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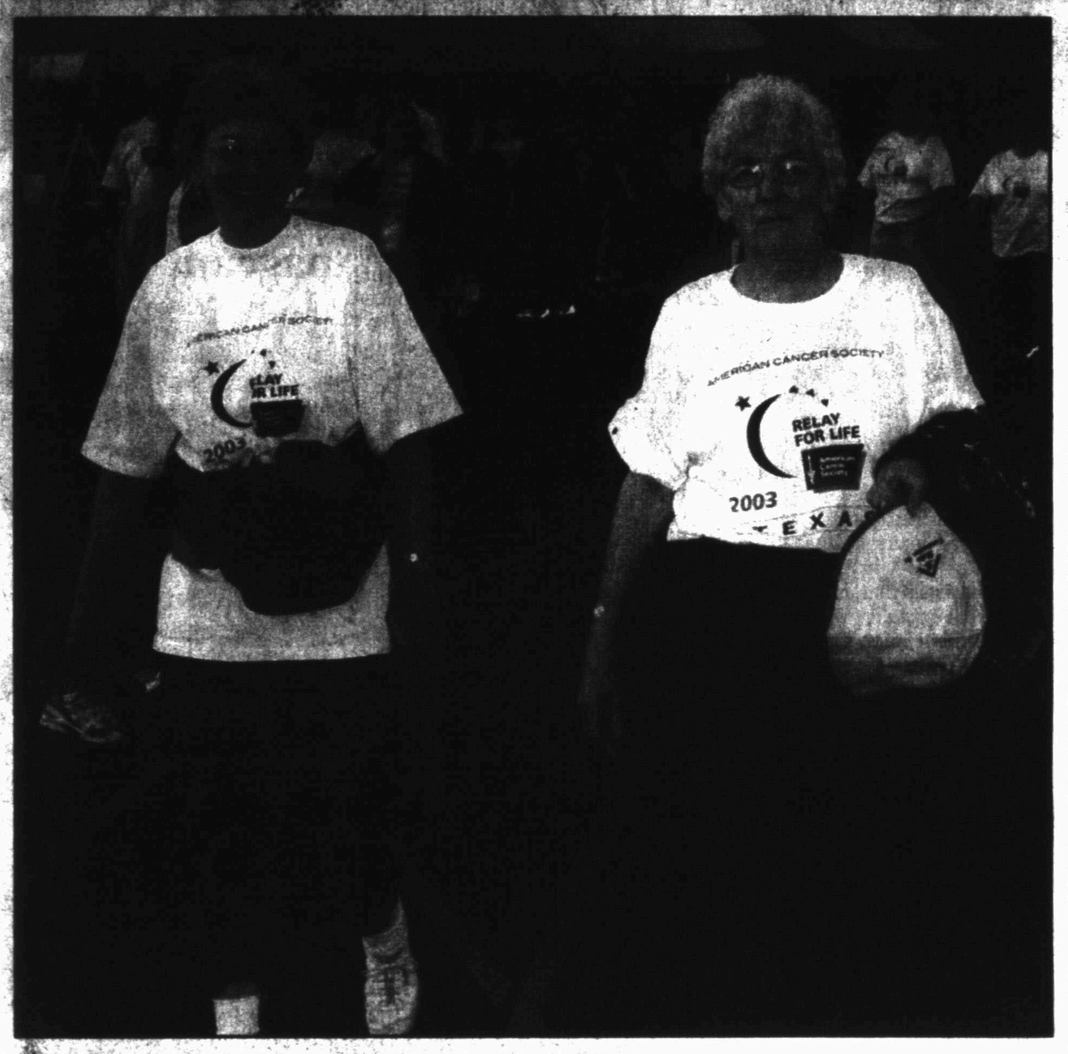
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Home of Heather Steelman





RELAY FOR LIFE — Hundreds of Scurry County citizens made their way to Tiger Stadium Friday and Saturday for the annual Relay for Life. Circling the track above are Gloria Dennis (left) and Nancy Dennis. Participants also had the chance to purchase items at an auction at the north end of the field. Working the auction are Scott Richburg (left) and Charlie Bell. (SDN Staff Photos)

Wind farm abatement on agenda

Scurry County commissioners will decide if the winds of change will increase county tax rolls by $80 million Monday.

The court will convene in a specially called meeting at 10:30 a.m. to discuss tax abatement for a wind farm to be constructed in the county.

Cielo Windpower, an Austin-based firm, has requested a 10-year, 100 percent abatement for the project. Borden County granted a similar abatement or a matching wind farm in the northeast regions of that county.

As in Borden County, the company would pay all school taxes in Scurry County, according to Dave Groberg, a Cielo representative.

He added that a fixed payment during the abatement could be considered.

Combined, the project in Borden and Scurry counties would produce 160 megawatts of electricity per hour, Groberg said.

"We are committed to the project in Borden County," Groberg said. " And by doubling its size and moving into Scurry County, we can enjoy a better economy of scale and it also serves to make the project more marketable."

The court approved new guidelines for granting abatements at its last meeting.

With those guidelines in place, the court could approve an abatement agreement Monday and the agreement could be finalized at the court's next regular meeting, May 19.

Such an agreement would set the wheels in motion for construction of the wind farm to begin as early as June.

Cielo representatives have said they hope the project will be complete and operational by the end of the year.

An initial construction force of 200 laborers is predicted and Groberg said the project would result in 10 to 12 permanent jobs in Scurry County with annual salaries ranging from $30,000 to $40,000. A Snyder office also will be sustained, Groberg said.

Persons owning land where turbines are placed also stand to benefit. They will receive revenue-based royalties and Cielo will pay any increase in land taxes incurred by the owners.

The turbines stand as tall as 250 feet and are designed to function in winds from 8-55 miles per hour. They have a life expectancy of 25 years, but most likely will be replaced with more advanced technology long before that, Groberg said.

Guidelines approved last week require that a company add a minimum of $150,000 to the tax roll of eligible property in order to be considered for abatement. Other factors to be considered are jobs created and fiscal impact.

Other action items on the agenda include consideration of new rules concerning septic facilities.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Beaty formally hired as superintendent at HISD

Hermleigh ISD trustees formally hired Marvin Beaty as the district's new superintendent last week.

Beaty, currently the high school principal in Little Elm, was the lone finalist for the position that became available when long-time educator Jerry Church retired at the end of last year.



Marvin Beaty

Beaty, 41, will officially take over the duties at Hermleigh July 1. In the meantime, interim Supt. James Bible will continue at the helm of the school and Beaty will spend as much time in Hermleigh as his present position will allow.

Beaty will be paid $65,000 per year and will have housing provided by the district.

"I'm fired up and ready to go," Beaty said. "I am also humbled that the board is giving me the chance to be superintendent."

"My desire is to do a good job and earn the faith they have put in me."

Beaty and his wife, Kelly Jo, have two children. Taylor is 11 and Jacob is eight.

The new superintendent said he is impressed with the quality of students at Hermleigh he met last week.

"They're happy, smiling, hard-working kids," Beaty said. "And that says a lot about our teachers. Both teachers and students have a great attitude."

Beaty said he would be working very closely with Bible during the transition period.

"And James and I have both met with Jerry (Church). It is very gracious of him to offer to do anything he can to help the school," Beaty said.

"Between him and James, they've given me a wealth of information."

Friday, Beaty said he sent out notes to teachers asking them to answer four questions.

"I asked them what the school does really well, what can be improved, what are you willing to do about it, and fourth, how can Marvin Beaty better serve the school."

Beaty said he gave the teachers his e-mail address and telephone number and is looking forward to hearing from them.

Beaty also said he is looking forward to working with principal Clarence Spieker.

"He is an excellent principal and I will support him," Beaty said.

"This is a good school and it was a good school before any one heard my name," Beaty said.



PROM PREPARATIONS — Snyder High School junior Lee Scott works to secure lights as part of the decorations for Saturday night's SHS Prom. Parents are asked to view the decorations before 7:45 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Charm will get you by for about 30 seconds, then it's necessary to know and do something."

They ought to pass a law that requires "truth in legislation."

It's not anything new, but there is no such thing as "no new taxes." It only sounds good.

Instead of raising taxes, the legislature hikes the fees for various things. If there is not enough state money for education, schools are then required to raise tuition.

Just this week we were notified that our unemployment insurance (tax) would double. Despite not having a claim and having the lowest possible rate, the quarterly tab will increase from $300 to just over $600.

That of course is a state-wide dilemma where layoffs and other job losses impact the economy in so many ways.

Collin County, the fastest-growing in Texas, also leads the state in home foreclosures. Collin County's foreclosures were up 103 percent. Denton, Dallas and Tarrant counties were up more than 50 percent.

Back during the election, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander (now Strayhorn) touted a plan for free tuition for all Texas residents. Then she said there's not enough money to even balance the budget — a $10 billion deficit.

Now she says the free tuition can work by dedicating the taxes derived from electronic gambling at race tracks.

Don't bet on it.

One of the big bites out of the state budget is for prison operations. After three years of inmate population decline, the number is again on the rise.

In February, it was reported that Texas' prison population had reached 147,610, inching closer to the 151,470-bed capacity. One out of 10 people incarcerated in the U.S. are housed in Texas.

To look at it another way, there are more people under criminal justice control in Texas (740,905) than live in the state capital (656,562).

Some say taxes are a crime, but it looks like crime is a tax.

And while the military action in Iraq appears to be winding down, a tough road lies ahead.

Establishment of a democratic self-rule will be difficult — especially when you consider the various religious and social implications.

And then there's the economic issues — like oil — and who controls it.

The incremental cost to produce oil in the Middle East is about $2.50 per barrel. Shipping to the U.S. is about $3.50 per barrel for a total cost of about six bucks.

In the U.S., the cost is as much as $17 a barrel.

Just remember, oil is still cheaper than Pierre Water and French wine.

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ASK US

Q—Is the Caprock Peace Officers Association holding its rattlesnake rodeo again this year?

A—Yes. The 55th annual event will be Thursday, May 8 at the Clairemont 4-H barn west of Jayton.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Debra Chaney...

...has been an employee at the Price Daniel Unit since it opened and is currently the warden's secretary. She and her husband, Joe, have five children: Angela Fields and Chris Smith of Snyder; Chris Doles of Waco; Laura Hord of Midland; and Joe Mac Cheyne of Denton. They also have 13 grandkids. She is also a 1969 graduate of SHS.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Purpose is the engine, the power that drives and directs our lives.

—John R. Noe

Free Checking at Snyder National Bank
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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fluvanna Baptist Church

Fluvanna Baptist Church will host the Lubbock Southcrest Baptist senior adult choir at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The choir will present "How about Some Good News." Lunch will follow.

Hometown performances

Snyder High School's drama department will present hometown performances of *The Tempest* at 2 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Admission is $5 for adults and $4 for students.

8th grade end-of-year-party

Parents of 8th graders interested in helping with the end-of-year party will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at Texas Savings Bank. For more information, call Cindy Brewster at 573-6337.

Pancake supper

Ira Church of God will host an all-you-can-eat pancake supper from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday in the church annex, sponsored by the Young Adult Ministries. Cost is $5 for adults, $2 for 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door and the proceeds will go for a summer trip to Canada.

SHS choir parents to meet

All SHS choir parents are urged to attend the Choir Booster Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the choir room. Banquet decorations will be made.

Support group

Gateway Family Services support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Case for Christianity," followed by "The Case Against Gambling."

TSA booster meeting

The technology student association booster meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the high school. Results from the Odessa show will be discussed and plans for the banquet will be finalized.

Caregivers dinner

Odyssey Health Care Hospice will host a caregivers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

4-H play day

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club fun day is Tuesday at the Scurry County Annex. Entry fees are $5 per member. For more information, call Laura King at 574-1378 or 207-2756.

Genealogy Society meeting

The Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the library. The program is "U.S. Migration and Settlement, Patterns 1607-1900.

SISD parent meeting

Lucy Smith of the Region 14 Education Service Center will present a parent meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the service center at 4200 College Ave. It will last about an hour and will explain parent involvement policies at Snyder elementary campuses.

Central seminars

Central Elementary will conclude its series of Thursday afternoon seminars at 3 p.m. Thursday and May 15. *Keep Them Reading This Summer* will be presented Thursday by Janie Romine, Scurry County librarian. *Bully proofing Your Child* will be the topic on May 15. Snyder school counselor Debbie Shaw will give parents tips on how to help children stand up to a bully. Child care will be provided for both seminars.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels Car show featuring live music will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday in the American State Bank parking lot. Saturday's show, May 3, will be from 10:30 to 4 p.m. on the Snyder square. The Saturday cruise will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 573-2171 or 573-3977 for more information.

Yard and bake sale

Snyder Health Care Family Council will sponsor a yard and bake sale beginning at 8:30 a.m. next Saturday, May 3, at 5311 Big Spring Highway (in back).

Antique tractor and equipment display

Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club's display and show will be Saturday, May 3 at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tractors and equipment will be set up from 9-10 a.m., and on display from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. A parade around the square will be from 1:30-2 p.m. Demonstrations will be from 2:30-5 p.m.

Midnight movie madness

Midnight movie madness, sponsored by the SHS senior class, will be held next Saturday. Waiting on company bookings for Malibu's Most Wanted or Bullet Proof Monk. Tickets are $5 at the door and also are available at high school. All ages welcome and concessions will be open.

Lord's Acre lunch

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre chicken-fry lunch at noon next Sunday in the Wesley Hall, 2700 College Ave. Adult tickets $7, children under 10, $4. Carryouts will be available.

Boy Scouts Fish-a-Thon

Snyder Boy Scouts will hold the annual Fish-a-Thon from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at Towle Park Pond. $5 per person to enter and prizes will be given hourly for the largest fish. No fishing license is required.

Joy School fall registration

Fall registration for Joy School, 201 31st. St., is from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays for birth to pre-K children. For more information call 573-3554.

More abortion doctors would be registered under new bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Physicians who perform 50 or more abortions a year would have to register with the state and follow stricter guidelines under changes approved in legislation preliminarily passed Friday night by the Texas House.

The measure by Rep. Will Harnett, R-Dallas, was one of several abortion-related amendments discussed as part of legislation that offers sweeping changes to the state's health and human services system.

If finally passed, author Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, estimates $1.1 billion in savings by consolidating 12 departments into three under a new Health and Human Services Commission and restructuring several programs.

It is a priority of the GOP House leadership dealing with a $9.9 billion budget shortfall.

The bill also caps the Children's Health Insurance Program, tightens fraud and abuse enforcement and allows for the privatization of a state school for mentally retarded children and a state hospital for the mentally ill.

The measure also would change the Texas law that requires medical clinics that perform 300 or more abortions a year to register with the state.

Harnett's amendment, which passed on an unrecorded vote without objection, would require physicians who do 50 or more to get licensed, which costs $2,500 annually.

The license requires documentation of a Department of Health abortion information hot line, staff training and compliance with annual state inspections.

"It's just more safety for the woman, basically," Hartnett said, adding that the goal was not to limit abortions or make abortions doctors more easily identified. The change would affect about 10 clinics, he said, but others predicted seven times that.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, offered an amendment that would prohibit health clinics or organizations from receiving government grants or loans if they perform abortions or are affiliated with organizations that do.

He eventually withdrew the amendment after Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, threatened it with a parliamentary point of order, but not before heated debate.

"I don't think taxpayer dollars should go toward performing abortions," Chisum said.

Democrats criticized the measure as targeting Planned Parenthood organizations and clinics that also provide preventative health care such as cancer screening.

Rep. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin, said the amendment would mean more costs would be shifted to local taxpayers because health care facilities would lose federal funding.

She also said that denying poor women birth control also could result in more babies that the state would be required by law to cover under Medicaid.

"You would be doing nothing but creating a greater financial burden for the state of Texas," Dukes said.

Under the current law, an estimated 41 abortion clinics are licensed now, said Rep. Frank Corte, a San Antonio Republican who is pushing for tougher abortion laws this session, including a bill that would require a 24-hour waiting period, among other things.

He was happy with Hartnett's measure.

"The question is the standard of care," Corte said.

But Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said the result is discrimination against abortion doctors.

The restructuring bill is HB2292.

Covey included on Tech's Dean's List

LUBBOCK — Cerise Covey of Snyder was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy for the 2002 fall semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must carry a 94.5 accumulative average for the semester.

Ira Baptist youth set 'Spring Fling'

Ira Baptist youth will host a "Spring Fling," Monday at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall, Hwy 350 in Ira.

Everyone is invited. Adults will be served a banquet dinner and entertainment will be provided by DeAnn Willis, a Christian comedian from Roscoe.

Children will be provided their own meal and activities by church youth.

Dress is semi-formal and pictures will be available. Prices are $7 for adults; $3.50 for children and children under 3 eat free.

Call 573-6277 to reserve your tickets. Money will be used for summer youth activities.



Larissa "Lacee" Early

Early is named pageant finalist

Larissa "Lacee" Early, the daughter of Melinda and Jack Early of Snyder, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Pageant to be held Aug. 3-4 at the Hotel Inter-Continental in Dallas.

Early, a freshman at Snyder High School, is involved in drama and serves as basketball manager. She enjoys singing, basketball, friends, family and community theatre. She also works at Sonic.

Early has also been named to the National Honor Roll for 2002-2003.

Early is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Linda Roemisch of Hermleigh and T.V. and Joy Early of Snyder.

The winner of the pageant will receive a $1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California.

Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes.

Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition and setting and achieving personal goals.

Hiker found alive

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — A 60-year-old hiker missing for almost a week was rescued from a boulder-strewn crevice and hospitalized with hypothermia, dehydration, a head injury and a broken right foot.

Marvin Matsumoto was attached to a hoist and lifted out of a deep crevice Friday in Joshua Tree National Park. He was listed in serious condition at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Matsumoto, a San Jose postal worker, carried no food or water and was wearing only a T-shirt and jeans when he disappeared Monday during a hike with his 16-year-old son, Mark. The teenager called authorities when Matsumoto failed to arrive at a prearranged meeting place.

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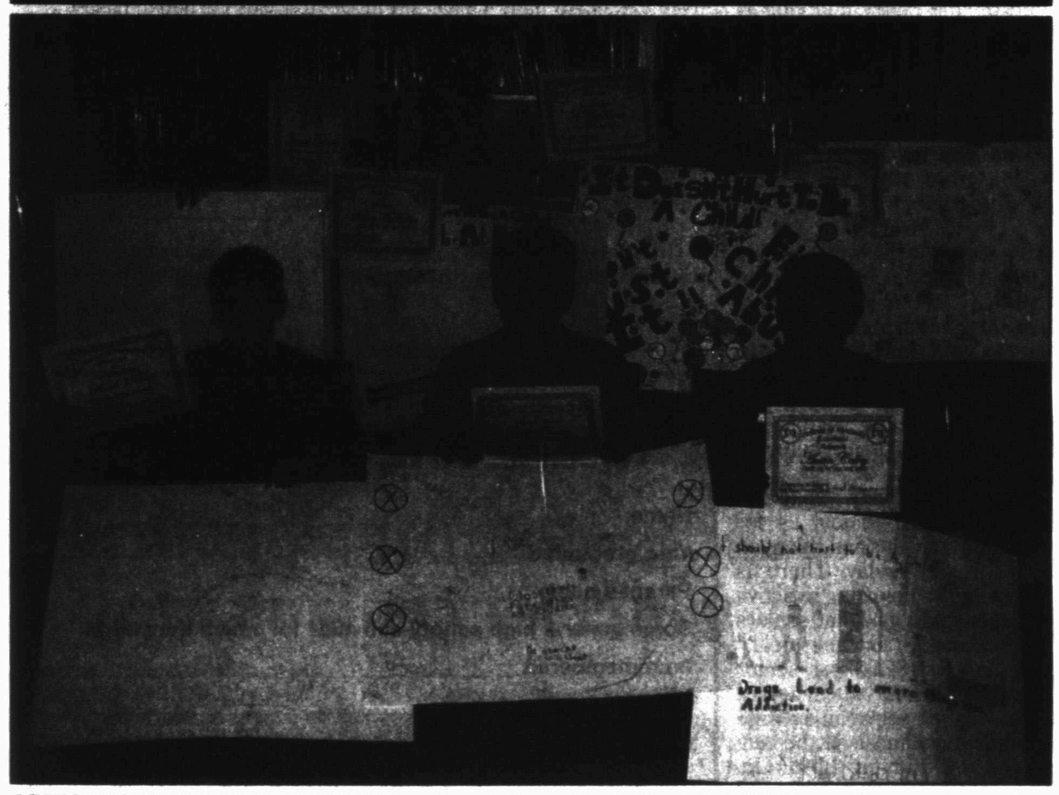
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Friday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Bonus ball: 34
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Cash Five
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PREVENTION POSTER WINNERS — Ira sixth grade students in Riki Jones class made posters for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Students in the top photo are from left back row, Heather Steelman, Rance Dunn and Seth Sanchez; front row, Cami Mitchell, Ashley Trotter and Tanner Price. Students in the bottom photo are back row from left, Ismael Tavarez, Shandy McMullan, A'Lex Koonce and Leeja Mauldin; front row, Kirk Krop Brandon Ramirez and Austin Calley. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Unusual behavior preceded Pennsylvania school shootings

RED LION, Pa. (AP) — Friends of the 14-year-old boy who shot and killed his school principal said the teen told them he hated the man and brought a pocketknife to school in the days preceding the attack.

About two weeks ago, after his sometime-girlfriend began dating another boy, James R. Sheets told friends that he hated Principal Eugene Segro and the girlfriend, they said.

"He was pretty upset," said Chris Hill, a ninth-grader who said Sheets showed him a picture of the girlfriend this week and said he wanted to resume the relationship.

On Thursday, authorities say Sheets brought three of his stepfather's revolvers to Red Lion Area Junior High School. In a cafeteria packed with students, Sheets shot Segro, 51, in the chest before putting another revolver to his head and committing suicide.

Friends said they never thought Sheets would do such a thing, that he was a good student who stayed out of trouble. But they also said his behavior in the days leading to the shootings had been unusual.

"He wasn't really like that," Mike Shultz, a 10th-grader who rode the bus with Sheets and other kids from the neighborhood, said Friday. "That's why it shocked us so much."

Sheets liked to wear cowboy boots, enjoyed hunting and talked often about guns, but had never seemed to need to show off, neighborhood friends said. He didn't get into trouble at school and was a good student, they said.

On Wednesday, Sheets brought a large pocketknife with a 3- or 4-inch blade and displayed it on the bus ride home, friends said. "I asked him why and he said 'To see if I could get it through,'" without being detected by school officials, seventh-grader Jen Fogle said.

Police did not return telephone calls Friday seeking comment on the investigation. They have said it was unclear whether Segro was the target of the attack, and that it was unclear whether the eighth-grader went to school that morning intending to attack anyone.

Funerals for Segro and Sheets were scheduled for Monday.

Sheets had lived with his mother and stepfather for at least a decade in a split-level house in a rural subdivision outside Red Lion in south-central Pennsylvania's dairy country.

As students wondered why the shooting happened, some recalled Sheets making foreboding statements that they dismissed at the time.

"In the very beginning of the year I remember him saying, 'My life isn't fair, I'm going to kill myself,'" said Danica Shirey, 14, whose locker was next to Sheets'. "But then he said he was just kidding and 'I would never do something like that.'"

Ira students enter contest

Ira sixth graders in Riki Jones' class entered the poster contest for Child Abuse Prevention sponsored by the Scurry County Child Welfare Board.

Seth Sanchez won first place and $20. His poster was also judged most original.

There was a tie for second place and the $15 prize. Cami Trout's poster also received excellent portrayal of feelings recognition.

Ashley Trotter's poster was also cited for best use of theme.

There was another tie for third place and the $10 prize.

Tanner Price's poster also garnered wonderful use of slogans recognition. Heather Steelman's poster was recognized for its best example of abuse.

Other posters recognized include Ismael Tavarez, outstanding display of abuse; Shandy McMullan, best use of graphics; A'lex Koonce, best use of art materials; Leeja Mauldin, best star performance.

Others are Kirk Krop, great use of faces; Brandon Ramirez, excellent use of description; and Austin Calley, excellent art work.

Students who entered received certificates, a CD from McDonald's and a coupon for a sandwich of choice.

Zoo visitors catch first sight of pandas

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Two giant pandas making their first public appearance at the Memphis Zoo attracted hundreds of visitors who lined up to coo at the pair or otherwise jostled for the best camera angles to photograph them.

If their first day was any indication, Le Le and Ya Ya could be the biggest black-and-white sensation in Memphis since Elvis Presley first swiveled his hips on television almost 50 years ago.

"I love them," 3-year-old Maya Griffy said Friday, while pressing against a thick glass wall for a closer look at Le Le, a 165-pound male.

Ya Ya and Le Le are in Memphis on a 10-year loan from China and will be the focus of a conservation research project into the pandas' diet, which consists almost entirely of bamboo.

At the exhibit's opening ceremony, Chinese Ambassador Yang Jiechi said the research will help his country protect its pandas, which are native only to the bamboo-covered mountains of central China.

The pair arrived April 7 aboard a FedEx jet with large panda faces painted on its sides. They were kept in quarantine while settling into their new surroundings in the star suite of a $16 million "China Pavilion" built primarily for them.

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California prosecutors to seek death penalty

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors have decided to seek the ultimate punishment against Scott Peterson, the man accused of killing his pregnant wife on Christmas Eve.

"A decision has been made to seek the death penalty in the case of People of California vs Scott Peterson," according to a statement by Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton.

The bodies of Laci Peterson, 27, and the unborn son the couple had planned to name Conner washed ashore last week in San Francisco Bay, about three miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing when his wife vanished.

Peterson, 30, a former fertilizer salesman, pleaded innocent at his arraignment Monday, declaring "I am not guilty" before an audience that included his in-laws and parents. He appeared to be holding back tears as he was ushered from the courtroom in ankle chains and handcuffs.

He is being held without bail.

Family and friends of Laci Peterson planned a vigil Saturday in Modesto in memory of the slain mother-to-be and other women recently killed in California.

Scott Peterson has maintained he played no role in his wife's disappearance. He took part in many searches as hundreds of volunteers joined police to spread out across California, looking in creeks, canals and reservoirs.

Modesto police arrested him in San Diego on April 18, before the bodies had been identified. Authorities had feared Peterson, who had dyed his dark hair blond, grown a beard and was carrying $10,000 in cash, would flee to Mexico.

Police have not suggested a motive for the killing, but Peterson acknowledged having an extramarital affair with a Fresno woman.

Scott Peterson's parents have said they think their son is innocent and that police have bungled the case.

Laci Peterson's family has not said whether they supported capital punishment for her killer. Her mother, Sharon Rocha, said Monday that she would seek justice for her daughter and unborn grandson.

She had this message for the killer: "I can only hope that the sound of Laci's voice, begging for her life, begging for the life of her unborn child, is heard over and over and over again in the mind of that person every day for the rest of his life."

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Two suspected of getting SARS in Canada

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A Brown University faculty member and a 2-year-old Minnesota boy are being monitored as possible SARS cases — both recent visitors to Toronto.

Toronto is the epicenter of the biggest outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome outside of Asia, where the disease originated. More than 250 probable or suspected cases have been reported in the Toronto area, with 19 deaths so far.

The unnamed Brown faculty member in the division of biology and medicine has been asked to stay away from campus. Students who have been in contact with the professor have been informed, according to a statement posted on the school's Web site Friday.

In Minnesota, a 2-year-old boy and a 14-month-old infant were classified Friday as two probable SARS cases. Minnesota Health Department officials said the boy recently visited the Toronto area and the infant had recently traveled to China.

In Wisconsin, meanwhile, a man who displayed SARS symptoms after traveling in Asia is facing a misdemeanor charge of refusing to cooperate with public health officials investigating the disease.

Although Bamidele Ali's symptoms have subsided and it is unlikely he has the disease, officials need to conduct further tests and obtain details of his recent travels to Asia, said Peter Schuler, Waukesha County health director.

Ali, 26, was charged Friday with failing to cooperate with health officials investigating a communicable disease, an offense that carries a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail and a $500 fine.

Prosecutor Paul Bucher said Ali was charged after refusing an order from the county Department of Health and Human Services to submit to a blood test and provide other information. He was served with the order on April 4.

There was no listing under Ali's name when The Associated Press attempted to telephone him early Saturday for comment.

Doctors at the hospital obtained a blood sample from Ali during his initial visit.

Two cruise lines ban passengers who possibly had been exposed to SARS

MIAMI (AP) — Having a fever above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and recently visiting Toronto could get you booted from Carnival Cruise Lines and Royal Caribbean Cruises under a new policy intended to stem the spread of SARS.

Both cruise lines said Friday they would send home anyone who had been in Canada's largest city in the past two weeks and had a fever or showed other symptoms of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

"It's a great thing," said Sonia Rodriguez, a 46-year-old physical therapist from Fort Lauderdale who was boarding a cruise for the Bahamas on Friday. "It's needed, especially in a place where you're contained with thousands of people in the dining room or the pool and places like that."

The cruise lines already had banned passengers who had recently traveled to China, Singapore, Hong Kong or Vietnam. Toronto was included after the World Health Organization this week added the city to a list of places travelers should avoid because they are hot spots for SARS.

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Financial Focus

Look for Creative Ways to Fund Retirement Plans

If you've got an IRA or an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or 403(b), you've already taken a big step toward achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But if you're not fully funding these tax-advantaged accounts, you're missing out on a chance to accelerate the progress toward your goals.

Just how much money can you put into these plans? For 2003, you can contribute $3,000 to a Traditional or Roth IRA; if you're 50 or over, you can put in an extra $500. You can also put in up to $12,000 to your 401(k) or, if you work for a non-profit organization, to your 403(b). And if you're 50 or over, you can contribute an extra $2,000 to these plans.

Of course, for most of us, these are good-sized sums of money - and it may seem hard to come up with the full amounts. After paying your monthly bills, you might not think you can afford to put away more into your retirement accounts. But there may be steps you can take to uncover, or at least redirect, financial resources you can apply to your retirement savings.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

•**Set up a bank authorization** — If you have a 401(k) or 403(b), you are probably automatically deferring part of your paycheck into your retirement plan. And you can follow the same basic mechanism to fund your IRA. By setting up a "bank authorization," you can have money moved directly from your checking account to your IRA each month. When you "pay yourself first" through this type of arrangement, you won't have a chance to spend the money on other things.

•**Put your raises to work** — If you receive an annual salary increase, consider raising the percentage of your 401(k) or 403(b) contribution. At the very least, increase your contribution enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. By not putting in enough to gain the match, you are literally walking away from "free" money.

•**Consider methods of "freeing up" funds** — If you can consolidate your high-rate credit cards into one lower-rate one, you may be able to free up money each month that can then go to your IRA. Also, if you're refinancing your mortgage, you may also come up with funds that can then go to your retirement accounts.

•**Get help from your Uncle Sam** — Depending on your income level, you may be able to receive a tax credit for contributing to your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b). If you're married and file jointly, and your adjusted gross income is $50,000 or less, you may be able to claim a tax credit ranging from 10 percent to 50 percent of your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) contribution. (The maximum contribution available as a basis for the credit is $2,000). If you qualify, you can claim this credit in addition to any tax deduction you receive from your employer-sponsored retirement plan or Traditional IRA. To determine your eligibility for this tax credit, consult with your tax adviser.

By taking these steps, or others you may discover, you can put more money to work for you in your tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Take action soon — because the more time you have to build your savings, the better off you can be.

Senior Center News

The Senior Center Fundraiser, May Day, is next Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. The activities begin at 2 p.m. with entertainment and the opening of the booths and the silent auction. Homemade crafts and Senior Center cookbook will be for sale in the craft booth.

Bids on items and services donated by local businesses may be made in the Silent Auction from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. The Sweet Tooth Booth will sell drinks and snacks throughout the afternoon as well as loaves of bread, batches of cookies, and cakes. Seniors donating baked goods are reminded that we do not sell homemade pies. Brownies, cakes, breads, cookies, and diabetic items all sell well.

Seniors are asked to bring their baked goods to the coliseum on Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or Saturday noon to 2 p.m., or to the center on Friday.

The barbecue meal will be served from 4:30-6 at $6 per plate. Tickets may be purchased now at the center or at the coliseum May 3rd. Take-out trays will be available. The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket. Entertainment will include the Sparkle City Line Dancers 2 p.m.-2:30 p.m., the Deep Creek Cloggers 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

The Quilt Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Grady Morris as the auctioneer. Sixteen quilts are now on display at businesses throughout town, and we have another thirteen to make a total of 29 quilts for the auction.

The quilt auction will also include afghans, baby quilts, tablecloths, and dolls. Transportation for senior citizens will be available May 3rd. Phone the center at 573-4035 and speak to Valerie for scheduling. Volunteers are asked to call the center to volunteer to help at May Day.

In addition to May Day, the Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show will be located on the coliseum grounds and the Snyder Wheels Car Club will be having a car show on the Snyder square. There is no admission charge to any of these events, so bring your family and friends and enjoy all three events.

MONDAY

Volunteers for the Silent Auction are asked to contact Pam at the center to receive your list of businesses. Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Daily exercise with Juanita is at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY

Senior swimnastics at Western Texas College is 10-11 a.m.. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. at the center. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet weekly at noon. Seniors are invited to join them.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies join us for billiards at 9. Exercise at 11 a.m. Afternoon activities begin at 1 p.m. Seniors may play pinochle in the bridge room or line dance and clog in the dining room.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the morning. Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m.. Daily exercise at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Regular activities will continue at the center, but we encourage volunteers who are able to meet us at the center at 9:30 a.m. We will transport May Day items to the coliseum. The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 a.m. There will be no exercise.

Newcomers (sixty plus) are always welcome to join us for any of our activities and the noon meal Monday-Friday. There is no cost for participating in activities, but we do ask that seniors make a donation for their meal.

We suggest $2.50 per senior citizen and $4 for guest under sixty. Daily we serve an average of 100 or more meals at the center and 140-150 for Meals-On-Wheels. Visit our facility and receive our bi-monthly calendar and our two-week list of menus. We are located at 2603 Avenue M.

Senior Menu

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Heavenly hash
Cutie pie
Tuesday
Beef stroganoff
Peas and carrots
Tossed salad
Peach cobbler
Wednesday
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Baked potato
Steamed broccoli w/cheese
Pistachio salad
Chocolate Brownie
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Whatever happened to...

Lola Hall Baughman of Farmington, Ark., attended Snyder public schools. She is the daughter of Clarence and LaVada Hall of Snyder.

Lola has three siblings, Reta Graham, C.W. and Kevin Hall.

When Lola was five she was in Miss Callis' private kindergarten.

She attended North Elementary and later Central when the district changed. She has fond memories of the late Herman Trigg who was principal at Central raising money for air conditioners for the school. Children brought cookies, cupcakes and Kool-Aid to sell during recess. Other special memories are of Mrs. Kelly, the librarian, who seemed to know ever story in the library.



Lola Hall



Lola Baughman 2003

She advanced to Travis Junior High and Snyder High School, and continued her education at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where she earned her BS degree in education in 1971.

She married Charles Baughman after graduation. He attended Okmulgee University and served in Vietnam. They have one child, Cyndi, born in Snyder.

After teaching elementary school in Springdale, Ark., for 11 years, they moved to Dallas. She graduated with honors in 1984 from Texas Womans' University at Denton. She earned a master of library science degree and is employed as school librarian media specialist.

With 30 years in education, Lola is a member of the American Library Association, Arkansas Library Association and is a former member of the National Education Association. She has served on the Northwest Arkansas Education Committee.

Lola and Charles own a produce business in Farmington where they now live. They have two grandchildren.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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After graduation they (college, military, etc.) _____

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Current picture?

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Banning spud guns considered

ORTING, Wash. (AP) — A few years ago, officials of this small town successfully outlawed Silly String and stink bombs. Now there's a new threat to public order — the spud gun.

The City Council is considering banning the toys that shoot small chunks of potato after pistol-packin' revelers left a mess at the city's Daffodil Parade earlier this month. The streets were littered with spent spuds and two residents were tatered.

"It seems like a drastic measure, but it seems like a safety thing we have to consider," said Mayor Dale Jones, who has received several complaints about the guns.

Residents of this close-knit community southeast of Tacoma and in the shadow of Mount Rainier, say that potato guns have become a hot topic.

"I don't see how it would hurt anyone — maybe if they got in someone's eye," said Venus Walch, who works at an espresso stand.

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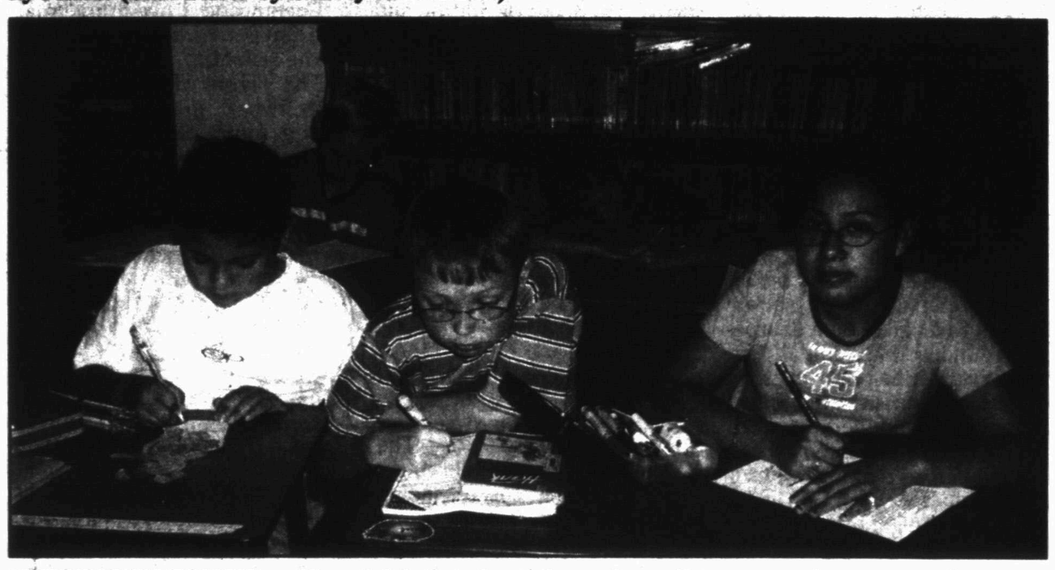
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WRITING TO SERVICEMEN — Hermleigh fifth graders writing letters to two servicemen are standing from left, Josh Beasley, JP Smith, Shaye Williams, Sean McClure, Fatima Padilla, Ricky Garcia, Lorinda Williams, Michael Redman and Jacob Sanchez. Seated from left are Vincent Mireles, Naomi Arellano, Caroline Granados, Dustin Dacus, Melanie Kariainen and Anthony Jones. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



KEEPING IN TOUCH — Hermleigh fourth graders who write to a serviceman are front row from left, JR Jaimes, Jordan Williamson and Gloria Ramirez; back row from left are Duncan Sorrells and Matt Williams. Not pictured are Lori Garcia, Kelton Garcia and Jacob Nachlinger. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hermleigh 4th, 5th graders write letters to 3 servicemen in Iraq

Three soldiers presently serving in Iraq get a touch of home thanks to Hermleigh fourth and fifth graders who have "adopted" them so-to-speak.

Fourth graders write notes and draw pictures for Staff Sgt. Cody Groves, a member of the 82nd Airborne, who attended school in Hermleigh.

Teacher Brenda Kuss said, "The students wanted to help keep the spirits up for all of the military. Since Cody is a former Hermleigh student, they felt they had a connection to him."

Fifth grade students are writing to two servicemen. Christopher Doggett, is a U.S. Marine who graduated from Hermleigh.

William Reagan graduated from Sweetwater High School and is in the U.S. Air Force.

Teacher Cathy Beckman said students first wrote longer letters introducing themselves but now write short notes once a week.

American Airlines wraps up labor deal to avoid immediate bankruptcy

FORT WORTH (AP) — Flight attendants agreed to cost-saving concessions that allow American Airlines to avoid imminent bankruptcy, although the carrier still faces a financial pinch and tense labor relations.

With company officials and lawyers poised for a possible Chapter 11 filing Friday, the Association of Professional Flight Attendants agreed to $340 million in annual cost cuts.

Unions representing pilots and ground workers had approved the concessions late Thursday and applied additional pressure on the flight attendants to go along, fearing American would make good on threats to cut even more jobs and wages in bankruptcy.

"While it is still an uphill battle in the fight against bankruptcy, we are going to give it all we've got," said board member David Boren, the president of the University of Oklahoma.

It was a busy first full day on the job for the airline's new chief executive, Gerard Arpey, who replaced Donald J. Carty on Thursday as CEO. The flight attendants' acquiescence came after a late-night meeting between the union's four top officers and Arpey.

The airlines' new chief warned that the world's largest carrier is not out of trouble and that relations with employees remained tense. "By any measure, we have our work cut out for us — we are clearly not out of the woods yet," said Arpey.

Carty resigned after losing the confidence of workers following his decision to withhold information about executive perks while the company was negotiating with labor leaders over a $1.8 billion annual cost-cutting plan.

Carty apologized for not disclosing the executive perks sooner, but ground workers and flight attendants threatened to call new elections anyway. The company countered by threatening to file for bankruptcy if the voting resumed.

To assuage angry union leaders and cut off new elections, the company improved the concessions package this week by shortening the length of wage and benefit cuts to five years from the original six, with limited renegotiations possible sooner, and by including potential bonuses up to 10 percent. Bonuses for management would be tied to the same airline-performance measurements used to determine bonuses for rank-and-file workers.

Airlines have been hit hard by a downturn in travel caused by weak economy, the 2001 terrorist attacks, fear of new terrorism around the Iraq war, and the SARS outbreak. Also, competition from low-fare carriers has squeezed prices, limiting airlines' revenue.

Mayor Bloomberg wants to throw parade

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he wants to throw a ticker tape parade up the Canyon of Heroes for troops returning from the war in Iraq.

"I called Paul Wolfowitz, undersecretary for defense, and said we would like to honor the troops and say 'thank you,'" Bloomberg said Friday on his weekly radio show on WABC. "These are young kids who put their lives at risk for the rest of us. Whether or not you agreed with the war is not the issue."

The parade up Broadway in Lower Manhattan has become a traditional event for groups ranging from war veterans and astronauts to hometown sports teams.

The problem is that troops are returning at various times, so coordinating a parade would be difficult, Bloomberg said.

A spokesman at the Pentagon didn't immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

Bloomberg said the cost of a parade would likely be underwritten by private sponsors.

Singer Willie Nelson turning 70 and still 'hitting it every day'

ABBOTT (AP) — When someone tried to burn down the sign proclaiming Abbott the hometown of Willie Nelson, a local troublemaker got the blame.

Turns out, they had the wrong kid.

"I really didn't like that sign myself," Nelson said recently. "Also, I didn't like the fact that it was calling attention to where I live. I didn't want to make it into a tourist trap."

So 10 or 15 years ago, after a night of drinking in nearby Hillsboro, he and a friend bought some gasoline and tried to set it afire.

When someone else was tagged as the suspect, Nelson confessed and all was forgiven. The singer, meanwhile, stayed focused on his objective.

"When it wouldn't burn, I got a friend of mine to go down there and paint over it," he said. "I'd just as soon people keep driving on by Abbott if it's OK."

Where there's a Willie, there's a way.

Nelson, who celebrates his 70th birthday on Wednesday, is showing no sign of slowing down. Instead of taking the day off, he will play the Horseshoe Casino in Bossier City, La., one of more than 200 dates this year.

"We've been doing it so long it's like a regular routine. It's good for us to just to keep hitting it every day," Nelson recently said in a phone interview before a show in Boca Raton, Fla.

"You can't keep a cork underwater," said longtime friend Darrell Royal. "Willie keeps seeking the surface. There's not any give-up in him. He's never being confused. He knows what music he is, what music he likes and he's never adjusted for anybody. He's just done it and done it the Willie way."

Nelson's stamina impresses performers like Texas singer/songwriter Robert Earl Keen, known for songs such as "The Road Goes On Forever (and the Party Never Ends)." He said Nelson, who has made his mark as an actor and poked fun at himself in television commercials, is among a small group of road warriors like B.B. King and Bruce Springsteen.

"There's a handful of musicians who continue to play the road, no matter what happens," Keen said. "These people always stay on the road — that's their bread and butter; that's their work ethic. They are performers first."

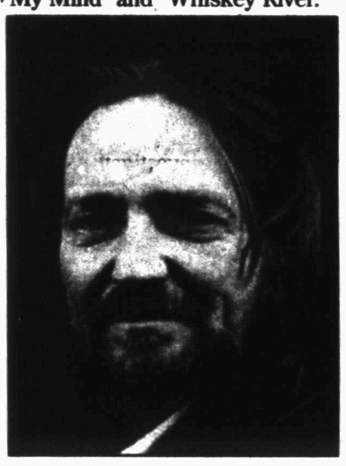
It's been three decades since Nelson broke traditional musical barriers by uniting fans of country and rock 'n' roll, but he remains as popular as ever — especially in Texas, where he is seen as a prodigal son for his 1970 return from Nashville.

"He is gaining fans, not losing any, and here he is 70 years old," said Royal, the former University of Texas football coach whose friendship with Nelson flourished after the two linked up one night at Austin's legendary Broken Spoke.

Some see the two as an odd pairing — the long-haired musician and the national championship coach. Royal simply says he loves music, and Nelson loves fans.

"He still writes great, still plays a great instrument and still sings his butt off," Royal said. "It took people a long time catch on to Willie, but after 'Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain,' he hasn't hit the ground since."

Nelson's milestone birthday is sparking a groundswell of warm feelings for the entertainer whose long line of hits includes "On the Road Again," "Always on My Mind" and "Whiskey River."



Willie Nelson

Texas Monthly magazine produced a special birthday issue that hails Nelson as an American original and the ultimate Texas ambassador.

"Willie is responsible for birthing this thing called Texas Music and taking Texas to the world. Bonus points for making red-bandanna headbands, braids and running shoes symbols of Texas culture," the magazine said.

Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton, Norah Jones and Ray Charles are among a diverse group of artists who recently joined Nelson at the Beacon Theatre in New York City for the taping of a two-hour birthday special that will air Memorial Day on USA Network.

"It was quite a birthday party, to say the least," Nelson said. "There was so much talent there, so many different people went above and beyond the call of anything, even friendship to go do that show ... All of them guys coming from all over the world makes you feel good."

Nelson, who won his sixth Grammy in February and is planning a Farm Aid concert for the San Francisco area this fall, joked that he had hoped his birthday might pass without notice. But he

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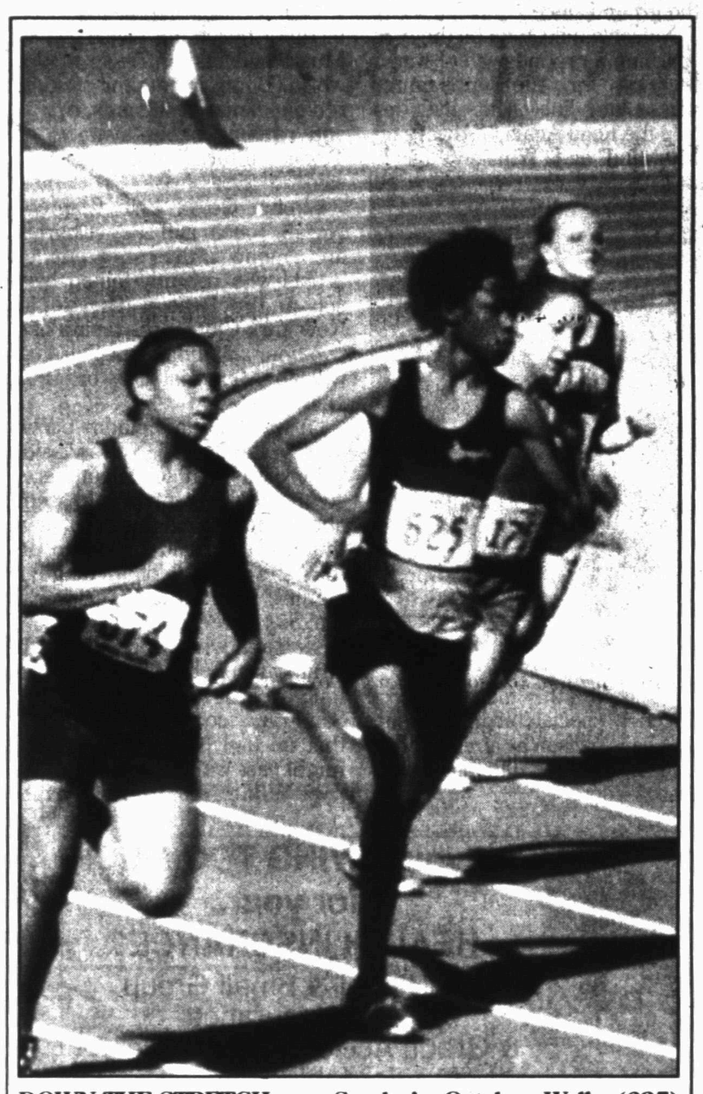
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SPORTS



DOWN THE STRETCH — Snyder's October Wells (625) sprints through the final turn in the 200M run. Wells won her heat and moved on to the finals Saturday afternoon. Wells took the silver in the triple jump to advance to Austin. (Contributed Photo by Glenda Boyd)

Wells makes leap to state

ODESSA — October Wells had the jump of her life when it counted most.

Wells' leap of 37-9 was second-best at the regional meet at Ratliff Ranch Saturday, launching her to state.

"It's the first time since I've been here that we have sent a girl to state, so it's exciting," Snyder High athletic director and former head track coach Chad Rogers said.

Wells moved on to the finals in the 200M run Friday, winning her heat and positioning herself in the finals of the race, which were scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday.

The other Snyder thinclads ran into problems on the Ratliff Stadium track Friday — literally.

Justin Boyd twisted his ankle on a rail that encircles the infield and Jason Guynes took a spill after catching the fourth hurdle in 300M-event.

"It was one of those black cloud days," head track and field coach Roger White said. "Everything that could possibly go wrong, went wrong."

Boyd's tumble came as he stepped on a metal rail that sits just inside the inside lane, as the Tigers were heading in for the third-best time in the 1,600M relay.

"He stepped on the rail and twisted his ankle about 100 yards from the finish line," White said.

Boyd placed third in the high jump, narrowly missing a season-best 6-4 leap. He tied his personal best with 6-2.

Ricky McNatt scratched on his three throws in the discus.

Although they did not qualify to advance, Boyd and Erin Burleson had their best efforts of the year in their respective events.

Burleson posted her fastest time ever in the 300M hurdles, putting her in ninth place.

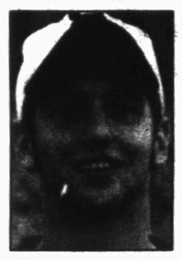
Only the top eight make it to the finals, with only the top two in each event moving on to Austin.

Snyder is third seed...

Tigers drop series to Seminole

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The third time wasn't the charm for the Tigers.



Grimmett



Collier

Facing district foe Seminole — and its ace pitcher, Austin McBee — in the rubber match of the season series Friday, the Tiger bats again went chilly with runners in scoring position, and McBee pitched a complete game to upend Snyder, 6-4, at Hayes Field on the campus of Lubbock Christian University.

"It didn't look like we had the same intensity as we did against Sweetwater," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "But give McBee credit — he kept us off-balance."

McBee scattered four runs on seven hits in seven innings.

Tyler Trout got the call for the Tigers, going three innings, allowing three runs on four hits. Trout struck out two and walked four before giving way to Ty Collier.

Seminole took the early advantage in the top of the second, as left fielder Daniel Clay hammered a single the opposite way to chase right fielder Robert Ramirez across the plate.

Ramirez had reached on an error by Snyder third sacker Marcus Rodriguez on a sharply hit grounder that took off on the artificial infield at Hayes.

Collier came in after Trout walked two and served up a double. Coliier lasted three innings before making way for Chance Greenwood, who closed out the game.

Collier went three, striking out five Indians. He allowed two earned runs and five hits.

The Tigers left two men stranded in the bottom of the fourth, and did not put anyone across until the fifth inning and facing a 4-0 deficit.

"We had no timely hitting and we were not very disciplined at the plate," Bollinger said. "We have to work on the mental part of the game. We need to get tougher mentally."

Snyder shaved Seminole's lead to two in the fifth on a two-run single by Blake Grimmett.

Designated hitter Eric Martinez scored the first run after reaching on a strike out, as Seminole catcher Drew Worth dropped the ball then threw it behind first baseman Matt Castleberry.

Marcus Villarreal singled and stole second before Grimmett's base hit.

Greenwood drove in the final two Snyder runs in the bottom of the seventh.

The Tigers will face Midland Greenwood in the bi-district round next Saturday, while Seminole will take on Pecos in the opening round.

Site and times for tne games will be determined later in the week after the coaches meet.

Yankees squeak past Rangers, 3-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Nick Johnson put the New York Yankees ahead with his two-run homer. He helped make sure the lead held up by starting a spectacular defensive play that ended the game.

Johnson's heroics and Mike Mussina's dominating performance to become the first five-game winner in the majors led the Yankees to a 3-2 win over Texas Rangers on Friday night in their first game against former manager Buck Showalter.

After Juan Acevedo replaced Mussina to start the ninth, the Rangers got a run in on Ruben Sierra's two-out double. Michael Young then hit a liner to the right side.

The ball bounced off the glove of the diving Johnson at first base and toward second baseman Alfonso Soriano. Soriano made a long underhand toss to Acevedo covering first and just beat Young.

"I thought I had it, and then I looked over and saw Soriano running over to make the play," Johnson said.

"I got a good view because it scared the hell out of me," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Nick made a good reaction to it, and Soriano did what he does, react to the baseball. And Acevedo was where he was supposed to be."

After Soriano's two-out double in the fifth, Johnson hit an opposite-field homer, his fourth of the season, that just cleared the 14-foot wall in left to break a 1-all tie.

"We needed every bit of it, and his defense at the end," Torre said.

Mussina (5-0) pitched eight sharp innings and had nine strikeouts, including the top three hitters in the Texas lineup in the eighth. He threw 71 of his 102 pitches for strikes, and walked only one, allowing a run on five hits.

"Once I loosened up, I got my breaking ball going and was able to maintain my velocity and move the ball in and out," Mussina said. "It's the same formula I've been using all month."

Division-leading Expos trounce Houston, 14-9

MONTREAL (AP) — Rookie Zach Day came within two outs of pitching the Expos' second straight shutout and Wil Cordero hit a two-run homer as Montreal improved to 14-9 to move a game ahead of Atlanta and Philadelphia.

"I haven't seen anything yet this year that has surprised me," said Robinson, who led the Expos to their first winning record in six years last season.

Only 6,863 were on hand at Olympic Stadium, where the Expos have won three of four. It was the third straight crowd below 7,000 since the largest Montreal crowd in two years — 36,879 — attended the home opener Tuesday.

Owned by the majors' 29 other teams, the Expos are playing 22 games in Puerto Rico this season to boost revenue. Montreal's 9-5 record overall in home games includes six wins in a 10-game homestand at San Juan's Hiram Bithorn Stadium, where the Expos drew an average of 14,332.

Montreal scored four in the first before recording an out as the first six batters reached, and Cordero homered in the third to make it 6-0. The Expos added another run in the fourth and three more in the seventh to increase their lead to 10-0.

Day (2-1), meanwhile, cruised along, allowing four hits before getting into trouble in the ninth. After getting the first out, Day loaded the bases on two walks and a single before losing his bid for Montreal's second straight shutout — and third in four games — on Morgan Ensberg's run-scoring infield single.

"I might have got in too big of a hurry," Day said. "I was all right. I'd never been in that situation before. Maybe next time."

Day left after the Astros added another run on third baseman Jamey Carroll's error. Day went a career high 8 1-3 innings and Luis Ayala came on for the last two outs.

Nowitzki's 42 gives Mavs 3-0 series lead

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are following a simple formula against the fading Portland Trail Blazers.

Jump on them early, then stay on them. And keep putting the ball in Dirk Nowitzki's hands.

Nowitzki had 42 points Friday night as the Mavericks beat the Trail Blazers 115-103 to take a 3-0 lead in the first-round series.

Nowitzki, who had a career-high 46 points in the opener, also had 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who can advance with a victory in Game 4 in Portland on Sunday.

"We don't want to give that team a chance to think that they can get into this series," Dallas guard Nick Van Exel said. "It will be key for us to jump on them early to establish that we are trying to close this series out.

"Hopefully, that will take a little steam out of them."

In other playoff games Friday night, San Antonio and Orlando took 2-1 leads in their series, with the Spurs beating Phoenix 99-86, and the Magic topping Detroit 89-80. On Saturday, New Jersey is at Milwaukee, Philadelphia at New Orleans, and Sacramento at Utah.

Things suddenly look worse for the already injury-plagued Trail Blazers, who couldn't find a way — again — to defend Nowitzki and now face the daunting task of trying to become the first team in NBA history to come back from a 3-0 deficit.

The Blazers have lost 10 straight playoff games — dating to their collapse against the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 7 of the 2000 Western Conference finals.

They've lost six in a row under coach Maurice Cheeks, and a loss Sunday would tie the NBA record of 11 consecutive postseason defeats shared by the Baltimore Bullets and Denver Nuggets.

"It is definitely do or die, and we know if we lose the next game we are out," Portland center Dale Davis said. "The have won three in a row — but we have been there pretty much every game and we are not giving up. I am not quitting and we are not quitting as a unit."

With starting guards Scottie Pippen in street clothes and Derek Anderson out indefinitely because of a knee injury, the Blazers trailed by as many as 14 points.

They closed in on Arvydas Sabonis' short jumper and went ahead 85-84 on Zach Randolph's free throws after Eduardo Najera's foul with 32.1 seconds left in the third quarter.

The two teams traded the lead until Steve Nash's 3-pointer put the Mavericks ahead 91-87 with 9:05 left in the game. Nowitzki followed with the first in a string of three 3-pointers to help put the Mavs ahead 102-94 with 5:58 left.

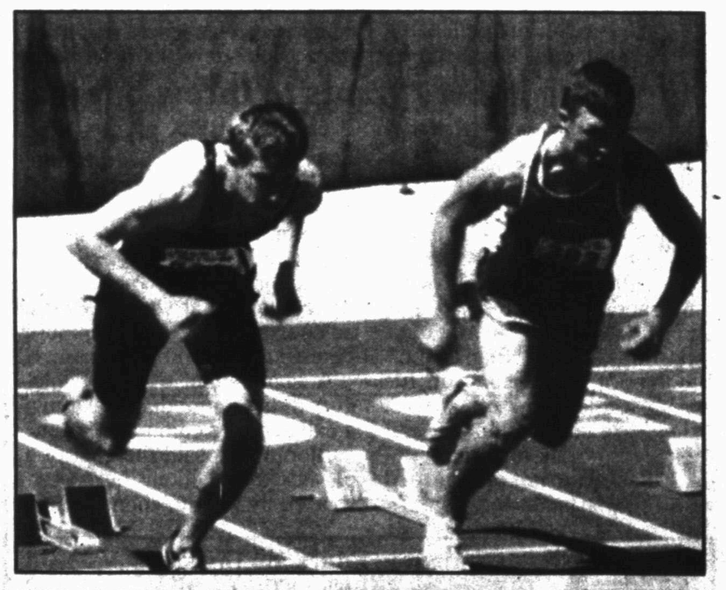
Dallas never trailed again. Raef LaFrentz had 20 points for the Mavericks, while Nash finished with 12 points and 10 assists.

Ruben Patterson led the Blazers with 19 points.

Pippen, Portland's on-court leader, watched from courtside for the second straight game.

Pippen had surgery on his left knee on March 18 and missed 17 games. He returned for the Blazers' final two regular-season games and played 32 minutes in the series opener, but then the pain and swelling came back.

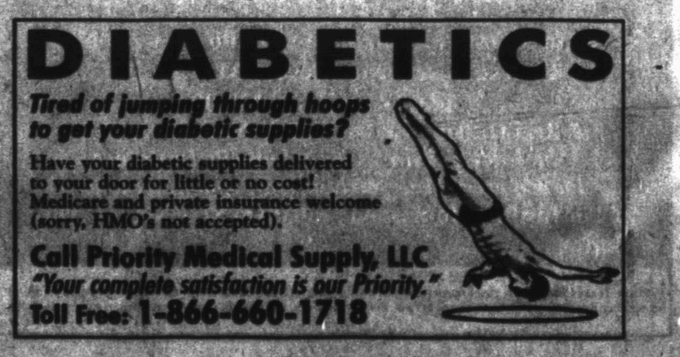
Anderson strained his left knee three minutes into Wednesday's 103-99 loss. Cheeks said earlier Friday that Anderson had a torn meniscus and is out indefinitely.



OUT OF THE BLOCKS — Tiger hurdler Jason Guynes (left) bolts from the blocks during the 100M hurdles race Friday at the regional track meet in Odessa. (Contributed Photo by Glenda Boyd)

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HIGH JUMP — Snyder's Justin Boyd leaps over the bar during the high jump at the Region I track meet at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Boyd's jump of 6-2 matched his personal record, and gave him third place in the region. (Contributed Photo by Glenda Boyd)

NFL draft a game of misdirection, deception

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL draft is a game of Three Card Monte. It's Liar's Poker. It's subterfuge and misdirection.

Sure, the Cincinnati Bengals dealt above table when they reached an agreement with Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer, who they were to make the first overall pick when proceedings began at noon EDT at Madison Square Garden.

And the Detroit Lions never have hidden their attraction to Michigan State wide receiver Charles Rogers, expected to be the second overall choice.

Beyond that? Well, nobody could be sure about much of anything.

"I'm not as stupid as I look to say who we like," Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache said. "You've got to keep your cards down when you're playing for the money. Everybody's lying anyway. Nobody is telling the truth."

So who believed the Bears when they showed so much interest in one of a dozen defensive linemen projected to go in the first round? Probably many people, because the Bears have a need and the defensive line is the deepest position in the draft.

Then on Friday, they traded that pick, No. 4 overall, to the New York Jets for the Nos. 13 and 22 choices. Away went the chance to take any of the top three linemen available.

The Jets?

Last week general manager Terry Bradway said they probably wouldn't make a trade.

"I think it's very unlikely at this point in time that we will package two No. 1s and try to move up," he said. "I don't feel like there's a player right now on the board that is probably worthy of that based on our evaluations."

On Friday, he turned 180 degrees, saying that after they got their rankings set, they realized there would be no player they coveted at 13. So they moved quickly to make the deal.

Two spots behind the Jets, sat Arizona. Were the Cardinals letting on their intentions, even though nearly everybody predicted they would grab Arizona State sackmaster Terrell Suggs?

"Between now and draft day, anything you hear from a coach or a general manager is a lie," Cardinals coach Dave McGinnis said last week. "It is a high stakes game, and you've got a group of cards in your hands. It just makes sense not to show them."

Some teams play the game much better than others, trading up when they are especially eager for a specific player, or moving down to collect more picks. Jimmy Johnson might have been the best at doing so when he was with the Dallas Cowboys, with much of the team's three Super Bowl championships built through his draft day maneuvers.

New England's Bill Belichick probably comes closest to matching Johnson's daring decisions. And with a pair of first-rounders this year (Nos. 14 and 19), he certainly had the collateral to move up and get the run-stuffing defensive tackle the Patriots lack although the Jets' deal with the Bears preempted one of the possibilities.

Spurs get rout in Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — Tim Duncan will gladly take six shots a game, if it leads to an NBA championship.

With Duncan again the subject of an incessant double-team, Tony Parker and his San Antonio teammates took advantage of one wide-open outside shot after another in a 99-86 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Friday night.

Parker, 3-for-20 in the first two games of the series, made 12 of 21 shots — most of them from long range — for a career playoff-high 29 points.

After Parker's poor performance in the first two games, there was speculation that his playing time might diminish significantly in favor backup Speedy Claxton.

"When someone has a bad game, you don't ship them off to Siberia," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Tony Parker is our starting point guard. He's very aggressive. He's not going to stop shooting if he misses a shot or two."

Although he was just 3-for-6 for 11 points, Duncan's presence was felt. He grabbed 23 rebounds, two shy of his career playoff best, and he was quick to throw the ball back outside when the crowd came to defend him.

"Three-for-six, and he still dominated the game," Phoenix coach Frank Johnson said.

The Suns' only lead was 2-0 as San Antonio turned up the physical intensity to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 is Sunday night in Phoenix.

"It's very frustrating to lose the game period, let alone the home-court advantage," the Suns' Stephon Marbury said. "But we've been in this situation, so it's back to the drawing board. We've been giving those guys a steady diet. We have to come up with something different."

Kuehne shoots course record for share of lead in Houston

HUMBLE (AP) — The wait was worth it for Hank Kuehne.

Finishing in near darkness, the long-hitting Texan shot a course-record 8-under-par 64 on Friday for a share of the second-round lead in the Houston Open.

Kuehne, the 1998 U.S. Amateur champion while a student at SMU, had eight birdies in his bogey-free round to finish 36 holes at 11-under 133, tying him with first-round leader Fred Couples, who had 68 Friday, and Mark Calcavecchia, who shot a 65.

Kuehne is playing in only his 25th PGA Tour event in a career derailed by alcoholism and injury problems.

While attending Oklahoma State in 1995, he survived a car crash after running a stop sign while drunk. He also returned from serious left arm and elbow injuries to win twice last year on the Canadian Tour and top the circuit's money list.

Early this month he tied for third in the BellSouth Classic and the $208,000 check easily was his biggest payday. It also earned him a spot in the Houston event, where he opened with a 69 on the 7,508-yard Redstone course, then topped it with the sparkling 64. That earned him a much more friendly tee time Saturday and a close-up view of Couples and Calcavecchia.

"Freddie is the man," Kuehne said. "He's the best. He has been somebody that I have looked up to my whole life."

Calcavecchia is convinced there's a victory waiting for him this year and it could be this weekend after his 65 pulled him into a share of the lead.

"I am narrowing in on it, but it's been a couple of years, so I am ready to jump into that winner's category again," he said after his bogey-free round.

Cowboys pick Terence Newman

By the Associated Press

After the selection of Carson, the next three players chosen were underclassmen.

Dallas ended that by taking senior cornerback Terence Newman of Kansas State as the first draftee of the Bill Parcells era in Big D.

He should fit well in a defensive backfield bolstered by safety Roy Williams last year.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	14	9	.609	—
Atlanta	13	10	.565	1
Philadelphia	13	10	.565	1
Florida	12	12	.500	2½
New York	11	12	.478	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	9	.609	—
St. Louis	10	11	.476	3
Houston	10	12	.455	3½
Pittsburgh	10	12	.455	3½
Milwaukee	9	14	.391	5
Cincinnati	8	15	.348	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	18	4	.818	—
Colorado	12	11	.522	6½
Los Angeles	10	13	.435	8½
San Diego	10	13	.435	8½
Arizona	8	15	.348	10½

Friday's Games

Montreal 10, Houston 2
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 3
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 3
Milwaukee 12, Atlanta 5
St. Louis 9, Florida 2
Chicago Cubs 11, Colorado 7

Saturday's Games

Houston (Linebrink 0-1) at Montreal (Vargas 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 3-1), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Condrey 1-1) at Cincinnati (Graves 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 1-2) at Colorado (Chacon 3-0), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 0-1) at Florida (Beckett 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Franklin 1-2) at Atlanta (Ramirez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-3) at Pittsburgh (S.Torres 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 0-0) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston (Redding 1-2) at Montreal (Ohka 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 1-3) at Atlanta (Ortiz 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 2-1) at Cincinnati (Wilson 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Suppan 4-0), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 1-2) at Florida (Penny 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Foppert 0-1) at Philadelphia (Millwood 3-1), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 2-1) at Colorado (Oliver 0-1), 3:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	4	.826	—
Boston	15	8	.652	4
Baltimore	11	11	.500	7½
Tampa Bay	9	14	.391	10
Toronto	9	15	.375	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	16	4	.800	—
Chicago	12	11	.522	5½
Minnesota	10	12	.455	7
Cleveland	7	16	.304	10½
Detroit	2	19	.095	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	8	.652	—
Oakland	13	10	.565	2
Anaheim	10	13	.435	5
Texas	10	13	.435	5

Friday's Games

Toronto 6, Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 2
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Boston 5, Anaheim 2
Seattle 6, Detroit 0
Oakland 5, Cleveland 2

Saturday's Games

Kansas City (Asencio 1-0) at Toronto (Lidle 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 1-2) at Oakland (Halama 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Helling 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Parris 0-2), 6:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 3-0) at Texas (Davis 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 1-1) at Anaheim (Shields 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 0-2) at Seattle (Franklin 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Kansas City (Hernandez 4-0) at Toronto (Walker 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 1-1), 1:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 1-3) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 4-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 2-0) at Texas (Park 1-3), 3:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bernero 0-3) at Seattle (Garcia 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 0-2) at Oakland (Hudson 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 2-1) at Anaheim (Lackey 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 24

Boston 101, Indiana 83, Boston leads series 2-1
New Jersey 103, Milwaukee 101, New Jersey leads series 2-1
Minnesota 114, L.A. Lakers 110, OT, Minnesota leads series 2-1

Friday, April 25

Orlando 89, Detroit 80, Orlando leads series 2-1
San Antonio 99, Phoenix 86, San Antonio leads series 2-1
Dallas 115, Portland 103, Dallas leads series 3-0

Saturday, April 26

New Jersey at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Indiana at Boston, Noon
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28

Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

Orlando at Detroit, TBA
New Orleans at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
Portland at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Thursday, May 1

Indiana at Boston, TBA, if necessary
New Jersey at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 24

New Jersey 3, Tampa Bay 0, New Jersey leads series 1-0
Anaheim 4, Dallas 3, 5OT, Anaheim leads series 1-0

Friday, April 25

Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 2, Ottawa leads series 1-0
Vancouver 4, Minnesota 3, OT, Vancouver leads series 1-0

Saturday, April 26

Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Monday, April 28

New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday, May 1

Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m., if necessary
Vancouver at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is Bingle, Bangle, Bungle.

GCSAA golf tournament

The student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America will host a golf tournament May 3 at the WTC golf course. Format is two-man low ball/alternate shot/select shot, with a 9 a.m. tee off slated.

Cost is $100 per team. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet will be held May 5 at First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $4 for children.

Call 573-2628 by next Wednesday to reserve tickets.

Jets, Bears swap picks

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Jets traded their two first-round draft picks to the Chicago Bears for the fourth overall pick in Saturday's NFL draft.

The Jets are expected to use the choice to pick Kentucky defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson, considered the best of the 10-12 defensive linemen who could go in the first round.

They also could take wide receiver Andre Johnson of Miami if he gets by Houston at No. 3.

Batista, Martinez suspended for brawl

NEW YORK (AP) — Arizona pitcher Miguel Batista was suspended for 10 games and St. Louis first baseman Tino Martinez for four games for their fight last weekend.

In addition, Cardinals pitcher Jeff Fassero was suspended for three games and St. Louis manager Tony La Russa for one game. All four were fined, as were Cardinals catcher Mike Matheny and Arizona coach Eddie Rodriguez.


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Abilene, Texas 79604
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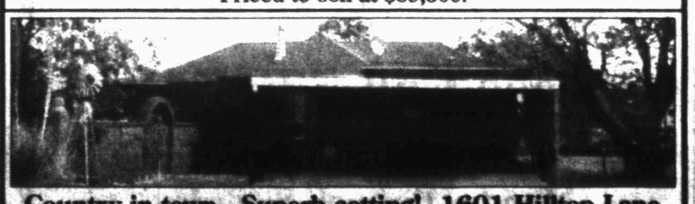

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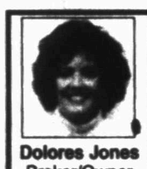

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Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 8th, 2003 at 6143 West FM 1606, Ira, Texas 79527 or may be mailed to Ira ISD, P.O. Box 240, Ira, Texas 79527, attention Superintendent. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. The date and time bids are received will be marked on bid envelope. Like bids will be awarded to bidder with earliest received date and time.

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Willie Nelson is turning 70

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said he doesn't mind the extra attention.

"Just living 70 years is a pretty good accomplishment to be talking about, and laughing about it is something too," he said. "There's a lot of people who'd like to be 70 and having as much fun as I'm having."

Times weren't always so good.

Nelson, who wrote hits such as "Crazy" for Patsy Cline and "Hello Walls" for Faron Young, had little success breaking through as a singer in Nashville in the 1960s and once even tried his hand at hog farming. After his home burned, he moved to Austin, shed a clean-cut look for the shaggy, blue jean-wearing Nelson that fans know today, and took off in the 1970s with tunes that struck a chord with hippies and boot kickers alike.

Along the way, he influenced a legion of musicians.

"When I first heard Willie Nelson's voice in the late '60s, the music just spoke volumes to me. It made me want to hear more of it," said Keen. "In many regards, it made me want to play music."

Keen said Nelson remains among the finest songwriters ever.

"You break down the lyrics and every word means something. They have a lot of power, they have a lot of strength and they feel true," he said.

Nelson's stardom has come with some well-publicized problems. He survived tax trouble with help from friends like Royal and was once charged with marijuana possession. He acknowledges smoking marijuana for years but says he doesn't use it as often as he once did.

He is on his fourth marriage, two of which ended during his turbulent years in Nashville. Today, he has homes in Austin and Hawaii and occasionally spends time in Abbott.

Nelson said his ability to survive was forged in Abbott, a Central Texas community of 300 with a strong Czech tradition. The town was rebuilt three times after devastating fires and outlasted the Depression. Nelson was raised there by his grandparents and spent time picking cotton and baling hay.

"I think that did more than anything to mold whatever character I have. There are a lot of wise people in that town and still are," he said. "I did learn that a small town is a good place to grow up. You can learn a little bit about a lot of things without getting into too much trouble."

Nelson has performed on more than 450 records. His collaborations span the musical horizon, from Waylon Jennings to Kid Rock.

"Willie never stopped making music. He has more albums than John Wayne had movies," said old friend Jerry Jeff Walker, another Austin music veteran best known outside the state for "Mr. Bojangles."

"Texans have always gone their own way," Walker said. "He's reinforced all those things, been different and he's been true to Texas. You have to kind of stick your head into Nashville and Hollywood if you're going to be a star, but not far enough to have them gobble you up. He's managed to keep his distance and uniqueness."

That's the Willie way.







Singer Sinead O'Connor will retire in July

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sinead O'Connor will retire in July, the Irish singer said on her Web site Friday.

O'Connor, 36, requested that she be left "in peace and privacy" when she withdraws from the public eye.

"As of July 2003 I shall be retiring from the music business," O'Connor wrote in the statement placed on sineadoconnor.com. She said she intends "to pursue a different career," but did not give specifics, instead thanking fans for "a great time and a great education."

The same statement was placed on a fan Web site earlier.

"We're bummed, of course," said Lellie Capwell, a spokeswoman for Vanguard Records, O'Connor's U.S. label. "We hoped for another record from her. But that's apparently not going to happen."

The final recording will be a DVD titled "Goodnight, thankyou. You've been a lovely audience." The disc, which was described as a live show and documentary by O'Connor, will be issued in July.

E-I-E-I OOPS! — Stanfield first grades presented *E-I-E-I Oops*. Reba Bailey, music teacher, directed. Students in Wendy Hunter's class (top photo) are top row from left, Kolby Burleson, Noel Villa, Dillon Clifton, Katelyn Lord, Felicity Alarcon and April Belman. Middle row from left, Patrick DiCamillo, Veronica Diaz, Zakary Rodriguez, Carson Edmonds and Cipriano Aguilera. Bottom from left, Danny Gunderson, Jessica Noblett, Bridget Beam, Britton Hill, Kelby Roemisch and Tara Harlan. Diane Huff's students (middle photo) are top row from left, Ismael Serna, Kyle Ward, Ashley Martinez, Joel Torres and Sloan Boren, Middle row from left, Isreal Garcia, Abigail Noblett, Tessa Holladay, Justin Clifton, Lane Carroll and Latysha Richardson. Bottom row from left, Amber Moon, Cyrus Hernandez, Shanerica Pruitt, O.T. Lane, Tanner Shifflett and MaKayla Moore. Melissa Rosson's students (bottom photo) are top row from left, Miccah Wesley, Bethany Iglehart, Alexis Morin, Andrew Pace and Lucas Harrell; middle row from left, Colter Smith, Riley Arnold, Lucio Solano, Shawnee Williams, Marylou Casarez and Kelsey Rankin. Bottom row from left, Kristin Krueger, Leia Chester, Katelee Brock, Logan Hopper and Madison Shaw. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Confederate emblem gone from Georgia's flag

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia lawmakers have voted to scrap the Dixie cross from the state's flag, potentially heading off an economic boycott by civil rights groups outraged by the Confederate emblem.

With some black lawmakers cheering and others weeping, the Legislature voted Friday to replace the current flag with a new design, inspired by a Confederate national flag but lacking the well-known cross of stars.

"This gives the people a flag based on history, but yet looking to the future," said Democratic Sen. George Hooks, a white Democrat who helped design the new flag.

Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue agreed moments later to sign the plan. The new flag will become permanent only if voters choose it over the current flag next March.

Perdue originally called for a referendum on a version of Georgia's flag that featured the Dixie cross but backed off after black lawmakers succeeded in defeating the idea.

Hours before the final votes on the flag in the House and Senate, civil rights groups promised an economic boycott if Georgia revived the Dixie cross, which many blacks lawmakers call a symbol of oppression.

The Senate voted 33-23 and the House approved the measure 91-86, with the speaker casting the deciding vote. Ninety-one votes were the simple majority needed for passage.

The temporary flag features the state's coat of arms and the words "In God We Trust" on a blue corner in the top left, with three red-and-white stripes to the right. It resembles a Confederate national flag and the pre-1956 Georgia state flag, but it doesn't have the familiar battle emblem.

Black lawmakers objected not to the Confederate roots of the temporary flag, but to the possibility of bringing back the Dixie battle cross, which was added to Georgia's flag in 1956 when an all-white Legislature was resisting integration.

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Rumsfeld fires Army secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld fired Army Secretary Thomas White, whose tenure as civilian chief of the military's largest service was marked by tensions with his boss, a Pentagon official said Saturday.

A brief Pentagon statement late Friday announcing the resignation, which came from Rumsfeld's office, gave no reason for White's departure. He made no public comment, and Rumsfeld left early Saturday for the Persian Gulf area.

On Saturday, the official, who spoke privately with White, said Rumsfeld had asked him to resign. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the official said no single event or conflict precipitated the firing. Rumsfeld told White he wanted to steer the Army in a new direction.

Army officials said White had no public comment.

"Under the circumstances, the most dignified thing to do is to say nothing and accept Secretary Rumsfeld's decision as gracefully as possible," said Charles Krohn, a spokesman for White.

In his brief written statement Friday, Rumsfeld tersely thanked White for his "long and able service to the country." He said White's departure date had not yet been determined.

White's departure portends a major shake-up in Army leadership. The top uniformed officer, Gen. Eric Shinseki, is due to finish his term as Army chief of staff in June. President Bush has not nominated a successor.

Speculation that White would quit has circulated widely for many months, but there appeared to be no recent event or conflict that prompted him to do so, said a senior official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

White, 59, became engaged in a public dispute with Rumsfeld last year over the defense secretary's proposal to cancel the Crusader artillery project, which White said was vital to the Army's future. Rumsfeld decided it was not suited for wars of the future and eventually canceled the program.

That was one of several areas of tension between Army leaders and Rumsfeld, who also has questioned the service's plans to invest in the Stryker, a wheeled combat vehicle that is a prototype replacement for the tank.

The Army had considered the Crusader a key to its strategy for modernizing U.S. land forces and transforming them to a lighter, more mobile force. The Crusader was a 155mm self-propelled howitzer that had undergone initial tests of its firing capabilities and was scheduled to enter service in 2008.

Rumsfeld was disturbed that the Army's Office of Legislative Affairs had sought to fight the planned cancellation.

China replaces health minister accused of mishandling outbreak

BEIJING (AP) — China replaced its health minister Saturday in a shakeup triggered by criticism officials responded too slowly to the SARS outbreak, while Asian health ministers agreed on a plan to try to slow the spread of the illness.

Health Minister Zhang Wenkang resigned and China's parliament appointed Vice Premier Wu Yi to take over his duties, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Wu, China's highest-ranking woman, already was the top official in charge of health care.

In Malaysia's capital, health ministers from across Asia met Saturday and agreed on a plan to boost screening at international departure points, bar travelers with SARS symptoms, and require health declaration forms for visitors from affected countries.

"The threat posed by SARS is unprecedented," Shigeru Omi, the regional director of the World Health Organization, told officials from Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea.

"We must be absolutely relentless in our search for every possible SARS case. We must use every weapon at our disposal," he said.

The meeting came as officials reported seven new deaths from severe acute respiratory syndrome in China, five more in Hong Kong and three more in Canada. The highly contagious illness has now killed at least 293 people worldwide and infected more than 4,600.

Big Country annual meeting Saturday

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its fourth annual meeting of the membership Saturday at Hamlin High School Auditorium.

Member registration begins at 5 p.m. The Texas BBQ meal will be catered by Johnny's BBQ.

An Arts and Crafts Fair will be available at 4 p.m. The Texas Mesquites will provide entertainment in the auditorium at 5 p.m. Demonstrations will include solar water pumping.

The business meeting will convene at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

Directors will be elected for Districts 2, 8 and 9.

District 2 nominees include incumbent J.F. Dozier, a farmer and rancher in the Old Glory, Sylvester, Royston and Noodle areas.

Dozier is challenged by Russell Beakley, a farmer who lives near Rule.

Carl Williams is the candidate for District 8. He is a farmer and businessman from Camp Springs.

Sue Stephens is running for District 9. She is the office manager for Anderson and West in Snyder.

U.S. eyes possibility of U.N. sanctions against North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will raise the possibility of U.N. sanctions against North Korea when it consults with allies about the latest round of nuclear talks marked by Pyongyang's brinkmanship.

In the past, North Korea has said that international sanctions would constitute a "declaration of war."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Friday the administration has taken no position on sanctions but will seek the opinion of other countries.

"North Korea has thumbed its nose not only at the region but at much of the world as a result of its actions, and therefore has been condemned by much of the world," he said.

Administration officials had said Thursday that North Korean delegate Ri Gun told Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly that his country had nuclear weapons and would test, export or use them, depending on U.S. actions.

The officials added that North Korea also told the U.S. delegation that it had reprocessed spent nuclear fuel rods, a key step in the production of nuclear weapons. That claim is not backed up by U.S. intelligence.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher refused to comment directly on the reported comments.

Friday was the third and final day of talks in Beijing involving the United States, North Korea and China on Pyongyang's nuclear program.

After a brief, informal meeting among the three, Kelly flew to Seoul to brief senior South Korean officials on the meetings. He flew to Japan early Saturday. There was no comment from Kelly or the South Korean officials he met.

In Tokyo, Kelly reportedly told Japanese officials that Washington was looking at a new proposal offered by North Korea to settle the six-month dispute.

Kelly met with Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda, but refused to discuss details of Pyongyang's proposal until after consultations with officials in Washington, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

Requests for money on chamber agenda

Three hotel/motel fund requests will be reviewed at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board meeting at noon Monday.

Scurry County Museum has made a request for funds to help with an exhibit and Scurry County Pilots Association has asked for funds to promote its Fly-In June 21. West Texas Western Swing Festival has requested its final disbursement to promote the event set for June 11-14 at the coliseum.

Reports are expected on upcoming events to include Senior Center May Day at the coliseum; Snyder Car Show and Cruise, next weekend on the courthouse square; and the Seventh Annual Fish-a-Thon, May 10 at the Towle Park Pond.

Lubbock man arrested on felony warrants for theft

Arrests

Deputies arrested Matthew Beerwinkle, 25, of Lubbock at 10:25 a.m. Friday on outstanding warrants for thefts in Kerr and Terry Counties and a felony warrant for theft of service from Hockley County.

At 6:09 p.m. Friday, Snyder officers arrested a 24-year-old man from the 2200 block of 40th Street for Class A assault and Class C family violence.

A 34-year-old man was arrested on U.S. 84 at 9:55 p.m. Friday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took an 18-year-old man into custody in the 4100 block of College Ave. at 11 p.m. Friday for speeding and warrants for violating promises to appear before a judge.

Officers responded to the 2500 block of 26th Street just before 2 a.m. Saturday after a complaint was received for loud music.

Two women, 26 and 23 years old, were arrested at the scene on outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

Fight

Officers responded to the 2200 block of 40th Street at 6 p.m. Friday to a fight in progress. One subject was taken into custody and offense reports for Class A assault and Class C assault, family violence were submitted.

Disturbance

A woman on 20th Street reported having problems with her husband just before midnight Friday. Officers responded and advised an assault had occurred Thursday and a report for assault family violence was submitted.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $11 at 7 p.m. Friday.

Prospective jurors to report Monday

Prospective jurors have been ordered to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court for jury selection for a Snyder man accused of aggravated assault on a police officer.

James Edward Norman, 19, of 126 Milburn is accused of kicking Snyder police officer Brian Haggard on Nov. 19, 2002.

He was indicted in December, and has remained in Scurry County Jail since that time in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

Court-appointed attorney Jeanie Fuller of Colorado City will represent him. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case and District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

Biker Sunday set at First Baptist

Snyder's Biker Sunday will be held beginning with registration at 9 a.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church.

Registration will continue until 10:30 in the morning and the worship service will follow at 10:45.

All bikers are welcome to the service and to the games and noon meal.

Entertainment will be by Heart-N-Soul and door prizes will be given.

A nursery will be provided.

The event is sponsored by the Big Spring chapter of Wings of Grace.

Obituaries

Slim Barrett

1915-2003

ALBANY — C.O. "Slim" Barrett, father of Shirley Fritz of Snyder, died Thursday, April 24, in a Stamford nursing home.

Service for Mr. Barrett, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Albany First Baptist Church. The Revs. Calvin Gray and John Tunnell will officiate. Burial will follow in the Albany Cemetery under the direction of Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home.

Born April 9, 1915 in Red Top, Texas, he married Rosa Lee Petty on Oct. 5, 1934 in Young County. She died in 1998. Mr. Barrett was a Baptist and a cowboy. He moved to Albany from Scurry County in 1954.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, J.B. Barrett, Foster Barrett and Horace Barrett.

Surivors include four other daughters, Billie Etheredge of Rotan, Gracie Barker of Milam, Judy Patterson of Stamford and Betty Balliew of Albany; one son, Charles Barrett of Abilene; one brother, Johnny Barrett of Graham; one sister, Louise Brooks of Fort Worth; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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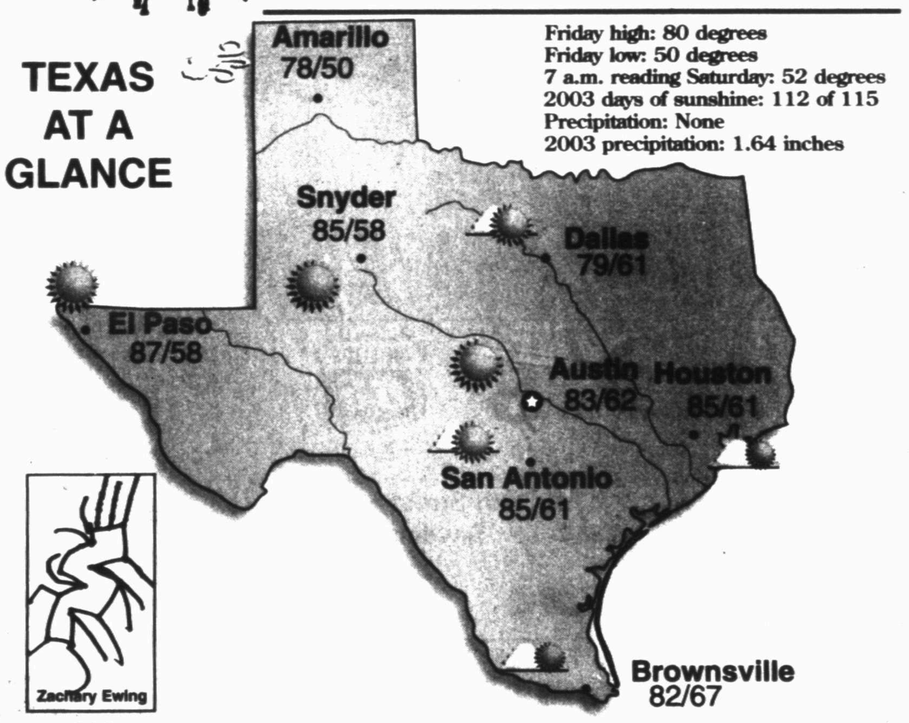
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Abilene	83	62	sunny	El Paso	87	58	sunny	Midland	90	57	sunny
Amarillo	78	50	windy	Fort Stockton	92	58	sunny	Raymondville	84	64	pt sunny
Austin	83	62	sunny	Gainesville	77	55	sunny	Rosenberg	82	61	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	59	sunny	Greenville	77	55	sunny	San Antonio	85	61	mst sunny
Brownsville	82	67	pt sunny	Houston	85	61	pt sunny	San Marcos	84	63	sunny
Brownwood	86	57	sunny	Kingsville	84	63	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	77	55	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	65	pt sunny	Livingston	84	56	sunny	Sweetwater	86	57	sunny
Corsicana	79	58	sunny	Longview	81	53	sunny	Tyler	82	56	sunny
Dallas	79	61	mst sunny	Lubbock	85	56	windy	Weatherford	79	56	sunny
Del Rio	89	65	sunny	Lufkin	83	56	sunny	Wichita Falls	78	58	mst sunny

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	50	pt sunny	Houston	85	61	pt sunny	Phoenix	89	64	pt sunny
Boston	47	43	rain	Los Angeles	67	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	48	pt sunny
Chicago	59	39	sunny	Miami	87	73	t-storm	Seattle	55	41	cloudy
Dallas	79	61	mst sunny	Minneapolis	68	52	pt sunny	St. Louis	68	48	pt sunny
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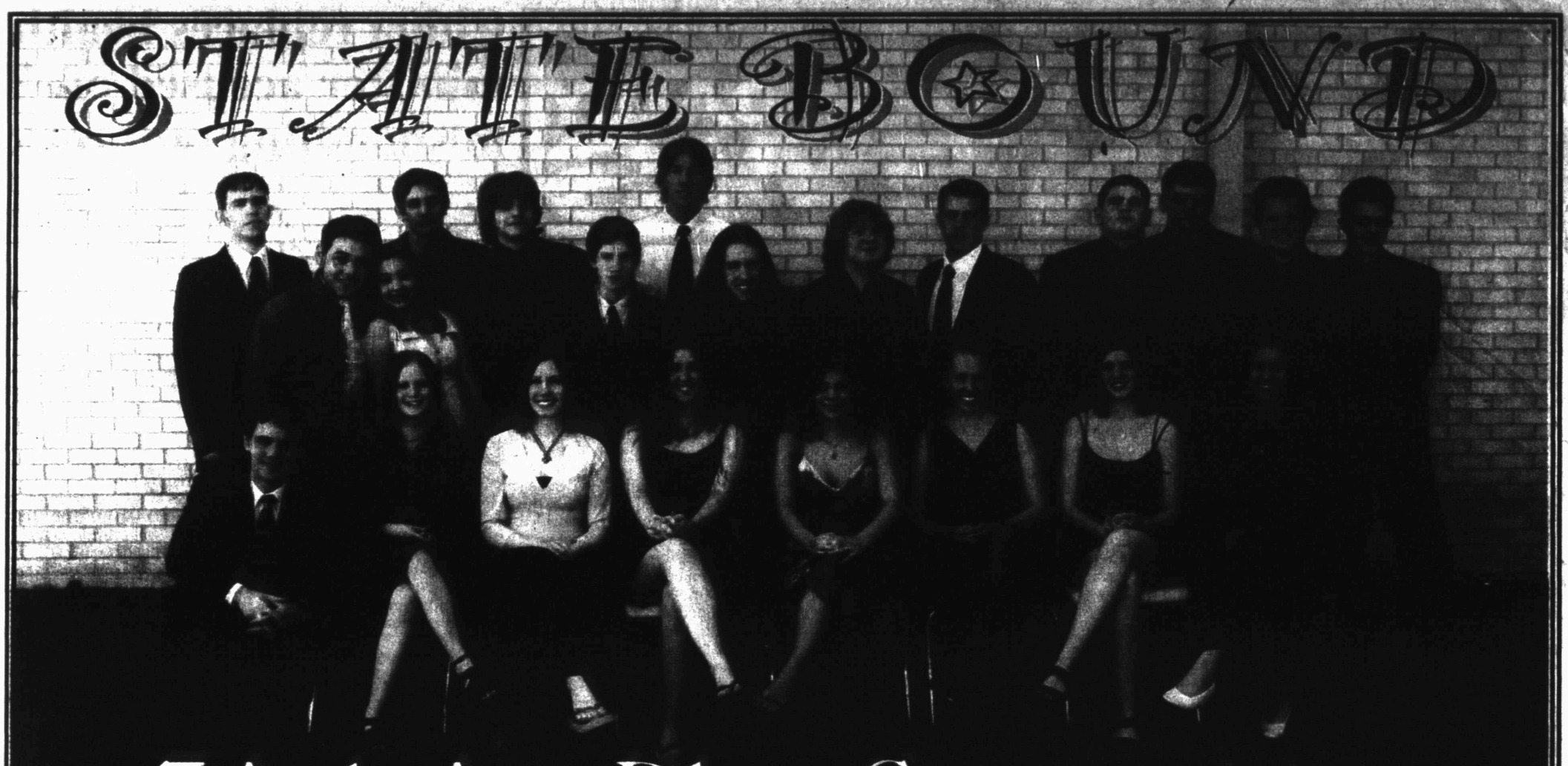
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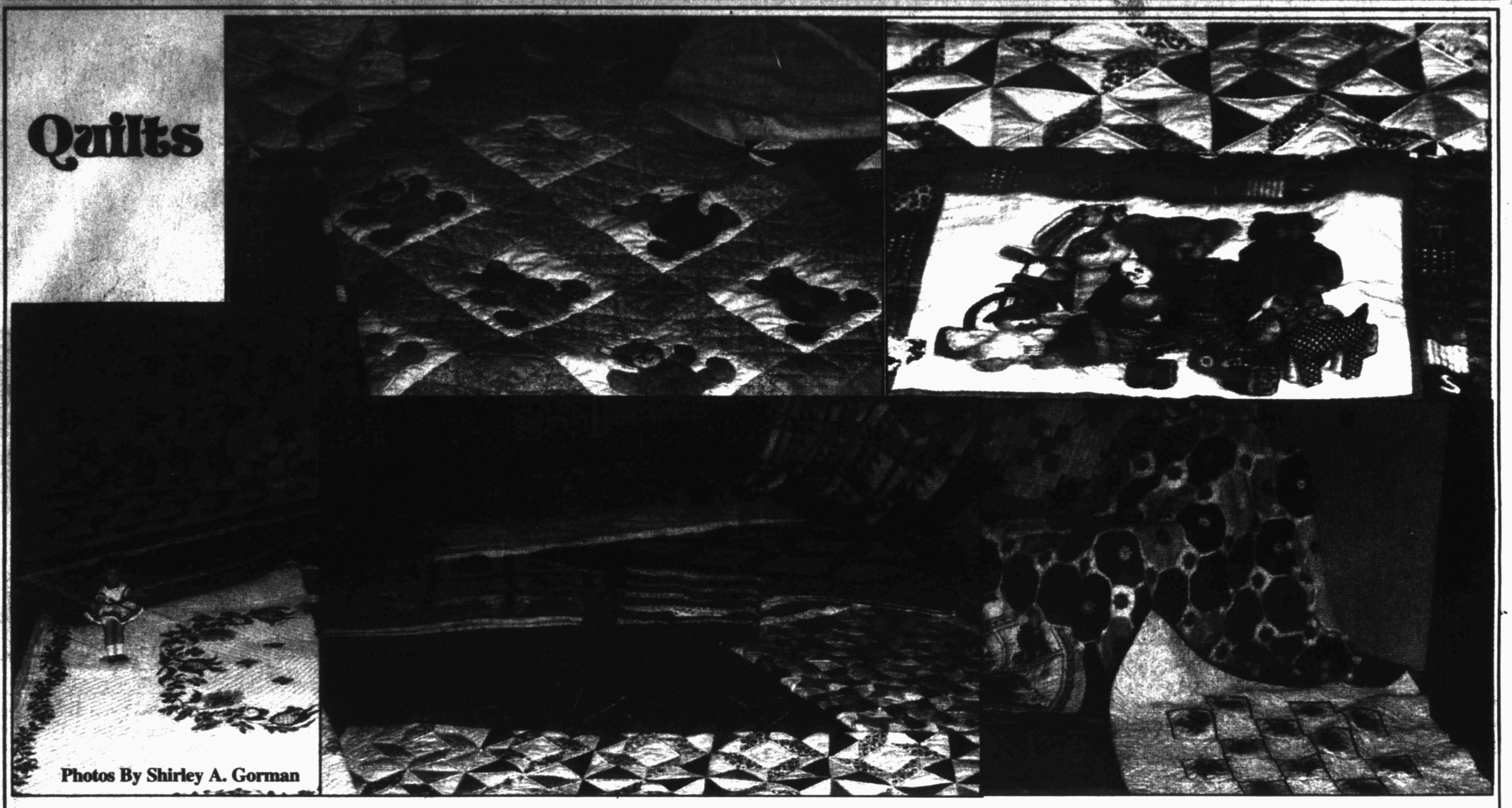
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May Day set May 3 at coliseum

Senior Citizens Center's annual fundraiser...

May Day, the Senior Center's annual fundraiser, opens at 2 p.m. next Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Activities include entertainment, a craft booth, a baked goods booth, the silent auction and the quilt auction.

The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. and the quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m. The Sweet Tooth Booth will sell drinks and snacks throughout the afternoon as well as loaves of bread, batches of cookies, and cakes.

The silent auction will be from 2-6 p.m. Local businesses have donated services or items for the Silent Auction. Entertainment will include the Sparkle City Line Dancers from 2-2:30 p.m.; the Deep Creek Cloggers, 2:45-3:30 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band 4-6 p.m.

Barbecue tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or at the coliseum next Saturday. Tickets are $6 per plate. Take out trays will again be available. Also the ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket again this year.

Twenty-nine quilts will be auctioned, including the 16 quilts now on display at businesses throughout town. The quilt auction will also include afghans, baby quilts, tablecloths, a queen size crochet slip cover, cutwork tablecloths, one round and one oblong and a Shirley Temple Doll made by Dorothy Duncan.

Grady Morris will again serve as the auctioneer.

In addition to May Day, the Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show will be located on the coliseum grounds. Clubs from Lubbock and Big Spring have also been invited. An added attraction in Snyder will be a car show sponsored by the Snyder Wheels Car Club on the Snyder square. There is no admission charge to any of these events.

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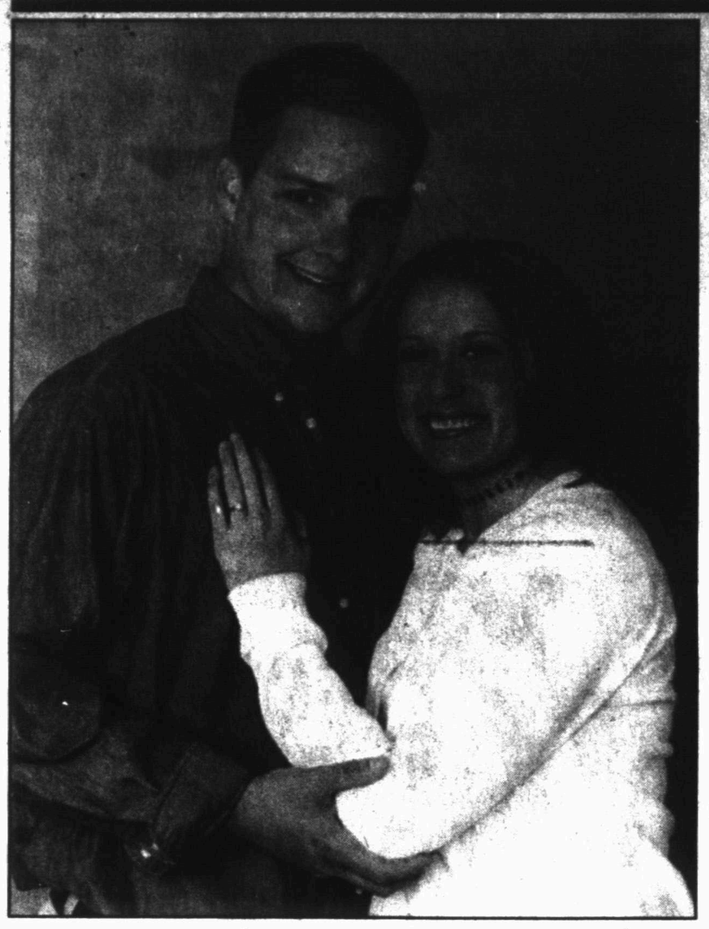
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JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Terry and Linda Huestis of Snyder announce the engagement of their son, Robby Huestis, to Ali Billips, daughter of Kathy Billips of Tulsa, Okla. The couple will marry at 6 p.m. on June 21 in the First Christian Church in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Bridal Registry

Vanessa Jones and Chad Arnwine
Christina May and Brett Gibson
Riley Tatum and Russell Wall
Lisa McNair and Brandon Jones
Laurie Kerley and Jerry Burton
Ellen Strayhorn and Hisham Musallam
Jemma Richburg and David Sutton
Jodi Dennis and Cory Mandrell
Jina Miller and Brandon Rollins
Jessica Perkins and Danny White
Amanda Scott and Clint Chandler
Andrea Peraza and Ryan Landes
Shahala Marricle and Allen Hoelscher
Allison Cornett and Jay Ball
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Friday, April 18

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2. Gwen Riggs, Carol G. Williams.
3. Dora Blakey, Ann Spitler.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
5. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.

Tuesday, April 22

Monty West directed.

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
2. Margaret Presswood, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Jane Hinton, Monte West

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—Woodrow Wilson

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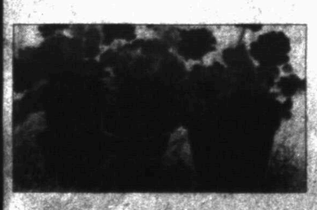
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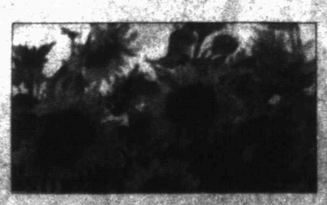




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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 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 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Library News

By Janie Romine, librarian

This coming week is National Volunteer Week. The library would like to recognize and thank those who volunteer in the library every week. Without them, there would be certain services that could not be provided.

Our volunteer who has worked here the longest is Nettie Faye Gardner. She comes one afternoon a week, takes her place at the typewriter, and begins typing spine labels for paperbacks. She stamps the paperbacks and attaches barcodes so that we can enter the titles into the computer. Without her, paperbacks would be put at the bottom of the list of things for staff to do.

Elizabeth McCloskey is our bulletin board lady. With each changing season, you will see her cutting, stapling and designing a bulletin board. In addition, she comes once a week regularly with Wanda Botsford.

This "dynamic duo" has completed just about every job a volunteer can perform. Before working the annual book sale, they clean the area and clean and organize books. They have trimmed and laminated posters, attached spine labels and bar codes to books, and have cut and labeled obituaries. Each time these two women come they may face a different task, but they complete it with enthusiasm.

Alta Bavousett comes in several times a week, working around her paying job schedule. She painstakingly sorts obituaries and alphabetizes them. You can guess that she is the genealogist's best friend. When she is handed more obituaries, she just grins and begins work again. This is a tedious job, but she performs it with humor and dedication.

Hattie Kinder is the volunteer who gives Alta the materials with which to work. Hattie sorts through all our Snyder Daily News issues, and cuts out all the obituaries. She dates and laminates obituaries so they will not disintegrate over time. She then trims them and hands them to Alta for filing.

Although we have five weekly volunteers, we can always find jobs for more volunteers. If you are interested in serving your community in the library, give us a call.

The library staff salutes all volunteers in our county

It was recently discovered that dogs do see in color, just not in as vivid color as humans.

Never anything can be amiss when simpleness and duty tender it.

—William Shakespeare
A Midsummer Night's Dream

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TERRELL-McCARTY ENGAGED — Audrey Lynn Terrell and Matthew McCarty are planning a July 19 wedding in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Audrey is the daughter of Gary and Empress Terrell of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder, and the granddaughter of Marlin and Jo Terrell of Snyder. Matthew is the son of Pete and Janis McCarty of Cordova, Tenn. Both will graduate in May from Texas Tech University. (Contributed Photo)

California avocados give Cinco de Mayo a kick

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Mention Cinco de Mayo and most people think of guacamole. This year the California Avocado Commission has developed recipes for both fiesta foods, adding new flavor to one of the most popular avocado consumption days of the year.

Over 37 million pounds of avocados are projected to be consumed this Cinco de Mayo, according to Michelle Spelman, Marketing Director for the California Avocado Commission.

"We're seeing the popularity of avocados grow year-round, still Cinco de Mayo remains a big day for us," said Spelman. "And since avocados are a traditional favorite, we've created colorful and delicious recipes for these festivities."

Guacamole is the hottest dip of the day and is also the perfect addition to a variety of Cinco de Mayo dishes: tacos, burritos, tostadas and nachos. Even though it is a food steeped in tradition, guacamole's versatility allows innovative hosts to try new ingredients and surprise guests with unique fiesta flair.

Traditional guacamole starts with California avocados, lime juice and salt. For Cinco de Mayo try **Guacamole with a Southwestern Kick** by adding roasted corn, garlic, dash of cumin and roasted red peppers. Create a new taste and a colorful spread to match the independent spirit of Cinco de Mayo.

What is Cinco de Mayo without California avocados? Just another day. For more California avocado festive recipes and party tips visit www.avocado.org.

GUACAMOLE WITH SOUTHWESTERN KICK
(makes 24, 2 oz. servings)

4 ripe California avocados, seeded and peeled
1 cup roasted corn kernels
3 tablespoons lime juice
3 garlic cloves, finely minced
¼ cup green onion, finely chopped
¼ cup roasted red bell pepper, diced
2 jalapeños, seeded and deveined, finely chopped
1 teaspoon ground cumin, or to taste
1 teaspoon salt

Coarsely mash avocados; do not puree. Fold in remaining ingredients. Guacamole is best made as close to serving as possible. For short-term storage, seal in an airtight container with a piece of plastic wrap against the surface of the guacamole. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Serve with yellow and blue corn chips or deep-fried flour tortilla chips.

*To roast corn, soak 2 ears in water for 1 hour. Remove husk and silk. Roast on the rack in a pre-heated 375F oven, turning occasionally, until kernels appear slightly shriveled. Substitute well-drained canned corn that has been blotted with a towel, if necessary.

Richard Dillon is out of doghouse now

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Richard Dillon is out of the doghouse.

Until Thursday, the 25-year-old Menlo Park man was facing possible jail time and a hefty fine for barking at a Palo Alto police dog. Prosecutors, however, decided to drop the case.

"Even though what the suspect did here was stupid, reckless and irresponsible, I don't think it warranted criminal prosecution, or the necessary expenditure of community resources," said Jay Boyarsky, supervising deputy district attorney for Santa Clara County.

Palo Alto police cited Dillon on March 5 after he barked at one of their dogs sitting inside a patrol car. Dillon maintained he simply returned a single "friendly bark" but police said he harassed the animal by barking multiple times and raising his fist in a threatening manner.

Dillon subsequently was charged with a rarely used misdemeanor that makes it a crime to willfully and maliciously interfere with a police officer's duty by teasing and agitating the officer's dog.

Outside the Palo Alto courthouse Thursday, a relieved Dillon said he had no hard feelings. "But I really didn't think I should face a year in jail and a $1,000 fine for barking at his dog," he said.



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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Rodger and Cindy Potts of Seagraves, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Katherine, to Brace Cade Huse, son of Vernon and Pam Huse of Lamesa. Brace is the grandson of Dee and Marilyn Phillips of Lamesa and Raymond and Gladys Huse of Plainview. Katie is the granddaughter of Mary Stone of Knox City. The bride-elect is a graduate of Angelo State University, is attending Sul Ross University and is teaching for the Seagraves ISD. The future groom is employed by the state of Texas. The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on July 26 in the Bethany Baptist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 04-26-03 ♠ 9 8 5 4 ♥ A K Q ♦ J 6 3 ♣ Q J 10	
West ♠ 7 2 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 8 6 4 3		East ♠ 6 3 ♥ 8 5 3 2 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ 9 7 5 2
	South ♠ A K Q J 10 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 7 5 4 ♣ A K	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Behold a thing of beauty

Marcel Duchamp, a French artist who died in 1968, said, "The chess pieces are the block alphabet which shapes thoughts; and these thoughts, although making a visual design on the chessboard, express their beauty abstractly, like a poem."

Perhaps we could rework that to produce this variation: The playing-cards are the block alphabet that shapes thoughts; and these thoughts, although making visual design on the green baize, express their beauty abstractly in tricks.

It is difficult to spot the correct line of play in today's deal unless you remember the theme for the week. (If you have been abroad for a few days, call a neighbor!)

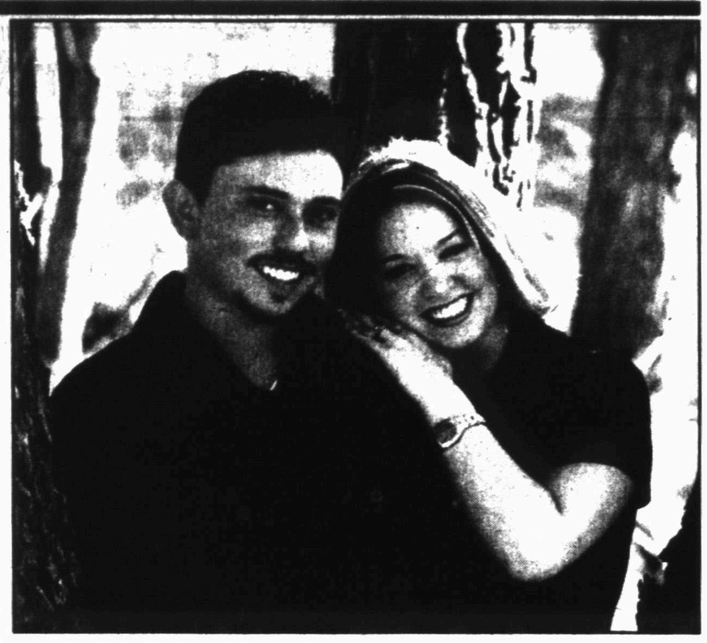
You are sitting South, the declarer in seven no-trump. After West leads the heart jack, how would you plan the play?

When North opens the bidding, South knows that their combined strength puts them into the grand-slam zone. Perhaps, though, he should take things a little slower. It is possible to construct a deal in which seven spades makes but seven no-trump fails.

There seem to be 13 top tricks via five spades, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs. But how do you get them all? If you cross immediately to hand with, say, a spade, you have no dummy entry left.

You could hope that the diamond queen drops singleton or doubleton, but that chance is slightly less than 33 percent. However, by doing some unblocking, you can come home. Take dummy's heart winners, discarding the ace and king of clubs! Then cash the three club winners, discarding your three diamond losers. Beautiful!

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MAY NUPTIALS PLANNED — Jim and Nancy Wood of Hermleigh announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brandy Jo Wood, to Joshua Cole Molano. He is the son of Robert Molano and Mary Hughes-Grimes of Dallas. They are planning a May 24 ceremony in the Greene Park in Snyder. (Contributed Photo

School Menus

Snyder
All meals are served with milk and breakfasts are served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Tuesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Chocolate Donut
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Wednesday
Pancakes & Sausage
Hot Oatmeal w/Spiced Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Thursday
Pigs in a Blanket
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Friday
Biscuits w/Gravy
Pancakes & Sausage w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Monday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Popcorn Chicken Nachos
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches

Tuesday
Chicken BLT on a Bun or
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick
Seasoned Green Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Pears

Wednesday
Turkey Pan Pie or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Corn on the Cob
Seasoned Kidney Beans
Garlic Bread Stick

Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog or
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Chilled Peach Cups

Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Frito Corn Chips
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Fresh Watermelon

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Monday
Spaghetti Sauce
Popcorn Chicken Nachos
Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches

Tuesday
Chicken BLT on a Bun
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick
Pepperoni Pizza
Seasoned Green Beans
Macaroni & Cheese
Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday
Turkey Pan Pie
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Pepperoni Pizza
Corn on the Cob
Seasoned Kidney Beans
Chocolate Fluff Pudding

Thursday
Ham & Swiss Wrap
Turkey & Noodles w/Roll
Pepperoni Pizza
Tater Tots
Seasoned Broccoli
Fruited Gelatin

Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
Frito Corn Chips
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Fresh Watermelon

Hermleigh
All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Pizza

Tuesday
Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwich

Wednesday
Oatmeal
Toast

Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls

Friday
Cheese Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Pork Rib Patties
Potatoes in Cheese Sauce
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Pudding

Tuesday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Apricot Crisp

Wednesday
Enchilada/Chili/Cheese
Vegetable Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Crackers
Pears

Thursday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Mixed Vegetables
Fried Okra
Hot Rolls
Baked Apples

Friday
Tuna Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Fresh Frozen Peaches

Ira
All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Pizza

Tuesday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Toast

Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage

Thursday
Sausage in a Blanket

Friday
Waffles
Bacon

LUNCH

Monday
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls

Tuesday
Tacos
Salad
Mexican Corn
Spice Cake

Wednesday
Hamburger Macaroni
Sliced Potatoes
Peas
Bread
Apple Crisp

Thursday
Chili Cheese Dogs
Tater Tots
Ranch Style Beans
Fruit

Friday
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Oranges

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Public Records

Marriage License

Bobby Jack Cumbie and Gwenora McIntire Cumbie, both of Snyder.

David Terry Sutton Jr. and Jemma Christine Richburg, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Leasecomm Corp. vs. Whit A. Parks, notice of filing of foreign judgment.

Action in District Court

Carolyn Copeland, individually and as surviving parent of Stacy Joyce Copeland, deceased, and as assignee of Benjamin Franklin Copeland vs. Darin Manlief and Gary Smith, dba Smith's Vacuum Service, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Lloyd W. and Charlotte Scarrow to James and Julie Minnix, Lots 1-4 in Block 7 of the W. T. Manry's Addition.

Dewey Grinslade to Cecil Luna and Rosemary Zamora, the north 50 feet of Lot 4 and the south 10 feet of the west one-half of Lot 3, Block 10 of the Blankenship Addition.

P.P.L.T. Corp., Helen B. Wadleigh and Polly A. Echols co-Trustees of the James L. Wadleigh Estate Trust, and Polly A. Echols, Trustee of the James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, to Doug Coonrod, Lot 4 and the southeast 60 feet of Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition, Section 2.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Alice Gray, Lot 10 in Block 8 of The Highlands Addition.

Betty Sue Miller, Billy W. Adams, Jo Ann Clark, Sharon L. Myers and Edward Junior Adams to Virginia Adams, an 0.28-acre tract out of the northwest part of Section 13, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ike and Penny Lewis to Justin and Bonnie Norred, tract one being 73.78 acres in the west one-half of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a 30-foot access easement out of the west one-half of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Doug Coonrod to Dixie Electric Inc., Lot 4 and the southeast 6 feet of Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition, Section 2.

Billy Don Snider to Alice Daniels, tract one being the north 50 feet of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 2 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition; tract two being the south 90 feet of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 2 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Mayzell Fenton to Jessie V. Medrano, the west 63 feet of Lot 4 in Block 31 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Douglas G. and Belinda Foster to Cory J. and Melissa A. Jernigan, 1.239 acres in the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 139, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Offshore banking expert is accused in tax-cheating case

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The author of books on avoiding taxes was indicted on charges of conspiring to help clients cheat the Internal Revenue Service by routing millions of dollars to offshore banks.

The federal indictment alleges that Terry L. Neal and three others — his son-in-law Lee E. Morgan, Aaron Young and James Fontano — had promoted and sold various tax-evasion schemes since 1995.

Their customers may also face charges, said assistant U.S. attorney Robert Ross.

"We are aggressively investigating and prosecuting all the clients," Ross said. "These people are successful professional people, successful enough to be putting $300,000 to $400,000 into these offshore accounts."

Neal, whose books include "The Offshore Advantage," is a high-profile advocate of offshore asset-protection strategies.

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The basic monetary unit of the Dominican Republic is the peso, and its chief fractional unit is the centavo.

Boston-area Teamsters leaders plead guilty to embezzlement

BOSTON (AP) — Local Teamsters head George Cashman pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy charges in a deal struck with prosecutors on the eve of his embezzlement trial.

Cashman, president of Local 25, pleaded guilty to two lesser charges of conspiracy in two separate schemes. In one, he and others were accused of extorting $100,000 from a health care company, and in the other, he falsified time sheets, allowing 19 truck drivers to illegally collect more than $72,000 in health care benefits.

As part of the plea, Cashman admitted accepting $20,000 in the extortion case.

William Carnes, the local's vice president, also pleaded guilty Friday to four counts of fraud in the timesheets case.

Cashman, 54, spoke briefly with reporters after the hearing and said he was grateful for his 36 years with the Teamsters and the opportunity to improve the lives of many through better work benefits.

"I believe that I've made a difference," he said.

Details of any punishment outlined in the deal were not discussed during the hearing. U.S. District Judge Douglas Woodlock set a sentencing date of Aug. 7.

One of the drivers who collected benefits was John "Mick" Murray, an admitted associate of fugitive gangster James "Whitey" Bulger.

Jury selection had been scheduled to begin Monday. Both men faced multiple charges of conspiracy, embezzlement and bribery.

Cashman's defense was dealt a blow last week when one of his associates, Thomas DiSilva, cut a deal with prosecutors and agreed to testify against Cashman.

DiSilva, a trucking company owner, pleaded guilty to two charges in the scheme to embezzle from the union's benefit plan by fabricating work hours. He also said that he and Cashman had extorted $100,000 from Cardinal Health and that Cashman kept some of the money. Both were indicted in that case last month.

Cashman, a former truck driver with close ties to former Govs. William Weld and Paul Cellucci, has been the union head since 1992. He also held a seat on the Massachusetts Port Authority board until May, when he was pressured to resign after he was indicted.

The indictment was brought by a Worcester grand jury probing allegations that members of Local 25 extorted Hollywood filmmakers, including producers of "The Perfect Storm" and "The Cider House Rules" during filming in New England.

Snyder student in SIFE competition

ABILENE — B.J. Baldridge of Snyder, a member of the Hardin-Simmons University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team, recently participated in the SIFE Regional Competition in Dallas.

The purpose of SIFE is to teach others about business and the free enterprise system. Their mission is "to provide college students the best opportunity to make a difference and develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing, and teaching the principles of free enterprise."

The team was sponsored by HSU assistant professor of business Dr. Coleman Patterson.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

DON'T INVITE ALCOHOL TO THE PARTY

One would be hard-pressed to find a life not affected in one way or another by alcohol.

Not only is there the alcoholic, but there are the children (including adult-children) spouse, parent and relatives of the alcoholic. Sometimes the two coincide as the sons and daughters of alcoholics become one themselves.

Our social world is saturated by alcohol. Many think it impossible to have a good time without inviting beer, wine or liquor to the party.

This attitude is prevalent in our youth, thanks, no doubt, to the push from popular culture. Movies, television, music, magazines and other forms of mass media tout the pleasures of drinking. Combating the mainstream messages with ones of anti-substance abuse is a hard battle.

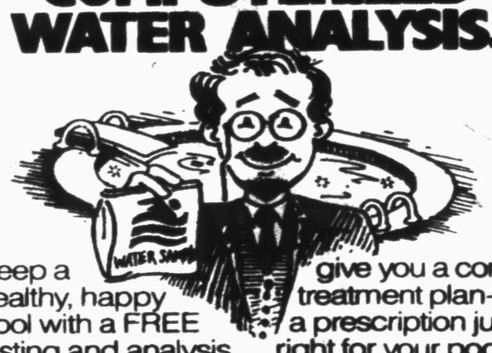
Often parents adopt the attitude that "kids will be kids" and that this somehow involves an alcoholic rite of passage. Many go a step further providing their children with alcoholic beverages and a place to drink it in hopes that this will promote safe-drinking. The subject of course is controversial and arguments can be made from both sides. It should be said, however, that it is dangerous to glamorize the drinking lifestyle for our children because you never know when a person is prone to the disease of alcoholism. What begins with an "I'd rather know that my child is drinking around me" could escalate into serious problems when the child takes to drinking elsewhere.

Prom activities are going on this weekend, and it is a good time to have serious conversations with the young people in your life about alcohol. Be honest. If you drank and lived it up in your younger days, let your children know. But, you should also let them know the lessons you learned from it. Yes, you are leaving yourself open for the old "you-did-it-when-you-were-young" counter-argument someday, but it is always better to be open, honest and up front with your sons and daughters. We learn by our mistakes and hopefully by the mistakes of others, and the hard lessons we learned could possibly save someone else from a few trials and tribulations.

Over and over in this column, we have tried to convey the message that education is key in fighting substance abuse whether it be alcohol, drugs or tobacco. Setting an example is key also. You don't have to get on a soapbox in front of your kids or preach them a sermon. Talk with them. Let them know you care and that you want to save them as much heartache as possible. It is possible to have a good time stone sober. They need to know they don't have to invite alcohol to the party.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl harassed by mother can't do anything right

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl. My problem is my mother and the nonstop fights we've been having lately. I'm trying hard to do all the right things — keep my grades up, maintain my friendships — and maybe find a nice boyfriend. Through it all, I've tried to make Mom my No. 1 priority.

My father left us, and Mom has done everything for my brother, sister and me. Even when she had only 20 bucks in her pocket, she still kept us in our house with food on the table. What's hardest for me right now is that I can't do what other kids my age can — or go where they go — because of lack of money.

I have been reading my Bible every day and praying for my family — even for my dad. But I can't seem to make Mom happy no matter how hard I try. She yells at me every time I turn around. I need some of your best advice, Abby. You can't imagine how great it would be for me to hear something positive from Mom for a change. Thanks for listening. — **TROUBLE WITH MOTHER**

DEAR TROUBLE WITH MOTHER: From your description, it appears your mother is stressed out and not the mother she would wish to be. Her short fuse has nothing to do with you, and everything to do with her overwhelming responsibilities to you and your siblings. Please don't take her outbursts personally.

Clip this column and show her this letter. Tell her that you wrote it, and that you love her, appreciate her and want to please her. Try to be understanding. She probably doesn't realize how bad you have been feeling, and she needs all the support she can get right now.

If the yelling continues (too much yelling can be abusive), discuss it with your clergyperson or a counselor at school. They may be able to intervene on your behalf.

As for your money problems, start asking around and see if you can pick up some baby-sitting jobs for extra money in the short term. In another year or two you will be able to get a part-time job if you wish.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law remarried a year ago. His new wife has a teenage son, "Josh," from a previous relationship, and my brother-in-law is in the process of adopting him.

Recently my husband and I invited the three of them to our home. It was the first time we had met our new sister-in-law and Josh. They both seemed nice, but my husband and I sensed that there was something about the boy we weren't being told.

Last night, my husband's mother confided in him that four years ago Josh was caught in the act of molesting and sodomizing his 9-year-old female cousin. He was convicted by juvenile court and sent away for three years.

The next time we saw Josh after learning this information, we were at the home of some other relatives. The family had gathered to celebrate an uncle's birthday. During the course of the party, Josh spent time alone with several young cousins of both sexes in the basement playroom.

I told my husband that the other parents in our extended family should be told about Josh's history, but he strongly disagrees. What do you think, Abby? Should I keep my mouth shut, or make sure that the next time Josh attends a family gathering, the parents are forewarned? I'm afraid to let this go, but I will abide by your answer. — **WORRIED SICK ON THE EAST COAST**

DEAR WORRIED SICK: I disagree with your husband. The parents should be told so that they can be sure their children are adequately supervised in their interactions with Josh. To pretend that the boy has no history of molestation would be both irresponsible and risky.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a senior citizen at an independent living facility. I told my physician I feel like an old car — fix one part and another falls apart. I said I didn't need an overhaul, just a new motor.

Your column (plus coffee) starts each day for me. I recently found an old one I saved, "A Dog Named Sex," and methinks it's time to run it again. I wanted to send it to my grandson, but alas, my clipping is yellowed with age. **Thanks, Abby. — BEVERLY NUNNELLY, EDMOND, OKLA.**

DEAR BEVERLY: You're welcome. I'm pleased to oblige. I have had several requests for it lately — and it always brings a smile. **Read on:**

A DOG NAMED SEX
By Morty Storm

When I went to City Hall to renew my dog's license, I told the clerk I wanted a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like one, too!"

Then I said, "But this is a dog."

He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was 9 years old." He winked at me and said, "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took my dog with me. I told the motel clerk I wanted a room for my wife and me, and a special room for Sex. He said, "You don't need a special room for Sex. As long as you pay your bill, we don't care what you do."

I said, "Look, you don't seem to understand. Sex keeps me awake at night."

The clerk said, "Funny, I have the same problem."

Well, one day I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog got loose and ran away. Another contestant asked me why I was just standing there, looking disappointed. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He said, "Wonderful! If you sell tickets, you'll clean up!"

But you don't understand, I said. "I want to have Sex on TV." He said, "They already have that on cable. It's no big deal anymore."

Well, my wife and I decided to separate, so we went to court to fight for custody of the dog.

I said to the judge, "Your honor, I had Sex before I was married." The judge said, "The court is not a confessional. Please stick to the facts." Then I told him that after I was married, Sex left me. He said, "Me, too."

Well, last night Sex ran away again, and I spent hours looking all over for him. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 o'clock in the morning?" I said, "I'm looking for Sex."

My case comes up Friday.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Paying the Price," the grandmother who had a cup of coffee with a male acquaintance and got herpes.

I am an 84-year-old man who has never had a venereal disease, and I'm an avid coffee drinker. I have three or four 12-ounce mugs every day. I have been drinking coffee as long as I can remember. Abby, coffee will NOT give you herpes. — **OLD COFFEE HOUND IN TEXAS**

DEAR OLD COFFEE HOUND: I agree. It's the "sweet talk" that went WITH the coffee that caused the woman's problem!

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Design contest open to world

NEW YORK (AP) — Come Monday, any adult, anywhere in the world will be able to submit a design for the memorial that will be built at the World Trade Center site.

In seeking an original, fitting idea, "we felt it was important to extend a worldwide invitation to anyone, anywhere, regardless of professional accreditation," said Matt Higgins, a spokesman for the Lower Manhattan Development Corp.

On Monday, the agency will issue design guidelines and begin accepting registrations. The competition will be open to anyone 18 or older who pays a fee of $25, which will be used toward the creation of the memorial.

Anthony Viscardi, a professor of architecture at Lehigh University, said opening the competition to non-professionals was a positive move, one that would allow the greatest chance for a fitting design.

Viscardi pointed out that Maya Lin was a student when she submitted her winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

"You're probably going to get one or two or more (ideas) that give you that refreshing point of view," he said. He said even ideas that won't work may provide inspiration for the eventual winner.

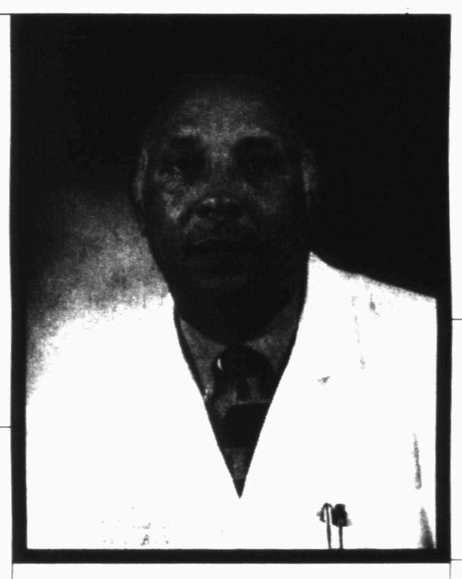
Competitors must register before May 29, with designs accepted through June 30.

The memorial design will be chosen by a 13-member jury and incorporated into architect Daniel Libeskind's redevelopment plan for the 16-acre trade center site. The Libeskind plan designates a 4 1/2 acre setting for the memorial that includes the footprints of the twin towers.

The jury, which includes Lin and the widow of a trade center victim, expects to select a winning design in the fall.

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Regulation changes for mule deer eyed

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will hold public hearings in the Panhandle to take public comments on a proposed wildlife regulation change that would expand the Managed Land Deer (MLD) permit program for white-tailed deer to include mule deer.

The MLD permit program is incentive based and habitat driven and is designed to facilitate deer herd management goals of landowners and land managers by having a more flexible season.

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Morton, County Room Downtown, Monday 7 p.m.; Turkey Senior Citizens Room at City Hall, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Dumas County Annex Room Wednesday 7 p.m.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff encourages everyone interested in knowing more about the proposed wildlife regulation change to attend any of these public hearings.

Questions about the meetings or the proposed wildlife regulation change can be directed to TPWD staff at the Wildlife District Office in Alpine 915-837-2051 or the Wildlife District office in Canyon 806-655-3782.

Individuals that cannot attend local public hearings can send their comments on the proposed regulation change to Robert MacDonald, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744; voice 512-389-4775; (email: robert.macdonald@tpwd.strate.tx.us) or by voicing their comments at the TPWD Commission meeting May 29, in Austin at TPWD Headquarters.

If approved the TPWD Commission, the proposed program will take effect Sept. 1.

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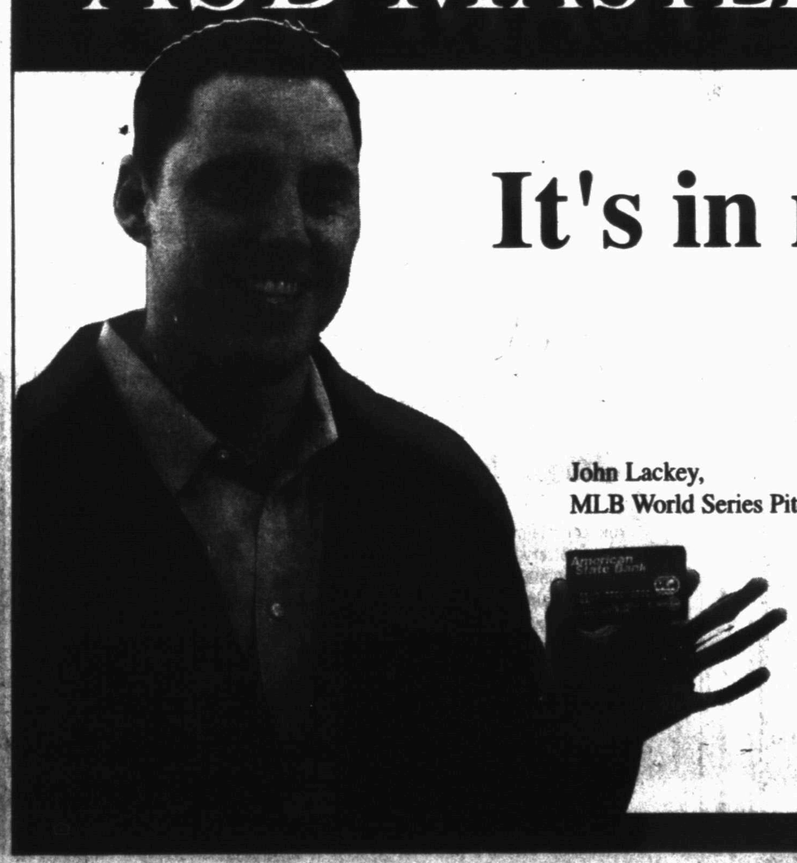
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FBI dedicates new $155 million crime lab

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — Freed from its cramped space at headquarters, the new FBI crime lab gives the bureau state-of-the-art technology for forensic police work ranging from analyzing fingerprints to the latest DNA matching.

The FBI opened the doors Thursday to the $155 million compound, seven years in the making. The lab, which FBI Director Robert Mueller was dedicating Friday, is another step in the bureau's recovery from allegations of shoddy science and poor worker performance, officials say.

"This facility was built for a special cause: to help the FBI and its partners solve more cases, prevent more crimes and save more lives," Mueller said in remarks prepared for the ceremony. "Nothing better honors the victims of crimes and their families, to whom this lab was dedicated."

For Dwight Adams, the lab's director, the key change is that evidence and forensic work is now completely separate from the regular office, with a 100 percent clean air supply that cuts down on contamination and elevators to be used only to transfer items being examined.

"This building has been specifically designed for laboratory work," Adams told reporters during a tour. "Not only have we brought our world-class scientists here, we have a world-class facility."

The building's 650 workers are spread over five floors that cover more than 460,000 square feet, double the lab's size at its old headquarters location in downtown Washington. The lab is located on the campus of the FBI Academy, its main training facility about 35 miles south of the capital.

The lab has microscopes for DNA sampling and huge evidence bays where entire tractor-trailers and airplane fuselages can be pored over. There are thousands of samples of car paint for use in identifying vehicles used in crimes and 5,000 firearms on hand for gun match testing.

The lab opening comes as the FBI continues to recover from allegations made by a whistleblower in the mid-1990s about poor science, with an estimated 3,000 cases that may have been affected by the problems. One FBI lab technician has resigned for allegedly improperly testing 103 DNA samples, all of which are under bureau review.

There are also challenges to the bureau's lead bullet analysis capabilities, which led Adams to request an examination by the National Academy of Sciences. Adams said he is "very confident we have valid procedures" for analyzing bullets.

During Thursday's tour, Adams also said the lab's quality assurance safeguards are top-notch and that he is stressing to employees that "their integrity, their performance ... is paramount to everything we do."

"We're not out to prove a thing," Adams said. "We're out to provide the truth."

Perhaps the most important work the lab currently does involves DNA, which has become a critical tool in solving crimes and exonerating the innocent. The FBI lab processes about 1,200 DNA samples each year, with many more handled by 190 state and local labs around the country.

The FBI's national DNA database includes 1.4 million profiles of convicted offenders. In 2002, that database provided almost 5,000 matches to samples taken from crime scenes, closing many previously unsolved cases and freeing police to pursue other crimes.

The Bush administration is asking Congress for $1 billion over the next five years to boost DNA analysis, with a goal of ending federal and state backlogs that have reached 350,000 samples from crime scenes and victims.

For all its high-tech wizardry, the lab also deals with the tried-and-true methods of forensic police work.

Workers process nearly 250,000 fingerprints a year, keeps a huge database of vehicle paint and finishes and can do detailed analysis of clothing to detect the unique chemical banks use in money bag dye bombs. The lab's technicians can piece together shredded documents, figure out how someone was attacked through bloodstain patterns and detect minute quantities of illegal drugs.

The building itself, begun in 1999, cost $130 million to build, with another $25 million for equipment, furniture and other items. Adams said the project costs were within what Congress budgeted.

On the Net:
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School newspaper, three staffers receive awards

The *Tiger's Tale*, Snyder High School's student newspaper, has received the Award of Achievement (second place) from the Interscholastic League Press Conference, the state journalism organization affiliate with UIL.

In addition, two *Tiger's Tale* photographers and the editorial cartoonist have received individual achievement awards.

Bianca Gonzales, freshman, earned a first place medal for 3A schools for a sports action photo of T.J. Jones in a basketball game against Sweetwater.

Junior Mandy Burns won an honorable mention for 3A schools for a feature photo of ag instructor David Frazier showing Kamie Drain and Abby Levens how to grade eggs.

Hunter Shipp, spring semester editorial cartoonist, won honorable mention for his editorial cartoon dealing with war and it was his first editorial cartoon to do for the staff.

Student newspapers are critiqued each year for skills displayed in coverage, writing, editing, design, photography and leadership.

Each area is critiqued as excellent, good, average or poor and the critic judge makes suggestions or comments concerning those specific areas.

Comments by the judge included, "A big paper (16 pages) for a small school. Your staff works hard. Even though you have a lot of sports teams, you cover a lot of different sports on your pages. Good writing, interesting stories, good headlines and captions."

Co-editors of the paper are Ashley Edwards and Christy Essery. Staff members are Bonnie Cleveland, Sara Cantu, Molly Haire, Albert Rocha, Jeff Stanfield and Catherine Whitworth. Reporters are Tass Baze, Adrian Brooks, Acee French, Jeff Scott, Romana Zamora and David Arizmendi.

Photographers are Mandy Burns, Bianca Gonzales, Kim Cooper, Lacey Kincaid, Kristel Fitts, Desiree Braziel, Dondi Brock, Jessica Robbins, Christi Williams and Chad Martin. Editorial cartoonist is Hunter Shipp. Adviser is Diane Arnold.

ExxonMobil moving offshore office away from New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Continuing a trend that has plagued Louisiana's economy for more than a decade, ExxonMobil Corp. said Thursday it would move its offshore production office and about 300 workers out of New Orleans.

Most will be transferred to Houston or to other divisions of the company, which is based in Irving. Another 80 administrative and clerical staff members will lose their jobs, the company said.

ExxonMobil said the move is part of a company consolidation. About 50 employees will stay in New Orleans for about a year to help with the transition, company spokesman Bob Davis said.

Since the oil bust of the 1980s, a sizable list of energy companies, including Amoco Corp. and Louisiana Land & Exploration Co., have moved major administrative operations from New Orleans to Houston. Companies which still have major operations in the city have pared their staffs over the same period.

Shell still has 1,000 administrative employees in the city. ChevronTexaco has 900.

Davis said ExxonMobil had a number of discussions with state and city officials about the move.

"The retention of 50 individuals is the result of discussions with elected officials," Davis said.

Later Thursday, Mayor Ray Nagin pledged a $25,000 cash bonus from the metro area government and private sources to any executive who elects to leave ExxonMobil and seek new work with remaining local companies.

"If we can keep 100 of these engineers in metro New Orleans, we will be sending a message to the corporate world that there is something about doing business in the region that isn't reflected in the bottom line," Nagin said. "It will show them that our way of life is an extra incentive that their employees highly value."

Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes would help pay for the bonuses, for which about 300 ExxonMobil employees would be eligible, Nagin said.

Date Books

Saturday, April 26, 2003

Today is the 116th day of 2003 and the 38th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, the ancient Basque town of Guernica became the site of a horrendous and unexpected aerial bombardment and massacre by German and Italian squadrons. Pablo Picasso memorialized the event in his mural "Guernica," which now hangs in the United Nations and was recently covered during a speech delivered by Colin Powell wherein he promoted the use of war against Iraq.

On this day in 1986, an explosion occurred at the Chernobyl atomic power station in the Ukraine.

On this day in 1988, "China Beach" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John James Audubon (1785-1851), naturalist; Douglas Sirk (1900-1987), director; Carol Burnett (1936-), actress, is 67; Jet Li (1963-), actor, is 40; Joan Chen (1961-), actress, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1997, Chicago Cubs' Ryne Sandberg broke the major league record for home run hits by a second baseman when he hit his 267th home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Giving birth is like taking your lower lip and forcing it over your head." — Carol Burnett

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 23) and new moon (May 1).

Sunday, April 27, 2003

Today is the 117th day of 2003 and the 39th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1521, Magellan Ferdinand, the Portuguese explorer who is considered the first man to circumnavigate the globe, was killed by natives of the Philippine island of Mactan.

On this day in 1960, the French-administered U.N. Trust Territory of Togoland gained independence as the Republic of Togo.

On this day in 1961, Sierra Leone gained its independence from Britain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Gibbon (1737-1734), historian; Mary Wollstonecraft Goodwin (1759-1797), writer; Anouk Aimee (1934-), actress, is 69; August Wilson (1945-), playwright, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Nolan Ryan broke Walter Johnson's career strikeout mark of 3,508.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The various modes of worship, which prevailed in the Roman world, were all considered by the people, as equally true; by the philosopher, as equally false; and by the magistrate, as equally useful." — Edward Gibbon

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Outstanding Students recognized at annual Awards Day

Snyder natives, Amber Russell and Kurt McMillan take honors

Academic achievement was recognized Friday, April 25 on the Western Texas College campus at the annual spring Awards Day ceremony.

The event, sponsored by the WTC Faculty Association, began at 10:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theater. A highlight of the event is the announcement of the outstanding Academic Male and Female Student for 2003.

This year's recipients are Amber Russell and Kurt McMillan.

Requirements for this recognition include sophomore status, completing the freshman year at WTC, being a full time student a minimum of three semesters at WTC, maintaining at least a 3.75 GPA and being involved in campus and/or community activities and organizations.

Students are nominated by their instructors, and the winners are voted on by the entire WTC Faculty Association.

Also recognized were students honored as Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. These include Marie-Noelle Bailly, Ashley Baremore, David Beard, Dee Dee Chambers, Trent Cormier, John Dorsey, Ramona Embry, Diajaira Garcia, Ryan Greenwood, Michael Hembree, Christopher Hensley, Kit Yee Ho, Kandace Kimmell, Logan Knapp, Corey Knipe, Ryan Minchew, Jennifer Newman, Marcela Rios, Amber Russell, Ashley Ryan, Sam Spreadborough, Tasha Stevenson, Tyson Thompson, William Tinkler, and Kyle Waltisperger.

In addition, departmental awards were presented to outstanding students in individual divisions for the academic school year. A reception honoring the recipients was held following the ceremony in the WTC courtyard.



Outstanding Female and Male Students, Amber Russell and Kurt McMillan

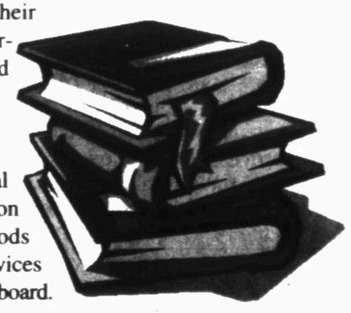


Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

WTC Gives Back to Community with Project Graduation

Feed a Body. Feed a Mind

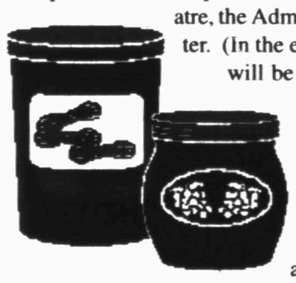
WHAT: Project Graduation is a national service program that supports the efforts of community-based organizations to eliminate hunger and illiteracy. This goal is achieved by tapping the collective resources of the audiences at college commencement ceremonies¾ asking the graduates, their families, and others attending the ceremony to bring books and canned foods.



WHO: The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at WTC is participating in this national service initiative. After the graduation ceremony, the books and canned goods will be given to Gateway Family Services and the Ministerial Alliance Food Cupboard.

WHEN: Friday, May 2nd

WHERE: Commencement takes place in the WTC courtyard on campus. Collection points will be set up in front of the Fine Arts Theatre, the Administration Building, and the Student Center. (In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the sanctuary at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.)



BACKGROUND: Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College administers Project Graduation. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest academic honor society in the world with approximately 90,000 members inducted annually. Phi Theta Kappa includes 1,200 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Japan, and U.S. territorial possessions.

For more information, contact Vicky Rowland at 573-8511 ext. 230.

Midwestern Staff plans Campus Visit to Promote Bachelor Degree Program

Area residents now have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree (B.A.A.S.) without the burden of traveling to Lubbock or San Angelo. Western Texas College and Midwestern State University have partnered in providing a flexible alternative for working adults to earn a B.A.A.S. degree. Sixty-nine hours of the 124-hour degree can be earned at WTC with the remaining coursework completed over the Internet. Dr. David Martin, Director of the BAAS Program, will be on the WTC campus Wednesday, April 30, from 11AM-5PM to meet individually with individuals interested in or currently enrolled in the program. To set an appointment with Dr. Martin, please call 573-8511 ext 250 or email VoCareers@wtc.edu.

What is the B.A.A.S. degree? The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree is designed to offer students with vocational-technical training and/or professional experience in occupational fields the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree. Such experienced professional/vocational students may obtain credit toward this degree via accredited college-level course work and/or certain types of professional and educational training. Students who pursue the degree are required to complete the academic core requirements, thirty hours of advanced credit that is complementary to the vocational-technical or professional area, and any additional hours necessary to meet the 124-hour university requirement as stated in the catalog.

Will the B.A.A.S. degree aid me in my present career? After a few years of employment, many people find that they have the occupational skills needed for initial employment, but frequently lack the credentials and training for career advancement. The B.A.A.S. degree can provide those skills needed for advancement.

I am pursuing or already have an associate degree. How much of my course work can be accepted towards the B.A.A.S.? Sixty-nine hours of college level credits earned at a junior college are acceptable in transfer and applicable to this degree. In most cases the majority of the credits earned will fulfill requirements in the occupational specialty and foundation areas. Senior college credit may also be accepted.

What is non-traditional credit? Non-traditional credit is college credit earned from other modes of learning than formal courses in a standard classroom. Midwestern State University accepts non-traditional credit toward the B.A.A.S. from various sources such as: CLEP, DANTES, correspondence courses, work experience, military service, self-study authenticated by examination, ACE and APICS. Midwestern has articulation agreements with many junior colleges.

B.A.A.S. PROGRAM

1) Occupational Specialty	24-36 hrs.
2) Academic Foundations	48-54 hrs.
3) Professional Development	36 hrs.
4) Electives	0-12 hrs.
Total	124 hrs.

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Letters to the editor

Protect children

Dear Editor:

Nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused or neglected every year. It's a tragic fact; don't walk away.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is your opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised.

We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse — those in which a child died — Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk.

Maybe it was a situation that people outside the family couldn't see. Possibly the child's parents have to recognize neglect and not walk away from it.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available to make communities strong and safe. The Web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Additionally, volunteers from the Scurry County Child Welfare Board of Directors are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Prevention Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Services office or the Child Welfare Board to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. Please don't walk away.

Sincerely,
Bob Barbee, treasurer
Barbra Jones,
Scurry County Child
Welfare Board of Directors

Contributions needed

Dear Editor:

Many of you were generous in your contributions to our building fund when we started the addition in 1990. The Snyder Park Club was incorporated as a nonprofit organization to provide a facility for groups like AA, Alanon, Alateen, Narcotics Anonymous and all other 12 Step recovery groups to hold their meetings. Since its completion, the building has been maintained by the Snyder Park Club, Inc.

The ensuing years have been spent as intended serving the membership of the 12 Step groups and our community. Meetings are scheduled daily with the exception of Saturday.

We have hosted state AA assemblies here, bringing dollars to our motels and merchants. Our interest is to continue to serve our community.

As with many service organizations trying to survive during our declining economy, our funds have spiraled downward.

The replacement of the kitchen floor depleted all reserve funds. That job is not yet completed, and we need to replace our original air conditioning before the days get too much warmer.

These "challenges" have led to this plea for your financial assistance. I will be happy to answer any additional questions you might have. You may write me at Box 485, Snyder, TX 79550 or contact me by phone at my office 573-7266.

Your contributions are tax deductible and may be mailed to that same box number.

On behalf or the board of directors of the Snyder Parks Club, Inc., I am respectfully yours.

Marilyn Chauncy

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Hermleigh ISD	6
Snyder ISD	4
Ira ISD	3
City of Snyder	2
DCOS	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0



Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Dear Poor Rix: I've heard about Arbor Day for years. I know it's in the spring, and celebrates tree planting. What else can you tell me about it? – Tree Hugger.

Trees play a pivotal role on earth. They furnish shade, help the soil hold water, and are elegant and symmetrical, much like my last haircut.

In prehistoric times, folks often planted trees to celebrate a child's birth. In the mid-19th century, educator Birdsey G. Northrup encouraged tree growth for public beautification.

In perhaps the most famous arboreal story, Sir Isaac Newton sat under an apple tree one day, and a ripe red one fell on his noggin.

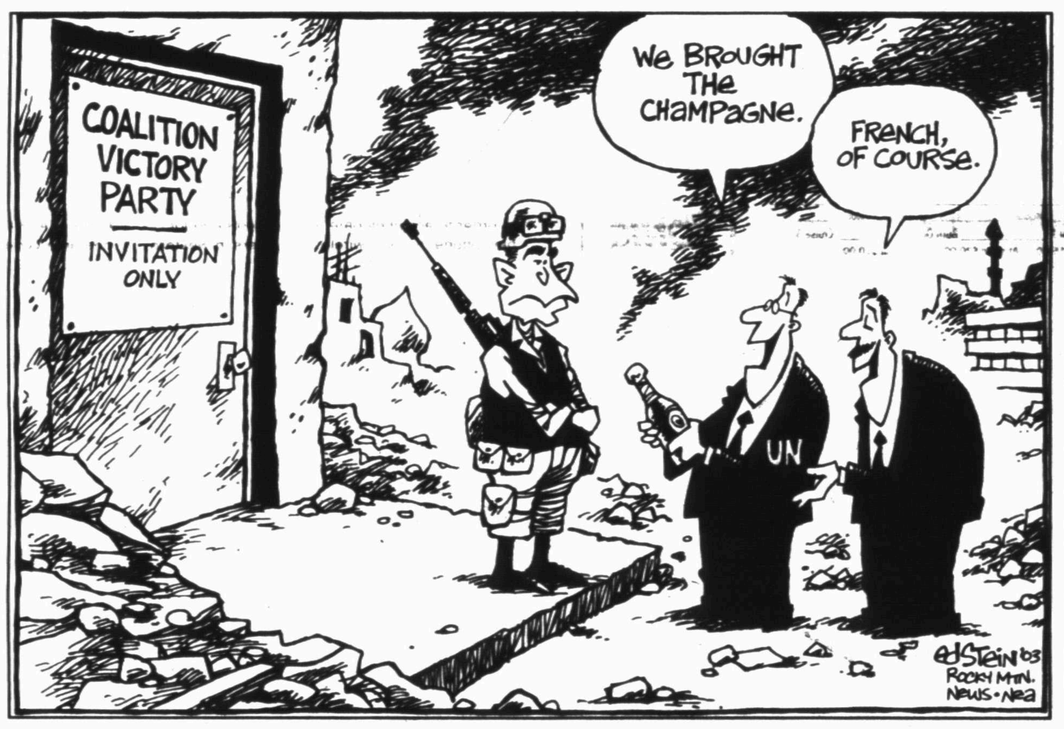
"Wow," Newton thought, "I wonder why an apple falls down, and not up. And I wonder why an apple never falls far from the tree. And I wonder why one bad apple spoils the whole bunch, girl."

Actually, I made this quote up. The first theory is Newton's. The second comes from a fable. And that last one is a rock song.

Anyway, Newton's theory of gravity proves the earth exerts a strong pull on physical objects. And it also explains — no matter how real it looks in the movies — that most super-heroes can't fly without buying a plane ticket.

The gravitational theory explains why the planets circle the sun, why rockets need so much power to escape our atmosphere, and why jugglers gotta have fast hands.

And, finally, it convincingly proves that "what goes up, must come down." Which, by the way, is also a rock song.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Cows fare better than kids in Texas

Texas cattle are faring better in legislative budget deliberations than Texas children.

The House passed a spending plan last week setting aside about $300 million for Gov. Rick Perry's favorite economic development initiatives. Of that, $10 million is slated for researchers to map the genetic code of a cow. That same spending plan reduces textbook spending by $347 million, or nearly 60 percent.

Texas public school students crack open 10-year-old books to learn that their governor is a Democrat named Ann Richards, and that business letters are still pecked out on electric typewriters. In these books, students also are informed that computer data is stored on floppy disks. Texas textbooks are more valuable as nostalgia than as learning tools.

In the Senate, there is a package of legislation by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, to increase participation by physicians and parents in children's immunization programs, expand the state's marketing program for vaccines and require that vaccinations be covered by state-regulated health plans. Three bills, Senate Bills 38, 39 and 41, are languishing in committee despite a recent study by Texas Tech University that found that one in four Texas children under age 3 is lacking some of the 20 vaccinations recommended by state and national health officials.

Those findings prompted Texas Tech University System Chancellor Dr. David Smith to observe that Texas cattle are better immunized than Texas children. Nearly 100 percent of the cattle on larger ranches in the state are immunized for more than 20 antigens, said Smith, a pediatrician and former Texas Health Commissioner.

San Antonio Express-News

Rio not so grande

While Iraqis in recent days have lost irreplaceable national treasures to war and a mindless spasm of looting, Texans and Mexicans are inexorably losing a natural treasure of their own.

That natural treasure is the once mighty Rio Grande. The storied stream once again merits the dubious distinction of being one of the nation's 10 most endangered rivers, as designated by a conservation organization called American Rivers.

This summer, yet again, the Rio Grande is likely to dry up before it reaches the Gulf of Mexico, as water users claim more water than exists.

Both the United States and Mexico can, and must, do better.

In the coming months, the cities of Albuquerque and Brownsville are planning to take larger shares of water from the river, and Brownsville is planning to build a weir (a type of dam) to store more than 2 billion gallons.

At the very least, the city should be required to undergo an environmental impact assessment. An assessment would require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which will finance the $40 million project, to consider alternatives to lessen potential damage to the environment.

Of course, most of the water in the Rio Grande 80 percent, in fact goes for irrigation on both sides of the border. Until agricultural interests become more serious about water conservation, using better techniques and more advanced equipment, the Rio Grande will continue its sad demise.

Without prompt and serious attention, the Rio Grande will be no more; it will have become the Rio Pequeno.

El Paso Times

POW homecoming

The scene couldn't have been more emotionally charged — and unforgettable. The golden light of a setting sun reflected magnificently on a wind-whipped American flag that, along with former POW Spc. Joseph Hudson, was poked through a hatch door at the top of the aircraft as it taxied toward the cheering crowd on the tarmac. Hudson pumped his fists wildly in the air — a gesture of triumph and sheer joy.

No doubt, Hudson experienced an elation that can be understood only by those who have faced combat and captivity — and survived.

The POW homecoming Saturday night for Fort Bliss' five members of the 507th Maintenance Company was charged with emotion that rippled through the crowd. It was almost palpable for TV viewers, too — especially the moment when Spc. Shoshana Johnson was hoisted (by her fellow soldiers) upright from the stretcher that carried her.

Pork is always on the congressional menu

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Although the Easter Bunny beckoned them homeward for their annual Spring Break, our elected reprehensibles on Capitol Hill bravely stood by the battlements long enough to complete work on the president's request for supplemental budget funds to finance the war in Iraq and homeland security.

Actually, the Upyour Chamber had already gone home, having more than covered the White House requests, and added generous portions of totally unrelated pork to the plan.

The structure of this time-honored practice in politics is euphemistically called a "Christmas Tree," on which is hung ornaments which do nothing to further the purpose of the legislation, but are dear to the hearts of influential lawmakers, as well as to the lobbyists who have captured those hearts.

The Senatorial ornaments hung by their Bunny-bound colleagues were hotly and hastily debated by members of the Lower Chamber, then turned over to a conference committee, made up of people equally hell-bent on getting home before Easter. This was done with the tacit understanding that whatever compromises they hammered out would be automatically post-approved by the House, using the same rubber stamp with which the Senate had pre-approved them before departing. (If this process is not perfectly clear to you, you are displaying a regrettable unfamiliarity with the American political process.)

The quaint custom of festooning important legislation with unrelated special-interest goodies is called a "pork barrel" procedure, metaphorically dating back to plantation days when slaves dipped into a barrel for scraps of meat left over from the mansion's groaning board. It is an ill-disguised exercise in quid pro quo, wherein favors are exchanged and political backs scratched in order to reward supporters, build power bases, and arrange scratch-backs..

If this sounds like a dirty, sneaky and unfair business, it is because this is a dirty, sneaky and unfair business; but politics has been described as "the art of the possible," and those in the know solemnly vow that there ain't no better way to get things done in the real world of governance.

Be that as it may, a bill with the stated purpose of "Making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts" was cross-pollinated with such totally extraneous provisions as $98 million for an agricultural facility in Ames, Iowa, $50 million for Title XI loan guarantees, $500,000 for sea lamprey control in Lake Champlain Park, $225,000 for the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County, Texas, $200,000 for the AIDS Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco, and $1 million for the Geisinger Health System in Harrisburg PA, this last grant to establish centers of excellence for the treatment of autism.

While I yield to no one in my genuine interest in the wonderful work which I'm sure is being done by the Agricultural Research Service and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in Iowa, I can't connect the dots between that effort and either the war in Iraq or homeland security.

Neither can I understand how and why some $50 million had been earmarked for these same operations in last year's Supplemental Bill, intended to fight the war against terrorism. (Somebody, I say, somebody out Ioway way has some powerful political juice!)

Then, there's that $50 million bonanza for Title XI. Forgive me for insulting the intelligence of the many readers who, I am sure, are aware of this, but Title XI is a loan guarantee program for shipbuilders and shipyards, which Senator John McCain describes as being " without question, one of the most wasteful and mismanaged guarantee programs in the federal government," pointing out that over the past five years, loan defaults have totaled $490 million, and adding that it "does not serve any defense or homeland security purpose and should not receive funding under the guise of a wartime need."

As to the half-million clams pork-marked for sea lamprey control in Lake Champlain, I can only suggest that the principal benefit of this proposal is its potential for generating one-liners in Leno or Letterman monologues. From this perspective, I see nothing whatever humorous in such a shameful grab for special interest funds.

Clearly, programs like mental health in Texas, Aids Research in California and autism treatment in Pennsylvania are worthwhile pursuits and may, indeed, be deserving of federal grants, but in no way does this justify using subterfuge and backroom dealings to obtain them.

Such practices in business would probably be characterized as misrepresentation, fraud and/or conversion, and, if they involved such huge sums of money, might very well generate congressional investigations, followed by remedial legislation, into which, most likely, would be inserted choice cuts of totally unrelated pork.

Anybody (else) for a clean sweep on The Hill?

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The Porch Light's on

By Dr. Don Newbury

Carl Everett, the Texas Ranger outfielder who was bonked on the noggin by a cellular phone hurled from the cheap seats in Oakland, perhaps should be charged with an error for ignoring the heckler who threw it.

The "hecklee" had been screaming for attention, but Everett looked straight ahead. This might explain a note hastily scrawled, then wrapped around the phone before it was dispatched. "Can you hear me now?," it read....

Someone said the heckler likely was out of minutes.

Everett was NOT, however, and pressed the button on his phone to file charges....

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A hard-of-hearing relative out in the sticks likes to listen to radio news, static and all. When he heard a while back about the Texas Tech professor allegedly involved in displacement of vials of bubonic plague germs, he got his facts a bit muddled. This did NOT, however, keep him from "sharing the news" with any neighbor willing to listen.

"I heard something over the radio yesterday about a college professor at Texas A&M doing research on 'baboonic play.' I guess them Aggies are trying to come up with a better monkey...," he rattled.

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And over at Baylor University, where they're trying to figure out the Big 12 football puzzle, some of the Bear faithful are lamenting that the new coach they REALLY wanted wouldn't sign on the dotted line. The prospect was Strom Thurmond, who, at age 100, is leaving the Senate to pursue other opportunities. "We were 'that close,'" one Baylor guy said, holding his index finger slightly ajar from his thumb, "But Strom wanted a 10-year contract."

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Folks in Texas are finally "settling in" to Daylight Savings Time. Some of my relatives, longtime hog farmers, used to hate the time change. "We'd feed the hogs on the new time, and they'd wait an hour to eat...." (Okay, so you have to have fed hogs a few times to even crack a smile on this one....)

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Dr. Don Newbury, longtime educator and former president of Western Texas College in Snyder, is now an author and speaker. He and his wife now reside in Burleson. His column will appear weekly in several Texas newspapers. His book, "When the Porch Light's On," has been favorably reviewed in more than a dozen Texas newspapers. His website is www.speakerdoc.com, and he may be contacted by e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com

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Hi Fellow Snyderites!



This column has taken on a life of its own! As I prepare this newsletter each month, I sit down and organize my thoughts so that I can tell you what's happening "all around the town". Then all of a sudden, I'm telling you my secrets! The birth of a tiny new racehorse, my thoughts on new years resolutions, my plans for re-doing something in town or my grief when a dear friends passes on. I apologize for that because I don't usually enjoy reading articles that are all based on somebody's personal thoughts and experiences. However, the weirdest things are happening, every time we produce a newsletter. We get calls, letters and comments. Now, the first part of that is that I am always surprised when someone takes the time to read this, much less call, write, or comment. I have been amazed at how many of these have wound up being the subject of Sunday school lessons, quoted in civic club programs and most importantly, being put on the family ice box because people are identifying with some part of each one of them. That tells me a lot about the "people in my neighborhood" as Mr. Rogers said. It tells me, we all share basically the same joys, sorrows, goals, needs, and wants. Know what they are? I have discovered these things from all of you through the feedback from this article!

We want #1 - Not to be so tired
#2 - To have something to laugh about
#3 - To share good news with friends
#4 to be able to share our grief with someone who cares
#5 - To feel good, about ourselves, that we're OK
#6 - To be proud of our city, its people, how it looks and fills our needs
#7-To be able to make a living, to feed, clothe and provide a home for our families
#8 - To be safe in our beds at night
#9 - To be able to dream of better things in the future
#10 - To feel the love and guidance of the Lord as the center of our lives, in a city and county led by Christian men and women.

Basically these things are not found in just any community! Hmmm- maybe not in any city in the whole country of Iraq-could any of theses things be found? Go down our simple list again. Laughter, rest, safety, a vacation or week-end off, friends, peace, self esteem, pride, and hope-simple? I don't think so and yet these are the things needed for us to survive as Americans, and bring it on down-Snyderites?

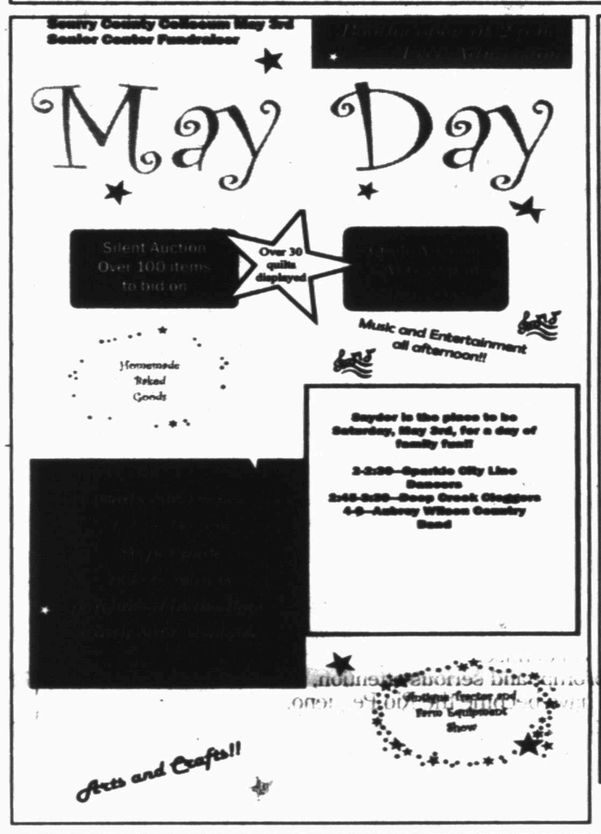
Maybe I'm prejudiced, but if you know me, you know, I love to laugh. I couldn't survive where no one ever laughed. I'm also a chicken and knowing Darren Jackson and Steve Warren keep our town safe is wonderfully comforting for me. I am very trusting, so knowing Ernie Armstrong, Rod Waller, Dana Cooley, John Gayle, John DeLille and Perry Westmoreland are in charge of the big decisions affecting my life is OK by me because not one of them is going to drag me out of my bed at night and haul me off to who knows where and torture me. I have the right to just not vote for them again if I get upset about something, or tell them! Can you imagine just picking up the phone, calling Sadaam, Osma or any of these folks on the phone and speaking your mind? We can do it every day!

Being clean is a big deal to me. I must have a shower or bath at least once a day. My friend Barbara McCormick shared with me a story about a mission trip she went on, where when they baptized those women who wear the head pieces and long robes, the immersion itself was such an ah-hah experience for them because never in their lives had they been allowed to feel water on their skin. Can you imagine being a grown women and never having been allowed to sink your body in soothing cleansing water? I think of that story every time I shower now and thank God that I don't know what it would be like not to bathe.

About the tired part. We're all tired. We're all working so hard for an extra dollar. We have to get the kids where they need to be - to keep marriage and families together, to take care of our parents, keeping our houses, going to the grocery store, paying bills, mowing, practice, school work, on and on, but Thank God, I can and know how to work. I've never had much patience with those who don't work because I have always had to work so hard. I know, unless you're in bad health, anyone can get a job. I thank my parents for teaching me the value of a dollar and for giving me an honest work ethic. But I must tell you that I also have a lot of pride, and to get the things I wanted from life, I've had to work hard. I can honestly say I have never really wanted anything in my life that I didn't figure out how to get. I've had as many as 4 jobs at a time, but I know there's only one way to get there, work!

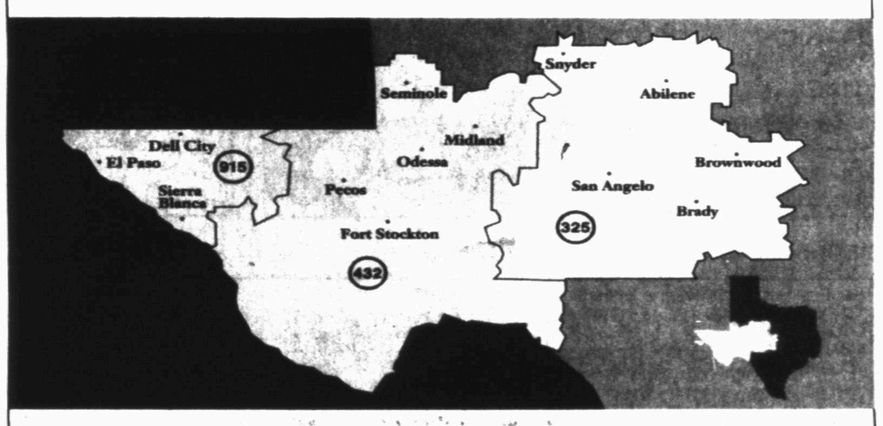
And as for the tired, when I can "go" no more, I pull back my covers, crawl into my clean sheets, snuggle under my comforter and onto my fluffy pillow and go to sleep, because of all the above mentioned things. How many people, even in our own country can do that? So what do we require to be happy? Or more importantly, what do we consider "wealthy" to be? What more could our community do for us? We have friends and family here to share good news and grief with. Ho my, I've done it again. "Polly Anna loves Snyder, her friends, her family, her neighborhood, her job, her home, her freedom, her life-"How boring"! Anybody out there just a little grateful for all we have too? Think about it next time you brush your teeth or take a warm, sudsy shower and crawl into your safe comfy bed. We have it all right there in Snyder, Texas USA. Thank you, God!

Love ya,
Donna





You know the area.
How about the area code?
There are two new ones.



In order to accommodate the growing need for new phone, fax and wireless numbers in western Texas, the current 915 area code is being divided into three, with two new area codes being added: 325 and 432. Residential, business and wireless telephone numbers in the eastern and central regions will receive new area codes. Numbers in the eastern region will receive a new 325 area code. Numbers in the central region will receive a new 432 area code. Those in the western region will retain the 915 area code.

Beginning April 5, local calls made from one area code to a different area code should be dialed using the appropriate area code and the seven-digit phone number. Local calls made within one area code may still be dialed using seven digits. Calls made to another area code outside of your local calling area will continue to require 1+ for toll or 0+ for operator-assisted dialing. If you forget to include the area code when dialing between codes, your calls will still get through until October 4, 2003. After that date, your calls from one area code to another will no longer be completed without dialing the area code. If you have Extended Area Calling Service (EACS) or Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS), all these calls remain local and the rate does not change. You may have to dial ten digits to complete a call if your extended local service crosses a new area code boundary.

Now's the best time to get ready.
It's a good idea to start reprogramming to include the area code and telephone number on any automatic dialing equipment you may have, such as fax machines, modems and speed dialers. You should also check with family, friends and business contacts to see if their area codes are changing and update your personal phone book with the appropriate area code where needed. **For a complete list of exchanges impacted by this area code change and for more information, visit our Web site: www.texas-code.com.**

To dial local calls from the new 325 area code to this area code:	
325	dial XXX-XXXX
432	dial 432 XXX-XXXX
915	dial 915 XXX-XXXX
To dial local calls from the new 432 area code to this area code:	
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325	dial 325 XXX-XXXX
915	dial 915 XXX-XXXX
To dial local calls from the 915 area code to this area code:	
915	dial XXX-XXXX
325	dial 325 XXX-XXXX
432	dial 432 XXX-XXXX

Calls outside your local calling area will still require 1+ or 0+ dialing.

Using the new area code is easy.
The X's represent the numbers you are dialing.

KNOW the Code

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2003 CHAMBER DECALS

The chamber member decals are in. So if you are a member of the chamber, please come by and pick up your decal.

4TH OF JULY



There are a few booths left, and the 1 ½ days of activities are being finalized as we race toward our huge Snyder July 4th Celebration in Towle Park.

Booth reservations for outside booths are very limited now, but good spaces for the crafts booths inside the armory are still available. The fireworks are a real problem for the chamber this year, as costs for the show has risen $1,500 over the past 3 years. That's a cool $8,250 for our fireworks display. Several ideas have been presented to chamber officials to help with the cost of the celebration, including bucket donations at each park entrance of $5.00 per car.

Donations, ideas, and volunteers for the day are being accepted at the chamber offices. A complete agenda and times will be in next month's newsletter.

May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Co-op Dinner 6-9 p.m. Coliseum	2	3 May Day Coliseum Car Show and Cruise Courthouse Square Motorcycle Rally - Coliseum
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16 Goldcoat Luncheon 12:00 Noon	17 Bio Chemical Seminar
18	19 Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Board Room	20	21	22 SHS Sports Banquet Coliseum	23 School our for Hermleigh and Ira	24
25	26 Chamber Closed in Observance of Memorial Day!!	27	28	29 School is Out for SISD	30 SHS Graduation Coliseum	31

COOKBOOKS ON SALE SOON AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE

We are ready to go to print with our cook-books for the Western Swing Festival called "Lets' Fiddle around the Kitchen". Those who come to Snyder year after year for the festival have been contributing to the book for months. It is filled with delicious recipes from every state and the only requirement was that the recipe had to be a family favorite. We think that you'll love reading and trying these recipes along with our swingers. Books will sell for $12.50 and only 500 will be printed. They can be bought at the chamber office, or at the Western Swing Festival.

From Maryland crab cakes to South Carolina cream cheese poundcake, to chocolate eclairs from Oklahoma, it's all there and delicious!

All the money will be used to offset the expenses of the festival, except $1,000. That amount will be given as a scholarship to an outstanding music student who we hope will come back and perform on our star-studded stage in June.

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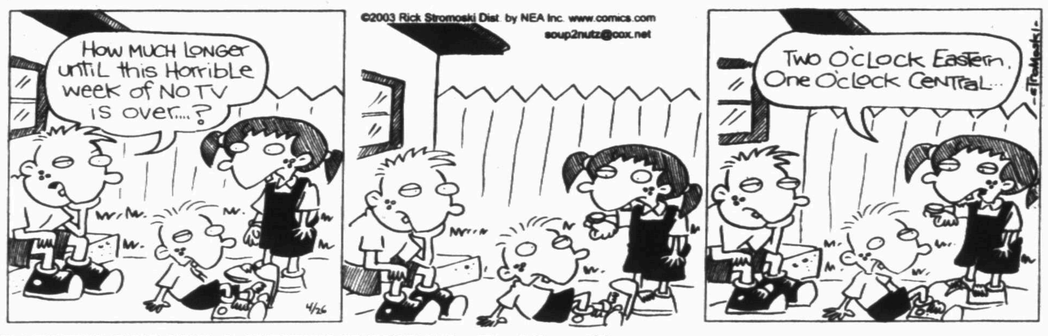
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29 Hiker's trail
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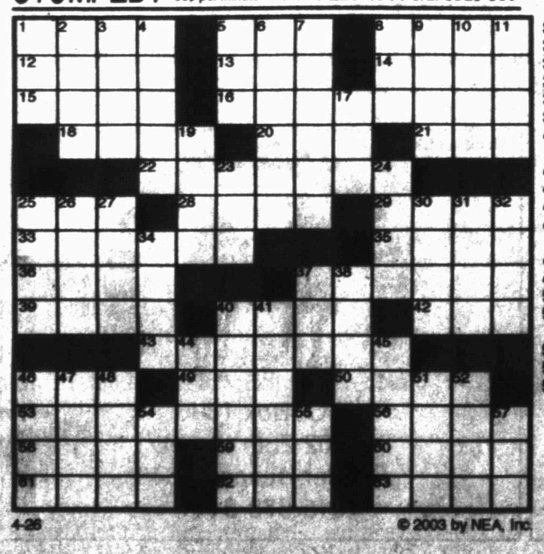
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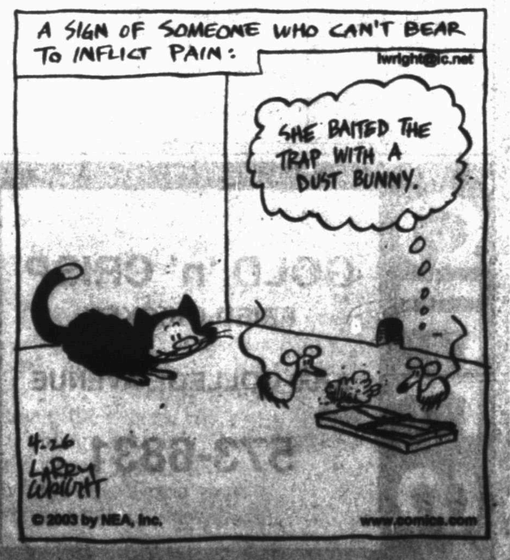
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Bed-wetting needs investigation

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 18-year-old daughter wets the bed. She began this when she was 6. My husband was a bed-wetter until he was 13, and he believes she will outgrow the condition. We've never seen a doctor for the problem, because of my husband's feelings on the subject. What do you suggest?

DEAR READER: Bed-wetting (enuresis) can be caused by urinary infections or anatomical abnormalities of the urinary tract; it is not hereditary. Your daughter needs professional attention to discover the cause of her embarrassing problem — and to correct it.

A urologist could coordinate the medical investigation, which should — in my opinion — include a urine culture (to isolate and identify a bacterial infection), an IVP (a kidney X-ray to discover congenital abnormalities in the kidneys, bladder and related structures) and cystoscopy (during which the specialist examines the lower tract with a lighted instrument).

True, some bed-wetters who have emotional upsets may outgrow this condition by the time they reach adolescence; however, at the age of 18, your daughter is not likely to be in this category.

I suppose that she could be exhibiting enuresis as a sign of insecurity or emotional stress. If so, the urologist would probably refer her for counseling.

Permit me a sidebar.

I'm concerned that you and your daughter seem to be unduly influenced by your husband's rather rigid position about medical help. Most 18-year-olds I know would take the view: "Hey, I'm tired of having this embarrassing problem, and I want to see a doctor about clearing it up." It seems to me that this would be an altogether healthy response from a young woman exhibiting a normal desire to take charge of her own life.

Without knowing the dynamics of your family relations, I can only hypothesize that your husband wishes to maintain an inappropriate degree of control over his daughter. This attitude may not be in her best interests.

In any case, I recommend that your daughter see a doctor who should be able to help her with a symptom that, aside from being disruptive, could reflect a treatable physical condition.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there evidence that Lecithin will prevent memory loss in old age?

DEAR READER: Lecithin (choline) is a substance abundant in many foods. Also, it is manufactured in the human body. Therefore, it is not associated with any known deficiency.

Health-food promoters claim that lecithin reduces blood cholesterol levels and improves failing memory. However, there is no scientific evidence to support these beliefs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a 49-year-old roommate with glaucoma, hypertension and a history of two heart attacks. And what a lifestyle! He lives on fried, salty food, smokes two packs a day and drinks a quart of whiskey daily. What will happen to him?

DEAR READER: What will happen to him? Are you kidding? What do you think will happen to him? You might mention that you are concerned about his unhealthful lifestyle and that you are there to support him. But he has obviously chosen inappropriate options that put him at high risk for future disasters. He has to take responsibility for his destructive behavior.

My advice to you? Insist that he pay his part of the rent well in advance.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with lupus on the skin of my scalp. Will the lesions ever go away, and will my brain be eventually affected?

DEAR READER: Lupus erythematosis, a disease of unknown cause, is marked by inflammation of the body's supportive (connective) tissues. The disorder appears in two forms: systemic LE (which affects skin, joints, heart, lungs and kidneys) and discoid LE that involves only the skin. Some patients with discoid lupus eventually develop systemic LE, but this progression is unusual.

From your brief description, I suspect that you have the typical rash of discoid LE: round, scaly patches on the nose, scalp and ears. Although these lesions may spread to the upper body, progressing to inflammation and atrophy (portions of skin that dry up and wither), you are unlikely to experience inflammation of your internal organs — unless, as I mentioned, you are one of the rare patients with discoid disease that turns into systemic LE.

Because the skin changes from both forms of lupus are indistinguishable, even by biopsy, your doctor should obtain a blood test called anti-DNA antibodies. Lupus is believed to be an autoimmune disease; that is, the body somehow misperceives normal tissues as abnormal and tries to destroy them. DNA is a basic component of all tissues. Therefore, the presence of anti-DNA antibodies in the blood indicates systemic LE.

Because patients with discoid LE are reacting only to normal skin cells, they do not have anti-DNA proteins in their blood. Thus, this test effectively discriminates between the two forms of lupus.

If you have discoid LE — as I suspect — your brain will not be affected, as is the case with some systemic LE patients who may develop headaches, seizures and personality changes.

The skin lesions will not disappear without treatment, however. This consists of cortisone cream or steroid injections directly into the patches, and the use of sunscreens, because sunlight can worsen discoid LE. In resistant cases, hydroxychloroquine tablets may be necessary.

If your primary care physician is uncomfortable diagnosing or treating your ailment, I suggest that you request a referral to a specialist in connective tissue diseases, who should be able to answer your concerns and suggest appropriate therapy.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on substances claimed by health-food advocates to be "vitamins."

DEAR READER: Real vitamins are trace elements essential to human metabolism. In the past, phony "vitamins" have been touted to cure various ailments. Unfortunately, this trend has continued. Such substances include:

— Vitamin BT is not a vitamin and is abundant in animal tissues. More familiarly known as carnitine, it was discovered in 1948 and was originally believed to be a vitamin; subsequent scientific studies have proved that it is not a dietary essential.

— Vitamin P is not a vitamin. The designation "vitamin" was withdrawn when the compound, now recognized as a mixture called bioflavinoids, was discovered not to be essential. Bioflavinoids were first identified in 1936 and, at that time, were believed to cure scurvy and help prevent colds and flu. These claims have not been substantiated by scientific testing.

— Vitamin U, known by the chemical name metanoic acid, has no known metabolic function. It is not now recognized as a vitamin, although it was at one time thought to cure ulcers.

— Vitamin B15, pangemic acid, is neither a vitamin nor a nutrient. It was discovered in 1949, when its investigators incorrectly claimed that it played a role in reproduction and was useful in treating a wide variety of conditions including heart disease, glaucoma and liver inflammation. Reputable studies have proved that it has no known role in treating illness or maintaining health.

— Vitamin Q is a substance that purportedly aids blood coagulation. It is not a vitamin or an essential nutrient.

— Vitamin B17 (laetrile), a substance extracted from apricot pits, enjoyed short-lived popularity a few years ago as a cure for cancer. No reputable study has shown any benefit whatsoever from it. In fact, because laetrile contains cyanide, it has caused poisoning in patients.

It's all too easy for unscrupulous promoters to pin the label "vitamin" on any quack cure. The educated consumer should shy away from unsupported health claims, reserving real vitamins for their proven benefits — and only in the recommended dosages.

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Lufkin woman's grandson serving on USS Cheyenne

LUFKIN (AP) — Before Operation Iraqi Freedom started, the USS Cheyenne surfaced just long enough for a submarine crew member from East Texas to send an e-mail to his family back home.

"I love y'all, and I'm still alive," wrote Petty Officer Brent Granger, who serves as radio operator on the attack submarine stationed in the Red Sea.

Granger's grandmother, Margie McMullen of Lufkin, recalled the note with tears in her eyes.

The Orange Field High School graduate's brief contact didn't give her much chance to reply. But if she could, she said, "I'd tell him that I love him and that I love him. I'd also say that I'm glad he's safe, and I can't wait until he gets home."

The submarine has no contact with the outside world until it surfaces to periscope depth, relatives explained. With subs, that could be weeks.

Tomahawk cruise missiles from the USS Cheyenne were among the opening salvoes of the war.

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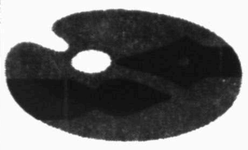
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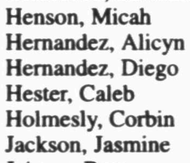
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5th Six Weeks Honor Roll

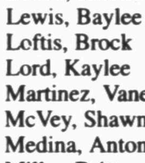


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Third Grade
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Ashley, Samuel
Bernal, Sadee
Billingsley, Kyler
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Glover, Monica
Gomez, Kristal
Guardado, Jessica
Hagins, Timothy
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Price, Chase
Sanchez, Randi
Small, Brianna
Steelman, Amber
Stewart, Kaitlin
Sullenger, Tyson
Torres, Justin
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Tessa
Alarcon, Gene
Alarcon, Kendall
Arriega, Veronica
Aviles, Samantha
Birkenfeld, Slade
Boland, Taylor
Borrego, Flavio
Brantley, Patricia
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DeLoera, Angela
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Anderson, Wesley
Bass, Kaitlin
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Brasher, Michael
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Elam, Brandon
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Facio, Geovanny
Flores, Michelle
Garcia, Bridget
Garcia, Naomi
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Jones, Michaela
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Lord, Kaylee
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McVey, Shawndon
Medina, Antonia
Miller, Brittany
Molinar, Priscilla
Morin, Eric
Morris, Skylar
Moss, Sabrina
Northcutt, Xalee
Nunley, Emma
Pechacek, Chad
Perez, Rudy
Phillips, Marcie
Pineda, Jessica
Quinonez, Leslie
Reston, Lindsey
Robbins, Caedra
Robbins, Jami
Rodriguez, Jordan
Roemisch, Shade
Romero, Roman
Rosas, Leslie
Ruiz, Sammy
Scott, Brandon
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Snyder, Garrett
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Stack, Tiffany
Stansell, Joshua
Stewart, Jeffery
Thompson, Blake
Thurmond, Anthony
Tindol, Lieren
Toombs, Blaire
Valdez, Savannah
Vera, Dyllan
Wood, Brooke



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A Honor Roll
Eleanor Ashley
Remington Bloom
Alicia Chaidez
Monica Clanton
Stacey Clifton
Meghan Cooley
Jessica Cooper
Meagan Downing
Daniel Escobedo
Antonio Estrada
Jacie Eveland
Kenyon Gafford
Shelby Garza
Michael Guardado
Gina Guerrero
Kristi Guerrero
Alex Hernandez
Arielle Huddleston
L.A. Jaramillo
Loretta Jaramillo
Jacob Johnson
Jonathan Kerr
Kyra Lara
Angelica Lopez
Raven Luna
Aryn May
Tosha McGlouthin
Allen Mehrafshan
Chelsea Moss
Sarah Parmer
Alexandra Rios
Javiel Rowe
Brailee Sanchez
Roylee Sanchez
Jake Strickland
Johnathan Tarter
Megan Thompson
Matthew Velasquez
Clint Wall
Tayla Wesson
Jessica West
A-B Honor Roll
Marcos Aguilar
Michael Archer-Pauchet
Samana Arizmendi
Quintin Bass
Cassie Benitez
Tanner Bragg
Kayli Brewster
John Buchanan
Ty Burton
Bianca Cabrera
Martha Cabrera
Dylan Carrizales
Autumn Castillo
Victor Chhuor
Cassie Cochran
Kristen Cortez
Jake Crenwelge
Tom Davis
Jerard Delce
Rachael Dupree
Monica Escareno
Juan Estrada
Rebecca Evans
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Kelsi Fulford
Joel Gallegos
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Maria Guerra
Krystal Guerrero
Valeri Guzman
Garrett Hale
Bryan Hamlin
Yvette Hernandez
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Jessica Hibbit
Shane Hicks
Tye Holley
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Stephen Kelley
Jacob Kemp
Kenny Kincaid
Cody Lee
Roberto Lopez
Toby Lopez
Margaret Marshall
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Adalberto Medina
Gilberto Medina
Samatha Medrano
Amanda Midwell
Bailey Minor
Wendy Moran
Kylie Moreland
Josie Ornelas
Laura Ortega
Micayla Redman
Omar Rivas
Jose Rodarte
Tiffany Roemer
Marissa Sanchez
Brance Scott
Kanaan Short
Ashley Silva
Mallory Silva
Meagan Smith
David Sosa
Annie Stribling
Juan Torres
Eric Trammel
Taylor Tyrrell
Lindsey Urias
Alex Yruegas
Nick Zajicek



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A Honor Roll
Alexander, Ryanna
Allred, Brian
Cave, Jared
Davis, Elizabeth
Deleon, Jaclyn
Fogleman, Amy
Hagins, Ashley
Hermosillo, Gina
Hernandez, Emanuel
Hernandez, Melanie
Hirt, Clayton
Jones, Lesa
Lord, Kari
Martinez, Alexandrea
Martinez, Constance
Noblett, Tyler
Porter, Tyler
Rieser, Alix
Shaw, Kailea
Sorrells, Joshua
Stewart, James
Strayhorn, David
Timora, Jessica
Wallace, Ashlee
A-B Honor Roll
Acosta, Consuelo
Albarez, Roberto
Allen, Daniela
Anderson, Ryan
Arellano, Yocelyn
Bilano, Kira
Bilderback, Jessica
Blackard, Larissa
Brunson, Douglas
Bryant, Briana
Cabrera, Dominic
Carey, Lareshia
Conner, Jesse
Cox, Lindsey
Davidson, Taylor
Davis, Riley
Deavers, Jessie
Delgado, Janie
Escobedo, Alejandro
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Angela Amarillas
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Nicole Means
Kristen Miller
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Allison Sharrock
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Megan Velasquez
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A-B Honor Roll
Ana Aguirre
Willie Berkley
Kaden Billingsley
Brent Bollinger
Colton Brewster
Daniel Burk
Cody Burney
Marsi Carrillo
Ashley Casas
Ryan Claxton
Alison Cox
Samantha Daves
Devin Davidson
Lance Day
Jessica DeLeon
Aaron DeLoera
Jordan Derryberry
Stacey Elam
Trevor Emerson
Marc Fisk
Mercedes Gallion
Samantha Gutierrez
Corey Jaramillo
Allen Jones
R J Keener
Michael Light
Troy Linebarger
Amanda Martinez
Robert Martinez
Tyler McCormack
Morgan Moffett
Tatum Norwood
Maria Pena
Josi Presley
Cristina Resendiz
Luke Robertson
Crystal Rodriguez
Kendra Tidwell
Josie Torres
Jimmy Wells
Shay Wilson
Nathan Wittie



Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Rebekah Brown
Andrea DeLoera
Krista Dorsett
Ashley Luecke
Jonnie Porter
Terann Ragland
A-B Honor Roll
Gabriel Aguilar
Cinthia Arellano
Casey Arnold
Ryan Arredondo
Tasha Ball
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Brett Bowlin
Candace Chandler
Blake Clifton
Sarah Covington
Monte Crooks
Laura Culwell
Tyler Driggers
Andrew Dupree
Starla Early
Sonia Estrada
Tyler Everett
Whitley Fulford
Andrew Garvin
Kaitlyn Greenlee
Desiree Guerra
Kinsey Guynes
Felicia Guzman
Joe Hernandez
Ramsey Herrera
Kade Kruger
Casey Long
Shannon Mangis
Michael Mann
Cassie Mhoon
Ryan Mitchell
Claire Morris
Jordan Ortegon
Jordan Payne
Candace Rice
Amanda Rios
Amanda Rivera
Tara Robertson
Jeremy Rodriguez
Ricky Sanchez
Matthew Schoolcraft
Corbin Smith
Jordan Stansell
Sarah Traylor
Courtney Tyrrell
John Whitworth
Sydney Wright



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5th Six Weeks

First Grade
A Honor Roll
Blake Bethel
Jared Cotton
Dillan Cullifer
Kaleb Derryberry
Rilee Dunn
Grant Flowers
Hope Fontenot
Tyler Goodwin
Morgan Jones
Stefanie Juarez
Kole King
Brady Ledbetter
Caleb Martin
Leslie Martini
Blair McCowen
Kurt Shafer
Jared Smith
Aaron Steelman
A-B Honor Roll
Luke Crawford

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Elizabeth Brunson
Kolton Cox
Taylor Hollingsworth
Sarah Kellner
David Wooldridge
A-B Honor Roll
Tanya Elam
Holly Juarez
Jimmy Markworth

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Taylor Autry
Travis Hartman
Tanner Martin
Cristian Ornelas
Conner Smith
A-B Honor Roll
Hayden Hollingsworth
Ashlei Pearcy
Brandee Pinkerton
Quint Shafer

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amber Baker
Kyrstin Baker
Kylor Fine
Rebecca Jones
Isaac Martin
Baily Nickerson
Lupe Ornelas
Mariana Ornelas
A-B Honor Roll
Cody Chappell
Amanda Elam
Trea Fontenot
Laramie Gilbert
Sarah Gunset
Jacob Mitchell
Kellner Odom
Kellie Pilcher
Alex Rivera
J.P. Wilson
James Gernandt

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Colby Barrera
Brodie Calley
John Martini
Evian Olvera
R. T. Shafer
Daniel Wooldridge
A-B Honor Roll
B.J. Botts
Ollivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
Averie Pearcy
Rosemary Rivera
Jessica Steelman

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Shandy McMullen
Ashley Trotter
A-B Honor Roll
Rance Dunn
Leeja Mauldin
Seth Sanchez

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Laura Juarez
Kaci Waller
A-B Honor Roll
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Jessica Odom
A-B Honor Roll
Dale Cink
Corbin Clements
Tyrelle Gilbert
Kate Wall

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
Sara Caldwell
Brittany Dickerhoff
Chris Dobbs
Wesley Kellner
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
A-B Honor Roll
Shea Allen
Amanda Cink
Kevin Graves
Bryson Higgins
Cody Lomax
Sarah McCown
Amber Sanchez

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Rusty Josey
Lacie Thompson
Jess Wall
Lindsey Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Jake Barnes
Brandon Graves
Suzie Pendergrass
Alana Pulis
Vicki Rivera
Roy Torres
Bubba Walker

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Kali Clements
Heather Crawford
Eric Dickerhoff
Jeff Fine
Michelle Nettles
Geoff Pinkerton
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling
A-B Honor Roll
Bea Aguinaga
Manny Garcia
Tim Huddleston
Stephen Nickerson
Joel Watson



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5th Six Weeks

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Karsten Morrell
Aaron Lane
A-B Honor Roll
Ricky Williams
Cathrine Witte
Felix Martinez
Kendall Benitez

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Delinda Dacus
Catie Anderson
Aaron Jernigan
A-B Honor Roll
Fabian Fuentes
Carly Gill

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Jacob Nachlinger
A-B Honor Roll
Kelton Garcia
Lori Garcia
Jordan Williamson
J.R. Jaimes

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Dustin Dacus
A-B Honor Roll
Caroline Granados
Melanie Kariainen
Shaye Williams

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Casey Williamson

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp
A-B Honor Roll
Megan Kariainen
Brittany Kelley

Ninth Grade
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Samantha Berry
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Panel: Regulators' authority over food in doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's power to enforce food safety laws is in doubt because of recent lawsuits challenging its efforts to close dirty meat plants, a scientific panel said Thursday.

The Institute of Medicine, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, recommended that Congress strengthen the authority the Food and Drug Administration and Agriculture Department have over food processors.

The panel cited two lawsuits that were filed after Agriculture Department inspectors decided to close plants where they found harmful bacteria or repeated violations.

Nebraska Beef Ltd. sued the department in January for trying to shut down its Omaha, Neb., plant for unsanitary conditions. A judged sided with the company and issued a temporary restraining order against the department. The government ended up making a deal with the packer, allowing it to stay open.

A similar lawsuit was filed in 2000 by Supreme Beef Inc. A federal judge blocked the department from closing the company's Dallas beef plant after it flunked a series of salmonella tests in 1999.

Consumer groups argue the cases prove Congress needs to ensure inspectors can close problem plants to prevent contaminated meat from sickening consumers. The panel's recommendation seemed to reflect their concern.

Marsha Cohen, a law professor from University of California-San Francisco who worked on the report, said the panel wasn't taking any sides. It just wanted Congress to give clearer authority to regulators, she said.

Food safety officials at the Agriculture Department disagreed with the suggestion, on grounds they already have the power to shut down plants.

Elsa Murano, undersecretary of food safety, has argued that reinforcing the department's authority will not prevent companies from taking it to court.

The meat industry group, American Meat Institute, also rejected that suggestion, while advocates with Consumer Federation of America cheered it, saying, "Congress should act immediately."

In other recommendations, the institute said:

— Congress should give regulators more flexibility to come up with requirements that would allow food plants to use new technologies for preventing bacteria from poisoning food.

— Congress should require a national plan to coordinate the various efforts to track foodborne diseases in food production, processing and distribution.

— Regulators should make processors put a label on meat products warning consumers of what could happen if they don't properly cook the meat.

— FDA should ban the sale of milk that hasn't been pasteurized to kill off bacteria.

— USDA should look at ways to prevent harmful bacteria from infecting animals on the farm and in trucks before they go to slaughter.

The scientific panel suggested that the government do more studies on harmful food bacteria, such as E. coli and salmonella, to be used as a basis for improving food safety laws.

Robert Buchanan, senior science adviser for the FDA's food safety division, said officials there agreed with the report.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, April 28, 2003

You could be extraordinarily lucky in the year ahead in enterprises, projects or situations that have glamorous or magnetic overtones. Use your imagination and creativity to develop or improve such types of undertakings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Personal satisfaction concerning something important to you might be achieved today through a very lucky break. Someone close to you could be responsible for making it happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Due to a new participant entering the scene, a pet project of yours may start to generate some steam today. This person will supply the enthusiasm for it, which you couldn't muster up from others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — High rewards for something nice you do for another today may be in the offing. Unbeknownst to you, the person you assist may be someone important who can show his or her appreciation in unusual ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your dreams can inspire hope today, and this hope will stimulate the action necessary to fulfill your wishes. Dare to be a dreamer who is not afraid to trust your ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A situation you've been eager to alter will receive some help today from a least expected source. It successfully changes and offers you the potential to move on to bigger and better things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Cooperation, as well as sound logic, will be in high gear today giving you and your cohorts the ability to see all sides of an issue, thereby elevating your odds for successful conclusions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A co-worker with whom you're closely involved today may be willing to share a technique you'll find of value. It will make your work far more productive and rewarding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Fortune could smile upon you today in a social arrangement you have with a person who shares a vital interest. Each will make a positive contribution to the relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is an excellent day to make some artistic changes in your surroundings if you feel inspired to do so. The end results should have long-lasting, pleasing effects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your greatest asset today is your ability to reorganize and bring creativity and beauty to a project others have muddled. You'll do so in ways that will make it look easy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The odds for large success today are in your favor where your financial dealings are concerned. There is a situation you may be able to firm up or bring to a profitable conclusion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today's aspects could bring some very pleasant social interactions that you didn't expect. It will prove to be a happy respite from the daily grind and get your week off to a good start.

Sunday, April 27, 2003

Some painful lessons learned from past experiences may prove quite beneficial for you in the year ahead. What you remember can be used to your advantage, giving you an edge over the competition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Open your heart if you wish, but don't open your purse strings when someone starts playing "pity me" songs, especially if this person is always in need of financial assistance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There is nothing wrong with having high ambitions, just be sure you don't focus on the wrong goals. Spend your time on projects that have much to offer once attained.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Guard against tendencies to suppress things today that bother you — they will only begin to fester. You need to bring them out into the open in order to resolve what's troubling you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you poke your nose into situations today that don't concern you, someone may figuratively take a jab at it. That old piece of advice, "mind your own business," should be heeded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone upon whom you could always depend might not be there for you today. Ask yourself if it's because you have not properly acknowledged his or her past efforts, then make amends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A negative attitude will not only make everything harder for you to do today, it will spill over onto those who have to work shoulder-to-shoulder with you and will ruin their day, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be on guard today against an associate who thinks she or he has some kind of proprietary rights on your resources. You could once again be bombarded with demands on your purse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't allow yourself to be pushed into making a major decision today if you haven't had proper time to think it through. Hasty judgment invites errors — and it'll be your loss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're prepared to fend for yourself today you won't be likely to suffer any ill effects from others refusing to do your bidding. What isn't asked can't be rejected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Every once in a while you can be tempted to take a foolish gamble in hopes of improving your lot in life. Today may be one of those days that you ignore your conservative instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you're feeling a bit down in the dumps today, be mindful of your manners in case someone should come calling. Don't take things out on others who have done nothing but befriend you.

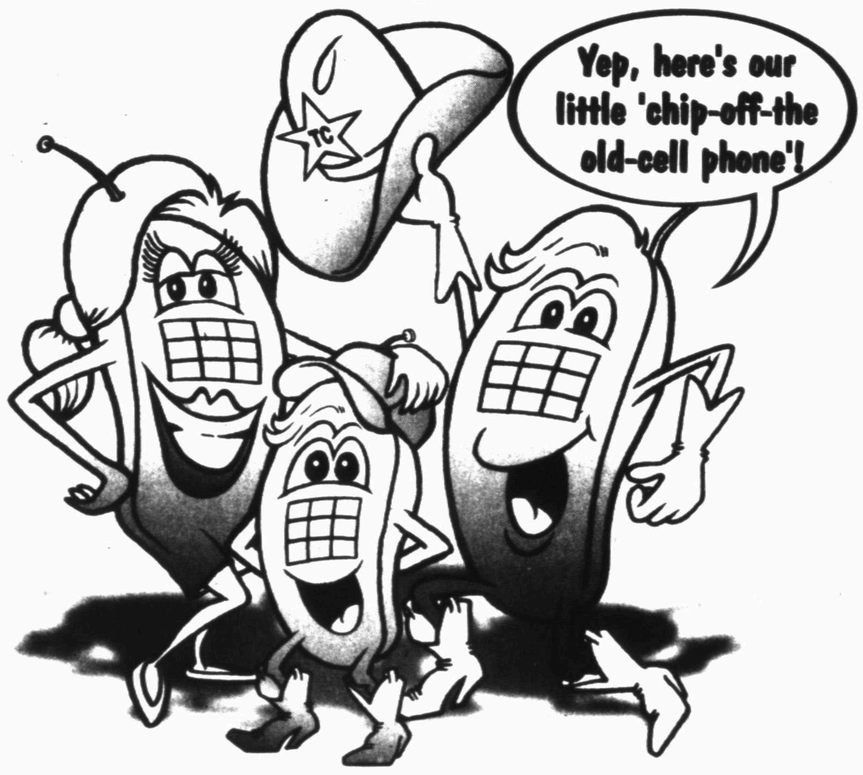
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Should you find yourself in the presence today of someone who makes you feel uneasy, keep your cool, stay relaxed and don't patronize this individual. She or he is no better than you.

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Cash & Pay
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Critter Corner
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States' budget woes worrying textbook publishers in nation

AUSTIN (AP) — A major headache is brewing for the nation's textbook industry: If trendsetting Texas slashes education spending as planned, it could affect which books end up in public schools across the country.

State budget woes are making textbook publishers nervous. Plans to buy new books in Kansas and Oregon schools have already been shelved and other states have turned to leasing books to save money.

But budget cutting in Texas, California and Florida is a particularly big deal: The three states account for more than 30 percent of the nation's $4 billion public school book market.

If the budget cuts go through in Texas, which is facing a $9.9 billion shortfall, hundreds of thousands of new books already ordered and printed would collect dust for two years and students would keep using tattered, outdated texts.

Many Texas history books used by seventh-graders show Democrats Ann Richards and Dan Morales as Texas governor and attorney general, respectively. The books were set to be replaced with new books updated to reflect the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and Texas' new GOP leadership.

"We are also totally desperate for the new social studies textbooks," said Sharon Tolar, a teacher at the Ennis Independent School District near Dallas. "Our present text is outdated and not aligned with compliance to the state standards."

The Texas House has passed a bill with $309 million in book cuts and the Senate budget would slash $200 million.

Felipe Alanis, Texas' commissioner of education, said he hopes the cuts don't make it into the final budget bill. But if they do, Alanis said, his Texas Education Agency has worked to ensure the cuts won't severely hurt students who are already facing harder academic standards.

Publishers aren't so optimistic.

"This is a mess. It's not a 'no big deal, times are tough, one minor shift in money and it will all work out.' It is a big series of important issues," said Joe Bill Watkins, a lobbyist for the trade group Association of American Publishers.

Three dozen publishers invest millions of dollars in Texas because texts adopted in a state with 4.1 million schoolchildren are marketed in dozens of other states. Texas, which has been getting 70,000 new students each year, spent $471 million on books in the last two-year budget, and the figure is projected to grow to $800 million by 2006-07.

The Texas education agency initially requested $652 million for new textbooks in the next budget, more than half of that for textbooks already designed and printed by publishers who are awaiting payment.

But the budget shortfall has caused no-new-tax-pledging lawmakers to cut funding across state government, including money for new books.

Watkins said publishers have long trusted Texas will pay them, but the proposed cuts are threatening that agreement and publishers could pull out of the Texas market.

If the budget proposals become a reality, Watkins said, "we would have taken a tremendous financial bath."

"If they don't pay for the books it would hurt my business," said Scott Benson, president of W.S. Benson and Co., a family-owned Austin publishing company that was founded in 1917.

Benson said he agreed to print seventh-grade social studies books that include Texas history with the understanding he'd be paid after lawmakers pass the 2004-05 budget.

"Now the state's reneging on their deal," said Benson, who wouldn't specify how much money he'd lose. "They need to pay for what they've already gotten into."

Several members of the State Board of Education, which adopts Texas' textbooks, said the state should keep its commitment to buy new books. Member Joe Bernal said he's worried about children who don't speak English who already score lower on state tests.

San Diego-based sailors return home after 10 months at sea

ABOARD THE USS SHILOH (AP) — With San Diego finally in sight Friday, Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Klase began to count the minutes before he could hold his daughter for the very first time.

He had been at sea aboard the USS Shiloh, one of two missile cruisers returning to port Friday after nearly 10 months — the longest U.S. Navy deployment since the Vietnam War.

While the ships were firing Tomahawk cruise missiles during the opening stages of the war in Iraq, Klase's wife was home in St. Petersburg, Fla., with newborn Halie.

"It's just going to be exciting to go home and hold her for the first time," said Klase, 26.

The new fathers aboard the USS Shiloh and USS Mobile Bay, part of the USS Abraham Lincoln battle group, were among the first sailors off the ship and hugging people in the waiting crowd that lined the piers and docks in San Diego.

Seaman Faris Rimola, 23, of Vevay, Ind., watched the welcome-back celebration with a wide smile.

"It's more than I expected," he said. "All the whistling and yelling, it's pretty good stuff."

As the Shiloh steamed toward port, Roger Cooper said he knew he had some explaining to do to his 6-year-old son.

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