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By President Bush...

Iraq bombing described as 'routine'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The joint U.S.-British air strike against Iraq, described by President Bush as routine, was the biggest blow against Saddam Hussein's military in more than two years and involved two dozen attack planes armed with precision-guided missiles, Pentagon officials say.

"A routine mission was conducted to enforce the 'no-fly' zone" over southern Iraq, Bush said Friday. "It was a mission about which I was informed and I authorized. But I repeat, it's a routine mission."

It was the first military action ordered by the new president, who inherited an Iraq policy that has evolved from the 1991 Persian Gulf War that his father carried out to evict the Iraqi army from Kuwait. A key part of that policy is enforcement of no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq — a mission that has taxed the U.S. military while also taking a heavy toll on Iraq's extensive air defenses.

Iraq does not accept the legitimacy of the no-fly zones. The official Iraqi News Agency said two people died and 20 were injured in Friday's attack.

Bush was in Mexico meeting with President Vicente Fox at the time the missiles were launched at about 11:30 a.m. Texas time. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush gave the go-ahead on Thursday.

At the Pentagon, Marine Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the strike a "self-defense measure" initiated by the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf. The number of U.S. and British attack planes involved — 24 — was much larger than in previous missions over northern and southern Iraq in recent years.

Dozens of support aircraft also were involved, including electronic jamming and radar control planes.

Bush's approval was required, Newbold said, because the mission was not the usual small-scale attack that U.S. and British pilots have carried out almost routinely inside the no-fly zones. It was the first strike at targets outside the southern flight-restriction zone since December 1998, officials said.

The Pentagon said five targets were struck, including long-range surveillance radar and associated facilities that Iraq has used more frequently over the past six weeks to coordinate its defenses against U.S. and British patrols. The radar allow Iraq to make better use of its surface-to-air missiles.

The U.S. Central Command said Iraq recently increased its use of anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles, with more than 60 incidents since Jan. 1. It gave no figures for previous periods.

Asked whether the attack was a signal to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that the new administration would take more frequent and more forceful military action, Bush said, "Saddam Hussein has got to understand that we expect him to conform to the agreement that he signed" after the 1991 Gulf War.



LOADING ZONE — Snyder Brick & Tile Co. employee Adam Sosa loads a truck. The brick plant had hoped to restart production this week, but bad weather across the state delayed the plans, general manager Mitchell Goodger said. Some employees have returned to work for maintenance and packaging purposes he said. (SDN Staff Photo)

Boden is named new director of nurses at Cogdell Hospital

Cathy Boden, who has been acting director of nurses at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, has been named to that position by hospital CEO George Parsley.

Boden has been at Cogdell since October 1999, moving here from San Antonio as the education and staff development manager.

A native of Alabama, Boden received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama, and her master's degree from University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio.

Boden reports directly to Parsley and her basic duty is to oversee the nursing department in delivering safe, quality patient care.

Boden is a "hands-on" supervisor who has actual nursing duties as well as having to watch other matters such as payroll and staffing.

In addition, there have been other positive changes at the hospital, as well.

"From an employee standpoint, we have a good working team," said Boden. "Everyone is good to work with and seems to have been open to the changes in the organization. The entire staff has been great in moving the hospital forward."

The nurse managers under her supervision are Leslie Luecke, Linda Briseno, Laquita Culwell and Cheryl Chance.

"Our managers are taking on a more active role in patient care, also," said Boden. "They have direct patient-care responsibilities as well as supervisory duties."

A change in the hospital that the nursing staff, as well as the entire staff, must now address is pain management.

"We are now required to address pain management as dictated by the joint commission," said Boden.

A patient is now asked to rate their level of pain on a scale of 1 to 10.

"On the nursing side of the treatment, we work with the physician and the patient to provide for the appropriate intervention of pain," said Boden.

"If the patient's pain is continuing after treatment, we continue to work with the physician to try and lessen it."

Boden said a lot of the time the only way to manage pain is through medication, but that there are other options available that might be necessary.

Regardless of what avenue one's treatment might go at Cogdell, Boden feels the entire staff is here for the patient.

"We have a good team," she emphasized.



NEW DIRECTOR — Cathy Boden (left), director of nurses at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, talks with Leslie Luecke, RN, (front right) and Cheryl Chance, RN. (SDN Staff Photo)

Monday is first day to sign up for local boards

Monday is the first day for candidates to file for a spot on the May 5 ballot of local taxing entities.

Positions up for re-election include two each on the Snyder and Hermleigh school boards, four on the Ira board and two on the Snyder city council.

The terms of Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples on the Snyder board and those of Sherene Digby and David Higgins on the Hermleigh board expire.

At Ira, four places will be on the ballot.

Place 6 currently held by Keith Clements and Place 7 held by Doug White are up for re-election.

Two people that were appointed to Ira trustee spots will have to run again.

The Place 5 post, now held by Shane Smith, will be open for a term to expire in 2003. Smith filled the spot vacated when Dirk Dunn resigned.

Kirby Sterling resigned his Place 2 spot and Bo Robinson was appointed to fill it. That position is open for a term to expire in 2002.

Posts on the City Council up for re-election include those of Mayor Dayton Robertson and councilmen Terry Martin and James Ashley. Both positions are at-large.

The filing period ends March 21, and early voting begins April 18 and continues through May 1.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The trouble with telling a good story is that it often reminds somebody of a bad one."

Each year about this time, the Darwin Awards are revealed in honor of a person who died, or almost did, in a less than glamorous manner.

The nominees for 2000 include a man in San Jose, Calif., who used a shotgun like a club to break a former girlfriend's windshield. He accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged.

Another nominee was a mechanic in Michigan who was attempting to repair a farm truck. He got a friend to drive the truck down the highway while he hung underneath so he could ascertain the source of the troubling noise.

The mechanic's clothes caught on something, and the driver ultimately found the victim wrapped neatly around the vehicle's drive shaft.

A Newton, N.C. man accidentally shot himself to death after waking to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed. He reached for the phone, but grabbed a .38 Special instead, which discharged when he put it to his ear.

Another nominee was a lawyer in Canada. He was demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown skyscraper, crashed though a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors.

The lawyer fell into the courtyard of the bank building as he was explaining the strength of the windows to visiting law students. The victim had previously conducted the same demonstration. A fellow law partner described him as one of the firm's "best and brightest."

Another chap was killed by his own gas. The victim's diet consisted primarily of beans and cabbage. Police said it appeared the man died in his sleep from breathing the poisonous cloud in an airtight bedroom.

Police described the victim as a "large man," and three of the EMS rescuers got sick – one badly enough to require hospitalization.

Still another nominee was a man on Death Row in South Carolina. He had spent several years awaiting the electric chair on a murder conviction.

While sitting on a metal toilet in his cell, and attempting to fix his small TV set, the inmate bit into a wire and was electrocuted.

Another Darwin nominee was a man who fell 23 stories to his death while cleaning a bird feeder on the balcony of his high-rise apartment.

Investigators said the 55-year-old man was standing on a chair with wheels when the accident occurred.

Banks will be closed Monday

President's Day Monday will prompt the closing of all local financial institutions.

Western Texas College offices will be open Monday, but the Texas Workforce Commission, located on the college campus, will be closed.

Other Monday closings include county offices and the Scurry County Library. Scurry County Commissioners' Court will convene at 10 a.m. Tuesday instead of Monday.

Snyder Post Office will be closed. Mail will be placed in boxes, but there will be no home delivery.

City offices and county public schools will be open as usual Monday.

ASK US

Q—Has a new court reporter been appointed for district court?

A—No. Judge Ernie Armstrong said Friday he hopes to announce a new court reporter soon, but presently the court is using contracted services.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 46 degrees; low, 25; 7 a.m. Saturday, 25; no precipitation; total for 2001, 2.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, low lower 30s, S wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy, high lower 60s, S wind 10-20 mph.



Ashley Silva
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:34 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:25 a.m.
Of 47 days in 2001, the sun has shone 41 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse.
—Florence Nightingale

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VALENTINE ROYALTY — Wayne and Peggy Eubank were crowned the Valentine Day king and queen Wednesday at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Membership now available in Sheriff's Association

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Darren Jackson announced that Scurry County citizens are being invited to become associate members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as $20.

The funding provides critically important technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," Sheriff Jackson said. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it my contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at 1601 South IH-35, Austin, Texas, 78741 or www.txsheriffs.org

Meanwhile, residents wishing to become associate members can also sign up for the program by contacting the sheriff's office.

The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," Sheriff Jackson said. "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an associate member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of lives and property of the citizens of Texas.

Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as executive director.

Headquarters are located in Austin. The Sheriffs' Association does not make solicitations by phone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses our name, please report is to your local sheriff or county or district attorney.

Museum display stirs controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani began assembling a task force to monitor "decency" in tax-sponsored art exhibits Friday, as a museum opened a show including a photograph depicting Jesus as a naked woman.

"If you want to display viciousness, hatred, ignorance, and you want to display anti-Catholicism, racism or anti-Semitism, then you go find a private museum that wants to pay for this or a private sponsor that wants to pay for this," the mayor said in a radio interview Friday morning.

"But you cannot use taxpayers' dollars."

Giuliani also threatened to go to federal court to challenge taxpayer support of art he says defiles "decency and respect for religion."

The mayor's ire was prompted by Renee Cox's photograph "Yo Mama's Last Supper," one of 188 works in a new show at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Cox, who posed nude for a Last Supper image, is surrounded by 12 black apostles in the five-panel image.

Cox, a Jamaican-born artist who was raised Catholic, has said the image highlights legitimate criticisms of the church, including its refusal to ordain women as priests.

The work is "beautiful!" said Tammy Hindle, who viewed the exhibit, including the work of 94 contemporary black photographers. "She's celebrating the part of God that is woman."

Everton McIntyre, a Pentecostal Christian and a middle school art teacher, disagreed.

"The Lord's Supper means a lot to me. And her being nude bothers me. Jesus was never nude," he said.

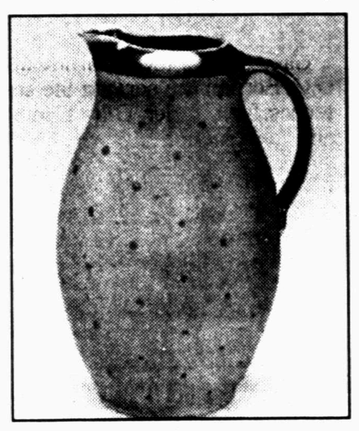
Museum director Arnold Lehman did not respond directly to the mayor, but said in a statement that the work serves an important purpose.

"Throughout history, the artist's responsibility has been to make us think," he said. "The best artists walk blindfolded on a high wire every time they go to work."

WTC's Christensen ceramics display scheduled at HSU

ABILENE — The Hardin-Simmons University Art Department will host an exhibit of ceramics by contemporary artist Shane Christensen of Snyder. It will be on display in the Ira M. Taylor Memorial Art Gallery, Frost Center for the Visual Arts from Feb. 26 through March 23. There will be a reception on Thursday, March 1, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Christensen will also conduct a workshop on Friday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 123 of the Frost Center. The public is invited. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., or by appointment (call 670-1249).

Shane Christensen currently teaches classes at Western Texas College in Snyder, including glass fusing, sculpture and ceramics. He received his master of fine arts in ceramics from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1999 and achieved a B.A. in ceramics from Southern Utah University in 1997. His work has been shown nationally and regionally, with recent exhibitions in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Texas. He was featured in an October, 2000 article on functional ceramics published in *Ceramics Monthly*.



Christensen's work centers around aesthetically pleasing functional pottery. He says, "To me, a pot is successful when it fulfills its intended use yet still has pleasing form and complimentary surface treatment." At the same time, he also encourages uniqueness in his production from glazes, slips and the natural unpredictable results inherent in the firing process.

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RESULTS

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-27-56-96

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-20-26-36-37

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-9-3

Doolittle named to top honor list

Julie Doolittle of Snyder has been named to the Vice President's Honor Roll at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

A senior majoring in psychology and sociology, Julie is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and the daughter of Bob and Suzanne Doolittle.

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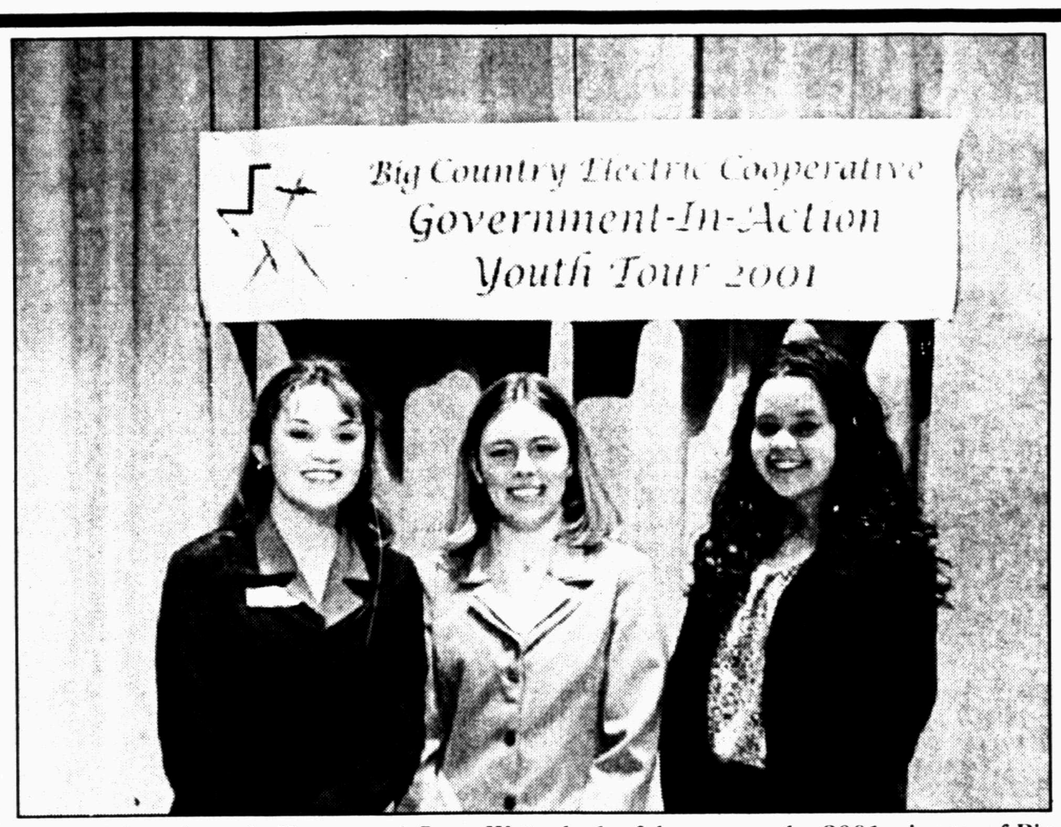
BCIC Youth tour winners announced

Amanda Hooten and Casey Watts, both of Anson, are the 2001 winners of Big Country Electric Cooperative's annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour Speech Contest, held Thursday at Hamlin High School.

They will join approximately 1,500 teens across the country for a 12-day all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a $500 scholarship. Renee Thomas of Stamford will also receive a $500 scholarship and will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to make trip.

Purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nation's capitol.



WINNERS — Amanda Hooten and Casey Watts, both of Anson, are the 2001 winners of Big Country Electric's Annual Government-In-Action Your Tour Speech Contest. Renee Thomas of Stamford will serve as alternate if one of the winners is unable to take the trip. All three girls will each receive a $500 scholarship. (Contributed Photo)

Alabama fugitives will be extradited

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A judge on Friday denied a request by six Alabama fugitives that they not be returned to that state. The ruling cleared the way for their extradition.

County Judge Steve Dozier rejected the arguments of the convicts, who escaped last month from the maximum-security St. Clair Correctional Facility near Birmingham.

Dozier's decision was upheld later in the day by the state Court of Criminal Appeals. The convicts were to be returned to Alabama later Friday.

The six contended that conditions in Alabama's prisons were so bad that they should not be forced to return there. But Dozier ruled that any challenge to the constitutionality of Alabama's prisons should be mounted in that state's courts.

Gary Scott, Steve Murphy and O.C. Borden are serving life sentences for murder. Billy Gamble and Jack Allred are in prison for robbery and James McClain for burglary.

The six escaped by lifting an electrified fence with broom handles wrapped with cloth and duct tape and then stealing a car. The group intended to flee to Canada, according to one of the men.

They were captured near Nashville on Feb. 1 by federal, state and local authorities after a massive manhunt.

Woman dies after car sinks into canal

MIAMI (AP) — A woman spoke with a 911 operator for nearly three and a half minutes Friday as her car sank into a canal off the Florida Turnpike. She died before rescue workers could find her.

Tire marks indicate that the car skidded onto the shoulder, turned back onto the road, then spun counterclockwise into the water, which runs parallel to the road, Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Pat Santangelo said. There is a 50 to 70 foot shoulder separating the street from the canal, near Interstate 75.

Karla Gutierrez, 32, of Miramar, dialed 911 from her BMW at 5:09 a.m. and spoke with an emergency operator until the line went dead. Miramar is near Fort Lauderdale.

"My car's sinking," Gutierrez told the emergency worker.

Several rescue units were dispatched at 5:16 a.m.

"The police officers and firefighters were very emotionally involved in this because we were fighting the clock," Santangelo said.

Divers found the car with the driver's side rear window fully open, and the passenger's side rear window partially open.

No one witnessed the accident and there was no indication that another car was involved, Santangelo said.

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Senior Center News

All volunteer hours must be turned in by Wednesday in order to receive credit at the recognition banquet on March 23. Don't wait until the last minute to turn those in.

Monday

The Senior Center will be closed.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The volunteer band will entertain at 11 a.m. in the dining room. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. The second round of the "88" Tournament will be played at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Volunteer Bernhard Bartels will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. to assist low-income individuals with the income tax filing forms.

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 for stretching and exericse. Line dancers practice at 1 p.m. and cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Swimnastics at WTC is from 1-2 p.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long begins at 11:30 a.m.

Services and daily activities at the center include van transportation in the morning, noon meals, dominoes, pool, snooker, quilting, treadmill, stationary bike, gym for indoor walking, books, magazines, jigsaw, and visiting with and making new friends.

Remember, we rely on your attendance for the noon meal at the center. We earn money from the Texas Department of Aging each time you eat with us.

The suggested $2.50 donation for each meal is not required, but helps the center meet the cost of the services it offers.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Closed for President's Day

Tuesday

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, apple crisp

Wednesday

Beans and ham, turnip greens, onion slices, cornbread, peach whip

Thursday

Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, blackeye peas, carrot/raisin salad, banana pudding

Friday

Fried fish, crinkle cut fries, Brussel sprouts, three bean salad, cherry cheesecake dessert

Memorial service held for slain 'Gallaudet' student

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every day it gets a little easier to let go, the father of a slain Gallaudet University student said Friday.

"I'm not so full of hate as I was the very first day I heard his name," Willie Varner said of he man charged with killing his son, Ben.

Benjamin Varner, a 19-year-old freshman from San Antonio, was found stabbed to death Feb. 3 at the nation's only liberal arts college for the deaf and hearing-impaired.

Willie and Diane Varner and their daughter, Jennifer, were in the nation's capital Friday to attend a memorial service for Ben.

"I know Ben would want us to forgive," Diane Varner said of her son. "That's the kind of boy he was, the kind of man he was going to be."

"We are not here to think about how he died but to think about how he lived," said I. King Jordan, president of Gallaudet.

Ben loved learning and had almost a 4.0 average, Jordan said. He spent much of his time reading, thinking and exploring about the world, Jordan added.

"Ben's life was a precious gift. Today we remember that gift and we're grateful for it," Jordan said.

Ben loved to learn about culture. As a young teen-ager, he converted to Islam, said Jane K. Fernandes, campus provost.

"We must release Ben to Allah, but we must never forget Ben," she said.

Willie Varner said his son had mentioned that he had met a boy from Guam named Joseph. But he said there was never any indication that classmate meant any harm.

Joseph M. Mesa Jr. of Guam is charged with felony murder while armed in the stabbing death of Varner in his dorm room. Mesa also is charged with the beating death of Eric Plunkett of Burnsville, Minn., who was found in his room at the same dorm on Sept. 28.

It's A Girl!!

Gerry and Kerry Smith are thrilled to announce the arrival of Lauren Michele born February 8, 2001 at Rolling Plains Hospital.

Proud grandparents are LaVerne and Gerald Smith of Fredericksburg and Cathy Scrinko of Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada.

Lauren weighed 7 Lbs. 8 Oz.

Happy 7th Birthday Kimberly

Love
All Your Family



Old Texas BBQ #2 open for business

Old Texas BBQ #2 is now open at 1001 37th Street.

Jim Osby of Lubbock, owner and manager, has 20 years experience in the barbecue business, having owned establishments throughout West Texas.

He and his wife, Helen, also have an Old Texas BBQ location in Slaton.

Hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The restaurant is closed Sundays.

Call in-orders are welcome at 573-1720. The business office can be reached at 573-1725.

Old Texas BBQ offers rib, beef and sausage plates as well as these items and chopped beef by the pound.

Barbecue chicken is available on Fridays and Saturdays while barbecue pork chops will be offered on Saturdays.

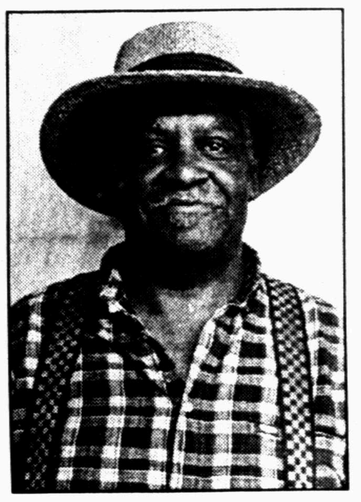
Side orders including beans, coleslaw, potato salad and corn are also offered as are other menu items such as burgers, fries and chopped beef sandwiches.

Osby, a 20-year veteran of the Texas Department of Transportation, is an associate pastor at the Powerhouse Church of God and Christ in Post.

He worked out of TxDOT's office in Post for 11 years and out of the Lubbock office for nine.

The Osby's have three children, Linda Osby of Fort Worth, Arlene Osby of Post and Willie Osby of Hobbs, N.M.

"We look forward to serving the community," Osby said.



Jim Osby

At least two die when vans crash

RITZVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Three vans carrying members of a Chinese dance troupe crashed on an icy highway Friday morning, killing at least two people and injuring 23, authorities said.

Three people were listed in serious condition Friday night, hospital officials said. None of the injuries were life-threatening, they said. Most of the victims, ranging in age from 16 to 20, were treated and released.

Capt. Mike Dubee of the Washington State Patrol said some passengers were ejected from the extended vans, two of which overturned.

"They are all quite traumatized," said Fay Coats, an administrator at one of the hospitals.

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? — Stanfield students of Elvira Gonzales and Carolyn Torres recently presented "What Should You Do?" Reba Bailey is the music teacher. Gonzales' students (top photo) are from left, row one, Liliana Hernandez, Frida Corona, Mayra Benitez, Elsa Gallegos,Tania Rodriguez; row two, Anna Rivera, Lindzey Larrera, Alex Yanes, Juan Medina, Jose Estrada; row three, Geovanny Facio, Roxana Arellano, Ana Cabrera, Myrka Infante, Lizeth Olivarez. Torres' students (bottom photo) are from left, top row, Chris Johnston, Jordan Rodriguez, Karissa Medina, Lyndsie Dunson, Kirstie Lueck, Brice Jackson, Antonio Silva; middle row, Anthony Thurmond, Ashleigh Jenkins, Angie Hernandez, Freddy Lopez, Chad Greene, William Varela; bottom row, Tara Stafford, Lucero Espinoza, Chris Aguilar, Adam Monabais, Margarita Benitez. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Vocational nursing students graduate



GRADUATES — Nine Western Texas College nursing students graduated Thursday in ceremonies at Trinity United Methodist Church, completing a 12-month cycle of instruction at the local college. The group is now eligible to take their state board exams to become licensed vocational nurses. Pictured front row, left to right, Sandy Solis, Coahoma; Misty Stotts, Snyder; Stephanie Hernandez, Snyder; Patricia Alaniz, Westbrook; back row, left to right, Cheryl Clark, Snyder; Treasa Ritch, Hermleigh; La Shanda Ridge, Big Spring; Jennifer Lee, Snyder; Jodi White, Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Nine Western Texas College nursing students graduated Thursday in ceremonies at Trinity United Methodist Church, completing a 12-month cycle of instruction at the local college. (See top Photo)

Pinning ceremonies honored Western Texas College vocational nursing students who completed the first six months of their studies. (See bottom photo)

The program began with a processional. John Gibson, Dean of Vocational Instruction at WTC, offered the invocation and welcome, followed by a song performed by Cindy Nix. WTC vice president, Bettie McQueen introduced the speaker for the ceremony, WTC president Dr. Harry Krenek.

The presentation of certificates and pins was conducted by nursing instructors, Diane Beard and Carol Watkins, assisted by vocational secretary, Donna Robinson. The benediction was offered by John Gibson and was followed by the recessional.

Some students are 'pinned'



PINNED — Pinning ceremonies honored Western Texas College vocational nursing students who completed the first six months of their studies. Students pinned at the ceremony were front row, left to right, Jennifer Smith, Colorado City; Carrmon Whitesides, Colorado City; Lavinda Smith, Colorado City; Tracy Sanders, Snyder; Erica Arellano, Snyder; back row, left to right, April Roby, Post; Erica Garvin, Snyder; Paul Camp, Snyder; Lisa Alonzo, Snyder; Rose Thomas, Coahoma. (Contributed Photo)

Teen sought for two Dartmouth slayings

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A teen-ager was charged in an arrest warrant Friday in the stabbing deaths of two Dartmouth College professors, police said.

The slayings of the popular teachers last month in their secluded home had shaken the close-knit college community. Authorities have released little information about the case.

Police said they were looking for Robert Tulloch, 17, of Chelsea, Vt. The arrest warrant charges him with two counts of murder in the Jan. 27 deaths of Susanne and Half Zantop.

Authorities did not say Friday how they identified the suspect, nor did they immediately release any other information from state police headquarters in Concord, which is 65 miles south of the Dartmouth campus in Hanover.

Police say the teen may be traveling in a silver Audi with a 16-year-old male companion, who is also being sought in connection with the homicides.

The suspect's hometown is about 25 miles northwest of Hanover, which is on the Vermont-New Hampshire line. A man who answered the phone at Tulloch's home refused comment and hung up.

A Chelsea resident who lives about four miles from Tulloch's home said he saw police at the home late Friday night. Rick Ackerman said there was a forensic truck, crime lab officials and four or five state police cars at the home.

Dartmouth president James Wright told the college newspaper that he was relieved that a warrant was issued, but added, "I would be more relieved if they apprehended" him. "This shows that they're making some real progress."

Wright was unaware of any connection between the suspect and the college. The suspect's name does not appear in school records, he said.

Half Zantop, 62, taught earth sciences at the 6,500-student school. Susanne Zantop, 55, was chairwoman of the German Studies Department. Both were naturalized citizens who were natives of Germany and traveled abroad frequently.

The couple were well-known among students and faculty, who said the Zantops frequently opened their home to students and other guests. Authorities believe the Zantops, were killed by someone they knew or let into their home.

Financial Focus

Get Your Kids Started in the Investment World

Many people become successful investors only after going through years of false starts and learning some hard lessons. If you want your children to avoid these troubles, start teaching them good investment habits when they're young. You'll be doing them a big favor — and your whole family can have some fun along the way.

Of course, there are any number of ways you can teach your children about investing. You'll want to explain the benefits as well as the risks that are inherently involved, such as the chance of losing money.

Here are a few suggestions:

***Match children's contributions.** If you have a 401(k) where you work, your employer may match some of your contributions. You can apply the same principle to your children's savings accounts. For every dollar they put into the bank, you could put in 50 cents. Then, once they reach a certain level, such as $500, explain to them the benefits of making the money work harder for them, either through a certificate of deposit or a mutual fund.

***Look for "kid-friendly" investments.** The explosion of mutual funds in recent years is good news for parents. Several child-oriented mutual funds are now available. These funds issue enrollment packets that explain investment basics through kid-friendly newsletters and interactive materials. Also, these types of funds invest in names that are well known to kids, such as McDonald's, Disney and Nike. Many children get a kick out of owning small pieces of familiar companies.

***Play a family "stock-picking" game.** It's easy to set up a stock-picking game. Just have everyone in your family choose a stock to follow for a month or so. At the end of that time, award a small prize to the person whose stock has done the best. You also may want to add some "qualitative analysis" by examining the different factors that may have caused the winning stock to outperform the rest. You'll want to keep all explanations fairly simple, but don't underestimate your children's ability to grasp fairly sophisticated concepts. Remember, children love to learn — and they're often better at it than adults.

***Set a good example.** This may be the most important thing you can do. Talk to your children about how you are saving and investing for the future. Depending on their age, they may be able to understand the figures on your investment account statements. Let them know when you've reached a particular savings/investment goal — enough money for a new car, for example. Make sure they understand the concepts of setting goals, making regular contributions, delaying gratification, etc. Children emulate their parents — if they see that you're serious about savings and investing, it will stick with them.

By the time your children are grown, many things may have changed in the world. But it's a safe bet that people will always need the ability to save and invest wisely. By showing your kids the right paths to follow, you'll be doing them immeasurable good in the years to come.

Cooper retains membership

KANSAS CITY, MO — Bid A. Cooper, MD, a Snyder family physician, 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 study every three years. The academy, with 89,400 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first national medical group to require continuing medical education for its members, thus ensuring their continuing medical expertise.

The specialty of family practice combines the latest in medical technologies with a long tradition of caring and service. Today's family physician is educated and trained to care for the whole person, treating the majority of medical problems. Dr. Cooper has been an active member since July 1, 1982.

Dr. Cooper is chief of staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and offices at Covenant Family Healthcare Center.

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NE 'Crazy Day' winners

Northeast Elementary School students recently competed in Crazy Day Olympics.

In the kindergarten and first grade division Doyle's Footballs captured first place with 7,654 points. Bowen's Dinosaurs were second with 7,491 points; Hester's Little Presents were third with 7,127 points; and fourth place went to Baker's Tigers who earned 7,045 points.

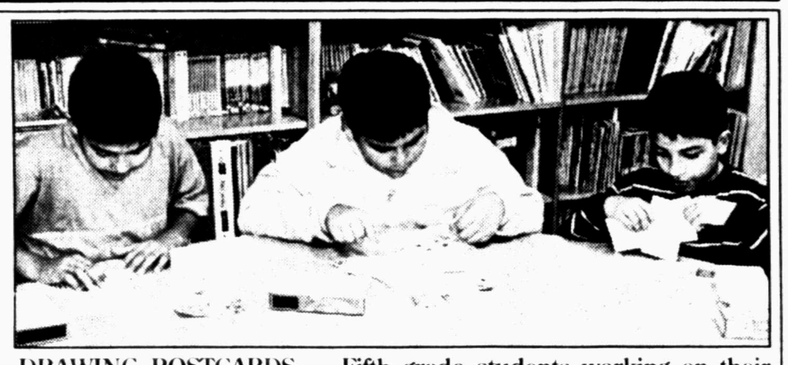
The winning fifth grade class was Uptergrove's Slammers who scored 9,801 points. Second place went to Taylor's Tigers with 9,634 points. Bollinger's Bombers came in third with 9,492 points.

Thornton's Destroyers received fourth place with 9,480 points. Fifth place was presented to Scott's Devils who had 9,232 points. Coming in sixth was Shaw's Shredders with 9,153 points.



CRAZY DAY WINNERS — When the dust had settled from Northeast Elementary's Crazy Day Olympics, two teams were in first place. Doyle Footballs (first two rows) won the kindergarten and first grade division and Uptergrove's Slammers (rows three and four) captured the fifth grade division. Students pictured are from left, back row, Ernesto Arellano, Marselina Carrillo, Jordan Derryberry, Michael Medrano, Morgan Moffett, Derek Murphy, Jessica Sandoval, Anthony White, Kendra Tidwell; third row, Michelle Arteaga, Kaden Billingsey, Trevor Emerson, Angel Ervin, Mayra Estrada, Cassie Hernandez, Josh Ornelas, Kayla Pittman, Nathaniel Reyna, Cord Welsh; second row, Tessa Aguilar, Donica Flores, Kimberly Perez, Diego Hernandez, Glorianna Medrano, Evan Tedder; front row, Randy Vera, Michael Contreras, Kristen Ellis, Joshua Sandoval, Hermelando Aguirre, Zerek Gutierrez, Nikko Garcia. Not pictured are Brandy Stansell and James Hendricks, both Doyle Footballs; and Priscilla Cassarez, Upertgrove's Slammers. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Students track trucker as they study 50 states



DRAWING POSTCARDS — Fifth grade students working on their post cards are from left, Johnathon Hernandez, J.D. Mireles and Willie Berkley. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

When Cathy Beckman's fifth grade students study the states in the U.S., they bring in as many other subjects as they can. And they get a lot of help from a truck driver, John McClure.

He is the father of one of the students, Brett McClure.

Beckman said he brings the students postcards from all over the United States.

"We plot the cities on the map," Beckman said. "We discuss each postcard and we talk about the geography of where that state is and its climate. We learn about many interesting places as we study each state."

As the students study each state, they have to design post cards that depict something about that state. The students also have to write to something about their imaginary trip to that stare.

Beckman said the students also have to depict something you can do in that area. All of the postcards are stored in an empty check box.



MARKING MAP — While truck driver John McClure travels throughout the U.S., he sends a postcard to Cathy Beckman's fifth grade students, and they chart the location on their map. Marking the latest places are Tyler Ethridge, left, and Robert Ritch. McClure's son, Brett, is a member of the class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

California college president wants to end SAT provision

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The president of the University of California has recommended dropping the main SAT as an admission requirement at its eight campuses, saying the test is an unfair measurement of students' abilities.

The development could affect the way high school students in California and across the nation prepare for college. The University of California system is one of the nation's largest, with 170,000 students.

Richard C. Atkinson was to announce his recommendation in a speech to the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C. on Sunday.

"Anyone involved in education should be concerned about how overemphasis on the SAT is distorting educational priorities and practices, how the test is perceived by many as unfair, and how it can have a devastating impact on the self esteem and aspirations of young students," Atkinson says in a draft copy of the speech.

Atkinson has asked UC's Academic Senate, which sets admission standards, to consider dropping the SAT I — which includes a verbal and math test — and take a more comprehensive look at applicants. The university would continue to use the SAT II, a three-part test more closely tied to subjects studied in high school.

The Educational Testing Service says 2.4 million students took the SAT I in 1998-99, while 442,000 took the SAT II.

The proposal would require approval by the UC Board of Regents and could not take effect before fall 2003.

Atkinson's proposal to drop the SAT, taken by more than a million graduating seniors last year, drew strong reaction.

"To drop the SAT would be like deciding you're going to drop grades," said Gaston Caperton, president of the nonprofit College Board, which owns the SAT.

Critics say high school grades are a better indicator of a student's ability than an SAT score. Others say the SAT is crucial to provide a national yardstick — all A's, for instance, are not created equal.

A Massachusetts group that argues a high SAT score may have more to do with money spent on pre-testing coaching than ability said the proposal is a step in the right direction.

"There will be strong pressure on other state college systems to follow California's lead," said Robert Schaeffer of FairTest, which advocates less emphasis on standardized test.

One of the criticisms leveled against the SAT is that it is culturally biased and unfair to disadvantaged students. Admissions diversity has been an issue at UC since 1995, when regents voted to drop affirmative action. Numbers of black and Hispanic students have fallen at top campuses since then.

Caperton defended the SAT as "extremely fair. What is not fair is the education system in America which gives children unequal opportunities."

Did Secret Service threaten student's free speech right?

NEW YORK (AP) — The Secret Service has been accused of trampling on the free speech rights of a college student who wrote a satirical editorial asking Jesus to "smite" President Bush.

The letter was published last week in the Stony Brook Press at the State University of New York campus in Stony Brook. It was written by Glenn Given, 22 the paper's managing editor.

Titled "Editorial: Dear Jesus Christ, King of all Kings, All I ask is that you smite George W. Bush." It also asked Jesus to strike down Bush, his cabinet and MTV personality Carson Daly.

A faculty member apparently contacted authorities.

Given said two Secret Service agents and a campus police officer showed up Wednesday to interrogate him.

They had him sign waivers authorizing them to check his medical records, threatened to charge him with a crime and searched his apartment, according to a letter of protest sent to the Secret Service by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

"The editorial was clearly a form of satire and political hyperbole" in response to Bush's well-publicized devotion to Christianity, the letter said. "We believe it is inappropriate to harass a journalist, editor, writer or citizen for exercising his or her right to free speech."

Given said his work was "a piece of absurdity."

A Secret Service spokesman in Washington, Tony Ball, said the agency had received the letter, but declined to discuss the case.

Bush returns to Texas first time as president

WACO (AP) — On the heels of his inaugural foreign trip as president, George W. Bush stepped on Texas soil Friday for the first time as the nation's leader.

Air Force One touched down at the airport at Texas State Technical College in Waco about 7:35 p.m., where two Marine helicopters waited to take him and his entourage to his ranch near Crawford.

Bush waved to the waiting media as he walked quickly to the helicopter for the short flight to the ranch to join his wife. First lady Laura Bush arrived two weeks ago to oversee renovations and decorating at the couple's home on the 1,600-acre spread, about 20 miles from Waco.

Air Force One landed at the college airport, formerly Connally Air Force Base, because the runway at nearby Waco Regional Airport was too short to accommodate the 757, officials said.

Bush's weekend stay at the "Western White House" comes after a one-day meeting with Mexican President Vicente Fox in Leon, Mexico.

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SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs stave off Balmorhea Bears

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — There were times Friday night when Ira couldn't buy a bucket. Luckily for the Lady Bulldogs, it didn't take much to outshoot the Balmorhea Lady Bears.

Ira overcame a 14-of-56 shooting performance with a tenacious effort on the boards to hold off Balmorhea, 43-35, in a Class A-Division II girls' sectional semifinal Friday night at Abilene High's Eagle Gymnasium.

The victory pushes Ira's record to 15-11, and propeled the Lady Bulldogs into Saturday's sectional final against Brookesmith. The contest was slated for 2 p.m. at Abilene High School.

"It wasn't always pretty, but the girls got the job done. That's the most important thing," said Ira coach Mike Duke. "We didn't play all that bad. We just had an off night shooting. The ball just wouldn't go in for us."

The Lady Bulldogs' cold shooting put them in a hole early on. Ira was 1-for-14 from the floor in the opening quarter, and trailed by four points to begin the second period.

Ira's leading scorer, senior Morgan Clements, soon got her squad rolling. After going 0-for-7 in the first quarter, Clements was 4-of-8 in the second period, fueling a 19-5 run that gave the Lady Bulldogs a 24-14 halftime lead.

The Lady Bears matched Ira's poor shooting performance with one of their own. Balmorhea hit only 26 percent of its shots in the first half, and 30 percent on the night.

The Lady Bulldogs were able to control the game with a solid effort on the boards. Ira grabbed 41 rebounds on the night, 12 of them by Celeigh Sterling, to only 27 for Balmorhea.

Ira extended its lead to 35-19 in the third quarter, thanks to eight points from Clements and three from Sterling.

The 16-point advantage would be the Lady Bulldogs' largest of the night, as Balmorhea made a run in the final frame.

Ira's shooting continued to decline in the second half. The Lady Bulldogs managed only five field goals on 25 attempts, and the Lady Bears took advantage.

Terry Hernandez, who finished with a game-high 27 points, led an 11-3 Balmorhea run in the last three minutes that cut the final margin eight points.

Ira can advance to the semi-state tournament with a win over Brookesmith. Brookesmith, which holds the No. 2 ranking in Class A-Division II, whipped Utopia in another sectional semifinal, 64-30.

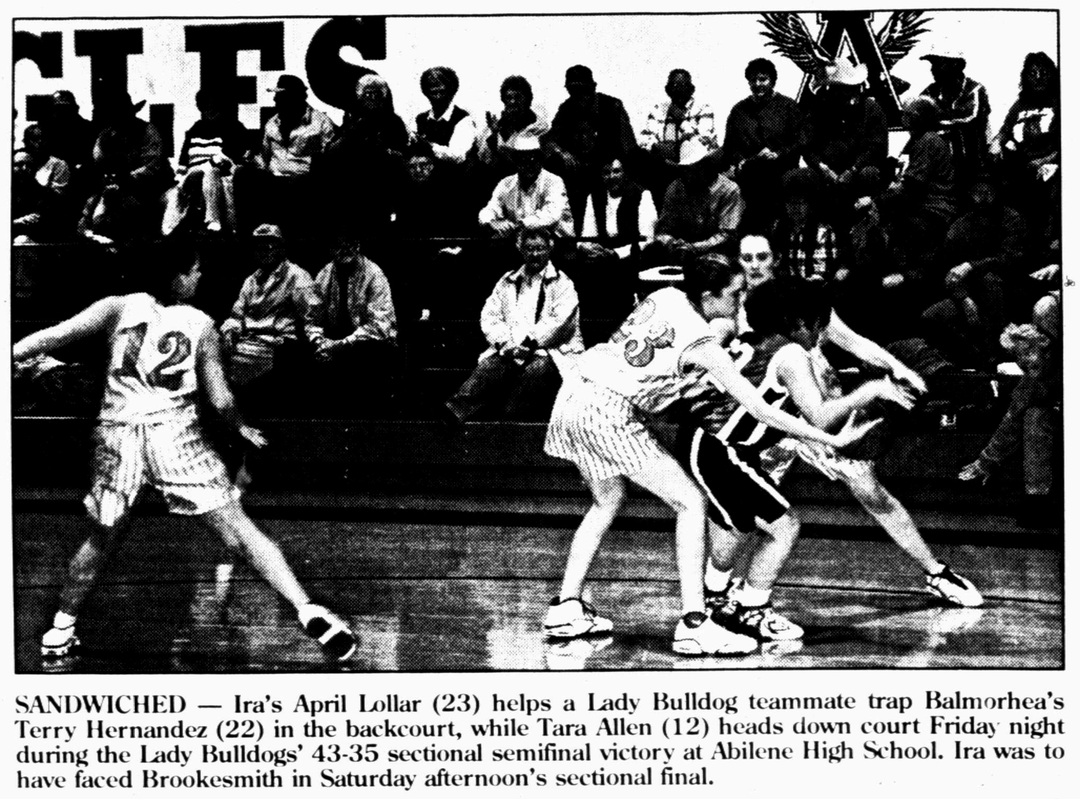
Saturday's winner will square off with the Borden County-Rochelle winner in the first round of next weekend's semi-state tournament in Wichita Falls.

Balmorhea	09	05	05	16	— 35
Ira	05	19	11	08	— 43

Balmorhea
Hernandez 9-20 6-6 27, Rodriguez 2-7 1-2 5, Arredondo 1-4 0-0 2, Baeza 0-4 0-2 0, Garlick 0-4 0-0 0, Briceno 0-1 1-2 1. **Totals 12-40 8-12 35.**

Ira
M.Clements 7-23 2-6 16, Sterling 5-15 4-5 14, Harless 0-5 3-4 3, Allen 0-2 1-2 1, Nettles 0-1 0-0 0, Wilson 1-6 3-4 5, Lollar 1-2 1-2 3, Walker 0-1 1-2 1, K.Clements 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 14-56 15-25 43.**

Three-point goals: Balmorhea 3 (Hernandez 3), Ira 0. Rebounds: Balmorhea 27 (Rodriguez 8), Ira 41 (Sterling 12). Total fouls: Balmorhea 21, Ira 13. Fouled out — Rodriguez, Garlick.



SANDWICHED — Ira's April Lollar (23) helps a Lady Bulldog teammate trap Balmorhea's Terry Hernandez (22) in the backcourt, while Tara Allen (12) heads down court Friday night during the Lady Bulldogs' 43-35 sectional semifinal victory at Abilene High School. Ira was to have faced Brookesmith in Saturday afternoon's sectional final.



SHOOTING FOR TWO — Ira's Lindsey Wilson (33) shoots over Balmorhea's Terry Hernandez (22) during the Lady Bulldogs' victory Friday night in Abilene.

On the diamond...

Tigers will be young, but talented

Heading into the new baseball season, Snyder's roster isn't deep with experience. But that doesn't mean the Tigers are short on talent.

Snyder will return only seven players with any varsity experience when it opens its schedule Thursday at the San Angelo tournament. Of those seven, only four were on the varsity squad the entire year, and only one logged more than 50 plate appearances.

"We don't have as many guys back this year as we've had in years past," said Snyder skipper Roland Herrera. "But we've got quite a few guys who can play. Our experience level has dropped off some, but our skill level hasn't."

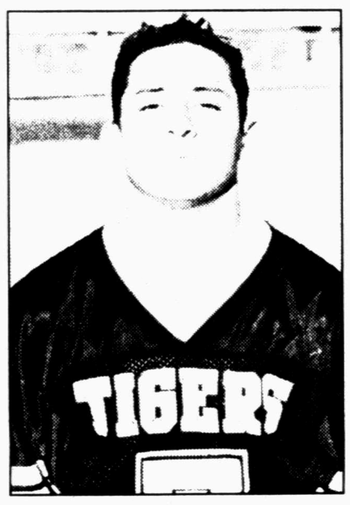
Senior Ralph Ramon will likely be the Tigers' go-to guy, both at the plate and on the mound.

Ramon, the most experienced of the Tigers, batted over .300 last year in the lead-off spot, and was a main contributor on the hill. The right-hander pitched 60-plus innings last season, ringing up more than 70 strikeouts to only 33 walks.

"Ralph pitched a lot for us last year, and did a good job," Herrera said. "And he's improved even more since then. We should be pretty solid in the pitching department.

"So to be successful, we have to play good defense behind our pitchers, and get some timely hits to give them some run support."

The other hurlers with innings under their belts are juniors Tito Alaniz and Brandon McGuire.



Ralph Ramon

Alaniz, a lefty, threw 21 innings as a sophomore, but should see more time on the hill this season. McGuire, who underwent elbow surgery earlier this fall, worked less than seven innings last year, but will likely see more work as well.

Senior utility player Jesse Haines is the only other Tiger who spent all of last year on the varsity level. Haines batted .306, in 49 plate appearances as a junior.

Also logging time on the diamond this year should be juniors Brooks Nunley and Riki Dorsett, along with sophomore Tyler Pollard. All three players were elevated to the varsity squad for last year's bi-district series with Joshua.

Snyder won Game 1 of the series, 13-0, before dropping the next two to end its season with a mark of 15-15, and the Tigers are ready to put the memory of that series behind them.

"It definitely wasn't the way we wanted to end our season," Herrera remarked. "We thought we should have won that series. Now, we're ready to get past that. We don't want to dwell on last year. We want to stay focused on what we have to do win ball games this year."

After starting their season Thursday at the San Angelo tournament, the Tigers return to Snyder for their home opener Feb. 26 against San Angelo Central.

Other than competing in the Seguin tournament, and hosting its own Iron Curtain Classic, Snyder has only one other non-district contest March 6 at Odessa High.

The Tigers open their 14-game district schedule March 13 at home against Lake View.

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	14	12	3	71	196	141
Philadelphia	30	18	9	1	70	176	159
Pittsburgh	28	20	7	2	65	188	176
N.Y. Rangers	23	29	4	1	51	177	200
N.Y. Islanders	14	35	5	3	36	126	182

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	15	8	2	74	184	141
Toronto	26	20	9	4	65	174	146
Buffalo	29	22	5	1	64	149	134
Boston	25	22	6	5	61	151	168
Montreal	20	29	5	4	49	146	164

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	28	19	10	1	67	162	149
Carolina	24	22	7	3	58	144	153
Atlanta	18	29	9	2	47	160	202
Florida	16	28	8	7	47	136	175
Tampa Bay	15	35	5	3	38	141	209

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	37	12	7	2	83	193	129
Detroit	34	16	5	4	77	172	150
Nashville	24	27	7	2	57	141	153
Chicago	23	27	5	3	54	158	169
Columbus	18	29	7	4	47	129	171

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	36	12	8	2	82	184	135
Vancouver	28	19	5	5	66	179	167
Edmonton	26	23	9	1	62	157	160
Calgary	20	22	11	4	55	144	164
Minnesota	21	25	8	3	53	124	136

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	32	15	10	0	74	161	123
Dallas	33	19	5	1	72	158	137
Phoenix	27	17	12	2	68	149	135
Los Angeles	25	24	8	1	59	194	179
Anaheim	16	31	8	5	45	139	185

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games
Buffalo 3, Atlanta 1
Ottawa 4, Colorado 1
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3
Philadelphia 5, Toronto 2
St. Louis 4, Calgary 1

Friday's Games
Phoenix 2, Carolina 0
Detroit 4, Columbus 2
Florida 2, Boston 1
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 4, tie
Chicago 6, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 4, Minnesota 0
San Jose 2, Nashville 0
Dallas 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Saturday's Games
Colorado at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Lady Coyotes clobber Dell City in semifinals

ABILENE — The Borden County Lady Coyotes advanced to the section finals, and they did it with relative ease.

Borden County clobbered Dell City, 74-33, in a girls' Class A-Division II section semifinal Friday night at Abilene's McMurry University.

The Lady Coyotes were to have squared off Saturday morning against Rochelle in the sectional finals. Rochelle was a 56-51 winner over Knippa on Friday.

Against Dell City, the Lady Coyotes took control early and never looked back.

Borden County built a 16-4 first-quarter lead, which it stretched to 38-13 by halftime.

The Lady Coyotes continued to cruise in the second half, posting 36 points, while surrendering only 20.

Bobbie Kempf poured in 20 points to pace Borden County, while Micah Hensley added 16, and Bekah Hensley netted 12.

Dalene Kempf and Rika Copeland tallied nine points apiece. Kylia Culp drained six, and Shayla Glass chipped in two.

Saturday's winner will advance to face the Ira-Brookesmith winner in the first round of next weekend's semi-state tournament in Wichita Falls.

End of Aikman's career could become a reality

DALLAS (AP) -- Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman says the possibility that he might not play football next year is realistic.

He is in negotiations with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones about his future. Aikman, who has helped the Cowboys win three Super Bowl titles in his 12 years with the team, is due $7 million if he is on the roster on March 15. The team doesn't have to pay Aikman that bonus if they cut him or he decides to retire before the new deadline.

Aikman's health has been an issue. He has suffered four concussions in his last 20 starts and missed all or part of eight games last season.

Aikman told Dallas television station KTVT for a story Friday that he would love to play five more seasons for the Cowboys, but added that "the possibilty of me not playing at all next year is realistic."

"We all recognize the earlier we come to a conclusion, the better off everybody is. The club, myself....we all understand the urgency of it and how it effects the life of other people," Aikman said about negotitions.

Aikman said the deadline could be pushed back further than March 15.

"There has been a deadline in March that I think a lot of people of tended to point towards. That date is probably not an accurate date," he said in the interview from the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament in La Quinta, Calif.

Aikman said he hasn't discussed the possibility of playing elsewhere.

"That would only be considered if every avenue was exhausted in Dallas and if it's decided ultimately that what I want to do is play," he said.

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers slip on back nine, trail Andrews, Fort Stockton

When the Snyder Lady Tigers are on the links, there's a constant battle between their skillful golf swings, and their youthful inexperience.

On the back nine on Friday, inexperience won out.

Snyder dropped nine strokes to the leaders on the back nine Friday, and slipped into third place after one round of the Snyder Girls' Invitational.

The Lady Tigers made the turn at Snyder Country Club at 174, only two strokes off the pace of state-ranked Andrews. But while the Lady Mustangs picked up their game on the inward nine, the Lady Tigers stumbled to a 178, coming in to finish a 352 for the day.

Andrews fired a 341 to lead the event, followed by Fort Stockton at 344. Snyder sits third, followed by Lamesa, Lubbock Coronado, Abilene Cooper and Abilene Wylie.

"We were right in the hunt, and then we had horrible back nine," said disgruntled Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "That's just not responding to pressure. We were paired with Andrews and Fort Stockton, and they started getting after on the back nine, we just didn't respond."

Junior Andra Lancaster, who took top medalist honors at last week's tourney in Big Spring, carded an 82 to pace the Lady Tigers on Friday. Lancaster's 82 was fourth-best on the day, five strokes shy of Ashley Robb's 77 for Andrews.

Katie Kerley tallied an 89 for Snyder, while Kara Harrison posted a 90. Kellie Dodson, who made the turn at 43, finished with a 91, and Christan Curry registered a 92.

"We've been playing well lately, but this is the first time we've really played anybody," Glenn stated. "It's easy to shoot a low number when your facing someone who's playing poor, but it's more difficult to play well when you're facing one of the top teams in the state. Our girls are getting their first taste of that.

"Part of our problem today, was that we're young. Those other teams are more mature and have been there before. We've got some young girls who felt the pressure for the first time today, and it got to them."

In Friday's Division II competition at Western Texas College, Snyder II fired a 382 to nab the opening-round lead by 21 strokes over Plainview.

Lubbock High was third, followed by Lubbock Monterey, Levelland and Big Spring.

Lauren Day fired a 91 to anchor the Lady Tigers' effort, while Hailey Putnam turned in a 94.

Catherine Whitworth shot a 98. Paige Smith posted a 99. Somer Powell tallied a 111, and Cami Trout finished with a 121.

The tournament was to conclude Saturday, with Division I playing at college, and Division II at the country club.

Snyder varsity will take next weekend off, before returning to tournament competition March 2-3 at the Midland Invitational.

The Lady Tigers tee off in District 4-4A action March 24 at Big Spring.

Snyder Girls Invitational

Division I
at Snyder Country Club

Team standings: 1. Andrews 341, 2. Fort Stockton 344, 3. Snyder 352, 4. Lamesa 374, 5. Lubbock Coronado 386, 6. Abilene Cooper 412, 7. Abilene Wylie 436.

Individual standings: 1. Ashley Robb, Andrews, 77; 2. Lara Sowers, Lubbock Coronado, 80; 3. Keelie Cates, Fort Stockton, 81; 4. Andra Lancaster, Snyder, 82; 5. Taryn Elliott, Fort Stockton, 83; 6. Jessica Thurston, Andrews, 86; 7. Megan Hall, Andrews, 87; 8. (tie) Whitney Lowther, Fort Stockton and Kari Price, Lamesa, 88; 10. Katie Kerley, Snyder, 89.

Other Andrews scores: Jessica Thames, 91; Kerri Self, 98.

Other Fort Stockton scores: Valerie Nolen, 92; Laura Abbott, 105.

Other Snyder scores: Kara Harrison, 90; Kellie Dodson, 91; Christan Curry, 92.

Other Lamesa scores: Courtney Adams, 91; Kortney Britt, 95; Lori Napper, 100; Corley Hodges, 102.

Other Lubbock Coronado scores: Laura Hunter, 95; Erin Loveless, 104; Shelby Garcia, 107; Crystal Craig, 122.

Abilene Cooper: Sarah Gentryt, 100; Alesha Mitchell, 102; Clarissa Nix, 103; Barbara John, 107; Cathy Clyburn, 114.

Abilene Wylie: Jessica Harbin, 97; Chandra Hayes, 112; Beth Bridwell, 113; Kristen Glenn, 114; Kristi Schkade, 127.

Division II
at Western Texas College

Team standings: 1. Snyder 382, 2. Plainview 403, 3. Lubbock High 409, 4. Lubbock Monterey 426, 5 Levelland 470, 6. Big Spring 498.

Individual standings: 1. Tamara McDonald, Levelland, 85; 2. (tie) Amanda Acreman, Lubbock High and Toni Joiner, Colorado City, 89; 4. Lauren Day, Snyder, 91; 5. Jaime Scherr, Lubbock High, 93; 6. (tie) Hailey Putnam, Snyder and Haley Horne, Plainview, 94; 8. (tie) Catherine Whitworth, Snyder and Amber Summers, Frenship, 98; 10. Paige Smith, Snyder, 99.

Other Snyder scores: Somer Powell, 111; Cami Trout, 121.

Other Plainview scores: Jessica Newman, 102; Ali Pohlmeier, 102; Amanda Lewis, 105; Katie Long, 109.

Other Lubbock High scores: Megan Bennett, 110; Lydia Goebel, 117; Heather Shoemaker, 134.

Lubbock Monterey: Katie Akeroyd, 102; Lacy Simon, 102; Kimberly Numken, 105; Tricia Lindley, 117; Kyla Drake, 135.

Other Levelland scores: Amber Pinkert, 110; Lindsey Standsifer, 137; Ashley Bryant, 138; Carrie Cash, 141.

Big Spring: Brittney Griffith, 106; Sara Anthony, 118; Jessica Hicks, 135; Angela Payne, 139.

Lake View: Ashleigh Hoffman, 100; Kelli Cooper, 117; Fallon Bradford, 120.

Tigers sit eighth after first round in Abilene

ABILENE — On a wet and windy day at Diamondback Golf Club, the Snyder Tigers played consistent golf to keep them in the hunt at the Big Country Classic.

Snyder carded a 318 in Friday's opening round. The Tigers sit in eighth place heading into Saturday's final round, only five strokes out of second place, and just 11 shots off the lead.

Sweetwater, behind the play of Sean Howard who is tied for third in the individual standings with a 74, fired a 307 to grab the early lead. Abilene Cooper, Amarillo High and Midland are deadlocked in second place at 313.

Junior Clinton Calmes posted a 77 to pace the Tigers' effort.

Senior Landon Day shot a 79, while sophomores Brady Reed and Zach Starnes came in with a pair of 81s. Senior Levi Mandrell finished with an 82.

The final round will be played at Maxwell Municipal Golf Course.

BIG COUNTRY CLASSIC
at Diamondback Golf Club

Team standings: 1. Sweetwater 307, 2. (tie) Abilene Cooper, Amarillo High and Midland Lee 313, 5. Odessa Permian 315, 6. Midland High 316, 7. Lubbock Coronado 317, 8. Snyder 318, 9. Abilene Wylie 320, 10. Abilene Cooper II 322, 11. Brownwood 329, 12. (tie) Lubbock Monterey and San Angelo Lake View 330, 14. Breckenridge 339, 15. Abilene High 344, 16. (tie) Merkel and San Angelo Central II 345, 18. Borger 346, 19. Abilene High II 355, 20. Lubbock High 367.

Individual standings: 1. Trey Todd, Abilene Wylie, 72; 2. Robert Evans, Amarillo High, 73; 3. (tie) Joe Graham, Abilene Cooper, Bryan Luna, San Angelo Lake View, Sean Howard, Sweetwater and Chad Hanchey, Odessa Permian, 74.

Snyder: Clinton Calmes, 77; Landon Day, 79; Brady Reed, 81; Zach Starnes, 81; Levi Mandrell, 82.



DEER SLAYER — Snyder's Kade Kruger, 11, poses with the seven-point buck he shot northwest of Snyder on the last day of hunting season. (Contributed Photo)

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	39	14	.736	—
Miami	32	20	.615	6½
New York	30	20	.600	7½
Orlando	27	23	.540	10½
Boston	23	28	.451	15
New Jersey	17	37	.315	22½
Washington	12	39	.235	26
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	30	19	.612	—
Toronto	27	24	.529	4
Charlotte	27	26	.509	5
Indiana	22	28	.440	8½
Cleveland	20	29	.408	10
Detroit	20	32	.385	11½
Atlanta	16	35	.314	15
Chicago	7	42	.143	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	34	16	.680	—
Utah	33	16	.673	½
Dallas	32	20	.615	3
Minnesota	32	21	.604	3½
Denver	28	24	.538	7
Houston	26	26	.500	9
Vancouver	15	36	.294	19½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	37	15	.712	—
Sacramento	32	16	.667	3
L.A. Lakers	33	17	.660	3
Phoenix	30	20	.600	6
Seattle	28	25	.528	9½
L.A. Clippers	16	37	.302	21½
Golden State	15	35	.300	21

Thursday's Games
Indiana 82, Detroit 73
Miami 98, Toronto 91, OT
Dallas 102, Cleveland 81
San Antonio 102, Washington 78
Boston 108, Seattle 88
Portland 105, Sacramento 81
Vancouver 99, Golden State 89

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 108, L.A. Clippers 93
New York 114, New Jersey 104
Orlando 108, Houston 93
L.A. Lakers 99, Charlotte 94
San Antonio 91, Minnesota 85

Saturday's Games
Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Antonio at Toronto, Noon
New York at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Free throws fuel Spurs' 91-85 victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs put in all on the line — the free throw line — in a Western Conference matchup against Minnesota.

Duncan converted 12 of 16 free throws and finished with 26 points, and the Spurs shot 30-for-47 from the line and beat the Timberwolves 91-85 Friday night.

"To get 47 free throws is great," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "To make 30 is not too good."

Derek Anderson was 9-for-11 from the line and added 21 points as San Antonio moved into first place in the Midwest Division. The Spurs are a half-game ahead of Utah and 3 1/2 games in front of Minnesota.

The Spurs have won three straight and 11 of their last 12 games. Minnesota has dropped three in a row, all against conference foes.

"We're beating each other up out here in the West," said Popovich. "Every game is a battle."

Duncan agreed.

"You have to bring your 'A' game or you're going home with a loss," said Duncan, who had 12 rebounds.

Kevin Garnett had 31 points and 16 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who had won a franchise-record 11 straight before the All-Star break.

"We're vulnerable right now," Garnett said. "There is a target on our back and we have to recognize that.

"That step we had before the break, we have to get that back."

Minnesota shot just 37.2 percent (32-for-86) in losing their first home game since Jan. 15 (six games). Wally Szczerbiak scored 10 points, but shot just 4-for-15.

The Wolves will have a chance to get back on track Sunday against Vancouver, which is winless in 11 games at the Target Center.

"We've got to come out hungry," Garnett said. "It starts tomorrow in practice."

Minnesota opened the fourth quarter with a 13-8 run. Garnett scored seven points in the outburst as the Timberwolves closed within 81-77 at the 6:53 mark. But David Robinson hit two free throws and Anderson hit a jumper to push the lead back to eight.

The teams traded baskets twice before Terrell Brandon hit a jumper and LaPhonso Ellis hit a layup to make it 89-85 with 1:10 left.

But Anderson and Terry Porter each made 1 of 2 free throws down the stretch and the Wolves missed their last four shots.

"I was in there swinging," said Ellis, who had 11 points and nine rebounds. "(But) it was one of those nights is seemed the harder we tried the worse it got."

San Antonio made 18-of-25 free throws attempts in the first half and led 49-45 at the break.

Garnett made more field goals (8) than the rest of the Timberwolves (7) in the half, finishing with 22 points on 8-of-13 shooting.

"We did a good job taking away the easy buckets," Robinson said. "It's a lot harder to win with jumpshots."

Anderson scored nine points in the third quarter as the Spurs extended their lead to 73-64.

NCAA Basketball

MEN
East
Brown 90, Harvard 82
Canisius 83, Loyola, Md. 66
Columbia 59, Princeton 42
Niagara 90, Manhattan 80
Penn 59, Cornell 57
Siena 65, Fairfield 46
Yale 78, Dartmouth 50

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
Idaho St. 79, Montana 75, OT
Portland St. 73, E. Washington 62
San Diego 82, St. Mary's, Cal. 54
Santa Clara 63, San Francisco 52

WOMEN
East
Columbia 51, Princeton 49, OT
Dartmouth 82, Yale 63
Drexel 89, New Hampshire 69
Fairfield 59, Canisius 48
George Washington 58, Massachusetts 41
Harvard 65, Brown 48
Loyola, Md. 75, Iona 45
Maine 64, Hofstra 58
Penn 59, Cornell 54
St. Bonaventure 61, Rhode Island 55
St. Peter's 76, Niagara 42
Temple 52, Fordham 50

South
Cincinnati 73, N.C. Charlotte 50
DePaul 57, South Florida 46
East Carolina 71, American U. 34
Memphis 76, Tulane 61
UAB 64, Southern Miss. 51

Midwest
Dayton 82, Duquesne 63
Indiana St. 82, Illinois St. 60
Louisville 61, Saint Louis 44
N. Iowa 58, Wichita St. 49
SW Missouri St. 81, Bradley 55
Xavier 63, St. Joseph's 50

Southwest
Hawaii 62, SMU 48
Houston 71, Marquette 52
Rice 69, San Jose St. 56

Far West
California 82, Stanford 73
Fresno St. 72, Tulsa 58
Idaho St. 56, Montana 53
Long Beach St. 92, Idaho 70
Loyola Marymount 60, Gonzaga 37
Nevada 71, TCU 63
Pacific 73, Boise St. 69
Pepperdine 65, Portland 58
UC Irvine 69, Cal Poly-SLO 63

XFL Glance

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EAST CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	2	0	1.000	59	43
Birmingham	1	1	.500	39	34
Chicago	0	2	.000	61	72
NY/NJ	0	2	.000	12	38
WEST CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	2	0	1.000	44	3
Memphis	1	1	.500	25	45
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	52	47
San Francisco	1	1	.500	29	39

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles at Las Vegas, 8 p.m.
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Sunday's Games
Chicago at Birmingham, 4 p.m.
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Saturday, Feb. 24
New York-New Jersey at Chicago, 8 p.m.
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Sunday, Feb. 25
Las Vegas at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

Rockets fall to Magic, 108-93

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 14 of his 35 points in third quarter as Orlando won its eighth straight game, beating Houston 108-93 on Friday night.

Darrell Armstrong added 20 points and nine assists for Orlando.

Cuttino Mobley had 31 points for the Rockets, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

McGrady was almost unstoppable Friday, shooting 16-for-24 on a variety of mid-range jumpers. He rarely drove the lane, attempting only five foul shots and converting two. He scored just one point in the fourth quarter.

Orlando took control of the game early in the third quarter with a 20-4 run.

Sports Briefs

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In Christian Love,
Donald and Jean McMillon

THANK YOU



The family of Karlvin Helm would like to express our gratitude for all the kind acts of sympathy that was shown during the loss of our loved one. The prayers, cards, flowers, food and words of comfort and concern will long be remembered.

Rosalie Helm
Kathryn & J.B. Tate
Ronnie & Ramona Helm

THE FAMILY OF FRANCES PYLANT

We take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow, when our loved one was called away. We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers that were sent; also the food that was prepared.

May you have just such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home.

May Heaven's richest blessings fall on each of you.

Kerry Tidwell & Family

Silver mine closing stuns area

KELLOGG, Idaho (AP) — The Sunshine Mine, the nation's largest silver mine, has been a mainstay in this community for more than a century, providing jobs, driving the economy and helping the region earn the name Silver Valley.

But the area's economy was dealt a serious blow this week when the mine closed, after years of low prices and foreign competition. Four days after the announcement, 130 miners were out of work.

"There's a lot of depression and uncertainty about where we're going next," said Ken Poulson, a Sunshine mechanic. "Most people are wandering around. They knew it was coming, but it's still a shock."

General Manager Harry F. Cougher shook hands with the mechanics and contract miners as they left the mine Friday — perhaps for the last time. The mine's owners will keep a skeleton crew to run massive pumps and fans so the mine can be reopened if silver prices rise in the future.

Silver has sold for $5 or less an ounce for several years and recently dipped as low as $4.50 an ounce. Silver prices thrived two decades ago, trading in the teens in the early 1980s.

Discovered on a hillside above east of Kellogg in 1884 by brothers True and Dennis Blake, the Sunshine Mine became the nation's largest and most productive underground silver mine. In its heyday, it employed nearly 600 workers and had yielded more than 300 million ounces of silver by its 100th anniversary.

The mine, with shafts plunging 6,000 feet beneath the surface, was the scene of one of the nation's worst mining catastrophes, when an underground fire killed 91 miners on May 2, 1972.

The mine's owners have fallen on hard times in recent years, coming through two bankruptcies in the past decade.

"We were losing a bit, but we were paying our bills," Cougher said. "Our surprise was that it (silver price) has stayed down as long as it has. It would have to be consistently above $6 for us to reopen."

Pink slips were handed to 130 workers on Monday. Another 15 will be laid off in the next month, with a crew of about 50 hourly workers and staff remaining for about three months to mothball the mine, Cougher said.

Larry Brown, a mechanic who has worked at the mine for 26 years, criticized the company for its handling of the layoffs with only four days notice.

"We all live here in the Silver Valley. There are no jobs," he said. "A lot of us are going to head out of town."

The future of the northern Idaho area could depend on tourism. Kellogg has adopted a Bavarian town theme and depends heavily on the tourist trade, but it has failed to flourish because the area is within one of the largest Superfund sites in the nation. The Superfund was established by the government to clean up sites where toxic waste has been dumped.

As Sunshine miners packed their personal gear out of the mine in plastic bags, skiers getting a jump on the weekend rode a gondola from downtown Kellogg to the Silver Mountain ski resort nearby.

"We do like the touristy type of attraction," Kellogg Chamber of Commerce Director Doris Miller said, sounding a note of optimism amid the gloom.

"Silver Mountain has room for growth. We don't know if they're going to, but it's also a summer resort, with concerts, hiking and biking. If we can get that going, we'll be fine."

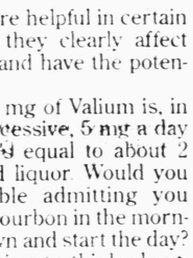
Despite the tourism efforts, losing the Sunshine Mine will weigh heavy on the Silver Valley.

"It's like a member of the family disappearing," Cougher said. "There's a sadness, whether you work here or not."

On the Net:
Sunshine Mining: http://www.sunshinemining.com/

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



British vs. American health care

DEAR DR. GOTT: England has had a system of socialized medicine for decades. Why haven't Americans considered this option, which seems to me to be superior to our own chaotic method of paying for medical care?

DEAR READER: The British system of health care, called National Health Service, has been getting favorable press recently because American legislators are flirting with the concept of socialized medicine. To U.S. doctors, the idea of government-controlled medical care is repugnant. However, American medical costs are escalating so rapidly that other options have become increasingly attractive to congressional cost-cutters, as well as to individuals and corporations paying for health care and medical insurance.

British doctors have a different attitude than do American physicians; also, the British public has expectations that are in contrast to those in the United States. Most British practitioners are comfortable with NHS. Yes, many supplement their incomes by moonlighting as private consultants. True, British doctors are paid the same, regardless of specialty; and they sacrifice autonomy and independence for economic security. Nonetheless, the physicians are satisfied. One of the reasons is that their patients take a very un-American view of medical care.

British patients accept the reality of health-care allocation. Because of financial constraints, not all deserving patients receive high-tech treatment, and they must wait — sometimes for months — to have elective surgery. Although this backlog is a consequence of inadequate hospital services, the British feel honorbound to wait their turn.

In contrast, Americans believe in "me-first" medicine. If you don't look after Number One and the little Number One-ettes, who will? In contrast, the British lionize their healers and believe that it's uncivilized to bother such dedicated public servants with frivolous complaints.

Another fundamental difference: Americans believe that death is negotiable. Europeans are much more fatalistic about this subject. Americans — some of whom are back-seat doctors — demand heroic, expensive and painful life-prolonging measures. Death can be put off, and damn the cost.

Finally, the malpractice situation is quite different. The British pretty well accept accidents as inevitable; nature is full of unpleasant surprises, physicians are fallible and are not held accountable for bad results, providing they administer a level of care commensurate with the norm.

Americans do not believe in accidents. There is no such thing as medical no-fault. If somebody screws up, then someone's gonna pay. Therefore, Yank practitioners live under a constant surveillance and threat that — so far, at least — has not contaminated British medical care. The British doctor has not been forced into practicing defensively, with each patient a potential lawsuit.

Of course, this enviable orientation is changing in the United Kingdom. More disgruntled patients are refusing arbitration, preferring instead to go to court in hopes of a big settlement. British doctors are becoming uncharacteristically nervous about this. Very alarmed. They realize that if their patients become more mercenary, NHS might collapse under the weight of litigation and the system would have to be organized into a free-market American scheme.

Paradoxically, the United States seems to be heading toward a more British arrangement. The form our health care system will eventually take probably depends more on the American public's attitudes and expectations than on any other factor. Americans consider the individual first and the collective second; Britons view the community and common good as paramount. I contend that unless our public sentiments are altered, any new health-care system is doomed.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of anxiety, I have taken Valium for 20 years. I sometimes require as much as 20 milligrams a day, but more often I average about 5 mg a day. Is it possible that some people simply need Valium to function, just as diabetics need insulin? Why is Valium always considered to be a culprit, whereas Librium, Xanax and Ativan are not?

DEAR READER: First of all, people do not "need" tranquilizers any more than they "need" alcohol or narcotics. Valium, as well as the other prescription drugs you mentioned, are useful for the short-term treatment of anxiety and nervousness. However, these medications do have side effects (such as drowsiness and forgetfulness), and they can be habit-forming. Despite manufacturers' claims, they cause identical problems; there is no one "culprit."

Twenty years ago, doctors were far less wary of tranquilizers than they are today and freely prescribed these drugs to control nervousness. That's how Valium became the most widely prescribed tranquilizer in the world and made millions of dollars in profit for its manufacturer. We now recognize that there is a trade-off: Tranquilizers are helpful in certain instances, but they clearly affect brain function and have the potential for abuse.

Although 20 mg of Valium is, in my opinion, excessive, 5 mg a day is not a lot. It's equal to about 2 ounces of hard liquor. Would you feel comfortable admitting you need a belt of bourbon in the morning to calm down and start the day? This is something to think about. Most patients I have known would be insulted if I suggested they had a drug-dependency problem. Yet, Valium — not alcohol — was their drug of choice. The same could be said of Librium, Xanax, Ativan, or any sleeping pill.

To a degree, I blame the doctor who has continued to supply you with Valium, year after year, without suggesting alternative therapy. Your anxiety level, for example, could be reduced through counseling or stress management. You might not even require drugs to function normally. There's been a terrible misconception in this country that every ache and pain must be treated, every manifestation of anxiety and nervousness must be neutralized with a drug. This is not only expensive and unhealthy, it defies common sense. After all, the human condition is fraught with frustration and apprehension.

Try putting up with your anxiety, or better yet, find out what's causing it. You may be pleasantly surprised at how good you will feel without the psychological and physical dependence on Valium. You will think more clearly, handle your problems more realistically, experience life more vividly, and — most importantly — be free of that little yellow pill you probably haven't needed for 19 years.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." 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: As a coordinator for a Lyme disease patient advocacy committee, I commend you on your article about the risks of Lyme vaccine. Adverse affects are not rare and may even be life-threatening. Unfortunately, such incidences are not usually reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. You would be doing a great service to the public by publishing VAERS number, (800) 822-7967, so that patients or doctors can report bad reactions from the vaccine.

DEAR READER: Done. As more information about the vaccine is obtained, authorities will be in a much better position to advise patients and health professionals about whether or not to be immunized.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Capitol Briefs

DISEASE WARNING

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas students and their families would be warned about the deadly, little-known disease known as bacterial meningitis under a bill approved Thursday by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

The bill calls for information about meningitis to be distributed to college and public school students and their parents.

The bill now goes to the full Senate for a vote.

The spread of bacterial infection is commonly associated with close living conditions, such as at a military barracks or a school dormitory.

Early symptons of meningitis include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting. It takes from two to 10 days to develop meningitis symptoms once infected.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Battered women in dating relationships would be given the same protection against domestic violence as married women, under a bill approved by the Senate.

Under the bill by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, victims of dating violence can apply for protective orders against abusive partners with whom they have a "continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature."

Current law protects victims who are married, live with or have children with their abusers.

UNINSURED TEXANS

Already one in four Texans is uninsured and that number could grow, one lawmaker says.

A wave of layoffs hitting the state leaves many people without insurance, said Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington. Harris also says that when census figures are released this spring, the state may find that even more people are uninsured.

His comments came as state lawmakers released a report on the uninsured. The report recommends simplifying the Medicaid process so that more people can sign up for the program.

Simplifying the program, however, would cost the state at least $400 million because more children likely would sign on for the program.

CLOSING THE GAPS

A bill by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and Rep. Robert Puente, Democrats from San Antonio, would create a San Antonio Joint Life Sciences Institute that links the resources of the UT Health Science Center and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The new institute would provide opportunities to develop and offer advanced academic degrees in life sciences disciplines and conduct collaborative research with greater competitiveness in attracting outside funding, Van de Putte said.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS

Math and science teachers who seek jobs in the border counties would get incentives under a bill filed Thursday by Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple. The bill would provide incentive pay to teachers who pursue advanced degrees and additional certifications or accept assignments to teach in a variety of critical needs area.

Wreckage found

HONOLULU (AP) — A deep-sea robot has found the wreckage of a Japanese fishing vessel that sank when a Navy attack submarine tore through it while surfacing, Navy officials said Saturday.

"All we can do is confirm that a remote-operated vehicle has located the Ehime Maru," said Jon Yoshishige, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Yoshishige said the fishing boat was spotted at 11:25 p.m. Friday sitting nearly upright in 2,033 feet of water, approximately 1,000 yards from the collision site.

A Navy support ship had lowered the remotely operated deep-diving vehicle, the Super Scorpio II, into the ocean nine miles south of Diamond Head — where the crash took place — to begin the search on Friday.

The unmanned submersible is equipped with sonar and two video cameras, and has a limited recovery capability.

The Scorpio on Saturday was continuing a scan on the vessel and the area around it, Yoshishige said. There was no word whether any bodies had been detected in the 500-ton Ehime Maru.

Clerk tricked into giving away $675

• ***$675 taken***

Snyder Police are investigating as a theft an incident that took place at the fuel center at United Friday in which a clerk unknowingly gave a man $675 in cash.

Sgt. Brian Haggard of the Snyder Police Department said the unidentified man bought $6 in gasoline and then presented the clerk with a voucher coupon and she gave him the $675.

The sergeant said the clerk was apparently a new employee and did not know she was not supposed to give the money to the man.

"He basically tricked the clerk into giving him the money," Sgt. Haggard said.

The incident is under investigation, and an offense report for Class A theft was filed.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk from Rip Griffin's truck stop reported at 3:47 p.m. Friday that a subject had driven off without paying for $26.02 in gasoline.

Another gas drive-off from the business in the amount of $23 was reported at 10:49 p.m. Friday.

• ***Arrests***

A Department of Public Safety trooper took a 23-year-old man into custody at 2:02 p.m. Friday on U.S. Hwy. 84 near the Royal Trailer Park. The subject had a Dallas County misdemeanor warrant for bond forfeiture and evading arrest.

At 4:54 p.m. Friday, a 40-year-old man was arrested for misdemeanor assault and family violence.

Baldemar Gonzales, 27, of 310 20th Street was jailed Friday for felony assault and family violence. Officers took him into custody at 5:31 p.m. at his home.

Births

Chris Sosa and Renee Lujan of Snyder are the parents of a son, Timothy Cain Sosa, born at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, one ounce.

Grandparents are Tony and Dominga of Snyder, Belia and Ralph Torres of Snyder and John and Veronica Lujan of Grand Prairie. Great-grandparents are Angel and Delfina Lopez of Snyder, Cruz Sosa of Snyder and Alejanda Sosa of Snyder.

Counselor's workshop set on Friday

Some 40 people from area high schools are expected at Western Texas College Friday for a counselor's workshop.

Registration for the event begins at 9 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The purpose of the workshop is to inform area high school counselors about financial aid updates, hot career choices for students, roles of community colleges, concurrent enrollment issues, distance learning through ITV and other alternative delivery styles, coordinator Tammy Wesson said.

"After attending the workshop, counselors will be more informed on current issues that students need to know when planning for their career and college choice."

Western Texas College and West Central Texas Tech-Prep are sponsoring the event. Travel reimbursement and lunch will be provided to all counselors who attend, and they can also receive LPC credit.

Parents of high school seniors are welcome to attend the 9:30 to 10:30 session entitled "New Texas Grants and Additional Financial Aid. Jane Caldwell, Director of Grants and Special Programs, from Austin will be the featured speaker.

The session will be located in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Obituaries

Noble J. Young

1920-2001

STAMFORD – Noble J. Young, former manager of the Scurry County Airport, died Friday, Feb. 16, in Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville.

Funeral service for Mr. Young, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Kinney Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. T.C. Melton officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford.

Born Aug. 3, 1920 in Mertens, he married Martha Jackson on Oct. 1, 1942 in Post.

A resident of Stamford, Mr. Young was a former resident of Snyder and had served as manager of the Scurry County Airport at Winston Field from 1957-82. He was an aircraft mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Young of Stamford; a son and daughter-in-law, Noble Bryant and Marjorie Ruth Young of Kerrville; a sister, Ruby Tyler of Montgomery; a brother, Jesse Young of Springtown; and two grandchildren, Carl and Wayne Daugherty of Kerrville.

Dick Gruben

1927-2001

ROTAN – David Daniel "Dick" Gruben, the brother of Bill Summerlin of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 16, in a Hamlin nursing home.

Funeral service for Mr. Gruben, 73, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church in Rotan with the Rev. Larry Holder officiating. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 24, 1927 in Royston, he was the son of the late W.M. and Mae Gruben. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, he married Peggy Conner on Jan. 2, 1954 in Lovington, N.M.

A retired farmer and rancher, Mr. Gruben was a lifelong resident of Royston and a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Gruben of Royston; a son, Ricky Gruben of Lubbock; two brothers, Troy Gruben of Sylvester and Ernest Gruben of Kermit; two other sisters, Rose Young of Levelland and Rena Clark of Rotan; and three grandsons.

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Susan McIlroy

1921-2001

MIDLAND – Susan McIlroy, the mother of Stephen James McIlroy of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 15, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. McIlroy, 79, is set for 3 p.m. Monday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bobby Duncan officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven North Cemetery.

Mrs. McIlroy was born May 4, 1921 in Collins County to William Henry and Myrtle Taylor. She was reared and educated in Nevada, Texas. She was married on Jan. 20, 1947 to James A. McIlroy in Fayetteville, Ark. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Mrs. McIlroy held memberships with the Permian Basin Beekeepers Association, Midland Gem and Mineral Society, YMCA and Christian Church of Midland.

Survivors also include two daughters, Mary McIlroy of Alpine and Laurie Reed of Greenwood; four brothers, Roland Taylor of Lavon, Glen Taylor of Duncan, Okla., Leo Taylor of Newark and Joe Taylor of Irving; a sister, Inez Taylor of Mexia; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Ellis Funeral Home.

W.J. McCarty Jr.

1921-2001

COMANCHE — W.J. McCarty Jr., 79, died Friday, Feb. 16, at St. David's Hospital in Austin.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Van Christian officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery in Comanche under the direction of Comanche Funeral Home.

Mr. McCarty was born on Sept. 21, 1921 in Comanche County to W.J. and Ida V. (Conner) McCarty Sr.

He was married to Martha Louise Holleman on Sept. 13, 1941. He was a veteran and served in the United States Navy during WWII.

Mr. McCarty, spent his childhood farming peanuts between Comanche and De Leon with brothers, Pat and Melvin Faulkner, both deceased.

After WWII he went to work for Exxon and he and his family lived for a short time in Crane, and then in Snyder.

After retiring from Exxon in 1984, he and Louise returned to Comanche. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Comanche.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Louise McCarty of Comanche; a son and daughter-in-law, Wade J. and Carol McCarty of Austin; three grandsons, Weston McCarty of Hutto, Jayson McCarty and Jeffrey McCarty, both of Austin; two great granddaughters , Kenedy and Taylor.

He was precededed in death by an infant daughter, Wylette McCarty; his parents, and two brothers.

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Blue and Gold banquet

Cub Scout Pack 177 will have its Blue and Gold banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Stanfield Elementary cafeteria.

Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street, will hold a revival Sunday through Wednesday with Dr. Clyde Spann as evangelist. Special music will be provided at all services. Sunday activities include 9:45 a.m. Sunday School with worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Weeknights services begin at 7 Call 573-8846 for more information.

SHS class of 1981

A planning meeting for the SHS class of 1981 will be held at 7:15 p.m. Monday at the high school library.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Mark of the Beast," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Depression."

West Elementary yearbooks

Orders for West Elementary annuals will be taken Monday through Friday. Cost is $7 each and must be pre-paid. No extras will be ordered.

West Family Night Out

West Elementary will hold its Family Night Out Monday at the East Highway Dairy Queen.

East Elementary family reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Pizza will be served and all parents are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room of Scurry County Library. Dave Hanes will give a program on the history of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Anyone interested in researching their Indian heritage is invited to attend.

CPR heartsaver course

A CPR heartsaver course will be taught at Western Texas College Wednesday. The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. and the cost is $35. Call 573-8511, ext. 350 for additional information.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Relay for Life

A team captain meeting for the American Cancer Society's Reolay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall. All team captains and anyone wishing to form a team are encouraged to attend.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

GED testing dates

Testing date this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. on next Sunday at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Substance abuse class

Western Texas College will conduct a class on understanding substance abuse, beginning March 1 and ending April 26. The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 26. Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays and the cost is $40. Call 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve a space.

Kiwanis pancake day

The annual Kiwanis pancake feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, at the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4 per person and children under six can eat free, if accompanied by their parents. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served. Proceeds go to local children's projects and there will be a drawing for a color TV.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC swimming pool opens

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Volunteers bring Ritz to life

To bring an idea to "life" for a production at the Ritz Theatre, it takes more than one individual.

"Phantom," set for two weekend run starting Friday, is a perfect example of the volunteer spirit and creative talent of individuals in the community.

The idea for a production of "Phantom of the Opera" adopted for the Ritz began more than six months ago, according to director Mike Thornton. "It all began with an idea from having seen screen productions of "Phantom of the Opera" and having listened to the original sound track of the London stage production by Andrew Lloyd Webber," Thornton added.

"I discussed the concept with Ellie Dryden who was extremely supportive. The board of governors of the Ritz supported the idea and the "dream" was underway."

Next came the musical accompanist. "I contacted Michael Gibson and posed the "Phantom" idea to him and asked if he would serve as accompanist for the 'dream.'"

Michael agreed and the production was ready to move forward. For the next several months, Michael worked on the music score to accompany the vocalists," Thornton said. "Michael is a very talented musician on the keyboard as well as an accomplished vocalist. I did decide however, not to push my luck asking him to both accompany the actors and sing," Thornton added.

Developing the idea was a new and challenging effort by multiple volunteers from the community. Emily Hataway and Thornton spent several months adapting the script from the play and screen productions.

"We decided to use a narrator (Hataway in the Ritz role) to assist in telling the story of the Phantom and balance the narration with musical selections from Webber's 'Phantom of the Opera' stage version" said Thornton. "Together, the narration and music tell the story of a woman who is manipulated forcefully by three men, all of whom she loves. The story presents her rite of passage."

Next came the set design. "We wanted the set to be minimal and not distract from the actors. Frank Miller is a creative master in building a set," Thornton said.



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK — Sonya Vinson, Darlene Amox and Sue Travis, try on costumes for the "Phantom of the Opera." (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Miller took the visions of both Thornton and Mrs. Dryden and with minimal information, built a set that works "really well for the actors," Thornton said. "He has also provided interesting interpretations to the stage area for the actors use."

The costume designer for the "Phantom of the Opera" is Sonya Vinson. "For costuming, we wanted almost a formal, concert dress for the actors, clothing," Thornton explained. Vinson began building the female costumes by combining multiple patterns for the finished product. She also had to build capes and other clothing accessories for the show. He said, "Sonya accepted any challenge in the greatest spirit and enthusiasm. No request was too big for her. She is really a joy to work with."

For the male costumes, Vinson, Dryden and Thornton worked with Classic Interiors to obtain tuxedos which resemble nineteenth century clothing.

"For the 'Masquerade' sequence, I really wanted something spectacular for the actors to wear as their masks. I felt only one person could interpret the idea inside my head — Sue Travis," Thornton said. " I think Sue is one of the most creative people I have ever known."

Travis has designed original masks for all cast members for the segment.

"The scene with the actors wearing Sue's creations is dramatic. I think the closest way to describe what she has done would be to compare it to the visuals you see at Mardi Gras. Sue is truly outstanding and a super individual," Thornton continued.

Valery Haines choreographs the cast for the "masquerade" sequence. "Valery listened to my 'vision' of this part of the play, drew upon her experience as a dancer/choreographer and produced a beautiful visual sequence. She is a greatly talented individual and I look forward to following her career." Thorn-

See Volunteers, Page 5B

David Hines builds windmill to scale

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Recipe for success: Take $100 worth of materials, add 20 hours of labor, stir in some ingenuity, carpentry skills and determination and you get a windmill - built to scale - that neatly decorates a yard.

David Hines of Snyder has just finished one for his wife, Shirley, and it is displayed in their front yard. This week he anchored it to the ground.

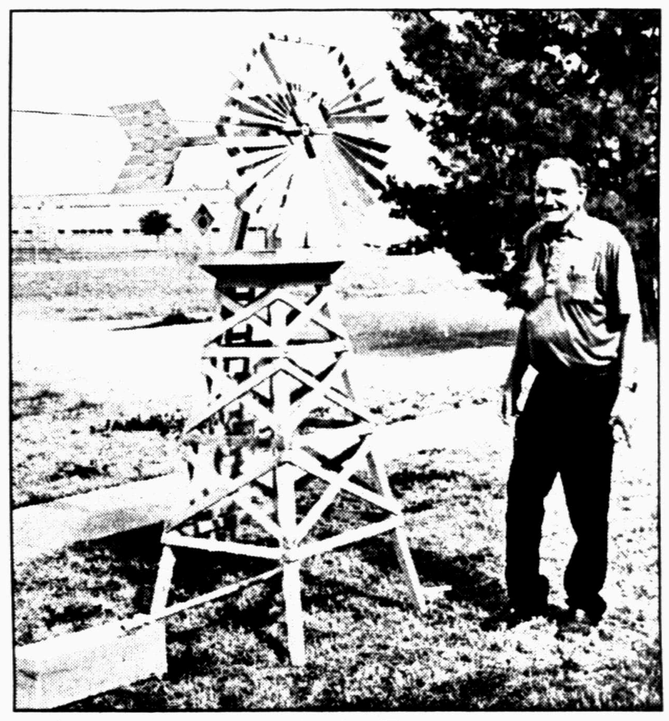
The windmill is six feet tall, one-fourth the size of a regular windmill. He said the wheel was the hardest part to make.

Relying on boyhood memories as well as his skills as a carpenter, Hines finished the project working on and off over a two-week period. As Hines worked outdoors on the patio, he said his number one helper was Dusty, "a dog who doesn't know he is a dog." As Hines worked, Dusty would pick up the scraps of wood and place them in a pile.

The project began a few weeks ago when Hines' wife, who works at Price Daniel Unit, admired a windmill that inmates at the unit had made. Hines said he decided that a retired German carpenter like himself ought to be able to build one. So he did. Although an authentic replica, the windmill does not pump water.

Drawing on boyhood memories, Hines said he wanted to

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BUILDS WINDMILL — David Hines stands next to the windmill he built for his wife, Shirley. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Pierce, Babb pledge vows

Calli Beth Pierce became the bride of Jake Collins Babb in a double-ring ceremony at 5 p.m., Jan. 27, in the Odom Chapel of First Methodist Church.

The Rev. Billy Capps, pastor of North College Ave. Baptist Church, officiated.

Jackie and Shann Pierce of Snyder are the bride's parents. Her grandparents are Ford and Doris Spikes of Snyder. The groom's parents are Johnna Babb of Snyder and Jack Babb of Ozona. His grandparents are J.H. and Betty Davis of Snyder.

Altar rails were decorated with ivy and tulle with white satin bows and a pair of candelabra.

Leslie Pierce, the bride's brother of Snyder, lit the candles.

The bride entered the church [illegible] and Dunn's song, "My Angel." The groom [illegible] "Peacock Roses" to his [illegible] accompanied by his [illegible] at the piano.

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[illegible] bride's attendants were [illegible] and Sarah Pierce, [illegible] the bride. They wore [illegible] floor-length dresses [illegible] one long-stemmed [illegible]



Mr. and Mrs. Jake Collins Babb
(Contributed Photo)

Best man and groomsman were Will Baker and Casey Prather, both of San Angelo.

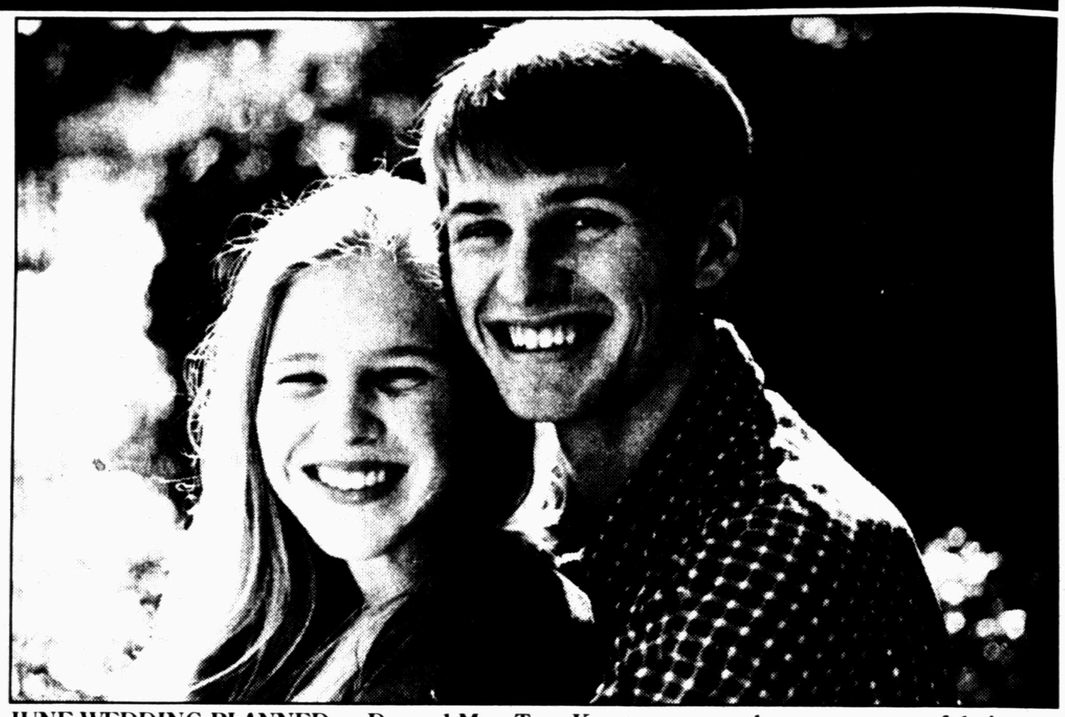
Shelby Spikes, niece of the bride from Rotan, registered guests.

Doris and Ford Spikes hosted the reception in their home following the ceremony. The serving table was covered with cutwork cloths and was centered with the bride's bouquet and the unity candle. Hearts and boots mints, made by Mrs. Spikes, were also served.

The wedding cake was decorated in basket weave and topped with a bride and groom, made by Tori Thompson. Serving were Sarah Pierce and Brandi Wolf.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1999 and attends Western Texas College and plans to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville this spring. She is employed at WTC.

Glover's Tree Service employs the groom, a 1994 graduate of Mertzon High School.



JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kerr announce the engagement of their son, David Clark, to Melody Brooke Rowland. Melody is the daughter of Paul and Joanne Cotter of Lubbock. The wedding is planned for June 16 at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center. After the wedding, the couple will reside in Dallas. (Contributed Photo)

School Menu

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Pancakes/Syrup
Tuesday
Fruit
Toast & Jelly
Wednesday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Student Holiday!

LUNCH

Monday
Enchiladas/Chili/Cheese
Spanish Rice
Relish Cup
Tortilla Chips
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Swiss Steak
Parsley Potatoes
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Apricot Cobbler
Wednesday
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Italian Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Fruit Bars
Thursday
Bologna Sandwiches
Fritos
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Ginger Bread

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(Stanfield, East, Northeast)
Monday
Cereal
Juice
Tuesday
Breakfast on a Stick
Juice
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Juice
Thursday
Fruit Muffin
Juice
Friday
No School!

OTHER SCHOOLS
Monday
Biscuit w/Gravy
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Thursday
Breakfast Burrito or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy
Texas Toast
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun
Beef Parmesan
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Peach Cobbler
Garlic Toast
Wednesday
Pizza or
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Broccoli w/Dip
Black-eyed Peas
Fruited Gelatin

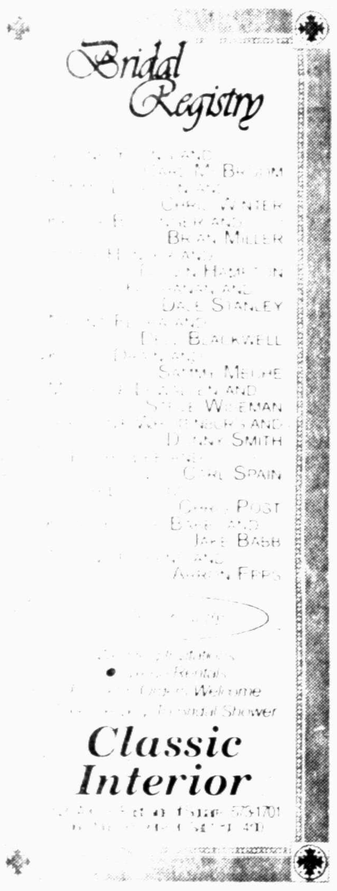
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All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Cereal
Toast
Orange Juice
Tuesday
Oatmeal
Toast
Apple Juice
Wednesday
Breakfast Tacos
Juice
Thursday
French Toast
Peaches
Friday
Breakfast Burritos
Orange Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Peaches
Tuesday
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Sheath Cake
Wednesday
Chicken Fajitas
Shredded Lettuce
Corn
Cookies
Thursday
Pizza
Italian Green Beans
Pears
Cookies
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Oranges



SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine

This past week the Scurry County Library Board honored families of persons who have been remembered with a memorial or honored with a gift to the library in the past six months.

The Scurry County Library has memorial receptions twice yearly so that the families can browse through the books that have been purchased in honor of their friends or loved ones.

Take time to come to the library soon and look through some of these books. The library staff tries to purchase books that would mean something to the person being honored. Many of these books are titles that our collection really needs, but the titles are somewhat more expensive than our usual budget allows. With these gifts, the staff can purchase books to enhance our regular collection.

Some of the new memorial books include:

"The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy," by Val D. Greenwood.

"Learning To Weave," by Deborah Chandler.

"Ron Hazelton's House Calls," by Ron Hazelton.

"Beethoven," by Barry Cooper.

Have you ever thought of honoring your child on birthdays by giving a financial gift to the library and asking them to purchase a book that your child especially enjoys? Many school libraries, as well as public libraries, honor their students in this way. Think of honoring someone you love by giving a gift that can be shared with all — a gift of reading. Come by the Scurry County Library and check out one of these new books. We hope you will enjoy the books as much as we are enjoying them!

142 girls get flowers

RIGBY, Idaho (AP) — Jacob Blair didn't buy flowers for just one Valentine's Day sweetheart — he bought pink carnations for all 142 girls in his senior class.

"There are a lot of girls at this school that have never gotten flowers before; that's why I did it," said Blair, who did odd jobs to raise the money.

The girls waited patiently in line Wednesday to receive their gifts.

"I think it's great; he's so sweet to do this," aid Amber McKinley, clutching her flower in one hand and textbooks in the other. "He spent too much money on it, though."

Roosevelts' personal items are sold at Christie's auction house

NEW YORK (AP) — Personal items — including paintings, letters and even hair brushes — once belonging to Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt sold for nearly $2.7 million during a two-day sale at Christie's auction house.

Officials at Christie's had estimated prior to the beginning of the auction that the items would likely bring anywhere from $1.8 million to $1.2 million, according to spokeswoman Bendetta Roux.

"It's the Roosevelt factor," Roux said. "The fact that these items belonged to the Roosevelts made them very attractive to bidders."

A 1933 painting of FDR's yacht Amber Jack II entitled "Amber Light" by artist Jonas Lie fetched $149,000 on Thursday, making it the most expensive item sold. The painting, which was inscribed by the artist, was valued before the auction at between $30,000 and $50,000.

A gold watch presented to Roosevelt by Argentina's minister of the Navy sold for $58,750. Christie's had valued the watch at $7,000.

In addition, an American silver dresser service once owned by Eleanor Roosevelt and valued by Christie's at between $1,000 and $1,500 sold for $37,600. The set included beakers, a glass jar, a hand mirror, several hair brushes and a shoehorn.

Many of the mementos sold during the auction were part of 3,000 items from the personal collection of John A. Roosevelt, the youngest of the Roosevelt's six children. After he died in 1981, his widow remarried but kept the apartment filled with family heirlooms and artifacts until last year, when she sold the property and decided to put the contents up for auction.

The National Park Service, which operates the Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Sites in Hyde Park, N.Y., had urged the public to purchase items and donate them to the appropriate museum.

"We are very interested in recovering some of these things that have close connections to FDR and Eleanor. We want to bring them back here," said Mark Hunt, deputy curator of FDR's Library & Museum, the main repository for the four-term president's papers.

On Wednesday, a silver-framed print of an oil portrait of Roosevelt sold for $76,375, the highest price ever paid at auction for a 20th-Century inscribed photograph.

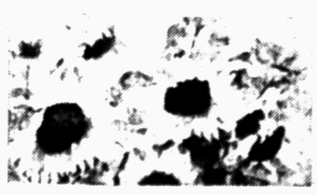
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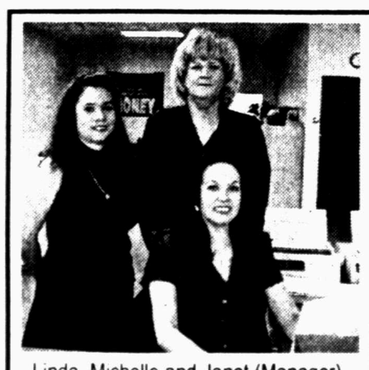


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Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dee Reeves
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Burt, Reeves exchange vows Las Vegas chapel

Annie Gayle Burt and Tommy Dee Reeves exchanged double-ring wedding vows at 2 p.m. on Aug. 26, 2000 in Victoria's Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride's parents are Gary and Anita Burt of Snyder and the groom's parents are Tom and Nancy Reeves of Oceanside, Calif., and Becki Reeves of Snyder.

The altar was decorated with a column on each side. Each held a floral arrangement of white roses and baby's breath, and the setting for the unity candle ceremony graced the altar area.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin floor-length gown featuring a princess cut, spaghetti straps and beaded bodice. Her veil was attached to a beaded band and a bow in the back. The multi layers of veiling were interspersed with beads. She carried a bouquet of white roses, white baby's breath and greenery.

Maid of honor was Amber Burt of Snyder, sister of the bride. She wore a periwinkle colored gown fashioned with spaghetti straps and styled with a princess cut, floor-length gown. Her bouquet was of white roses, white baby's breath and greenery.

Bridesmaids were Annie Martin of Edmond, Okla., and Kelli Harmon of Dallas. Their dresses matched the maid of honor's.

Best man Ryan Reeves, brother of the groom from Snyder, and groomsmen Brandon Martin of Edmond and Kevin Winter of Lubbock wore Ralph Lauren tuxedos.

The reception was held at the Snyder Country Club after their wedding trip to Las Vegas.

The three-tiered wedding cake on pedestals was topped with real periwinkle colored flowers and the flowers also encircled the cake. The bride's picture was displayed on the table along side mints, nuts and punch.

Deborah Anderson, aunt of the bride from Wichita Falls, was in charge of all decorations and also served along with Jana Kincheloe of Dallas and Stephanie Parham of Snyder.

The groom's chocolate cake was topped with a miniature golf bag and clubs. Tees, towel, ball marker and divot tool surrounded the cake. A picture of the groom was on the groom's table. Serving were Shelley Shields, Tammy Winter and Amy James, all of Lubbock.

Following their wedding trip to Las Vegas, they are home in the Metroplex. The bride graduated from Snyder High School and Western Texas College and the groom is also a graduate of Snyder High School.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; program will be the West Elementary Honors Choir, directed by Judy Brown; hostesses, Jo Flynn and Neoma Harlin; 4 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; program by Paul Hudgins; hostess, Nettie Faye Gardner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Friday, Feb. 9

North-South

Monte West directed at the Snyder Country Club.

A group

1. Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Ann Davis, Monte West.

B group

1. Nonnie Ward, Margaret Dillaha.
2. Shirley Stewart, LaVerne Hood.
3. El Wanda Nall, Pat Floyd.

East-West

A group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbot.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Martha Fagin tied with Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Monte West directed.

1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard tied with Nonnie Ward, Dorothy Rosson.



GREENE-EPPS SET MAY VOWS — Tiffany Brook Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greene Jr. of Snyder and Charlotte Greene of Liberty Hill, Tex., and Aaron Wayne Epps of Olive Branch, Miss., have set their wedding ceremony for May 26. He is the son of Dennis and Mary Epps of Olive Branch. (Contributed Photo)

'Souper' tips for calorie control

If you're counting calories, you're not alone. About one third of women and a quarter of men in this country are on diets and soup may be the 'secret weapon' they need for calorie control. Barbara Rolls, Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University, and a 20-year veteran in nutrition research and weight maintenance strategies, has suggestions for people who want to cut calories in a safe and effective way. In her popular book, The Volumetric Weight-Control Plan: Feel Full on Fewer Calories, Dr. Rolls shows that soup helps people satisfy hunger while eating fewer calories. In fact, she's found that people who eat soup on a given day consume on average 100 fewer calories during the day.

Try soup as an afternoon snack-When hunger hits at the end of the day, soup's a great way to hold you over until dinner. Keep a few microwave soup cups in your office to curb your late day cravings.

Soup to the rescue-When you're feeling hungry, go for a broth-based soup in classic varieties like Vegetarian Vegetable, Chicken Noodle or Tomato. Each serving has fewer than 100 calories and 3 grams of fat or less per serving.

Start with soup-When eating out, choose soup as a starter. You may find yourself asking the waiter to wrap up part of your entree to enjoy the following day.

Soup up your meal-Consider hearty soup varieties with lots of vegetables, rice, lean meats or pasta as an entree. You might also add vegetables, leftover cooked rice, lean meat or beans to prepared soups to enjoy even heartier servings.

Look "souper" for the formal-Try a satisfying bowl of soup as you get ready for an evening out so you aren't tempted to sample everything on the buffet table once you get there.

Look for more information on soup and calorie control as well as an excerpt from Dr. Rolls' book on www.campbellsoup.com/eats-mart.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North ♠ J 9 7 5 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ K Q	02-17-01
West ♠ A ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ Q J 10 7 6 ♣ 10 8 5		East ♠ 6 2 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ A ♣ 9 7 6 4 3 2
	South ♠ K Q 10 8 3 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ A J	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001

The unnatural play works sometimes

By Phillip Alder

Leading players have particular types of deals that especially appeal. For me, it's deals in which the "normal" play is wrong. This one contains a well-known but rare declarer-play technique, which can be thwarted with an unusual defense. What are they?

North's response of three notrump showed a game-forcing spade raise with at least four trumps.

West led the diamond queen. As this marked East with the ace, declarer played low from the dummy. After winning with his singleton ace, East switched to the club seven (second-highest from a weak suit when the top two cards aren't touching).

Now declarer did very well. There was a natural reaction immediately to play a trump, but doing so would have resulted in failure. West would have won with the spade ace and continued with the diamond jack. East would have ruffed away dummy's king, and eventually West would have won a fourth defensive trick with his diamond 10.

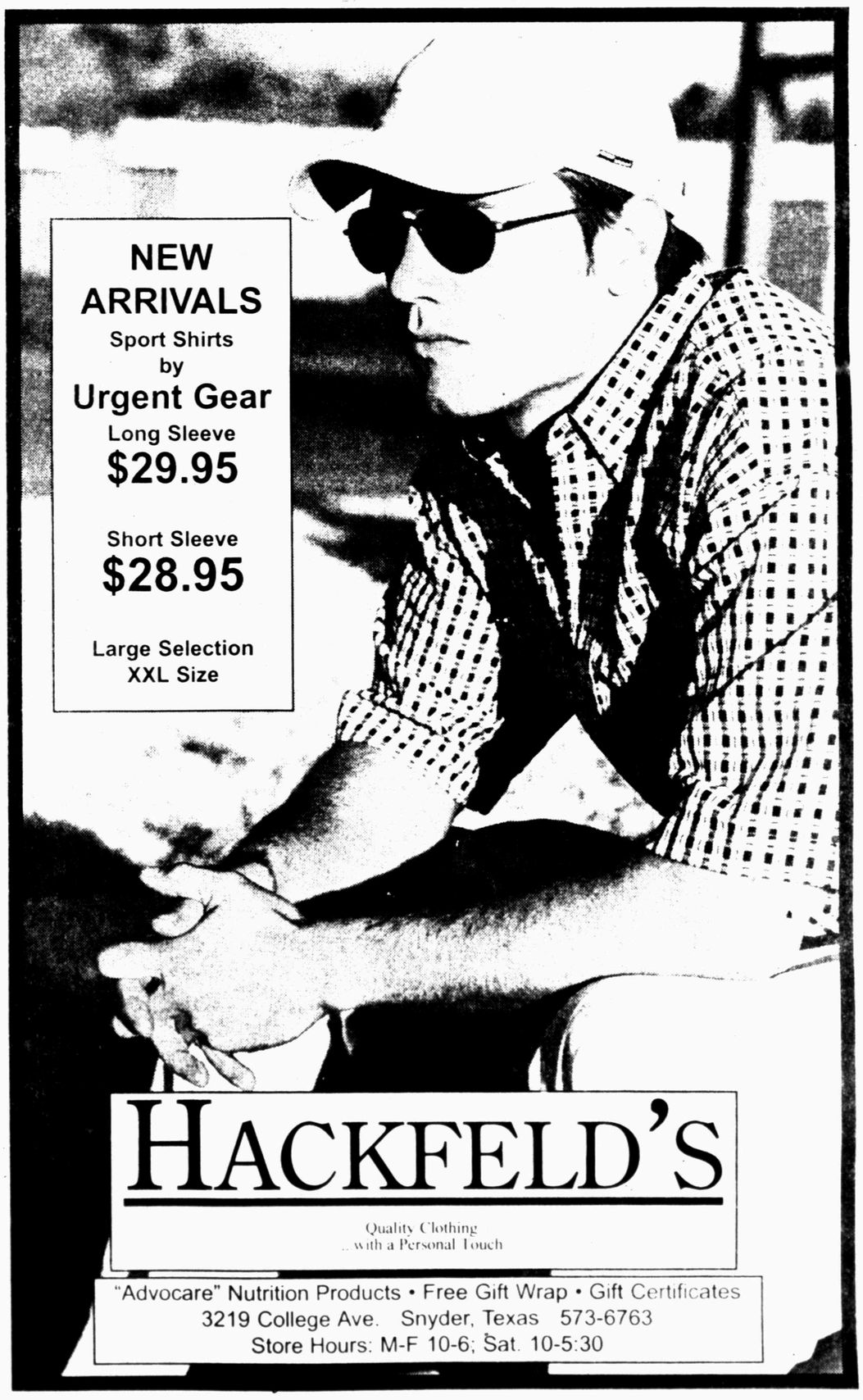
Instead, South paused to eliminate the hearts and clubs. He took his two club tricks, played a heart to dummy's ace, returned to his heart king, and ruffed the heart six in the dummy. Finally, declarer exited with a trump to West's ace. True, East ruffed away dummy's diamond king, but East was end-played. Whether he returned a heart or club, South could discard his last diamond and ruff in the dummy. This is called the Dentist's Coup because declarer extracted East's exit cards before permitting the diamond ruff.

Yet East could have kept all his teeth if he had returned a trump at trick two — a tough play to find.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — James and Gina Goolsby announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamee Danai Goolsby, to Michael Adrian Moreno. He is the son of Larry and Vicky Moreno of Stamford. Jamee and Michael are planning a 6 p.m. wedding ceremony on May 5 in the First Baptist Church. (Photo by Tara Hatter)

Quick and easy skillet supper

SOUTHWESTERN SKILLET SUPPER

1 packet potato flakes with seasoning pouch
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 pound ground beef or turkey
1 medium onion diced
2 teaspoons chili powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1 16-ounce can diced tomatoes
1 16-ounce can baked beans
1 11-ounce can corn, drained
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Heat oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add ground beef and onion and cook until brown, stirring occasionally. Stir in chili powder and salt; cook 1 minute longer.

Stir in tomatoes with their liquid, baked beans and corn; cook over high heat until bubbling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare potatoes as package directs for 4 servings. Stir in cheddar cheese and cilantro.

Top meat mixture with ¼ cuptul of potatoes and serve.

Makes: 5 servings.

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "A Painted House" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "A Day Late and a Dollar Short" by Terry McMillan (Viking)
3. "A Darkness More Than Night" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
4. "The First Counsel" by Brad Meltzer (Warner)
5. "The Cat Who Smelled a Rat" by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam)
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7. "From the Corner of His Eye" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
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9. "Special Ops" by W.E.B.Griffin (Putnam)
10. "Star Wars: Darth Maul, Shadow Hunter" by Michael Reaves (Del Rey/LucasBooks)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
2. "Ice Bound" by Jerri Nielsen (Talk Miramax Books)
3. "Secrets of the Baby Whisperer" by Tracy Hogg (Ballantine)
4. "Body for Life: 12 Weeks to Mental and Physical Strength" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (Harper Collins)
5. "An Hour Before Daylight" by Jimmy Carter (Simon&Schuster)
6. "If They Only Knew" by Chyna (Regan Books)
7. "Life Makeovers" by Cheryl Richardson (Broadway)
8. "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
9. "The O'Reilly Factor" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway)
10. "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Brethren" by John Grisham (Dell Island)
2. "Hannibal" by Thomas Harris (Dell)
3. "The Stanislaski Sisters: Natasha and Rachel" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
4. "Cradle and All" by James Patterson (Warner Vision)
5. "Considering Kate" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)

Logston, Winter are married

Tammy Jane Logston and Christopher Scott Winter of Lubbock were united in marriage at 6 p.m., Dec. 2, 2000 in the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Snyder, officiated the ceremony.

Vows were exchanged in the church decorated with the Christmas theme and included large wreaths, garlands, and lights, and red bows complemented a sweetheart candelabra and white pew bows.

Richard and Renee Logston are parents of the bride and Ted and Linda Winter are parents of the groom. All are from Snyder.

Ushers Justin Logston, brother of the bride, and Clay Williams, cousin of the bride, lit candles prior to the service.

Heather Ward of Lubbock sang "The Parents Prayer" and "In This Life," by Collin Raye. Judy Brown accompanied her at the piano.

The bride's father presented her in marriage as she wore a white satin, floor-length gown designed by Gloria Vanderbilt. The empire waist was fitted and detailed with a self-fabric band and bows. The sleeveless bodice of Schiffli lace was accented with iridescent beads. Flowing into a cathedral-length train, the A-lined skirt featured open lace work on the front and back that was beaded and sequined as well. A hip-length veil dotted with matching sequins was attached to a small beaded headpiece. She carried a nosegay of long-stemmed red roses.

Matron of honor was Stacey Meek, sister of the bride from Iraan. Bridesmaids were Lunette Tate from Benbrook, Hayley Wilson and Stephanie Parham.

Flower girl Sarah Meek, niece of the bride from Iraan, wore a gown matching the bride's except for the train. Matron of honor and bridesmaids wore ankle-length matching two-piece gowns of silver chiffon with A-line layered skirts. The sleeveless bodices were covered with hundreds of tiny silver bows.

Ring bearer Josh Meek, nephew of the bride from Iraan, was dressed like the groom.

Best man was Kevin Winter, brother of the groom from Lubbock. Groomsmen were Raymond House and Wacey Estes of Lubbock, Willie Ray Page of Abilene. Ushers included Justin Logston, brother of the bride, and Clay Williams, cousin of the bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Scott Winter
(Photo by Mr. Geez Photography)

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with a red and black paisley vest. Groomsmen and ushers wore black tuxedos and silver and black paisley vests. The fathers wore traditional black and white tuxedos.

Mendy Winter, sister of the groom, registered guests.

The reception, held in the garden room, featured the bride's table covered with a white pleated cloth draped with silver lame and drawn into bows. The centerpiece was white carnations and red, long-stemmed roses.

The vanilla cake was in four tiers, each decorated and stacked on top of each other like individual Christmas gifts. The bride's sister, Stacey Meek, designed and made the cake that was accented with silver. Serving were Sally Hernandez and Marina Zuniga, both of Lubbock.

The groom's cake had a rustic look using enamel dishes and red metal lanterns. Ivy with red holly berries trailed around a chocolate cake shaped like a tree stamp with bride's and groom's initials carved on top. Veronica Martinez and Jenita McGee, both from Lubbock, served.

Following their honeymoon to San Antonio, they are now at home in Lubbock.

The bride was born and reared in Snyder and attended WTC two years. She graduated from Texas Tech in Lubbock with a bachelor's degree in multi disciplinary studies and is teaching in Lubbock.

Also born and reared in Snyder, the groom was in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He works for Perot Systems as a systems analyst.

Anschutz buys theatre chain

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The bankrupt Edwards Theatres chain will be purchased by Denver billionaire Philip Anschutz and a venture capital fund in a deal leaving the Edwards family a significant shareholder, the company said.

Edwards has 63 theaters in Southern California, Idaho and Texas.

Edwards President Stephen said Thursday he expects a final agreement with Anschutz and Oaktree Capital Management in a few weeks.

The deal would leave the Edwards family "a significant shareholder" of the Orange County-based chain, Edwards spokeswoman Anita-Marie Hill said. It hasn't been determined whether Anschutz will become chief executive and own a majority of the shares, Hill said.

Edwards Theatres Circuit Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in August and several underperforming theaters were closed. Under the new deal, no more theaters will be closed and no one will be laid off, Hill said.

Edwards wouldn't disclose financial details of the deal between the Anschutz Corp. and Los Angeles-based Oaktree. The chain said in its bankruptcy filming that it was more than $100 million in debt.

Edwards' problems are part of an industrywide change in how movies are presented. Other movie chains — including Loews and United Artists Theatre Circuit — have had similar problems and sought bankruptcy protection.

Multiplexes, which have fewer than 15 screens, have become less popular than the newer megaplexes, said entertainment analyst Kevin Skislock.



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED — Dennis and Johnnie Sellars announce the marriage of their son, John C. Rawls, also the son of the late Wesley Rawls, to Terri L. Kincaid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Compton and Pauline Compton, all of Snyder. The wedding was held at the couple's home in Snyder at 8 p.m. on Jan. 1. (Contributed Photo)

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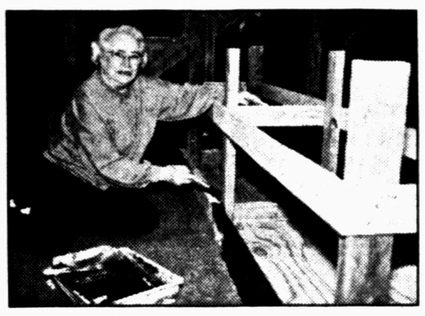
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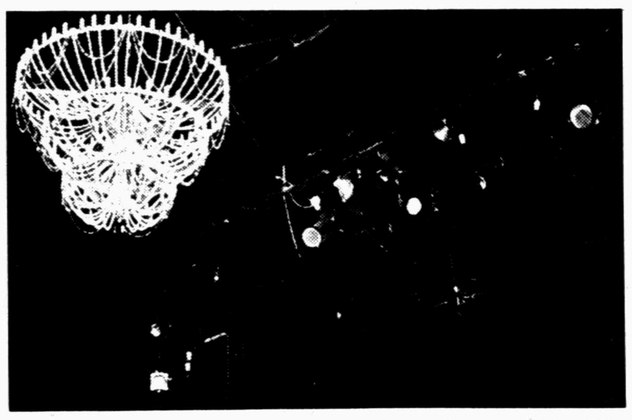
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Volunteers essential to Ritz Community Theatre





Ann Smartt, left, paints props while Ellie Dryden staples some scenery.



Frank Miller adjusts the lights from the catwalk. The chandelier can be lowered as needed.



"Phantom of the Opera" cast members who rehearsed Thursday night include from left, Bill Lyon, David Brown, Jana Neal, Katie Thornton, Ken Spoor, Emily Hataway, Doylene Gilliland, Rebekah Thornton.

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ton said. "Combine the artistry of Sue and Valery and you have an outstanding portion of the play." Haines also performs an individual dance sequence within the "masquerade" scene that she created for the production.

Lighting became the next challenge.

Sammie Jarrell and Donna Browning are the technical crew for all lighting and sound for the Ritz production. "While I knew what lighting charts and plots were, I had never been actively involved in developing one," stated Thornton. "Sammie and Donna have really been patient and instructive with me in working through the lighting challenge. Their technical expertise has proven invaluable in setting the mood of "Phantom" through their lighting design."

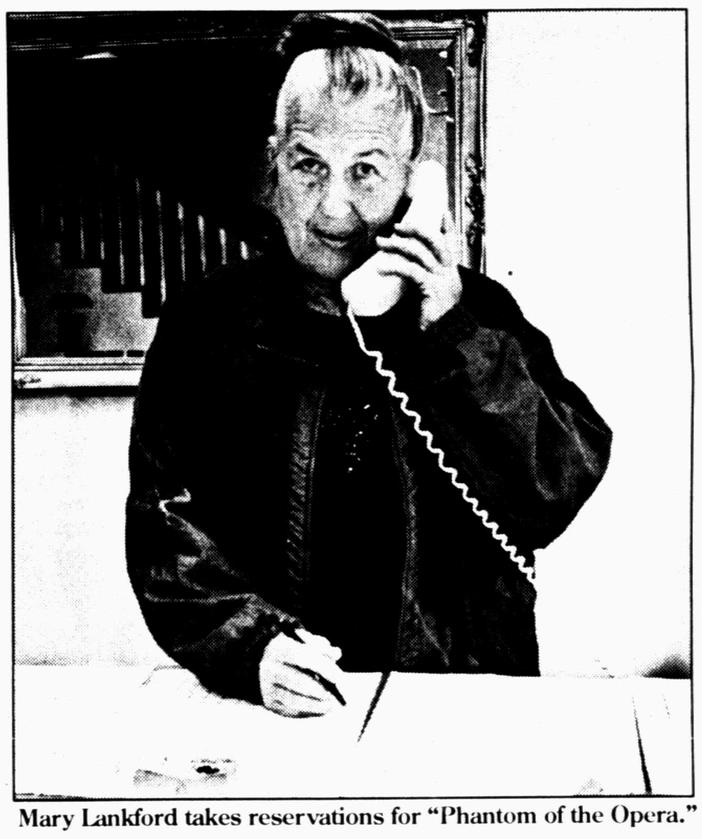
And no production would be possible without volunteers who manage the box office. Tim Dea opens the box office at the theatre two weeks prior to the opening of 'Phantom.' Reservations are made by phone or with individuals who come to the Ritz box office.

"Tim and the volunteers who work the ticket sales are critical to having a successful show," Thornton said. They are the 'first responders' to people who want to come to the production. Without their positive, friendly, helpful attitude, we would be in big trouble. I really appreciate their work."

And finally, the largest group of volunteers at the Ritz is those who attend the productions throughout the year. "Without an audience, we don't have a community theatre. We hope we provide quality community theatre for Snyder and appreciate the support of the community through their attending our productions," said Thornton.

"We have received no grants, state or federal assistance for operation of the Ritz. Our income is solely dependent upon individual ticket sales and business and/or corporate support. From renovation of the facility to continued operation, the patrons of our community have made the Ritz a success. Thank you seems hardly enough to express the appreciation that the board of the Ritz feels for the community," Thornton continued.

"To say that I am the director of 'Phantom' would be false," he said. "Every member of the board, volunteers, and actors are the director. I am just a facilitator for a group of some of the most talented people in Snyder. I am humbled by their contribution of time and talent to 'Phantom,'" said Thornton. Performances of the "Phantom' are set at the Ritz Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The show will continue a second weekend run at 8 p.m. on March 2-3 and 2:30 p.m. March 4. Tickets are $7 per person and discounts are given to groups of 10 or more. Reservations may be made from 2-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays through March 2 at the Ritz Community Theatre on the square in Snyder. Telephone reservations may also be made by calling 573-8880.



Mary Lankford takes reservations for "Phantom of the Opera."



Donna Browning, far left, and Sammie Jarrell operate the lights and sounds.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Where is the money for education plan?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats questioned Education Secretary Rod Paige on Thursday about how President Bush plans to pay for his education package, given his commitment to a $1.6 trillion tax cut.

Bush sent a broad outline of his plan to Congress last month, with an emphasis on more student testing and extra help for struggling schools. Paige, in his first appearance before Congress since his confirmation, said the administration will provide preliminary figures on the package by the end of February.

"Accountability without resources, I'm concerned, could be a hollow exercise," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. "I don't want to create a bill that just creates unfunded mandates."

Members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee welcomed the chance to work on the legislation with the Education Department, which Republicans previously had sought to eliminate.

"This is a big change," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

Added Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., the committee chairman: "We all need to put our shoulders to the wheel to pass comprehensive education reform legislation."

But Democrats on the committee also expressed concern that under Bush's plan, school districts would be required to shift some of their funds to struggling schools even though other schools also have pressing needs.

They also complained that Bush's plan does not address classroom size, student retention or school construction and modernization.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., said he expected Bush to propose "a tin cup budget when it comes to education."

Hines builds windmill

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make the windmill as much like its early day counterparts as he could. Thus, he chose pinewood because the early pioneers built their windmills out of wood. By the time he had finished, Hines had come to think of his project as paying tribute to the early settlers who accomplished so much without having all the modern tools that exist today.

Besides that, Hines, who will turn 66 in April, said he welcomed having something to do now that he is retired.

Shirley's windmill, the first in a possible series of 100, is numbered "000." If there is enough interest, Hines said he will build as many as 99 more, but that's it. He wants the series to be limited. Each one will have a Triangle H brand and he can also personalize them with someone's name. Besides the cost of materials, Hines will charge a nominal fee for labor.

Hines likes windmills, which were critical to the development of this land. Windmills or lack of them increased or lessened the value of land, he added.

"Windmills won the west, not the gun," Hines said.

Hines has tackled big projects before. Several years ago, he said he helped get the National Guard involved in cleaning out Deep Creek. He was also instrumental in getting the fountain, "Where the oil flows and cotton grows," established on the coliseum grounds.

Hines said those projects were his way of "paying tribute to the agriculture and oil industries where I made my living."

While Hines likes coming up with inventive ideas, he said it takes the cooperation and help of companies, city officials and community members to get them completed.

Such projects are in keeping with Hines' beliefs that a man's first obligation is to his family and then to contribute something to his town.

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Windmills, machines operated by wind power, have been around for a long time. They are a cherished symbol of West Texas, and the early day pioneers who couldn't have settled this land without them.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, windmills may have originated as early as the A.D. 600s, and by the 1100s had spread to Europe.

Modern windmills provide the power to pump water, and special wind turbines drive the generators that make electricity.

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One-time Mafia princess' murder a mystery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Susan Berman was found dead at her home in fashionable Benedict Canyon, a bullet to the back of her head, in what looked like a page from one of her books about the Las Vegas mob.

It was a world she knew from the inside. Berman, 55, was a Mafia princess in her childhood. Her father was Davie Berman, a lieutenant to Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel and Meyer Lansky. She learned to count with chips and dice, dined on the Flamingo Hotel's room service and had a full-time bodyguard to protect her from kidnappers.

But was her Christmas Eve slaying a mob hit? And if so, was she rubbed out for something she had written? Or something she was about to write?

Police are saying only that they are investigating all possibilities, including Berman's colorful past as well as her ties to an unsolved New York disappearance. But the possibility of a mob hit seems unlikely to many of those who knew her.

Although she wrote books and a TV documentary about the Las Vegas mob, her ties to the underworld had ended in her girlhood, friends said.

"Anyone who had a beef with her old man is so old and doddering they couldn't hold a gun," said Dick Odessky, a Las Vegas writer and one of the last people to talk to Berman.

Berman's father was present at the birth of Las Vegas as a gambling mecca and stepped into Siegel's shoes when the mobster was murdered in Beverly Hills. When Berman's father died in 1957, the funeral was a Las Vegas spectacular where his 12-year-old daughter was embraced by members of the underworld.

"Susie, your dad was the greatest gangster that ever lived," she recalled a mourner telling her.

Her emotionally troubled mother committed suicide about a year later and she was sent off to live with an uncle in Idaho.

When Susan Berman was killed, there was no sign of a struggle and nothing appeared to have been stolen.

"The mob theory is ridiculous," said Sareb Kaufman, 26, who considered himself her son. "She always told me she knew things about Meyer Lansky and Bugsy Siegel. But she wrote lovingly about these people."

Her book "Easy Street" had been a mellow memoir of her childhood with the mob and her four-part A&E TV documentary series, "Las Vegas," was a straightforward account of the resort's rise from its gangster beginnings to a top tourist destination. It contained laudatory comments about mobsters and an assessment of the violence from Debbie Reynolds, who said with a smile: "Nobody got killed who wasn't supposed to be."

When Berman died, she was at work on a book about women of power in Las Vegas.

"Today, the mob as we knew it doesn't even exist," Odessky said. "The children of the old hoods would not be the bosses now because they never got into it. You have to drop the underworld connection and look somewhere else. I would look at her personal life."

One aspect of her personal life was a friendship with Robert Durst, scion of one of New York's wealthiest families. Durst's wife, Kathleen, disappeared in 1982, and a few weeks before Berman's death, the long-dormant case was reopened by authorities in Westchester County, N.Y. They wanted to interview Berman.

Berman "knew both him and Kathleen and we believe may have stayed in touch with him throughout her disappearance and afterward," Westchester County District Attorney Jeanine Pirro said.

Was there a connection between the two women's deaths?

"We're not ruling it in and we're not ruling it out," Pirro said.

Efforts to locate Durst were unsuccessful. The number at Durst's home in Northern California is unlisted. A spokesman for the Durst Organization in New York said Durst has not been with the real estate company for more than 10 years. The spokesman said he did not know how to reach Durst.

Kaufman, the son of a man with whom Berman lived for five years, said she had nothing but good things to say about Durst. "The Bobby Durst theory doesn't make any sense," he said.

Police Lt. Clay Farrell said Tuesday that there have been no significant developments in the investigation. Regarding the possibility of a mob hit, he said: "We are looking at all the potentialities."

"Susan loved mysteries," Kaufman said. "She even wrote a few. She would have loved this one. She wouldn't have been able to put this book down."

26 FUMC youth set 30-hour Famine

Next Friday and Saturday, 26 young people from First United Methodist Church plan to change their world as part of the annual World Vision 30-hour Famine.

During the 30 hours, participants learn more about what it's like in other parts of the world where children do not have enough to eat. The students will spend their time learning about world issues and find ways to serve their own community. The group will be going on a canned food scavenger hunt that will benefit the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance Food Cupboard.

Participants ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them with pledges as they go without food for 30 hours to identify with those who are hungry. Through video, games, special events, and involvement in local community service projects, they learn about hunger and what they can do to help.

The 26 students participating with First United Methodist Church plan to take part in the Famine Olympics sponsored by the following local merchants Fletcher's Downtown 66, McWilliams Pharmacy, M&D Laundry and David Holt Insurance. There will be four sporting events and the winner of each event will have a donation made in their honor to World Vision or local charity by the sponsoring merchants. Anyone interested in making a donation to a Famine participate can contact Damon Stalvey at 573-4417 or World Vision at 1-800-FAMINE, or www.30hourfamine.org.

The funds raised during the World Vision's 30-Hour Famine will be used for both emergency relief efforts and long-term development projects in countries such as Tanzania, Peru and the United States to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. First United Methodist Church's goal for this year's Famine is $2,000 that will attempt to be raised by the 26 participants.

Last year, more than 600,000 teens across the United States raised more than $9 million through sponsor pledges. Worldwide, similar Famine efforts involved more than 1.2 million participants in 21 countries who collectively raised more than $22 million to fight hunger through World Vision projects. World Vision is the largest, privately funded nonprofit Christian relief and development organization in the world and is working in 88 countries, through more than 2,900 projects.

Abused workers at factory go home

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP) — Sixteen factory workers who said they were abused while working in a garment factory that supplied J.C. Penney Co. have returned home to Vietnam.

The laborers were among some 200 workers who said they were abused, cheated out of wages and served meager rations of rice, watery broth and cabbage while working for South Korean manufacturer Daewoosa.

J.C. Penney said it stopped selling the factory's clothes after learning of the problems in December.

The remainder of the 200 employees were expected to leave for Hanoi by the end of February, closing a chapter on the U.S. territory's failed effort to stimulate the economy with a garment industry.

The plant has been the subject of numerous investigations.

A U.S. Labor Department report found workers resembled "walking skeletons" and said some were systematically starved for complaining.

Gov. Tauese Sunia called the report "biased" and said he is reconsidering whether to allow garment factories to operate with foreign workers.

"I take the strongest exception to these inaccurate and biased reports," he said. "However, and unfortunately, no level of public relations efforts can remove the stigma which now taints us."

The violence prompted Vietnam to file an official protest with the United States, asking that the Vietnamese contract workers be protected.

Q & A

Children of alcoholics

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devote this column to information and questions about substance abuse.

How can we protect our children?
CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS(COA): IMPORTANT FACTS
(Part 2 of 3)

4. Alcoholism usually has strong negative effects on marital relationships.

Almost two-thirds of separated and divorced women, and almost half of separated or divorced men, under age 46, have been exposed to alcoholism in the family at some time.

5. Alcohol is associated with a substantial proportion of human violence, and perpetrators are often under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol is a key factor in 68% of manslaughters, 62% of assaults, 54% of murders and attempted murders, 48% of robberies, and 44% of burglaries.

Studies of family violence frequently document high rates of alcohol and other drug involvement.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS(COA) may be more likely to be the targets of physical abuse and to witness family violence.

Compared with non-alcoholic families, alcoholic families demonstrate poorer problem-solving abilities, both among the parents and within the family as a whole. These poor communication and problem-solving skills may be mechanisms through which lack of cohesion and increased conflict develop and escalate in alcoholic families.

COAs are more at risk for disruptive behavioral problems and are more likely than non-COAs to be sensation seeking, aggressive, and impulsive.

6. Based on clinical observations and preliminary research, a relationship between parental alcoholism and child abuse is indicated in a large proportion of child abuse cases.

A significant number of children in this country are being raised by addicted parents. With more than one million children confirmed each year as victims of child abuse and neglect by state child protective service agencies, state welfare records have indicated that substance abuse is one of the top two problems exhibited by families in 81% of the reported cases.

Existing research suggests alcoholism is more strongly related to child abuse than are other disorders, such as parental depression.

Although several studies report very high rates of alcoholism among the parents of incest victims, much additional research is needed in this area.

7. Children of alcoholics exhibit symptoms of depression and anxiety more than children of non-alcoholics.

In general, COAs appear to have lower self-esteem than non-COAs in childhood, adolescence and young adulthood.

Children of alcoholics exhibit elevated rates of psychopathology. Anxiety, depression, and externalizing behavior disorders are more common among COAs than among children of non-alcoholics.

Young COAs often show symptoms of depression and anxiety such as crying, bed wetting, not having friends, being afraid to go to school, or having nightmares. Older youth may stay in their rooms for long periods of time and not relate to other children claiming they "have no one to talk to." Teens may show depressive symptoms by being perfectionistic in their endeavors, hoarding, staying by themselves, and being excessively self-conscious. Teenage COAs may begin to develop phobias.

8. Children of alcoholics experience greater physical and mental health problems and higher health care costs than children from non-alcoholic families.

Inpatient admission rates for substance abuse are triple that of other children.

Inpatient admission rates for mental disorders are almost double that of other children.

The rate of total health care costs for children of alcoholics is 32% greater than children from non-alcoholic families.

9. Children of alcoholics score lower on tests measuring verbal ability.

COAs tend to score lower on tests that measure cognitive and verbal skills. Their ability to express themselves may be impaired, which can impede their school performance, peer relationships, ability to develop and sustain intimate relationships, and hamper performance on job interviews.

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

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

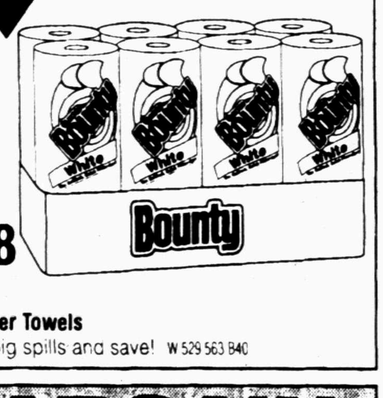
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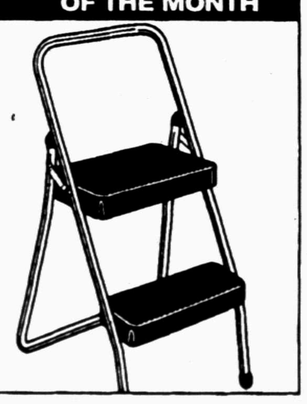
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Randi Herrington on SPC honor roll

Randi Herrington of Hermleigh has been named to the President's Honor List for the fall semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Jacob Thompson becomes Marine

Marine Corps Pvt. Jacob L. Thompson, son of Cathy and Albert Thompson of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School.

Collins completes combat training

Army Pvt. Terry L. Collins Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

The 1995 Snyder High School graduate is the son of Terry and Vivian Collins of Snyder.

McCraw on UNT's fall Dean's List

DENTON — Steven Paul McCraw of Snyder has been named to the fall semester Dean's List at the University of North Texas.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5-3.9.

Public Records

Marriage License

Faustino Jaramillo Ornelas and Daisy Sanchez Medrano, both of Snyder.

Steven Wilson Rivera and Carolyn Michelle Rivera, both of Snyder.

Jose Razo Cabrera and Maria Georgia Rivas, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Mike Goebel, Joe Roemisch and Jackie Pevehouse vs. Ray Sherrod and Production Pump Systems, suit for damages.

Joe Don Helm vs. Candyce Jane Drummond, suit for damages.

Joe Walker, Ramona Walker and Bill Eiland vs. Carlton Abram Robinson Jr. and J.B. Hunt Transport Inc., suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Doyle Guy Hildebrand and Oma Grace Hildebrand, divorce granted.

Martin Parks, et al, vs. Chevron USA and Pennzoil Exploration Co. Inc., agreed order to dismiss with prejudice.

Providian National Bank vs. Tommy Green, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

James C. and Sharon G. Sartor to Robert L. and Judith E Doyle, Lots 3 and 4 in Block 37 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Ronnie J. Eades, attorney-in-fact for Lloys Ethel Eades, to Bryan D. and Linda Sue Shuman, Lot 14 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Richard Keith Mitchell, independent executor of the estate of Margaret Mozell Hall, to Richard Keith Mitchell, the south 20 feet of Lot 12 and all of Lot 13, both in Block 4 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Monty and Mary Farmer to Ryan and Jessica Colvin, Lot 20 in Block 7 of the 1st Replat of the Parkway Addition, Second Section.

Marvin Davis to Jeff Lee Kenley, the north 50 feet of Lot 7 in Block 34 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Charles Henderson to Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, the west 140 acres of the south 426 acres of Section 231, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Charles Henderson to Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, the east one-half of Section 157, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Charles Henderson to Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, tract one being an 0.65-acre tract in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an 0.33-acre tract in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being Lots 2 and 3 in Block 18 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition; tract four being Lot 11 in Block 32 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Charles Henderson to Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, 8.24 acres in Blocks 108 and 106, P.R. Railroad survey.

Charles Henderson to Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, an undivided one-half interest in the northeast one-quarter of Section 148, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Howard and Dolores Jones to Marshall Lee and Shirley Dawn Burrus, Lot 10 and the south one-half of Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Arica Proulx to Gary L. Halkowitz, Lot 5 in Block D of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Thaba McMillan to James L. and Cynthia G. McMillan, the west one-quarter of Section147, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Randall Eugene and Gayla Ruann Harris to Damon Carl and Tami Dee Chappell, Lot 4 in Block 15 of the Park Place Addition.

Linda Carol Sellers Williams to James E. and Theresa Singletary, tract one being all of Lot 1 in Block 1 of the J.C. Jackson Addition; tract two being 3.379 acres in Tract 47, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

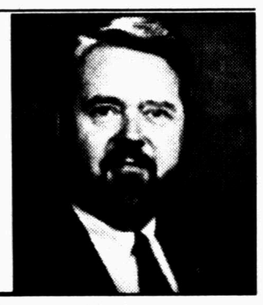
Eva Ann Miller Stalls and Walter Earl Miller to Mary Lee Miller Trull, tract one being Lot 13 in Block C of the Westridge Addition; tract two being part of Black C of the Westridge Addition.

Ronald Talley to Robert W. Talley, the east 42.5 acres of the south 85 acres of the southeast one-quarter of Section 71, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Helen B. Wadleigh and Polly A. Echols, co-trustees of the James L. Wadleigh and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, and co-trustees of the James L. Wadleigh Estate Trust, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



I'll make the decision, just give me the facts

In the Vietnam War, General Creighton Abrams commanded the American forces. During a briefing from his subordinates he interrupted them and said, "You people are telling me what you think I want to know. I want to know what is really happening."

Abrams had the authority to make decisions. Abrams was ready to make decisions. What he lacked was facts — the reality of the situation — on which to base his decisions.

My dictionary defines the word fact as, "the state of things as they are; truth." In business, just as on the battlefield, it is imperative to know the facts. Business owners must have the facts and understand them before they can make good decisions.

Charles F. Knight, the highly successful chairman of Emerson Electric learned the value of getting the facts. Knight said, "Every mistake I made — and we all make mistakes — came because I wasn't smart enough to get the facts."

Our knowledge is all of the facts we've learned. While knowledge is necessary for sound decision making, facts alone will not always lead us to good decisions. For example, I know that Nolan Ryan both walked more batters and struck out more batters than any other pitcher in professional baseball. That's a fact. However, it won't help me run a better business.

Since the thrust of this column is business and career building information — not trivia — we'll focus on our mission. Here are some business building facts that will help you become more successful.

*** You can focus on price or you can focus on value.** You can't focus on both. If you decide to focus on price you must become the low-cost provider. Otherwise, anyone with lower costs — less expenses — can take you out of business by lowering their prices below your costs.

The most profitable focus is the value focus. You can sell high-end or low-end as long the quality and quantity you offer is balanced by the amount you charge for your products and services.

*** If you often have to tell customers "I'm sorry," pretty soon they'll believe you.** Apologizing for frequent mistakes doesn't compensate your customers for the inconvenience you've caused.

You need to find and eliminate the causes of frequent errors, and then eliminate them. If you make a mistake you should apologize. It's common courtesy, and shows respect to your customer. However, if you have to say, "I'm sorry" very often, your customers will begin to tell others just what a "sorry" business you really have.

*** It's not what you know that makes you a success...it's what you do with what you know.** Certainly knowledge is valuable. I encourage each of you to keep learning. Proverbs 1:5 says, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning..."

However, knowing and not doing is the pattern of failure. When you learn what needs to be done, do it. Even if you move forward slowly, it's better than standing still.

*** Good marketing does not begin with a plan, research or a big budget.** Good marketing begins with a target customer in mind.

Here is the sequence. First, zero in on a target customer group. Second, find out exactly what they want or need. Third, give it to them. Fourth, follow up with great service. Fifth, constantly promote the advantages and benefits you offer.

*** No business ever outgrows the quality of the people who work there.** It's been my experience that first-rate employers hire first-rate people; second-rate employers hire third-rate people.

If you can't attract and pay first-rate people, don't expect to be the best. That's a fact.

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

Ex-employee sues company

HOUSTON (AP) — A former employee of medical-device giant Sulzer Medica is suing a subsidiary of his old company over an artificial hip he received, one of thousands recalled in December.

Jack Schwartz, 72, contends he has been unable to walk without a cane and has endured pain and sleeplessness since receiving his Sulzer Orthopedics hip replacement part in September.

Sulzer has recalled the hip parts, acknowledging a lubricant on some parts was preventing the device from fusing to patients' bones.

"I spent 47 years working my butt off to get to where I could retire," Schwartz told the Houston Chronicle. "My wife and I planned to travel. I love to golf. Now I can't cross my leg."

Schwartz, of the south Houston suburb of Pearland, oversaw pacemaker sales and operations at medical parts maker Intermedics. Sulzer bought the company in 1988.

Austin-based Sulzer Orthopedics says 17,500 patients received its Inter-Ops hip device. Surgeons who inserted the devices will take X-rays and review with patients whether the device is working properly, spokesman Jim Moore said.

The company has agreed to incur all out-of-pocket medical expenses, including paying for corrective surgery if necessary, for those who received defective parts.

Moore said some patients are having problems because of an oil-based lubricant left on some of the devices.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Letters to the editor

Thanks for help with food drive

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped and donated towards the Scout Food Drive that was held Feb. 3.

First, I would like to thank United and IGA for donating the bags that the boys and girls handed out the few days before the pick up date that people used.

Then, I would like to thank all of the people that donated canned goods and items to help out the food cupboard. This year we received 2,128 items.

Also, I thank all of the boys, girls and adults that helped put out the bags, collected the donated items and helped at the food cupboard.

Thanks again for another good year with the Scout Drive.

Rhonda Fletcher

Update on Bryce Doty

Dear Editor:

We just wanted to take this opportunity to update all the people who helped us get Bryce Doty to his hyperbaric oxygen treatment. He has now completed 105 treatments, out of approximately 185 needed.

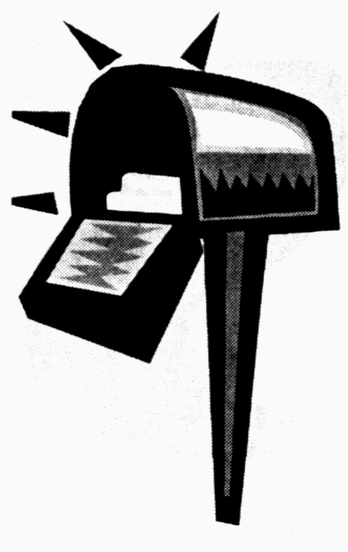
He has really made some good progress. His spasticity has been greatly reduced and this has allowed him to start building muscle in his leg for the first time. Through physical therapy, he has now gained 3 inches of new muscle in his leg. This was not possible before.

In his arms he has gained more range of motion. His elbow and shoulder have both moved into a near normal range of movement.

However, we have not seen much improvement in his hand at this time, but he is not finished with the treatments. So we will continue on and pray for the best.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

Darrel and Melissa Doty





North of Forty By Red Green

Tricks of the married trade

After you get married, there are things you need to learn that nobody ever talks about. They're not in any of the manuals, and neither your parents nor your teachers ever mention them. So I guess it's my job.

Here's the main one: To survive as a happily married man, you have to learn how to sneak food. You have to pretend that you're getting out of bed in the middle of the night because of a clunking sound you heard coming from the basement, and not from a growling sound you heard coming from your stomach. You have to learn to find the kitchen in the dark and unplug the fridge so you can open the door without detection. You have to be able to grab the food you want, close the door and plug the fridge back in, all in one motion.

You must eat quickly and be ready to stuff all of it into your cheek at a moment's notice so that when your wife calls down to find out what you're doing, you can call back without the telltale sound of a mouthful of leftovers.

Finish the job, hide the evidence and then climb back into bed. And if your wife starts making advances, don't give in to her. She's not feeling romantic, she's trying to do a strip search.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

There are a lot of ads for those SUV go-anywhere vehicles on television these days, and that got me thinking. If everybody is buying these four-wheel-drive family trucks with big knobby tires and high ground clearance, why are we spending more money than ever on superhighways and straight, smooth roads?

I say we stop building new roads and stop maintaining the ones we have. Let them all crack and split and get big potholes. Let people drive on the shoulder or the median or wherever they want. They're all driving tanks anyway. A knobby tire on a smooth road feels about the same as a knobby tire on a rough road.

Think of the millions of taxpayer dollars that we'd save. And speeding would be a thing of the past.

DON'T BANK ON IT

With the advent of all these ATM banking machines — instead of the bank being an ominous authority that controls your money and decides when you can come and get it and how much of it you can have — we can now access our cash 24 hours a day at any variety store. So I say it's time to get back at the banks for all those years of mistreatment. Here are a few things you can do to let them know that you're the boss now:

— Ask the teller to show you some I.D.

— When she gives you cash, take a hard look at each bill and refuse one of them.

— Bring in the stock market report any time the bank's stock price goes down, and ask the manager to explain what the hell is going on.

— When the bank calls you to discuss your loan, tell them your working hours are 10 'til 3.

— Ask the account manager to clarify how having your money in a savings account earning annual interest at .0001% is better and more convenient than sticking it under your mattress.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

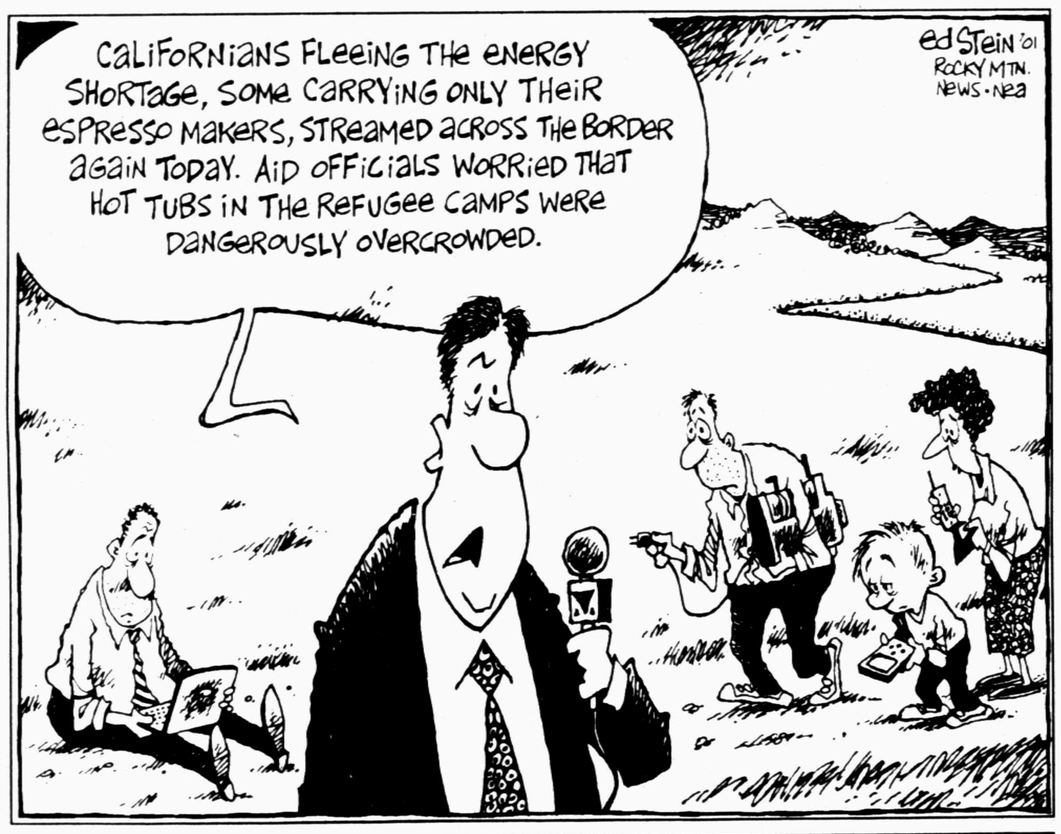
I send and receive files regularly on my computer, and one of the things I like best about that is the little screen that tells me how long it's going to take and then keeps updating me as the transfer is taking place. Wouldn't that be a great device to attach to people who come up and talk to you when you're busy?

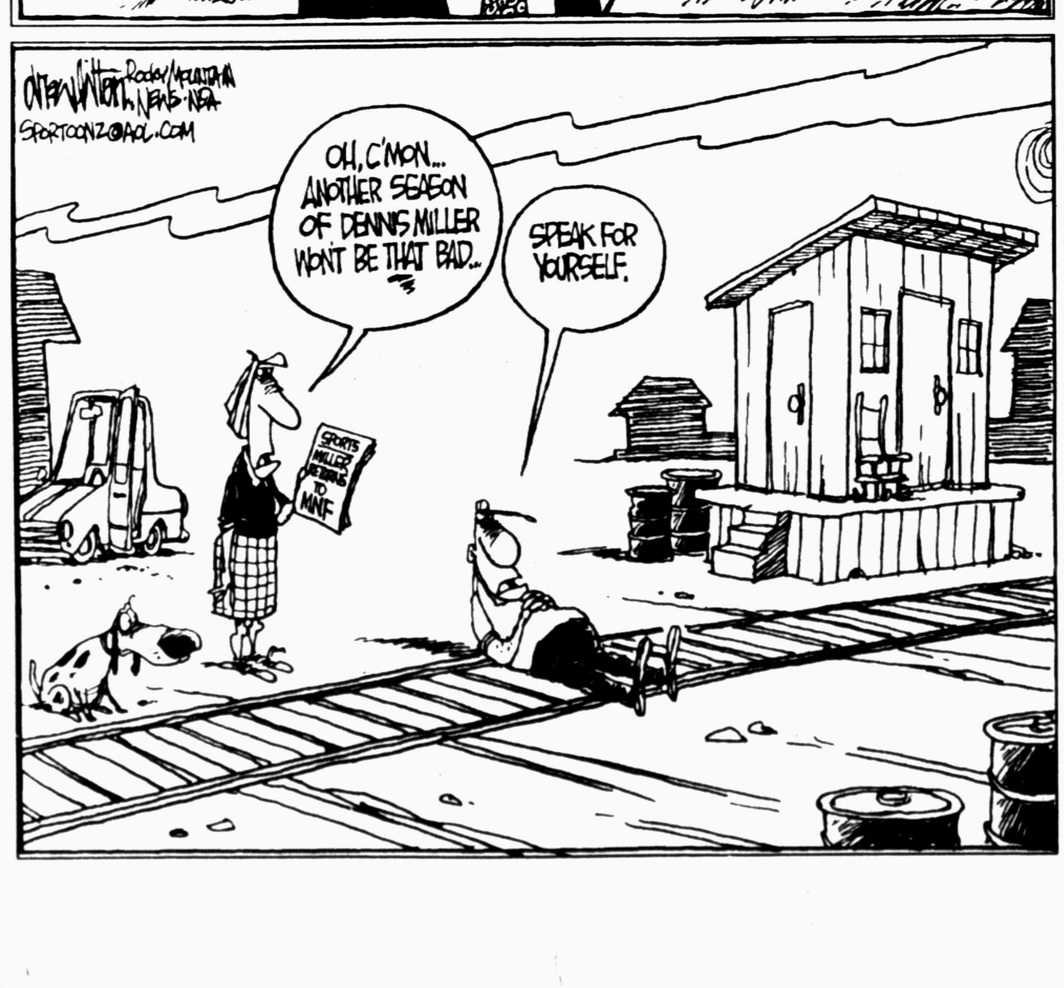
A little screen on their forehead that says, "This anecdote will take 43 minutes," and then you could just beg off or fake a heart attack or something. Anything's better than staring blankly at them, wondering if this will ever end.

Quote of the Day: "It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others." — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Mexican trucks in U.S.

The success thus far of the North American Free Trade Agreement has inadvertently had a downside. It has lulled many of us into the sense that dismantling the remaining barriers to unfettered hemispheric trade will be relatively easy.

The most troublesome case in point was back in the news this week: the endless bickering between the United States and Mexico as to when and under what conditions Mexican long-haul trucks will be allowed the open access to U.S. highways promised by NAFTA.

Even as committed and enthusiastic an advocate as President Bill Clinton could not find a way out of this box. He favored such access. But powerful interests — notably, the Teamsters Union, and some consumerist outfits — opposed giving Mexican truckers a green light.

Ever the political animal, Clinton did what comes naturally: He finessed the issue. Mexican trucks were allowed, but could drive no more than 20 miles into U.S. territory. At that point, cargoes had to be shifted to American carriers.

Meanwhile, the matter of a final resolution of the impasse was left to a five-member NAFTA arbitration panel, which was to rule Tuesday on Mexico's demand for the free access promised by Washington. The panel found for Mexico, ruling that Washington's refusal to give Mexican trucks ready access to U.S. highways violated the terms of NAFTA.

Hardly had the reverberations of that decision begun to fade than President George W. Bush moved briskly — critics would say hastily — to bring this country into compliance: His administration, he said, will reverse the Clinton policy and clear the remaining obstacles to cross-border traffic.

Longview News-Journal

No quick fix for high gas prices

State Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, isnt the only lawmaker calling for the Texas Railroad Commission to come up with ways that lower the price of natural gas. Other members of the House Energy Resources Committee that Merritt is vice chairman of are joining in grilling the agency.

In a hearing last week, TRC Chairman Michael Williams made a series of proposals to check soaring gas prices. He says the Legislature should reduce the severance tax producers pay on gas they take from the ground. Severance taxes on natural gas total $488 million per year and $210 million on oil.

Williams also wants lawmakers to create incentives to encourage utilities to buy gas at lower prices and to encourage producers to dig new wells. He further suggested that legislators give consumers a break by giving rebates on the gas, electric and water utility tax that utility companies charge consumers. That tax brings in $220 million per year.

State Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, who leads the energy committee, asked pointedly why the state should offer aid to a gas industry that is making big profits.

The commissioners said severance tax relief is needed to boost new production in the industry because investors, bankers and producers are being cautious following the steep price declines in 1998 and 1999.

Natural gas prices have risen from $2.45 per 1,000 cubic feet a year ago to more than $8 recently. That, says Consumers Union, should be sufficient incentive for producers.

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Dollars for women's health care

In a reverse twist, Texas lawmakers are urging the Texas Department of Health to expedite a federal Medicaid waiver application that could bring hundreds of millions of federal dollars to the state for womens health programs.

A waiver would allow Texas to provide health services, including birth control, to more women than are currently eligible. Routine exams and screening for early detection of diseases such as diabetes, cervical and breast cancer and anemia also would be included.

If granted, the waiver would allow the state to get $9 in federal money for every $1 in state money spent on womens health care. The additional federal funding would mean that an estimated 1 million of the states 1.5 million uninsured women would be eligible.

Thats just too good to pass up.

While only an estimated $300 million is expected to be available for new spending out of the proposed two-year $108.2 billion budget, lawmakers certainly could find several million to pay for Texas share.

Having state-funded birth control services, which is part of the waiver, undoubtedly will be opposed by some members of the Legislature. But this is more than a birth control issue. The funding would allow women who dont have health insurance to get preventative health screening and treatment. And it would save money. In 1997, it cost the state $6,300 per Medicaid child birth and newborn care, a total of $458 million. It would cost about $200 per patient, or $200 million, to provide screening and birth control to 1 million women, according to department of health statistics. And, it would save Texans the expense of women using hospital emergency rooms for routine care.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A I-35 commuter line

There was a time, some years back, when driving down Interstate 35 was a leisurely exercise.

You could hit the cruise control and ignore the brake pedal for long stretches. Traffic bottlenecks were rare.

Now congestion is commonplace along much of I-35 in Texas, particularly in the Austin and San Antonio areas. Some Tarrant County residents routinely take alternative routes, such as U.S. 281, when they drive to San Antonio.

That's why it makes so much sense to pursue the possibility of establishing a commuter rail line that would roughly parallel I-35 for a stretch of 80 to 100 miles from north of Austin to San Antonio.

The idea got a boost earlier this month when it was endorsed by Gov. Rick Perry.

Existing Union Pacific Railroad track could be utilized for a large chunk of a commuter rail line, but at least one additional track would probably have to be added.

Railroad officials say they would be happy to discuss a rail project, which would cost an estimated $475 million, according to one study.

Railroad track might be utilized not only for passenger operations but also to transport large freight trucks on rail cars in an effort to reduce the growing volume of 18-wheelers on I-35.

Here's a startling example of the escalation in I-35 traffic: In just seven years, from 1992 to 1999, the average daily volume of vehicles passing through the juncture of I-35 and Loop 410 in downtown San Antonio doubled — from 95,000 to 190,000 — according to a Texas Department of Transportation estimate.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Aunt's demanding calls need to be put on hold

DEAR ABBY: My "Aunt Agnes" has a very annoying habit. She calls me and says, "Hi, what are you doing?" The salutation may seem innocent enough, but my Aunt Agnes expects a specific answer. If she doesn't think what you're doing is important, she'll have something for you to do for her — such as make a delivery or run an errand. In other words, the person must stop whatever he or she is doing to do something for her.

Aunt Agnes is not a bad person. But when the phone rings and I hear her voice on the other end of the line, I know I must come up with an excuse or she'll put me to work. If I happen to be relaxing when she calls, even if it's not important to her, the excuse should be good enough. However, this is not usually the case. Aunt Agnes passes judgment on the activity and proceeds to "order" me to do something for her.

The more I encounter this, the more annoying it becomes. When the phone rings and she asks, "What are you doing?" I am tempted to say, "Nothing for you!" But I would feel guilty if I said it. Do you have any advice? — **EXHAUSTED IN WOODBRIDGE, N.J.**

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Yes. While your reaction to your aunt's self-centeredness is understandable, in the interest of family harmony, refrain from making a snappy comeback. Be warm, polite and frank with her. If she asks you to do something that's an imposition, tell her it's not convenient at this time and don't apologize. When she realizes that you, too, are an adult with a busy schedule, she will find someone else to impose upon.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm so glad you printed the "acts of kindness" letter from Barbara P. in Dana Point, Calif., about the teen-agers who warned her about her flat tire on the freeway.

I own a condo in a large congregate living facility. The residents eat in a dining room overseen by a staff of three mature adults. However, teen-agers and young adults show us to our tables and bring us our meals. Many of them are still in high school or attend a local community college.

To be frank, some of the girls' makeup and hair color can be startling, and not all the boys keep their cummerbunds neat around their waists. They all wear jewelry in places we would never have imagined — but they are wonderful to have around, and do an excellent job.

Some of them tease us a little and laugh with us. When they tell us about their lives, it is always good. There are a few fuddy-duddies here who do not feel as I do, but I try to stay clear of them.

As for you, Abby, I appreciate your down-to-earth attitude. I like the letters you choose, because at my age, I usually have something to compare them to. — **S.R.K., WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.**

DEAR S.R.K.: Bless you for your kind words. I suspect most of the people who read my column do so because they identify with the writers who pour their hearts out.

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DEAR ABBY: I worked the day shift and my wife worked the night shift in a hospital. My "buddy" (I'll call him Ralph) worked the night shift along with her.

Ralph was married, with a young wife and baby. I had never met the wife. After a few months, I realized there was hanky-panky going on between Ralph and my wife. Neither of them suspected I knew.

I was going to make a big fuss and confront them, but realized that people who cheat also lie through their teeth to save themselves. I could have punched Ralph out and thrown my wife out of the house, but I remained calm. Instead, I invited Ralph and his wife to dinner at our home. Next, I told my wife that we were having "surprise" dinner guests.

When the doorbell rang, she ran to answer. When she saw Ralph and his wife, her mouth fell open and for once she was speechless. She remained that way most of the evening as his innocent, cute little wife chatted on about her wonderful marriage and baby and hubby. Ralph and my wife hardly said a word. They appeared very uncomfortable the whole evening.

They both got my message without my firing a shot or his wife being hurt. Ralph went into another line of work two weeks later. — **SKINNED A CAT IN DAYTONA BEACH**

DEAR SKINNED A CAT: I'm pleased your story had a happy ending — for you. Now that you have "skinned the cat," it's time for you and your wife to adopt similar work schedules and begin rebuilding your marriage that became sidetracked. It's not enough to stop the straying; unless you confront the issues that caused it, it could happen again.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "A San Diego Widow" and had to respond. My husband of nearly 35 years passed away a few months ago. Needless to say, it has been the most devastating loss I have ever experienced.

Within a couple of weeks of his death, a piece of the emerald in my wedding ring broke. The insurance company sent me to a wonderful jeweler to make repairs. I brought along my husband's wedding band, thinking he could make it smaller so I could wear it. Instead, he suggested that he make a heart out of it and, after replacing the stone in my wedding ring, take the broken stone and reshape it into a teardrop hanging from the center of the heart.

I now wear this simple yet beautiful heart next to my own combined with the original stone from my wedding band. Its emotional value is priceless. I never take it off and feel that part of my husband is always with me. — **ONE OF MANY FLORIDA WIDOWS**

DEAR ONE OF MANY: What a touching story. And the fact that the stone within the heart is "broken" speaks volumes. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a [illegible] problem. I was married [illegible] August; my wife has an 8-year-old daughter who still sleeps with her. Have you any suggestions about how to get her daughter to sleep by herself without making this child feel abandoned or rejected? — **LONELY IN BAND IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR LONELY: Yes. Get her an adorable puppy to sleep with and snuggle with. That way, she won't be alone.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001

By continually modifying your game plan in the year ahead until something clicks, you will eventually achieve your objective. Throw everything out and see what sticks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be far too touchy for your own good today and misinterpret the intentions of others by reading things that were unintended into what they say. Get your mind off yourself. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be grateful for what you have and for your present circumstances instead of being jealous of others. No matter how much we have, there will always be someone who has something more or different.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even if you feel a competitor has kept you from getting the recognition you rightfully deserve, keep it to yourself. Continue to be who you are and the truth will come out eventually.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't make a big thing of it should someone who has a chance to do you a favor today choose to look the other way. The scorn this person receives from others will even the score.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Treat it philosophically if you should discover that someone who you thought was your friend really isn't. Knowledge is power, and you'll now know how to deal with this individual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Remain calm should an associate do something you fear could affect your reputation. One's ship cannot reach port during stormy weather.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you are gifted with good taste, this enviable attribute might not be operative today. It may be wise to put off buying an expensive item until another day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Better be careful whom you decide to charm today. What you might view as a harmless flirtation could be misinterpreted and taken very seriously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you behave in too self-serving a manner today, it will cause others to treat you similarly — and you won't like it one bit. Strive to be a giver instead of a grabber.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Others will take you at your word today, so be careful what you promise and to whom. If you can't fulfill what you pledge, your reputation will suffer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Allowing your extravagant whims to gain the upper hand today would be extremely foolish on your part. If you squander your resources, you'll have to pay the piper eventually.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a strong possibility today that you could come off a bit too pushy and/or offensive if you make winning your aim at all costs. Play life with class, not with crass.

Monday, Feb. 19, 2001

The year ahead could be payoff time for those endeavors in which you've laid out strong foundations. It'll prove that hard work is what it takes to make things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might not be an emotional person, but today one would never know that. You may do something beyond the call of duty strictly out of deep feelings for someone you love. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The powers of persuasion you possess today will make it difficult for others to resist your suggestions. Your presentation works because it's based on truth and enthusiasm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Simply by applying yourself today, you'll be able to take measures that could enhance your material well being. Roll up your sleeves and get to work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you won't be frivolous in thought today, you will have an uplifting and happy disposition that others will find pleasing and enjoyable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) For those of you who have applied yourself beyond the call of duty, there may be some rewards in store for you today. It might be material rewards, but it can also come in the form of an opportunity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions look hopeful for you today, but especially in dealings you have that call for cooperation or compromise. Good things could develop in these two areas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A project that has been tedious and slow might finally work out today, with all the pieces fitting together neatly. It'll give you great satisfaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What makes you such a success today is that you'll be able to remain cool in the face of provoking conditions. By doing so, frustrations will be robbed of their power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Things can be corrected today, so don't just continue to study a situation that needs adjustments. Once you have a game plan, take the necessary measures to make changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Certain people with whom you'll have contact today could have some pretty good suggestions that could serve you well. Listen attentively to what they have to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The chances of you being as productive tomorrow as you are today are not good. Don't dilly-dally over matters that are meaningful to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What looks like a lucky roll of the dice for you today will be the result of spadework you did in the past. Things are about to pay off.

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Clinton's Harlem office deal sealed

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton struck a deal with the city on Friday to lease office space in Harlem, Rep. Charles Rangel's office said.

The news came after Mayor Rudolph Giuliani had turned down at least two offers for his administration to give up the lease it signed in December on the 14th floor office on 125th Street.

On Tuesday, Clinton, the man author Toni Morrison once referred to as "our first black president," had strolled through the nation's best-known African-American neighborhood, taking time to shake hands, give hugs and sign autographs for the adoring throngs.

He immediately declared the Harlem office "perfect." But then came news that the city already held the lease; negotiations ensued.

In addition to giving him a base among some of his strongest supporters, an office in the building with a marble lobby and panoramic views will likely cost Clinton about $500,000 less in annual rent than offices he had considered on 57th Street. The cost of that midtown address had draw widespread criticism.

The move is a public relations boon for Harlem.

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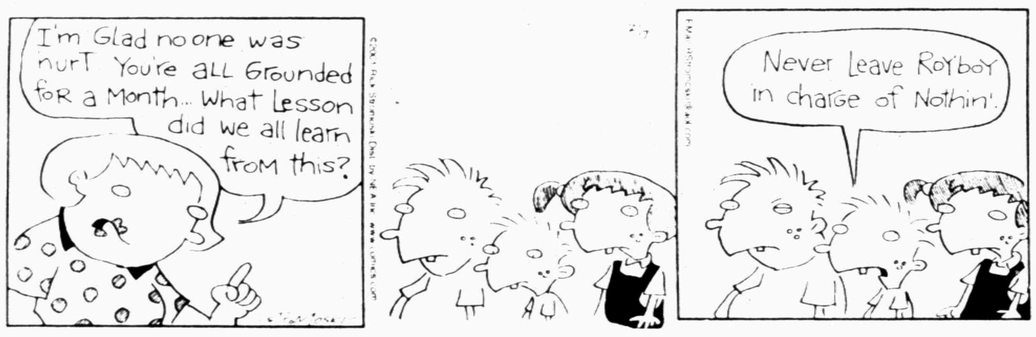
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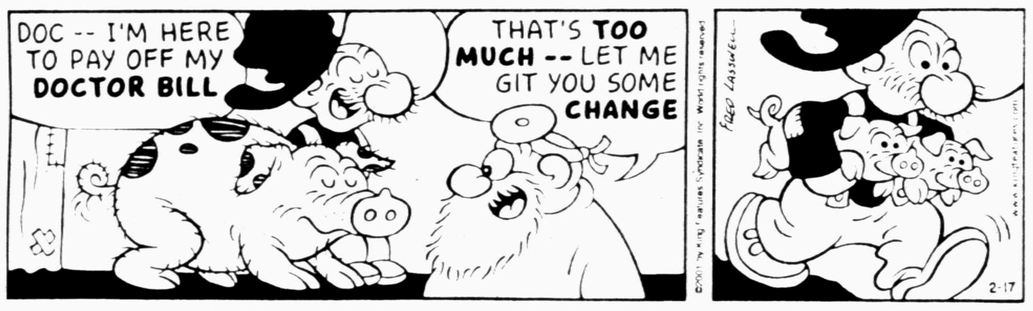
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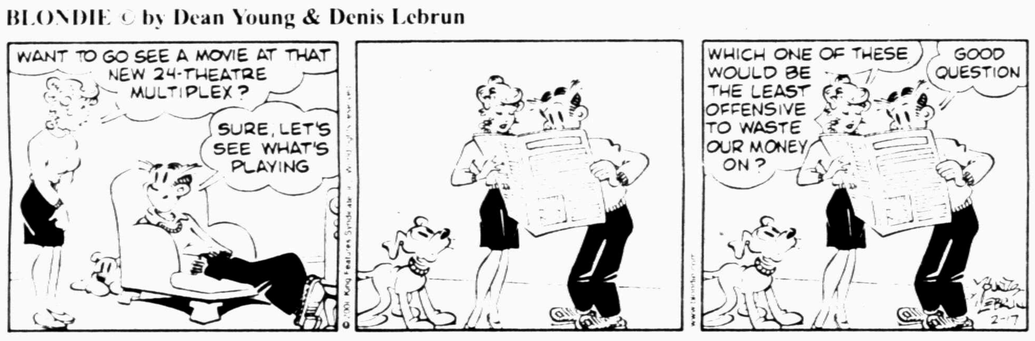
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6 Entity
10 Style of type
12 Contort (in pain)
14 Lady's undergarment
15 Batter
16 Fast plane (abbr.)
17 Small inlet
19 Italian city
20 Master of music
23 Agreed (with)
26 "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds.)
27 Moccasin
30 Tropical lizard
32 Be against
34 Bonding material
35 Poured
36 Timetable abbr.
37 Foot part
39 Metric unit
40 Come together again
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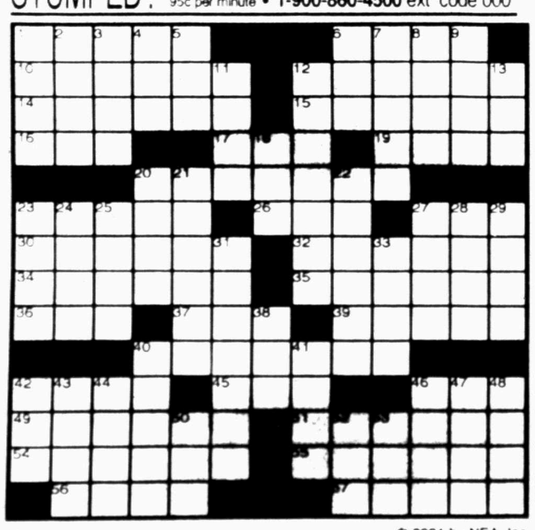
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1 Adjusts beforehand
2 "How sweet — —"
3 Pub missile
4 Old age
5 Part of RSVP
6 Swiss canton
7 Explosive (sl.)
8 "Leave — — Beaver"
9 Pronoun
11 Wax
12 Knickknack
13 Before, to a poet
18 "Rose — — rose"
20 Pork or veal
21 Congenitally joined
22 Most ready for picking
23 Iwo —
24 Opera prince
25 Actor Raymond —
27 Pear, e.g.
28 Jacob's son
29 Grant
31 Awakens
33 Singer Seeger
38 Compass pt.
40 Ranch rope
41 Glazes
42 "Yuck!"
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44 Animal's stomach
46 — Hari
47 Tart
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50 Type of feeling
52 Mist
53 To and —

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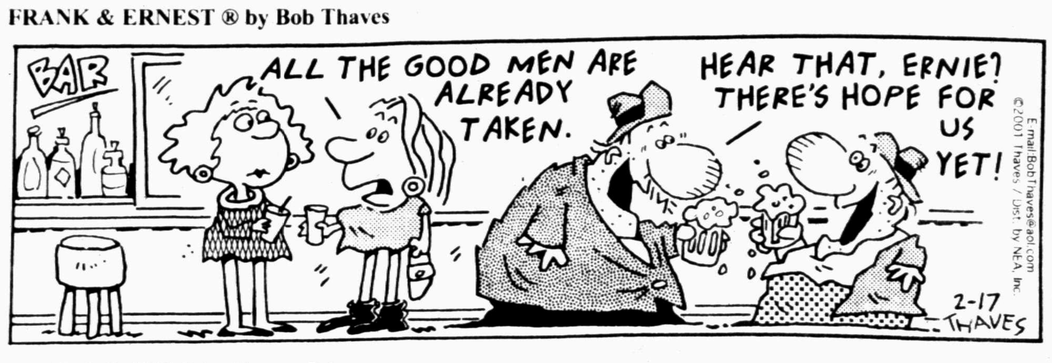
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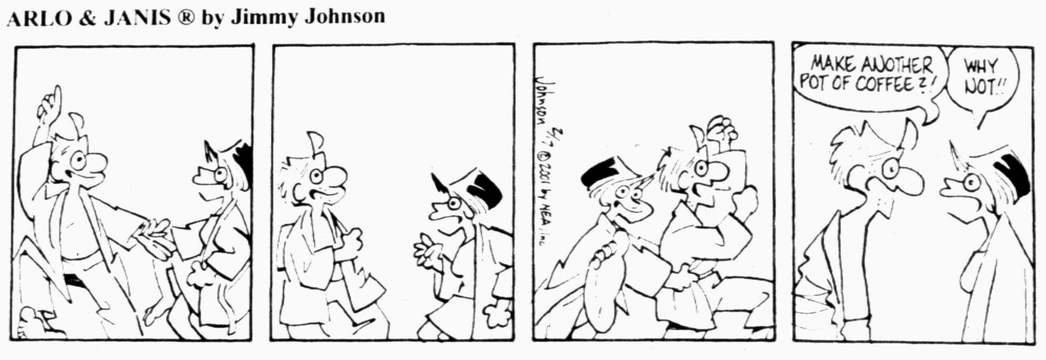


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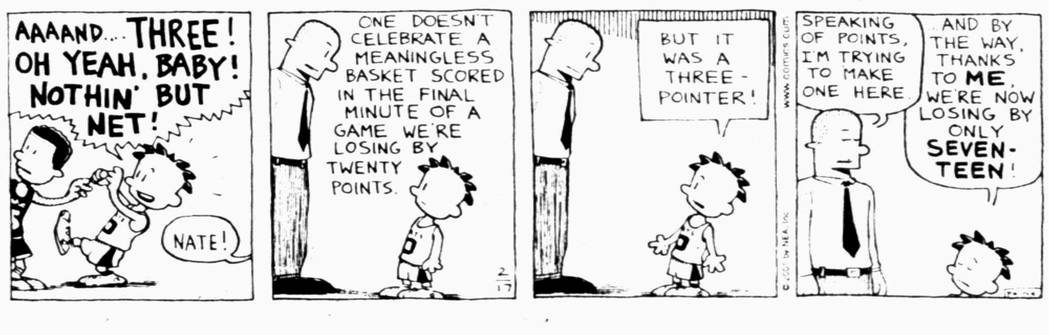
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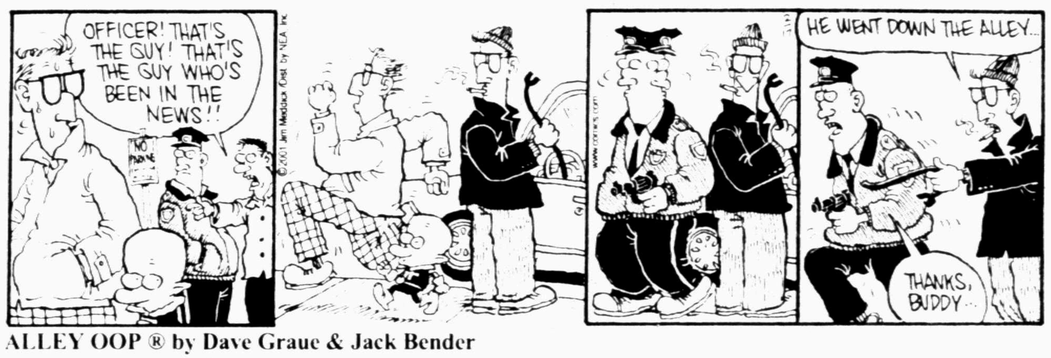
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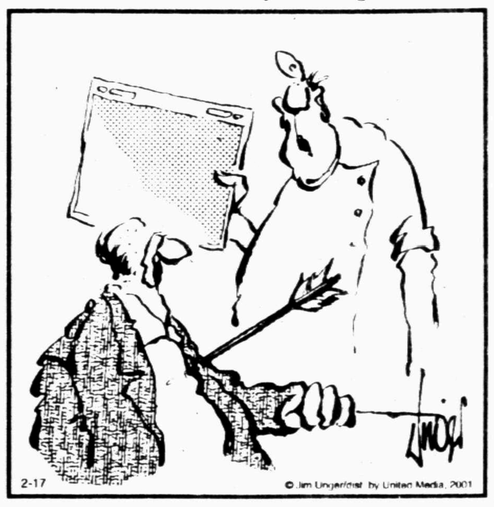
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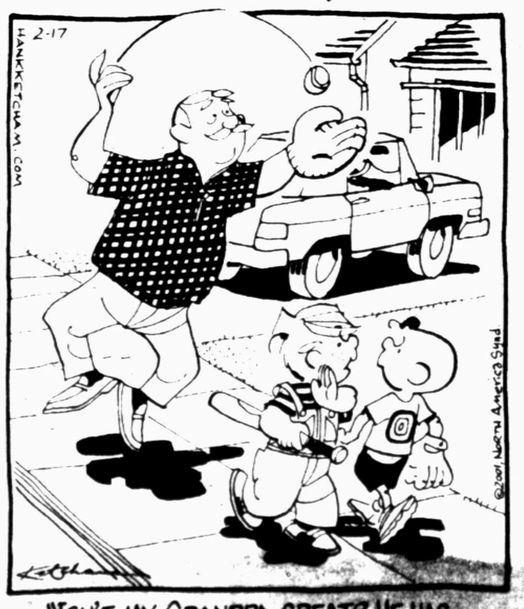
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Date Books

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001

Today is the 48th day of 2001 and the 59th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1817, the Gas Light Co. of Baltimore, Md., succeeded in lighting a city street with gaslight.

On this day in 1911, Glenn Curtiss made the first hydroplane flight to and from a ship. He flew from an island near San Diego, Calif., to the USS Pennsylvania and back again.

On this day in 1987, Michelle Renee Royer of Texas was crowned Miss U.S.A.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Malthus (1766-1834), political economist; Marian Anderson (1902-1993), singer; Red Barber (1908-1992), sports broadcaster; Chaim Potok (1929-), novelist, is 72; Jim Brown (1936-), football great-actor, is 65; Michael Jordan (1963-), basketball great-baseball aspirant, is 38; Billie Joe Armstrong (1972-), singer, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1926, Suzanne Lenglen defeated Helen Wills 6-3, 8-6 in a tennis match played in Cannes, France.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might." — Marian Anderson

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 14) and new moon (Feb. 23).

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001

Today is the 49th day of 2001 and the 60th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, Elm Farm Ollie became the first cow to fly in an airplane. During the flight, Elm Farm Ollie was milked. The milk was packaged, and the cartons were dropped by parachute over St. Louis, Mo.

On this day in 1954, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Salk polio vaccine was given to American schoolchildren for the first time.

On this day in 1972, the Supreme Court of California banned capital punishment in that state, declaring it "cruel and unusual."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Peabody (1795-1869), merchant-philanthropist; Jack Palance (1920-), actor, is 81; Helen Gurley Brown (1922-), author-editor, is 79; Toni Morrison (1931-), novelist, is 70; Cybill Shepherd (1950-), actress, is 51; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 47; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Katarina Witt won a gold medal in the figure-skating competition at the Sarajevo Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Beauty can't amuse you, but brainwork — reading, writing, thinking — can." — Helen Gurley Brown

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Clinton lays out plans for India

NEW YORK (AP) — Sounding his most presidential since leaving office, Bill Clinton took to the podium with new plans to improve housing, health care, education and financial well-being in earthquake-ravaged India.

A week after leaving office, Clinton helped found a group called Americans for Indian Relief and Reconstruction, which he said would help some of the 400 villages most devastated by the Jan. 26 earthquake.

"Our objective will be to help deal with the housing issues, the health care issues, the education issues, the clean water issue ... and try to give entrepreneurs the chance to make the most of a terrible situation," Clinton told 200 Indian Americans at Thursday's benefit dinner to help earthquake victims.

The model could become an example for poor areas around the world as well as inner cities and poor rural areas in America, he said.

Clinton limited his speech to development and relief issues, ignoring the controversy surrounding his pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich. Rich is the subject of congressional inquiries and a criminal investigation by the U.S. attorney's office in New York, which indicted him in 1983.

GOP urged to keep pushing on taxes

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Steve Forbes, whose presidential campaign call for a flat income tax helped revive large tax cuts as a core Republican issue, roused the party faithful Friday not to let Democrats dominate the agenda on taxes. "It's our turn," he boomed.

Speaking before the Conservative Political Action Conference meeting here, Forbes urged Republicans not to be on the defensive about President Bush's proposed tax cut.

"This tax bill is very small when you consider it," he said. "Instead of defending what's in this tax bill we should be adding to it."

Bush has proposed a 10-year tax cut whose $1.6 trillion price tag is expected to grow. Democrats call the plan too big and too tilted toward high earners. They have offered an alternative of about half the size, saying their it would leave more money for debt reduction, spending for schools, a new Medicare prescription drug benefit and other priorities.

Already there have been defections from two Republicans who now say they can't support Bush's tax cut — Sens. James Jeffords of Vermont and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island. With the Senate split 50-50, every vote is crucial to pass any legislation.

"Let them not dominate the agenda. It's our turn and we're going to do it right," said Forbes, a multimillionaire publisher. "The tax issue is not just an economic issue. It is fundamentally a moral issue.

"Today the American people are seeing Washington take a higher percentage of their income than any time since World War II," he said. "We are being punished for being successful."

Forbes lauded Republican efforts to repeal the estate tax and suggested Bush's plan should include a reduction in the capital-gains tax and an extension of the soon-to-expire moratorium on any Internet tax.

Forbes has been a leader in the Republican conservative movement since his first bid for the presidential nomination in 1996. Throughout his speech, the crowd of several hundred applauded and gave standing ovations.

His half-hour speech dealt mostly with taxes but he also said:

—On his future plans: "My plans are to support Bush and Cheney when they run for re-election in 2004. In the meantime in the public square I will be a happy outside agitator."

—On the Federal Reserve's reaction to the slowing of the economy: "They brought on this slowdown. Interest rates are at 5.5 percent. They should be at 3 percent."

—On the early days of the Bush administration: He cited actions to stop foreign aid to organizations that provide abortions, the confirmation of John Ashcroft as attorney general and efforts to move forward on a missile defense system. "They are paying attention. That's encouraging."

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Yearly, millions have undetected strokes

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A surprising 11 million Americans each year have strokes that are never detected because they cause no obvious symptoms, although over time they may lead to memory loss and other ills, a study concludes.

Doctors have long known that people can have insidious "silent strokes" — tiny spots of dead cells inside the brain that do not cause classic stroke symptoms. But the new study suggests they are extremely common, occurring in about 4 percent of the U.S. population each year.

Besides the 11 million Americans who have silent strokes annually, about 750,000 more have ones that cau e classic stroke symptoms, such as slurred speech, dizziness and numbness on one side.

"Silent strokes are epidemic in this country," said Dr. Megan C. Leary. While they occur in parts of the brain where they don't cause symptoms right away, "the word 'silent' should be put in quotes, because their effects accumulate over the years."

While a single silent stroke may have no impact, repeated ones lead to memory lapses, mood problems and difficulty walking. They are also a sign that people are especially prone to full-blown strokes.

Leary and colleagues from UCLA Medical Center released the results Friday at a meeting of the American Stroke Association in Fort Lauderdale.

"It's an alarming estimate," said Dr. Robert J. Adams of the Medical College of Georgia. "It's surprisingly high but very possibly accurate."

The researchers say silent strokes are rare before age 30. But after that, their prevalence doubles every 10 years. By the time people reach their 70s, one in three has a silent stroke every year.

The researchers also found that some people have more than one silent stroke in a year. When these repeat ones are added together, Americans have almost 22 million silent strokes annually. This means that only 3 percent of the total number of strokes in 1998, when the data were compiled, were actually diagnosed.

Leary based her estimate on two surveys involving brain scans on about 5,500 Americans.

"What's sad is that silent strokes and symptomatic strokes are among the most preventable diseases in this country," Leary said.

Doctors can see the scars left by silent strokes when they perform routine brain scans. But ordinarily they do not search for them. However, the new data raise the possibility that perhaps they should, since people who have one silent stroke are likely to have many more.

Strokes can be prevented by keeping blood pressure under control, lowering cholesterol, treating diabetes and stopping smoking. Leary said if people actually know they have had a silent stroke, they might be more willing to stick to blood pressure medicines and cholesterol-lowering drugs that cut their risk.

The new data suggest that diagnosed strokes "may be just the tip of the iceberg," said Dr. Ralph Sacco of Columbia University. But while they raise the possibility that doctors should look for silent strokes and treat victims more aggressively, "we don't have the data to show that yet."

In a separate study, Dutch doctors did brain scans on a cross-section of 1,077 elderly people. They found that one-quarter of them had signs of stroke, and 80 percent of these were silent strokes.

"Up until now, we have not told people about silent strokes because we didn't know what they mean," said Dr. Sarah F. Vermeer of Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam. "Now we have evidence that silent strokes do count."

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On Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can Calcium cancel out iron?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In a previous column, you said "mealtime is usually best" for taking calcium supplements. However, I read an article by a different expert who said that calcium, particularly in the form of calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$), should not be taken with meals because it reduces the stomach's acidity, thereby lowering absorption of iron and vitamin B12. Could you expand your discussion on these mixed messages? — **B.**

Dear B.: The mixed messages reflect some of the complexities of nutrient digestion and absorption. Where dietary calcium is concerned, for example, absorption is not a wholly efficient process. There are many positive and negative factors — some out of our control — that influence how much calcium gets absorbed. When all is said and done, we utilize only about 30 percent of the calcium we ingest. (The percentage of calcium absorbed is much higher in growing children and in pregnant or lactating women.)

Dietary allowances take these factors into account. A Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of 1,200 milligrams of calcium per day does not mean your body requires this amount. It means you need to have that much calcium in your diet to be reasonably sure that you'll absorb what your body needs.

Calcium has been found to interfere with the absorption of dietary iron. If you are suffering from iron-deficiency anemia, it is a good idea to separate meals containing iron from meals high in calcium. Calcium does not block iron absorption entirely, but it may limit the amount absorbed by your body. Most people don't have a problem, and many supplements contain both nutrients in the same pill.

The story with calcium and vitamin B12 is a bit more complex. Two separate components are necessary for the body to absorb vitamin B12: the vitamin itself, which is present in foods or in supplement form, and a protein known as the "intrinsic factor" that is manufactured by the body. This factor binds with the vitamin and escorts it through the absorptive surface of the intestines. Without its intrinsic factor, little if any vitamin B12 would get into your system.

The connection with calcium carbonate relates to the fact that naturally occurring vitamin B12 tends to be found in foods derived from animals. In these foods, the vitamin is bound to protein. Vitamin B12 has to be in its free form to be acted upon by its intrinsic factor. Stomach acid and the enzyme pepsin help to free vitamin B12. If stomach acids are low because of a chronic condition or as a result of acid-neutralizing medicine, a lot of the vitamin can go unused.

If you are at risk for vitamin B12 deficiency and you get most of the vitamin from food, try to avoid ingesting vitamin B12-rich foods and calcium carbonate supplements at the same meal. Please understand that stomach acid is not needed for absorption — only to free the vitamin from the food, so losing vitamin B12 in supplements or fortified foods is not a risk when stomach acid is low.

Another factor to consider is the calcium carbonate itself. The reason why this form of calcium is present in antacids is because it is a very effective antacid. (It's also an inexpensive form of supplementary calcium.) Other forms of calcium, such as calcium citrate or calcium citrate-maleate, can provide the needed calcium without the same acid-neutralizing effect. The effect is also not seen with calcium present in food.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Current President Bush also does not like broccoli

SAN CRISTOBAL, Mexico (AP) — President Bush has his father's taste for broccoli: He, too, gives it a thumbs down.

Minutes before visiting Mexican President Vicente Fox's ranch — a sprawl of dusty broccoli fields — Bush was asked Friday for his verdict on the green vegetable. He waggled his hand indifferently, squinched his face and turned his thumb down.

"Make it cauliflower!" he joked, standing with Fox and the Mexican president's mother, Mercedes Quesada.

Bush's father, who was president from 1989 to 1993, got himself in trouble with U.S. broccoli growers when he let it slip that he didn't like the vegetable. "I'm president of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli," he said in 1990, prompting California growers to ship him some 10,000 pounds of the stuff. Homeless shelters and soup kitchens cooked it up for Washington's needy.

Bush seemed to recall his father's flap when a reporter asked Friday if he liked broccoli. "You've done your research," the president said with a grin.

Bush and Fox didn't take long to create an informal atmosphere.

Shortly after greeting the U.S. president with a handshake and brief hug, Fox brought Bush to his mother's house for a family photo and a plate of desserts.

The Mexican president introduced his family in English. Bush greeted them in Spanish.

Colleges struggle to keep balance of males, females

OBERLIN, Ohio (AP) — The Oberlin College student walked into her first art history class of the spring semester and did a quick head count: two men and 20 women.

Too bad, thought Meg Spearman, a senior from Philadelphia. "The classes with more guys are more verbal," she said.

The dearth of men gets noticed outside class, too — there aren't many guys around to date, she said.

"That's the joke on campus," agreed Victoria Der, another senior at Oberlin.

Oberlin, a historically liberal institution that pioneered coeducation with its founding in 1833, now finds itself discussing how to keep men interested in the school.

Fifty-nine percent of Oberlin's 2,905 students are women at a time when many colleges believe a close male-female ratio can create a livelier intellectual atmosphere and make a school more attractive socially to high school students who are thinking of applying.

Harry Dawe, associate director of admissions at Oberlin, fueled the discussion last fall when he organized a national forum called "Are Our Boys at Risk?"

In an era when recruiting of racial minorities and women is commonplace, Dawe calls the idea of affirmative action for men "the issue that dare not speak its name."

The growing percentage of women at the nation's colleges and universities isn't a recent phenomenon: Women have outnumbered men on U.S. campuses since 1978. Women now make up 55 percent of college enrollment — about 6.8 million women to 5.5 million men.

How did men become such a minority? One theory is that teen-age boys are eager to join the working world.

"Boys like to strut and make claims and tell everyone they are going to do something and then they don't do it," said Clifford Adelman, senior research analyst with the U.S. Education Department.

The gender gap is more pronounced at liberal arts colleges, where women make up 61 percent of the enrollment, according to the American Council on Education. That may be because some liberal arts colleges lack the engineering and business programs that tend to attract men.

The gender gap may be more apparent at small-town schools like Oberlin than at a sprawling state university with tens of thousands of students.

Admissions director Paul Marthers said that Oberlin has a goal of keeping women's enrollment at no more than 60 percent but that no unqualified male is accepted. Over the past three years, the male share of Oberlin acceptances has increased from 38 percent to 43 percent, in part because men have sometimes received a second look.

Dawe said teen-age boys often develop more slowly than girls and may lack the high grades and SAT scores that catch the eye of admissions officers. Instead, Dawe said, he might look for an applicant's passionate interest in some area, on the chance that the person might thrive in a college environment less structured than high school.

"We're looking for students who haven't become intellectuals" yet, Dawe said. "If that means looking at boys differently, we're going to do it."

The risks of letting the gender gap widen and female enrollment increase are clear. A school with too many women might become perceived as a women's school and become less attractive to both men and women.

"What if it goes to 65 percent? Sixty-five is OK," Spearman said. "But if it was 80-20 — I wouldn't want to come here."

The idea of recruiting men gets into some dangerous political territory.

Nancy C. Dowling, a guidance counselor at Aurora High School in suburban Cleveland, said schools wouldn't dare hang out the "Men Wanted" sign at college night activities. "I think there would be a lot of backlash from women's groups," she said.

While Oberlin stops short of directly recruiting men, it tries to make sure its promotional materials do not turn guys off. When a science brochure was revised several years ago, its floral design was dropped because it seemed too feminine, Dawe said.

At 2,000-student Dickinson College near Harrisburg, Pa., admissions counselors have gone further to bump up male enrollment, now only 39 percent.

Japanese prosecutors indict Marine

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese prosecutors formally indicted a Marine suspected of arson attacks on Okinawa. The U.S. military surrendered him Friday.

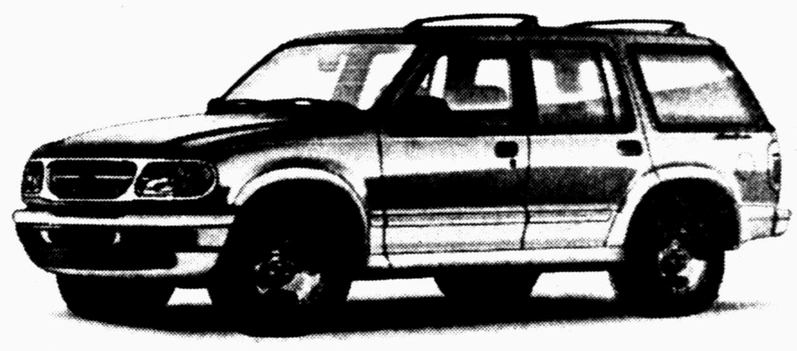
The military's refusal to hand over Lance Cpl. Kurt K. Billie, who was detained this week at Camp Hansen, angered Japan. The U.S. military cited an agreement that allows it to keep custody of accused soldiers until prosecutors file charges.

Billie, suspected of setting fire to a restaurant and a bar last month, was formally indicted Friday. He was sent to a jail in the Okinawan capital of Naha, an official in the prosecutor's office said. Naha is 1,000 miles southwest of Tokyo.

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