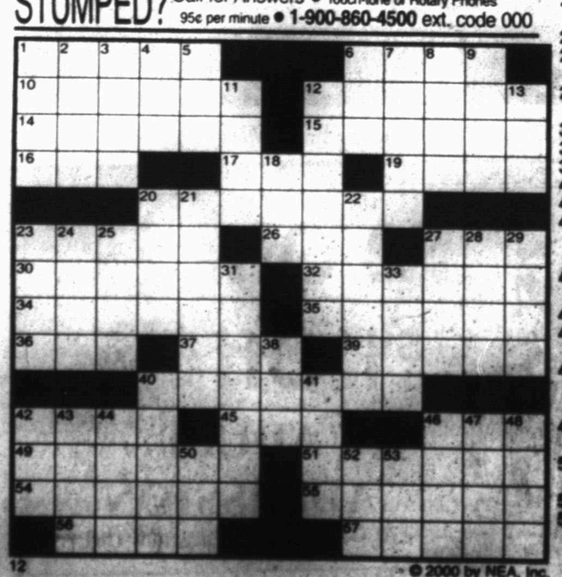
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13 Draft agcy.
18 Actor Gulager
20 Hawaiian city
21 Aviator Earhart
22 Be agitated
23 Chef
24 Ancient musical instrument
25 — — of bricks
27 Gravel ridges
28 Prescribed amount
29 Surface measures
31 Insect
33 Close
38 Opp. of NNE
40 Rings of light
41 Pairs
42 Containing nitrogen (pref.)
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44 Fence part
46 Actress Lena —
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48 Parisian seasons
50 Spanish cheer
52 Flower
53 "Gram" start

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

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Billie J. McCombs, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Jacky Grimmett, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gloria A. Webster, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Benny Sauceda, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Larry Nachlinger, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Levon Webb, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Johnny and Chorey Iness, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Keith and Jackie Hackfeld, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Arthur B. Miller, dba SST Miller Swine, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rudy and Jennifer Ritz, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses

Christopher Scott Coward and Rebecca Dawn Genn, both of Snyder.

John Mark Ingram of Sterling, Colo., and Leticia Martinez of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Tracy Hopper, individually and as next of friend of Jessica Hopper, vs. Daren Hopper, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Scurry County vs. Don Osborne, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Vernell Thompson, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Eddie Williams, individually and dba Williams Construction, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Scurry Metals Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Complete Services Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

Sandra Rushing vs. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, George Walter Lyons and Kenneth Dale Barrow vs. Gilbert Texas Construction, agreed order of dismissal with prejudice.

In the marriage of Guadalupe Rojas Lopez and Rosita Martinez Lopez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Luisa Osorio Rivera and Juan Manuel Rivera, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Marie Luisa Espinoza and Dionicio Espinoza, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Stacey Lynn Foreman and Michael Ray Foreman, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. John's Auto Machine Shop, et al, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Henry L. Seale, Aviation Supply Inc., et al, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Alejo Ynguanzo, et al, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Ronald C. Lewis, et al, order granting non-suit.

Deed Records

C.A. and M.A. Ramsey Living Trust to C.A. Ramsey, Lot 19 in Block 3 of the Highland Park Addition.

Billy Guynes to Donna F. DeGuire, 2.1 acres out of the north one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Carman Reed to Richard Reed, Lot 6 in Block 8 of the Parkview Addition.

Curtis Preston Dickey, Shirley Ann Dickey Newman, Janice Kay Bullard, Jerry Glenn Dickey, Tammy Lynn Dickey, Charles W. Lear, James H. Lear, Neva J. Clark and Stella L. Bowman to Lola Gabriell Scott, the west 100 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 52 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Benito and Margarita Benavidez, all of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Highlands Addition.

Ben Michael Gafford to Henry Grady and Myrle Gafford, the south one-half of Section 20, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Annalisa Ruiz, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Benita Ruiz Jr., to Leticia H. Escareno, the north 60 feet of the west 30 feet of Lot 11 and the north 60 feet of Lot 12, both in Block 52 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Claude D. and Carolyn Verlette Kitchens to G.W. and Bobbie Kitchens, an 0.4947-acre tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Joee M. and Joni L. Gainer to Gary R. Vaughn, the west 60 feet of Lot 7 in Block 3 of the Highlands Addition.

Christopher Damien Clayton and Tracie Michelle LaRoux to Gary and Janice Camp, Lot 13 in Block H of the Highland Park Addition.

Patterson Energy Inc. to Patterson Drilling, tract one being 7.11 acres in Tract 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being 5.25 acres in Tract 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract three being 3.0 acres out of a 10-acre tract out of Tracts 41 and 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract four being 26.33 acres in Tract 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract five being an 0.7119-acre tract out of Tract 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract six being 4.993 acres in Tracts 41 and 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lanes, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract seven being 9.864 acres in Tracts 41 and 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract eight being 0.583-acre tract in Tract 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract nine being 6.18 acres in Tract 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 2, J.P. Smith survey; tract 10 being 40 acres in Tracts 39 and 40 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Joe Rue and Nichole Fox Beaver to Neil and Mary Rinehart, the north one-half of the south one-half of Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Carolyn Gulseth to Wayne and Janet Highfield, the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 39 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Wendell B. and Duffy J. Wilks to Gary L. and Carol J. Scott, the west part of Lot 13 in Block 11 of the Park Place Addition.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

The Baseball Hall of Fame was established in 1939 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Date Books

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000

Today is Lincoln's Birthday; it is the 43rd day of 2000 and the 53rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1908, the first automobile race around the world began in New York City. It ended in Paris in August 1908. George Schuster, driving a Thomas Flyer, won the race.

On this day in 1963, the film "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor, premiered in the United States.

On this day in 1974, the Philadelphia Mint began striking Susan B. Anthony dollars for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), U.S. president; Charles Darwin (1809-1882), naturalist; George Meredith (1828-1909), writer; John L. Lewis (1880-1969), labor leader; Omar Bradley (1893-1981), U.S. Army general; Bill Russell (1934-), basketball great, is 66; Judy Blume (1938-), writer, is 62; Arsenio Hall (1958-), entertainer, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Don Mattingly won a million dollars by sinking a 31-foot jump shot during halftime at the Continental Basketball League all-star game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?" — Abraham Lincoln

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000

Today is the 44th day of 2000 and the 54th day of winter

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, in Vienna, "The Blue Danube" waltz was performed for the first time.

On this day in 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) was founded.

On this day in 1972, the musical "Grease" opened on Broadway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Grant Wood (1892-1942), painter; Georges Simenon (1903-1989), novelist; Patty Berg (1918-), golfer, is 82; Tennessee Ernie Ford (1919-1991), singer; Chuck Yeager (1923-), aviator, is 77; Kim Novak (1933-), actress, is 67; George Segal (1934-), actor, is 66; Oliver Reed (1938-1999), actor; Henry Rollins (1961-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the gold medal in ice dancing at the Sarajevo Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am not eternity, but a man; a part of the whole, as an hour is of the day." — Epictetus

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Feb. 12).

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Weather station now at junior high

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ation, he said one click of the mouse calls up the School Weather Network. The next click brings up Snyder's weather page.

He added that the junior high's site is fairly fast but KTXS' page is built in Java Script which loads slowly, so anyone accessing it shouldn't get in a hurry.

Crawford noted that one advantage for students accessing the daily temperatures is they would know in advance if they were to gather on the patio each morning or report to their home room. When it's below 38 degrees, students remain indoors.

He said the school's Web page usually gets 1,000 visitors a month. That increased dramatically to 3,000 to 5,000 hits a day last spring when pictures of the spring musical "Grease" were posted on the school's site.

This spring the production will be "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers." Information about the upcoming SJHS production is available through a link on both the official and unofficial Internet site for "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers."

He added that he hopes that will increase traffic on the junior high Web page. They also include sports, band and choir pictures on the school's Web page.

SJHS' site is located at http://www.snyder,esc14.net/sjhs/snyder_junior_high.htm

Deborah Norville will spend 5 days in prison

NEW YORK (AP) — "Inside Edition" anchor Deborah Norville is headed for jail.

She plans to enter a North Carolina penal facility Saturday to spend five days as a prisoner. She will provide reports from Davidson County Jail in Lexington for her weekday syndicated newsmagazine next Monday through Wednesday.

"The best way to portray what life behind bars is really like is to spend a considerable amount of time behind bars," Norville said Thursday. "One day wouldn't do it."

Norville listed some of the regulations of this famously tough prison: 24-hour lockdown; twice-a-week showers in a communal facility; no TVs or newspapers; no makeup.

She, along with the rest of the prison population, will be forced to rise at 4:30 a.m. — about the same time she used to get up to appear on NBC's "Today" show. There will be no coffee.

Norville is scheduled to get sprung Wednesday evening.

To capture her jail experience, a video crew will be on hand selectively. At other times, a producer will wield a lightweight "Hi-8" video camera.

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FBI investigates gene therapy experiment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is investigating a gene therapy experiment that may have accidentally exposed more than two dozen young cancer patients to the virus that causes AIDS, The Washington Post reports.

The FDA is conducting follow-up testing after preliminary independent tests found that the gene-based medicine may have been contaminated with HIV-1, the virus that causes AIDS, and HCV, which causes hepatitis C, the Post said in today's editions.

The FDA's more thorough testing is needed because these types of tests often give false results and two other tests found no signs of contamination, the Post said.

Researchers discovered the accidental exposure in December, but did not inform federal regulators until last week. The researchers from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston began contacting patients and their parents about the possible infections Thursday.

The FDA is looking into possible laboratory problems and the timing of the reporting of the discovery.

The Post said the study had been terminated, but Claire Bassett, spokeswoman for Baylor, said Thursday night the study conducted in Houston had only been suspended as a precaution.

Bassett said that the contamination evidence had come from St. Jude, and that there had been no contamination found in the therapy given to the six children treated at Baylor. Two of the children treated at Baylor have since died of cancer, she said.

"Everything that took place that the FDA has a concern about did take place at Memphis," Bassett said.

Deidre Malone, St. Jude's public relations director, would not comment on the Post report other than to say the hospital would have a statement today.

Laura Bowman, the study's principal investigator at St. Jude, was quoted by the Post as saying that all of the volunteer cancer patients were near death and only a handful of the 20 patients she treated are alive today, the rest having died from their cancer.

The National Institutes of Health was already investigating St. Jude for its handling of patient deaths in a different study, the Post said.

The cancer patients suffered from neuroblastoma, a brain cancer that is the second most common childhood malignancy. The experimental therapy involved removing a patient's own tumor cells and inserting an immune system gene with a gene-altered virus. The modified cells were put back in the patient to galvanize the immune system to fight the cancer.

Bowman said she discovered last fall that the two most recent volunteers — a child and a teenager treated a year ago — received viruses that had been processed incorrectly and could have been contaminated.

She said she could find no evidence that the original batch of cells from 1995 used to grow the viruses had been properly screened for contamination. In November, she sent cells from the original batch for testing at an outside lab, which sent back results that twice showed the presence of DNA from HIV and HCV.

She said she decided to contact the FDA last week when further test results were slow to arrive.

Malcolm Brenner, who initiated the study while at St. Jude and continued the work at Baylor, told the Post he doubted the initial test results, but if the contamination was real it could have been caused by HIV-infected blood in the laboratory being accidentally splashed on the viruses.

The surviving volunteers would probably only need AIDS testing if further tests confirm the contaminatis: SUBS 4th Graf to remove clutter. Picks up "Lehman was pulled..." Spelling of Derik in 2nd graf is CQ.

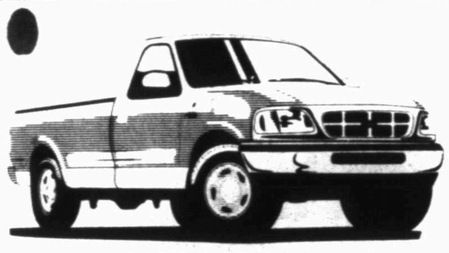
Student charged

ROYAL PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A student who allegedly planned a Columbine-style attack against his high school and tried to recruit helpers has been charged as a juvenile with two felonies.

Derik Lehman, 17, was charged Thursday with felony threatening to use a destructive device and solicitation to shoot into a building. He was also charged with disrupting a school, a misdemeanor.

Lehman was transferred Thursday from a mental hospital to a juvenile hall.

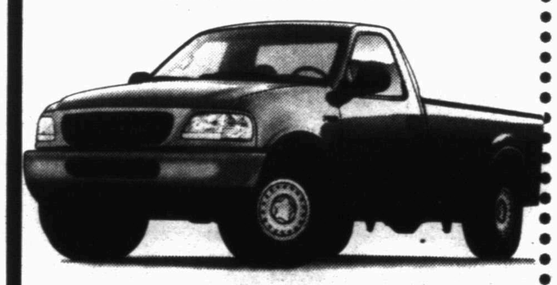
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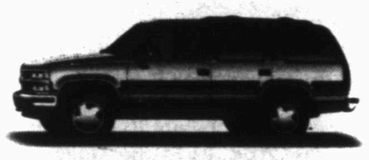


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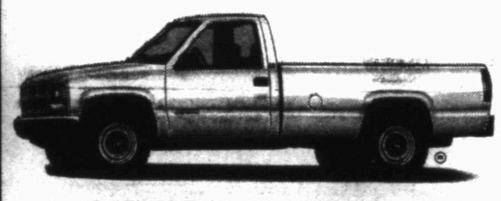


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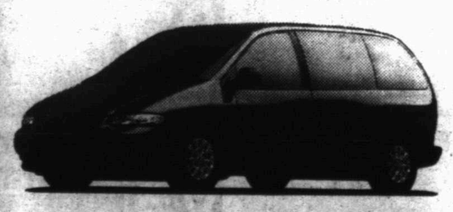
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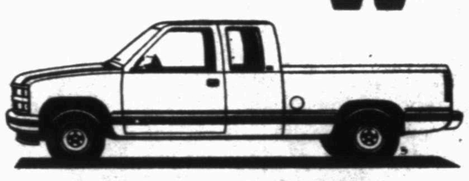
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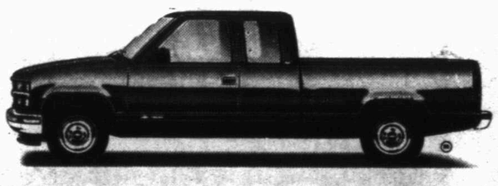
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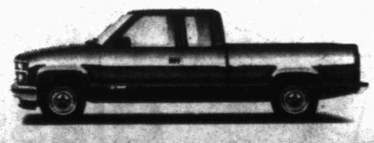
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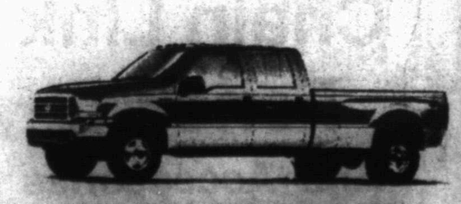
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