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Early voting begins Monday in primaries

Early voting in the March Democratic and Republican Party primaries begins Monday with only one locally-contested race on each ballot.

Citizens voting in the Republican Primary will choose between Ricky Fritz and Ted Crenwelge as their county judge. Those participating in the Democratic Primary can cast a vote in the Precinct 3 commissioners race for either Chloanne Lindsey or Scott Richburg.

All of the other candidates up for election are unopposed in the primaries, though some will draw opponents in the November general election.

Citizens need to be aware that they may vote in either the Republican or Democratic Primary, but not both. In November, they will be able vote for candidates of either party or the one Independent candidate who will be on the ballot.

Pamela Bryant is running as an Independent for Precinct 2 peace justice. She will challenge Democratic incumbent John Williamson in November. Neither are opposed in the primaries.

The successful victor in the Republican Party Primary for county judge — either incumbent Fritz or Crenwelge — will win office. There is no Democratic candidate.

That's not the case in the contested Democratic Party race for Pct. 4 commissioner. The winner there, either Lindsey or Richburg, will face Milton Adams in November. Adams is unopposed in the Republican Primary.

Another is the other commissioners race — Precinct 2, where incumbent Roy Idom is unopposed in the Republican primary. He'll have an opponent in November, however: Linda Sellars, who is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Candidates unopposed in the primaries and general election are Democrat Charlie Bell for county treasurer and Republicans Joan Bunch for county clerk, Charlie Reynolds for Precinct 1 peace justice and Trina Rodgers for district clerk.

Other races of interest locally include those for State Representative, State Senator and U.S. Representative, though none are contested in the primaries.

Also on the ballots are state races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Ag Commissioner, Land Commissioner and Railroad Commissioner.

Early voting will be held through March 6 in the county courtroom, adjacent to the county clerk's office. Election day is March 10.

On the ballot

County Judge
R: Ricky Fritz, Ted Crenwelge
D: None

County Clerk
R: Joan Bunch
D: None

Pct 2 Commissioner
R: Roy Idom
D: Linda Sellars

Pct 4 Commissioner
R: Milton Adams
D: Chloanne Lindsey, Scott Richburg

District Clerk
R: Trina Rodgers
D: None

County Treasurer
R: None
D: Charlie Bell

Peace Justice, Pct 1
R: Charlie Reynolds
D: None

Peace Justice, Pct 2
R: None
D: John Williamson
I: Pamela Bryant

Dist 70 State Rep
R: Scott McLaughlin
D: David Counts

Dist 30 State Sen
R: Tom Haywood
D: Greg Underwood

Dist 17 US Rep
R: Rudy Izzard
D: Charles Stenholm

Another incumbent files for council post

Another incumbent has filed for election in the May 2 city council election.

Jerry Webb, who occupies the District 2 seat on the council, has filed for re-election. He joins District 1 representative Vernest Tippens, District 4 councilman I.E. Martin and at-large representative Terry Martin in seeking another term on the council.

Martin's campaign is actually to fill out an unexpired term after being appointed last June.

That leaves the vacated District 3 seat as the only seat on the city ballot without a candidate. District 3 had been held by Kerry Bredemeyer, but was vacated last year when he moved from the district.

The three school districts and Western Texas College also have elections scheduled for May 2. After the first week for candidate filing, here's how those elections are shaping up:

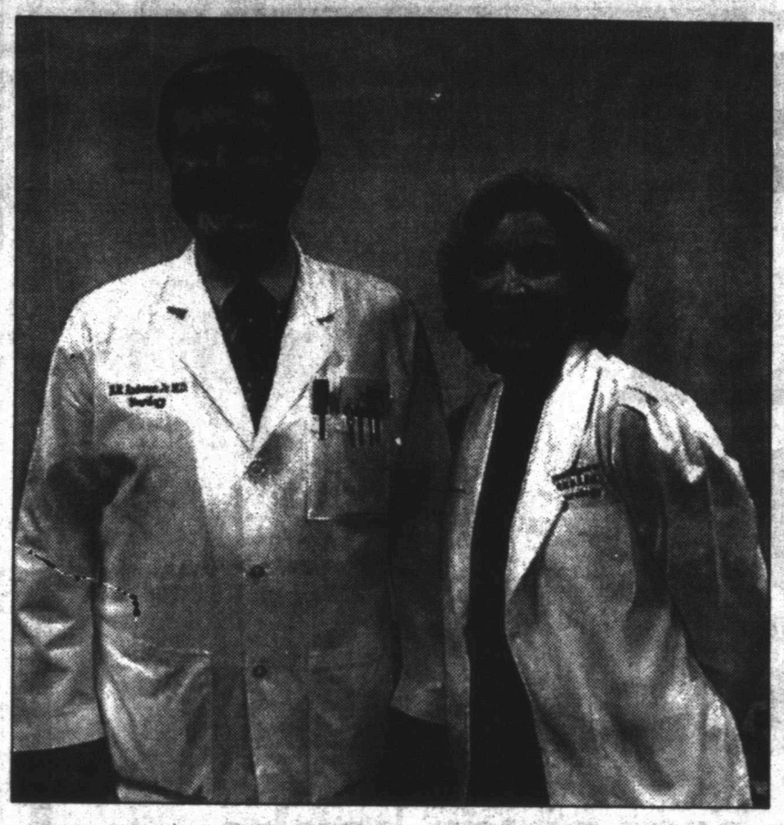
Snyder ISD: There are two at-large terms up for election and two candidates so far. Incumbent Luann Burleson has filed for her fifth term. She is joined by Cogdell Hospital LVN Patricia Scott. The other incumbent, Charles Anderson, has said he will not seek re-election.

Hermleigh ISD: All of the incumbents up for re-election — David Higgins, Sherene Digby and Alan Culp — have filed to retain their seats and are unopposed. Culp was appointed last year after Chip Roemisch moved out of the school district and is seeking to complete a two-year term.

Ira ISD: There are two places to be decided at the polls in May. Incumbent Keith Clements, a board member since 1988, is seeking re-election to the Place 6 seat. Running for the Place 7 spot is Carl Smith. Place 7 is currently held by Doug White, who has not indicated if he intends to seek re-election.

Western Texas: Currently, Western Texas has the only contested race among the 14 school and council places up for election in May. That's in Place 4, where incumbent Dr. Jay Kidd is being challenged by chiropractor Dr. James C. Hanks. Carolyn Barbee, the Place 5 incumbent, is unopposed in her re-election bid.

Filing continues through March 18 at the various school administration buildings and Snyder City Hall.



NEW DOCTOR — R.K. Anderson Jr. M.D. of Abilene has joined Cogdell Memorial Hospital's specialty clinic. He practices general neurology. He will be accompanied by Nancy Agnew, R.N. and office manager. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

At Cogdell...

Neurologist joins specialty staff

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Doctors don't usually make house calls any more, but specialty medical clinics, like the one at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, offer the next best thing — out-of-town specialists who bring their practice to Snyder on a regular basis.

R.K. Anderson Jr., M.D., of Abilene began seeing patients in Snyder last week. As a recent addition to Cogdell's clinic, the general neurologist will see patients on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

He will bring specialized treating equipment when he comes to Snyder. Neurological consultation, followup as needed, EMG and NCVs will be available at the clinic.

Nancy Agnew, R.N. and office manager, will accompany the doctor. She is the niece of the founders of the hospital, the D.M. Cogdells.

Dr. Anderson treats adult and pediatric patients, and treats a variety of neurological problems — in particular, headaches, seizures, strokes, neck and low back problems and patients who have numbness and tingling of the hands or feet.

Dr. Anderson said he tries to give each patient the amount of time needed to fully evaluate that particular patient's problem.

He feels that joining the local hospital clinic was the natural thing for him to do since he already had many patients in the Snyder area, some elderly.

Bringing his services to Snyder allows more patients to see him without driving out-of-town, long distances or taking a lot of time off work.

Dr. Anderson has been in private practice in Abilene since 1974.

A native of Port Arthur, he graduated from French High School in Beaumont and completed undergraduate work in biology at Lamar State College of Technology (now Lamar University) in Beaumont. He completed medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and interned in mixed medicine at the Latter Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City.

His residency in neurology was interrupted by military service. He served three years in the residency program at the University of Utah

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Historical markers book will go on sale

Scurry County Historical Commission will introduce its new "Historical Markers in Scurry County" book at the Texas Independence Day observance at the Scurry County Museum on March 1.

The 160-page book contains the inscriptions on the 56 historical markers in the county along with numerous photographs and the narratives required by the Texas Historical Commission to secure the markers.

This is the first marker book published locally since 1969 when there were 42 markers. Twenty-one of the county's historical markers are on the courthouse square or within easy walking distance.

A copy of the markers book will be given as a door prize along with another new book, "Bad Hand," and a gift certificate from the Golden Corral.

"Bad Hand" is a biography of Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie by historian Charles Robinson III. Mackenzie graduated at the top of his class at West Point in 1862 and led troops in five battles in the final campaign against Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Civil War.

Mackenzie lost two fingers from his right hand in combat and his troops called him "Three Finger Jack" — behind his back, but to the Comanche and Kiowa Indians he was "Bad Hand."



After the war, Mackenzie served as commander of Fort Concho at San Angelo. In 1871 he charted a major trail north, passing across what is now Snyder's courthouse square and making a major campsite at Mackenzie Mountain 20 miles north of Snyder in Kent County.

A historical marker noting the Mackenzie Trail was placed on the square in 1967, and the narrative prepared for his marker is

See Markers, Page 14A

Convicted rapist back in court

A 32-year-old former Snyder man is set to go to trial Monday in Big Spring on sexual assault charges.

Ricky Dewayne Howell, who resided here at the American Motor Inn, has already been sentenced to consecutive life sentences in Lubbock courts for similar offenses.

Howell is accused in Big Spring of two assaults that occurred on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28. The trial will be in 118th District Court. He was indicted in Big Spring on March 6, 1997 of aggravated sexual assault and for burglary with the intent to commit aggravated sexual assault.

He also faces similar sexual assault charges in Odessa as he was indicted there last Aug. 18 on a count of aggravated rape.

In the assaults that occurred in Big Spring and Odessa, the victims described their attacker as a man dressed as a woman.

All the victims were described as white females in their early to mid 50s.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson has described Howell as "A spooky guy."

"He goes around rattling doorknobs until he finds one that's unlocked, then he goes and puts on his little ladies clothes and comes back and rapes them," Wilkerson said.

Howell had been sentenced in Snyder to a 15-year prison term in 1983 following his conviction on charges of burglary with the intent to commit sexual assault. He was released on Aug. 12, 1992, but was sent to prison later on burglary charges.

He was released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on Aug. 23 of 1996 under the mandatory release program.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "They say nothing is impossible, except getting off the sweepstakes mailing lists."

Hooray for the state of Florida.

Those who hawk magazine subscriptions by fooling folks into thinking they're going to win a publishers' sweepstakes are being taken to court in Florida.

It was reported that some folks are spending as much as $50,000 on magazines, just hoping to win the grand prize. The odds of winning are 200 million to one. Even your chances in the Texas Lottery are better.

The alleged illegal mailing of one sweepstakes had 20 million copies — and most of 'em were in our mailbox.

We have to wonder about those polls. Despite the sex scandal in Washington, it is reported that the President's popularity is at an all-time high.

Actually, we've not come across anyone who has been polled. Our independent polls indicates utter digust — with everybody!

Some commentators are drawing a parallel of Nixon's fall with that of President Clinton.

Americans put up with Nixon's deceit for many years, but when it became criminal, they gave him the boot.

In another recall of the Nixon era, a tabloid in London placed a headline twist on its report of the Clinton scandal:

"All the President's Women."

And on a lighter note, there are some more headline goofs to ponder:

--Include your children when baking cookies.

--Campaign begun to run down jaywalkers.

--Drunk gets nine months in violin case.

--Panda mating fails; veterinarian takes over.

--Clinton wins on budget, but more lies ahead.

--Stolen painting found by tree.

--Two sisters reunited after 18 years in checkout counter.

--War dims hope for peace.

--Red tape holds up new bridge.

--Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft.

--Hospitals sued by 7 foot doctors.

--Prostitutes appeal to Pope.

ASK US

Q—If my school taxes are frozen, would they still be frozen if a bond election passed?
A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 66 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Saturday, 48; no precipitation before 7 a.m.; total for 1998, 2.45 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, scattered evening storms; otherwise cloudy, low around 40. Light wind early, becoming N 5-15 mph. Sunday, some clouds, mostly sunny by afternoon; high, upper 60s.



Sean Velasquez
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
6:36 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:18 a.m.
Of 51 days in 1998, the sun has shone 49 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The most wasted of all our days are those in which we have not laughed.

Sebastien Chamfort

Ex-Heaven's Gate follower kills himself

EHRENBERG, Ariz. (AP) — Dressed like the 39 Heaven's Gate cult members who killed themselves near San Diego last year, a former follower apparently committed suicide, nine months after a failed attempt.

Charles Edward Humphrey's head was wrapped in plastic with tubes running to a car's exhaust pipe and a tank marked "carbon dioxide" when his body was found Tuesday, Lt. Don Davis of the La Paz County Sheriff's Department said Friday.

Authorities had been alerted by Humphrey's daughter, who had received a note from him that read: "'I'm returning to my mother ship,' and all that stuff we had with Heaven's Gate."

His body was found in a small tent sealed with duct tape in the desert near Ehrenberg, just across the Colorado River from Blythe, Calif., Davis said. A note next to the body read "DO NOT REVIVE."

Next to Humphrey, 55, in the tent was a purple shroud, an item found with the cult members whose bodies were discovered March 26, 1997, in a mansion in the posh San Diego suburb of Rancho Santa Fe. He was wearing black sweatpants and a black T-shirt with a patch on the sleeve saying "Heaven's Gate Away Team," Davis said.

Humphrey carried a $5 bill and five quarters, Davis said, similar to the money Heaven's Gate members had on them in the mass suicide.

Authorities said Humphrey apparently had rendered himself unconscious with chloroform so he couldn't tear off the bag as it appeared he had done in an Encinitas, Calif., motel room nine months earlier.

Another former cult member with him at that time, 56-year-old Wayne "Nick" Cooke, died, but Humphrey survived.

Mike Downing, an investigator with the Pima County medical examiner's office, where Humphrey's body was taken for autopsy, said Humphrey apparently committed suicide, although other possibilities hadn't been ruled out.

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FIRST PLACE — Chad Beaver, Fluvanna FFA member, exhibited the first place European cross steer in his class in the Junior Steer Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show which ended Feb. 8 in Fort Worth. (Contributed Photo)

Kindergartner arrested after scuffling with counselor

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A 5-year-old kindergartner was arrested for allegedly biting and scratching her 51-year-old school counselor.

The counselor, Linda Green, told authorities about the Feb. 3 incident at Edgewater Elementary, and a warrant for battery of an elected official or educator — a felony — was issued that day.

The girl's father, Lee Ernest Middleton, said the arrest is the most ludicrous thing he's ever experienced. But school district spokeswoman Barbara Frye said school officials were making sure a child with "an-out-of-control rage" got some counseling.

Chaquita Doman threw furniture and inflicted at least 27 deep scratches and bit Green's arm to cause "significant bleeding," Frye said.

Deputies notified Chaquita's parents of the arrest warrant Tuesday. Her parents brought her in Wednesday, and she was released the same day.

"Can you imagine what it's like to have your daughter fingerprinted and escorted by a deputy to a juvenile facility?" asked her father. "There are other methods you could have went through before this."

Middleton said he plans to contact a lawyer because of the emotional trauma suffered by his daughter and her twin sister, Shakita.

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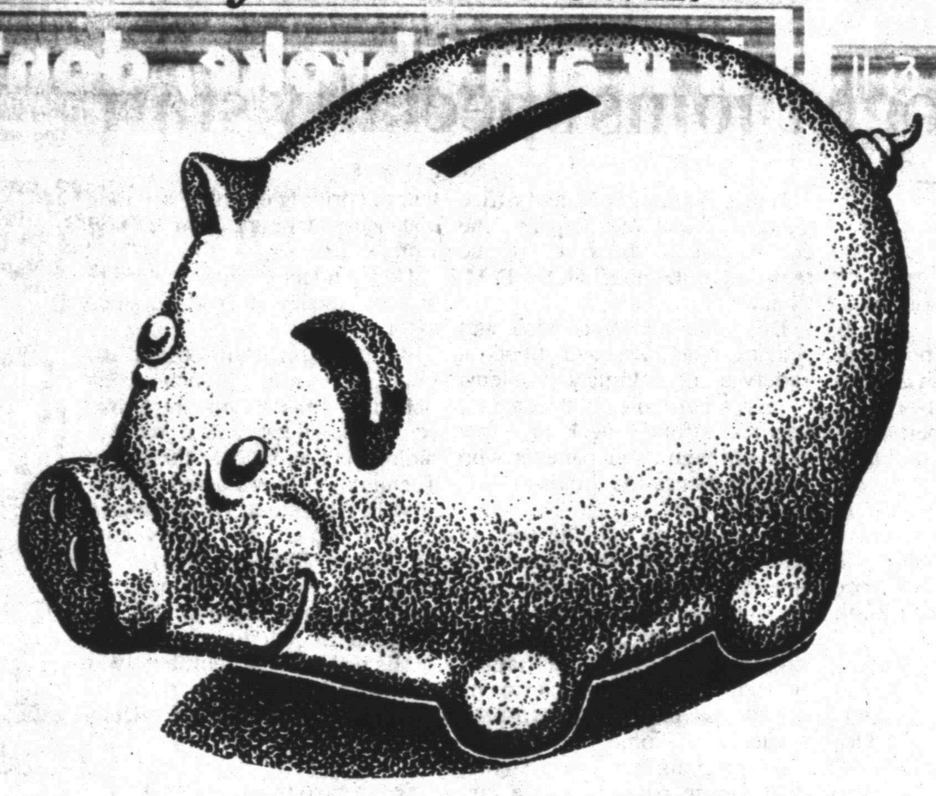
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Hensley advances to state

Snyder High School senior Michael Hensley placed first in oratory last Friday and Saturday in Odessa. He now advances to the state Texas Forensics Association (TFA) meet slated Thursday through Saturday at Colleyville.

It takes eight points to qualify and Hensley was four points away before the Permian tournament. He will compete against other qualifying students from all over the state.

Hensley and Isaac Spoor also placed second in duet improvization.

Other speech students who won include Traci Eicke, fourth in poetry and prose semi-finals; Katy Cooper and John Gutierrez, fifth in duet acting; Jenise Judah, semi-finals in oratory; Thomas Bishop, seventh in poetry, prose semi-finals and extemporaneous semi-finals; Lyndell Lee, extemporaneous semi-finals; and Britney Canada, semi-finals prose.

Twenty-one schools competed in Odessa.

SHS speech students also competed against 40 schools Feb. 6 and 7 at the Tascosa Speech Tournament in Amarillo.

Hensley placed third in oratory and advanced to semi-finals in impromptu.

Other winners included Nickolas Means, seventh in impromptu; Brady Collier, fifth in impromptu, Katy Cooper, semi-finals impromptu; Means and Thomas Bishop, semi-finals in duet acting.



SPEECH WINNERS — These Snyder High School speech students won at recent meets. From left, standing, Brady Collier, Isaac Spoor, Thomas Bishop, Nickolas Means; seated, Michael Hensley, Traci Eicke, Suzanne Bogard, Katy Cooper. Not pictured: Lisa Moore, Jenise Judah, Lyndell Lee, Britney Canada, John Gutierrez, Vanessa Jones, Emily Vinson. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Annual art contest planned at college

The 6th annual West Texas High School Art Competition is slated on the campus of Western Texas College next Saturday.

The art show is a juried art competition sponsored by the Art Department of Western Texas College. It is designed to showcase the art works of high school students from the West Texas area.

Last year's show had 207 entries from 15 area high schools.

The competition will be judged by Prof. Linda D. Fawcett, chairperson of the Art Department at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

She received her BFA from Texas Tech University and her MFA from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. She teaches painting and drawing, as well as art history. She is president of the Texas Association of Schools of Arts.

A critique of the winning art works will be given by Prof. Fawcett at the awards ceremony Saturday afternoon.

Those wishing to view the artwork may go to classroom FA 102 between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday.

All high school students living in West Texas are eligible.

Students compete in two divisions: Division 1, consisting of 9th and 10th grade students; and Division 2, consisting of 11th and 12th grade students.

Winners of 1st, 2nd or 3rd place win a total of $300 in cash awards. The department offers also scholarship awards up to $1,000.

Ben Sum, head of the Art Department, noted the show also helps "expose WTC to area high school students."

Scholarships are awarded after the art department views portfolios submitted by the entrants.

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole under water.

Doctor acquitted in baby's death

LAKEPORT, Calif. (AP) — A rural emergency room doctor charged with murder after sending the parents of a sick baby to a bigger hospital ended abruptly Friday when the judge dismissed the case.

Judge Robert Crone said there was not enough evidence to warrant jury deliberations. Crone made his ruling after the prosecution presented its entire case against Dr. Wolfgang Schug.

Schug was indicted on charges of second-degree murder, manslaughter and child endangerment in the Feb. 26, 1996, death of 11-month-old Cody Burrows.

"There's a lot of shock," Chris Partida, a cousin of Cody's mother, said in a telephone interview. "The family is dealing with the shock of how Judge Crone could not allow the trial to continue, to just end it without letting the jury have a say."

Prosecutors had claimed Schug was wrong to tell Cody's parents to take the boy to another hospital after he had been in and out of Redbud Community Hospital's emergency room for two days.

von Trapp...

High court in Vermont hears dispute over family payments

STOWE, Vt. (AP) - Sixty years after they escaped Nazi-occupied Austria, the family whose charm and courage were immortalized in "The Sound of Music" are fighting among themselves — divided over $3 million that one branch of the family claims it's owed by the other.

This week, the dispute made it's way to Vermont's highest court.

At issue is the value of stock held by about 20 dissenting shareholders.

The von Trapps' finances have been incorporated since 1962, when the Trapp Family Lodge Inc. was formed to bring the family holdings together, according to court documents. The holdings include the Trapp Family Lodge hotel, 2,200 acres of land in Stowe, and some of the royalties to "The Sound of Music."

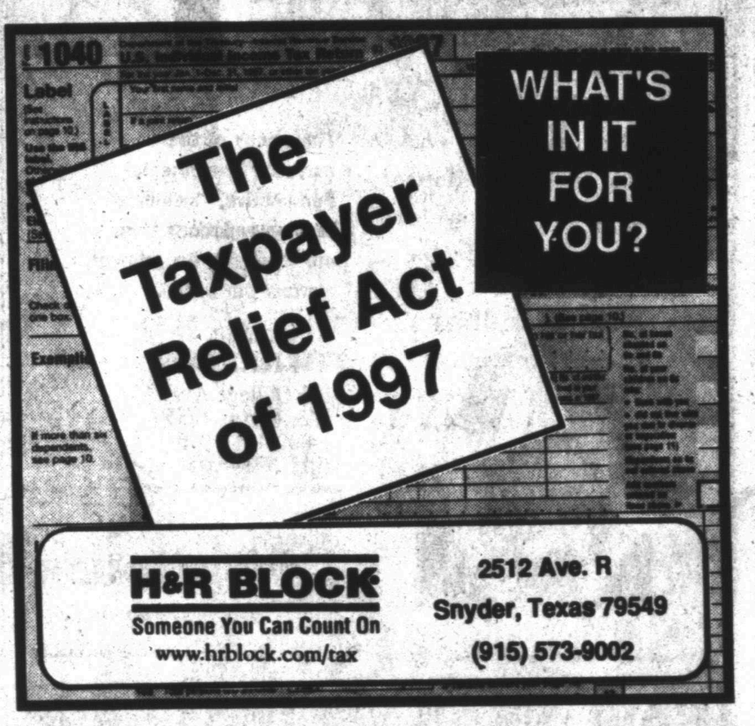
Maria von Trapp, played by Julie Andrews in the movie, died in 1987. Johannes von Trapp, Maria's youngest son who lives in a house on the property, told the Burlington Free Press that tensions surfaced after that, leading to a 1993 "blow-up" that resulted in family members ousting him as president of the corporation running Trapp Family Lodge.

Von Trapp won back control the next year and reorganized the company, he told the Free Press. Minority shareholders — including his sister and the children of two brothers — objected and cashed in their shares.

The business paid the dissenting family members about $2.5 million. They challenged the payment in Lamoille County Superior Court, saying they were due about twice as much. A three-judge panel agreed in May, ordering Trapp Family Lodge Inc. to pay the higher value — with interest, about $3 million.

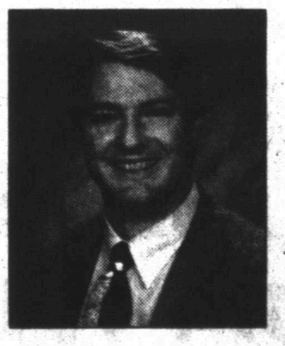
Johannes von Trapp has appealed to the state Supreme Court. Lawyers for both sides argued their cases before the court this week. Neither von Trapp nor a lawyer for the dissenting family members returned calls Friday.

Hans von Wees, the general manager of the Trapp Family Lodge, insisted that the battle going on in Montpelier wouldn't affect the lodge, which on Friday was wreathed in fog on an unseasonably warm day, and busy with visitors from out of state.



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MEC/MEMBERGRAM
A quarterly report to the members of Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc.
"The Scurry County government, namely the county judge, and commissioners court, has succeeded in bringing an additional $480,000 annually in block funds to their county. Their efforts over the last three years have been impressive. These are funds that are supposed to be going to the county each year. Prior to their efforts, these entitlement funds were not going to Scurry County. Midwest Electric Cooperative's work to recruit new industry usually starts with the cost of power, but to be successful, it takes a total community effort."
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Remember, Early Voting Starts Monday
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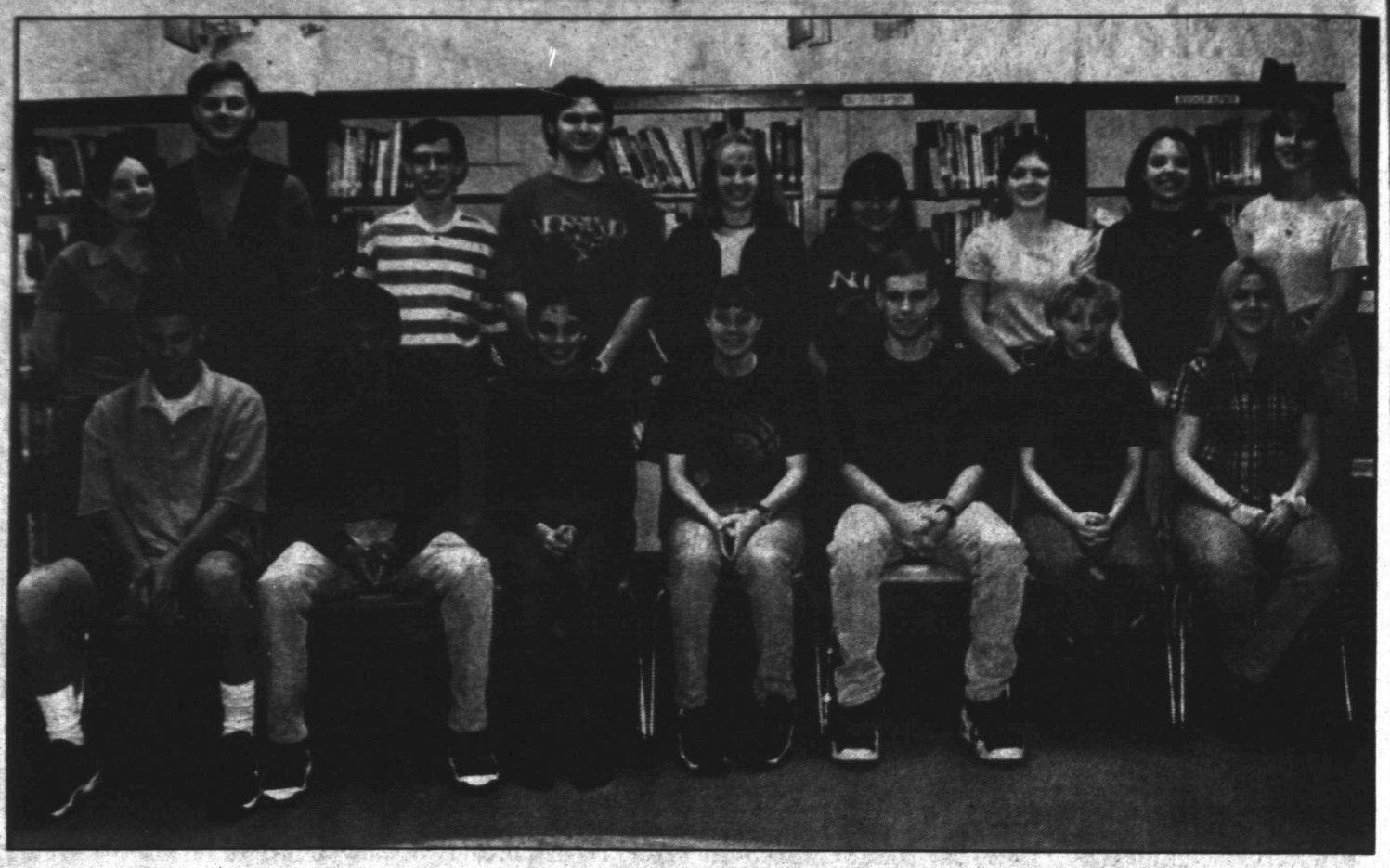
Parolee convicted

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The jurors who convicted Lawrence Singleton of murder after hearing how he repeatedly stabbed a prostitute to death now may have to hear even more graphic testimony as they consider whether to sentence him to death.

Singleton, 70, was convicted Friday of murdering Roxanne Hayes, a 31-year-old prostitute and mother of three, just over a year ago. The penalty phase of his trial was scheduled to begin Monday afternoon.

Prosecutors seeking the death penalty plan to fly Mary Vincent in from California to testify. Ms. Vincent was 15 years old when Singleton raped her, chopped off her arms and left her for dead on the side of a road two decades ago.

Jurors were barred from hearing about the 1978 California case during Singleton's murder trial here, but prosecutors can now use it to argue he should be executed.



IRA NHS INDUCTION — Ira 's National Honor Society inducted new members recently. New members are from left, front row, Richard Wilkins, Jose Juarez, Katie Howard, Korby Calley, Jerek Brown, all sophomores; Brook Wilkes, junior; and Jacey McCright, senior. Jensen Gainer, sophomore, is not pictured. Other members include from left, back row, Emily Hardy, Tye Shirley, Chris Gee, Billy Keith Box, Elissa Goolsby, Olga Juarez, Terri Robinson, Lindsy Josey and Hayley Smith. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Anti-war movement using the Internet

NEW YORK (AP) — While President Clinton talks about high-tech attacks on Iraq, dissenters are using their own technology — the Internet — to blanket the world with words of peace.

Ground zero of the effort is a messy office in Greenwich Village where anti-war activists for the "International Action Center" field queries, coordinate protests and offer advice on preventing hostilities.

Seven years after the largely ineffective campaign against the 1991 Gulf War, scattered anti-war activists are releasing their emotions into cyberspace.

"In 1991, there was no Internet to speak of. Now, we're getting in two weeks the kind of response we got in two months then," says Brian Becker, a coordinator for the International Action Center.

"We're getting responses from people we didn't know existed," Becker said. "The Internet acts as a magnet."

The private, nonprofit center was founded by peace activist and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and is funded by small private donations.

It has dozens of chapters around the country and is part of the National Emergency Coalition to Stop the U.S. War Against Iraq, an umbrella group helping organize grassroots action.

Waging a campaign for peace on two old, smudged computers surrounded by loose electric wiring, the center's Web site had 16,000 "hits" in the 24 hours after Clinton vowed Tuesday he was prepared to strike Saddam Hussein.

"Can you tell me is a protest planned in Anchorage Alaska?" asks one e-mail.

From England, an organizer of a London protest scheduled for Saturday messages that he wants help "to make tomorrow's demonstration a success. It may be the last before an attack."

The requests are part of a stream of impassioned messages against bombing Iraq. Those weighing in against U.S. military action include people from various religious traditions, former military officers, longtime anti-war groups and Arab-Americans.

"We're worried about Iraqi children getting killed by bombs. Thousands and thousands of civilians will get killed," said Kadouri Al-Kaysi, an Iraqi-American volunteer at the center.

Teen rescued after six days lost in cold dies in hospital

LOMA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — A teen-ager who survived six days after he became lost while snowboarding in the rugged San Gabriel Mountains died, eight days after a rescue his family called miraculous.

San Bernardino County Coroner's Deputy Andrew Avery said today that Jeff Thornton, 14, died Friday. The office provided no additional details.

Loma Linda University Medical Center, where the boy was treated, would not confirm the report, and declined to give any information at the request of the boy's family. The family had earlier refused interviews.

On Feb. 7, Thornton had gone snowboarding at the New Mountain High ski resort near Wrightwood. His uncle Marc Shapiro lost sight of the ninth-grader while they were descending a slope in the fog that preceded a storm later that day.

Over the next several days, 3 feet of snow fell on the rugged peaks 50 miles northeast of Los Angeles and temperatures fell below freezing.

Rescuers said Thornton had lost a boot, his gloves and his snowboard, and appeared dazed and confused. He was surprised to learn he had been lost for longer than two days, his rescuers said.

Rescuers said he survived because he could walk to a nearby creek for water.

The 215-pound Thornton had a body temperature of 94 degrees and frostbite on both arms, legs and hands as well as blunt-force trauma to his left eye when he was admitted, hospital officials said.

Officials at the time said Thornton was expected to remain in the hospital for about a week, and hadn't suffered any permanent injuries.

On Thursday, two players from his favorite hockey team, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, visited. Thornton told them: "My toes — I can't feel those," defenseman Dan Trebil said.

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DECA STUDENTS WIN — These DECA students will compete in the state DECA Career Development Conference Thursday through next Sunday in Austin. DECA students shown include Pete Olivarez, Jennifer Mason, Amanda Scott, Samantha Keller, Amanda Hicks, Alecia Broadway and C.J. Chaney. (Contributed Photo)

DECA advances to state

On Jan. 26, 14 members of the DECA chapter at Snyder High School competed at the District 9 Career Development Conference (CDC) in San Angelo at the Holiday Inn.

Approximately 270 DECA students from across the area (district) were involved in the competition.

The SHS district winners were Pete Olivarez, apparel and accessories marketing series event; Jennifer Mason, food marketing series event; Alecia Broadway and Amanda Hicks, hospitality and tourism team management decision making event; C.J. Chaney, learn and earn written project.

Amanda Scott was chosen as an alternate in the food marketing series.

Samantha Keller was chosen as an alternate in the food marketing series.

The winners will next compete at the state DECA CDC Thursday through next Sunday in Austin.

'Love Boat' to sail on UPN

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Love Boat soon will be making another run with Robert Urich coming aboard as Capt. Jim Kennedy in a new version of the show.

"The Love Boat: The Next Wave" will premiere April 13 on UPN. Urich, whose TV credits include "Spenser: For Hire" and "Vega$," will play a retired Navy commander starting a new career on a vacation cruise ship.

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Economist: Cattlemen can't tie market plunge to Oprah

AMARILLO (AP) — It was nothing as flashy as the Oprah Winfrey show that sent cattle prices reeling in 1996, according to an agricultural economics expert. It was simple Economics 101: supply and demand.

Iowa State University professor Marvin Hayenga said cattlemen can't possibly cite Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, show on "dangerous foods" as the sole reason they claim $12 million in losses.

"There were several major factors that clearly had an impact in that time period," said Hayenga, citing high feed costs, increased beef production and low packer demand.

During questioning by cattlemen's attorneys, Hayenga said that drought conditions compelled cattle feeders to sell their animals earlier than usual. That forced more cattle into packing plants and stunted prices, he said.

Plaintiffs argue that the factors Hayenga used were in place both before and after the talk show, which they say unfairly portrayed mad cow disease as a threat to U.S. cattle and engendered consumer distrust in beef.

Hayenga countered that the cattlemen can't assume they would have made more money had the show not aired because so many forces were in play to depress the market.

"These are the kinds of things you can't anticipate with precise knowledge unless you have a very clear crystal ball," he said.

Later on videotape, National Cattlemen's Beef Association chief executive officer Chuck Schroeder agreed that a blend of economic forces drove down prices during the first half of 1996.

Schroeder's tape was still running when the trial's fifth week wrapped up. The defense is expected to rest some time next week.

Southern Methodist University statistician Dan Slottje also testified that Virginia Tech economist Wayne Purcell's analysis blaming a market decline on the show was "conceived poorly, used poor methodology and (was) unscientific."

Purcell, a plaintiffs' witness, had said the episode caused "a dramatic shock" to cattle prices. Slottje, testifying for the defense, used highly technical jargon to criticize Purcell's research.

Though Ms. Winfrey's show also featured an emotional segment on the dangers of E. coli contamination, Schroeder pinpointed remarks made by Humane Society of the United States activist Howard Lyman as the most egregious.

"Our concern was Mr. Lyman's comments. They were quite sensational and untrue," Schroeder said. Among other things, Lyman agreed the human form of mad cow disease someday "could make AIDS look like the common cold."

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Long On Business Experience

Crenwelge says he believes his 35 years of business experience would be helpful to the running of county government. He says, "I also understand basic government, having served on various boards."

Committed To Our Community

Ted served 15 years on the Snyder ISD board of trustees, including three years as president. He served five years on the board of managers of Cogdell Hospital and also served as chairman of that board.

Today, he is a member of the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He served three years starting in 1984 and was reappointed in 1995.

He is also a past member of the Scurry County Farm Bureau board and is currently a director of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Seasoned Decision Maker

Ted grew up in Houston and earned his business degree from Texas Christian University. He moved to Snyder in 1961 and worked for one year at Snyder National Bank before going into farming.

In addition to his agriculture business, he has served as a director of Snyder National Bank since 1980, and he has served as chairman of the board since 1993. "In addition to my business background, I feel that I can offer voters maturity and flexibility in the office of county judge. I have had to adapt to changing conditions to survive in agriculture."

Ted has been a member of the Snyder Lions Club for 25 years, and he worked in Snyder youth league baseball for nine years.

Strong Family Values

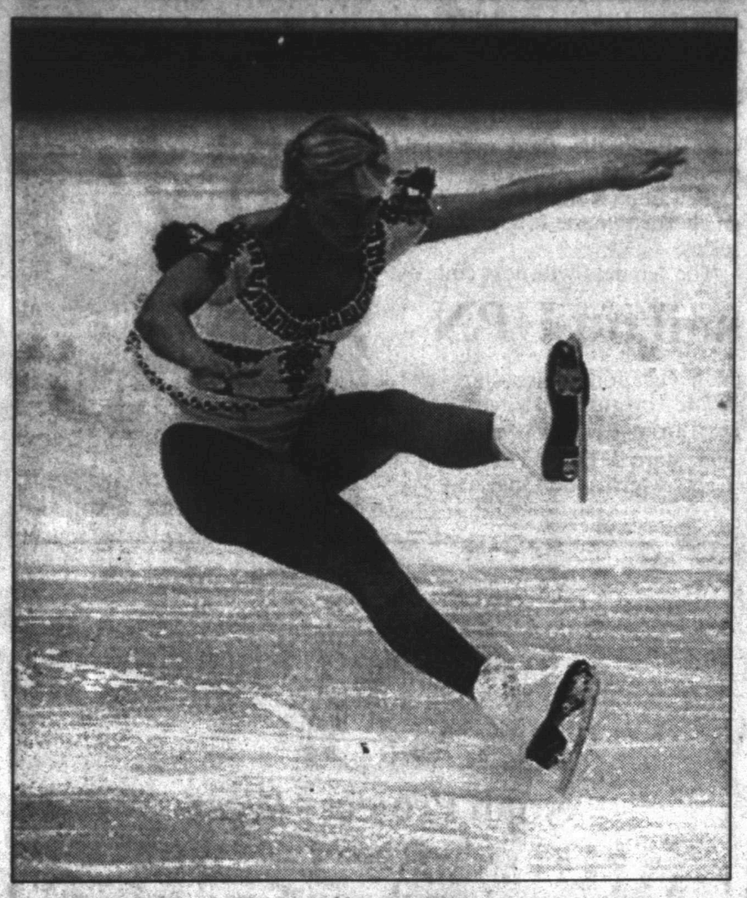
Ted and his wife, Jane, have two married children. Scott and his wife, Lana, have three children. Carrie and her husband, Elliott Cox, also have three children. They are members of First Baptist Church.

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XVIII WINTER OLYMPICS



SLIPPING AWAY — American Nicole Bobek falls during during figure skating competition at White Ring Arena in Nagano. (AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)

Quake shakes Winter Olympics

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Mother Nature gave a seismic sendoff today to an Olympics plagued by miserable weather. Sleet and fog blanketed the slalom slopes, while the earth rumbled deep below.

An earthquake that shook buildings in Nagano was also felt on the mountain, where Italy's Alberto Tomba couldn't shake off injuries suffered in a fall two days earlier and withdrew from the giant slalom, ending his quest for a medal in his fourth straight Olympics.

The United States, meanwhile, appeared virtually certain to end this Olympics the same as the last — with 13 medals. Hopes for a country-best 14 winter medals were dashed when the U.S. four-man bobsled team finished two-hundredths of a second out of a bronze medal today.

Canada's NHL all-star hockey team also couldn't medal, losing 3-2 to Finland in the bronze medal game.

The final full day of competition saw orange-haired Hans-Petter Buraas of Norway ski his way through thick fog and stinging sleet to win the giant slalom, edging his country a bit closer to the 28 overall medals won by Germany.

The first run of the giant slalom was well under way when a moderate earthquake rattled Nagano and the surrounding mountains shortly before 10 a.m. The ground shook for about two seconds, rattling a temporary press room near the finish area, but the race went on without delay.

"It was really a strange feeling, but I don't want to use that as an excuse," said Austrian skier Mario Reiter, who felt the ground move just before he failed to complete his run.

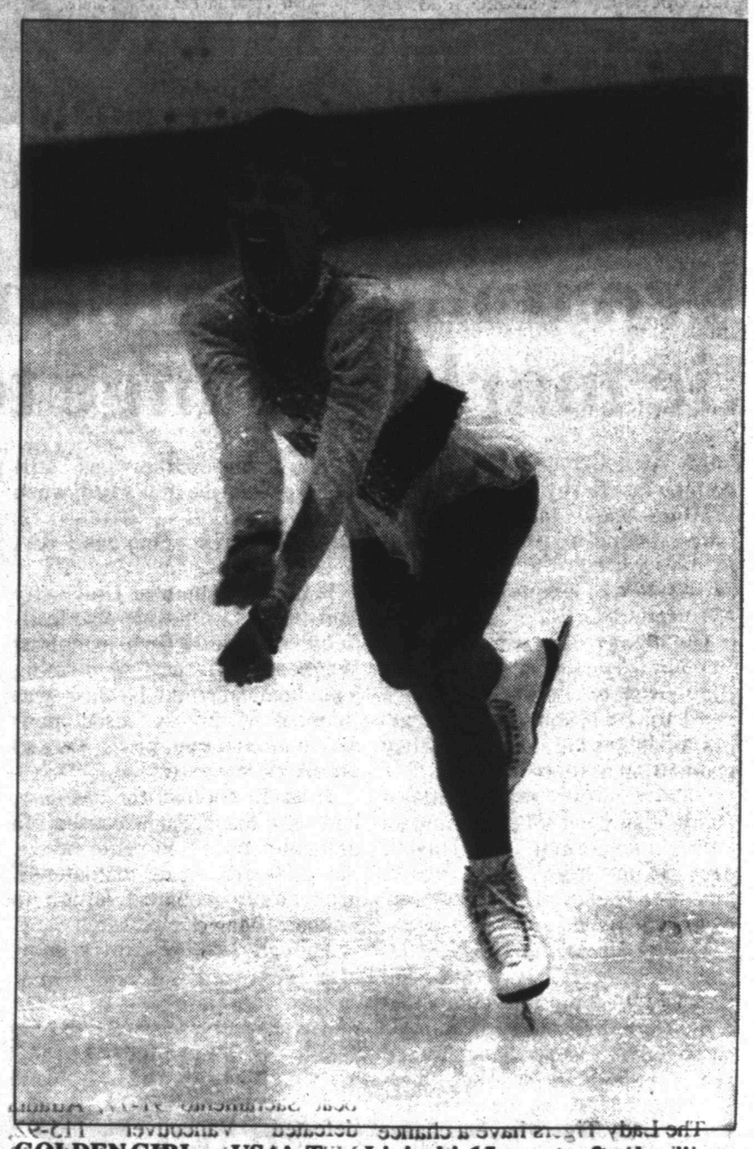
Others didn't even notice.

"What earthquake?" asked Tara Lipinski, who won the women's figure skating gold only 11 hours earlier.

Buraas, whose Dennis Rodman-style hair has been shades of white, green and flaming orange-red this season, rallied on the second run to win in a total time of 1 minute, 49.31 seconds.

Norwegian teammate Ole Christian Furuseth won the silver medal in 1:50.64 and first-run leader Thomas Sykora of Austria dropped to third in 1:50.68. Sykora's bronze gave Austria eight of the 15 men's Alpine medals.

With two medal events left before the closing ceremony, Germany led in total medals with 29 (12 gold, 9 silver, 8 bronze) to 24 for Norway (9-10-5). Russia was third with 17 (9-5-3).



GOLDEN GIRL — USA's Tara Lipinski, 15, reacts after landing a jump during figure skating competition at White Ring Arena. Lipinski, from Sugar Land, won the gold medal. (AP Photo/Eric Draper)

MEDAL COUNT

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	12	9	8	29
Norway	9	10	5	24
Russia	9	5	3	17
Austria	3	5	8	16
Canada	6	5	4	15
UnitedStates	6	3	4	13
Netherlands	5	4	2	11
Finland	2	4	5	11
Japan	5	1	4	10
Italy	2	6	2	10
France	2	1	5	8
China	0	6	2	8
Switzerland	2	2	3	7
SouthKorea	3	1	2	6
CzechRepublic	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	2	2
Kazakstan	0	0	2	2
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	0	1	0	1
Australia	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Britain	0	0	1	1

NAGANO

OLYMPIC TV SCHEDULE

Saturday (noon-5 p.m., 6-10 p.m. and 10:35 p.m.-1 a.m.) — Prime time will feature special performances by figure skating's medal winners, alpine skiing (Men's Slalom), bobsled (four-man) and short-track speed skating (men's and women's). Final weekend broadcasts will begin with speed skating (women's), nordic combined, biathlon (men's), alpine skiing (Men's Slalom preview) and a recap of the figure skating events in the afternoon. Late night will showcase live coverage of the gold medal men's ice hockey game.

Sunday (11 a.m.-noon, 2:30-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m. and 10:35-11:35 p.m.) — CBS Sports' final day of Olympic coverage will be highlighted by the Closing Ceremony in prime time and in the afternoon includes cross-country skiing (men's), a recap of men's ice hockey and an overall review of the Games. The network's final hour of its 128 hours of coverage will be seen in late night.

Olympics at a Glance

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — A quick look at the Winter Olympics today:

FORTY-TWO AND COUNTING

Still no bobsled medals for the United States. After climbing to third with one run left, the United States 1 sled driven by Brian Shimer finished fifth, two-hundredths of a second shy of a bronze. Germany was first, Switzerland second and France and Britain shared third. The last U.S. bobsled medal was in 1956.

A FINE FINAL DAY

The last day of the Nagano Olympics should be among the best. Clear and cold, with highs around 40.

ALPINE SKIING

Norway's Hans-Petter Buraas won the men's slalom.

BIATHLON

The men's 30-kilometer relay went to Germany.

ICE HOCKEY

Finland beat Canada 3-2 for the men's bronze medal.

NAGANO NUGGET

A minor earthquake shook the Olympic sites. No damage or injuries were reported in Nagano, where athletes said they felt the magnitude-5 temblor.

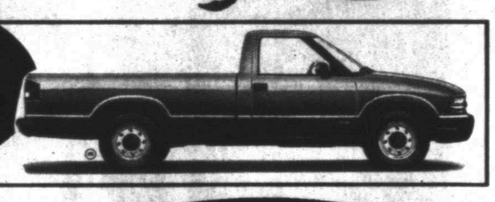
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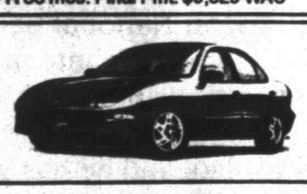
"You just never know how much it hurts 'til it happens to you. It just wasn't our time." Brian Shimer, after narrowly missing the first U.S. bobsled medal since 1956.

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SPORTS

Snyder girls open fifteen stroke lead

Against tough competition

The verdict is in — the Lady Tigers can play.

After just one day of the Snyder Invitational against some of the top programs in the state, Snyder had opened a 15-stroke lead.

The Lady Tigers fired an opening-round 327 at Western Texas College to lead Division I, while Lubbock Coronado's 358 at Snyder Country Club took the top spot in Division II.

Snyder's Daysha Weaver led the medalist race after carding a 73 Friday. Highland Park's Maiko Senda was right behind her with a 75.

"Our girls played well, but I think they can still play better," Snyder coach Matt Glenn said. "I'm kind of surprised that we have the lead that we do considering the level of competition and how hard the pin placements were."

Lacey Kidd shot an 81 for the Lady Tigers, while Keisha Gafford posted an 86. Randi Reed finished with an 87 and Adrienne McJimsey with an 88.

Competing as individuals, Sally Barham fired an 82 and Stephanie Alderete came in with a 95.

"Sally really had a great round today," Glenn remarked. "She had been struggling with her game a little bit, but she put it all together today.

The second round was to have concluded Saturday afternoon.

SNYDER INVITATIONAL

Division I — Snyder, 327; Pampa, 342; Midland Lee, 345; San Angelo Central, 359; Highland Park, 361; Abilene Wylie, 369; Abilene High, 374; Lamesa, 379; Hereford, 404. **Individuals** — Daysha Weaver, Snyder, 73; Maiko Senda, Highland Park, 75; Alison Piersall, Pampa, 79; Lacey Kidd, Snyder, 81; Devon Day, Abilene High, 81; Melissa Gindorf, Pampa, 81.

Division II — Lubbock Coronado, 358; Abilene Cooper, 375; Plainview, 385; Lubbock Monterey, 386; Frenship, 411; Colorado City, 425; Midland High, 457; Lubbock High, 472. **Individuals** — Meredith Owen, Plainview, 83; Stephanie McAdams, Lubbock Coronado, 84; Lara Sowers, Lubbock Coronado, 84; Amanda Butler, Lubbock Coronado, 86; Hayley Sullivan, Abilene Cooper, 87.

Lady Tigers work toward consolation at tournament

The Lady Tigers have a chance to bring home some hardware.

The Snyder High School softball team opened the Abilene tourney with two victories and a loss before dropping two contests on the second day.

The Lady Tigers were to have played Hawley in the first game of the consolation bracket. A victory there would put them into the consolation finals Saturday morning against either Abilene Wylie, Comanche or Jim Ned.

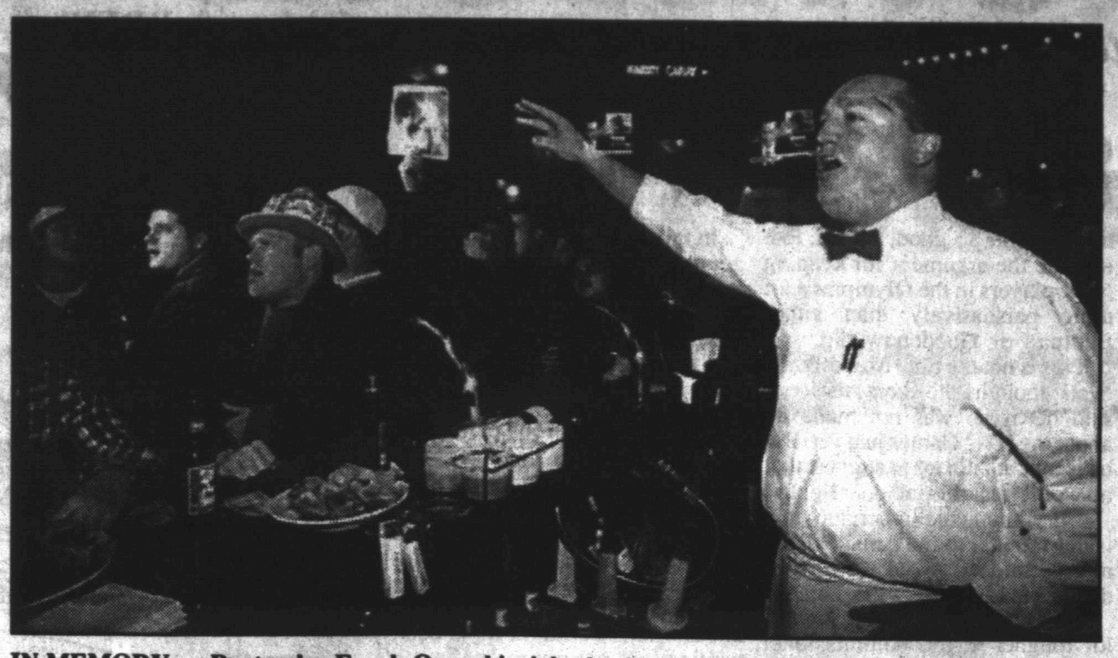
Snyder suffered a 6-0 loss to Copperas Cove in the tourney opener.

But the Lady Tigers responded with two shutouts. Snyder topped Wylie, 5-0, before downing Hawley, 4-0.

The victories moved the Lady Tigers into a winners' bracket match-up with Lubbock High.

The 5A Lady Westerners had their bats working, as Snyder fell, 13-3.

The Lady Tigers then fell, 6-1, to Eula to move into the consolation bracket.



IN MEMORY — Bartender Frank Osowski, right, leads the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at Harry Caray's restaurant in Chicago after learning of Caray's death. (AP Photo/Fred Jewell)

Ball fans mourn for Harry Caray

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — One woman knelt and placed a baseball with a Cubs logo near the casket. Another mourner left a handwritten poem, "An Ode to Harry."

At the end of the wake for Harry Caray, the gathering sang, slightly off-key, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

"I usually attend the Cubs' opening day, and it's going to be very melancholy when the seventh inning rolls around," said Robert Shapiro, a Washington, D.C., resident who described himself as a lifelong fan. He wore a Cubs jacket to the service.

The poem, with no name on it, praised Caray's work, and ended with:

"Yes, the Yanks had Mel Allen, the Dodgers have Vin,

"We'll always love you Harry, and hear echoes of 'Cubs Win!'"

Several hundred mourners, ranging from former Chicago Cubs great Ron Santo to Norm of "Cheers" fame to 9-year-old Zachary Calucchia, paid final respects Friday to Caray, who died Wednesday, four days after having a heart attack. He was 83.

"Harry taught us we don't have to be a good singer to be a happy singer," the Rev. David Andel said during a brief prayer service at St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

The organist then launched into seventh-inning stretch music and baseball's anthem. The broadcasting legend was known for belting out the song with unabashed enthusiasm at Cubs games.

Caray's widow, Dutchie, and other family members were at the wake, which was held in Palm Springs to accommodate those from the desert resort who had befriended him over the years. Caray long had spent winters in the area.

Another wake and prayer service, expected to draw a large number of people, will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago on Thursday. A funeral Mass will be said the following day at Holy Name, and Caray will be buried at All Saints Cemetery in suburban Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 28, in a private service.

George Wendt, who played the beer-guzzling everyman on the TV sitcom "Cheers," said of Caray: "He was my kind of fellow. He was just so much fun. Some guys put you to sleep broadcasting baseball games, but Harry jolted you with something interesting or funny."

Josh Lewin, who worked with Caray on Cubs broadcasts last year and resigned recently to take a job with the Detroit Tigers, said he thought it was good that Caray found out a couple of days before he had his heart attack that his grandson, Chip Caray, would be doing Cubs broadcasts fulltime.

"He knew that Skip would be carrying the torch," Lewin said. "I hope Cubs fans now give Chip a chance to be himself. They shouldn't expect him to try and be Harry."

NBA roundup...

SuperSonics, Pacers take a tumble

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

It was a bad night for two of the best teams in the NBA.

The Seattle SuperSonics, who began the night with the second-best home record in the league, dropped a 106-96 decision to Boston on Friday as Kenny Anderson had a strong finish in his first game for the Celtics.

The Indiana Pacers, who had lost only once this season to a sub-.500 team, had another aberration as they lost 93-91 to the Orlando Magic.

In other NBA games, New York beat Portland 98-89, Cleveland defeated New Jersey 109-95, Minnesota outlasted Houston 100-95 in overtime, Phoenix stopped Charlotte 115-99, Miami beat Sacramento 91-77, Atlanta defeated Vancouver 115-92, Milwaukee beat Toronto 94-89 and Golden State tripped Denver 95-88.

Anderson scored eight of his 19 points in the final four minutes to lead Boston.

Anderson, dealt from Portland to Toronto on Feb. 13 and traded again five days later, hit consecutive jumpers for a 93-85 lead with 3:05 left.

With the Sonics forced to foul, Anderson — playing for the first time since Feb. 13 — connected on four of six free throws for a 99-90 lead with 55 seconds left.

"My stamina and wind weren't there," Anderson said. "I just went out and played."

The victory was Boston's first in Seattle since Dec. 27, 1991.

Vin Baker had 25 points and 10 rebounds and Gary Payton added 23 points and 10 assists for the Sonics, who were without Detlef Schrempf for a second straight game because of a sore neck.

The Celtics had six players score in double figures.

"It may have been one of their best games," Hersey Hawkins said. "It was one of our worst games. With as many veterans as we have, there is no excuse for a game like this."

Magic 93, Pacers 91

At Orlando, Nick Anderson scored a season-high 37 points for the Magic and Reggie Miller missed a wide-open 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won the game for Indiana.

"You don't play as well as you like some nights, but if Reggie hits that last shot we win by one and everyone is happy," Indiana coach Larry Bird said. "But Orlando beat us to the punch. They were rested and much quicker to the ball."

"We underestimated them," said Indiana guard Mark Jackson, who had 10 points and 10 assists. "They were shorthanded and that is the kind of team that is dangerous."

Knicks 98, Trail Blazers 89

Allan Houston made 16 of 20 shots and scored 34 points to match his season-high in New York's victory at Portland.

Larry Johnson added 25 points for the Knicks, including 12 in the fourth quarter. He made eight straight points during a two-minute stretch late in the game.

The Blazers, who never got closer than six points in the fourth, were led by Damon Stoudamire's 22 points.

Cavaliers 109, Nets 95

Cedric Henderson and Shawn Kemp scored 27 points apiece for Cleveland at New Jersey.

Wesley Person added 23 points as the Cavaliers broke a three-game losing streak and handed the Nets their worst home loss of the season.

Sam Cassell had 28 points to lead the Nets, who dressed just nine players because of an injury to Sherman Douglas (wrist) and the ineligibility of Rony Seikaly and Brian Evans, who were acquired from Orlando on Thursday.

Timberwolves 100, Rockets 95, OT

Kevin Garnett had 25 points and 17 rebounds, and Stephon Marbury scored 27 points on his 21st birthday for host Minnesota.

Charles Barkley, celebrating his 35th birthday, had a 3-point attempt to tie it go in-and-out with five seconds left in overtime. Terry Porter sealed it for the Timberwolves with two free throws with 2.9 seconds remaining.

Suns 115, Hornets 99

At Phoenix, Cliff Robinson scored a season-high 36 points and Jason Kidd had 16 assists, including a team record-tying 10 in a lopsided first quarter, as the Suns won their fourth straight.

Heat 91, Kings 77

Alonzo Mourning had 26 points and 15 rebounds as Miami won at Sacramento and ended the Kings' four-game winning streak.

P.J. Brown finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds and Tim Hardaway had 21 points in the Heat's fifth straight victory.

Hawks 115, Grizzlies 92

Steve Smith scored 21 points, and the Hawks had a season-high 40-point first quarter. Tyrone Corbin added 18 points and Alan Henderson had 15 for the Hawks, who improved to 8-1 in games at Georgia Tech and had their highest point total of the season.

Jury sides with former Dallas coach

DALLAS (AP) — A jury Friday sided with former Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer and declined to award damages in a civil assault trial.

Randy Mayes and Stephen Bolton had accused Switzer of roughing them up and insulting them with racial epithets during a 1994 incident at the Melrose Hotel.

Both plaintiffs are black.

Switzer, who's white, denied the allegations.

The plaintiffs initially sought $900,000, but lowered their request to $400,000 earlier Friday.

Testimony Friday included a police officer who contradicted Mayes' account of the incident. Mayes claims he was punched by Switzer.

Switzer took the stand on Thursday and was in tears as he denied being racist. Switzer also claimed he was just joking around during the exchange in the hotel lobby.

Switzer left the Cowboys last month following a 6-10 season.

Randall erases Levelland; Borden County tops Rotan

The defending state champions are out.

Levelland, District 2-4A's last girl's playoff representative, was trounced by Canyon Randall, 53-29.

But the Borden County Lady Coyotes kept on rolling as they toppled Rotan, 52-46. The Lady Coyotes will square off with Whiteface in the regional quarterfinals. Date, time and site have yet to be determined.

In other girl's playoff news, Scurry County Coliseum will be the host of a Class 3A area contest Tuesday night between Colrado City and Slaton at 7:30.

Also tentatively slated for Tuesday is a battle in Class 4A.

If No. 1 Canyon High wins its contest Saturday over Hereford, then second-ranked Granbury and Canyon would play at the coliseum following the C-City game.

In boy's playoff action, Plainview moved into the area round with a 67-50 victory over Caprock Friday. Plainview will face El Paso Riverside (26-3).

Andrews bowed out of the postseason, falling to El Paso Parkland, 76-66.

Parkland will go up against 2-4A champion Lamesa for the area title.

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	18	.667	-
NewYork	30	22	.577	5
NewJersey	31	23	.574	5
Orlando	27	27	.500	9
Washington	27	27	.500	9
Boston	25	29	.463	11
Philadelphia	16	34	.320	18
Central Division				
Chicago	40	15	.727	-
Indiana	37	16	.698	2
Atlanta	32	23	.582	8
Charlotte	30	23	.566	9
Cleveland	29	24	.547	10
Milwaukee	27	26	.509	12
Detroit	23	29	.442	15½
Toronto	11	42	.208	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	15	.706	-
SanAntonio	36	16	.692	½
Minnesota	29	23	.558	7½
Houston	27	26	.509	10
Vancouver	14	39	.264	23
Dallas	10	43	.189	27
Denver	5	48	.094	32
Pacific Division				
Seattle	40	13	.755	-
L.A.Lakers	36	15	.706	3
Phoenix	36	16	.692	3½
Portland	31	22	.585	9
Sacramento	24	30	.444	16½
GoldenState	11	41	.212	28½
L.A.Clippers	11	42	.208	29

Thursday's Games
Chicago 123, Toronto 86
Indiana 82, Philadelphia 77
San Antonio 87, Dallas 81
Houston 100, Detroit 90
Miami 89, L.A. Clippers 80
L.A. Lakers 131, Denver 92

Friday's Games
Cleveland 109, New Jersey 95
Orlando 93, Indiana 91
Atlanta 115, Vancouver 92
Minnesota 100, Houston 95, OT
Milwaukee 94, Toronto 89
Phoenix 115, Charlotte 99
New York 98, Portland 89
Boston 106, Seattle 96
Golden State 95, Denver 88
Miami 91, Sacramento 77

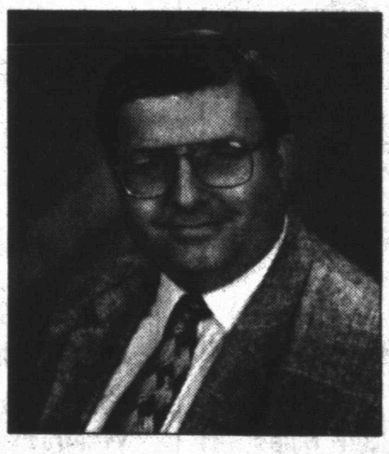
Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at New York, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 3:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
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Miami at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.

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SPORTS

USA hockey team...

Czeching out the chairs

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — If the Czechs were furniture, the U.S. men's hockey team would have its medal by now.

Nice touch, huh? Before you could say, "Naschledanou (Czech for goodbye)!" the Americans lost a game, their heads, the respect of their hosts and the other athletes in the village and finally, their last chance to be remembered as something besides losers.

Those in charge of bringing the U.S. pros over here are already tired of talking about the incident, which took place early Thursday morning. They keep reminding us it's only a handful of guys involved, at most. And that the total cost of the furniture busted, doors dented, walls scratched and the fire extinguishers either emptied or tossed out a window was $3,000, tops.

And they didn't dare say so, but you know what they were thinking? "Four guys? Three grand? Let's tell 'em it was The Rolling Stones. They do this at every tour stop, anyway."

But any time the National Hockey League and the boss of the players' union agree about anything, be suspicious.

"The same brush is being used to paint so many more people, and that's unfair and that's disappointing," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman complained.

"This wasn't nearly as bad as people are making it out to be," Bob Goodenow, the NHL players association executive director, said. "I saw it. Some folding chairs got broken. They were weak and break when you lean back on them."

The Czechs could have said the same about the U.S. hockey team, but they were too classy. Besides, they still had bigger fish to fry, which they did Friday by beating Canada, 2-1, after a shootout that qualified as the best game of the tournament. So good, in fact, that it made the argument for keeping NHL players in the Olympics a lot more persuasively than either Bettman or Goodenow did.

This is not the time to overreact, even though the commissioner said his mind was not made up about the 2002 Games just yet. But he is making noises to suggest that he won't treat this incident lightly.

"If you engage in conduct that is detrimental to the game," Bettman said, "you can be disciplined."

That kind of talk would sound a lot tougher if the commissioner also said he knew who the "one or two or three people" were who trashed the rooms. But right now the league, the U.S. Olympic Committee and even the Nagano hosts have this thing battened down tighter than Dominik Hasek working the Czech net. They are releasing information with an eye dropper.

And even if Bettman does eventually come up with some names, don't expect Goodenow to be nearly as cooperative as he's been during the games.

"I don't think it's that big a deal," Goodenow said, when asked if he knew the players involved. "I don't think it warrants an inquisition."

He's right about that much. Hockey players in general are standup guys. Whoever was responsible ought to come forward on their own, apologize, pay for the damage, do the time and get this behind them as soon as possible.

The idea that this contributed mightily to the image of ugly Americans is overrated. No doubt the Japanese think we're ugly enough as it is. And they're much more understanding hosts than they generally get credit for, especially if rumors are true that a few too many beers were consumed before the Americans started playing shuffleboard with chairs.

In fact, and this is the honest-to-goodness truth: Saying you're sorry, and that you did what you did because you were drunk (other than drunk driving), is even more accepted here than it is in the States.

The only dangerous part of the whole episode was launching the fire extinguisher into a courtyard with no idea of who might be walking below. The really stupid part was making that much noise at an hour when some slumbering speedskater was still dreaming about a race he might have been waiting for his entire life.

And this thing was not without its comic side, either.

U.S. forward Doug Weight's explanation of how the chairs got broken — "we're big guys and the chairs aren't real strong and some of them had been broken since we got here just from sitting on them to play cards" — was almost as good as the Canadian snowboarder saying that second-hand smoke was responsible for his positive marijuana tests.

And say this about the chairs: At least the U.S. team finally found something it could beat.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Columbia 54, Brown 52
Drexel 75, Maine 64
Hofstra 79, New Hampshire 42
Niagara 77, Loyola, Md. 66
Penn 66, Dartmouth 50
Princeton 77, Harvard 55
Siena 89, Manhattan 72
Yale 77, Cornell 74

SOUTH
No major team scores reported from the SOUTH.

MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.

SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST
San Diego 76, Santa Clara 67
San Francisco 109, St. Mary's, Cal. 83

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The "Big Fish" is absent...

Sheffield a no-show for Marlins

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — Gary Sheffield claims he can best prepare for the season by skipping the first week of spring training, and the Florida Marlins say they believe him.

Sheffield failed to show up Friday for the first full-squad workout with the Marlins, who were already short of familiar faces. The team gave Sheffield permission at the last minute to report six days late so he could continue working out at home in St. Petersburg with his personal trainer.

The unexpected absence of the moody slugger renewed speculation that he's unhappy with the Marlins. Sheffield has been the subject of offseason trade talk, and he has yet to comment publicly on the dismantling of Florida's World Series championship team.

Sheffield skipped the Marlins' trip this week to the White House, and he hasn't spoken to manager Jim Leyland or general manager Dave Dombrowski since November.

"I don't think anybody is in the exact frame of mind that they were in last year — the ownership, the fans, the manager or anybody else," Leyland said. "Gary's not really a concern. We've got a lot more things to take care of. He'll be our right fielder and the star. I'm not worried about that."

Sheffield, who starts a $61 million, six-year contract this season, received permission to remain in St. Petersburg when his agent, Jim Neader, talked Thursday with Dombrowski. Sheffield is focused on a training program to prevent the sort of injuries that nagged him last season, Dombrowski said.

"He is going through the aches and pains associated with those things," Dombrowski said. "He'd like to keep working with his physical fitness trainer one-on-one, and he'd feel better working with him, where he can get more individual attention than he can get here."

Sheffield is now scheduled to report Thursday, the mandatory reporting date for all players under baseball's collective bargaining agreement. The Marlins' first spring training game is Friday.

One teammate said Sheffield may be on the verge of exhausting Leyland's patience, but other players declined to criticize their slugger for his absence.

"It's OK," pitcher Livan Hernandez said. "He'll be back. He'll hit 45 home runs."

Left fielder Cliff Floyd predicted that Sheffield will hit 70 homers.

"This year he's going to be unbelievable," Floyd said. "I wish he was here, because I haven't seen him the whole offseason. But if he has personal business, he has personal business. You can't question the man. He's our star."

This season Sheffield will make $10 million, about 40 percent of the team's projected $25 million payroll. The budget was halved when such 1997 heroes as Kevin Brown, Al Leiter, Moises Alou and Jeff Conine were traded.

"This was a tough day in a lot of ways," said Leyland, who will spend much of the spring assessing talented but unproven young players. "But this organization has a chance to be good again in a hurry."

Two other players missed Friday's workout — third baseman Bobby Bonilla and right-hander Alex Fernandez. Bonilla is recovering from wrist surgery and hopes to be ready by opening day, while Fernandez might miss the entire season following shoulder surgery.

Florida tried to trade Sheffield during the winter, but he was coming off a disappointing season (.250, 21 homers, 71 RBIs), and no team was willing to take on his contract.

There's little doubt, however, that Sheffield and Bonilla remain on the market.

"I'm approaching it the way I've approached it the last couple of months," Dombrowski said. "To me, Bobby Bonilla and Gary Sheffield will be with us."

Sheffield, 29, was bothered by back, thumb and hamstring injuries last year. Neader said Sheffield is now in good health but still rehabilitating his back, which is why he wanted to spend another week with personal trainer Larry Mayol.

Neader was evasive when asked about Sheffield's reaction to the trade rumors and dismantling of the Marlins.

"His focus is getting in shape and ready to play," Neader said. "He's getting his body in shape to play baseball."

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	34	16	6	74	158	110
Philadelphia	29	17	9	67	160	123
Washington	26	19	11	63	156	143
N.Y.Rangers	17	24	16	50	140	154
N.Y.Islanders	20	29	8	48	148	158
Florida	18	27	12	48	138	160
TampaBay	10	37	9	29	104	185

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	29	16	13	71	160	132
Montreal	28	21	7	63	168	141
Boston	23	22	11	57	140	138
Ottawa	23	25	10	56	130	140
Buffalo	22	21	12	56	143	138
Carolina	21	29	7	49	139	161

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	36	13	8	80	174	115
Detroit	31	15	12	74	177	136
St.Louis	30	21	8	68	173	145
Phoenix	24	22	11	59	162	159
Chicago	22	25	9	53	134	133
Toronto	19	29	7	45	129	162

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	29	13	16	74	172	138
LosAngeles	26	20	9	61	161	146
SanJose	21	28	7	49	139	152
Edmonton	19	28	10	48	141	164
Anaheim	19	28	9	47	137	171
Calgary	16	30	11	43	149	178
Vancouver	16	33	8	40	153	203

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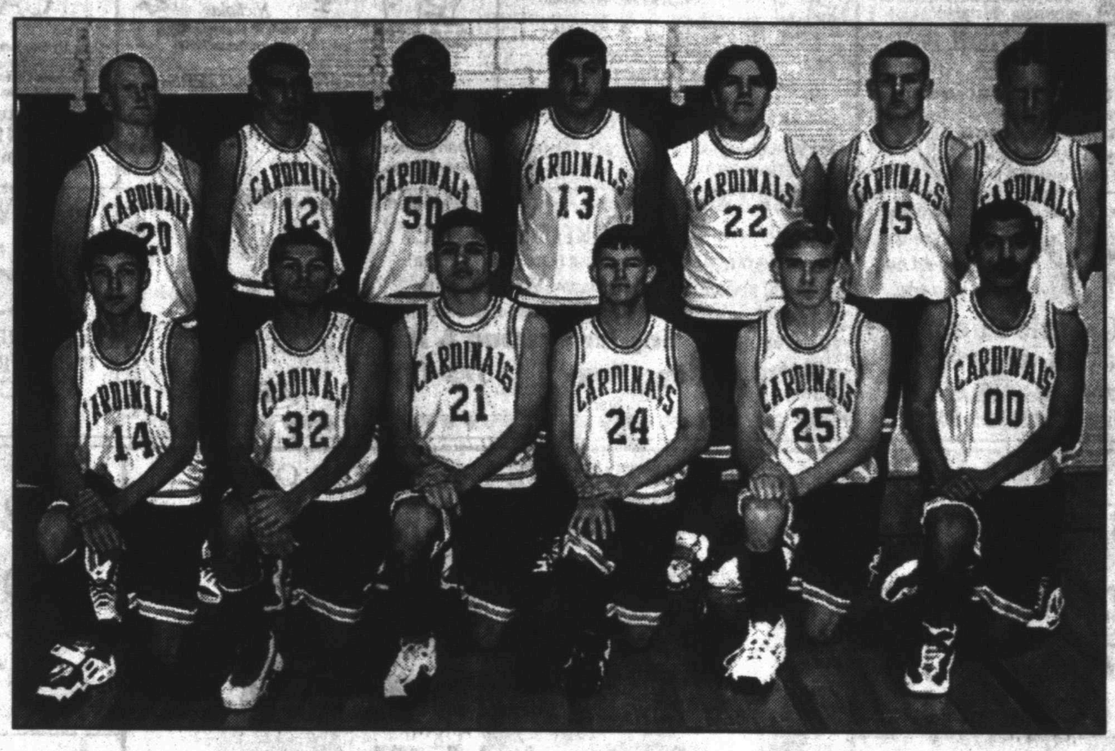
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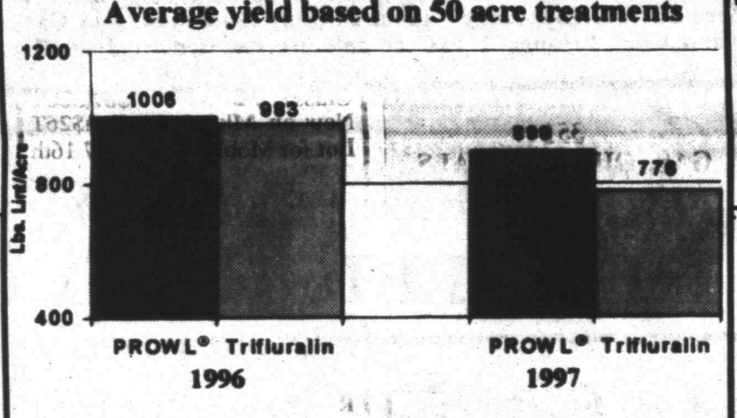
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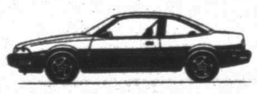
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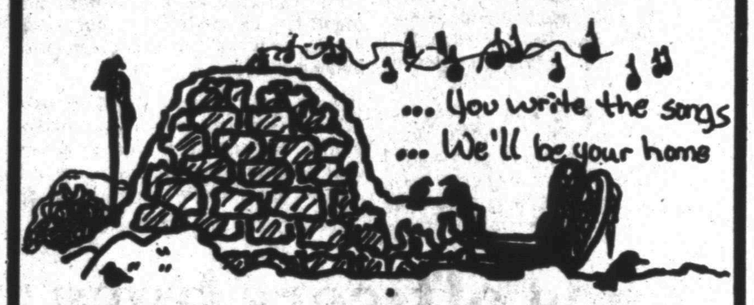
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Psi Zeta to sponsor silent auction for Nashville meeting

The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a silent auction to raise funds to help finance the trip to the International Convention in Nashville.

Items to be auctioned are listed on a board in the WTC Student Center and the general public is invited to place bids for the items.

A variety of goods and services have been donated by faculty and staff members as well as members of the community.

To bid for an item, individuals should write their name, phone number and bid amount on the silent auction billboard.

Winners of the bids will be announced Feb. 26 at 10:45 a.m. in the Student Center.

Items up for bidding include:

—Eight rodeo tickets for the WTC Rodeo slated April 2-4. These have a value of approximately $30. The tickets are donated by Greg Rhodes and the rodeo team.

—A box of one dozen homemade chocolate eclairs from Julie Sentell and Tanguy Coustaline.

—A pewter replica of the white buffalo statue carved by Dr. Robert Taylor and donated by Dr. Harry Krenek. There is a minimum bid of $50 on the statue.

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—A pool party with free lifeguard at the WTC indoor pool. This was donated by Mike Harrison.

—Dinner for four at Dan and Carolyn Osborn's home.

—A king-sized waterbed with baffles, wooden headboard and footboard, 6 drawers and heater. The bed is valued at $1,000 new.

—A bug calendar with a signed photo from Dr. David Kattes.

—An apple crumb pie baked and donated by Debbie Duddleston.

—An original portrait painted by Ben Sum.

—A handcrafted wooden pen set from Dr. Ed Barkowsky.

—Private tennis lessons from Jana Wesson-Martin.

—A Chinese fan from Hong Kong, donated by Ben Sum.

—An invitation to a star gazing party at Joe Carter's house.

—Half a hog from Jim Judah, meat raised at the WTC farm. The meat is valued at $50. Bidder must pay for proccessing and packaging.

—Two theater tickets to the February and April performances by the WTC Drama Department, tickets are worth $20.

—A Norelco Double Hamburger Grill from Eddie's Pharmacy. The grill is valued at $31.95 and donated by Eddie Patterson.

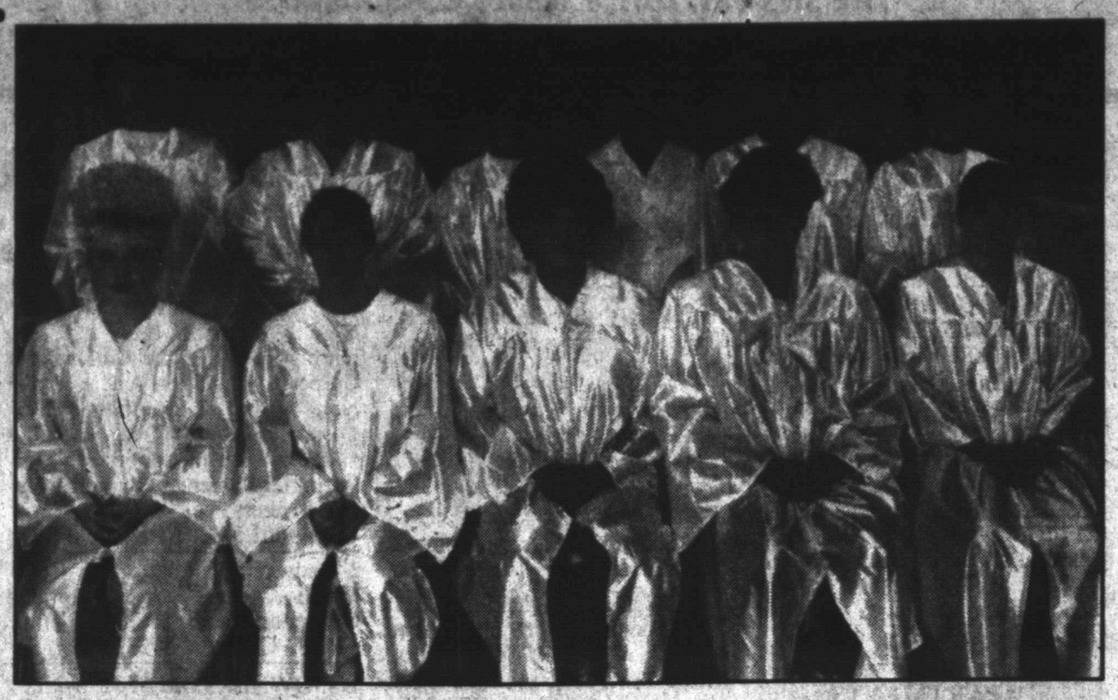
—An authentic Japanese dinner for four cooked by two of WTC's Japanese students. The meal will be served in the home of Jack and Mary Dee Price.

WTC classes off Friday

Western Texas College students will have a holiday from classes next Friday while WTC instructors will be attending the 51st annual convention of the Texas Community College Teachers Association.

This years convention is in Dallas at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. The 1998 theme for the convention is, "New Vistas for a New Century".

The TCCTA convention will begin Thursday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m. and run through Saturday, Feb. 28, until 3 p.m. Thursday at 7:30 p.m.,



GRADUATES — Graduation ceremonies for Western Texas College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program were held Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Eleven graduates of the program were honored. Graduates are from left, front row, Dusty Torres of Sweetwater; Kayla Drain, Katrina Reynolds, Tammy Cox, Lena White, all of Snyder; back row, Stacy Armstrong of Big Spring; Lisa Davis, Hannah Magdaleno, both Snyder; Sheri Hutchings of Lamesa; Jennifer Rios, Mary Ann Molinar, both of Snyder. (Texan Photo)

Nursing students graduate

Graduation ceremonies for Western Texas College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program were held Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Eleven graduates of the program were honored and nine students were "pinned," indicating they have completed the first six months of the 12-month course.

Upon completion of classes, graduates are eligible to take the state examination qualifying them as licensed vocational nurses.

Eight of the graduates are from Snyder, Kayla Drain, Lisa Davis, Katrina Reynolds, Tammy Cox, Lena White, Hannah Magdaleno, Jennifer Rios and Mary Ann Molinar.

Other graduates are Dusty Torres, Sweetwater; Stacy Armstrong, Big Spring; and Sheri Hutchings, Lamesa.

Students pinned Thursday were Tammy Kaska, Carma Brandon, Genifer Johnson, Sonie McMillan, Chris Goebel, Amy Robertson and Yvette Torres, all of Snyder. Also pinned were April Smith of Clairemont and Trish Shubert of Lamesa.

Candidates for graduation and pinning were presented by Diane Beard, Carol Watkins and Donna Robinson. Speaker for the event was Kerry Smith. Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president, gave the welcome.

Singer Carmen T. Mora provided the entertainment. The invocation and benediction were given by Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education.



PINNED — Students pinned Thursday during ceremonies for Western Texas College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program were front row, from left, April Smith of Clairemont; Tammy Kaska, Carma Brandon, both of Snyder; Trish Shubert of Lamesa; back row, Genifer Johnson, Sonie McMillan, Chris Goebel, Amy Robertson, Yvette Torres, all of Snyder. (Texan Photo)

Workshop in drama set at WTC

A drama workshop for area high school students and conducted by Texas Tech acting instructor and former professional actor and director Christopher Markle is slated next Saturday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

The event is sponsored by the WTC Drama Department and is held in conjunction with the 6th annual West Texas High School Art Competition.

All area high school drama students have been invited, along with their instructors and parents. The deadline to submit an intent to attend is Monday.

There will be both a morning and an afternoon workshop Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Students are asked to bring a one-minute audition piece from either dramatic, comic, classic or contemporary works.

In addition Saturday, WTC students will be performing selections from their first spring play "All in the Timing," which opens Thursday on campus.

These will be performed in the Fine Arts Theatre from 1:15 until 2 p.m. Campus tours for prospective students will be conducted also during the morning and afternoon.

Markle earned his master of fine arts degree from Yale and retains his membership in Actor's Equity. Before joining the Tech faculty, he was associate artistic director at the Sage Repertory Company in Santa Fe.

He also taught directing as a visiting professor at Princeton and taught acting and directing at Bard College in Annandale, New York for seven years.

In the spring and summer of 1991, he served as guest director at the Studio School of The Moscow Art Theatre.

For more information about Saturday's workshop, contact Helen Cogan, drama instructor, at 573-8511, ext. 329.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998

Last year, some of the things you have done left a good impression on your peers. As a result, more social and commercial partnerships are indicated in the year ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) General conditions look rather good for you at this stage of the cycle. Be alert for an arrangement that could turn into a joint endeavor. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A short, unplanned jaunt to someplace fun and different today will help quell your restless spirit. Get on the road early and take a happy friend along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something worthwhile that will awaken your expectations could happen for you today. Others will be involved, but you'll be the principle initiator.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your status in the eyes of your contemporaries is starting to curve upward. Nice things of which you were unaware will be said about you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are operating on a very imaginative level. It is important that you follow through on your newly inspired ideas today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you'll be lucky for others and they, in turn, could be lucky for you. New joint endeavors could put you ahead of the pack.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may continue to be more fortunate in achieving your aims when involved in partnership arrangements. Each party will reinforce the other's position.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be reluctant to talk about career developments with big shots who you may be entertaining today. They will be responsive to what you have to say.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A repeat performance of something that turned out well for you in the past is probable today. Follow the same script to achieve the same results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Beginning today, your material aspects should start to look more encouraging. You will recognize this, and so will your associates.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are apt to be luckier today dealing with larger issues than you will be with smaller ones, so schedule your day accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A special friend wants to do something memorable for you today, so don't impede his or her efforts. Everyone knows you're not looking for a free ride.

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Monday, March 2, 1998

In the year ahead, chickens might start coming home to roost. Good deeds you've done for others will be acknowledged, perhaps even in a grander measure than you anticipated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An associate who wants to be helpful might try to arrange something advantageous for you today. However, he or she could withdraw support if you discuss it with people who aren't involved. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be a prudent manager of your resources today. Do not waste precious funds on nonessentials or you'll regret it later when you need them for something important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you do things in a methodical order today, it will enhance the efficacy of your efforts. Take time to do the best job possible in all things and at all times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is important today that you remain faithful to your ideas. If you weaken, associates may hand you back your product in an unfamiliar form.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert for unusual manipulations today from someone with whom you have a frail working arrangement. He or she might be designing a coup that could catch you off guard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Regarding advice you receive today from people you know and trust, be open-minded and receptive. However, be extra cautious if offered counsel by someone you only recently met.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The better part of your performance today might be rather brief. This could be due to impatient inclinations to get things done in a slipshod fashion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It is best not to take financial risks today on unfamiliar enterprises or endeavors. It might look good on paper, but not when put to the test.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might be more adroit in commercial matters early in the day than you will be in the afternoon. Do not let your advantages shift away from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against inclinations today to impose last-minute alterations on carefully conceived plans. The changes might not be advantageous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial developments might operate at extremes today. You have the potential either to generate gains or suffer reversals. The choice is yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) People who'll look to you for leadership today might start to search elsewhere if you're ambivalent. Be decisive and have clearly defined objectives.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Walking is excellent exercise

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an elderly man with a variety of health problems, not the least of which is painful arthritis that limits my physical activity. I know I should exercise more, but walking is about my only option. Is this OK?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

Many senior citizens are under the mistaken impression that simple walking does not confer health benefits. However, in a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine (Jan. 8, 1998), researchers from the Honolulu Heart Program reported on the effects of walking among retired men. More than 700 nonsmoking retirees (ages 61 to 81) were studied. The scientists discovered that regular walking profoundly reduced mortality: Those men who walked more than two miles a day had half the mortality rate of men who walked less than a mile daily. Moreover, the most active walkers tended to live, on average, about five years longer than their less active compatriots.

These findings are important to all elderly people because the study proved that low-intensity activity has a greater beneficial effect than heretofore believed. Even though cancer was the most common cause of death, the differences in mortality were unaffected: Walkers still lived longer.

So, my advice to you — and to the millions of us older people — is to get out and walk at least a couple of miles a day. Not only will you feel better, but you'll also live longer.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 82 years old and suffer from many irregular, gray, scabby, painless bumps on my body. I can pick them off, but they grow back, sort of like dark lichens on a rock. My doctor says they're harmless and to leave them alone, but they are so unsightly!

DEAR READER: I suspect that you have age-related seborrheic keratoses, which are benign patches of skin overgrowth that resemble large, dark gray, stuck-on scabs. As your doctor stated, they are harmless, but may constitute a cosmetic problem.

Fortunately, they are easily removed. A dermatologist or surgeon can do this for you. Unfortunately, they often grow back, or others may form. Under these circumstances, surgical removal can easily turn into a lifelong project.

Most of my patients with keratoses take a middle ground: Those lesions on the face and neck (and keratoses that rapidly expand) are removed; ones on the trunk are simply ignored.

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Happy Birthday Carolyn

From All Of Us At SDN.

Peace officers busy with eleven arrests

Friday was a busy day for local law enforcement officials as nine people were taken into custody. Two more were arrested in the early morning hours Saturday.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 9:45 a.m. Friday at the police department on city warrants for Class C assault and failure to appear.

At 7 p.m., a 21-year-old male was arrested in the 1000 block of 27th Street for driving while license suspended.

An officer was requested at Snyder Lanes at 8:30 p.m. as a person said several juveniles were acting suspiciously. Officers took three male juveniles into custody and transported them to the police station. They were later released to the custody of their parents.

DPS troopers arrested two people around 9 p.m. on Pleasant Hill Road. Taken into custody were a 17-year-old male charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 51-year-old male for contributing alcohol to a minor.

Two people were arrested at 11:32 p.m. Friday in the 1600 block of Avenue E. Taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated was a 35-year-old male, while a 49-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

Deputies arrested a 17-year-old male at 12:48 a.m. Saturday on Highway 180 east of Snyder on an outstanding warrant for Class B theft of service.

A 19-year-old male was arrested by officers at 1:30 Saturday morning for driving while license suspended. He was taken into custody in the 2300 block of Avenue T.

In other activity Friday, deputies and DPS troopers were alerted to a possible keg party around 11:30 p.m. at a residence on Highway 180 east of Snyder. Reports indicate the party broke up when peace officers arrived and that none of the people at the party were intoxicated.

A resident of Ira complained to deputies that another person was letting their dogs run loose at night in the community and their barking was keeping people awake.

Checks dried in microwaves

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — El Nino may have met its match.

Employees at AT&T Corp.'s credit-card processing center in Georgia have turned to microwave ovens to dry out soggy checks from rain-soaked Western states.

Teresa White, a manager at the center in Columbus, said Friday that as many as 7,000 checks a day from California, Hawaii and elsewhere in the West are arriving wet, thanks to El Nino storms slamming the coast.

Windsor auction on going

NEW YORK (AP) — The Windsor name continued to be magic Saturday among auction-goers, as gold medal that the Duke of Windsor received to mark the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary in 1936 sold for $52,250.

The price was the top bid during the morning session on the second day of the nine-day sales marathon, at which 40,000 items are to be offered.

The Queen Mary medal was only one of five known to exist, and Sotheby's auction house had estimated it would sell for $7,000 to $10,000.

A medal struck for the duke's visit to the United States in 1919, when he was the Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, brought $14,300. Another medal, for the diamond jubilee of Canada's confederation, sold for $8,800.

The buyers' identities were not immediately available, Sotheby's spokesman Matthew Weigman said.

A total of $285,545 was paid for 116 items, bringing the total for the first two sessions to $2,208,220, Weigman said.

It was in 1936 that the Duke, then King Edward VIII, abdicated the British throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson. Edward, the only English monarch ever to abdicate, died in 1972. His widow died 14 years later and left their Paris estate to charity.

The money is going to the Dodi Fayed International Charitable Foundation, headed by Egyptian-born millionaire Mohamed Al-Fayed, owner of the Hotel Ritz in Paris and Harrods department store in London. He bought the estate, which contained the 40,000 items, in 1986.

The charity is named for Al-Fayed's son, who was killed with Princess Diana and their driver in an August car crash in Paris. The sale was postponed from September because of the deaths.

When the auction got under way Thursday, a San Francisco couple really took the cake, spending $29,900 for piece of cake preserved from the duke and duchess' 1937 wedding.



FHA PROGRAM — Ira FHA students presented a program on skin cancer to elementary students recently. From left are, Chris Gee, Emily Hardy, Tye Shirley, Brook Wilkes and Jacey Davis. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

U.S. district judge restores citizenship to Demjanjuk

CLEVELAND (AP) — For 21 years, John Demjanjuk has lived with accusations he was the notorious Nazi war criminal "Ivan the Terrible." For 17 years, the accusations cost him his U.S. citizenship.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Paul R. Matia made the 77-year-old retired auto worker a citizen again, saying the Justice Department had acted with "reckless disregard for their duty" in Demjanjuk's case.

"We're thankful to the court in its decision to reinstate Mr. Demjanjuk's citizenship," said Ed Nishnic, Demjanjuk's son-in-law. "This case has been ongoing for 21 years, and we're growing tired of fighting and would like to start putting all of our lives back together.

"The decision in this historic case in no way, shape or form minimizes the horrors inflicted upon the victims of Ivan the Terrible or the Holocaust and may their souls rest in peace," he said.

Nishnic said he did not expect Demjanjuk to make any public comment.

The U.S. Justice Department, which remains convinced that the native Ukrainian trained as a Nazi guard, is deciding whether to go after his citizenship again. Eli M. Rosenbaum, director of the department's Office of Special Investigations, said his staff was reviewing the matter.

In 1977, the Justice Department accused Demjanjuk of being a Nazi war criminal who operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1942-43, during World War II.

Several Treblinka survivors identified him as the guard from a photo spread, and the former Soviet Union provided from its war archives a Nazi identification card from the Trawniki camp where Nazi death camp guards were recruited and trained.

Demjanjuk insisted he was a Red Army soldier who spent most of the war in a German prisoner-of-war camp. He denied working in the death camps.

Demjanjuk was stripped of his citizenship in 1981 and extradited to Israel in 1986. He was convicted there of crimes against humanity in 1988 and sentenced to death.

His conviction was overturned on appeal, and the Israeli Supreme Court ruled in 1993 that Demjanjuk was not Ivan the Terrible and freed him after seven years in prison.

Demjanjuk lives in the Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills in the same house he lived in when the charges first surfaced against him. He has stayed out of the public eye and had sought to restore his citizenship since returning to the United States shortly after Israel let him go.

Ira FFA students teach others about skin cancer

Ira FHA students used 15 different forms of technology to teach elementary students about the dangers of skin cancer.

Using advanced computer technology, the Internet and a Smart Board, among other forms of technology, Tye Shirley, Emily Hardy, Chris Gee, Jacey Davis and Brook Wilkes guided the children through the steps to prevent skin cancer.

The use of sunscreen and a hat was emphasized as important measurers to take to prevent the fatal "melanoma."

Using "raywatch" as their overall theme, the Ira students will be participating in the Regional Star Event program for Applied Technology at Wichita Falls on Friday.

INS inspector faces charges

EL PASO (AP) — A U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service inspector has been accused of selling immigration documents and helping import about 400 pounds of marijuana.

Armando Ortega, 45, was named in two criminal complaints filed Friday and appeared before Judge Michael McDonald. A detention hearing was set for next Wednesday.

U.S. Customs Service and INS investigators determined that Ortega, who was arrested Thursday, sold illegal documents and conspired in a drug-smuggling operation at the Ysleta Port of Entry.



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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Snyder Cable TV founder dies

N.R. Clements

1911-1998

N.R. Clements, a longtime Snyder businessman credited with bringing cable television to the city, died Friday, Feb. 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Clements, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Craig Curry, minister, and Charlie Reynolds will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Clements, born on April 17, 1911 in Scurry County, graduated from Snyder High School in 1931 and was a member of the "Fightin' Tigers" football team that went undefeated.



N.R. Clements

He attended McMurry College and joined the Air Force in 1941, serving as staff sergeant during World War II.

He married Jeanette Lollar on May 14, 1942 in San Angelo. She died in 1989.

Mr. Clements lived in San Antonio until 1945, returning to Snyder to open a feed store and help his wife's family run three movie theatres, which later increased to four theatres and two drive-in theatres.

In 1958, Mr. Clements was co-founder of Snyder Community Antenna Television (SCAT) where he served as president. He was a member of Scurry Masonic Lodge 706, was a 32nd Degree Mason, and was also active in the renovation of the Ritz Theatre.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Janeen and Glenn Patterson and Carla and Steve Allen, all of Snyder; two sisters, Frankie Lewis of Ruidoso, N.M., and Routh Mosley of Dover, Ark.; two brothers, Henry Clements of El Paso and James B. Clements of Llano; four grandchildren, Robert Patterson, Roe Patterson, Troy Allen and Janette Allen; and one great-grandchild, Chandler Patterson.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene or the Shriners Childrens Hospital.

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Lucille Roa

1926-1998

Funeral service for Lucille Maxine Roa of Snyder is set for 4 p.m. Monday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Cremation will follow at a later date.

Mrs. Roa, 72, died Saturday, Feb. 21, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born on Nov. 23, 1926 in Detroit, Mich., she married Frank Roa in 1961 in Imperial, Calif. He died in 1969. Mrs. Roa was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Eva Whitt of Hermleigh, Maria Belk and her husband, Glenn,of Stockbridge, Ga., and April Brock of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons, Anthony Roa of Las Vegas, Nev., and Frank Todd Roa and his wife, Kim,of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Hilda Hardy

1917-1998

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Hilda Hardy of Snyder. Dr. Craig Curry, minister of First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hardy, 80, died Friday, Feb. 20, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on Nov. 28, 1917 in Fort Worth, she married W.E. (Bill) Hardy on May 25, 1937 in Fort Worth. He died Jan. 14, 1974. Mrs. Hardy was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Hardy of Westcliff, Colo., and William "Albert" Hardy of Azle; a daughter, Karen Rinker of Snyder; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association, 1926 Campus Ct., Abilene, 79601.

Markers

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included in the Historical Markers book.

The museum will be open from 1 until 3 p.m.March 1 and will be featuring a traveling exhibit prepared by the Texas Council for the Humanities titled "Rural Texas Women at Work: 1930-1960." The exhibit is to remain through March 13.

It will be followed by the annual wild flower exhibit from April 2 through May 8.

The marker book will be available in the museum gift shop starting March 1 and is $6. Mail orders can be sent to the Historical Commission at 2706 28th Street, Snyder, and must include $8 to cover the cost of mailing.

Neurologist

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College of Medicine at Salt Lake City before he was drafted. He was a neurologist in the U.S. Army for two years and was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

He then returned to the residency program at UCM for one year.

From 1974 to the present he has practiced as a neurologist in Abilene. He is board eligible in neurology.

Dr. Anderson is on the staff at Hendrick Medical Center, where he is the Neurology Section chairman, and at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He has consulting privileges at Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Eastland Memorial Hospital, Mitchell County Hospital and Haskell Memorial Hospital.

He holds memberships in various medical societies.

Dr. Anderson's special interests include photography, chess, research by computer, tennis and keeping up with the latest advances in his specialty.

He and his wife, Mary, have two children. Tres is a senior at Baylor Law School and Linda is a junior at Abilene Christian University.

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ONGOINGS

"Wizard of Oz"

Snyder junior high drama and choir students will present "Wizard of Oz" at 7 p.m. Saturday in the junior high auditorium. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Avon Malone to speak

Avon Malone, associate professor of Bible at Oklahoma Christian University, will be preaching on Philippians Sunday at the 37th Street Church of Christ. Times are 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

United Way meeting

Scurry County United Way will meet at noon Monday at the chamber. New board members and officers will be installed.

WTC Booster Club

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

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study viodeo tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Praying With Power," followed by "America, God Wants You Back," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Blood pressure clinic

A free blood pressure clinic will be conducted by Total Home Health Care of Post from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Genealogical society

The genealogical society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Jean Smith will conduct a program on "Have You Lost Trace of Someone Following the Civil War?"

Internet seminar

Scurry County Extension Service will sponsor a program on computer and internet trends. The program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Science Lecture Hall on the WTC Campus. The program is free and open to the public.

Mt. Olive anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ave. M and 35th St., will celebrate its 78th anniversary Friday through Sunday. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Refreshments will follow Friday's service and lunch will follow the Sunday afternoon service.

Everyone is invited to help the congregation celebrate the church's 78th year, says Rev. Robert Sweet, pastor.

St. Elizabeth Fish Fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold its fish from from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 each or $4 for children 6-12 and will be sold at the door.

Last chance for Ira annual

The last chance to order a 1998 Ira Bulldog annual is Friday. The cost is $22 with your name on the cover or $20 without. The supply will be limited, so order as soon as possible.

Girl Scout cookies

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Wal-Mart next Saturday.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. To book a performance call 573-6301.

Noah Project fund-raiser

A barbecue luncheon fund-raiser will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Funds raised will benefit the Noah Project. Tickets, available at the door or in advance by calling 573-1822, are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

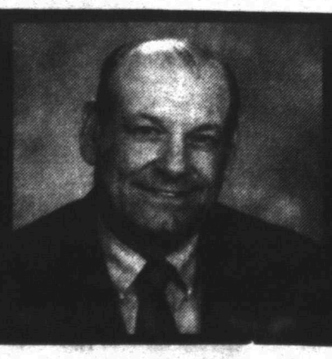
Snyder Noon Kiwanis Pancake Feast will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 7 in the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4. Children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a remote control television.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Salinas takes part in battle exercises for U.S. Marines

ABOARD USS PELELIU — The heat of battle is not the place to find out your opponent's strengths or weaknesses — by then it's too late. It's for this reason the Navy and Marine Corps constantly engage in training that is often more difficult and complex than any real situation they may encounter.

Recently, Marine Sgt. Ruben Salinas, along with the Marines of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and the crew of the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, completed Exercise Eager Mace.

The month-long exercise held off the coast and in the desert of Kuwait strengthened military-to-military relationships and improved readiness between U.S. and Kuwaiti forces.

Salinas, the 29-year-old son of Jesse and Gloria Salinas of Snyder, feels the exercise increased the ship's and the MEU's operational readiness.

"The exercise helped me to determine how much wear and tear our heavy equipment can withstand during real-life operating," said Salinas, a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School.

Salinas maintains and operates heavy transport and construction equipment. His role during the exercise allowed operations to run smoothly.

"I was tasked with building the base camp and all the ranges, along with my squad. We built many obstacles, dug many trenches and lighting positions, built a grenade range and off-loaded supplies," Salinas said.

Based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., 30 miles north of San Diego, Salinas and the MEU play a key role in maintaining stability in regions that have strategic and economic importance to the United States.

AS part of a three-ship amphibious ready group (ARG) deployed to the Arabian Gulf, the 13th MEU is designed, with its Navy Brethren, to serve as the nation's quick-response team and can handle combat or humanitarian missions around the globe.

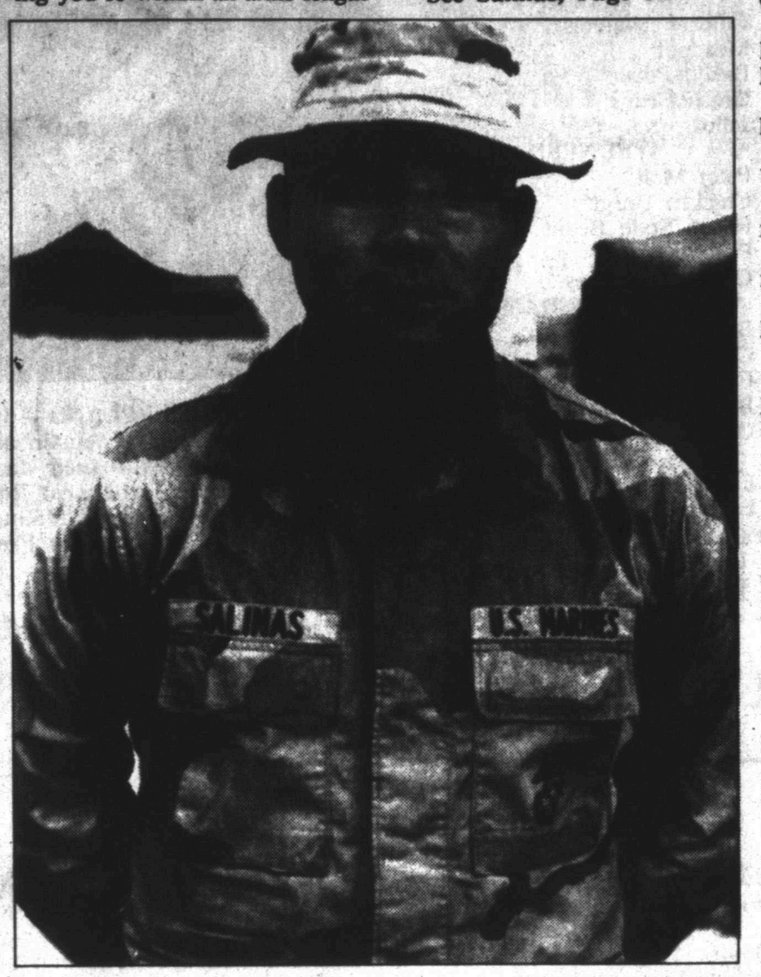
Salinas feels that in order for the Marines to successfully carry out its mission of peacetime forward presence and crisis response, regular training exercises with foreign military forces in their environment are essential.

"The main difference (in training here) is psychological knowing you're within an arms-length of danger puts things in perspective," Salinas said.

Although participating in various naval missions overseas is very demanding, Salinas feels it is important for Marines, with ships like the Peleliu, to maintain a U.S. prsesence overseas and participate in these types of exercises.

"Due to the wide range of training opportunities and the abundant amount of heavy equipment work available, this exercise gave all the

See Salinas, Page 5B



EXERCISE EAGER MACE — Marine Sgt. Ruben Salinas, along with the Marines of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and the crew of the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, recently completed Exercise Eager Mace. (Contributed Photo)

Public Records

New Vehicle Registration

Musslewhite Trucking Co. and Phyllis Haley, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Stacey R. Taylor, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Frank S. and Margie P. Mendoza, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Charles Teague, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Deana K. and Cade A. Proctor, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Preferred Packers Inc., 1998 Dodge pickup from Wilson Motors.

Price Construction Co., 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Gail Smith, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Charman Cooper, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Nadine Williams, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Wayne Buchanan, 1998 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Big Country Incineration Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lola G. Scott, 1998 Ford Escort from Wilson Motors.

Chevron USA Production, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bell-Cypert-Seale Inc., 1998 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

John M. and Debra Duddleston, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Darold Baldwin, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Robert Johnson, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rex and Jeanie Dodd, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Price Construction Co., 1998 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

John T. Terrell Jr., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Donnie L. Reagan, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Clifton Wayne Pullen and Elizabeth Ann Mackey, both of Lubbock.

Thomas Franklin Rowe III and Teresa Sauceda Esparza, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Joe Martin vs. Rick N. Beard, suit for declaratory judgment.

Deed Records

Rayburn and Lyndal L. Burgess, co-trustees of The Rayburn and Lyndal L. Burgess Living Trust, to Dolores Jones and Faye Blackledge, all of Lot 10 and the south one-half of Lot 11 in Block 11 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

John Williamson to Dionicio and Sylvia Sanchez, tract one being the south 149 feet of 2.50 acres in the southwest part of the southwest one-quarter of Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 2.75 acres in Block 127 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Jennifer Calley and Angela Kahn to Eddie Don and Martha Floyd, tract one being a 31 x 124-foot tract out of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 50 x 124-foot tract out of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being a tract out of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being a tract out of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Telecable Associates Inc. to TCA Holdings II, tract one being the south 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

TCA Holdings II to TCA Cable Partners II, the south 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

David and Julie Strunk to Evaristo and Lorenza Zuniga, the east 57.5 feet of Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Janie and J. T. Blount to Max and Marlene Beasley, tract one being 36.78-acre tract in the south one-half of Section 71, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being 1.624-acre tract in the south one-half of Section 72, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Floyd A. Fowler to Jimmy and Brandy Digby, all the west 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 11 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

David F. and Donna Holt and Snyder Brine Company to Yale E. Key, all of Lots 1-7 and Lot 9-16 in Block 11 of the Greenhill Addition.

David F. and Donna Holt and Snyder Brine Company to Yale E. Key, all of Lot 8 in Block 11 of the Greenhill Addition.

Kim Palacious, guardian of the undivided interest of Joe Dan Davenport, to Gregory Patrick and Tisha Irene McQuirk, four acres in the south part of Section 23, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Donna Johnston, guardian of the undivided interest of Brandi Denice Davenport, to Gregory Patrick and Tisha Irene McQuirk, four acres in the south part of Section 23, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Patty Jo Davenport, guardian of the undivided interest of Brandon Mitchell Davenport, four acres in the south part of Section 23, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Patty Davenport, individually and as administratrix of the estate of Robby Lloyd Davenport, to Gregory Patrick and Tisha Irene McQuirk, four acres in the south part of Section 23, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Report: Police ordered to dump body

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal prosecutors said the former attorney general in the southern state of Morelos ordered judicial police to dispose of the body of a suspect tortured to death while in custody.

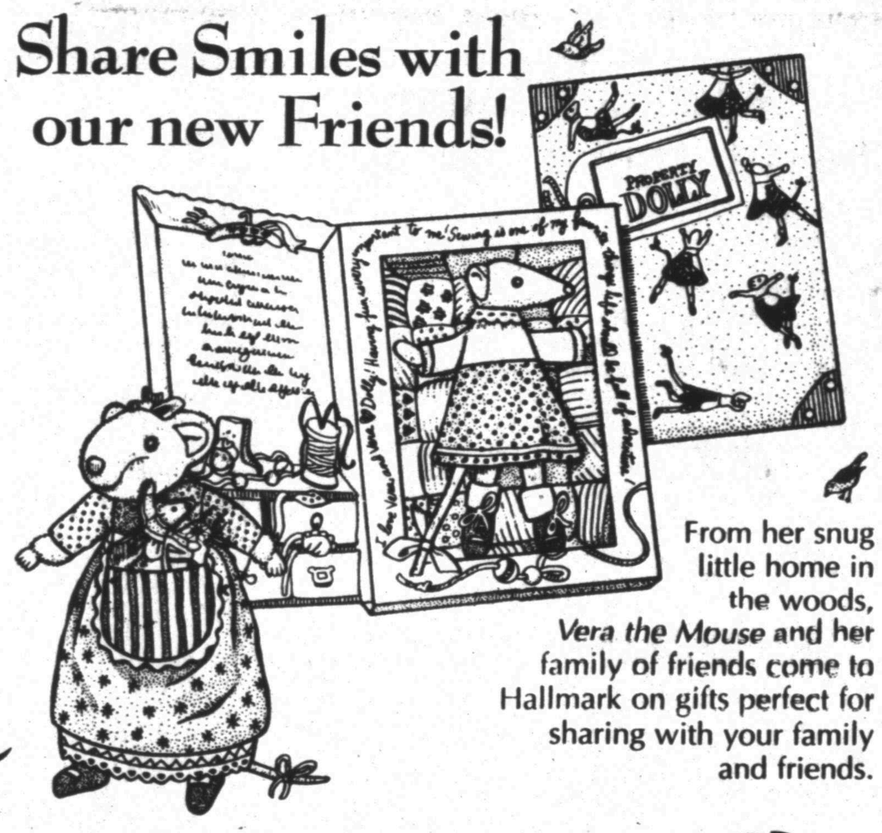
The scandal involving state judicial police who allegedly protected and even helped kidnappers now appears to reach into the highest level of law enforcement in Morelos, a popular vacation spot for wealthy Mexicans and foreigners.

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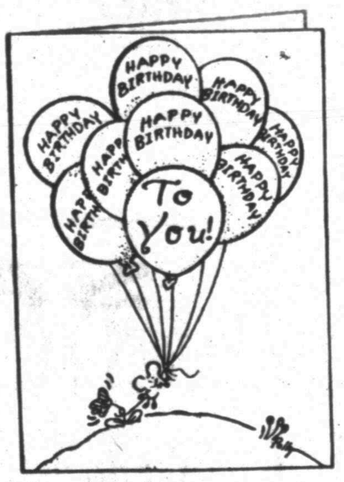
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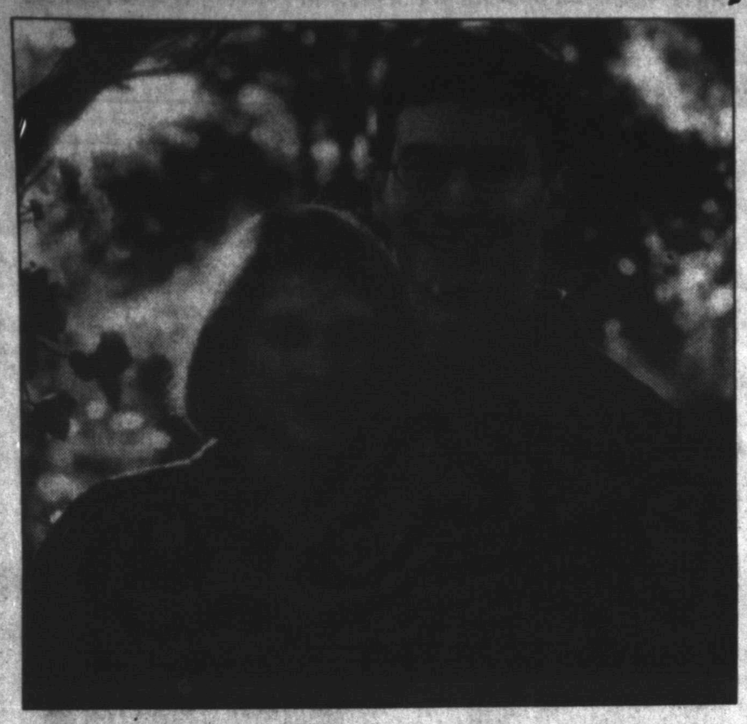
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Julie Zeck and David Smithey announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Julie is the daughter of Pamela Patterson of Dallas and Paul Zeck of Houston. David is the son of Jim and Margaret Smithey of Nashville, Tenn. Grandparents of the couple include Margaret Walker of Nashville, and the late Zeb Walker; Jesse and Lois Smithey of Humbolt, Tenn.; Pat and Faye Patterson and Bill and Martha Schiebel, all of Snyder. Julie is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School and both David and Julie are 1997 graduates of Vanderbilt University. They are planning a July 18 wedding in Forest Hills Baptist Church in Nashville. (Contributed Photo)

Mrs. Biggs to celebrate 95th birthday

Deedie Bentley Biggs will celebrate her 95th birthday Sunday, March 1, at the Union Community Center with a family reunion and luncheon.

Deedie, born on Feb. 25, 1903 in a half dug-out five miles west of Snyder to David C. and Matilda Bentley, married J. Grady Biggs on Dec. 24, 1921 in Snyder. Mr. Biggs taught school in 17 West Texas schools. He died in April, 1972.

She has three deceased brothers, Elmer, Earl and Homer; and four deceased sisters, Evie Stokes, Iva Rollins, Ora Brock and Frances Bourland.

Deedie resides with her two sons, James of Lubbock and Hershel of Dallas, and their families. She has four grandchildren, Ronnie, Jan and Greg Biggs, and Lori Templeton; and six great-grandchildren, Austin, Ashton, Hope and Alex Biggs, and Matthew, Andrew and Haley Templeton.

They invite friends and family to the celebration.



Deedie Biggs

Paz will teach computers and the Internet Thursday

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Scurry County Extension Program Council board is sponsoring an educational program on "trends" in the computer world. Steve Paz, TAEX Computer Specialist from the District Extension Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, will conduct a program on Computers and the Internet. This event will be held Thursday at Western Texas College's Science Lecture Hall, from 7-9 p.m.

Mr. Paz will focus on what type of computer and or equipment you need, modem speed, how to use the Internet, service providers and how they work, search engines and other bookmarks that provide information that could help you.

This program is free and open to the public. For further information please call the Scurry County Extension Office at 573-5423 or contact Kathryn Roberts and or Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agents.

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School Menus

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Parsley Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Rolls
Peaches & Cool Whip

TUESDAY
Vegetable Stew
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Cheese Wedge
Crackers
Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Black-eyed Peas
Baked Potatoes
Rolls
Chocolate Cake

THURSDAY
Tacos
Refried Beans
Vegetable Salad
Pears

FRIDAY
Pizza
Corn
Relish Cup
Crackers
Brownies

Snyder School Menu Elementary

All meals are served with milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

MONDAY
Breakfast Pocket

TUESDAY
Scrambled Eggs

WEDNESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

THURSDAY
Breakfast Pizza

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll

LUNCH
MONDAY
Submarine Sandwich
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato
Fresh Apples

TUESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Cream Gravy
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Buttered Corn
Jello

WEDNESDAY
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Green Beans
Pears
Cowboy Cookies

THURSDAY
Beef Lasagna
French Bread
Hamburger on a Bun
Pizza
Broccoli
Lettuce & Tomato
Peaches

FRIDAY
Frito Pie
Corn Bread
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit Cocktail

Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

All meals are served with milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

MONDAY
Breakfast Pocket

TUESDAY
Scrambled Eggs

WEDNESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

THURSDAY
Breakfast Pizza

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll

LUNCH
MONDAY
Submarine Sandwich
Corn Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato
Pears

TUESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Meatloaf
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Jello

WEDNESDAY
Patty Melt
Chicken Burger
Ranch Style Beans
Peaches
Cowboy Cookies

THURSDAY
Beef Lasagna
Chef Salad w/Crackers
French Bread
Broccoli w/Cheese
Orange Halves

FRIDAY
Frito Pie
Enchilada Casserole
Corn Bread
Pinto Beans
Fruit Cocktail

Hermleigh School Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

FRIDAY
Juice
Biscuits & Gravy

LUNCH
MONDAY
Grilled Pork Patties
Parsley Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Apricot Cobbler

TUESDAY
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Hot Biscuits
Blonde Brownies

WEDNESDAY
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Glazed Carrots
Corn Bread
Lemon Squares

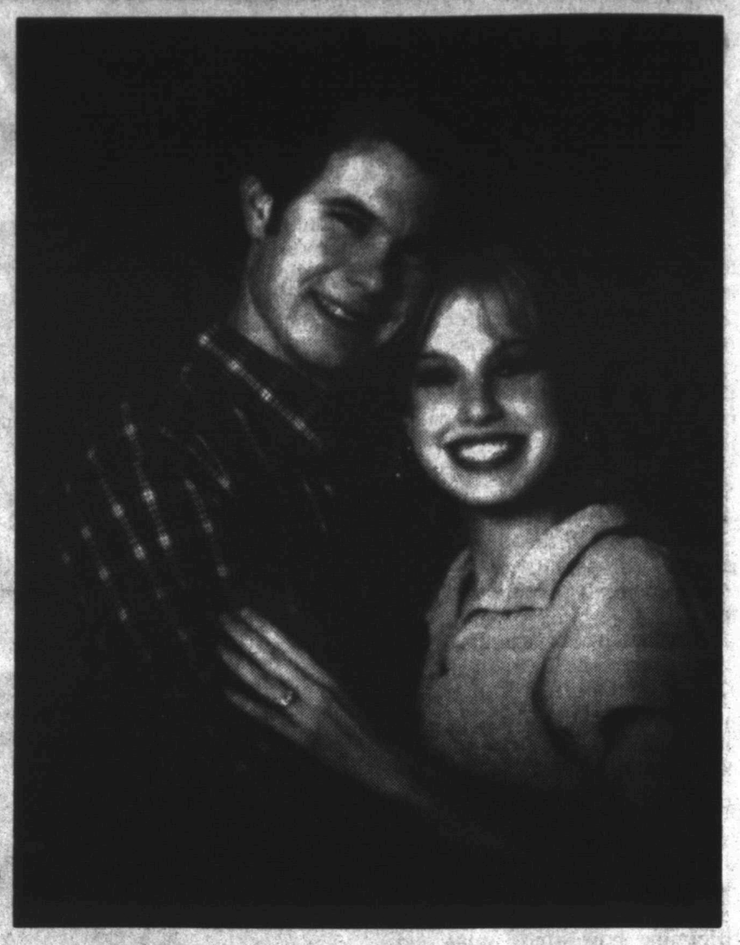
THURSDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Fried Okra
Hot Biscuits
Fruit Jello

FRIDAY
Burritos/Chili/Cheese
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
No Bake Cookies

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AUGUST WEDDING PLANS — Jal and Michele Dennis of Snyder and Sheri Dennis of Austin announce the engagement and future wedding plans of their daughter, Somer Rae Dennis, to Mark Alan Love. He is the son of Rodney and Teresa Love of Snyder and Steve and Kelli Bulls of San Antonio. Nuptials are set for 6 p.m. on Aug. 21 in the First Presbyterian Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Inmates now make their own bread

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (AP) — The Lawrence County Jail was under fire for spending too much dough on bread. It now has inmates kneading their own.

Controller Mary Ann Reiter criticized Warden William Hall for spending 80 cents per loaf from a wholesale vendor — 20 cents more than some groceries charge.

Hall then turned inmates into bakers, and the jail has cut its $1,400 monthly bread cost by $400. Inmates are baking bread for breakfast and dinner every other day.

The jail will buy hamburger, hot dog and submarine buns from vendors for now, but officials are considering making all baked goods at the jail to save $1,200 a month.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	02-21-98
♠ A 9 7 6	
♥ A	
♦ Q J 7 6	
♣ A K 7 6	
West	**East**
♠ Q J 10 5	♠ K 3 2
♥ Q 4	♥ K 9 7 6
♦ 9 5 3 2	♦ 8 4
♣ J 9 8	♣ Q 10 5 3
South	
♠ 8 4	
♥ J 10 8 5 3 2	
♦ A K 10	
♣ 4 2	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

leave the wine until after working out your answer, as imbibing alcohol isn't recommended when you're playing bridge.

South did well to remove three no-trump to four hearts. The former should be defeated, but four hearts made with careful declarer-play.

West led the spade queen: ace, three, four.

Faced with a spade loser, declarer could afford only two trump losers. What did he do?

Well, if the hearts were 6-0 or 5-1, South stood no chance. Alternatively, if they were 3-3, everything would work. But what if they were 4-2?

South unblocked dummy's heart ace: six, two, four. Then he played a diamond to his ace and led a *low* heart. When the queen had to win the trick, South could get back in, use the jack-10 to drive out East's heart king, return to hand, and draw East's remaining trump.

Leading the heart jack (or 10) on the second round is all right if the nine is doubleton. But it is twice as likely that an opponent will hold honor-doubleton than nine-doubleton. So, it is clearly right to lead a low heart on the second round, rather than an honor.

South, a young up-and-comer, took a celebratory drink from his glass of tap water. He wanted the fluoride to look after his teeth.

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Heart healthy

Benjamin Franklin advised, "Take counsel in wine, but resolve afterwards in water."

Well, supposedly red wine is good for the heart — something to do with cleaning out the arteries. Let's hope it's true! And the secret to this deal is handling the heart suit correctly. Yet

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Feb. 13

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Snyder Country Club.

Six tables, directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Dora Blakey, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
3. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

SUNDAY
Feb. 15

Three tables, directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Nona Morrison, Billisue Stuard.

TUESDAY
Feb. 17

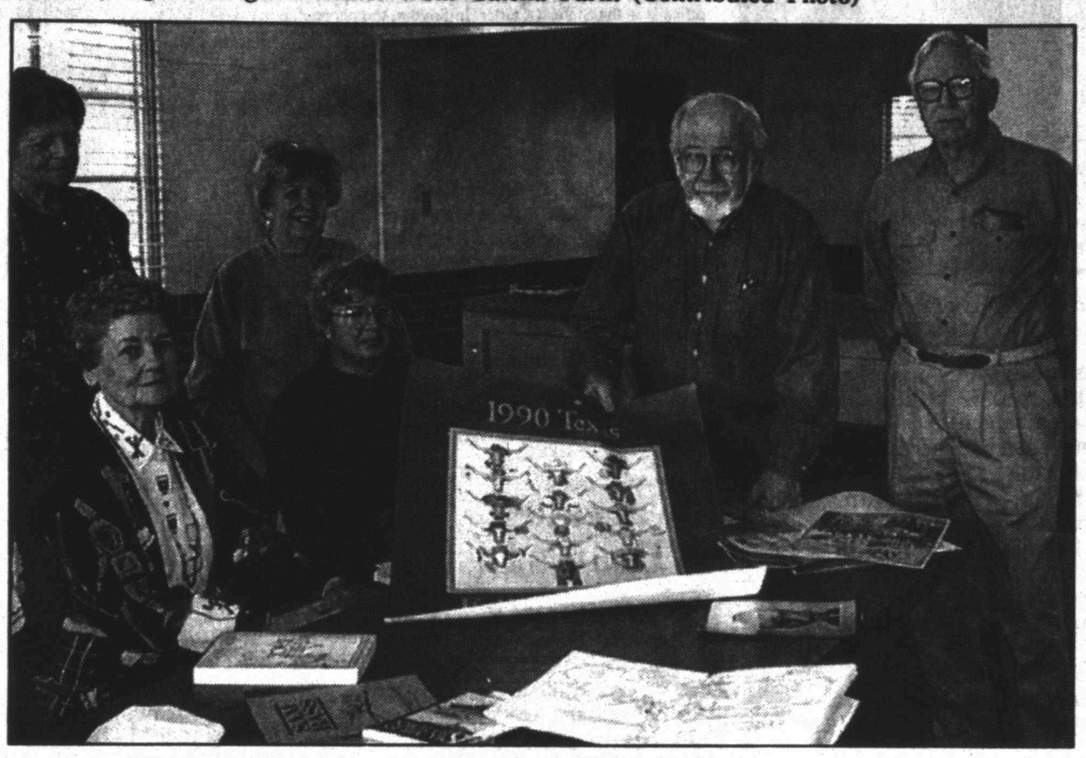
Four tables, directed by Dot Casey.

1. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.

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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — A bridal shower honoring Miss Shaun Herrera, bride-elect of Jon Derouen Jr., was held in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. They plan to marry on March 14 in Oklahoma City. From left are Michelle Derouen, sister of the groom from Trinity; Mrs. Evelyn Murphy, his grandmother; Mrs. Carolyn Derouen, his mother; honoree, Miss Herrera from Oklahoma City; Mrs. Barbara Griggs from Yukon, Okla., mother of the future bride; and Mrs. Lois Derouen, the prospective groom's grandmother from Galena Park. (Contributed Photo)



LOCAL ARTIST SPEAKS — Paul Hudgins holds a poster he designed, and he displayed many examples of his work at the Palette Club meeting where he and Jay Huckabee, right, are members. At left are more members (from left) seated, Myrtle Joiner and Karen Rinker, and standing are Evelyn Mebane and Laverne Lee. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hudgins gives Palette program

Paul Hudgins gave a program to fellow Palette Club members at a February meeting in the north room of Winston Field Terminal.

A working artist since 1947, Hudgins was reared and educated in Texas, earning his B.A. in 1950 at North Texas State College. He also received instruction from Robert Wassey of El Paso and Issac Soyer at Art Students League in New York.

Hudgins has taught advertising art at Dallas County Community College and San Antonio College and worked in business advertising and industry, with extensive free-lance in El Paso, Dallas, San Antonio and Washington, D.C.

Since first exhibiting with Texas Print and Drawing Society shows of 1947-48, he has shown his work at the San Antonio Art League, Artists Alliance, the World of Nature shows at the San Antonio Zoo, and at a one-man show at the San Antonio Art Center in 1987.

In addition to various juried and non-juried shows in several cities, he won the San Antonio Conservation Award in 1979 for a picture book of the city with David Bowen for Corona Publishing Co. He also did concept design for the San Antonio VIA (bus system) motorized trophy in 1981. Hudgins designed the 1990 Texas Folklife Festival poster.

Since his retirement, he still does drawing and painting at his Ennis Creek home.

Members will meet again Thursday for a program by Myrtle Joiner.



PLANNING FUND-RAISER — Members of the advisory committee of Noah Project-West, a family violence and trauma center in Snyder, are planning a barbecue luncheon for March 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Adult tickets, and take-out orders are $6, children 12 and under are $3. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 573-1822, and tickets will be available at the door. Plans are being made by, from left, Cathy Reed, Jackie Buckland, Sally Rios and Rosalinda Tovar. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Actor gives approval

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — No one will ever forget the day Pale Rider came to town, if Clint Eastwood gets his way.

Eastwood, who played the title role in the 1985 film "Pale Rider," commissioned Miller Brewing Co. to develop a beer more than two years ago. Miller, the distributor for Celis, turned the job over to the Austin brewer. And Eastwood signed off on the brew.

"It was important that he love the beer," said brewery President Christine Celis. "He does."

Celis Brewery's latest beer, Pale Rider, was concocted with Eastwood's help and sports a reproduction of his signature on the Southwestern-themed label. Celis unveiled the brew Thursday.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day & Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch bread.

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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



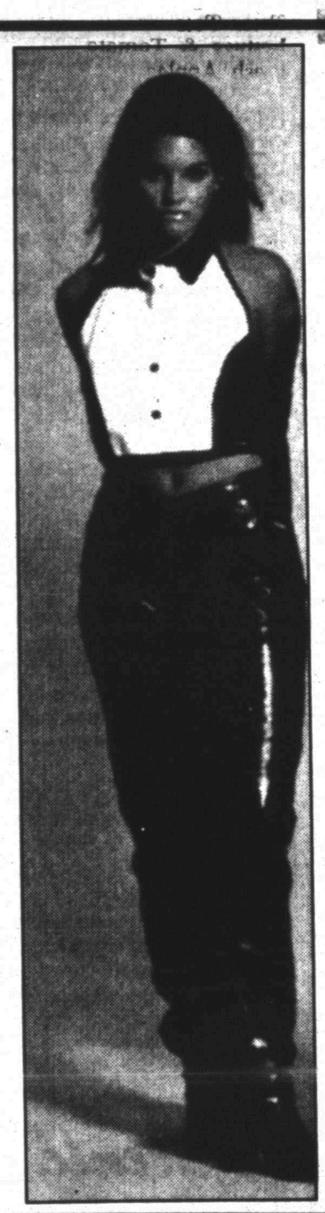
Bertha Davis

90th birthday fete set for Feb. 28

A reception is set for Saturday, Feb. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Garden Room to celebrate Bertha Davis' 90th birthday.

Also planning a family dinner that evening are her three sisters, Callie Floyd and Leona Davis, both of Snyder, and Rosa Edwards of Odessa, and her two brothers, Raymond Prather of Plainview and Bob Prather of Midland.

Hostesses invite friends and family, no gifts, to the reception to join in the birthday celebration.



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Windham helps educate Texas prisoners

Windham School District's 250-plus career and technology education (CTE) instructors are being recognized across the state for their efforts to help inmate students learn valuable job skills.

WSD's Vocational Education Week is Feb. 22-28, and activities are taking place throughout the month to increase awareness of the district's CTE programs in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Approximately 16,300 incarcerated vocational students participated in more than 50 different vocational courses during the 1996-97 school year.

"We recognize the need of industry to find and hire skilled employees," said Jerry Bernhardt, Windham CTE director. "Our teachers are training offenders to fill these jobs, which lessens the chance of the offender returning to prison."

Windham is restructuring its vocational program to meet the demands of free-world industry, Bernhardt said. "We've adopted training standards recommended to us by industry. These include professional certification for our vocational instructors and opportunities for our students to earn certification recognized by employers."

Support for these improvements has been strong from industry representatives, according to Darrell Hortman, WSDC curriculum coordinator.

"Recognized leaders such as Briggs & Stratton have offered us additional teacher training and contributions of equipment after visiting our small engine repair classes," he said. "Companies such as Trinity Industries Inc., of Fort Worth have also donated equipment and supplies after seeing the welding classes.

"Free-world industry is recognizing the quality of our programs, the excellence of our instructors, the potential for hiring much-needed employees, and the importance of helping offenders prepare for employment after release."

Windham CTE instructors are all certified by the Texas Education Agency, and the classes they teach within the prison system vary from unit to unit.

Courses include specialized training in areas such as automotive electronics, plant maintenance, dental lab aide and business computer applications.

Other courses include machine shop CAD/CAM, computer-aided drafting, mill and cabinet making, auto collision repair, construction carpentry and electrical trades.

"Windham appreciates the support of industry and invites interested representatives to see our programs and become involved with helping make them successful," Bernhardt said.

"The partnership of WSD and industry is a triple-win situation. Industry has a source of trained workers, the school aligns its programs with industry-endorsed standards, and offenders receive quality vocational training which can lead to a new job and a life free of crime. We salute the instructors who work daily with these offenders and help them redirect their lives."

Windham CTE classes are found on most prison units in Texas, including the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder. Approximately 70,000 inmates attend Windham CTE and academic classes during a school year. Windham was created in 1969 and was the first education system of such scope to be established within a state-wide system. It has been accredited by the Texas Education Agency since September, 1970.

Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

I received a call last week from the Public Relations Coordinator of a Lubbock-area school district. She was very concerned about the apparent lack of interest about college among the current senior class. She told me that about 50 percent of the previous year's graduates were attending college, but only one senior from this year had even talked to the counselor about college.

In order to motivate these students, my caller was asking for literature and any souvenirs we could send which would help promote Western Texas College. It was her idea to have the teachers wear T-shirts and sweatshirts of Texas schools and to put up posters and distribute souvenirs and show videos which would encourage the seniors to make important plans for next fall.

Here is a school district that cares about its students and recognizes the importance of a college education. They are willing to put some extra time and effort into promoting this cause. I hope these students will pay attention and follow through.

Do you sometimes feel you need someone to give you that extra push toward college? Here at WTC we are glad to visit with you about your goals for the future and will assist you in planning a schedule that meets your needs and your interests. Whether you need to finish a degree, start from scratch, or just want to take one course for fun, give us a call. We're here to help you.

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Artwork returned to Menil

HOUSTON (AP) — The $6 million worth of modern art by Robert Rauschenberg that were seized a week ago have been returned to the Menil Collection.

The paintings were returned to join the rest of the renowned artist's exhibit on Thursday, but it took intervention by a judge to settle a dispute over $6,000 in fees for storage of the art works.

The 15 modern art pieces had been confiscated a week ago by deputy constables for creditors of a $5.5 million default judgment against the artist.

Attorneys reached an agreement Wednesday for the seized works of art to be returned to the Menil Collection, one of three venues for the traveling exhibition.

The return was blocked for a time Thursday when Lone Star Transfer & Storage workers demanded the moving and storage fees.

Employees at the company were shown the court order for the release of the art, but insisted that the storage bill be paid first.

District Judge Lamar McCorkle, who had engineered the agreement Wednesday, intervened to help gain the release. McCorkle downplayed the dispute as minor.

"There was some miscommunication with the warehouse and the lawyers, and the court entered an order, and the artwork is back at the Menil," McCorkle said Thursday afternoon.

The warehouse problem occurred when the drafting of the legal paperwork took the attorneys past the normal business hours of the warehouse, according to Menil attorney Bob Singleton.

A later court order stated that Lone Star "is commanded and ordered to release the artwork." The order said the bill could be submitted to the court for determination of who would pay it.

Austin Art Consortium Inc. and Austin art broker Alfred Kren turned out to be the ones responsible for the bill. They had gained the default judgment against Rauschenberg in a Travis County lawsuit over alleged unpaid art commissions.

The agreement by the Menil and the Guggenheim Museum of New York will ensure that all of the artist's works will be available for viewing by the Houston public, attorneys said.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Most people like hard work. Particularly when they are paying for it.
—Franklin P. Jones

Ah, the virtues of hard work. Nearly every 'self-made' person will tell you that their success is the result of hard work. Now don't get me wrong, I enjoy watching hard work as much as the next person. However, hard work alone is no guarantee of success. Perhaps the following story will illustrate my point.

Two lumberjacks were assigned the task of cutting down a stand of pines. Frank was a big, burly man who swung an axe with the best. Peter was small and new to the logging crew.

The two men started at opposite ends of the grove and soon Frank downed his first tree. He was a little surprised when Peter's first tree fell shortly after his own. For an hour the two men downed trees at nearly equal rates.

Frank continued chopping steadily and smiled to himself as he saw Peter stop to rest. However, Peter soon resumed chopping and Frank was surprised when the two trees crashed to the ground at nearly the same time.

Frank redoubled his efforts. Chips flew as his axe bit deep into the soft wood. However, by lunch time Peter had cut down more trees even though he had taken several short breaks.

Frank vowed to catch Up. Right after lunch he renewed the assault with vigor. He chopped relentlessly, but still lost ground. By the end of the day Peter had cut seven more trees than Frank. As they rode the wagon back to the logging camp at dusk, Frank asked Peter how he cut down more trees and still took so many rest breaks. Peter looked surprised. "I wasn't just resting," he said. "I was sharpening my axe."

It's not how hard you work

In the past ten years I've consulted with nearly two thousand business owners. I'm learning it is not only how hard you chop, but also how sharp your axe is. To say it another way, it isn't how hard you work, but how smart you work.

Working smarter is not a natural function for most entrepeneurs. They are doers by nature. They have strong personalities and they make things happen. When they get behind, their natural tendency is to chop harder. However it is only when they combine this natural tendency with the skill of working smarter that the productivity level increases significantly.

The PIE theory

There are three critical elements of working smarter. The first letters from the acronym PIE. The P stands for planning. thousands of years ago the great King Solomon penned these words, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to profit," (Proverbs 21:5 NIV) The more I work with small businesses the more I believe the wisdom of this passage. Planning is surely the "axe sharpening" of business.

The I in the PIE theory is for implementation. The very best of plans needs to be put into action. There is work involved. Planning keeps the axe sharp and implementing swings the axe.

A common mistake in implementation is failure to take time to do the job right the first time. Those who rush through life frequently miss the mark. However, they always find time to do the job correctly the second time.

The third element in the PIE theory is evaluation. Plans must include measurable goals to determine their effectiveness. For example, our plan might call for reducing mistakes on invoices to no more than one per hundred. We can certainly track invoice accuracy to measure our success.

Plan, implement and evaluation: The sequence of working smarter, not harder. Perhaps Ogden Nash summed it up with these words, "If you don't want to work you have to work to earn enough money so that you won't have to work."

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Locals receive A&M degrees

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to more than 3,000 Texas A&M University graduates during December commencement ceremonies.

Texas A&M has also named its honor students for the 1997 fall semester.

Snyder graduates include Russell Dell Blackwell, bachelor of science in agriculture economics; Benjamin Scott Wilson, BS in wildlife and fisheries sciences; Shara Jacqui Carlton Phillips, BS in veterinary science; Joshua Adrian Helms, BS in agriculture development; Robert Harold Cawthorn, BS in veterinary science; Kelli Lee Lockhart, BS in interdisciplinary studies.

Snyder students on the Dean's Honor Roll are Courtney Lynn Anderson and Casity Hale Reneau.

Local students named to the Distinguished Students List include Troy Steven Allen and Paige D'Lynn Bell.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

"Distinguished Students" must earn from 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Local cadet on Dean's List

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Cadet Matthew L. Parker, son of Bill and Barbara Parker of Snyder, has been named to the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Parker graduated from Snyder High School in 1996. He plans to graduate from the Military Academy in 2000 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Man receives death penalty

McALLEN (AP) — A 27-year-old Edinburg man has been sentenced to die for killing his 16-year-old cousin last year.

The verdict for Ruben Ramirez Cardenas came Thursday in state district court.

Police said Cardenas abducted Mayra Laguna on Feb. 22, 1997. About a day after she was taken from her apartment, police discovered her body in a canal.

The victim's younger sister told police she awoke and saw a Hispanic man taping her sister's mouth.

Investigators said they discovered a roll of tape in the trunk of a car owned by a family member. Police said the tape had a strand of long brown hair attached to it, hair similar to the victim's.

Officials said a second man, Jose Antonio Lopez Castillo, 25, was waiting outside in a gray vehicle when Miss Laguna was kidnapped. He also was charged with murder.

Opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy, in 1921.

Tiffany Jones receives United scholarship

AMARILLO — Tiffany C. Jones was recognized as the recipient of a $500 United Supermarket Scholarship during the second annual Honors Convocation Feb. 8 at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy.

Jones, daughter of Joe Dan and Linda Jones of Snyder, is a member of the class of 2001 at the Texas Tech Pharmacy School and a candidate for a doctor of pharmacy degree. The United Supermarket Scholarship is awarded to a student who expresses an interest in retail pharmacy.

The Texas Tech School of Pharmacy is the first new pharmacy school to be built in Texas in more than 40 years. The school opened in August 1996 and Jones is a member of the school's second class.

Stenholm gets advocacy award

AUSTIN — Rep. Charles Stenholm (D—Stamford) was inducted into the THA — The Association of Texas Hospitals and Health Care Organizations' Advocacy Leadership Hall of Honor during a special award presentation and reception on Feb. 2.

The advocacy award honors public officials who have made career achievements toward improving health care in Texas. Approximately 100 Texas health care advocates attended the ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Stenholm was elected to Congress in 1979. A long-time advocate of rural health care, he is a founding member of the Rural Health Care Coalition. Since its inception, the group has been an advocate for and provided leadership on health issues important to rural and small communities.

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SHS favorites



SENIOR — Senior class favorites at Snyder High School are Chad McMillan and Jill Willingham. (Contributed Photo)



JUNIOR — Snyder High School junior class favorites are Sharika Wofford and Brady Cobb. (Contributed Photo)



SOPHOMORE — Sophomore class favorites at Snyder high School are Randy Green and Amy Brooks. (Contributed Photo)



FRESHMAN — Snyder High School freshman class favorites are Jamaal Wofford and Brooke Williams. (Contributed Photo)

UT law drops from top 25 ranking

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas School of Law no longer ranks among the nation's top 25, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The magazine, which last year ranked UT law at 18th, dropped the school to 30th this year.

UT officials challenged the ranking, which was announced Thursday. They said the drop underscores flaws in the annual rankings, which have come under increasing attack from academic officials.

"I don't know that there could be much greater evidence of a flawed system (than) that in the course of one year, we go from 18th to 30th, said UT Law School Dean Mike Sharlot. "What could possibly have happened in that time?"

The short answer: UT failed to keep track of how many of its graduates landed jobs after graduation.

Local doctor retains membership in AAFP

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Paul A. Thompson of Snyder has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical studies every three years. The AAFP, which has more than 80,000 members, is one of the first medical groups to require members to keep up with medical advancements through regular continuing medical education.

Dr. Thompson has been an active AAFP member since 1979. As a family physician, he is qualified to work in all major areas of health care and trained to treat patients of all ages for the vast majority of health problems.

Locals earn Tech degrees

LUBBOCK — More than 1,700 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1997 fall commencement exercises.

More than 3,800 Tech students also qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Recent graduates include Brandi Michelle Doyle, bachelor of business administration in accounting; William Duffin Galloway, bachelor of science in interdisciplinary agriculture; and Laura Ann Hamby, bachelor of science in human development and family studies.

Snyder students named to the Dean's List include William Clay Collier, sophomore, agricultural & applied economics; Brian Hollis Fields, senior, computer science; Johanna Paige Gayle, junior, journalism/broadcasting; Brian Todd Goodlett, senior, history.

Also, Nathan Robert Harris, junior, COBA; Kelli Nicole Lacik, junior, early childhood; Tammy Jane Logston, senior, multidisciplinary studies; Misty Jean Myers, senior, multidisciplinary studies; Jannica Danielle Northerns, sophomore, interior design; Amy Rae Patterson, sophomore, French; Ellen Marie Strayhorn, junior, environmental engineering.

Also on the Dean's List is Shahala Renee Marricle of Hermleigh, freshman, multidisciplinary studies, and Wendy Nicole Wilson Scott of Ira, senior, multidisciplinary studies.

Those on the President's List include Alfred Roger Brice, freshman, agriculture; William Duffin Galloway, senior, interdisciplinary agriculture; Jennifer Diane Hancock, sophomore, arts & sciences undeclared; Holly Renee Jones, senior, multidisciplinary studies; David Clark Kerr, sophomore, cell and molecular biology.

Students on the President's list earned a 4.0 (A) point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork.

Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Kasparek promoted

Marine Lance Cpl. Quintin L. Kasparek, son of Jackie L. Kidd and Gary L. Kasparek, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Radio Battalion, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Kasparek is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School. He joined the Marine Corp in July 1996.

Martinez helped with conference

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University student Anthony Martinez of Snyder helped the university host its seventh annual Southwest Model United Nations Conference last week.

Individual members of the delegations were assigned a committee, which they had researched well enough to assume the role of an international diplomat.

Awards were presented to the delegations which displayed the diplomatic demeanor, decorum and technical expertise required by the high standards of the UN, and which properly followed the guidelines of their countries' foreign policy.



Pvt. Freddie Rocha

Freddie Rocha new U.S. Marine

Freddie Rocha officially earned the title "U.S. Marine" during recent Marine Corps Recruit Training graduation ceremonies.

After a chance to return home for a few days, he will attend Marine Corps Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Upon completion of this warrior training, this new Marine will report to 29 Palms, Calif., for schooling in communications/electronics repair military occupational specialty field.

Pvt. Rocha graduated from Snyder High School in 1997. He is the son of Fred and Helen Rocha of Snyder.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merritt

In January, President Clinton announced a proposal to expand access to health coverage for uninsured Americans ages 55 to 65 who are not yet eligible for Medicare. The President's plan has three components:

1. Americans age 62 through 64 could buy into Medicare early by paying the full cost of their insurance coverage premiums;

2. Displaced workers age 55 through 64 who involuntarily lost their jobs and their health coverage could also buy into Medicare by paying the full insurance cost; and

3. Early retires age 55 and older whose companies reneged on their commitment to provide retiree health benefits would be given a new option to purchase their former employer's health insurance coverage (known as "COBRA" continuation) until they reach age 65.

There are still many unanswered questions about exactly how these new options will work, but the general outlines are as follows:

•People who are age 62 through 64 would be allowed to buy into Medicare by paying a monthly premium estimated to be about $300 a month (the average cost of insuring individuals in this age range) until they turn 65. To account for the fact that the people who enroll in this new program are likely to be sicker than the average person in this age group, those who buy in at age 62, 63 or 64 would pay a Part B premium for the rest of their life that would be an estimated $10-$20 per month higher than other Medicare beneficiaries, for each year they bought into the system early. This option targets the 900,000 individuals in this age group who are currently uninsured, particularly the 62 through 64 year old spouses of Medicare enrollees.

•Workers 55 and over who involuntarily lost their jobs would also be allowed to buy into Medicare. Individuals in this group would pay an estimated $400 a month, but would not have to pay the additional premium once they turned 65 and qualified for Medicare. (They would pay only the standard Medicare Part B premium once they turned 65). This option was designed to respond to the increased vulnerability of older Americans to work transitions and company layoffs.

•Early retirees, 55 and over, whose companies reneged on a previous commitment to provide retiree health benefits would be allowed to buy into their former companies' health plan until age 65 through extended coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). (Currently, COBRA mandates that employers allow employees and their dependents to continue coverage for periods of 18 to 36 months at a cost of 102 percent of the group premium.) This option was designed to provide access to affordable health care for early retirees and their dependents whose health care coverage is unexpectedly eliminated after they have retired.

While we don't know the full details of these proposals or their impact on current and future Medicare beneficiaries, AARP is pleased that President Clinton is proposing to expand access to health care for a group of Americans who truly need it.

Salinas takes part in military event

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combat engineers, along with the support squad, a chance to stay in tune with their jobs," said Salinas, a six-year Marine Corps veteran.

As the turn of the century approaches, the United States and its allies are becoming more involved with worldwide regional conflicts and humanitarian operations. Eager Mace ensures the Navy-Marine Corps team maintains global peace, and that Marines like Salinas are trained to complete their mission successfully, when and if the real battle takes place.



Stop the War!



Bill McClellan

Okay, okay, that's enough. We can't take it anymore.

Stop The War!

It took 10 million people protesting in the streets to put a stop to the Vietnam conflict. What's it gonna' take to bring a halt to this war Kenneth Starr is waging on the White House?

Do we have to march on Washington? Hold sit-ins at campuses across the country? Riot?

Or can we just reason? We beg for some common sense to be applied.

Ken, Ken. We're tired of your stupid inquisition. You've made a valiant effort, buddy. You've got casualties. You've intimidated people. You've made mothers cry. Heck, after three weeks of nothing but your witch hunt on the news, you've made us all cry.

We're hurting, Ken. We're suffering here. We just can't take it anymore.

We'll cut you a severance check. Just pack up your razors, your rack and your thumbscrews and go back to whatever Stephen King book you crawled out of.

For three years and 34 million dollars, you've been investigating Clinton. Slippery sucker, isn't he, Ken? He's really ticking you off, isn't he? Well, Ken, we've got news, old buddy. *You* are really ticking *us* off.

Furthermore, you're lousy at this, Ken. We don't want to hurt your feelings, man, but it is obvious you couldn't find dirt inside a vacuum cleaner.

So far you've got an admitted liar to say on an inadmissible tape recording that she had an affair with a president who we already know has fewer morals than an alley cat.

Who cares, Ken? If it's okay with Hillary, it's okay with us. In fact, we don't even care if it upsets Hillary. It's her problem, not ours.

Try to understand, Ken. We want to know what our president is going to do about Social Security, the budget, welfare, Iraq. These are the things that are important to us, Ken.

We don't want to know who our government leaders are sleeping with, Ken. We don't care!

Take your so-called key witnesses — the twits and the Tripps — and think of it as a moral victory. As if you knew what morals were anymore. Go home. Write a book.

And Bill. Oh Bill, oh Bill, oh Bill. We're really upset with you, guy. Oh, sure, your popularity rating is higher than ever. But that's not because you are doing such a great job, Bill.

It's just our way of telling Ken that we don't care about your personal life. In fact, we are tired of hearing about the latest strumpet from your bimbo patch. We have personal lives, too, Bill. And except for a few perverts who boast their incompetency on the Jerry Springer Show, most of us keep our bedroom antics to ourselves.

One more thing. The Associated Press reported this past week that ten of your lawyers went with Bruce Lindsey before the U.S. District Judge to answer questions about the alleged treatise with Monica ("The Mouth") Lewinsky.

Come on, Bill. Ten lawyers? Do you know how guilty that makes you look?

We are beginning to think, Bill, that maybe you aren't in control anymore. We are wondering if maybe the inevitable has happened — that lawyers have taken over and are running the country.

We are gathering in the streets, Bill.

Pretty soon, it's gonna get ugly. Ken is out of hand and he's beginning to subpoena everyone. He's called in your secretary and your secretary's secretary. Your Secret Service agents. The maid, the cook, the valet, the groundskeepers, and now he's coming after the rest of us.

Bill, to quote a phrase from past turbulent times, "We're not going to take it."

We remember the slogans, we recall the signs. We haven't forgotten.

Subpoenas in hand, we'll shout from the dean's office, "Hell no, we won't go. Hell no, we won't go."

Imagine, Bill, three hundred thousand people standing arm in arm on the White House lawn. Singing in unison: *"All we are saaaaaaaaying, is zip up your pants."*

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Fighting crime down on the border



Deanie Francis Mills

Thought you guys might get a kick out of hearing about my latest adventure into the badlands of law enforcement — and when I say badlands, I ain't kidding.

Back in the days of Pancho Villa, the area around Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico, were indeed referred to as the badlands and there is still a frontier mentality there, to this day. I just spent a week down there with members of the Maverick County Sheriff's Department and the local Texas Ranger for the region, Sgt. Brooks Long.

I'd heard that narcotics trafficking was at an all-time high through that port of entry, that corruption was rampant, and yet Eagle Pass ranked No. 2 in the nation, per capita, for narcotics seizures — and that's not counting what the feds catch. I wanted to see for myself how this could be. And I did.

I was invited down by a fine gentleman I met at the Advanced Homicide Course I attended in Midland last fall, a deputy in the Criminal Investigators Unit of the Maverick County SO named Sgt. Enrique Serrano.

Sgt. Serrano has been in law enforcement 23 years, 18 of them spent in criminal investigations. He is a man of impecable integrity; uncorruptable. "It's why I call him Mr. Serrano," said Ranger Long.

I spent a day with Sgt. Serrano on the job, and some time alone with him in which he told me many things in confidence, "off the record." That talk helped me understand what it means to be a man of integrity doing a virtually impossible job. Then he and Sheriff Salvadore Rios arranged for me to ride patrol with two different deputies on two different shifts because, "Eagle Pass becomes a different place at night."

Some stats: In 1997, the Eagle Pass SO seized 5,556 pounds of marijuana, 402 pounds of cocaine, and almost $80,000 worth of vehicles. Not counting cash seizures, their total street value in seizures equals almost $10,000,000.

Because Sgt. Serrano is so well respected, and because he treated me with respect, that was all it took to make me a member of the family. I was introduced to everyone from the DPS narcotics investigator to federal prosecutor investigators to undercover officers as "mi amiga" by the deputies, and when we were alone in the patrol cars, they spoke to me with complete candor. They also took me into the nastiest neighborhoods this side of the border, crime scenes from unsolved murders, and let me take all the photographs I wanted.

They also turned pale when I told them I'd gone into Mexico alone. "Not a good idea for a gringa female," they scolded. But I'm glad I did.

Piedras Negras is not a border town created or updated for tourists. Restaurant menus are in Spanish and most of the waiters do not speak English. Its poulation of a quarter of a million souls dwarfs Eagle Pass, pop. 20,000. On weekends, the Eagle Pass population doubles, most of them Mexican nationals.

Ranger Long, called the "Mexican Ranger" by locals because he speaks such fluent Spanish, explained the problems peculiar to criminal investigation in that area. It can be frustrating. In the past two years, Eagle Pass has seen a rotation of four different Texas Rangers.

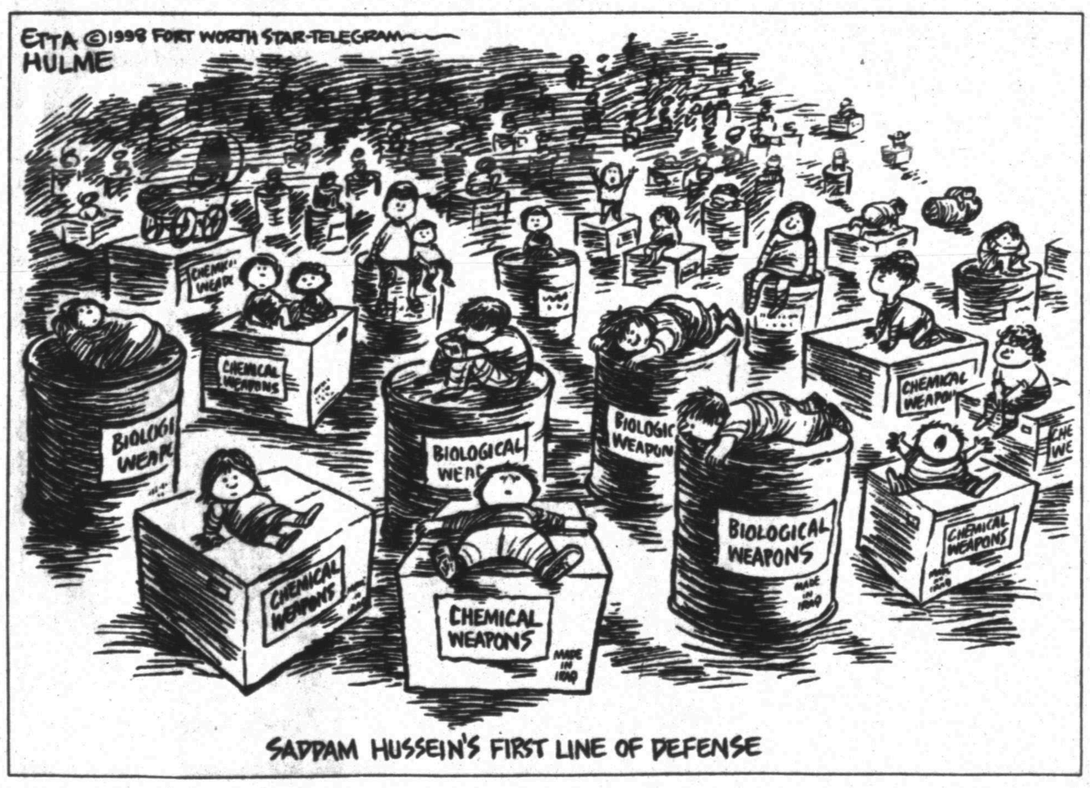
I can't tell you some of the things I learned down there because most of it was off the record. I will say that while corruption and violence are a looming Goliath in that area, there are plenty of lone Davids who stand firm against it — even at risk of their lives. "I won't cover for anyone," said Sgt. Serrano. "I can't. It goes against my code of ethics."

One fine young deputy by the name of Tony Gonzales said traffickers often tell him, "You're a deputy. You could help me out. And I could help you out." But he always says to them, "I like to sleep nights. It's that simple."

There is nothing simple about law enforcement along the border. The truth, as the Ranger said, is hard to find. Truth is relative. Truth is what is perceived. Truth becomes what is acceptable. In law enforcement, you do the best you can, and that's all you can do. Some of the federal agents and deputies live as far away as Del Rio, down 56 miles of desolate desert roads, because they fear for their families.

So why don't they quit?

"No way," said Gonzales, his shrewd brown eyes lighting up with a wicked grin. "This is where the action is. I like it down here in the war zone."



SADDAM HUSSEIN'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

Editorial Comment

Reinventing federal government

The Houston Chronicle

Let's be honest. A lot of baloney is being bandied about concerning a projected federal budget "surplus" that really doesn't exist and won't for some years to come, with sleight-of-hand bookkeeping and $6 trillion in federal debt hanging over our collective heads.

And since we're coming clean, a fresh look at the Clinton administration's "reinventing government" program is also in order.

That's what the Scripps Howard news service did with a recent computer analysis that shows despite President Clinton's attempts to downsize and streamline the government, "America has the most expensive public workforce in history."

"The typical government employee is in a significantly higher pay grade and has received more merit raises than was normal before the White House began in 1993 to 'reinvent' the government by eliminating 300,000 jobs," wrote Scripps Howard's Thomas Hargrove.

Salary inflation was especially large among workers in supervisory-level pay grades, a group virtually untouched by the massive staff reductions among the lower ranks. Taxpayers provided $93.7 billion for the salaries and benefits of 2.2 million civilian federal workers in 1992. Four years later, according to the report, that payroll cost grew to $101.4 billion, even though the government was reduced to less than 1.9 million non-military employees.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore still publicly praise the reinvention program for creating the smallest federal government since the Kennedy administration. But what they may have on their hands is a top-heavy monster which, outside of some heavy military trimming, has not really been what they've been touting to taxpayers.

Let's be honest.

Improving Texas schools

The Waco Tribune-Herald

The quality of Texas' future lies with the quality of education achieved by Texas' children.

Texas is blessed with a lot of children who will hold jobs in the coming years. This is good for Texas because employers will establish businesses in areas where there is an available workforce.

The question today's leaders must answer is whether today's young people will receive the sort of education that will attract high-tech, technical and professional businesses....

Gov. George W. Bush is promoting a plan that should go a long way toward ensuring that Texas school children acquire the education they will need to hold quality jobs in tomorrow's workforce.

Bush cannot do it alone. He needs the support of lawmakers, educators and parents....

Bush's plan calls for ending automatic promotions of students in grades three, five and eight beginning in 2003. Also, Bush will ask the next Legislature for $203 million for a reading skills program that would be directed at students in the lower grade levels.

At a minimum, lawmakers should adopt the Bush plan... While they are at it, lawmakers should debate a more aggressive expansion of the program approaching the one adopted by WISD or the one in place in the Chicago public school system touted by President Clinton in his recent State of the Union message.

The additional funds would help ensure that every school in Texas has the resources to evaluate the reading progress of their students in kindergarten through second grade. It also would provide a stipend to teachers for training in reading instruction and help setting up student reading academies, tutorial programs or extended-year programs.

Texas' children are the raw materials that can forge a bright future for the state and for themselves. Learning can make it happen.

Kenneth Starr

The Austin American-Statesman

It is hard to imagine that an administration as scandal-ridden as Bill Clinton's would generate sympathy for the president and calumny for the special prosecutor looking into the allegations. But so it is.

Even as Clinton has mostly himself to blame for his troubles, not some right-wing conspiracy, independent counsel Kenneth Starr can take much of the blame for being widely described as a modern-day Torquemada (the original Grand Inquisitor), though Republicans in Congress who think of Starr as their political attack dog can share blame, too.

He's investigating the Whitewater real estate dealings of the Clintons, the possible obstruction of justice in that case, the firing of White House travel office personnel, the possible misuse of FBI files on Republican officials — and the purported affair of the president with a White House intern. ...

But the way Starr is going about his probe, with almost daily "unauthorized" leaks of a titillating nature, is offensive. ...

He needs to be told that if he does not restrain himself, he could endanger the independence of the independent counsel office. ...

Republicans should remember that their party will inevitably retake the White House. And they should remember that the independent counsel can be used against Republicans as well as Democrats. Six special prosecutor investigations of high Clinton administration officials have been initiated, and there could be more to come. But the record, eight, is currently held by a Republican administration — that of Ronald W. Reagan. The independent counsel should be used appropriately, not zealously.

Letters to the Editor

Oppose MOA

Dear Editor:

We adamantly oppose the Lancer MOAs being located in West Texas.

These noisy, low-flying jets would be very annoying and in many cases detrimental to livestock, wildlife, residents and tourists.

We own a ranch that is located in Scurry, Kent, and Garza counties. We are fiercely proud of our ranch, which we have dedicated to the preservation, conservation and re-population of wildlife and plant-life native to this area. We also maintain a closely supervised cattle operation. We are currently working under the guidance and instruction of the Texas Department of Natural Resources.

We are joined with other members of the Citizens Against Lancer in an absolute effort to preserve the last virgin natural grasslands and wildlife sanctuaries left in this part of our great country.

Sincere regards,
Will C. Senn
Joan H. Senn

Fed advisers back new weapon against germs

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Government advisers are urging approval of a new backup for the nation's antibiotic of last resort: a French drug that promises to deal bacteria a one-two punch.

Rhone-Poulenc Rorer's Synercid is not a miracle infection fighter, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration cautioned. But they urged approval of Synercid, saying patients whose infections resist even that "silver bullet" antibiotic called vancomycin desperately need a new option.

"This resistance problem is having an impact at the bedside," Dr. David Gilbert of Oregon Health Sciences University, said Thursday, urging the panel to back Synercid.

The recommendation comes at a critical time. Antibiotic resistance is a rapidly growing problem, and just last summer doctors discovered that strains of one of the world's most common and serious germs — staph — are developing resistance to vancomycin, the last resort. A slightly less common germ, enterococcus, already can be vancomycin-resistant.

Synercid "is the first alternative to vancomycin in 30 years," said Rhone-Poulenc's Dr. John Savarese.

The FDA panel voted that clinical trials proved Synercid can treat serious skin infections and dangerous hospital-acquired pneumonia — diseases typically caused by a germ called Staphylococcus aureus that often requires vancomycin treatment when nothing else works. Studies showed Synercid successfully fought these infections in 50 percent to 66 percent of patients, equal to standard therapy.

But the FDA panel said Synercid did not prove effective at treating the less dangerous community-acquired pneumonia.

The advisers struggled with Synercid's biggest challenge: Can it treat vancomycin-resistant enterococcus, or VRE, a germ deadly to surgical and cancer patients?

The panel voted that RPR did not prove Synercid met this challenge, because its testing was unorthodox. The French company did not formally compare the new drug to standard care, instead enrolling patients whose doctors said they had no other options into an "emergency use" program that let them try Synercid for free.

At least 46 percent of VRE patients in that program were successfully treated with Synercid, data indicated.

The FDA advisers called that suggestive evidence — but stressed that desperate patients need a new antibiotic. So they voted 9-1 to recommend that the FDA allow the use of Synercid to treat VRE despite lack of clear proof.

The FDA is not bound by the panel's advice but usually follows it, and has promised a decision by next month. Thursday's panel decision means FDA officials' biggest question will be whether to require more study of Synercid against VRE.

The advisers "acknowledged this is a very difficult area to study," noted FDA anti-infectives chief Dr. Gary Chikami. "This is an infection for which there are no alternatives."

Indeed, RPR's Talbot noted that some 100 patients every month were getting free Synercid under the emergency-use program last year, but that number has already soared to 180 patients this month.

When antibiotics hit the market in the 1950s, doctors predicted a quick end to infectious diseases. Believing the battle won, half of all drug companies had stopped developing antibiotics by the 1980s.

But the bugs fought back:

—Between 1992 and 1994, vancomycin-resistant enterococcus spread from 23 percent of U.S. hospitals to 64 percent of hospitals. This hard-to-kill germ is often spread when hospital workers do not properly wash their hands.

—Some 35 percent of Staph aureus cases, the top hospital infection, resist standard treatment. And last summer, doctors diagnosed two Americans and three people in Japan with strains of the germ that were beginning to resist vancomycin as well.

Residents flee gas well fire

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Some residents of northeastern Titus County were told to evacuate their homes briefly Friday morning when a grass fire broke out near a natural gas well.

Texas Railroad Commission spokesman Mike O'Quinn in Kilgore said an area that included about 30 homes was evacuated as a precaution after a grass fire broke out near the well seven miles east of Talco.

"They have been advised they can return to their homes," O'Quinn said.

He said petroleum condensate from a flare stake at the Davis Heirs No. 1 well owned by Valence Operating Co. started the fire at about 8 a.m.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dill pickle spears, apple cutie pie

TUESDAY

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, whole kernel corn, spinach, jellied vegetable salad

WEDNESDAY

Chicken filet, great Northern beans, broccoli w/cheese sauce, lettuce salad, bananas, strawberries

THURSDAY

Roast beef w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, Waldorf salad, pineapple pudding

FRIDAY

Fried fish, hominy, green bean casserole, tomato wedges, brownie

Senior Center News

Monday bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and the domino tournament begins at 10 a.m. Seniors may sign up with a partner or without.

On Tuesday, 42/88 gets underway at 10 a.m., the Local Yokels perform at 11, the Golden Kiwanis Club meets at noon and the dance/game night begins at 7 p.m.

The AARP volunteer will be available Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. to help seniors with their income tax returns. Also on Wednesday, the monthly birthday party begins at 10 a.m., the Kitchen Band will perform at 11 and the "Sparkle City Liners" will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, the Sunshine Choir performs at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Friday bridge and the blood pressure clinic both begin at 9:30 a.m.

Friday is also the deadline for volunteers to record hours for recognition at the volunteer banquet March 13. The banquet will be the congregate meal for that day. There will be no noon meal that day.

All seniors are welcome to attend, but must RSVP by March 11 if they plan to do so.

The center runs on "volunteer power" and there is always a job for a new volunteer, center staffers say.

West Awards

Fourth Six Weeks

Citizenship

Self-contained: Jonnie Porter.
Early childhood: Dominique Diaz.
Kindergarten: Mary Guerra, Tanner Robertson, Daniel Escobedo.
First grade: Paul Wilson, Elizabeth Martinez, Justin Olvera.
Sixth grade: Callan Lee, Leslie Marquez, Ricky Rios, Rankin Hardin, Ashlye Amox, Amy Vanderpool, Lindsey Benitez, Brock Tyrrell, Destiny Proctor, Megan Fletcher, Somer Powell, Whitney Stewart, Chance Squires, Sharday McKinney, Emily Long, Katie Chandler, Hollie Lammert, Nickki McKinney, Tass Baze, T.Z. Mize, Corey Longorio, Kendall Tidwell, Gretchen Hollis.

Most Improved

Self-contained: Pedro Silva.
Early childhood: Joel Torres, Travis Hagins.
Kindergarten: Adrian Benavidez, Cody Lee.
First grade: Shelbie Talavera, Julian Dominguez, Kendra McGuire.
Sixth grade: Brandi Russell, Rodney Griggs, Erika Tavarez, Theodore Vasquez, Jordan Dea, William Kenly, Anabelle Solis, Abby Levens, Joe Maldonado, Melissa Jerome, Isaac Ramon, Justin Boyd, Miguel Castenada, Vanessa Carrisalez, Ashley Gunset, Sharday McKinney, Marcus Villareal, Jennifer Halverson.

Outstanding

Self-contained: Andrew Richburg.
Early childhood: Bobby Diaz, Ashley Kenner.
Kindergarten: Hunter Price.
First grade: Alix Rieser, Wes von Roeder, Serapio Almanza.
Sixth grade: Devyn DeLoera, Nicholas Smith, Tiffany Kubena, Chevy Block, Tanner Reed, Whittney Criswell, Elizabeth Stewart, Bradley Price, Amy Vanderpool, Nichole Ornelas, Justin Guynes, Ashley Martinez, Kerissa Simmons, Andra Dunham, Destiny Proctor, Melissa Vasquez, Tass Baze, Ashley Jenkins, Rankin Hardin, Barrett Munson, Peter Perez, J.J. Mandrell, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Ashley Martinez, Zach Cain, Ashley Jenkins.

Other Awards

Math Concepts: Adrienne Garcia, Sara Thornhill.
Reading workshop: Rodney Griggs, Nicholas Beasley.
Reading investment: Amanda Whitson, Molly Haire.
Highest AR points: Nichole Ornelas, Ashley Darnell.
Keyboarding: Erin Burleson, Kelby Drum, Bethany Clements, Sara Thornhill.

PE Semester Awards

Citizenship: Ashley Gunset, Kameron Harrison, Jake Harvey, Ray Martinez, Molly Mason, Katie Neves.
Outstanding: Sara Bradberry, Miguel Castenada, Kevin Fenner, Megan Fletcher, Gretchen Hollis, Demetris Horn, Tiffany Kubena, Ashley Martinez, Marcus Medrano, Sterling Millhollon, Peter Perez, Misha Wofford.

Datebook

Feb. 21, 1998

Today is the 52nd day of 1998 and the 63rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1858, E.T. Holmes of Boston installed the first burglar alarm in the United States.

On this day in 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated by President Chester Arthur, 102 years after its construction was begun.

On this day in 1965, Malcolm X was assassinated in New York.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anais Nin (1903-1977), diarist; W.H. Auden (1907-1973), poet; Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), humorist; Nina Simone (1933-), singer, is 65; Barbara Jordan (1936-1996), U.S. politician; Rue McClanahan (1936-), actress, is 62; David Geffen (1943-), entertainment mogul, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, Robin Cousins of Great Britain won the gold medal in men's figure skating at the Lake Placid Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The hand that rules the press, the radio, the screen and the far-spread magazine, rules the country." — Leonard Hand

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1996, record heat in Texas peaked today at 102 degrees at La Joya and Falcon Dam.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 19) and new moon (Feb. 26).

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Feb. 22, 1998

Today is the 53rd day of 1998 and the 64th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1879, the F.W. Woolworth chain was started in Utica, N.Y.

On this day in 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio speech from the White House.

On this day in 1972, President Nixon met with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai in Beijing, China.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Washington (1732-1799), U.S. president; Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), philosopher; James Russell Lowell (1819-1891), poet; Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950), poet; Luis Bunuel (1900-1983), film director; Edward M. Kennedy (1932-), U.S. politician, is 66; Jonathan Demme (1944-), film director, is 54; Julius Erving (1950-), basketball great, is 48; Drew Barrymore (1975-), actress, is 23.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, American Bonnie Blair won the 500-meter speed-skating competition at the Calgary Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation." — George Washington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, up to 24 inches of heavy, wet snow fell in Lancaster, Pa.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

How much of a health risk is salt?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am a regular reader of your column and would like to ask a question. There seems to be such a push to restrict salt consumption in general. The only hazard I am aware of is that in some people, salt can raise blood pressure. If one has no problem with high blood pressure, is there any other health risk associated with salt? I'd appreciate your input. — J.S.

DEAR J.S.: The main health concern about excess salt stems from its association with hypertension, or high blood pressure, which affects 50 million Americans. Hypertension is called the silent killer because there are no warning signs until problems such as heart disease, stroke or kidney disease have already developed. The exact role of salt has been the subject of debate for a number of years. When people with hypertension are given a low-salt diet, there are those who experience a significant decrease in blood pressure. These "salt-sensitive" hypertensives, though, are in the minority, comprising about 25 percent to 40 percent of those with hypertension. Salt restriction is key for these individuals, but for others it doesn't seem to have much of an effect. Older individuals with hypertension are another group that seems to benefit from salt restriction.

Research tells us that a more reliable way of reducing an elevated blood pressure is to increase activity or decrease excess weight or alcohol consumption. This past year saw the results of a study using the DASH diet (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension). The research described impressive blood-pressure lowering using a low total- and saturated-fat diet that was rich in fruits, vegetables and lowfat dairy products. They are now doing a follow-up called DASH2, in which they try the DASH diet with varying levels of salt to see how its effects change. As a rule of thumb, though, it is always best to check with a health professional to determine the best course.

The fact that you have no problem with high blood pressure lessens your need to monitor your salt intake. However, I wouldn't view this as a license to be indiscriminate with the white stuff; an excess of salt can put an undue burden on the kidneys and can upset the balance of water and minerals in the body.

Blood pressure can change as you age, and we have yet to come up with a reliable way to predict who will get hypertension. Therefore, it's critical for everyone to have routine blood pressure checks. Likewise, there isn't a one-shot test to see who among us is or will become a salt-sensitive hypertensive.

For those who have to control their salt intake, keep in mind that about 10 percent of the salt we eat is naturally present in food; 15 percent is added during cooking and at the table; and a whopping 75 percent of the salt in our diet comes from processed foods.

Besides its role as a flavor enhancer, salt can retard the growth of certain micro-organisms. Salt can also play a role in food texture. Processed meats such as bologna, frankfurters and luncheon meats contain higher levels of salt because it helps form and maintain the consistency of the product.

Salt can help to bring out the flavors in food. The key, however, is to enjoy the natural flavor of food, not that which comes from the salt shaker.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Which is the most important of all the nutrients for the human body? — L.H.

DEAR L.H.: I would cast my vote for water.

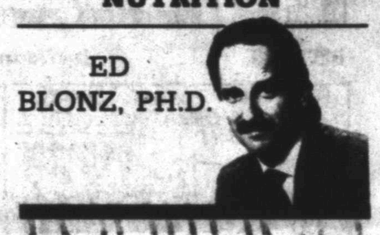
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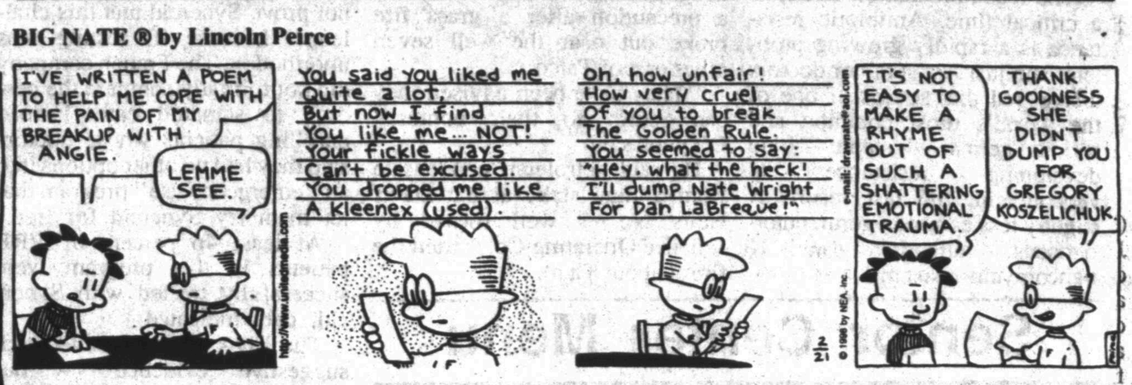
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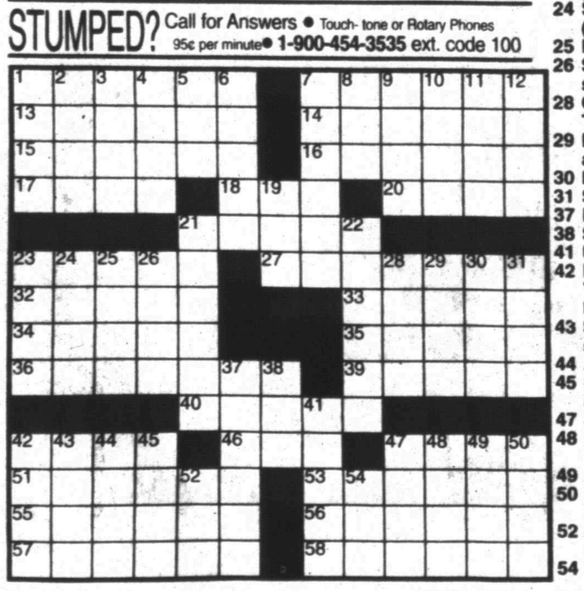
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"MR. WILSON SAYS I'M A NOYING. WHAT'S A NOYING?"

Mir: Cognac helped cosmonauts beat stress

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — They came dangerously close to abandoning Mir when the worst fire ever aboard a flying spacecraft broke out one year ago. No wonder the cosmonauts pulled out the cognac once the smoke cleared.

The Feb. 23 blaze was just the first in a string of calamities that would bedevil the Russian space station and its international crews: a mid-space collision, a crashed computer, noxious fumes, blistering temperatures.

The revelation that there was cognac aboard is hardly likely to improve Mir's battered image. But cosmonaut Alexander Lazutkin says it was purely for medicinal purposes — that having extinguished the fire, the crew needed a sip of the hard stuff to extinguish the stress.

"It was like any people on Earth who have weekends, holidays. We needed to relax, so we would allow ourselves a sip of cognac," he explained in an interview.

"On board there is a little bit. It is needed because you can imagine the stressful situation on board, therefore a small quantity can be consumed," echoed cosmonaut Vasily Tsibliyev.

American astronaut Jerry Linenger, a physician, declined. He says he doesn't drink much alcohol on Earth, let alone in space where "you need to have all your senses, you need to be sharp every minute."

According to Linenger, the bottled cognac is brought aboard on unmanned supply ships and sipped through straws. Russian ground control winks at the practice, he said in an interview.

While NASA flatly forbids drinking in orbit, the Russian space agency's rules seem lax, to say the least. Each program sets its own regulations for its own spacecraft.

"They look at it ... as a medication to calm your nerves and help you through some tough situations," Linenger said. "But the problem on Mir is, the next day is also a tough situation."

It's so tough, day after day and month after month, that even astronauts with combat experience have returned from four-month stints saying never again.

"I would not send any more people to Mir," said David Leestma, director of NASA's flight crew operations. "Everybody comes back and says it's the hardest thing they've ever done."

Seven NASA astronauts have served on Mir, the last being Andrew Thomas who arrived in January, and all are convinced their work has contributed to the next big step in space research — to assemble an international station in orbit starting this summer.

Mir's setbacks have taught NASA and the American public much about what a space station can and can't do, says Marcia Smith, a specialist in space policy for the Congressional Research Service in Washington.

However, she said, "There's still a question as to whether you needed seven people to go up to learn this."

Linenger, who quit NASA at the end of 1997, feels good about his contribution: oxygen generators that are safer than the one that burst into flames. The igniter on the solid-fuel, oxygen-generating canister in all likelihood caused the blaze, so the canisters on the international space station will be adapted accordingly.

The fire burned like a blowtorch for about 14 minutes and blocked the exit leading to one of two lifeboats, each capable of holding just three people. The next space station will have a smoke-inhibiting system, and its lifeboats will be twice as big.

The smoke was so thick aboard Mir that its six occupants an American, a German and four Russians, could barely see. Linenger's oxygen mask didn't work, so he had to grab another. The fire extinguishers proved ineffective against the burning lithium perchlorate fuel.

After the fire, Linenger suggested that everyone take vitamin pills and powdered milk to neutralize any contaminants inhaled or swallowed. Russian flight controllers concurred and also recommended "a little special medicine," which turns out to have been the cognac.

The fire was "one of the worst things that ever happened in the history of spaceflight," Tsibliyev said.

He ought to know.

After the fire, problems snowballed aboard 12-year-old Mir, some because of its age, others for unrelated reasons.

Tsibliyev, Mir's commander, and Lazutkin, his flight engineer, were there for all of it: when the fire broke out; when the cargo ship rammed and ruptured Mir in a June docking test; when computers crashed and the station lurched through orbit; when noxious antifreeze fumes leaked from corroded pipes; when temperatures inside shot above 90 F.

Lazutkin prematurely disconnected a cable and set Mir adrift without sun-generating power. He insisted he wasn't exhausted or overworked, he simply made a mistake.

Tsibliyev, overwrought after the collision, developed an irregular heartbeat. Doctors attributed it to stress, and he was barred from spacewalking repairs.

Tsibliyev knew he would be blamed for the collision since he was the one controlling the unmanned cargo ship.

Centrifuge ride for Glenn goes well

BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — Astronaut-in-training John Glenn was strapped into a centrifuge Friday and spun around at a force three times gravity. And despite his status as the oldest astronaut ever, everything went fine.

"The run went very well. It's a good drill," the 76-year-old Ohio senator said after his two nine-minute spins in the device. Someone asked how he felt, and he said, "fine." Someone else said, "good job."

Just to make sure, Air Force officials had an ambulance standing by while the centrifuge whirled its oldest rider ever, and Glenn hooked himself to an electrocardiogram monitor.

So goes training for NASA's newest astronaut, who will return to orbit in October as part of a study on aging. It was 36 years ago this week that Glenn made history — on Feb. 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule.

He reported for training this week at Johnson Space Center in Houston. With Congress in recess, the Ohio Democrat is squeezing in as much as he can before returning to his Senate duties in Washington next week.

The centrifuge ride at Brooks Air Force Base is required of all first-time space shuttle fliers to acquaint them with the rigors of launch.

The oldest person to ride the centrifuge, until now, was 64, said Lt. Col. Jim Dooley.

"We're taking some special precautions because of Sen. Glenn's age. Not a big deal. We're not concerned," stressed Dooley, chief of operations for the flight motion effects branch.

Dooley said the ambulance and EKG monitor are "just for kicks, just to make sure." He typically notifies the medical center on base before any centrifuge test, regardless of the subject's age, but in Glenn's case feels more comfortable with an ambulance standing by.

Three Gs — the gravity-plus force exerted by the centrifuge — aren't all that much, Dooley said, although it can make it difficult to breathe. Fighter pilots at times are exposed to as much as 9 Gs, which can cause blurred vision and unconsciousness.

"Hey, this guy is in great shape," said Dooley, showing off the centrifuge Wednesday. "He's 76 years old, but he's in wonderful shape."

Glenn will, in fact, be 77 by the time he rockets away on shuttle Discovery, 16 years older than anyone who's flown in space.

He passed extensive medical exams before NASA cleared him last month for flight. NASA said the fact that two doctors will accompany him on the 10-day research mission is coincidental.

The plan was for Glenn, dressed in his orange flight suit, to take two 8½-minute spins in the centrifuge separated by about five minutes of rest. He'll lay on his back the entire time, knees up, just as astronauts do inside the shuttle at launch. The acceleration to 3 Gs will be gradual.

Hormone that triggers hunger found

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists believe they have found the brain's hunger hormone, the stuff that triggers the overwhelming urge to say, "Another helping of mashed potatoes, please. And lots of gravy!"

The discovery is likely to start a stampede of research intended to find medicines that can rein in this substance and help people say no to food.

The researchers were led by Dr. Masashi Yanagisawa of Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. They are reporting the finding in Friday's issue of the journal Cell.

The scientists called their discovery "orexin," a play on "orexis," the Greek word for hunger.

"We believe that orexin is one of the important pathways in the regulation of hunger," said Yanagisawa.

The researchers found that two varieties of orexin are made by nerve cells in the lateral hypothalamus, a part of the brain already known to play a role in appetite.

"It's an absolutely beautiful piece of work," said Dr. Jeffrey Friedman of Rockefeller University, "a very thorough and technically elegant set of studies that identify two new players in the system that controls weight."

The work suggests that the brain churns out orexin when it senses a need to eat, such as after a drop in sugar levels in the blood.

The same substance appears to be at work in rats as well as probably many other creatures. This allows the scientists to test its effects.

They gave orexin to lab rats and found it made them ravenous. For an hour or two, they ate eight to 10 times more food than they ordinarily would.

They also checked the brains of rats that had not eaten in a day and found that their orexin levels had gone up.

"It really makes a nice feedback loop to regulate your appetite," said Yanagisawa.

He said the possibility of harnessing this discovery to combat eating problems — both lack of appetite and its far more common opposite — are already being investigated by scientists at SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, which collaborated on the discovery.

He said it should be possible to create drugs that mimic orexin and make people eat more. This could be helpful for cancer patients and others who have illnesses that rob their appetites.

Even more important, perhaps, would be using this discovery to make drugs for treating obesity. The scientists know the exact spot on the surface of cells in the brain where orexin does its business. So it should also be possible to create medicines that block these spots, called receptors, so orexin cannot get in and trigger the munchies.

The scientists believe many hormones besides orexin are involved in both creating and suppressing appetite.

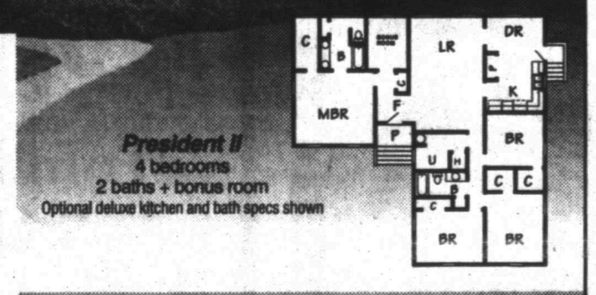
One of these is leptin, an appetite-suppressing protein made by fat-filled adipose cells. While leptin is supposed to signal the brain to stop eating, the signal somehow does not get through properly in overweight people.

Yanagisawa said that leptin — or the lack of it — could be one of the signals that triggers the brain to make orexin and whet the appetite.

The discovery was made through a relatively new process called reverse endocrinology.

Traditionally, scientists discover a hormone and then try to figure out what it does by searching for the receptor that it attaches to.

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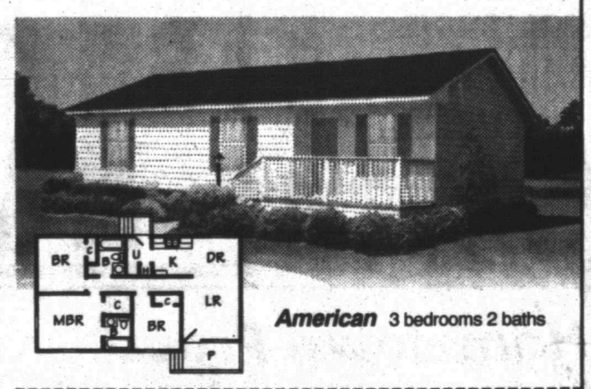
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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Teen Caught Shoplifting Warns Others of High Cost

DEAR ABBY: I'm 18 years old and have learned something the hard way. Please print my letter so other teens may be spared what I went through.

A few months ago, I got caught shoplifting. I was escorted out of the department store by security and the police and my parents were notified. It was the most humiliating day of my life.

My crime cost me the trust of everyone important to me. My parents put me on restriction and wouldn't allow me to get my driver's license. The court slapped me with a $250 fine and ordered me to attend counseling sessions that cost my parents $70 an hour. Tomorrow I will finally reach the end of the court-ordered counseling program.

Abby, I have worked hard to rebuild my reputation. I have earned several awards from my school and landed a summer internship at a high-profile law firm. My family and I can now put this incident behind us — but none of us will ever forget it.

I understand that teen shoplifting is a major problem for businesses. Kids use poor judgment and demonstrate sheer stupidity when they commit these crimes. It all comes down to greed and selfishness. Although it starts with taking a few shirts, it escalates to more expensive items. My message to fellow teens is: Don't do it! Sooner or later, you'll get caught, and nothing you can do will make up for what you have done.

Abby, I will never steal again. I'm sorry for what I did. I know many teens will not listen to my warning, but if a few do, then I'll be glad I wrote.

SORRY TEEN-AGE THIEF

DEAR SORRY: Congratulations on your rehabilitation. Your desire to make other young people think twice before shoplifting is laudable. However, shoplifting is a crime not restricted to thrill-seeking teenagers. It affects everyone because retailers pass those losses on to consumers, who pay for them in higher prices. I hope everyone who is tempted to shoplift will heed your warning.

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DEAR ABBY: I, too, have read the letter from "Longtime Reader, New York State," who was offended by her husband wearing the wedding ring from his former marriage. My story is a bit different.

My first husband and I were married 56 wonderful years. Two years after he died, a man who belonged to the same senior club as I asked me for a date. Five weeks later we were married. I had always thought that a person could only love once. I was wrong. We spent five happy years together, until his death at age 90.

A month later, a friend of mine died at the nursing home where she had been a patient for two years following a serious stroke. Two weeks later, her widowed husband called to visit. Three weeks later we were married. He asked me if I would wear his wife's rings, or if I wanted new ones. I knew that most of his resources had been swallowed up during his wife's illness, so I told him that if her rings fit, I'd be proud to wear them. They did fit. I had known this couple for about six years and I knew he was a good man. It was breathtakingly fast, and now we are both very happy.

On our dining room wall hang four photographs. One is of John and his wife, another of me and my first husband, another of me and my second husband — and in the center, a picture of John and me. Neither of us is jealous of our partner's past life. We're too busy being in love with each other.

MARY BURKHARDT, THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR MARY: Life is for the living, and I commend you and John for living it to the fullest, and for affirming that love is not necessarily limited to once in a lifetime. My warmest congratulations to you both.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently filled in for my husband's receptionist when she was ill. My husband owns the business and I know most of his employees, but this was the first time I had spent any time there.

Abby, doesn't America have a work ethic anymore? What happened to "a day's work for a day's pay"? I was astounded at the number of personal phone calls the employees received while on the job. I am not talking about short calls on breaks. There were as many as three calls in one day for a particular employee. Those were the incoming calls — I have no idea how many personal outgoing calls the employee made. Not only was that employee's time used for personal business, but the receptionist had to take the calls, refer them and/or take a message. These employees do not consider how much of the receptionist's time they waste, not to mention time for which the boss is paying them.

Abby, this is plain stealing! Had they been emergency calls, I wouldn't have minded — but calls to plan a party, discuss the highlights she wanted her beauty operator to put in her hair or to make a dinner date are out of line.

I can no longer feel friendly toward some of my husband's employees because of the way they are treating him behind his back. I told my husband, and he was appalled by what I observed. He said his receptionist had already mentioned it, but he had dismissed it and put off checking it out. After my report, he kept tabs on his staff for a while.

I hope my letter makes some employees see how they are hurting their companies. And I hope it alerts bosses to a potential waste of time on the job that robs customers of service and shareholders of fair profits.

BOSS'S WIFE IN TEXAS

DEAR WIFE: Using the telephone for personal business on company time is not uncommon. It is, however, dishonest and unethical. In a sense, taking time off the job to conduct personal business *is* theft — since the employer is paying the employee for his or her time as well as effort.

If personal calls must be made during business hours, the honest thing to do would be to make them during the lunch hour or on break time.

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DEAR ABBY: In regard to the letter about the man who shaved his mustache and his wife didn't even notice that it was gone.

My dad wore a "handlebar" mustache for almost 25 years. It was his most distinctive feature. One day when he walked out of the bathroom, my sister and I (both teenagers) screamed in surprise, and then started laughing. He had shaved off his mustache with no forewarning at all!

However, when my mom first saw him, she didn't notice! She knew there was something "different" about him, but didn't realize it was the absence of the mustache that had been there for so many years. (She said it looked like someone had punched him in the face.)

Thank you, Abby, and God bless.

STILL LAUGHING IN IDAHO

DEAR LAUGHING: That reminds me of an experience I had many years ago when my husband grew a beard. His was always neatly trimmed. One day out of the blue, he said, "Don't you notice something different about me?"

I replied, "No, but you look younger. Why do you ask?"

"I shaved my beard off," he said.

Well, he grew it back within a matter of months, and as it grayed along with the hair on his head, he looked like a French nobleman. He still has it, and even though his mother calls him "the rabbi," I love it.

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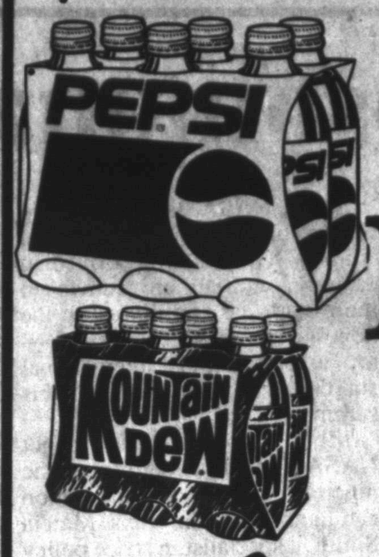
Laredo partnership claims jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — A partnership of Jose "Tony" Osornio, 41, of Laredo, and his fiance, Leticia Ballesteros Alcocer on Friday claimed a $4 million jackpot from the Feb. 7 Lotto Texas drawing.

Their LETO Partners Ltd. received a $160,000 check, the first of 25 annual installments.

Osornio, who used to work for a Laredo grocery, and his finance already have plans for some of their winnings. He aid they are talking about a wedding later this year and buying a house.

"We also want to help out our parents and our families and invest some of our money," he said.



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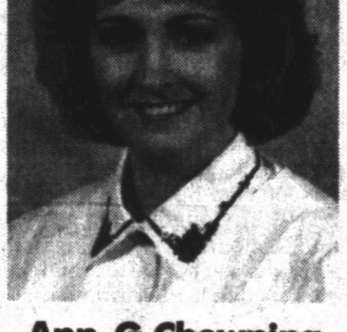
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