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Home Of Mark Keller

Rodeo activity begins Sunday at local arena

While the 63rd annual Scurry County Rodeo doesn't officially get underway until Thursday, books for the rodeo open Monday and will be open through noon Tuesday.

Queen contestants will be displaying their horsemanship to judges Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena.

Rodeo events include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, girl's breakaway roping and team roping.

Rodeo fans will also see teams entered in wild cow milking and team mugging.

Stockholder's roping will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the arena.

The ever-popular rodeo parade is Thursday at 5 p.m. and the route is once again around the courthouse square.

The rodeo has performances scheduled each evening at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

T-N-T Rodeo Company of Anson is the stock contractor.

Satuday's events include the crowning of the 1998 Scurry County Rodeo Queen. Contestants this year are Darcee Purcell, Amanda Johnson, Randi Kay Herrington and Allison Canon.

Junior Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen contestants include Kassey Burney, Whitney Parks and Meggan Minor, while Little Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen contestants are Bailey Minor and Emma Nunley.

Rodeo queen contestants are in the age group of 13-21, while junior contestants are 10-12, and the younger contestants are five and six years old.

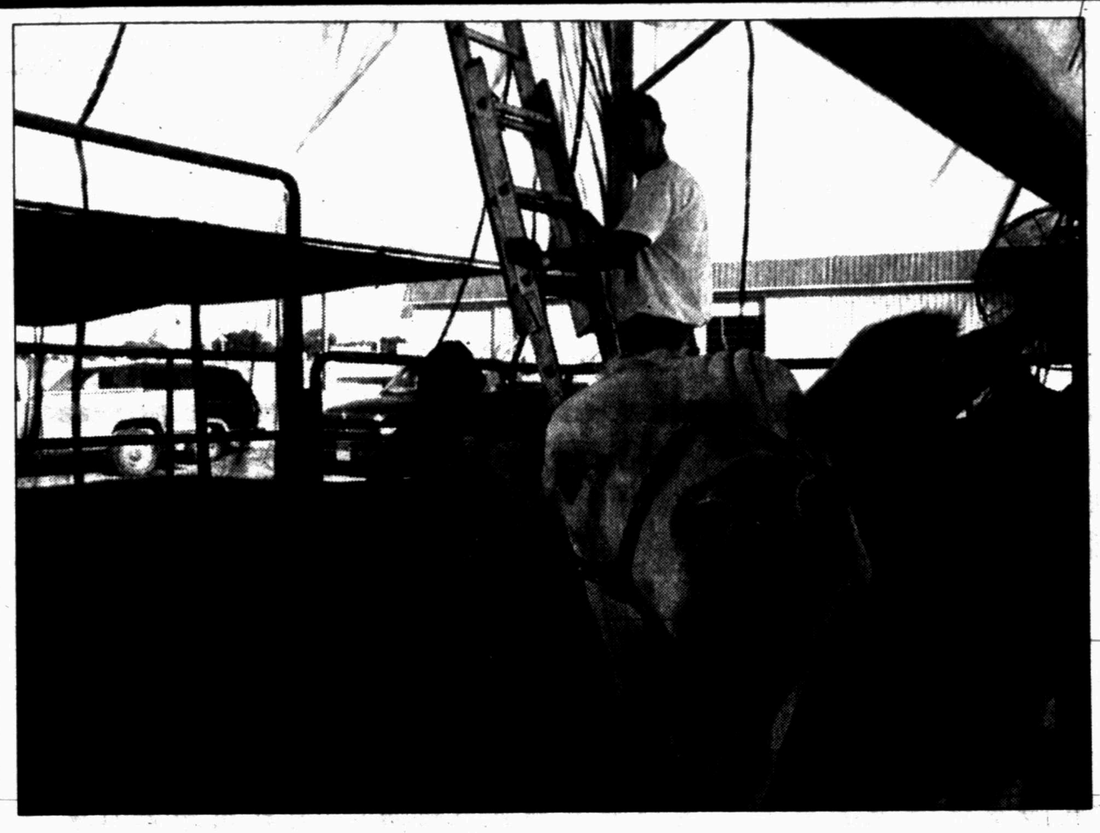
Advance tickets to the rodeo events are $4 and they are available from each queen contestant.

At the gate, tickets will be $5.

Each night, youths 12-years of age and under, will compete in a calf scramble. The nightly winner will be awarded a bicycle.

The public is invited to a dance each night following the rodeo with Terry Sneed and Up the Creek playing.

Call 573-8952 for additional information.



READY FOR THE SHOW — Rad and T'Leah Eicke were busy Saturday morning providing shade for their stock in preparation for Sunday's Best of Texas Steer Show at Scurry County Coliseum. The show gets underway at 8 a.m. and continues into the early afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Roll up your sleeves; blood drive this week

Just because it is hot and dry, it doesn't mean that the need for blood donors in our area has diminished, said representatives of the Texas Blood Institute (TBI) in Lubbock.

"Patients need blood every day, winter or summer," said Pam Harris of TBI.

TBI has scheduled blood donor sites in Snyder Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Price Daniel Unit employees will be able to donate blood on Tuesday at the unit from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees will have a drive at the hospital on Wednesday from noon until 5 p.m. Hospital employees and their family members can donate blood at this time.

The community-wide drive is set for Thursday in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

This drive will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Besides providing life-giving blood during these designated times, each person who registers to give blood will receive a free T-shirt from Texas Blood Institute and tickets to a Lubbock Crickets baseball game.

Each donor will also receive a free "mini-physical."

Blood pressure will be checked, along with temperature, pulse rate, iron and cholesterol levels. Written cholesterol test results will be mailed to donors.

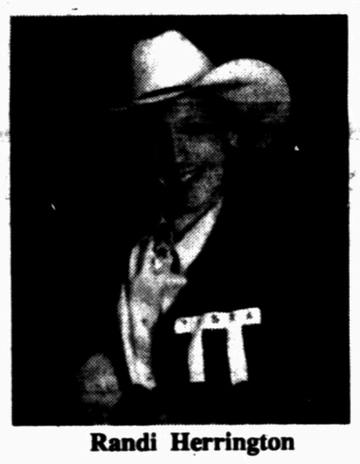
In addition, each participant will be eligible for free coupons from several local merchants including Dairy Queen, Sonic, Whataburger, Taco John's, McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Long John Silver's, Golden Corral, Gill's Fried Chicken, Grandy's, Burger King, Jaramillo's, The Shack, Spanish Inn, Pizza Hut, Rudy's, Subway, Lota' Burger, Pizza Inn and Rusty Spur Cafe.

In addition, there will be a raffle at the end of the three drives for a set of five assorted collectible TY Beanie Babies.

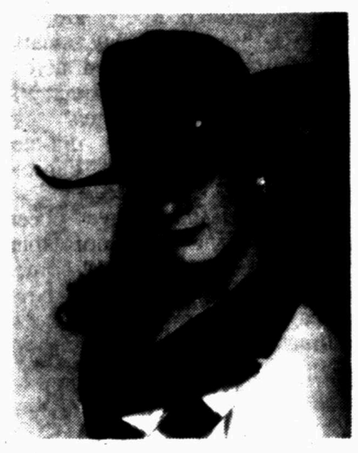
The blood drive is sponsored by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for TBI.



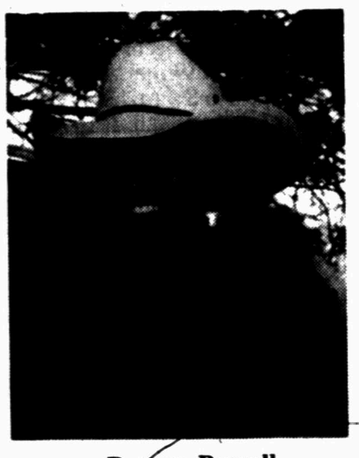
Allison Canon



Randi Herrington



Amanda Johnson



Darcee Purcell

Texas firm wins contract to recycle napalm stock

HOUSTON (AP) — GNI Group Inc. was awarded a $10 million contract Friday to recycle more than 3.4 million gallons of napalm now warehoused in Southern California.

The first shipment should arrive in about a week at the company's Deer Park facility, just east of Houston, said Carolyn Magnuson, spokeswoman for GNI.

The napalm will be transported by train to just outside Houston. It will travel the last 22 miles to the GNI plant by truck.

GNI was one of three Texas companies considered for a subcontract overseen by Columbus, Ohio-based Battelle Memorial Institute. The $10 million to be paid to GNI is part of Battelle's $28 million contract to recycle the napalm in two years.

Monday and Tuesday...

2 city budget meetings set

Snyder's city council has two budget workshops scheduled this week as work continues on developing the city's 1998-99 budget.

The council will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Monday's meeting is expected to focus on the waste water treatment facility and the possibility of purchasing equipment for improved sludge handling.

City engineer Beverly Coots has stated that the city's current sludge treatment program is insufficient, and that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has given the city until Dec. 1 to correct the problem.

She is suggesting the city either purchase a gravity filter system, or belt press for the facility.

Capital expenditures for the new program would be over $200,000 and Mayor David Holt suggested earlier that one entire budget workshop might be devoted to the waste water treatment facility

No final figures on the budget have been submitted for the approval of the council, but it is expected the 1998-99 budget will be slightly higher than this year's $8,242,450.

The council has said though, that no increases are expected in citizen's water, sewer and sanitation rates.

The city's budget is based on the effective tax rate of $.3896 per $100 valuation, which is lower than the present rate of $.4021.

However, the city's administration is asking for a rate above the effective rate in order to continue funding several community service programs such as the STAR Program and the Snyder ISD resource officer.

The city spends $45,000 on the STAR Program yearly, and a like amount for the resource officer.

The city also funds a Municipal Court administered community work program for $37,000 annually.

In earlier workshops, the council heard capital expenditure requests from various departments totalling $1,371,605.

Appraisal review board to meet

The Scurry County Appraisal District Board will meet Wednesday and Thursday to hear scheduled assessment protests.

The Wednesday meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and will also include the oath of office given to appraisal review board members and the election of officers for the coming year.

Members of the review board are Jimmy McMillan, R.H. (Bob) Stewart, James Northcott and Norris Lofton is the alternate.

Thursday's meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and hearings are scheduled on mineral, industrial, real estate and person property protests.

Tests scheduled at junior high

Enrolled students and out-of-school examinees who have not met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test may take the test Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Snyder Junior High School.

Snyder ISD Asst. Supt. Wendell Sollis said students who were absent during the spring testing may re-take the necessary sections.

Sollis said students who were enrolled in Grade 12 during the spring are considered enrolled students.

The writing section of the test will be given Tuesday, while the math section will be given Wednesday. The reading section will be administered on Thursday.

All persons taking the test must present picture identification before being permitted to take the test.

Examinees are to report to the snackbar at the junior high at 8 a.m. on the days of the respective tests, Sollis added.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The key to wisdom is to create problems for which only you have the answers."

Like most corporate trends we read about, we conclude our little company is still in the dark ages.

A vacation, health insurance, a small Christmas bonus and a regular paycheck that doesn't bounce (so far) is about all we can muster.

Oh yeah, we almost forgot. The place also has air conditioning.

But some employers are becoming more innovative with company perks.

A large accounting firm in Dallas brings in a masseuse during particularly taxing periods.

One health-care service company offers employees an eight-week sabbatical in addition to their four weeks of vacation after they have been with the company for seven years. We have to assume the firm hasn't heard about down-sizing.

A natural foods retailer offers an employee $200 when they become a new parent and $200 a year to purchase fitness or exercise equipment or to join a health club.

A media firm in Florida takes it marketing employees on a "joy ride" when they fetch a new client. The high-energy ride is in a Russian-made Sukhoi jet figher that does loops, rolls, hammerheads, stalls and other stunt maneuvers.

It didn't say, but we can just imagine the salesman who lost the account having to sit next to an open door — without a parachute.

A computer company in Maine provides its employees lobster bakes every Friday as a reward for peak performance. Some firms are offering a concierge service to take care of personal tasks, such as arranging birthday parties, picking up dry cleaning or buying your mate's anniversary gift.

This one may be the best. Engineers with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad of Texas are now encouraged to take naps when they get a chance.

Another company in California provides a napping loft. It's so popular that workers have to make reservations in advance.

Another firm keeps 12 acoustic and electric guitars around the office for stress-relieving jam sessions. The SDN does have one other perk. They've never had to endure Jack Denman pick and grin.

ASK US

Q—Was there supposed to be money for a gymnasium in the SISD bond issue?

A—A new gymnasium was discussed by trustees, but there was never much support for one. If the bond issue passes, there will be repairs made to the present gym.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 100 degrees; low, 76; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 78. No precipitation. Total precipitation for 1998 to date: 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the upper 70s. South wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny and hot. High near 105. Variable wind 5-15 mph.

David Yanes
Sunny

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.
Of 191 days in 1998, the sun has shone 189 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, the true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

JULY 1998

Family babysitter kills child

LYONS, Ill. (AP) — A woman returned home from a night of church bingo to find her two young children bound in duct tape and shot in the head, one fatally.

They were shot by their baby sitter, a friend who lived with the family and committed suicide after the shootings, police said.

"I can't believe that happened. I can't. It just feels like a nightmare," said Theresa Piejko, who lives across the hall in an aging 12-flat apartment building in this blue-collar suburb west of Chicago.

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Alerted by the screams of the mother, Kathy Parker, when she arrived home Thursday night, Ms. Piejko and her husband, Sherwin Kozlik, rushed over and saw 4-year-old Michael Parker Jr. lying on the living room floor of the small apartment with blood oozing from his nose and duct tape over his mouth and around his legs.

Hoping Michael was only wounded, Ms. Piejko ran back into her apartment to get a knife to free the boy and returned to find Kozlik attempting to resuscitate him.

"My husband was over him. He was crying. He (her husband) was full of blood," Ms. Piejko said, sobbing and wringing her hands.

Police arrived to find Kozlik trying to resuscitate the boy and Mrs. Parker trying to free her wounded daughter, 8-year-old Nicole. Nicole was in critical condition Friday night. The children's father, Michael Parker Sr., arrived home from work about that time.

The suspect, 24-year-old Robert Gordon, was found dead at a relative's home in nearby Cicero. Investigators believe he shot himself in the head with the same 9 mm handgun used on the children.

Lyons police were searching for a motive.

"It's a terrible shock to all of us," said Detective Sgt. Neil Sexton. "They're innocent victims. ... To have a caretaker, someone who the family trusts, turn around and commit such a heinous act, there's no sense to it, there's no rhyme or reason to it."

Gordon had been a shift supervisor at a McDonald's where the mother also worked, and the two became friends.

At some point, Gordon quit or lost the job, police said, and the Parker family allowed him to move in with them a year or more ago while he got back on his feet.

In return, police said, Gordon sat for the children for free.

Police said they are investigating whether Gordon may have been upset over failed attempts to see his own young son, who lives nearby with his ex-girlfriend and her husband. Gordon went to their home around 7 p.m. Thursday but didn't get to see the boy or his ex-girlfriend, police said.

Police said Gordon had no criminal record but received a dishonorable discharge from the Army in 1993 after pleading guilty to larceny.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Donald C. Warren, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Van R. Drain, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Leroy Chappell, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Albert L. Canon, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lisa Stephens, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael S. and Melanie J. Alarcon, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Pat A. and Weldon Cain, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Bill Carter, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Sean and Sabrina Randolph, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Gene Reed Chevrolet.

Marsha Krenek, 1998 Mercury van from Wilson Motors.

Jason Alexander and Linda K. Fields, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Eddie Strain, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Elizabeth Castillo, 1998 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

David Lynn Carroll and Mindy Deanne Rasmus, both of Snyder.

Pedro Lopez Jr. and Leonarda Estrada, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Paul Orozco, TDCJ Price Daniel Unit inmate, vs. State of Texas, Warden T.J. Medart and Chaplain Wayne Horton, suit for violation of civil rights, freedom of religion.

Providian National Bank, fka First Deposit National Credit Bank, vs. Roy M. Collier, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Carla Renee Sturdivant and James Don Sturdivant, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Larry David Purcell and Theresa Elaine Purcell, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Helen Loretta Dodson and Wayne Wilson Dodson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jacqueline Hope Cunningham and Chon Travis Cunningham, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jo Ann Cagle and Tony Melvin Cagle, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Lisa Deck White and Teresa Deck Faure to Swartz and Brough Capital Resource, all of the south 140 feet of the west 57.5 feet of the east 92.5 feet of Lot 3, Block 10, Grayum and Nelson Addition.

Cadleway Properties Inc. to Swartz and Brough Capital Resource, all the east one-half of Lot 3, Block 46, Original Town of Snyder.

Jay Johnson to Swartz and Brough Capital Resource, all of the Lot 10 in Block 47 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Jolene W. Sollivan to the Baptist Foundation of Texas, 239.349 acres in Section 33, Block Y, T&P survey.

Baptist Foundation of Texas to Robert L. Pieper, 239.349 acres in Section 33, Block Y, T&P survey.

Key Brothers Implement Co. Inc. to Hermilo Castillo, tract one being the west 70 feet of Lot 2 in Block 21 of the Adams Addition; tract two being the east one-half of Lot 1 in Block 22 of the Adams Addition.

Antonia S. Rios to Swartz and Brough Capital Resource, all the west 50 feet of the south 150 feet of Lot 3 in Block 9 of the Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Lillie Ford to Linda Carol Compton, all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 of the Provident Heights Addition.

Alta Inez McMillan, Kemp McMillan and Barbara McMillan to Don and Marsha Kubena and Randy and Gayle Kubena, each a one-half interest in all the north one-half of the north one-half of the east one-half of Section 236, Block 3, H&TC survey.

David Glenn Treat to Rita Molano, all of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 26 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

L.R. Warren to Mollie Fae Warren, tract one being the south one-half of Lot 27 in Block 1, PDQ Subdivision out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 57, Block 27, T&P survey; tract two being the east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 28 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Carla C. Allen and Janeen Patterson, individually and co-independent executrices of the estate of N.R. Clements, to William P. and Robin M. Lane, 115.4 acres out of Survey 138, Block 13, H&TC survey.

Sandra Kay Snyder, attorney-in-fact for Elizabeth Margery Brinner, to Stacy Browning, all of Lot 26 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

Week makes difference in Florida

MIAMI (AP) — What a difference a week makes — no one is being ordered from their homes, no roads are closed and wildfires aren't creeping up on back yards. Not that Florida is back to normal.

Firefighters have a handle on the fires that have scorched nearly a half-million acres across the state. But many fires still burn.

"Even though we don't have any real fire intensity at the moment, we could be a day or two away from that if the weather turns against us again," Steve Parsons of the U.S. Forestry Service said Friday.

About 7,000 firefighters from 45 states and Puerto Rico are in Florida to battle wildfires that have taken advantage of scorching heat and drought-like conditions.

Since Memorial Day, nearly 2,200 fires have burned across every one of Florida's 67 counties. The federal government has declared 40 counties disaster areas, making residents eligible for financial assistance.

Three deaths have been reported, along with more than 100 injuries. At least 342 homes and 34 businesses have been damaged or destroyed. Damage is estimated at at least $267 million.

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NEW MINISTER — The Rev. David Phillips, new pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Snyder, is pictured with his wife, Rebecca, and their two daughters. Leah is 13 and Danielle is 5. Two sons live in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Phillips is new minister at Northside Baptist Church

David Phillips is the new pastor of Snyder's Northside Missionary Baptist Church.

Ordination services for the new pastor were held at the church Friday evening.

Born and reared in Michigan, Rev. Phillips entered the Air Force where he met his wife, Rebecca. They were married June 16, 1973. They have four children, two of them still living at home.

Stephen, 21, lives in Lubbock. Matthew, 20, also lives in Lubbock with his wife, Erin. Daughters Leah is age 13 and Danielle is five.

Phillips' parents, Archie and Rosie Phillips, live in Snyder at the Golden Terrace Village.

After serving more than 10 years in the military, Rev. Phillips worked for several years as an aircraft mechanic for military contractors.

He was ordained as a deacon in 1987 at the Pacific Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Iowa Park. He also served as an ordained deacon at the Quaker Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Lubbock.

He entered the ministry in August, 1996 and was licensed to preach by Quaker Avenue Baptist Church. In April 1997, he was named associate pastor and youth and college minister, serving in that capacity until moving to Snyder.

Rev. Phillips is also attending the West Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Midland.

Rev. Phillips replaces the Rev. Bob Rhodes who died last November.

Majority Lott says Demos want to run out the clock

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats want to "run out the clock" on important legislative matters by stalling them until the government's fiscal year ends, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., contended Saturday.

But he said congressional Republicans will keep pressing for action on such issues as drugs, job training and education.

Lott used the GOP's weekly radio address to warn of what he called "political shenanigans"— efforts by Senate Democrats to drag out debates and create a legislative logjam while pressure mounts to pass spending bills before the government's budget year ends Sept. 30.

"This year, I want to blow the whistle on the game — and to do it well in advance, starting right now," Lott said.

Lott blamed President Clinton for setting the pace for the "slowdown," saying Clinton's preoccupation with foreign visits and Rose Garden ceremonies had distracted his attention from important matters on Capitol Hill.

"In all my years in government, I cannot remember a time — except during the final months of the Watergate tragedy— when the president of the United States was so disengaged, so personally removed from the work of the Congress," Lott said. "Whatever the reason, President Clinton has chosen to become a bystander to the hard work of advancing the nation's business."

By creating gridlock, Clinton and his congressional allies hope to ensure that the president will have more taxpayer money to spend as the price of breaking the logjam, Lott said. "This tactic worked once or twice in the past ... By the time the public had a chance to figure out the Democrats' strategy, the game was already over — at a cost to the taxpayer of billions of dollars."

Earlier, it was Democrats who were crying foul, accusing Republicans of dragging their heels on tobacco legislation and campaign finance measures. Both bills ended up in the congressional waste bin.

But Lott said that under Republican leadership, the Congress has been able to cut taxes and balance the budget, as well as overhaul the Internal Revenue Service. He outlined his hopes to pass legislation that will address drugs and juvenile crime, stop abuse of bankruptcy laws and oppose religious persecution abroad.

Lott said he also would like to add a new round of tax cuts to the agenda.

"If you keep a sharp eye on the legislative action — or inaction — behind the headlines, you'll be able to figure out who's trying to score one for the American people — and who's just trying to run out the clock," he said.

El Nino didn't produce rain, but maybe La Nina

WASHINGTON (AP) — La Nina is expected to replace her opposite number in weather phenomena, El Nino, during the next six months and continue through the winter, government weather forecasters say.

An El Nino event, such as the one that brought severe weather to wide areas in the last year, is characterized by unusually warm water in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

But water in the same area becomes colder than normal in La Nina and temperatures tend to be warmer than normal in the Southeastern states and cooler than normal in the Northwest.

In a forecast Friday, the National Center for Environmental Prediction said the changing conditions in the Pacific "indicate that a cold episode will likely develop during the next six months and continue through the northern 1998-99 winter."

El Nino, which has been blamed for the series of severe storms that battered California, as well as sundry other weather problems, has petered out in recent months. Because El Nino years tend to have fewer-than-normal hurricanes in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean, that raises concerns that more storms may occur this summer.

The warm waters of El Nino generate moist, rising air that can change the patterns of the jet stream, which steers weather.

In La Nina years, ocean temperatures are colder and the air overhead drier since there is less evaporation. This tends to result in weaker wintertime jet streams over the central and eastern Pacific and stronger monsoons over Australia, Southeast Asia, South and Central America and Africa.

La Ninas do not always follow El Nino episodes. More often, ocean conditions return to a relatively normal state, but scientists do not yet fully understand the reasons for the changes.

The name La Nina, Spanish for little girl, was chosen by researchers to indicate the condition is the opposite of El Nino, which means little boy. That name had been picked by South American fishermen, who tended to notice the change in conditions around Christmastime, and named it after Baby Jesus.

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1,600 with Texas handgun permits have been jailed

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 1,600 of the nearly 200,000 Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns have been arrested for alleged crimes, the Texas Department of Safety said Friday.

The DPS, which had issued 184,262 concealed-carry licenses as of July 3, tracks arrests and criminal charges against, as well as other information about, concealed-carry licensees.

The arrests, 1,667 of them reported to the DPS as of Thursday, included 402 for alleged felonies. Of those, 14 were charges of murder or attempted murder, the agency said.

Three of the murder-related charges had been dismissed and the disposition of the others was not immediately available.

Not among the 14 murder-related arrests reported to the DPS was the first-degree felony murder charge against Austin concealed-carry licensee Paul Saustrup. The 33-year-old auto and motorcycle repair shop owner is accused of shooting to death Eric Demart Smith early Wednesday.

Police said Smith, 20, had broken into a vehicle owned by Saustrup's girlfriend. Smith was walking away from the vehicle after the couple walked up on him when Saustrup shot Smith twice in the back, police said.

An attorney for Saustrup has said his client shot only after Smith moved his hands toward his belt and made a sudden move.

Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, is author of the state's 1995 concealed-carry law. He said he believes Saustrup will be cleared of the charge against him. And Patterson said the number of arrests of concealed-carry licensees is no reason to attack the law.

"If you look at the arrest rates of men 21 and up, and the arrest rate of concealed carry licensees, the rate of arrest is lower among those that have licenses," Patterson said Friday.

Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, and a concealed-carry opponent, said he'd be interested to compare the arrest rates.

"This seems like an extremely high number of arrests since the concealed-carry permit law went into effect," Naishtat said. "With such a high number, I would hope the Legislature would at a minimum look closely at the way we screen applicants for these permits."

Under the law, Texans can apply for concealed-carry licenses when they are 21 or older. The vast majority of those licensed to carry concealed guns are men.

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DONATING PICTURES — Maggie Barnes, left, presents several photographs about the Thompson Lease near Knapp in 1951 to Sue Goodwin, curator of the Scurry County Museum. The photographs show oil rigs and cars of the era. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Museum receives AHF grant

Scurry County Museum has received a $3,500 grant from the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

Charlene Akers, director, said the foundation had sent the museum a letter several months ago inviting them to raise new monies on or before Oct. 21 of this year.

She said they did so through donations from civic organizations, the Mobil Foundation and fund-raisers such as the computer raffle.

Akers said the museum would never have been able to meet Abell-Hangar's financial challenge without the raffle, and she commends the community for its support of both the raffle and the museum.

The Abell-Hanger funds will be applied to the museum's general operating funds, and Mobil's monies will be used for developing the museum's exhibits, especially those pertaining to the oil industry.

IRS tried to force severely ill man, family from home

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS tried to force a severely ill man to sell the home that sheltered his wife and teen-age daughters, backing off only after the man died and a revenue agent concluded the sale would be "bad publicity," the agency said in an internal report on its collection practices.

The Internal Revenue Service acknowledged Friday that it improperly seized property from taxpayers in more than one in four cases studied from the 1997 fiscal year, according to one of two internal audits, totaling 331 pages.

They were the last of four conducted in response to sensational allegations leveled against the tax agency in Senate hearings last year.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., called them "a stunning confession of the sins of the IRS."

The studies were released a day after the Senate voted 96-2 to send President Clinton a bill aimed at remolding the agency.

Neither Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin nor IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti offered comment. But both men have said they are committed to ridding the agency of abuses, and Roth said in a statement, "The fact that the agency is owning up to these problems is a refreshing change."

The studies looked at seizure practices in 11 of the IRS' 33 districts and at the use of enforcement statistics in managing and evaluating agency examiners.

The IRS reviewed 467 of the approximately 10,000 property seizures nationwide in fiscal 1997. It found seizure to be warranted in 337 of the cases. But in 130 cases, it concluded, IRS agents "did not use sound judgment ... or conducted seizures containing legal defects."

Even within the 337 cases in which seizure was justified, the IRS failed in many cases to follow procedural guidelines such as establishing minimum bids in auctions of seized property, the studies found.

Typical violations among the 130 cases of improper seizure included seizing property without adequately pursuing alternatives to seizure, disregarding required waiting periods and failing to make a reasonable attempt to contact taxpayers before seizing their property.

IRS agents also sometimes seized property of little value, raising the question of whether the seizure was a punitive rather than a practical act. And at other times, agents "demonstrated a lack of adequate concern for the taxpayer's financial or medical status," the audits concluded.

One such case involved an unidentified man suffering from extreme obesity, ulcers and blood clots. The first IRS officer working on the case encouraged the family to refinance its home mortgage but recommended against the agency's going after the home because of the husband's poor health and the presence of children.

However, a second revenue officer made plans to seize the home, after noting the children had reached the age of 16 and that the IRS file contained no verification of the man's health problems.

After an appeal, the IRS agreed on March 18, 1997, to let the couple sell the home by July 1. The man died July 22 and the revenue officer then agreed with a higher-level recommendation to release the home.

"Not in Govt's best interest to pursue at this time," the revenue officer wrote. "Would be bad publicity. ... Would certainly been seen as negative to sell his widow & minor children's home when he has not yet been buried."

The IRS discharged the tax debt as not collectible on July 24.

In another case, the IRS seized and sold a vehicle from an unemployed woman whose husband was terminally ill. The woman informed the IRS on April 22, 1997, that she was out of work due to knee surgery and facing another possible operation and that her husband was terminally ill and living in another city with his mother.

Nevertheless, on June 11, the IRS seized the vehicle and artwork found in the vehicle and sold them for $6,100 on July 22.

In response to its own audit, the IRS noted it had already required higher-level approval of seizures. It said it would develop a comprehensive checklist to ensure that agents follow proper procedures and would incorporate the new procedures in training manuals.

In the second study, the IRS found that its Examination Division managers "focused primarily on enforcement statistics." This created an environment at the employee level "that put emphasis on revenue and other statistical goals" at the expense of quality casework, it said.

Bull run in Nevada will be gentler

MESQUITE, Nev. (AP) — It's a gentler, kinder version of Spain's running of the bulls, with sober participants, docile animals and even escape routes for those who chicken out.

About 400 people paid $50 apiece and signed waivers to be chased by 24 bulls down a quarter-mile, S-shaped road in this town near the Arizona state line in southeastern Nevada.

But organizers have taken steps to prevent today's running of the bulls at the Oasis Ranch from becoming the mad, drunken and sometimes deadly rampage that clogs the streets of Pamplona, Spain.

While the bulls in Pamplona are antagonized before the event, organizers here spent the week teaching a few things to the more docile Nevada bulls.

The bulls have been taught that "giddyup" means run, and running means food. They will be goaded by cowboys and rewarded with alfalfa hay in a stable at the end of the run.

"We've been conditioning them, training them where to go," promoter Phil Immordino said. "We're going to chase them, but we're not going to hurt their feelings."

The Pamplona run, down a half-mile of narrow, cobblestone streets, dates to 1591. Thirteen runners have been killed since organizers began keeping records in 1924; a Briton was injured by bulls and fellow runners and a Spaniard was gored on Friday, the fourth day of Pamplona's nine-day San Fermin festival.

Texan still in Mexican jail

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Vidor man jailed in Mexico on charges of smuggling ammunition has lost another bid to have his sentence commuted.

An appeals judge has denied a motion to commute the sentence of Tommy Bean, 59, who currently is serving a five-year prison sentence. He was arrested for having a box of ammunition in his truck as he crossed the border.

Nuevo Laredo attorney Guillermo Alarcon said Thursday he is studying other options to win the release of his client from a Nuevo Laredo state prison, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Bean was found guilty of bringing ammunition into Mexico on March 14. He was taking a side trip while attending a Laredo gun show.

"He is very sad about this," Alarcon said in a telephone interview. Among the 200 rounds of ammunition Bean carried were rifle bullets of various calibers.

Rifles are generally held to be military weapons in Mexico, thus illegal for citizenry, the newspaper reported.

Bean's wife, Sara Bean, said her husband left behind his guns but didn't realize it also was illegal to bring ammunition into Mexico.

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SHS student to attend young leaders session

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nickolas Means has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from Sunday through July 22.

Means will be a senior at Snyder High School. He is the son of Victor and Sheila Means. Grandparents include Evelyn Barnett of Snyder and the late Clifford Barnett, and Victor and Peggy Means of Salado.

Means will be the SHS drum major for the 1998-1999 school year.

As a junior, he served as captain of the SHS KTXS Academic Challenge Team; was named the outstanding speech student and was a regional qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas debate and persuasive speaking.

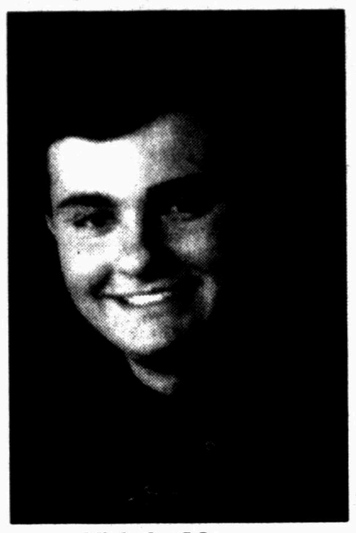
The National Young Leaders Conference is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Means is one of 350 other national scholars who will also attend the conference.

The theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the 11-day conference, participants interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

Scholars also visit with foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials.



Nickolas Means

They may also meet with their senators and representatives or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing their city and the nation.

Participants also take part in a number of leadership skill-building activities, including role-playing exercises such as the president, members of the Cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis.

At the conclusion of the conference, the young scholars assume the roles of the U.S. Representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization, founded in 1985. Each year only 7,000 youth nationwide participate in the 20 sessions.

Jury quicky convicts in fraud case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A woman was convicted Friday of trying to rip off an insurance company and hiring a hit man to kill the insurance adjuster.

Vera Arnold was sentenced to 40 years in prison. It took Pulaski County jurors barely an hour to convict her and another hour to determine the sentence.

Jurors found Mrs. Arnold guilty of one count of solicitation to commit capital murder and one count of conspiracy to commit theft by deception.

She received 30 years in prison and a $15,000 fine for the murder solicitation conviction and 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine for the theft-related conviction.

Circuit Judge John Langston ordered the sentences to be served consecutively.

Prosecutors said Mrs. Arnold first conspired to rip off United Services Automobile Association in San Antonio with a false burglary claim for items that never existed or that she had hidden elsewhere.

Prosecutors said she then hired a hit man to try to kill insurance adjuster Curtis Singleton, who testified Tuesday that Mrs. Arnold seduced him in her bathtub. Mrs. Arnold tried to convince the jury she was raped by Singleton.

On Thursday, prosecutors played a secretly recorded audiotape of Mrs. Arnold talking with a sheriff's deputy who she allegedly believed to be a hit man. She was recorded agreeing to pay $7,500 for the "hit" and giving the undercover sheriff's deputy Singleton's address and description. She also allegedly gave him $500 as a down payment.

The Dec. 5, 1996, recording led to Mrs. Arnold's arrest later that day.

Financial bailout sought by Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin appealed directly to the head of the International Monetary Fund on Friday, pledging to put Russia's fiscal house in order if the fund comes through with a financial bailout.

"The president of Russia emphasized his firm intention to use all his strength to implement" economic reforms, the Kremlin said in a statement.

Yeltsin also spoke to a series of Western leaders on Friday, including President Clinton, beseeching them for support to help Russia out of its crisis.

A senior IMF official was en route to Moscow on Friday night, presumably to put the finishing touches on a bailout agreement that Russian officials have said is all but completed.

Russia is seeking $10 billion to $15 billion in loans from the agency. Any agreement would likely be contingent on passage of the government's new austerity plan in Parliament — no small hurdle.

Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko delivered a blunt and gloomy report to Parliament on Friday, warning that social tensions are rising in Russia and financial markets have "practically ceased to exist."

Since Russia's economy began spiraling downward this year, volume on the stock market has declined from about $110 million a day to as little as $10 million a day.

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Proposal for Bond Election

Snyder Independent School District
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Dear Citizen:

On May 8, 1998, the Snyder Public Schools Board of Trustees called a bond election for August 8, 1998. This action was taken after several years of studying the conditions of our schools. In the fall of 1995, a citizen's committee was asked to give the Board their findings concerning the state of the schools. In April of 1996 that committee stated the following:

1. The portable buildings are extremely unsafe and afford a very poor learning environment.

2. The electrical wiring in all schools is inadequate and presents a safety hazard.

3. The plumbing in all buildings has deteriorated to the point that it is almost unusable. This includes both drinking and restroom facilities.

4. Due to the fact that the maintenance budget has been greatly reduced, our facilities have been allowed to deteriorate to an embarrassing condition.

On September 13, 1997, the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to hire an architectural firm to begin the process of identifying the renovation needs of our buildings. The firm of BGR of Lubbock, Texas made its initial report to the Board in November. At the regularly scheduled meeting in February, 1998, the Board voted its intent to call a bond election in the immediate future. The entire spring of 1998 was devoted to meeting with the BGR firm to prioritize the needed improvements for the bond proposal.

This ad has been provided to give the taxpayer in the Snyder ISD the factual reasons for calling this bond election. If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 573-5401.

Very truly yours,
Gayle Lomax
Superintendent of Schools

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q "Will people who are 65 or older have to pay additional taxes if the bond election passes?"

People 65 or older will not pay any additional taxes if the bond election passes once the over-65 Homestead Exemption is filed with the Appraisal District.

Project	Cost
High School (Grade 9-12)	$6,293,167
Tiger Gym Expansion	$272,722
Junior High (Grades 7-8)	$3,578,800
Junior High Gym Expansion	$96,036
East Elementary (Grades K-2, 4)	$2,248,619
West Elementary (Grades PPCD, K-2, 6)	$2,505,963
Central Elementary	N/A
Northeast Elementary (Grades PK-2, 5)	$2,612,968
Stanfield Elementary (Grades PK-2, 3)	$2,160,832
Bilingual Classrooms	$339,746
Travis Gym	$124,300
Agricultural Farm	$214,890

Q "What is the total amount of the bond issue?"

$20,450,000

Q "When will the bond election be held?"

Saturday, August 8, 1998

Q "At what interest rate will the bonds be sold?"

The bonds will be sold at advertised public sale to the bidder with the lowest interest rate. If the bonds were sold today, that rate would be around 5.30%.

Q "Will there be early voting like in regular elections?"

Yes, Wednesday, July 22 to Tuesday, August 4

Q "How many years will it take to pay off the bonds?"

20 Years

Q "Who will be eligible to vote in the bond election?"

Anyone who is a registered voter currently living in the Snyder Consolidated Independent School District and has resided in the District at least 30 days prior to the election.

Q "If the election passes, when would the renovation and construction begin and how long would it take to complete it?"

The renovation and construction would probably begin in the Spring of 1999 and would take two-three years to complete.

Q "Could any of the $20,450,000 be used for things other than renovation and construction, such as operating expenses?"

No. The $20,450,000 would have to be used only for the purpose stated in the resolution approved by the Board of Trustees which is renovation and additions to existing facilities.

Q "What will the bonds cost me in additional taxes?"

Your additional taxes will be based on the value of your home (based on a district valuation of $465,000,000)

	Home Values			
Value	$25,000	$50,000	$75,000	$100,000
Annually	$36.00	$127.00	$218.00	$309.00
Monthly	$3.00	$10.58	$18.17	$25.75
Weekly	.69	$2.44	$4.19	$5.94
Daily	.10	.35	.60	.85

Q "What would be done with the $20,450,000?"

The proposal calls for the closing of Central Elementary and major renovations at all of the other campuses to include: improving accessibility, improving landscaping and grounds, repairing and/or replacing roofs, replacing windows, renovating restrooms and drinking fountains, replacing floor tile, replacing heating and air-conditioning systems, upgrading electrical systems, communication systems and computer networks, repainting interiors and exteriors, and installing fire alarms.

Also proposed are replacing portable buildings at Stanfield and Northeast with permanent buildings (a total of nine classrooms) and building wings at each elementary building (a total of 22 classrooms plus restrooms).

A detailed list of improvements can be obtained by calling the Administration Building at 573-5401.

SPORTS

Senior All-Stars top Abilene North

Snyder Senior got its offense rolling again Friday night.

After posting 16 runs in the tournament opener, Snyder pounded out 13 hits and sent 11 men home Friday in a 11-4 victory over Abilene North at Moffett Field.

The loss eliminates Abilene, while Snyder advances to face Eula at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Both teams struggled from the plate early on. Snyder grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when Matthew Grimmett singled in Ralph Ramon.

Abilene pulled even in the second inning, with both squads posting a run in the third. This time it was Max Blackwell driving in Ramon for a 2-2 tally.

Then in the fourth inning, Snyder started tilting the tables in its favor.

After Josh Arizmendi and Wade Pinson singled, Brooks Nunley lined a shot into center field to knock in both runs.

Next, Ramon's single advanced Nunley to third base. A fly ball from Jessie Haines brought the run home for a 5-2 advantage.

Grimmett began to take control from the mound over the final three frames, with stellar defensive play to back him up.

Arizmendi scored on a passed ball in the fifth, with Abilene adding a run in the fourth and another in the fifth.

Snyder then broke the game open in the sixth.

Leading 6-4, sent 10 men to the plate and tacked on 10 runs, all with two outs.

Base hits from Ramon and Brandon McGuire, combined with three walks and two hit batters, led to the offensive explosion.

Grimmett finished the night with eight strikeouts, while allowing only four hits.

Ramon knocked three base hits at the plate, with McGuire and Pinson slapping a pair of singles apiece.

In other tourney action, Coleman eliminated Merkel, 11-3.

SENIOR ALL-STARS
at Moffett Field

Snyder	1	0	1	3	1	5	0	—11	13	2
Abilene	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	— 4	4	2

Snyder: Ralph Ramon, three singles; Brandon McGuire and Wade Pinson, two singles; Jessie Haines, Matthew Grimmett, Max Blackwell, Ryan Braziel, Josh Arizmendi and Brooks Nunley, single.



SLIDING HOME — Snyder's Jessie Haines slides across the plate Friday during third-inning Senior All-Star action at Moffett Field. Haines was called out on the play, but Snyder went on to notch a 11-4 victory over Abilene North. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wylie rally tops Junior 'stars, 16-6

ABILENE — After two innings of play Friday night, it looked as if Snyder's Junior All-Stars would fight off elimination.

But Wylie had something to say about that.

Wylie posted 16 runs over the final four innings, erasing a 6-0 Snyder lead to advance into the next round of the Junior All-Star Tournament at Abilene Redbud Park.

Snyder seized the early advantage in the opening frame, as Chance Greenwood led off with a single and was driven in by a Billy Pena base hit for a 1-0 lead.

Snyder extended the margin in the second, sending five runners home on three hits and four walks.

Greenwood drove in Will Davis for the innings first run, followed by an Eric Dickerhoff single to score Greenwood.

Walks to Billy Pena and Logan Hill set the table for Brady Reed, who slapped a two-RBI base hit to left field.

But after giving up the 6-0 lead, Wylie shut the door on Snyder.

Wylie allowed only three more Snyder hits on the night, one to Reed and two to Tyler Pollard.

Wylie posted five runs in the third inning, five more in the fourth and six in the final frame to cap the scoring.

JUNIOR ALL-STARS
at Abilene Redbud Park

Wylie	0	0	5	5	0	6	—16	13	0
Snyder	1	5	0	0	0	0	— 6	9	2

Snyder: Chance Greenwood, Brady Reed and Tyler Pollard, two singles; Eric Dickerhoff, Billy Pena and Logan Hill, single.

Dallas' Gailey era begins Wednesday

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The Chan Gailey era begins Wednesday and talk about pressure. He immediately becomes the only Dallas Cowboys coach who hasn't won a Super Bowl.

Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson each won two. Barry Switzer got one. That's a total of five for the Cowboys franchise.

Can Gailey make it six? Or seven?

Questions abound as the Cowboys switch training camps from hot and humid Austin, where the players had the cooling nightlife to console them, to Wichita Falls, where it can get muy caliente and after hours fun is uncharted territory.

Gailey is coach and offensive coordinator of a team that had no offensive coordination in a sad 6-10 season that cost Switzer his job, even though he had won a Super Bowl ring for his good buddy, owner Jerry Jones.

A players' revolt was at hand. Jones, a man who made his millions gambling on oil and gas drilling, wasn't about to gamble on another year of Switzer.

After a search conducted mostly by himself, Jones gave the job to former UCLA coach Terry Donahue. But Donahue wouldn't take it.

NFL analysts say that's where Jones got lucky again when he turned to Gailey, then the Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator.

Gailey has proven he can find ways to beat defenses whether it is with two or five wide receivers, two tight ends, screens to receivers lined up in the backfield, halfback passes, or shotgun formations.

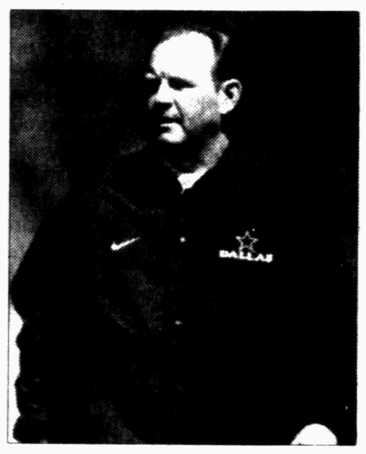
He was hired Feb. 12, more than a month after Switzer was dumped, and immediately went to work reconstructing the predictable Dallas offense.

Through a series of no-nonsense minicamps, Gailey already has 75 percent of his offense drilled into his players.

How serious is Gailey? Out are locker room foosball and ping pong tables; in is a very thick playbook.

The Dallas offense plunged to the second worst in the NFL last year. If the Cowboys hadn't also had the second-best defense, they might not have won three games, let alone six.

Jones said the players have accepted Gailey and his handful of new assistant coaches with open arms.



Chan Gailey

"There's an aura about him," Jones said. "The players see it."

What they have seen is Troy Aikman in the shotgun. Word was that Aikman hated the deep snap, but he denies ever saying he wouldn't do it.

"I've never said I didn't like being in the shotgun," Aikman said. "It has its possibilities."

What they have seen is Michael Irvin lined up in the backfield taking screen passes.

"We're going to surprise some people with this offense," Irvin said.

Gailey also plans to help overloaded Emmitt Smith get some rest, which is why the Cowboys signed Chris Warren, formerly of Seattle, to back him up.

How that will work will be an interesting training camp vignette.

"I still think Emmitt has a lot left," Gailey said.

The Cowboys offensive and defensive line problems are well documented, but Nate Newton has shed weight the size of a German attack dog and could report around 300 pounds. If Newton is ready to regain form it could help Aikman have a season where he doesn't have to pass and duck.

There's also a question of what to do with some veterans. Achy-kneed Tony Tolbert has been cut from the defensive line and creaky Mark Tuinei has been let go from the offensive line. Both could be back, but only if they prove to Gailey and Jones that their bodies can handle another year.

Bill Bates' body is still sound after 15 years in the NFL, but does the new coach want him around?

What about Deion Sanders? Will he try to play offense again after failing miserably in that department two years ago? Is his ankle healed?

And what about the rookies? How will they perform?

Gailey will attempt to answer these and other questions in a training camp that will end Aug. 14 in Wichita Falls.

Houston Astros bow to Cardinals, 6-3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brian Jordan's RBI single off Jay Powell snapped an eighth-inning tie as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros 6-3 on Friday night.

Ray Lankford had a three-run home run for the Cardinals, who have won only three of 14 and are 12½ games behind Houston in the NL Central. The Astros lost for the third time in 10 games.

Lankford doubled off C.J. Nitkowski (3-3) to open the eighth for the Cardinals' first hit in five innings. Mark McGwire drew his major league-leading 17th intentional walk before Jordan lined a single to right off Powell. Willie McGee, who had been 3-for-37, added a two-run single.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa batted his pitcher eighth in the starting order for the second straight game in an effort to create more run-producing opportunities for the heart of the order. The ploy worked in the third.

Eli Marrero, who batted ninth behind Matt Morris, singled to start the third and went to second on a single by Royce Clayton before Lankford homered off Mike Hampton on an 0-2 pitch. Lankford had been batting .197 against left-handed pitching with only one home run.

Morris, activated from the disabled list before the game, threw six scoreless innings for St. Louis in only his second start of the season. Morris, sidelined since mid-April by a strained right shoulder, struck out six, walked none and allowed only three singles.

Curtis King (2-0) gave up a game-tying two-run single to Craig Biggio in the eighth before getting the last two outs. Jeff Brantley pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

The Astros scored three runs off reliever John Frascatore to tie it at 3 in the eighth. Pinch-hitter Dave Clark got his first RBI in 28 pinch at-bats when his bouncer deflected off Frascatore's glove and dribbled into shallow right field for a double. Biggio, hitless in his first eight at-bats in the series, followed with a two-run single off King to tie it.

Final Four sites are recommended

SEATTLE (AP) — The NCAA has approved the recommended sites for Final Four games from 2003 to 2007.

For the Men's Division I Basketball, the Final Four sites are: 2003— New Orleans; 2004— San Antonio; 2005— St. Louis; 2006— Indianapolis; 2007— Atlanta. All games will be played in late March or early April.

The NCAA announced its approval of the selections at a meeting that concluded Friday in Seattle. The sites were recommended by NCAA committees last month.

The NCAA also approved the recommended Women's Division I Basketball regional sites for games to be played March 25 and 27, 2000. They are: East— Richmond, Va.; Mideast— Memphis, Tenn.; Midwest— Kansas City, Mo.; West— Portland, Ore.

Sports Briefs

Jr. golf clinic

The five-day WTC Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8-16 will be held beginning Monday. Registration is limited to the first 45 entries.

Instruction on swing mechanics, putting, short game and video analysis will be led by WTC pro Rick Kahlich and SHS coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

Cost is $75. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

SCC Memorial Partnership

The annual Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held July 18-19 at Snyder Country Club. Entry for each two-man team is $150. Saturday's format is a scramble and Sunday is low ball. Shotgun starts each day are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Junior Club Championship

The Junior Championship of Snyder Country Club will be July 24. Entry fee is $10. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Parent-Child tourney

The Snyder Country Club Parent-Child Tournament will tee off July 25 at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is $20 per team and includes hamburgers following play. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to register.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will have its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. Format will be competition against 1997 club champion Penny Perry.

Friday's couples play will not be held this week.

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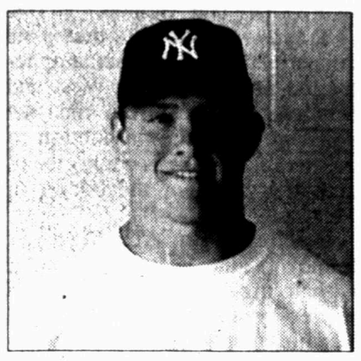
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SPORTS

Baseball honors...

Beck named to first team TSWA squad



Kyle Beck

Recent Snyder graduate Kyle Beck racked up one more high school honor, before heading off for college.

Beck was named the first-team designated hitter of the Texas Sportswriters Association Class 4A All-State Team.

Beck led the Tigers with seven home runs his senior season, batting over .400 as Snyder advanced to the regional semifinals.

Beck, also twice selected to the 2-4A All-District grid team, has signed a letter of intent to play football at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Also making the TSWA squad was Andrews' Shaud Williams who was named as the second-team shortstop.

Pitcher Zane Carlson and coach Lew Kennedy of state champion Highland Park took player and coach of the year honors.

Here is the 1998 Class 4A all-state baseball team, as named by the TSWA:

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: Zane Carlson, Highland Park, sr.; Brandon Taylor, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, sr.; Jarrett Campbell, Calallen, sr.

Catcher: Mark Younk, Texas High, sr.

First baseman: Josh Adams, Lindale, sr.

Second baseman: Cory Scarborough, Sweeny, sr.

Shortstop: Casey Robertson, Longview Pine Tree, sr.

Third baseman: Blaine Cunningham, Sweeny, sr.

Outfielders: Charles Redmond, Liberty-Eylau, sr.; Victor Caballero, Uvalde, sr.; and Brandon Johnson, Waco Midway, sr.

Designated hitter: Kyle Beck, Snyder, sr.

Player of the year: Zane Carlson, Highland Park and Mark Younk, Texas High.

Coach of the year: Lew Kennedy, Highland Park.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: David Farren, Texas High, jr.; Jesse Floyd, Nederland, jr.; and Bert Gomez, Calallen, sr.

Catcher: Kelly Shoppach, Fort Worth Brewer, sr.

First baseman: Jereme Havard, Nederland, sr.

Second baseman: James Garner, Calallen, jr.

Shortstop: (tie) Tyler Durham, Arlington Heights, sr.; Shaud Williams, Andrews, jr.

Third baseman: Thomas Fallon, Calallen, jr.

Outfielders: Steven Cordero, Fort Stockton, sr.; Daniel Fears, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, sr.; Kyle Klacmer, Fredericksburg, sr.

Designated hitter: Andrew McGuire, Sherman, soph.

THIRD TEAM

Pitchers: Chris Young, Highland Park, sr.; Manuel Gonzalez, Robstown, sr.; and (tie) Brad Sullivan, Nederland, soph. and Jason Setty, Mt. Pleasant, sr.

Catcher: Billy Burrow, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, jr.

First baseman: Justin Machost, Floresville, soph.

Second baseman: Ricky James, Liberty-Eylau, sr.

Shortstop: (tie) Josh Ross, Carthage, jr. and Kevin Thompson, Fort Worth Hills, sr.

Third baseman: (tie) Rocky Sanchez, San Antonio Burbank, sr. and Brent Carney, Hardin-Jefferson, sr.

Outfielders: Miles Thomas, Houston Scarborough, sr.; Brian Hiett, Whitehouse, sr.; and Casy Doran, Calallen, soph.

Designated hitter: Austin Guion, Flour Bluff, sr.



LINE DRIVE — Snyder Senior All-Star Max Blackwell blasts a base hit Friday during Snyder's 11-4 victory over Abilene North at Moffett Field. Snyder will be in action again Saturday at 8:30 against Eula. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ranger offense not explosive, but effective in 1-0 win over Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers didn't get to be baseball's highest scoring team winning games like this.

"I'd like to see us win a couple of more games like this, just to show our offense we don't have to score eight runs every night to win," manager Johnny Oates said after Texas' 1-0 victory over Oakland on Friday night.

"Giving up one run in the last two games? Hopefully we can continue it."

Rick Helling (12-4) allowed four hits in eight innings, and John Wetteland pitched a perfect ninth for his 24th save. Helling tied teammate Aaron Sele and three others for the major league lead in victories.

"I didn't really feel that great," Helling said. "It's weird how that works out. You don't feel like you're pitching that great, but you keep getting outs."

Kevin Elster drew a bases-loaded walk with two out in the ninth to drive in the only run in Texas's fourth straight victory.

Bill Taylor (3-7) gave up a leadoff single to Will Clark, a double to Juan Gonzalez, and an intentional walk to Rusty Greer to load the bases. Ivan Rodriguez's grounder forced pinch-runner Luis Alicea at the plate, and Lee Stevens flied to shallow left for the second out.

Elster, who failed in two previous tries to drive in runs, ran the count to 3-0 before taking a strike and then drawing the walk on an inside fastball.

The A's hit the All-Star break with a five-game winning streak, but have scored just one urn in two games against the Rangers.

"Right now we're just in a little funk offensively," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "We've got to get our bats going."

The Rangers let two scoring opportunities slip away against Athletics starter Tom Candiotti.

Greer doubled to lead off the second and went to third on Rodriguez's fly out to deep right, but was left stranded when Stevens struck out and Elster flied out. Singles by Rodriguez and Stevens put runners at the corners with one out in the seventh, but Elster grounded into a double play.

Oakland placed runners in scoring position just twice against Helling, both times at second base with two outs.

In the eighth, a leadoff walk to Rickey Henderson and a sacrifice bunt by Bip Roberts moved Henderson to second with one out. After Ben Grieve was walked intentionally, Matt Stairs lined into a double play when second baseman Mark McLemore doubled up Grieve at first.

Candiotti lasted eight innings, giving up seven hits and striking out three without a walk.

Gonzalez went 1-for-4 and grounded into a double play, leaving him 4-for-27 with just one RBI against Oakland this season. He leads the major with 101 RBIs.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	63	20	.759	-
Boston	52	35	.598	13
Toronto	46	44	.511	20½
Baltimore	40	50	.444	26½
TampaBay	34	54	.386	31½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	51	36	.586	-
Minnesota	41	47	.466	10½
KansasCity	39	49	.443	12½
Detroit	36	50	.419	14½
Chicago	36	52	.409	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	50	38	.568	-
Texas	50	39	.562	½
Oakland	41	47	.466	9
Seattle	38	52	.422	13

Friday's Games

Baltimore 3, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 4
Detroit 3, Toronto 2, 10 innings
Cleveland 6, Minnesota 5
Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 3
Texas 1, Oakland 0
Anaheim 5, Seattle 3, 11 innings

Saturday's Games

Minnesota (Radke 9-6) at Cleveland (Gooden 2-3), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 10-3) at Baltimore (Erickson 8-7), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 3-0) at Seattle (Johnson 7-8), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 12-5) at Oakland (Stein 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 12-2) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 10-5), 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 8-7) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 5-3) at Detroit (Moehler 8-6), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Clemens 9-6) at Detroit (Powell 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 4-7) at Cleveland (Nagy 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 11-2) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-9), 1:35 p.m.
Boston (Cho 0-1) at Baltimore (Drabek 5-9), 1:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 6-10) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 4-6) at Oakland (Haynes 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 8-6) at Seattle (Swift 8-4), 4:35 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	60	30	.667	-
NewYork	44	41	.518	13½
Philadelphia	44	42	.512	14
Montreal	36	52	.409	23
Florida	33	56	.371	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	54	35	.607	-
Chicago	48	41	.539	6
Milwaukee	45	42	.517	8
St.Louis	41	47	.466	12½
Pittsburgh	40	49	.449	14
Cincinnati	40	50	.444	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	57	33	.633	-
SanFrancisco	52	38	.578	5
LosAngeles	45	44	.506	11¼
Colorado	38	52	.422	19
Arizona	30	59	.337	26½

Friday's Games

Florida 3, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 6
Montreal 8, N.Y. Mets 6
St. Louis 6, Houston 3
Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Colorado 11, San Francisco 2
Cincinnati 5, Arizona 4
Los Angeles 6, San Diego 2

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 7-5) at Milwaukee (Eldred 4-6), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Lima 7-5) at St. Louis (Mercker 5-6), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 12-2) at Florida (Dempster 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 9-5), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Hershiser 7-6) at Colorado (Wright 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 5-9) at Arizona (Blair 3-12), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 11-5) at Los Angeles (Valdes 6-8), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Portugal 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 6-4), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 3-6) at N.Y. Mets (Nomo 2-8), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 4-8) at Milwaukee (Woodall 4-3), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 8-4) at St. Louis (Acevedo 3-2), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 12-3) at Florida (Meadows 7-6), 4:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 7-3) at Arizona (Anderson 6-7), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 10-3) at Colorado (Astacio 6-9), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 6-9) at Los Angeles (Bohanon 2-4), 8:05 p.m.



SOCCER SIGNEE — Austin Martin of Seattle, Wash. has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Highline Community College in Des Moines, Wash. Martin is the son of former Snyder residents Gary and Valerie Martin and is the grandson of Bobby and Barbara Burney, of Snyder.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	10	3	.769	-
NewYork	8	6	.571	2½
Cleveland	6	6	.500	3½
Detroit	6	7	.462	4
Washington	1	11	.083	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	1	.923	-
Phoenix	9	3	.750	2½
Sacramento	4	9	.308	8
Utah	4	9	.308	8
LosAngeles	3	8	.273	8

Friday's Games

Phoenix 76, Cleveland 60
Charlotte 63, Sacramento 55

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Washington, 2 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Charlotte at New York, 4 p.m.
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CLOSED MONDAYS

Eight Bulldogs notch baseball recognition



Jerek Brown



Jenson Gainer



Richard Wilkins

Despite competing in a district with a regional semifinalist and a state tournament qualifier, the Ira Bulldogs had eight players garner all-district baseball honors.

Jerek Brown, Jenson Gainer and Richard Wilkins nabbed first-team honors.

Brown, who was also a first-team selection his freshman year, fanned 95 batters and led the Bulldogs with a .563 batting average in his sophomore season.

Gainer locked up the designated hitter role, after hitting .471 and leading the Ira squad in RBIs.

Wilkins had five assists from his center field position and posted a .678 on-base percentage.

The Bulldogs also placed three players on the second-team, with two more taking honorable mention.

Pitcher Perry Jamison, infielder Drew Wall and outfielder Jose Juarez were second-team selections, while freshmen Seth Sterling and Cody Kellner were named to the honorable mention list.

Ira finished its season 9-9 with a 5-5 mark in district play.

The Bulldogs narrowly missed the playoffs. Ira dropped an 8-7 decision to regional semifinalist Aspermont, before falling to state qualifier Rotan, 7-4.

"We have had good success with these honors in the past," Bulldog coach Joee Gainer said. "This is a wonderful boost to our program.

"Along with a run at the playoffs in the final week, this will enable us to return to a higher level. Our guys work hard every day and have tremendous dedication."

Ira will return all 16 lettermen for the 1999 season.

Nicklaus battles injury for 70 at Senior tourney

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Jack Nicklaus has the charisma. Gil Morgan has the lead — at least for now.

Morgan, with a 2-stroke advantage, was paired with Hale Irwin in today's third round of the Senior Players Championship. Nicklaus and Jim Albus played just in front of them.

Morgan, who eagled the 10th hole, shot an 8-under-par 64 in the second round Friday for a 133 total. Irwin, who eagled the 13th, shot 69 for 135 at the TPC of Michigan.

"Usually, if you play with Gil on the weekend, you're playing pretty well," Irwin said. "So I'm happy to be playing with Gil."

Irwin and Morgan are easily the two hottest players on the Senior circuit. They have each won three times this season and rank first and second on the money list. Irwin, who finished second at the State Farm Senior Classic last week, has earned $1.3 million, about $300,000 more than Morgan.

"We get along all right," Morgan said. "But we are real competitive, there is no question about that."

Nicklaus, who designed the 6,876-yard layout in the shadow of Ford Motor Co.'s world headquarters, shot 70 to tie Albus at 137. Albus shot 69.

Morgan, three strokes off the lead after an opening 69, birdied five of the first eight holes. His only bogey was at No. 9 where, he hit a tree with an errant approach, then two-putted from 45 feet.

"Yesterday, I played at a pretty high level, tee to green," Morgan said. "Today, I played a little better and putted better."

But he more than made up for that mistake when he holed his approach for an eagle 2 at the next hole.

"I hit an intermediate wedge from 110 yards out," Morgan said. "The ball hit about six feet from the pin, bounced twice and dove in the hole."

Morgan, who has nine top 10 finishes in 13 starts this season, made successive birdies at Nos. 12 and 13 to go 11-under and made it hold up the rest of the way under almost perfect playing conditions.

Heavy rain early in the week left the greens soft.

"I think the next two days, it is going to get faster as we go forward," Morgan said. "That will make it more difficult, I think."

Nicklaus, whose streak of 154 majors will end when he skips the British Open next week, continued his strong play despite an ailing left hip. Nicklaus, at 58, was looking like the Golden Bear of old and shared the lead with Irwin at 8-under after nine holes.

Nicklaus got to 9-under with a birdie at No. 13, but bogeyed No. 14 and 16.

"I felt pretty good," Nicklaus said. "But with me, it's: 'Compared with what?' With me, you never know. So far this week, the hip has been pretty good.

"It certainly never bothered me hitting a golf shot, and that's all you can ask for."

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Students open time capsule

In 1989, Carolyn Hamby's third grade class at Stanfield buried a time capsule which they opened in May of this year. Included were pictures they had drawn of themselves then and how they thought they would look at age 18.

Each also wrote a story about what they wanted to do when they were out of high school.

The capsule was buried on the school grounds.

Participating students include Oscar Aguilar, Leslie Monroe, Christy Brown, Jody Smith, Jessica Tovar, Kyle Callison, Max Hochwalt, Kasey Cole, Wendy Baily, Erica Pruitt, John Border, Chad McMillan, Haley Brown, Eric Lang, Starling Shields, Steven Pownell.



OPEN TIME CAPSULE — These former third grade students of Carolyn Hamby buried a time capsule in 1989 which they opened in May. From left are John Border, Chad McMillan, Haley Brown, Eric Lang, Starling Shields, Steven Pownell. Those not pictured are Oscar Aguilar, Leslie Monroe, Christy Brown, Jody Smith, Jessica Tovar, Kyle Callison, Max Hochwalt, Kasey Cole, Wendy Baily and Erica Pruitt. (Contributed Photo)

A modified bubble helmet, an acrylic dome fed by scuba tanks, enables divers to transmit crystal-clear speech by cable in water as deep as 100 feet, reports National Geographic.

Bush, Bullock purchase letter

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock have teamed up to bring back to Texas a letter written by Sam Houston in 1848 to his friend Col. Thomas "Pegleg" Ward, a hero of the Texas Revolution who often served as Houston's debt collector.

Bush, a Republican, and Bullock, a Democrat who has endorsed the governor for re-election, each personally donated $2,250 to buy the letter at a New York City auction. It will be added to the Texas collection at the University of Texas Center for American History.

Houston wrote the letter to Ward while at home in Huntsville on summer recess from the U.S. Senate in October 1848, according to the university. Ward noted on the back of the letter that Houston "Wants money."

"I am grateful to Gov. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bullock for making it possible for us to acquire this outstanding historical document," said Don E. Carleton, director of the UT Center for American History.

THANKS!

We wish to thank everyone who showed their concern after Veronica's accident. Thanks especially to Snyder EMS and the Scurry County 4-H Horse Club. You're all a great group. May God bless.

Danny, Vicki & Veronica Williams

Clinton earmarks $32 million for local drug wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Testing of criminal defendants in 23 of the nation's biggest cities shows a strong connection between drugs and crime, a government study found. But drugs of choice vary widely by region, and President Clinton said today he is releasing $32 million in grants to help local officials tailor local responses.

"There is no single national drug problem. We have lots of very different local drug problems," said Jeremy Travis, director of the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the Justice Department.

In conjunction with the institute's release of its 1997 report on arrestee drug abuse, Clinton used his weekly radio address to announce $27 million in federal grants to create special drug courts in 150 new jurisdictions. There are now more than 270 drug courts around the country, combining supervision with sanctions, testing and drug treatment to coerce criminals to end their drug habit.

An additional $5 million in federal money was being released to six cities with a documented problem with methamphetamine abuse. Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Minneapolis and Little Rock, Ark., will get grants to tailor enforcement and prevention efforts to the peculiarities of methamphetamine use.

The drug, known by the nicknames meth, crank and speed, has a potent effect on the central nervous system and often creates delusions, paranoia and aggressive behavior.

The grants come as the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program, or ADAM, showed a rebound in methamphetamine use exclusively in Western and Southwestern cities.

Where use among arrestees in these cities fell between 1994 and 1996, urinalysis results in 1997 for methamphetamine use were back up to nearly 40 percent of adults arrested in San Diego; 18 percent in San Jose, Calif.; 16 percent in Phoenix and Portland, Ore.; and 10 percent in Omaha, Neb.

Users of the aggression-inducing stimulant were primarily white men and women.

Travis suggested that the concentration of the methamphetamine problem in the West and Southwest comes from the fact that "much of the production of methamphetamine is connected to activities south of the border in Mexico."

By contrast, the ADAM survey found cocaine is not as popular with young defendants as it was in earlier year. In Detroit and Washington, for example, just 5 percent of those aged 15-20 tested positive for cocaine use, compared with nearly 50 percent of those 36 and over. In the late 1980s cocaine use among those arrested for crimes reached 80 percent and higher.

"We're seeing younger people who are now coming of the age where they might engage in risky behaviors ... who are using at much lower rates than their slightly older brothers," said Travis. "The younger brother looks at what's happening to his older brother, who is now either in jail or a crackhead ... and says, 'I don't want that to be me.'"

The 1997 survey also found marijuana use leveling off among male criminals. Fifteen of the 23 survey sites reported drops in marijuana use by the younger group, including substantial drops of between five and nine percentage points in Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Omaha, Phoenix and Washington. Some cities, however, reported slight increases in pot smoking by female arrestees.

Teacher with AIDS sues

HOUSTON (AP) — A teacher suing the Houston Independent School District claims he was denied a job because he's HIV positive, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is backing up him up.

Because he taught for HISD in the 1980s before moving to New Mexico, William Ellsworth thought he was a shoo-in when he returned, especially with a glowing letter of recommendation from his former principal last year.

But despite his experience and a master's degree earned since his last HISD stint, Ellsworth was turned down during a year HISD reportedly had 300 vacancies.

His lawsuit contends HISD violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by refusing to hire him because he is HIV-positive. EEOC Director Joan Erlich agreed the district violated the law.

"I have determined that the evidence obtained during the (EEOC) investigation violated the Americans with Disabilities Act," Ms. Erlich wrote in a letter to Ellsworth and HISD.

HISD spokesman Terry Abbott said the district acted appropriately, though he declined further comment because of the pending litigation.

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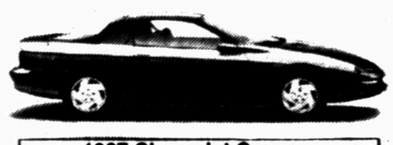
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Former AF cadet may face ex-fiancee in court soon

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham may come face to face in court with his ex-fiancee, former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora.

It could happen as soon as his attorneys begin presenting the defense case in his capital murder trial.

"I would think I would want to start my case off with a bang, and that would be a heck of a bang," defense lawyer Dan Cogdell said Friday.

During a closed-door meeting with the judge, Cogdell requested that Miss Zamora be brought from prison to testify in Graham's trial. Judge Don Leonard did not make a ruling immediately, but hinted Miss Zamora may be called.

"Nothing would surprise me," the judge said.

Opening statements in the trial are set for Wednesday. The prosecution presents its case first. The trial is expected to last at least until the end of July.

Cogdell would not divulge exactly what was discussed in the private meeting with the judge but said he expects Miss Zamora will testify.

"At some point in this trial I think you're going to get to see David Graham's co-defendant, Diane Zamora," Cogdell said.

"If she tells the truth, I will benefit tremendously," he said, adding that if she doesn't tell the truth he may be forced to "attack and destroy" her on the witness stand.

Earlier Friday the judge ruled that Miss Zamora's written police statement can be used against the 20-year-old Graham.

Prosecutors contend Miss Zamora and Graham, then high school sweethearts who were about to go off to prestigious military academies, fatally shot 16-year-old Adrianne Jones in December 1995 in Tarrant County. Prosecutors claim Miss Zamora became jealous over a brief affair Graham allegedly had with Miss Jones.

The judge's ruling on Miss Zamora's police statement prompted Cogdell to say he intends to show Miss Zamora's statement conflicts with her testimony at her trial. Cogdell also raised the possibility that Miss Zamora would be called to the witness stand.

"Any first-year law student can tell you you have the right to cross-examine an accuser," the defense attorney said.

Prosecutor Mike Parrish said he wants Miss Zamora's confession used as evidence because it "completes the story."

"It lets the jury know what both of the guilty parties said to law enforcement," Parrish said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 12, 1998

In the year ahead, substantial time will be spent ridding yourself of impediments that have thwarted your ambitions. This will help you focus on more meaningful objectives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even if you have to catch up on work you've neglected, don't push yourself to the edge of the envelope today. Self-imposed tension will only add to your burdens. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consideration might impel you to hide something from a loved one today in hopes of sparing his/her feelings. This person can handle the truth if it comes out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually, you're a self-contained person who isn't unduly influenced by others. However, today could be an exception if you're not careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you delegate an important assignment to someone else today, be sure to keep tabs on his/her progress. Without your motivation, this surrogate could quickly run out of steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not treat money matters with indifference today. This area carries both rewards and penalties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're too forceful when dealing with others today, they're apt to do the exact opposite of what you expect of them. Soften your demands and acknowledge their efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against allowing your imagination to work against you today. If it runs amok, it could create all sorts of unresolvable fantasies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you're involved in some type of financial arrangement with a close friend today, don't behave selfishly. Look out for your buddy as well as yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility an important career objective may not be attained today, due to your reluctance to put out the proper effort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might discover today that someone has been spreading lies about you. If you overreact, it could look you actually do have something to hide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A weeding-out could be in order today if you're locked into a relationship with someone who's hampering your progress. Sever the ties or else progress carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you'll be judged by the company you keep, so be selective regarding your companions. Don't let another's poor behavior reflect on your image.

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Your Birthday

Monday, July 13, 1998

In the year ahead, old pals and acquaintances will serve as conduits for new relationships. This could result in one of your more popular years.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have difficulty making up your mind on important issues today. If you're uncertain, it might be best to wait until tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Puttering around the house could be exactly what you need to relax today. You don't have to spend all your time on gung-ho adventures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today is a good day to focus on pleasurable pursuits. You shouldn't have trouble finding friends who think like you do. Enjoy yourself!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though today may not be exciting, you should find quiet satisfaction in domestic tasks. Remember: it's quality, not quantity, you should seek.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Mental rather than physical activities will be gratifying today. If you don't feel up to flexing your muscles, read a good book.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have spare time on your hands today, go shopping. Items you want could be available at the right price.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's important to be yourself today. You'll have several opportunities to express the real you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't push yourself if you lack drive today. It's best to wait for a positive frame of mind before tackling intricate assignments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be assertive in your interactions with others today. Use the soft sell instead. A relaxed atmosphere is the formula for producing good results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Success won't elude you today, even though you may feel uncertain. Let things fall into place naturally, and they'll show you the open path.

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England's King Richard I (the Lion Hearted) was crowned in Westminster in 1189.

Gang in Austin told to disband

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has issued Texas' first civil court order against alleged members of a gang, preventing them from doing such things as hanging out or using a pay telephone in an East Austin neighborhood.

State District Judge Wilford Flowers' temporary restraining order, issued Friday, will last for two weeks while attorneys prepare to argue over a proposed court order meant to permanently prevent the so-called 2-3 Crips from operating in the neighborhood just north of Austin's Mueller Airport.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle has said the seven people named in the order have sold drugs, committed other crimes, threatened neighbors and intimidated witnesses to their crimes in the roughly seven-block area from which they are now barred from even being seen together. Police have said traditional law enforcement measures have not worked to run the gang out of business.

Defense attorneys, including Donna Mulcahy of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Earle and police are violating their clients' civil rights in an attempt to make their jobs easier.

Under the civil court order, prosecutors would not have to prove the alleged gang members committed a crime or were conspiring to commit a crime. Simply appearing in the neighborhood together, using a pager in the neighborhood or violating any other portion of the court order could land them in jail.

Agents seize 6,000 pounds of marijuana in past week

EL PASO (AP) — Nearly 6,000 pounds of marijuana was seized by U.S. Customs agents during the past seven days in the West Texas-New Mexico area.

The agency reported Friday that along with 5,976 pounds of marijuana, agents also found 2.3 pounds of heroin being carried by a pedestrian crossing the Paso Del Norte bridge in El Paso on Tuesday.

Agents became suspicious when the man appeared to be very nervous and had an abnormal bulge around his waist. When agents searched the man, Igancio Villar Ramirez, 23, of Ciudad Juarez, they found 88 heroin pellets.

Villar Ramirez was arrested.

The largest single seizure of marijuana occurred on Wednesday when 913 pounds were found inside the trunk a car driven by a woman across the Bridge of the Americas.

The woman tried to flee, but crashed the car into the guardrails on a ramp to Interstate 10. The woman escaped in another vehicle that was in the area.

Other marijuana seizures during the seven-day period included:

—3,532 pounds found in 29 vehicles stopped at the El Paso ports of entry.

—786 pounds at the Fabens, Texas, port of entry.

—707 pounds found in five vehicles at the Columbus, N.M., port of entry.

Church settles lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — The bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, which agreed to pay $23.4 million to nine former altar boys who said they were molested by a priest, issued yet another apology for Rudy Kos' attacks — and his organization's failed investigation.

The church had been accused of trying to cover up the allegations against the 53-year-old Kos, who is now serving a life sentence in prison. Earlier this week, the Vatican stripped him of his priesthood.

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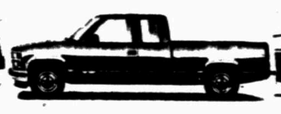
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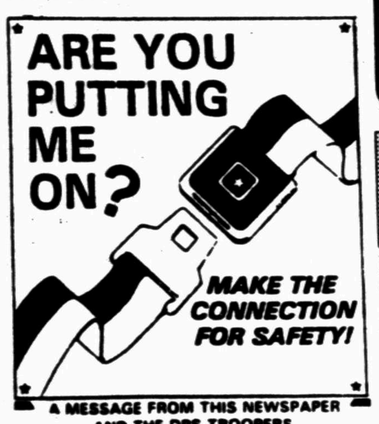
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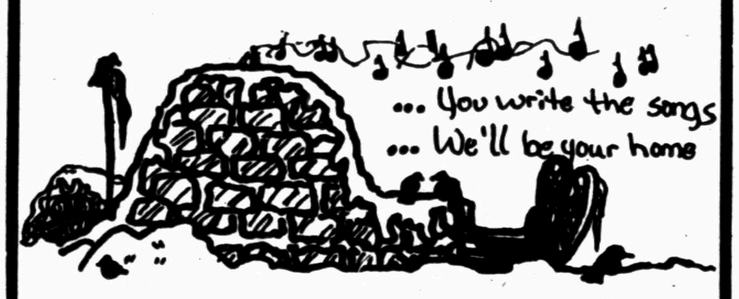
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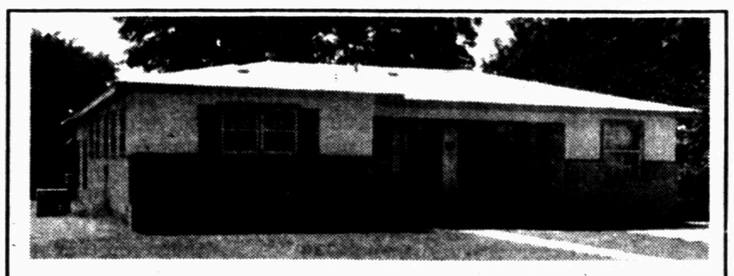
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Ten arrested after bomb attack in London

LONDON (AP) — Police in Britain and Ireland were holding 10 alleged members of IRA splinter groups today after thwarting a bombing attack on the British capital that underscores the determination of hard-line groups to wreck Northern Ireland's recent landmark peace agreement.

London was "within minutes" of being attacked, said deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. He gave no details on possible targets or how many explosive devices were found.

Scotland Yard said it would not release further details today, and would not identify the four men and two women being questioned in London. They are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which permits police to keep them in custody for seven days without charge.

The six arrests in London on Friday followed raids by police in Dublin, Wexford and Dundalk, all in the Republic of Ireland, in which four people were taken into custody, authorities said. Irish police said they could hold those four suspects for 48 hours without charge. None has been identified.

The Irish police operation, which had been under way for months, targeted "dissident criminal Irish republican terrorist groups" intent on foiling the April peace accord, said Grieve. Those groups have refused to observe cease-fires called by Northern Ireland's main paramilitaries, including the Irish Republican Army.

Information uncovered during the seizures in Ireland prompted police there to contact British authorities, leading to Friday afternoon's arrests in London.

Grieve said three men arrested near university buildings in the British capital had explosive devices that were ready for use. Witnesses said police descended on the area, south of the River Thames, brandishing guns and arrested two of the men within yards of each other outside a local supermarket.

"I saw them yell at a studenty-looking man, who was carrying a rucksack, 'Put the bag on the floor!' When he did that they shouted, 'Get down on the floor! Get down on the floor!'" said Ann-Marie Wholey, 14. "I stayed watching for what seemed like a few minutes. I just couldn't move. Then one of the men with a gun turned round and said, 'Get down the street, just move, move.'"

Later, a woman was apprehended near Oxford Street, one of the capital's busiest shopping districts, and a man and woman were seized near the new multimillion-dollar British Library, Scotland Yard said.

No shots were fired and no one was injured during the arrests.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, congratulated the authorities Friday after the arrests. Ahern added that his government "will continue to underpin the peace process by tackling the terrorist threat from whatever source."

IRA dissidents have rejected the peace agreement, even though the IRA called a truce in July 1997 and its allied Sinn Fein party was one of the eight political parties that took part in negotiations with the British and Irish governments to forge the pact.

The agreement, ratified by voters in May, set up a new assembly in the province with power-sharing between Catholics and Protestants. IRA dissidents have said they will settle for nothing short of an end to British rule in Northern Ireland and a unified island.

They have mainly staged attacks in Northern Ireland, although Irish police intercepted a car packed with explosives just before it was to board a ferry for England in April.

Before its truce, the IRA had often struck in London — sometimes with small bombs or incendiary devices, and occasionally with large and devastating bombs.

The group bombed Hyde Park in 1982, Harrods department store in 1983 and the London Stock Exchange in 1990. In 1991, mortar shell fired from an abandoned van exploded 50 feet behind 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official residence.

The IRA called a truce in 1994, but broke it in February 1996 with a bomb in London's Docklands business area that killed two men and wounded scores of people. The IRA blamed foot-dragging by the British over peace talks for the reversion to violence.

The group resumed a cease-fire in July 1997, which it has maintained since.

GM, workers can't agree on location to resolve first

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Settlement of two crippling strikes at General Motors Corp. is being held up by a disagreement over whether disputes at other GM plants in the Midwest should be resolved first.

The stumbling block comes on a very crucial weekend for the world's No. 1 automaker. Its two-week summer shutdown ends Monday — if the strikes continue it will only add to the $1.18 billion already lost by GM.

Talks were to resume today.

Richard Shoemaker, a United Auto Workers vice president, warned two weeks ago that GM could face strikes at two brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, and a stamping plant in Indianapolis once the strikes at two Flint plants are settled.

He said GM's demand that the Flint deal resolve problems in Dayton and Indianapolis would only prolong the strikes.

That stance was criticized by GM officials.

"It doesn't make much sense to settle plants that are on strike ... only to be at risk to go on strike again at other facilities," GM labor chief Gerald Knechtel said Friday. "All we're trying to do is remove that risk."

After little progress was reported in negotiations, hopes for a weekend deal have faded.

"The progress today has been very, very, very, very slow and very disappointing," Shoemaker said. "There was hardly anything resolved at either place. There are many, many issues left to resolve."

Knechtel said he still thought a weekend settlement was possible, but he agreed that little was accomplished Friday.

"It's not as fast as we'd like it to be, but progress is being made," he said. "We're very focused on trying to get this done this weekend."

Negotiations were also being held at the Dayton and Indianapolis plants.

The issues are similar at all four plants: contracting work to outside suppliers, health and safety issues, work rules, alleged contract violations and allegations of broken promises.

Even if the Flint plants are reopened by Monday, it would still take several days to a week before parts could reach some strike-idled assembly plants.

About 162,000 workers have been idled at 26 assembly plants and more than 100 parts plants throughout North America, in addition to the 9,200 striking workers at the Flint Metal Center stamping plant and the Delphi Flint East engine parts and instrumentation plant. The first strike began June 5.

Two weeks ago, GM filed a grievance with the union alleging the strikes were illegal under its UAW contract.

Officers make two arrests

Area law enforcement personnel made one arrest Friday and one early Saturday morning.

At 7:02 a.m. Friday, deputies arrested a 28-year-old male for disorderly conduct in the 200 block of North U.S. 84.

Officers took a 17-year-old male into custody at 12:08 a.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of Cedar Creek Drive for minor in possession and resisting arrest.

In other activity, officers filed an offense report for runaway at 10:50 a.m. Friday following a report from a man that his 14-year-old son had run away. The juvenile was later located and transported to the RECOR facility in Sweetwater.

Feds helping with E. coli outbreak

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Investigators from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are helping state health officials seek the source of an E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 19 people in western Wyoming.

The CDC is coordinating efforts with state health departments in neighboring states and Washington, California, Georgia and Kansas.

By Friday, Wyoming health officials reported 19 confirmed cases of E. coli infection stemming from a single outbreak at Alpine, home to 470 people, in the past two weeks. All of the people reporting symptoms were in the Star Valley area between June 28 and July 3.

Test results are pending on several of the more than 30 Wyoming residents and 40 nonresidents with symptoms that include bloody diarrhea, vomiting and severe fatigue, said Dr. Gayle Miller, the state epidemiologist.

Those who tested positive have one of the more dangerous strains of E. coli known as 0157:H7, Miller said. Because that strain has an incubation period of up to 10 days, she concluded the number of cases will probably rise.

"Our preliminary investigation has failed to show that a recreational water source, a food source or a restaurant source might have been the cause, but we continue to explore that and we are not prepared to implicate any particular source," Miller said.

Complications associated with the 0157:H7 strain can lead to kidney failure, severe anemia, clotting problems and, in some cases, coma and death.

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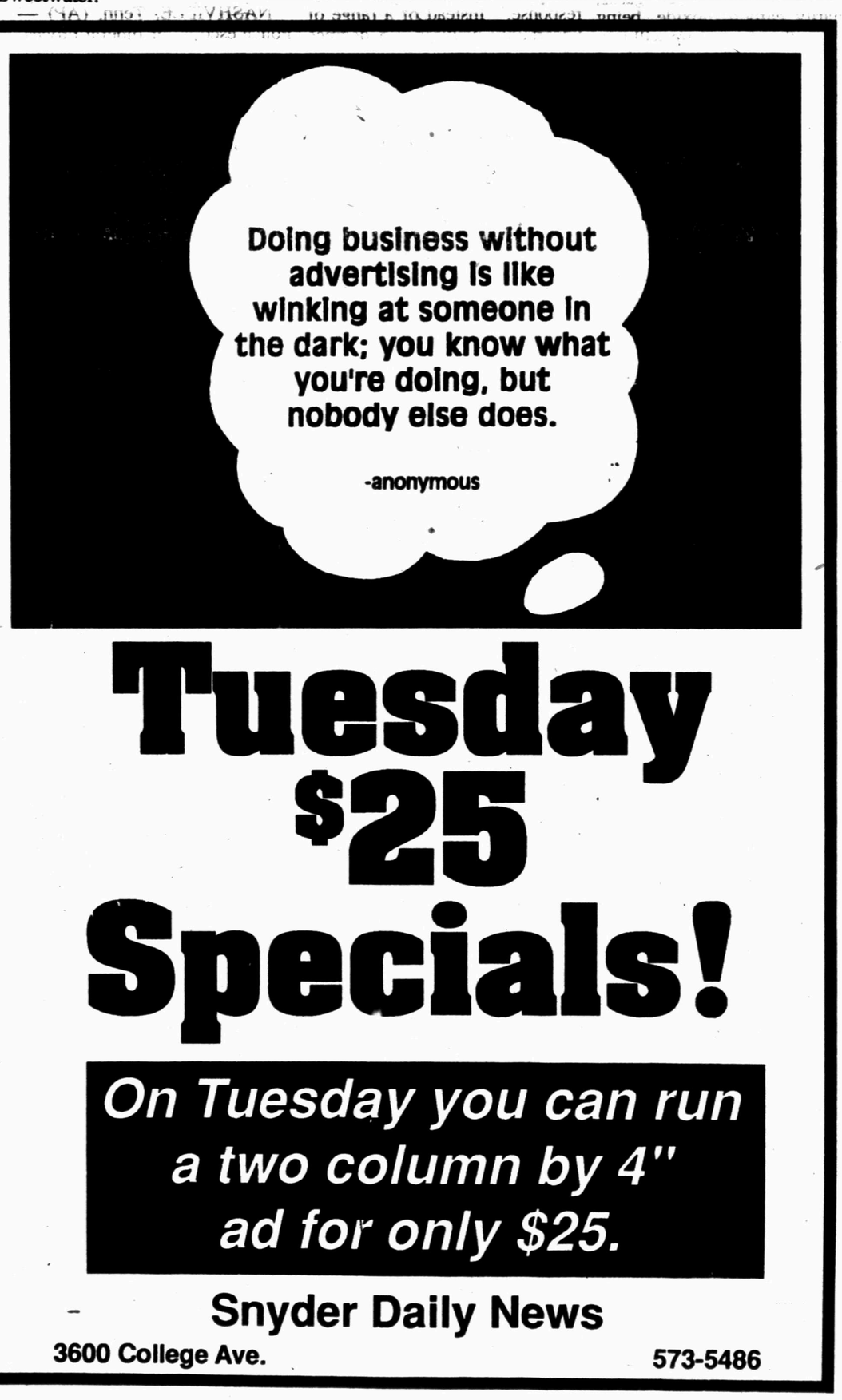
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Births

Lori Garza announces the birth of her daughter born at 12:26 p.m. on July 11 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, nine ounces.



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CNN's Turner issues apology

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — CNN founder Ted Turner issued a fervent apology to U.S. veterans for the cable news channel's retracted report about U.S. troops using deadly nerve gas in a 1970 Vietnam raid.

"If committing mass suicide would help, I've even given that some consideration. Nothing has upset me more probably in my whole life," Turner told a Television Critics Association news conference Friday.

"I'll take my shirt off and beat myself bloody on the back" with a whip if it would do any good, he said, adding: "I couldn't hurt any more if I was bleeding."

He offered his personal apology to veterans and anyone who was hurt or offended by the "NewsStand: CNN & Time" story aired June 7 that claimed U.S. troops used nerve gas against Vietnam War deserters in Laos.

CNN on July 2 retracted the story, apologizing to viewers and veterans for "serious faults" in its reporting. Time magazine, which printed a version of the story, also formally apologized.

Turner said he believes the report on Operation Tailwind was wrong, though the CNN producers responsible for it, Jack Smith and April Oliver, have said they stand by it. Both were fired and a third producer quit.

Whether he believed the report was correct or not, Turner said, "we didn't have evidence beyond a reasonable doubt."

The rush to break an important story and the pressure of a competitive media market led to the faulty report, he said.

"I'm not making any excuses whatsoever," he said. "I'm just explaining what happened."

Turner said the impact of the retracted story hurt him emotionally more than his father's death, his divorces or his Atlanta Braves baseball team losing to the New York Yankees in the 1996 World Series.

"I feel horrible about it. CNN was my baby from the very beginning," he said. He noted that a poll taken before the story and its retraction had named CNN as the most respected U.S. news source.

Now vice chairman of Time Warner, which owns Time magazine and CNN, Turner said he plays a "kind of supervisory, consulting role" for the cable network.

He vowed that CNN is taking steps to guard against such problems, including the creation of an oversight panel to review stories. "I think the majority of people will forgive and forget," Turner predicted.

Turner also defended the network's decision to punish veteran reporter Peter Arnett with a reprimand, while others connected with the report were fired.

"His past courageous contributions weighed heavily in the decision to spare him from resigning or being fired," Turner said, citing Arnett's work covering the Persian Gulf War for CNN.

Arnett, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Vietnam War as an Associated Press reporter, has said his involvement in the story was limited to interviews using prearranged questions and narration.

Carbon dioxide is overestimated in global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Studies that predict dangerous greenhouse warming slightly overestimate the effect of carbon dioxide on climate while giving too little weight to some other chemicals, European researchers report.

The actual impact of carbon dioxide on climate is about 15 percent less than estimated by the U.N.-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, according to a report in the July 15 edition of Geophysical Research Letters.

The study concluded that the impact of other chemicals, including methane and nitrous oxide, has been underestimated.

Jerry Mahlman, director of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton, said the finding "isn't a stunner, but it's an important contribution if it's true."

Many climate experts are concerned that increasing amounts of industrial gases, primarily carbon dioxide, being added to the atmosphere will trap heat somewhat like a greenhouse, causing climate to warm up.

They say that this so-called radiative forcing could add 1.5 degrees to 4.5 degrees to the planet's average temperature over time, raising concern that could lead to droughts, melting of glaciers and ice caps and various other weather changes.

The greenhouse warming theory holds that these gasses being added to the atmosphere trap some of the heat that would normally be radiated out into space. Carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere industrially through the burning of coal and other fossil fuels.

The IPCC report estimated that effect as adding 2.45 watts of energy per square meter at the Earth's surface. The new study reduces that net estimate to 2.25 watts per square meter.

Mahlman, who was not part of the team that prepared the research, said the change "does not substantially reduce the uncertainly in net greenhouse response." Instead of a range of uncertainly between 1.5 degrees and 4.5, it might mean a range of 1.35 and 4.3, he suggested.

Tennessee may end funeral escorts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Police escorts for funeral processions could be a dying tradition in Tennessee.

At least one county has advised police to stop the practice because they could be liable for accidents, while others have already done so.

"I like to escort the funerals. I think it shows respect for the families and the families appreciate it. I'd hate to quit," Putnam County Sheriff Jerry Abston said. "But we don't want the county to be held liable if something happens."

For years, cities and counties across Tennessee have sent police officers to escort funeral processions to make sure the cars get to their destination without being separated by traffic. Some limit the courtesy to the families of government workers, like firefighters.

But lawyers for Putnam County suggested ending the escorts after a woman in a Chattanooga funeral procession was broadsided while going through an intersection. She sued, claiming traffic was not properly controlled, and the city was found partly liable because it only assigned one officer.

Although Chattanooga is not in Putnam County, the case raised concerns. Abston said his county cannot afford to send more than one officer to escort funeral processions.

Bob Batson, executive director of the state Funeral Directors Association, estimates that 90 percent of Tennessee's cities and counties — especially in rural areas — still provide free escorts.

Cities around the country already have changed the way funeral processions are handled. Some hire private escort services or off-duty officers to keep watch at intersections, while others limit the number of cars involved.

One funeral home official said drivers do not respect funeral processions like they used to. Some ignore them, refusing to let them pass and cut into the line of cars.

"People don't pay attention anymore. Sometimes it is like painting a bull's eye on the side of your lead car," said Kent Marcum of Rose Mortuary in Knoxville.

He said more funerals are being held in the evening with graveside services the next day. Family members and friends simply meet at the cemetery instead of following a hearse from the funeral home.

Despite the lawsuit, Chattanooga continues to offer free police escorts for funerals of city employees, firefighters, police officers and their families, police Capt. Lee Hicks said.

Getting rid of the escorts isn't always easy.

Barney McKinney, funeral director at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Elizabethton, said the Carter County Sheriff's Department in northeast Tennessee stopped providing free escorts about a decade ago.

They quickly resumed after citizens complained.

Carter County Sheriff John Henson said he is concerned about liability, but has no plans to change.

"People should at least respect the dead," he said.

Sexual assault investigated

Scurry County deputy sheriff Maurice Herridge is investigating a report of a sexual assault on a 20-year-old female which was reported Saturday morning around 2:30.

The woman went to the sheriff's office and reported the attack.

Herridge submitted an offense report for sexual assault in the incident.

Obituaries

Sara M. Harding

1915-1998

Service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church for Sara Margaret Harding of Snyder. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor, will officiate and burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harding, 83, died Friday, July 10, at her home after a sudden illness.

Born on Feb. 3, 1915 in Prue, Okla., she married Charles Harding Sr. on Oct. 13, 1934 in Wynona, Okla. He died Feb. 23, 1986. A homemaker, Mrs. Harding was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Franklin Harding; one grandson, Paul Franklin Harding; and one great-grandson.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Vaughan of Snyder and Sally Wilson of Bartlesville, Okla.; and two sons, Larry Harding of Snyder and Arthur Harding of Beaumont; four sisters, Ola Mae Boyles and Dora Thomas, both of Wynona, Okla., Maudie Case and Nancy McCosar, both of Pawhuska, Okla; two brothers, Pete Moles and J.R. Moles, both of Wynona; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Dorothy Theis

1910-1998

COLORADO CITY — Former Snyder resident Mrs. Dorothy Kesler Theis, 87, of Colorado City died Thursday, July 9, at her residence.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ted Spear officiating.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Rosedale Cemetery in Sour Lake under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Born Nov. 22, 1910 in Tangier, Ind., she married Ronald Fredrick Theis on July 2, 1931 in De Ridder, La. He died Oct. 27, 1985.

Mrs. Theis, a homemaker, had lived in Mitchell County since 1966 and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Fredine and Don Ward of Colorado City; three sons, John Theis of Glen Rose, Elray and Mary Theis of Longview and Curtis and Bettye Theis of White Oak; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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National MS Society sets meeting

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has set a fact-finding meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Elementary School. Persons in the Snyder area who have MS are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and suggestions as well as questions about the organization, its programs and operations. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS.

Class of 1958

The Snyder High School class of 1958 will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at Snyder National Bank to continue planning a 40th reunion.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Attitude of Obedience," followed by "Excellence in Leisure" is set for 7 p.m Monday.

Ira Baptist VBS

A week-long Vacation Bible School will start Monday at Ira Baptist Church for ages four years through the sixth grade. Time of VBS is 6-9 p.m.

Workforce Education classes

Western Texas College is offering two workforce education classes the next two Tuesdays and Thursdays through its continuing education division: Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Basic. The Internet course's LRC Computer Lab will be from 2-4 p.m. Microsoft's Workforce Computer Lab, LRC 101, will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Terri Racher will be the instructor. Each course will cost $49. Preregistration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Utility bill assistance

Representativs from People for Progress will be at the Snyder Park Club at Winston Park on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 until noon, and from 1-4 p.m., to offer assistance with utility bills. Additional information be be obtained by calling 915-235-8455.

Children's Day Out

Registration for the fall semester of Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church will be held Thursday, July 30. Classes are for ages 1-4, and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-4770 for more information.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Ritz Variety Show

The Ritz Variety Show will be held July 24-26 at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 and season ticket holders may make reservations Thursday and Friday and again July 21-25 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. at the Ritz box office. Reservations may also be made by calling 573-8880.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

AARP to meet

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday, July 20, at the Senior Citizens Center. Jack Gorman Sr. will be the guest speaker.

VBS Star Quest

Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church will be held July 20-24 for children ages kindergarten through 6th grade. Times are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

VBS Space Mission

Vacation Bible School at 37th Street Church of Christ will be held at 7 p.m. June 20-22. There will be classes for all ages, including adults.

Parkinson's support group

An organizational meeting for a Parkinson's community support group will be held from 10:30 until noon Tuesday, July 21, in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Information will be provided by the Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock. For more information, contact Tammy Tyler at 574-7277.

Pick 3

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

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-68-79-86

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Senate reaffirms military support for Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 2-decade-old commitment of ambiguous military support for Taiwan remains intact, Democrats and Republicans say, after a 92-0 Senate vote reaffirming U.S. policy toward the island.

Democrats insisted Friday's vote was completely unnecessary, but some conceded it may help clear up any confusion over President Clinton's remarks during his recent nine-day China tour.

Congressional conservatives and some Taiwanese officials contend Clinton altered the U.S. position on the relationship between the mainland and Taiwan by moving closer to China's position on unification.

"We wanted to make sure that people understood that there was no need to have a question about it. Our position has been the same before and after the president's trip to China," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Republicans saw the situation differently.

The solid bipartisan vote "sends a powerful signal that the Senate is not accepting President Clinton's new policy," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., asserted.

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said Republican congressional leaders were looking "for the dark lining in the silver cloud" and trying to sully Clinton's well-received China trip.

"The majority leader is wrong when he discusses a new policy," McCurry said. "There is not any new policy. There was simply a reiteration of a policy that presumably Senator Lott abides by."

While in China, Clinton publicly stated Washington's opposition to Taiwanese independence, a separate Taiwan government and the island nation's bid to join the United Nations. He also used the word "unification" in talking about Taiwan's future — a word that does not appear in U.S. doctrine.

The resolution adopted by the Senate on Friday restates the principal tenets of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Action, including a declaration that the future of Taiwan "will be determined by peaceful means, with the consent of the people of Taiwan."

That's the language Clinton should have used instead of talking about unification, his critics argued.

The Senate resolution also repeats the 1979 pledge to help Taiwan "maintain a sufficient self-defense capability."

Its supporters said the nonbinding measure does nothing to increase the U.S. commitment to the island's self-defense, leaving any such future decisions — and the kind of military assistance the United States might provide — up to the president and Congress, as does the 1979 act.

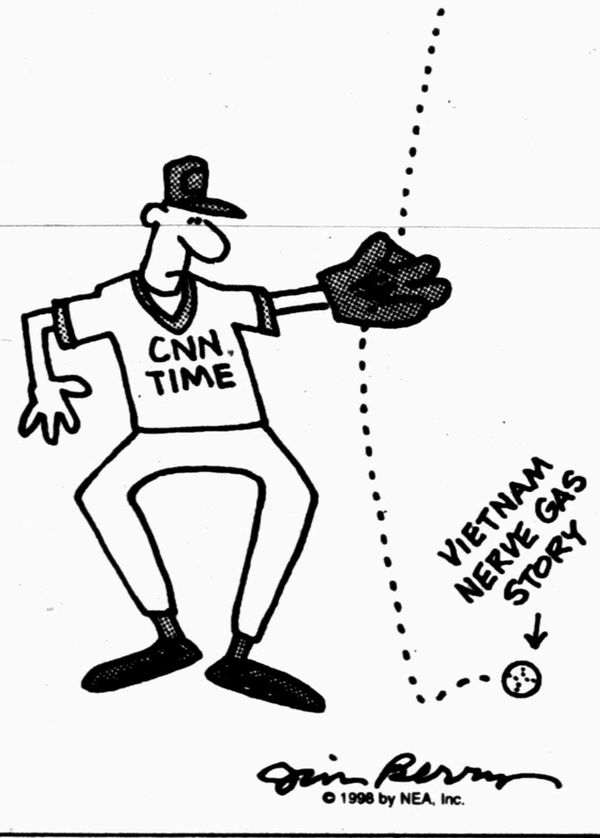
Taiwan, an island of 21 million people, is the seat of the Nationalist government that fled the communist takeover of the Chinese mainland in 1949.

China considers Taiwan a renegade province with no right to its own foreign relations and opposes all official contact between Washington and Taipei.

In December 1994, tensions escalated when China test-fired missiles in waters near Taiwan, prompting strong U.S. criticism and the dispatching of American warships to the area.

The U.S. "one China" policy was first coined in 1972 by President Nixon as a way of recognizing the Chinese position that there is only one China, inclusive of Taiwan, but stopping short of official U.S. recognition that Taiwan is part of the People's Republic of China.

Berry's World



Man "killed" in Vietnam awarded Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 30 years after his bullet-riddled body had been tagged "killed in action" on a Vietnam battlefield, retired Navy hospital corpsman Robert R. Ingram was awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary courage and heroism.

"As you can see," President Clinton said in presenting the award Friday, "he did not die."

The Navy said it had lost the paperwork that would have put Petty Officer Ingram on track for the Medal of Honor in 1966. When Ingram's former comrades discovered at a 1995 reunion that he was alive and had never been decorated for his heroism, they renewed the push. Last November, Congress authorized the decoration and waived the legal requirement that a Medal of Honor be approved within two years of the act of heroism.

"We don't know how his citation got lost all those years ago," Clinton said during a ceremony in the White House's State Dining Room attended by Ingram's family and former comrades. "But we do know why he is here today — because his friends never forgot what he did for them."

The balding and bearded Ingram, 53, sat expressionless with his hands folded in his lap as Clinton recounted Ingram's valorous actions on March 28, 1966, in Quang Ngai province, as told in dramatic detail in the official citation accompanying the highest military honor.

Ingram, now a medical service manager in Jacksonville, Fla., was a 21-year-old Navy corpsman when he accompanied a platoon of Marines into battle that March day at the height of the Vietnam War. He survived four wounds — one a bullet through the head.

"His vital signs dropped to the point that he was tagged 'killed in action' and placed in the dead pile," Clinton said. It took him eight months to recover from his wounds.

Clinton recounted the story much as it was told in the official citation accompanying Ingram's Medal of Honor:

"A tree line suddenly exploded with an intense hail of automatic rifle fire from approximately 100 North Vietnamese regulars. In moments, the platoon was decimated.

"Oblivious to the danger, Petty Officer Ingram crawled across the battlefield to reach a downed Marine. As he administered aid, a bullet went through the palm of his hand.

"Calls for 'corpsman' echoed across the ridge. Bleeding, he edged across the fire-swept landscape, collecting ammunition from the dead and administering aid to the wounded."

He then was shot in the knee. Limping, he moved on to other casualties. A Vietnamese soldier popped up and shot Ingram in the head. The bullet entered beneath his right eye, went through his sinuses, and exited at the left side of the skull where the jaw attaches.

Ingram leveled his M-14 and fired two rounds into the Vietnamese soldier, killing him.

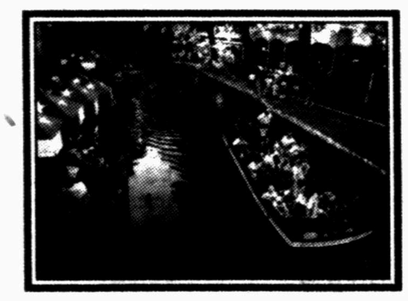
Later Ingram was shot through the scrotum and buttock but still did not give up.

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Snyder native's Foundation joins drug war

Her family's story to be told on Oprah Winfrey Show Tuesday

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

What is a heroin addict?

Some people may conjure up images of an inner city ghetto where lost souls hide in darkened rooms as they shoot their drug of choice into their veins.

But times have changed. That image is a throwback to the 1960s and 1970s.

"I didn't want to live. I was ready for God to take me."

Today's heroin addict can be the clean-cut boy who lives next door, the champion debater in your class, the son of a friend, or, even your only child.

Today's heroin addict uses a much stonger drug than their counterparts did 20 and 30 years ago, and they can snort it just like cocaine.

These are just a few of the cold, hard facts that former Snyder resident Belita McCravey Nelson, co-founder of The Starfish Foundation — a non-profit corporation created to fight teenage heroin addiction in Plano — has had to accept within the past year, along with the realization that her only son is a heroin addict.

In 1997, she came face-to-face with reality during a very painful, life-changing 24-hours when she had to accept the brutal fact that Jason, her son and only child, was addicted to heroin.

Recently in Snyder to visit her mother, Mary McCravey, and other relatives, Belita shared her story with the Snyder Daily News. She will share her experience next week on the "Oprah Winfrey Show." The program, "Parents In Denial," is scheduled to air at 4 p.m. Tuesday on Dallas' WFAA and Lubbock's KCBD, Channels 8 and 11, respectively, on the local cable system.

Facing Jason's addiction was just the first of three emotional blows she withstood during that brief time period. Just like a row of dominoes tipping over, one after the other, Belita also learned that one of her gifted and accomplished former speech and debate students had died of a heroin overdose.

He had been a champion debater who always insisted on choosing anti-drug topics, Belita said. His death shocked his parents, who, she added, are still are not sure what caused their son to ever become involved with the drug that has devastated so many young people and their families in the city of Plano where Belita had been teaching.

The trilogy of tragedies continued to play on as she also learned that the son of one of her very best friends, also named Jason (Smith), was in jail because of heroin.

That was one of the lowest points in Belita's life, similar to almost losing her son to encephalitis when he was just 4½ years old.

She said she had not suspected her son was on drugs because he maintained good grades and was winning debate tournaments. One of the greatest obstacles to her accepting what was happening to her son was denial, Belita said.

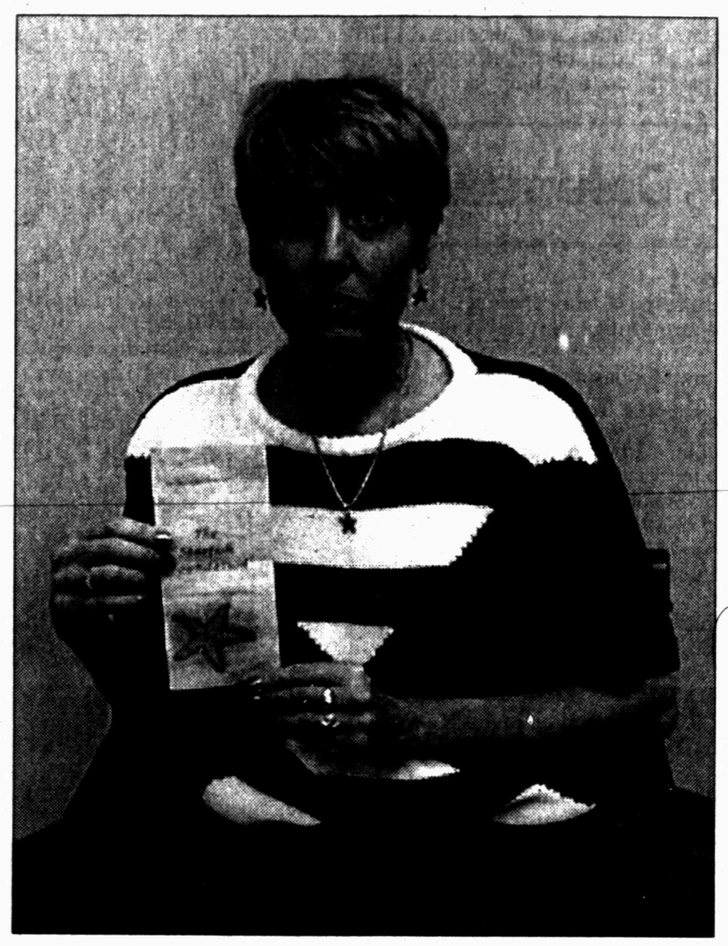
Jason was one of the first students in Plano to become involved with heroin. There would be many others and several deaths as the problem spread.

As Jason's life began to spin out of control, she mistakenly thought she could get him off heroin by moving away from Plano.

So in 1996, Belita quit teaching and moved to Lubbock with her son so she could pursue an interdisciplinary masters degree in three areas at Texas Tech University.

However, Jason's addiction continued. Belita later learned that he had used heroin for a month before he even knew what it was, and he became addicted after his second time.

When Jason's behavior deteriorated to the point that he had taken her car and would not bring it back, she had to practice "tough love" and have him arrested.



CO-FOUNDER — Belita McCravey Nelson, a former Snyder resident, has co-founded the Starfish Foundation — a non-profit corporation designed to help fight heroin addiction in Plano. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Standing by helplessly while the police handcuffed her son almost pushed her to the breaking point.

"I didn't want to live," Belita recalled. "I was ready for God to take me. But when He didn't, I turned to a good friend and said 'If I have to go through this, then something good will come of it.' It was the most sincerest prayer I have ever said."

Before he could become "clean and sober," one of Jason's friends from Plano bailed himn out. Naturally Jason was belligerent, Belita said.

As she struggled to reclaim her son from the heroin that had taken over his life, she had to remind herself over and over again, "This is the drugs, this is not my son."

Belita's next step was one she now wishes she had never taken. She agreed to let Jason enter a methadone program for heroin addicts, which she later learned is a much more difficult substance to withdraw from than heroin.

"We put men on the moon. Don't tell me we can't do something about the drug problem."

When Jason asked to become free of all drugs, even methadone, Belita said they could not find a facility that would admit him, so he tried to quit cold turkey at home. During withdrawal, Jason became very ill and had to be rushed to the emergency room.

Then during the three months it took him to complete withdrawal, he was enrolled in an out-patient program at Texas Tech, and he stayed with his mother each night.

Belita explained that methadone is very hard to kick because it gets in the bone marrow and, during detoxification, people feel like they are on fire.

Heroin, however, gets in the joints and during withdrawal people feel like they have the flu. The process takes from three to seven days.

Eventually Jason kicked methadone, but the nightmare continued as he relapsed on heroin, and this time, to Belita's horror, she found 88 percent pure heroin in her home.

She then had her son re-arrested. His bond was first set at $25,000, but the judge lowered it to $2,500 which enabled Jason to post bail. That made Belita so furious that she confronted the judge, who said her son had civil rights which had to be protected.

Belita, in turn, utilized her speech and debate background as she presented her side to the judge. She wanted Jason to be placed in a SAFPF, or substance abuse felony punishment facility for first time offenders, approved by the Texas Legislature in 1991.

Because only a few such facilities exist in the state, there is a huge waiting list, but Belita was determined. When the judge told her she needed a lawyer, she called upon an old friend, Gary Terrell, also a former Snyder resident, who now lives in Lubbock.

After Jason was released, his mother warned him, "This is it. "I cannot go through this again."

Jason was sent to the Plainview SAFPF in December of last year. Now 20, he will remain there until January.

She also credits a friend, a Lubbock police officer, with help-

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Children's eating habits studied

DENTON, Texas (AP) — If there's anyone who ignores the food police, it's your average kid, who is a connoisseur of fast and fried.

An end-run around this fat feast is being explored by Dr. Carolyn Bednar, chairman of the nutrition and food sciences department at Texas Woman's University. She and her associates have gotten down to the basics: how is the food prepared, and will children eat it?

Among school children, preferences run high for such items as onion rings, chicken nuggets, hamburgers, french fries, tacos, and the like. Imagine the challenge to school dietitians trying to follow government guidelines to provide lunches with no more than 30 percent fat content.

Bednar and her group tested specific lunchroom foods prepared different ways and with a variety of fats and oils.

"We wanted to determine the effect of different frying fats and oils on total fat content, fatty acid profiles and sensory characteristics of breaded food items commonly served for school lunches," said Bednar, quoted in the WTU research magazine, Quest.

But the researchers and food professionals know that youngsters will pick a particular food because it looks good, tastes good and is fast — regardless of its fat content.

"We must educate students to choose the right foods, but we also know that they are children who will pick what they want, not necessarily what they need," she says.

Bednar's research, funded from a grant by the Texas Food and Fibers Commission, included analyzing methods of either baking or frying such popular items as chicken nuggets, beef steak fingers, onion rings and fish sticks. The shortenings used were soybean, canola, soybean/cottonseed blend and a modified beef fat/corn oil blend; the oils were cottonseed and cottonseed/canola blend. Samples of each food were analyzed for moisture content, fat content and fatty acid profiles, both before and after preparation.

Then volunteer taste testers took the foods to the front line: "likability" in terms of taste and texture. Overall, cottonseed oil for frying was preferred for chicken nuggets and fish sticks, but baking was preferred for beef steak fingers. The testers preferred deep-fried onion rings over baked, but detected almost no preferences for particular oils.

One tip from Bednar for both school nutritionists and parents is to watch out for prepared breaded food items that may have been pre-fried by the manufacturer. "If you deep fry them again — chicken nuggets, for example — you are doubling the fat."

Bednar thinks that as a practical matter, parents and food service managers should accept that children will make their choices based on taste and texture, not on nutritional value and balance. But preparation can help tip the balance to healthier fare.

Warner Bros. sued

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Francis Ford Coppola hopes the $80 million he's been awarded in his lawsuit against Warner Bros. will change some things in the movie-making business.

Coppola, who already had been awarded $20 million in compensatory damages, was granted another $60 million in punitive damages Thursday in his 1995 lawsuit that accused Warner Bros. of stealing his screenplay for a feature-length "Pinocchio" film.

"Warner Bros. has traditionally not treated its creative people well," Coppola said. "Hopefully, this will teach them to treat creative people as an asset, not as serfs."

The studio said the latest award was "simply ludicrous." A Warner Bros. spokeswoman said the studio would appeal.

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Former Snyder resident marries June 6 in Historic Village chapel

LAWN — Rebecca Johnston Winkler and Benny Ray Polston were united in marriage at 6:30 p.m. on June 6 in the chapel of the Buffalo Gap Historic Village. The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of Snyder's First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Vows, written by the bride and groom, were exchanged in the small chapel decorated with boughs of vines and multi-colored flowers. A special touch was added by three heart-shaped quilt stands, made by the bride's parents.

The Rev. Nan Swanson performed a sunrise service, a family confirmation for the couple and their children — her sons, Banyan and Bryce; and his daughters, Michelle and Paige.

Following the wedding ceremony, an outdoor reception and dance were held at the picturesque Perrini Ranch Restaurant where ribs and catfish, complete with all the trimmings, were served to many guests. Terry Sneed and Up the Creek Band provided special western swing dance music.



Mr. and Mrs. Benny Ray Polston
(Contributed Photo)





YARDS OF THE MONTH — Snyder Garden Club judges Maribeth Vestal and LaVerne Hood, from left, chose the yards of the month for the Snyder Beautification Committee. The small and unusual yard award for July went to Huston Ballard at 1601 Ave. K. The large yard of the month went to Troy and Brenda Botts at 213 E. 23rd Street. Brenda, left, is shown with her grandson, Dylan Kirby, and judges Hood and Vestal. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course; first of two-day sessions; Snyder Savings and Loan Communitiy Room, 27th and College Ave.; for more information call 573-2850; no reservations needed; 6 to 9 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th ; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for 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 information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-8018; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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Scurry County Library News and Views

Storytime for four- and five-year-olds at 10 a.m. Monday will include stories about mother animals. The July 15th program for school-age children has been changed. A video from the Jelly Belly company will be viewed in addition to a puppet show, a game and humorous stories.

Reading time may be turned in through Friday, July 24.

BOOK FEATURE

"What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew About Men," by Patrick M. Morley.

A pioneer in the Christian men's movement, Patrick Morley opens a window into the things that make a husband tick. Prepare yourself for a revealing, challenging and rewarding journey into the heart and soul of your mate.

Each chapter gives you eye-opening glimpses into your mate's inner and outer world. This book will help you to most effectively help him be the man he wants to be.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"Out of the Dust," by Karen Hesse.

"Lily's Crossing," by Patricia Reilly Giff.

"Ella Enchanted," by Gail Carson Levine.

"Wringer," by Jerry Spinelli.

"Forged By Fire," by Sharon M. Draper.

"Hank the Cowdog: The Mopwater Files," by John Erickson.

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ENGAGEMENT REVEALED — Jamie Leigh Donaldson and Samuel Edward Becerra of Austin are planning a 2 p.m., Aug. 8 wedding ceremony in St. Louis Catholic Church in Austin. The future bride's parents are Don Donaldson of Muleshoe and Cathy Treadaway of Austin. The prospective groom's parents are Frank and Yolanda Becerra of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



MARRIED IN PORT ARANSAS — Suzanne Sweeney and Roy Overton were married in a 7 p.m., May 30, ceremony in Port Aransas. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bettinger of Corinth and William Sweeney of Arlington. The groom is the son of Vonnie Overton of Stamford and the late Roy E. Overton. (Contributed Photo)



COUPLE SETS WEDDING DATE — Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Shaw of Farmington, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mac Donell of Albuquerque announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Deanna Michelle Shaw and Brian Nichols. The future groom is the son of the late Kenneth Nichols. The bride-elect's grandmother is Mildred Dupree of Snyder. The wedding has been set for Aug. 15 in Northside Church of Christ in Farmington, N.M. (Contributed Photo)

Simple or complex...

Decorating: help available

By The Associated Press

Decorating books can help you do it, or if you're hiring the job out, tell you how to order it:

— Whether called arts and crafts, prairie, or craftsman, the distinctive look of this style developed through the 19th and into the 20th centuries has drawn admirers during its revival in recent years. "Arts & Crafts Design in America" (Chronicle Books, $22.95 paperback), by James Massey and Shirley Maxwell, charts 250 locales all over the United States with museums, examples of houses, buildings and their contents which can be visited for first-hand study. Included are Gustav Stickley's house in Syracuse, N.Y.; the Wyoming Historic District in Milburn, N.J., designed by Joy Wheeler Dow; the Dana-Thomas house, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, in Springfield, Ill.; and the Batchelder house, designed by Ernest A. Batchelder, in Pasadena, Calif. The state-by-state format will help the reader locate interesting sites within driving distance of home.

— A hot commodity on the home decorating market, the Chinese art of feng shui aims at calming and mediating between you and your belongings and environment. "The Modern Book of Feng Shui" (DTP Trade, $15.95 paperback), by Steven Post, explains the art and its practical application at home.

— A pillow is a square (or a round, or a cube, or whatever) which can be simple or complex, depending on your desire. "Step-by Step Pillows & Cushions" (Meredith Press, $12.95 paperback) is one of the "Do-It-Yourself Decorating" titles from the Better Homes and Gardens publisher. There are instructions for projects ranging from cushioning for a hard chair to decorative pillows to show off your needlepoint artistry.

— Also from Meredith are "Better Homes and Gardens Easy Style: 300 Decorating Shortcuts" and "Better Homes and Gardens Express Yourself With Color" (each $12.95 paperback).

Weekend projects, or those that can be done in a day or even an hour are included in the "Shortcuts" title. In the "Color" title, the reader can learn how to translate the basics of color wheel principles to real-life decorating problems. Explanations of palettes, the characteristics of light or dark colors, neutrals, etc., will help you choose and apply paints and furnishing combinations that work.

— Some furnishings, fabrics and accessories from another time seem to gain character from having been left around in attics or basements. When they turn up at flea markets and second-hand stores, they can be appreciated for their individuality by a new owner. "Rachel Ashwell's Shabby Chic Treasure Hunting & Decorating Guide" (Regan Books, $30 hardcover) shows you how you can re-cycle these treasures, often without refinishing. Ashwell, who founded the Shabby Chic home furnishing stores, draws on her past experience from scavenging flea markets with her parents as a child in England as well as from her stint as a movie set designer.

— A blank slate isn't what interior decorator Lauri Ward starts with. Rather, she analyzes what you have and suggests how to pull it all together. Recognizing that people collect possessions that reflect their own tastes, memories, and inheritances, she says she's uncomfortable with the idea of decorators telling clients to throw everything out and start out — expensively — anew. "Use What You Have Decorating" (Putnam, $24.95 paperback) reflects her philosophy as well as the name of her New York City design firm. She shares her advice with readers about how to get better spatial arrangements, when to winnow out, what to rehab, and modestly, what to buy.

Bullock impressed by women in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Sandra Bullock says she learned to love her body during a visit to the famous Copacabana beach here last year.

Bullock, the "Hope Floats" co-star, was inspired by seeing Brazilian women freely showing off their bodies, she says in the latest issue of Manchete magazine.

"In Brazil, people are voluptuous but are extremely comfortable with their bodies," she told the weekly magazine, adding that the same was not true in the United States.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	07-14-98
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	♥ A Q 6	
	♦ A K Q 10 9	
	♣ 8	
West		**East**
♠ K J		♠ 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 3		♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 8 5 2		♦ 4 3
♣ K Q 10 9		♣ J 7 6 3 2
	South	
	♠ A Q 10 8 2	
	♥ K 7	
	♦ J 7 6	
	♣ A 5 4	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

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

Opening lead: ♣ K

Golf commentators to the fore

By Phillip Alder

Listening to a golf commentator one day, I heard, "I think this putt may go in the hole." Isn't that brilliant? And she is paid thousands of dollars to come out with earth-shattering observations like that.

Well, although my salary bears no resemblance to that of a sports commentator, I think South may make his contract in today's deal. Then again, he may not!

North-South did well to reach this excellent slam. North's four clubs was a splinter bid, showing game values in spades with four trumps and at most one club. South used Roman Key Card Blackwood, learning his partner had either two aces or one ace and the spade king (without the spade queen, which he knew about already, of course).

Declarer could afford one trump loser, but not two. So, he won with the club ace, ruffed a club in the dummy, and played a spade to his queen. After winning with the king, West returned a heart to dummy's ace. South called for another trump. When East played the six, time stood still. Should declarer finesse the 10 or rise with the ace? Eventually he got it right, going up with the ace.

After mopping the persp. from his brow, South said, "I think I made the percentage play."

"On the second round, maybe," replied North. "But on the first round of trumps, you should cash the ace. If an honor drops, it's all over. And if only low cards appear, you enter dummy to lead a spade toward your queen There's no guesswork."

All contracts are 50 percent — either they make or they don't!

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed games for the Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
July 3
North-South
1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Barbara Russell, E.J. Russell.
3. ElWanda Nall, Shirley Stewart.

East-West
1. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
2. Nona Morrison, J.O. Morrison.
3. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.

SUNDAY
July 5
1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.

TUESDAY
July 7
1. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
2. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.
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Foundation dedicated to drug prevention



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ing to save her son's life.

When he is released, Belita said Jason wants to work with the foundation and, he has been asked to testify before the Legislature in January.

In September, WFAA presented a series of reports on the heroin problem, featuring Belita, her son and the Plainview SAFPF. At the time, Belita had not seen her son since he had been placed there. She was able to obtain special permission to accompany the news team, which filmed the two as they hugged.

Belita listened to her son during the interview and what she heard hit her "like a 2 x 4." Jason talked about a spiritual vacuum which he and his friends had been trying to filled with drugs. And, he added, they did not have any goals.

No goals? Belita was shocked. These students were debaters and had been accepted into ivy league schools.

That interview strengthened Belita's belief that the time had more than come for an organization like the Starfish Foundation.

It has become the "something good" that she prayed would come from her ordeal. She co-founded it with Nancy Griffin, the other Jason's mother, whose son has also been placed in a SAFPF located elsewhere in the state.

They began in October of 1997, shortly after Belita realized her son was an addict. They hope it will do for heroin addiction what MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) has done for drinking problems.

"I was naive," Belita said. "Parents and society don't have a clue as to what we're up against."

The foundation is funded by a group of teachers, parents and students who believe that in order to deal with the catastrophic problems heroin causes, there must be a united effort at the local, state and national levels.

She and other like-minded individuals are hoping the Starfish Foundation can help students like Jason and his friends before they get into trouble with heroin.

A crucial arm of the Starfish Foundation will be the Student Board. She said many former students are interested in joining. A Speaker's Bureau will consist of recovering teen addicts, parents who have lived through the nightmare of addiction, or other experts in the field.

The foundation also wants to become involved with churches because students need the spiritual connection, Belita said.

Another goal is to get young people involved in community projects, such as Habitat for Humanity which builds homes for needy families.

"Someone who lives in a $250,000 home has no idea what it is like to be homeless," she noted.

Belita said there is also a real need for some kind of support group for younger siblings as well.

The Starfish Foundation also has a legislative agenda such as getting the full 12,000 beds approved for facilities like the ones both Jasons are currently residing in.

Another law the foundation supports would change the age when individuals can check themselves out of drug rehabilitation facilities to 18, rather than 16.

The way state laws are written, she noted that parents don't have a lot of leeway when it comes to helping their children with substance abuse problems.

The foundation also wants to establish a preventative educational curriculum for pre-k through 12, including gifted and talented.

They are also planning college and vocational programs for recovering teens as well as billboard campaigns and hotlines designed for both parents and students.

They also want to have annual drug summits in Plano.

The Starfish Foundation web page provides comprehensive access to information of medical and psychological treatment programs as well as other community resources.

Belita also believes that students themselves will have the answers as to why anti-drug campaigns do not seem to be working.

"Someone who lives in a $250,000 home has no idea what it is like to be homeless."

Since the WFAA broadcast, Belita has encountered a generous benefactor who has helped the foundation secure donated office space in Dallas, top of the line computers and lap tops, and internet service for a year.

He is also working with a pharmeceutical company regarding donating the necessary supplies so that the foundation will be able to offer free drug testing.

Belita picked the name starfish from the short story, "It Makes A Difference," about millions of starfish washed up on thousands of miles of beaches. As a young man picked them up one by one and threw them back into the ocean, another person asked why bother when there are so many. "Because it makes a difference to this one," was the reply as he tossed it out to sea.

Belita has cherished that story since she earned her teaching degree at Texas Tech. When teaching speech and debate in Plano, she said she kept the story on her wall and always gave her students a copy.

When she encounters skeptics who say, "We can't do anything about drugs," she counters, "We put men on the moon. Don't tell me we can't do something about the drug problem."

Belita's efforts on behalf of the Starfish Foundation have won her the support of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

From the agency, Belita has learned many hard and sobering facts about the illegal drug trade which officers have told her is operated just like a business, complete with job seekers filling out applications.

She has been told that both the Mexican and Colombian cartels deliberately chose to return to growing poppies and producing heroin because people live longer on heroin and can function better.

Apparently, cocaine burns a person out too quickly.

Belita also learned that when they first introduced their new version of heroin — sometimes called chiva — they even gave away free samples with cocaine orders.

She was also told that the drug lords have hired genetic specialists who helped create a much more powerful type of poppy and marijuana than what was available 20 or 30 years ago.

While Belita has had to learn more about the world of illegal drugs than she ever wanted to know, perhaps the most sobering and chilling facts came from a Mexican drug lord Jason spoke with while they were both in the Lubbock jail. A federal prisoner, he was being transferred from one federal facility to another.

During their conversation, she said Jason learned, among other things, that Plano had been specifically targeted because it is an upper middle class community.

The drug lord, who was serving 45 years for drug conspiracy, boasted that he was too smart to ever be caught with the drugs in his possession.

When Jason spoke of his dead friends and devastated parents and families, he asked the man if he felt any remorse.

The answer? "I have a room twice as big as this, filled with money, so why should I care about you or your friends?"

He also laughed when he admitted that they hadn't gotten that "purity thing right yet."

When Jason's ordeal began, Belita withdrew from Texas Tech, six hours shy of completing her masters. Someday she may return to graduate school and perhaps to the teaching profession but for now she is focusing on Jason and the Starfish Foundation.

To that end, she has either sold or stored everything she owned and, since April, has been living with a friend near Carrollton and Plano.

Belita, graduated from Snyder High School in 1970. She said she had a wonderful upbringing, noting that there is not a better place to grow up than Snyder.

She still keeps in touch with Jerry Worsham, her drama instructor.

After graduating, she attended a merchandising school in Denver, and worked as a model as well as retail store manager for several years.

When Jason was 4½ years old, he contracted encephalitis and almost died. Belita decided she would rather be with her son, so she gave up modeling and managing retail stores and enrolled at Texas Tech in her 30s, graduating in 1988 with a teaching degree.

Q&A

Why is heroin making a comeback?

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

HEROIN: a deadly comback!

Face it — your average heroin addict is a skuzzy looking, run down, homeless guy you see on the streets digging in trash cans for his next meal, right?

WRONG! Unfortunately, heroin is back and attacking a new generation. This time users are younger and from good social and economic backgrounds. Heroin, also known as Brown Sugar, Smack, Mexican Brown, DOA and Black Tar is a derivative of Opium poppy and considered one of the deadliest drugs today due to its increase in purity.

Between 1990 and 1996, heroin-related emergency room visits increased 108 percent and the number of eighth, tenth, and twelfth graders who tried heroin doubled.

Why all of a sudden has heroin reappeared and with such deadly force? Heroin has a newer image than it did in the 60s. Today's users mostly snort or smoke it, making heroin seem less dangerous. However, heroin is even more potent and deadly than it was 30 years ago. Some young users snort or smoke (known as "Chasing the Dragon") heroin to avoid using needles. Heroin is often used in combination with other illicit drugs, especially cocaine/crack and alcohol.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration the average purity for heroin is 39.7 percent. This is much higher than the 7 percent average a decade ago. Once a person begins using heroin, they quickly develop a tolerance for the drug and need more and more to get the same effects.

Young users today think they can handle using heroin not realizing that it can kill long before it can become addictive. One 18-year-old victim of heroin wrote in her diary just six months prior to overdosing: "I am responsible. I 'use' drugs, but I know not to 'abuse' them. These young users are more of the 'kid next door' image. They are the football stars, band and choir members and even your average honor roll students.

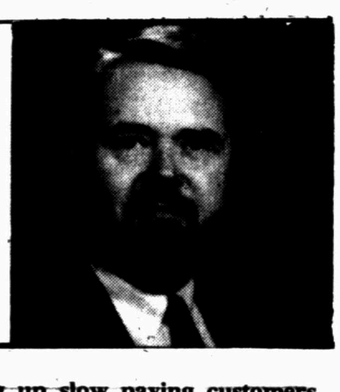
"Kids believe they can stop at any time," said DEA Administrator Tomas Constantine in an interview with Reader's Digest. "Unfortunately, they can't and the death toll proves it. Heroin related deaths in the United States have risen from 1,918 in 1990 to 3,976 in 1995, a 107 percent increase."

Parents be alert! Heroin is back with a vengeance and can kill on the first use. Educate your children.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX, 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Collection strategies: Speeding up slow paying customers

The front door to your business is swinging open with increasing frequency. Sales are up more than 17 percent compared to last year. The problem: you still don't have any money.

There is more to cash flow than increasing sales and customer accounts. Cash flow is having money when you need it.

When small-business owners come to me with cash flow problems, I start with an analysis of their financial statements. If the business is growing and appears to be generating an adequate profit margin, I examine capital spending and accounts receivable management.

I then find cash flow problems linked to collection policies. As a business grows, accounts receivable grow and many accounts are frequently allowed to collect themselves.

According to collection experts, the average small-business owner waits 47 days for payment. If you make the sale on the first day of the month, and send this invoice on the last day of the month, you can stretch the collection period to 77 days.

Your goal is to shorten the time between selling the product to providing the service and getting paid. Here are some tips for dealing with slow paying customers.

Three power points

•First don't confuse sales with cash. Just because you advertised it, sold and delivered it, doesn't mean you'll get paid for it. Receivable won't cover your payroll, pay your rent or present your credit record. You need sales *and* cash.

•Second, understand the two types of slow paying accounts. They are: Slow pay that's good pay and slow pay that's bad pay. Slow pay/good pay are quality companies or individuals with good credit histories, who have always paid you, but historically have taken 45-60 days. Slow pay/bad pay are troubled companies or individuals with marginal credit history; a record of non-payment and those who never pay without prompting.

•Third, consider positioning your company to move away from open-account credit. Create a policy to accept major credit cards, checks and cash only. Many of the faster growing chains have this policy and it isn't hurting their sales.

Protecting your cash flow

Here are some suggestions for improving cash flow and collection rates.

•**Establish a policy**. If you have open accounts, establish a written policy and provide it to your customers.

•**Check credit**. When you open new accounts, do a credit check. Update each active credit file annually.

•**Monitor accounts**. Once you agree to sell on open account, monitor those accounts closely. An accounts receivable aging statement will allow you to categorize accounts by time periods such as current, 30 to 60 days, 60-90 days and over 90 days.

•**Watch for danger signals**. Here are a few: Folks don't abide by agreed to payment terms. An abrupt change in their pattern of payments. Frequently changes of address. Checks coming from different banks. Larger than usual orders. (This may indicate that your customer is stock-piling merchandise because of credit or cash flow problems of their own.)

•**Collect quickly**. Make an effort to collect all accounts which are more than 30 days old. Even if it is only a "second notice" or a personal letter or call, do something. Don't let slow-pay become no pay.

•**Bill frequently**. Don't wait until the end of the month to send out bills. Invoice the day you make the sale, provide the service or deliver the product. As a minimum, bill at least twice monthly.

•**Don't let the problem get bigger**. Don't continue to sell to accounts from which you aren't collecting unless they make payment commitments and keep them.

•**Offer discounts for early payment**. Be certain your profit margin will stand the decrease.

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

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MS 150 RIDERS — Snyder residents Quentin Contreras, Douglas Flippo and Gary Sharp, from left, will ride their bikes in the MS 150 slated next Saturday and Sunday. A fourth rider, Joe Thamez, is not pictured. They encourage more local bike riders to get involved. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Four locals to ride for MS fund-raiser

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

The 10th annual FINA/7-Eleven Cactus & Crude MS 150, one of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's major fund-raisers, is set for July 18-19.

Four local men will ride as a team. They are Quentin Contreras who serves as team captain; Gary Sharp, Douglas Flippo and Joe Thamez. This ride will mark their second MS 150.

All have been riding for more than a year. Sharp rode in the first MS 150 10 years ago and has only missed once since then.

He first heard about the fund-raiser from church friends who enlisted him as a rider.

Contreras has been riding for two years. He learned about the MS event from friends he rides with.

Both men ride road bikes which have smaller tires and are better for longer stretches. Mountain bikes feature big, knobby tires.

Flippo prefers a Multi Trek which is a hybrid between road and mountain bikes.

Basic equipment they use are helmets and a Camel Back pouch which holds water and can be worn like a backpack and has a tube for easier drinking.

Since this run will be hotter than last year's, the four will have to take extra precautions to avoid getting dehydrated. It is recommended that riders drink a bottle of water every 20 minutes, they said.

It is especially helpful for them to drink a lot of water before they begin the ride.

It takes a lot of steady riding to build up endurance for a long ride such as the MS 150. It's a little more difficult to do much riding during the winter, and this summer has been so hot that they have had to wait until later in the evening.

They frequently ride to Ira and Dunn and each participates in several bike tours each summer also.

Contreras and Flippo work for YZ Industries and Sharp and Thamez are employed at Lone Star Gas. Anyone interested in sponsoring them during the MS 150 fund-raiser may contact them.

Sharp said they would also like to have more local bike riders take part in the upcoming bike ride.

Conoco is also sponsoring four Olympic cyclists from the Shaklee Team to ride the tour with area riders, as well as putting on a Rider's Clinic on Saturday afternoon.

Cyclists from throughout the region will depart from Claydesta at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 18. With rest areas spaced along the route, riders will be provided with refreshments such as Poweraide, water from Sierra, fruit from Albertson's and ice from Host Ice.

The first day will conclude at Howard College in Big Spring with lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse.

The Big Spring Volunteer Fire Department and FINA will prepare and serve dinner for cyclists on Saturday evening, which will conclude with a 10-year birthday celebration with awards.

After breakfast, cyclists will hit the road for another 50 miles to Snyder where BJ Services will be serving another meal. All meals and transportation are provided so the riders can enjoy being pampered by volunteers.

Participants are required to raise a minimum of $150 in pledges to the National MS Society; however, most riders raise significantly more.

In addition to meals, refreshments, and other support, riders will be awarded prizes based on the amount raised. A new addition to the 1998 tour is the "Tour of Champions" through the wine country around Kerrville for all cyclists raising over $5,000.

Other prizes range from bike shorts and jerseys to gift certificates from the MS Society's official bike shops — Peyton, Bicycle's Etc. and South Plains Cycles.

Cyclists may also join the Mission Possible Club by raising $750 — one dollar for each person with multiple sclerosis living in the area. These club members will receive a special T-shirt and a chance to ride in the FINA stunt plane.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system, wearing away an individual's control over his or her body.

Symptoms may range from numbness and paralysis to blindness. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen.

Attacks may occur at any time with varying degrees of severity and duration. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40 but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects occur throughout an individual's life.

In recent years, major advances have been made in the treatment of this disease due in large part to contributions made through the local NMSS fund-raisers such as the FINA/7-Eleven Cactus & Crude MS 150.

For more information or to register, call the NMSS office at 792-0708.

Robber beaten with tree limb

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jason Cort grabbed $130 from the Food Lion cash register and ran out into the warm May night. A supermarket employee took off after him.

Cort, the troubled product of a well-to-do suburban family, wasn't fast enough. Prosecutors say the store employee caught the 23-year-old Cort and beat him to death with a tree limb.

The thrashing ended the hard-luck life of a young man who had struggled with depression, a learning disability, alcohol and cocaine.

The final chapter was written Monday, when a grand jury refused to indict the store employee, college student Daniel Abram Rodbourn, on manslaughter charges.

"It's telling the public that in an attempt to recover property, you can kill somebody," said Cort's father, Steven Cort. He and his wife, Cheryl, said they believe the grand jury was swayed against their son because crack was found in his body.

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This registration applies to all pupils from Prekindergarten through grade 6. The registration schedule is as follows:

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Prekindergarten	Stanfield and Northeast	
Bilingual Prekindergarten	Central	573-8592
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Regular First Grade	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual First Grade	Central	573-8592
Second Grade	Stanfield	573-7512
Third Grade	Central	573-8592
Fourth Grade	East	573-1769
Fifth Grade	Northeast	573-2643
Sixth Grade	West	573-3538

To be eligible in a PREKINDERGARTEN CLASS, a child must be 4 years of age as of September 1, 1998, and must be (1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or (2) from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level. (Family will qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program; proof required.) Please observe the following schedule for registration. The first letter of your last name will determine your registration time.

LAST NAME	REGISTRATION TIME
A - D	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
E - H	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
I - L	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
M - P	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Q - T	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
U - W	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
X - Z	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If at all possible, please follow this time schedule so that unnecessary waiting might be avoided.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT INTO KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE, a child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1998 in order to enroll in Kindergarten, and 6 years of age on or before September 1, 1998, to enter first grade.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SNYDER SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST BRING A:
Birth Certificate, Social Security Number (card) and a Record of Immunization.
If parents plan to be out of town on July 22, they are urged to register their children before that time. All elementary students must officially register and be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

Jr. High School and High School Students
~~who attended last year are Preregistered and need~~ not attend.
Jr. High School students who have recently moved to Snyder are asked to register between July 27 and July 30, 1998, at the Jr. High School. Students are asked to bring Grade Records, Student Social Security CARD, Birth Cretificate and Immunization Records to Registration. (Phone 573-6356)

High School Students Who Have Recently Moved to Snyder
are asked to report to the High School with their parent/legal guardian and register on July 27, 1998. Students are asked to bring grade records and immunization records to registration. New student and 9th grade orientation will be at 1:30 p.m. on July 29th at Worsham Auditorium. Offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Phone 573-6301)

The First Day of School for all Snyder students will be Wednesday, August 12, 1998

Persons with questions may call their respective schools after July 15, 1998.

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Deanie Francis Mills

Letters

Exceptional guidance

Dear Editor:

We have a lot of wonderful teachers who work for the Snyder school system. This past school year, our son was blessed to receive loving guidance from two of those wonderful teachers, Edilyn Smith and Staci Westmoreland, both teachers at Central Elementary. We're sure our son would take them to East Elementary with him next year if he could.

Not only did these two teachers show exceptional guidance in the classroom, they were also at several of our son's basketball and baseball games cheering him and other students on.

In today's busy world, most of us have very little spare time and yet Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Westmoreland chose to give up many of their evenings to show their support and dedication to their students.

This dedication makes an impression on our children and helps our children to thrive. So thank you, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Westmoreland for being the wonderful teachers which you are. We know that each student you teach next year will be equally blessed.

We would also like to thank all of our son's past teachers from kindergarten on up. Our son has been fortunate to have excellent teachers every year. We look forward to our son's continuing education in the Snyder school system.

Brandon and Jeanette Claxton

Terrific STEPS

Dear Editor:

As parents of a soon to be eighth grader, we would like to recognize and compliment the STEPS Program — Margaret Corkran and Linda Huestis for developing and implementing such a terrific program.

We need to also recognize the behind the scene developers, Dixie Haggard and Dr. Melissa Jones for their support of this program. Our son enjoyed, as well as learned, so many good lessons on what a job is like. We would also like to recognize and compliment The Snyder Daily News for allowing our son and other students into their place of business for this job shadowing.

Our son told us daily what he had learned each day and appreciated the patience, talents and help of those in the Snyder Daily News office, especially Jacalyn Lowrance, Joyce Smith, Nancy McFatridge, Debbie Early and Jo Ann Nunley. Glenn learned not only the production of the paper and the financial side of the paper, but the skills needed for a successful job such as: cooperation, respect, etc.

It is exciting to see the schools and businesses work hand-in-hand in providing our children with "real" life experience. This helps make the connection of school and soon to be "work" life realistic. It helps our kids prepare themselves for a successful, productive life ahead. Each of you are models and from what our son, Glenn, has told us, wonderful, positive models. I hope you will continue this program for next year!

So many times we hear the negative things about school — so I hope you let us shout this wonderful, positive happening about school as well as the support of a business member working hand-in-hand. Way to go Snyder ISD!!!

Sincerely,
Jean and Glenn Burns

Trust in news reporting is critical

According to an article published in the Oct. 21, 1996 issue of "Time," three-quarters of the people polled by Time/CNN admitted that they were "skeptical about the accuracy" of the news. This was prescient, indeed, considering the full-page, upfront apology Time published in the July 13, 1998 edition of the magazine, in which it admitted that it had gone to press with a sensational news report which turned out to be inaccurate.

The episode, which was dubbed "Tailwind," had to do with a Vietnam war "special ops" mission, in which the claim was made that not only did the United States Army use sarin — or nerve gas — on the village involved, a clear war crime, but it was used on AMERICAN soldiers who had reportedly deserted the Army and who were believed to be cooperating with the enemy.

This story was shocking, sensational and highly disturbing. The two on-the-record sources used were the platoon's second-in-command, a former lieutenant who vividly described shooting one of the Americans as he tried to flee down a tunnel, and who claimed that sarin nerve gas was dropped by a plane as the special ops forces were evacuated from the village, and an 86-year-old Admiral of the Navy who was, at the time of the mission, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Time" now asserts that after hiring an investigator to thoroughly research both the facts in the article and how they were obtained, it would appear that the claims made in the article were bogus. Not only was most of the "confirming" information taken from ranking officers and other people who simply weren't there, but large portions of the source interviews were not used, and some quotes which were used, appear to have been manipulated to confirm the thesis of the article.

However, many who were indeed present in the village that day say that, whereas a type of gas was dropped on the village all right, it was tear gas, not nerve gas — and no one who was there except for the lieutenant interviewed, remembers seeing any Caucasians there. If the lieutenant's story about shooting a white male is correct, it is equally possible that he killed a Russian advisor to the North Vietnamese and not an American deserter.

Here's what REALLY bugs me about this whole debacle. This particular article was researched and written for Time magazine by the same CNN reporters who presented it on the air. The Tailwind piece was the cover story for a new CNN newsmagazine program, and the producers wanted to make a real splash with their debut broadcast — hence the pressure for the "Tailwind" story — one that was shocking, sensational and disturbing.

But not, it turns out, true.

What I find upsetting about this is that I like to keep my print news sources and my TV news separate. I happen to be a news junkie, and I tend to study every kind of source of news information available, including television and print journalism. What I have learned doing this for the past ten years is that TV news is notoriously unreliable. Because they are under pressure to scoop each other and everybody else on a daily — even hourly basis, they often rush stories to air before thoroughly checking out their information and their sources.

The first and most reliable source of all news is still the daily newspapers. Traditionally, the newsmagazines have commanded the same respect, the advantage they have over the newspaper is the luxury of more space. It is not uncommon after that, to see TV newsmagazine programs do stories which appeared several weeks before in print newsmagazines — often interviewing the same people on camera who were quoted in the articles, and with the same slant.

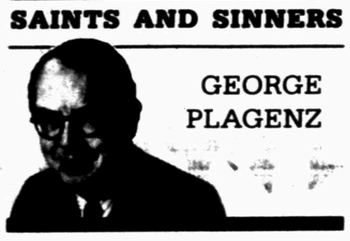
But now that mega corporations are buying out media outlets of all sorts — such as CNN's purchase of Time — there is a dangerous crossover, like what we saw in which television reporters were permitted to do the copy for print newsmagazine on a story they'd done for their broadcast.

This practice must stop. A free press is the cornerstone of any functioning democracy. It is the first thing to fall under the control of any dictator. In order for a free people to make informed decisions about how to participate in their own government through the power of the vote and civic duty, they need to trust that the news they are getting is the truth. Is it true? Is the first rule of good journalism — not is it shocking, sensational and disturbing enough to get good ratings.

Once we as a free people become jaded and cynical about the truth of our own news sources, once we fail to trust the truth of the news, then our own democratic society is in serious trouble. It's time for news editors in any medium to realize that fact and put the brakes on this shameful decline in news accuracy.

Because once the trust is gone, there is no apology on earth that can bring it back.

SAINTS AND SINNERS



GEORGE PLAGENZ

Bad times make good life lessons

It is when times were at their worst and people were at their best. We call it the Depression.

In "We Had Everything But Money," a book about those years of the 1930s, readers of Reminisce magazine tell how families pulled together, how neighbor helped neighbor, (my father did Mr. Baker's income tax and Mr. Baker in return put in the electric plug we needed in the living room), how homemade toys were cherished and how Eddie Cantor sang "Happy Days Are Here Again" on the radio and kept our spirits up.

The hard times, some would say, built character, brought out the best in everybody and produced the qualities heroes are made of — the kind of heroes who a few years later would save the world.

What did the Depression teach these heroes about how to meet life? Let's look at eight of them whose story Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker told in the book "Seven Came Through."

It is a saga set on a raft in the Pacific where Rickenbacker and his gallant crew of seven (one died in the ordeal), endured 21 perilous days lost and adrift in the ocean after their Flying Fortress went down in the big deep.

My personal copy of the now out-of-print "Seven Came Through" is still on my bookshelf. Pencil lines mark passages which, when I first read the book, I figured would make good sermon illustrations.

They still make good guidelines for living in 1998. Here are some of the memorable ones:

1. On realizing that material things are expendable...

"We made ready to throw overboard everything that was movable. I had frugally removed from my suitcase a spare bridge my dentist had just made for me. But after a second's deliberation I threw that away too. Let the moment come when nothing is left but life and you will find you do not hesitate over the fate of material possessions, however deeply they may have been cherished."

2. On seeing the bright side of adversity...

"I bailed for hours with my hat — my wonderful old hat. This gave me exercise besides keeping me from thinking too much.

3. On the importance of anticipation...

"We ate the last orange on the sixth day. Much of the juice had evaporated and it had started to rot. It would have been pointless to keep it any longer. Still, eating it was a mistake. That last wrinkled orange had been a symbol — something to look forward to. Now there was nothing."

4. On the power of prayer...

"That afternoon Cherry read the service with the usual quotation from Matthew, a portion of the 'Sermon on the Mount' about God's provision for mankind which begins, "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat?"

"About an hour later, when I was dozing with my hat pulled down over my eyes, a gull appeared from nowhere and landed on my hat.

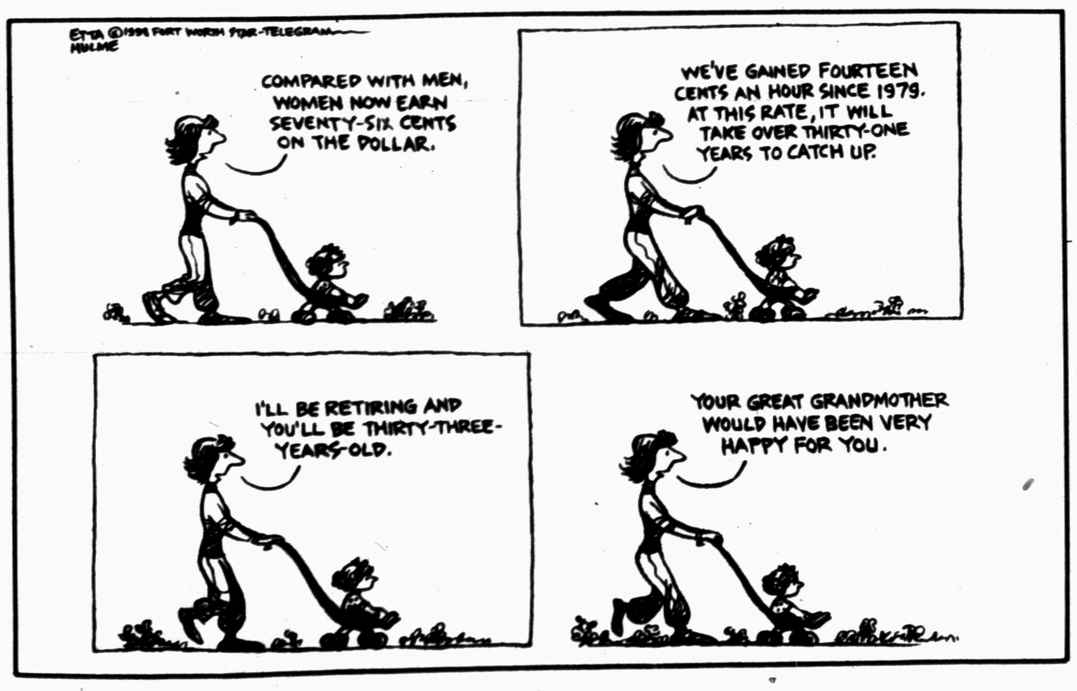
"There was not one of us who was not aware that our gull had appeared just after we had finished our prayer service. Some may call it a coincidence. I call it a gift from heaven."

5. On appreciating life's simple blessings...

"Even the bones (of the gull) we chewed and swallowed. The meat was raw and stringy (and fishy). But it tasted fine."

6. On the strengths of companionship...

"I shall always believe that, had we separated, few, if any, of us would be alive now. A strong man may last a long time alone but men together somehow manage to last longer."



Editorial Comment

World criminal court

The Dallas Morning News

"The perpetrators of genocide and ethnic cleansing should be held accountable, and those who see rape as just another tactic of war must pay for their crimes." — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Believe it or not, there is no permanent international court to prosecute war crimes. The International Court of Justice, based in the Netherlands, handles only civil matters.

The only international criminal courts have been temporary structures established by the United Nations to deal specifically with crimes committed during the recent civil wars in Bosnia and Rwanda. In each case, they had to start from scratch: obtain funding, find offices, hire a staff and, finally, deliberate.

This is no way to deter future Pol Pots. The world needs a permanent war crimes court. The United States should fully participate in the effort to create one.

Skeptics argue that temporary arrangements work fine. Others believe that a permanent court might violate the sovereign right of national courts to try their own citizens.

In the United States, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and other influential opponents worry that it might be used to prosecute U.S. soldiers on politically motivated charges. They want to give permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia — power to veto investigations.

But temporary courts are inferior substitutes. Emma Bonino, European Union commissioner for humanitarian affairs, is correct that "we cannot hide our heads in the sand, hoping against hope that there will never be a next time, or relying vaguely on the idea that we can always campaign for another ad hoc tribunal if necessary."

There is a broad international consensus that a permanent court should involve itself only when countries' own courts are unwilling or unable to act, and only for the gravest of crimes, not isolated acts.

A U.S. veto would be unnecessary because it is unlikely that the United States would fail to prosecute a soldier accused of massacring civilians or some other grave war crime. As a practical matter, U.S. insistence on a veto might sink the whole effort because smaller countries would see the court as excepting the big powers.

The United States, which always urges other countries to show greater respect for the rule of law, should work constructively to build a permanent war crimes court. Here is a chance for it to match its rhetoric with action.

New gun-screening law

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Hunters buying new rifles and shotguns are in for a surprise. One of the requirements of the 1993 Brady law, which mandated background checks on handgun sales, was that it would be extended to long guns in five years. That date hits on Dec. 1.

The original Brady law required a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases. The waiting period had two purposes:to allow police time to conduct background checks of prospective handgun buyers and to provide a cooling-off period for hotheads. (The law was named for former White House spokesman James Brady, who was wounded in the assassination attempt in 1981 against President Ronald Reagan.)

The law that was passed in '93 was a compromise effort that came after seven years of fierce debate. The compromise that was supported by lobbyists for the National Rifle Association and conservative pro-gun members of Congress, including former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, spelled out that after five years, the five-day waiting requirement would be dropped when a nationwide instant computer check became available.

Part of that compromise also required that when the instant background check became available, the law would be extended to hunters, target shooters and others buying long-barreled weapons.

Since that part of the law including long guns was five years away, it drew little attention. But you can bet it will draw considerable notice when it takes effect on Dec. 1. The background check, done in the gun store, will be the first national screening of hunters and others buying long-barreled guns. It will be the same as the instant checks now done on would-be handgun purchasers.

The Brady law has been effective. The Justice Department says the background checks blocked sales of some 69,000 handguns in 1997, more than half because the prospective buyer was a convicted felon or was under a felony indictment.

Even though the nation is awash in guns, with almost as many weapons in circulation as there are people, that's 69,000 handguns that were kept out of dangerous hands.

If the law works for handguns, and it has, then it will work for the long guns, which have been used in a number of multiple slayings.

One aspect of the change in the Brady law concerns us. That's the elimination of the five-day waiting period. Doing away with the cooling-off time for the agitated gun buyer will, we fear, prove dangerous in some domestic crimes of passion. But extending the Brady background checks to buyers of rifles and shotguns is one more step we need to take to stop this nation's epidemic of violence.

Open records reversal

Austin American-Statesman

Attorney General Dan Morales has reversed an earlier decision by his office that allowed governments to keep secret the financial settlements of lawsuits settled through mediation.

It was the second time this year Morales reversed his own rulings that were inimical to the public interest. He is to be congratulated, first for reviewing the opinions from his office then for reversing them when they were found to be counter to the intentions of the state Legislature.

In this week's reversal in the mediation case, Morales wrote that the earlier opinion was wrong. Upon review, he said, he believes lawmakers did not intend to treat final settlements in lawsuits as confidential records. ...

In May, he reversed an earlier ruling that kept secret from the public complaints filed against managed health care operations. ...

It would have been easy enough for the attorney general to simply refuse to reconsider either or both of those opinions and argue that they reflected the law. But Morales didn't take the easy way out. He studied the case and reversed himself, which was the wise and right thing to do.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

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Brides Make Room in Weddings For Pregnant Sisters and Friends

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Hurt Bride in Texas," who was upset because her future sister-in-law "selfishly" became pregnant after agreeing to be a bridesmaid in her wedding.

When I was planning my wedding, my 18-year-old sister tearfully announced that she was pregnant after we had already ordered the bridesmaid dresses. I, too, was upset, thinking, "How could she do this to *me* on *my* special day?" I hurt my sister when I asked another sister to step in for her.

I will never forgive myself for being so self-centered and thinking the whole world revolved around my wedding. My adorable nephew was born a few months after my wedding and is now in college. I'm so proud of him, and of my sister who faced many challenges as a young single mother.

A wedding day is just that – one day. Family is forever. This bride and groom should be thrilled for his sister. The baby she's carrying will be their niece or nephew, and they will regret thinking of it as something that spoiled their wedding.

MATURE
IN MINNETONKA, MINN.

DEAR MATURE: Your priorities are well-placed. I was surprised at the number of responses the letter from "Hurt Bride" generated. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That bride-to-be has to be the most selfish, self-centered person I ever heard of. Why can't she be happy for "Sue"? I suspect her real concern is that Sue might steal the limelight on her "big day."

Personally, I think "Sue" should gracefully bow out of the actual ceremony, because chances are she won't feel like standing up in front of the church for an hour. When I was eight months pregnant, I was maid of honor in a wedding – and I fainted. Talk about causing a distraction! Thankfully, my best friend was kindhearted, and didn't write to Dear Abby complaining that I'd ruined her wedding.

KATHY PHILLIPS
JOSHUA, TEXAS

DEAR KATHY: I'd say your friend has a healthy appreciation of what's important. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "Hurt Bride," I felt compelled to share what happened at my wedding six years ago:

My husband and I both wanted a big wedding that included all of our friends. Shortly after we asked everyone to share our special day, one of my friends informed me that the due date for her first child was about the same time as our wedding. I didn't even think twice. I wanted her in the wedding no matter what.

As it turned out, not only was she nine months pregnant when she was standing up there with me, but my sister-in-law – the maid of honor – fell down the stairs the week before the wedding and broke her foot. And the mother of one of my bridesmaids was three months pregnant and green with morning sickness. However, regardless of their condition, everyone was there at the altar to share our special day.

"Hurt in Texas" should be ashamed of herself.

DEBBIE C. IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR DEBBIE: It sounds as though your wedding was filled not only with love, but also a comedy of errors. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt in Texas" and her fiance need to put "their day" into perspective. How they overcome this hurdle will define how they handle future conflicts. I hope they will be compassionate and understand that a wedding is not a "grand production"; otherwise, they'll get so caught up in the "directing" they'll forget there are other "actors" who have feelings. Even more important, they'll lose sight of the true meaning of the wedding.

JULIE B. IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about my relationship with my fiance (I'll call him Stan). We are both 20 years old and have very different views on life. Stan is employed part time and is satisfied with that.

I need someone in my life who can help me financially, emotionally and physically. I don't want a man who has no career goals. Stan and I were supposed to move into an apartment together. Now that's been put on hold.

Stan's mom does everything for him, and he doesn't want to move away from home. When we plan to do something, we have to work around his mother's schedule because he is also her chauffeur. If I were to marry Stan, I would gain a horrible mother-in-law. I don't think she is very fond of me, either.

Stan is so in love with me, and the idea that we'll always be together, that if I tell him it's over, he will be crushed.

Our relationship is at a point that I have sought sexual fulfillment elsewhere. My friends tell me that if he doesn't know about the other men it won't hurt him. Should I continue to be dishonest with Stan, or what? Abby, please help me. I desperately need your advice.

IN OVER MY HEAD IN TACOMA

DEAR IN: Your fiance appears to be far from ready to take on the responsibilities of marriage. Level with Stan – I assure you, his mother will comfort him.

This should be a learning experience for both of you, and in the future, before you make a commitment, be absolutely certain that you and the young man want the same things from marriage.

Sleeping husband is set on fire

HOUSTON (AP) — A Bellville man remained in critical condition Friday with burns over 60 percent of his body after his wife allegedly set him on fire while he slept.

William Brocco, 35, was burned early Wednesday morning. Carletta Brocco, 38, was being held on attempted murder charges at the Austin County jail in lieu of $250,000 bond.

Education board to sell Disney stock

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Education voted to sell its more than $43 million in Walt Disney Co. stock because of the sex, violence and drugs in movies put out by Disney's Miramax subsidiary.

The 8-4 vote came after the American Family Association of Texas, which is involved in a Disney boycott, sent members a videotape of Disney-owned Miramax film excerpts, including scenes from "Pulp Fiction" and "Chasing Amy."

Board Chairman Jack Christie, a Houston Republican, had said he hoped a vote to divest "sends a message to Miramax ... that the public in general has had enough of exposing children to the violence and explicitness in these movies.

"How many more school shootings do you want before we have to do something to reverse that trend?" he said.

Claudia Peters, Disney director of corporate communications, said Texas' state fund is the only one doing this "as far as we know."

"Film subsidiaries of Disney that produce movies for mature audiences are set up under other names and adhere to the MPAA rating system. The Walt Disney Company produces more family entertainment than any other company in the world, and any products marked with the Disney brand name are always suitable for all ages," Peters said.

"Miramax is a highly acclaimed film label that has received 110 Academy Award nominations and 30 Academy Awards over the last 10 years," she added.

Two of the 15 board members abstained and one was absent.

The vote means $43 million in Disney stock will be shed from the $17.65 billion Permanent School Fund.

Divestiture opponents cited a report that since buying Disney shares two years ago, the total return to the school fund has been 108 percent. Disney shares were at $37.87½, up 87½ cents, in afternoon trading today on the New York Stock Exchange.

"The record is quite clear that Disney is a very, very fine productive stock for the public school fund," said board member Will Davis of Austin, a Democrat who tried to stop the issue in a board committee Thursday.

"They've done some rather foolish things with some of their subsidiary investments," Davis said. But he added, "It is a slippery slope. Somebody's going to have something they don't like about some of these big multifaceted corporations."

The school trust fund has other investments that also could raise objections, including companies involved in alcohol, gambling and adult-oriented entertainment, divestiture opponents say.

Senior Center News

Daily activities include swimnastics at Western Texas College from 9-10 a.m.; 11 a.m. exercise; dominoes, quilting, pool and walking in the gym which is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Other activities include Monday's bridge which begins at 9:30 a.m.; 42/88 at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The Golden Kiwanis Club also meets at noon that day. Social Security representatives will be available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday's events include bingo at 10 a.m. and line dancing at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, Tri-chem begins at 9 a.m. and the Senior Saints will entertain at 11 a.m.

Friday's activities include a bridge tournament and a blood pressure clinic which both begin at 9:30 a.m.

Seniors who have never visited the center are encouraged to do so. A wide range of activities are planned for those aged 60 to 103.

It's not too late for any senior to enjoy the activities. There is no charge for membership but there is a suggested donation for lunch.

Seniors are active in the community. Some of the volunteer stations include the nursing homes, hospital, ARC garage sale, Noah Project-West, schools and the library.

There is a minimum of 20 volunteers who help in the center on a daily basis. Transportation for seniors is available between 9 and 11 a.m.

The facilty is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, Harvard beets, cantaloupe, white cake w/cream cheese frosting.

TUESDAY

Cheese & ham stuffed potato, chopped broccoli, carrots, lettuce salad, banana pudding

WEDNESDAY

Beef stroganoff, cauliflower, tossed salad, Jello w/topping, peanut butter cookies

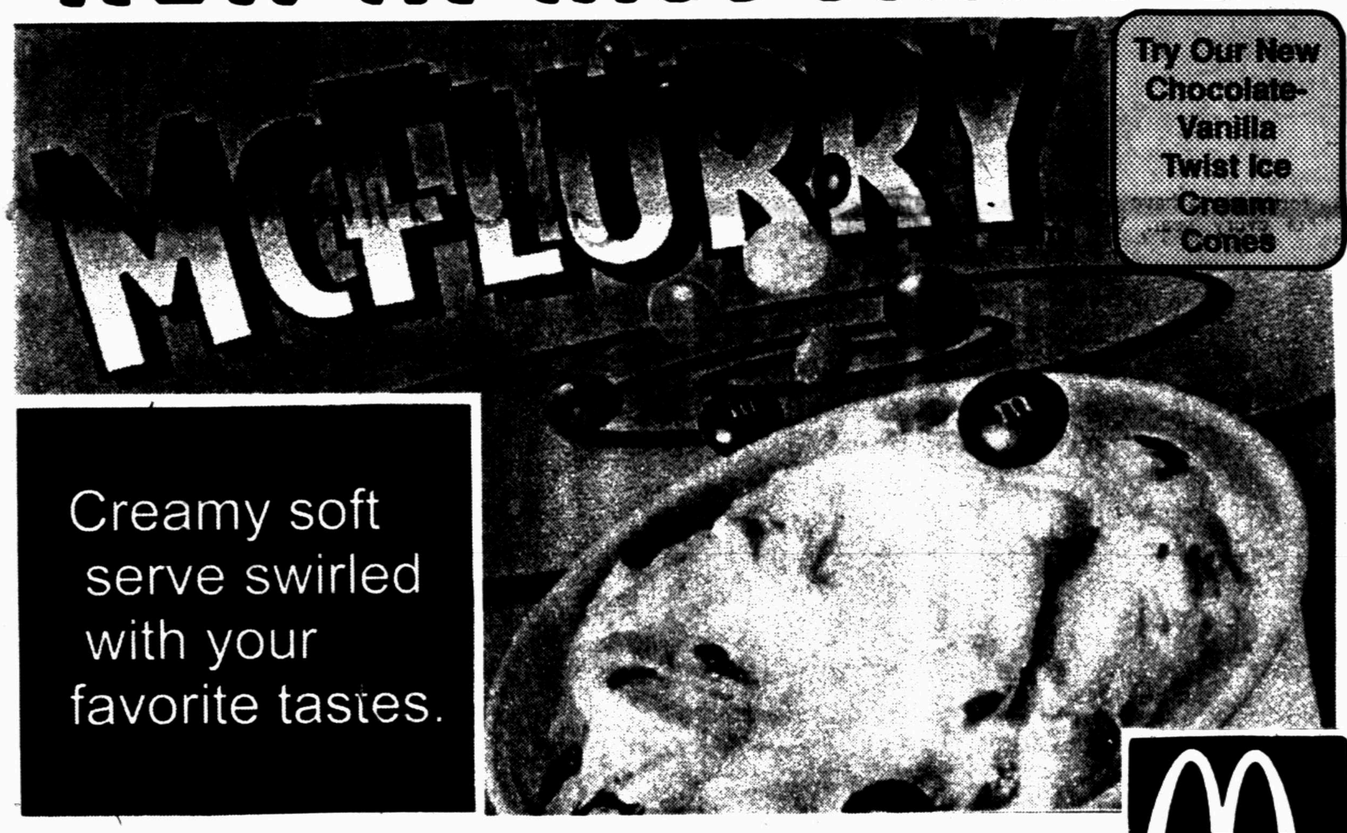
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Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green beans casserole, peaches & cottage cheese, peach pizza

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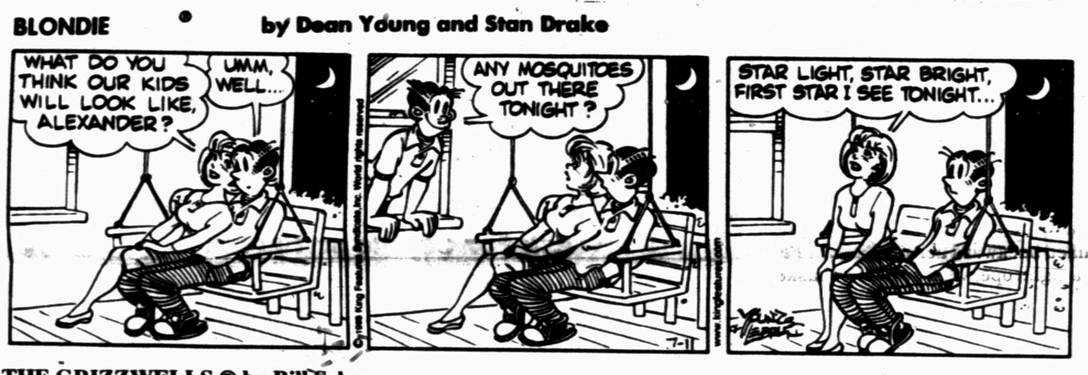
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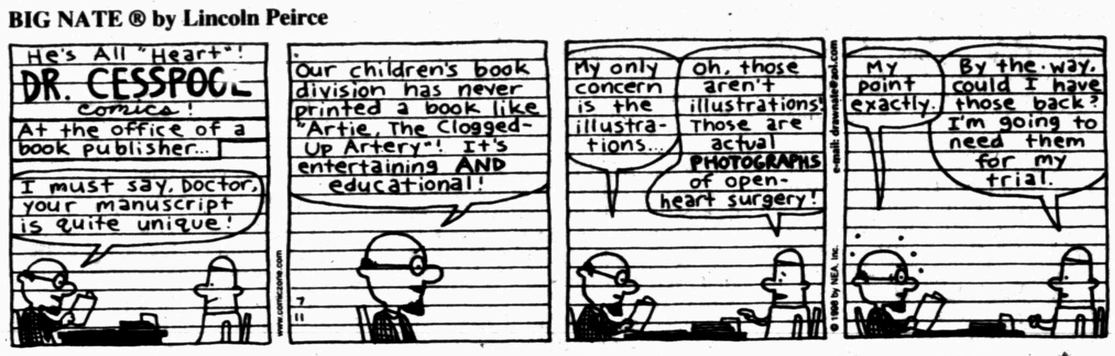
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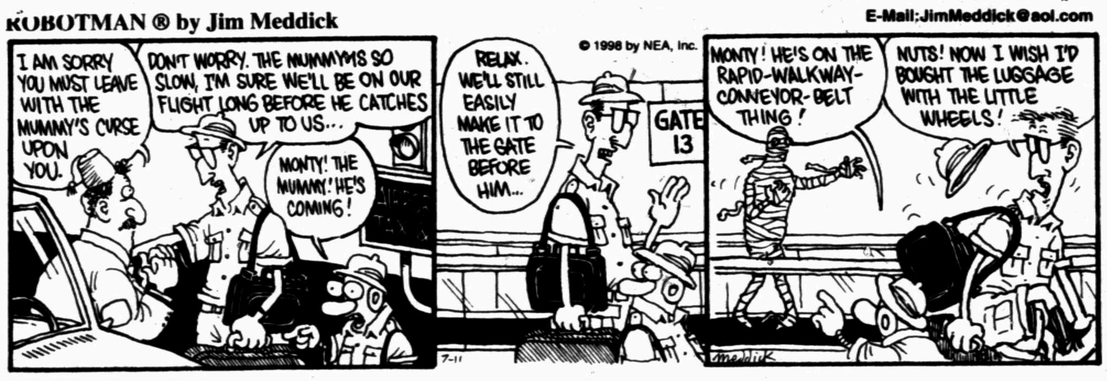
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14 Take off (cargo)
15 Complain
16 Involving a consequence
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21 Character of a people
23 Plant fiber
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32 Momma's spouse
33 Nocturnal African primate
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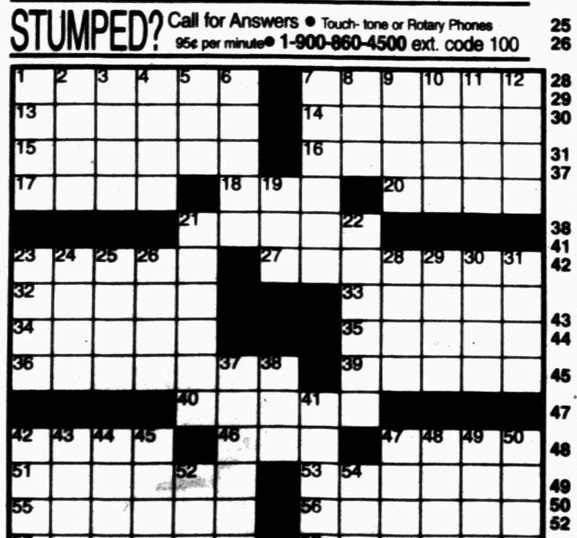
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Shadowing program...

Several Snyder Junior High Students have just completed their first internships in the STEPS (Striving to Experience Positive Shadowing) Job Shadowing Program.

In cooperation with area businesses, students spent one week of their summer vacation learning about various jobs through hands-on experiences.

Participating partners in the STEPS program included Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Lang Tire, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder Police Department and Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

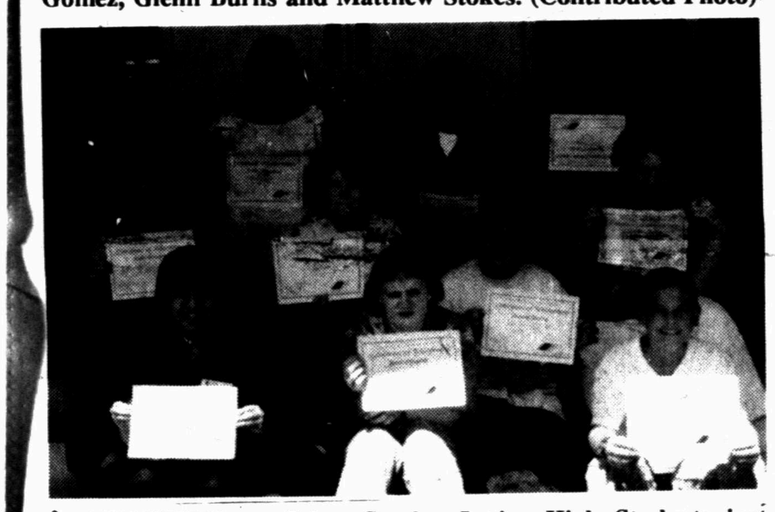
Others were KSNY radio station, American State Bank, TU Electric and Snyder Daily News.



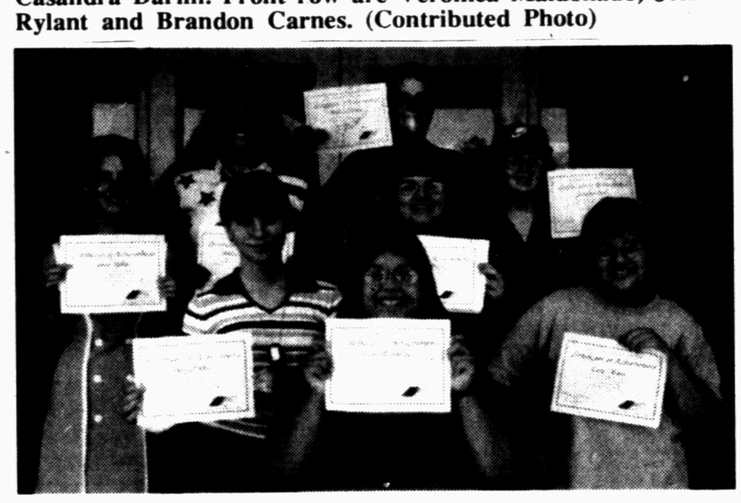
SHADOWING — Snyder Junior High Students participating in the STEPS program include back row Tammi Walker, Amy Reynolds, Trey Roland, Austin Rinehart and Erika Estrada. Pictured on front row are Vanessa Lara, Kara Brumley and Lynn Fogleman. (Contributed Photo)



STEPS PROGRAM — Several Snyder Junior High Students just completed their first internships in the STEPS program. Shown with their certificates of achievement are back row Whitney Jones, Jayson Kincaid and Justin Stokes. Pictured front row are Tiffany Gomez, Glenn Burns and Matthew Stokes. (Contributed Photo)



INTERNSHIPS — Other Snyder Junior High Students just completing STEPS internships at local businesses are back row Erika Ynguanzo, Jeri Garcia and Ryan McKamie. Shown middle row are Keeli Shoemake, Tiffany Craig, Shavon Pesina and Casandra Darlin. Front row are Veronica Maldonado, Jessica Rylant and Brandon Carnes. (Contributed Photo)



STEPS — Pictured with their certificates of achievement from the STEPS Job Shadowing Program are back row Jessie Keller, Ashlee Grantham, Nathan Hines and Jennifer Deel. Middle row are Haley Elkins, Kristen Early and Lina Olvera. Crystal Garcia is pictured front row. (Contributed Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a weak heart that often causes shortness of breath. About a month ago, my doctor prescribed a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) for my arthritis. Despite my daily use of a diuretic, my heart failure worsened. Is there a solution?

DEAR READER: Most NSAIDs alter kidney function, leading to sodium and water retention. Patients with heart failure also retain salt and water. Therefore, the use of NSAIDs often aggravates heart failure, even if patients are using prescription diuretics to force the kidneys to excrete more fluid.

In a recent study in the Archives of Internal Medicine (May 25, 1998), researchers from the Netherlands tested more than 10,000 patients and found that the use of NSAIDs more than doubled the risk of hospitalization for heart failure. That is, if a person was taking a diuretic, he had a twofold increase in his risk of more heart failure if an NSAID were prescribed concurrently. The authors called for closer monitoring of patients in this situation.

Thus, the answer to your question is "yes." To counteract the effects of the NSAID on your salt and water balance, your physician may choose to increase the amount of diuretic that you have been prescribed.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was diagnosed with transient global amnesia. What is this disease?

DEAR READER: This rare neurological occurrence, which usually affects people over 50, is marked by a sudden loss of memory of recent events, coupled with a brief inability to retain new information. Although the cause is unknown, many cases are preceded by stress, pain, cold or strenuous physical activity. Patients typically are disoriented but not confused; they know that something is wrong but their cognitive abilities are intact. The attacks ordinarily resolve within 24 hours, although partial amnesia may be permanent.

Extensive testing is not required; however, a neurological consultation is helpful in confirming the diagnosis.

Although some specialists believe that transient global amnesia is a type of stroke that should be treated with daily aspirin, others insist that the disorder is entirely benign and requires no therapy.

If your attack occurred only once and you have had a full recovery, you can relax. On the other hand, if you have had several similar episodes or have any persisting neurological signs (such as weakness or speech difficulties), you should be seen by a neurologist and undergo more aggressive testing and treatment.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that certain odors can lead to female arousal?

DEAR READER: Seemingly so. According to a study performed at the Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago, the odors emitted from Good 'n' Plenty candy, cucumber, pumpkin pie, baby powder, and lavender cause a greater increase in vaginal blood flow than do perfumes and colognes, which may actually reduce signs of arousal.

What does all this mean?

Well, I suppose if you're a gentleman who wishes to make a favorable impression on a lady, use lavender shaving soap, dust off with baby powder, meet her at the door with Good 'n' Plenty (not plain chocolates), take her to a salad bar, and finish the dinner with pumpkin pie. Then buckle your seat belt for a wild and unforgettable evening.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of osteoarthritis in my fingers, I can't wear my rings. What can I do to reduce the swelling?

DEAR READER: Very little, I'm afraid.

Some forms of acute arthritis (such as gout, for example) result in joint swelling that responds to therapy. However, osteoarthritis, which is caused by age-related joint degeneration, causes permanent "lumps" around joints. Such changes are progressive and untreatable (except by surgery).

The finger bones themselves do not enlarge; only the joints do. If you like, have a jeweler resize your rings.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with gout. My doctor prescribed Indocin for acute attacks of arthritis, plus allopurinol to prevent problems. What is gout?

DEAR READER: In the normal process of protein metabolism, the body produces uric acid. Ordinarily, this byproduct is excreted by the kidneys.

However, some people (because of a genetic tendency) either produce too much uric acid or fail to excrete enough of it in the urine. In such patients, minor trauma may cause uric acid crystals, which resemble tiny icicles, to form in joint fluid, leading to acute arthritis: pain, redness and swelling of the joint. Typically, this reaction occurs in the feet and toes, but other joints can be affected, too.

The treatment of acute gouty arthritis requires anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Indocin or colchicine. However, to prevent attacks, therapy such as allopurinol is often needed.

I believe that your physician is correct in his approach. You should use Indocin for acute attacks of gouty arthritis and allopurinol to reduce the frequency of such attacks. To monitor the effectiveness of the therapy, your doctor will probably suggest that you have periodic uric acid blood determinations. Gout is a common malady that has been known for centuries. Fortunately, it is now treatable (and preventable) using modern drug therapy.

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Date Book

July 11, 1998

Today is the 192nd day of 1998 and the 21st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1804, Aaron Burr shot Alexander Hamilton in a duel at Weehawken, N.J. Hamilton died the next day.

On this day in 1864, Confederate forces under General Jubal Early invaded Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1979, Ry Cooder's "Bop Till You Drop" was released. It was the first digitally recorded rock album.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), U.S. president; E.B. White (1899-1985), writer; Yul Brynner (1920-1985), actor; Tab Hunter (1931-), actor, is 67; Debbie Harry (1945-), singer, is 53; Bonnie Pointer (1951-), singer, is 47; Sela Ward (1956-), actress, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, Eric Liddell won the 400-meter race at the Paris Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "America, with the same voice which spoke herself into existence as a nation, proclaimed to mankind the inextinguishable rights of human nature, and the only lawful foundations of government." — John Quincy Adams

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1961, high winds at San Francisco's Candlestick Park blew pitcher Stu Miller off the mound in an all-star game.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 9) and last quarter (July 16).

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July 12, 1998

Today is the 193rd day of 1998 and the 22nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, 23-year-old Maria Spelterina walked backward across Niagara Falls on a tightrope, wearing peach baskets on her feet.

On this day in 1949, the first racially integrated all-star baseball game was played.

On this day in 1984, presidential candidate Walter Mondale named Rep. Geraldine Ferraro of N.Y. as his running mate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaius Julius Caesar (100 B.C.-44 B.C.), Roman statesman; Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), writer-naturalist; R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983), architect-writer; Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), poet; Milton Berle (1908-), comedian, is 90; Andrew Wyeth (1917-), artist, is 81; Van Cliburn (1934-), pianist, is 64; Bill Cosby (1938-), comedian-actor, is 60; Richard Simmons (1948-), fitness advocate, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, the National League won the all-star game, 6-5, on a 12th-inning home run by Stan Musial.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It takes two to speak the truth — one to speak, and another to hear." — Henry David Thoreau

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1977, a weak tornado caused minor damage on Marcos Island, Fla.

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PURPLE SAGE STAFF - Front row, left to right, Maribel Gutierrez, Celia Feinsod, Taylor Feinsod, Dollie Gonzales, Naomi Larralde. Second row, Sharon Gulseth, Gloria Romero, Sally White, Cindy Gutierrez, Diana Hernandez. Back row, Deann Fahntrapp, Brock Durham, Helen Feinsod, Earl Clinkinbeard, Belinda Goolsby. Not pictured are Rosalinda Padron, Sylvia Rodriquez, Lorita Clinkinbeard and Dawn Hollis.



Managers
Helen & Celia Feinsod



Art Feinsod was an antique car enthusiast who liked to dress the part as evidenced by this photo showing him in his "Touring Suit".

A BRIEF HISTORY
PURPLE SAGE MOTEL

The Feinsod family moved to Snyder on July 2, 1973 and took over as owners of the Purple Sage Motel from Harold and Jo Riley the next day. Records from the 4th of July show that eight of the 19 rentable rooms were occupied that second day of business for a grand total of $88.00.

Originally the motel had 12 phones which could be moved into the room for the guest who required one. As was the case in other Snyder motels at that time, televisions were black and white. One of the first things the Feinsods did was to put their personal color TV into a motel room. This allowed a higher rate of $8.00 to be charged for the nightly room rental.

Work at the motel was done by Art and Helen Feinsod and their two children, Virgil and Celia, who were two and six years old at the time. Both youngsters learned to "watch the office" while their parents cleaned rooms with the help of one maid, made repairs and ran the motel. It was truly a "Mom and Pop" operation.

Over the years both children learned to clean the swimming pool, sweep, clean rooms and do whatever else was necessary for the family business.

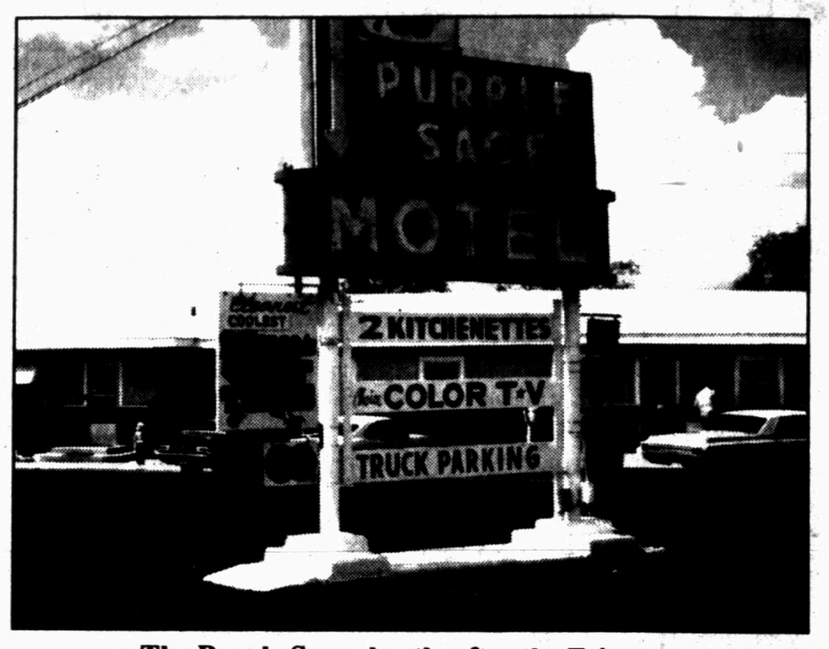
By 1975 the motel boasted a new switchboard with phones in all the rooms; five color TV sets, and something new in Snyder - a room with a queen size bed. That years also, the motel was first listed in the annual edition of the Mobil Travel Guide. The Purple Sage Motel has been listed every year since then and has earned a two-star rating. The Purple Sage Motel has also been a AAA rated motel for over ten years.

In 1978 six new rooms and a laundry room were built and the living quarters were expanded. By 1981 twenty more rooms and two RV spots were added. Presently the motel boasts a new breakfast room where guests enjoy a free continental breakfast, and a newly remodeled office area.

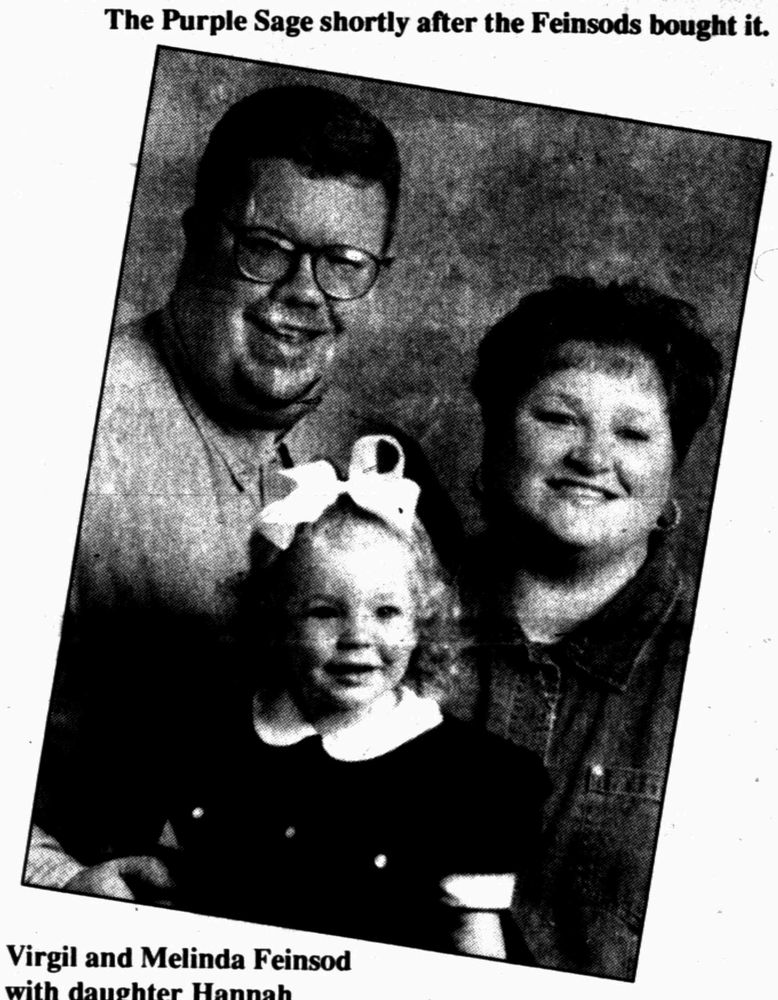
In the twenty-five years since the Feinsod Family bought the Purple Sage Motel, much has changed in Snyder and in America. Helen remembers when the pace was slower and people visited more. No one locked their cars and the family cat was a part of the motel "staff." "Our big yellow cat, Stanley, used to sit on top of the counter," Helen recalls, "and guests would pet him while they filled out their registration cards. If Stanley wasn't on the counter, many regular guests would ask where he was, and we would have to go find him. Stanley also worked as a part-time mouser if the need arose."

In late 1996, one of the original owners, Art Feinsod, left the area. Art is remembered locally for his interest in antique cars, and many past Fourth of July celebrations saw the Feinsod's motel parking lot full of Model A's and other cars from area antique car enthusiasts.

Currently the motel is being managed by Helen and Celia Feinsod. Virgil Feinsod, who lives with his wife Melinda, and daughter Hannah in Big Spring, serves as advisor and Vice-president of the family business. The staff numbers 15 full and part time workers (but no cats), and a new computer system speeds guest registration. New telephones are direct dial and have "data-ports"; the color TV's are remote-controlled, and have a VCR so the guests can watch free videos; and rooms have king as well as queen beds.

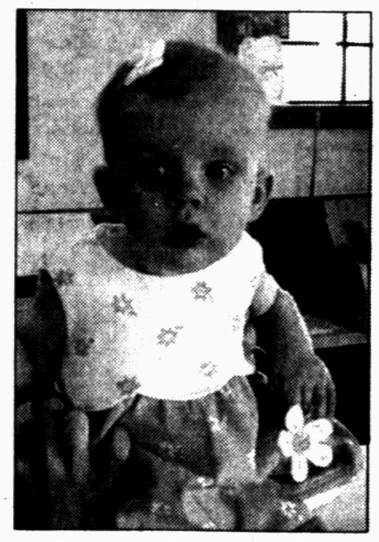


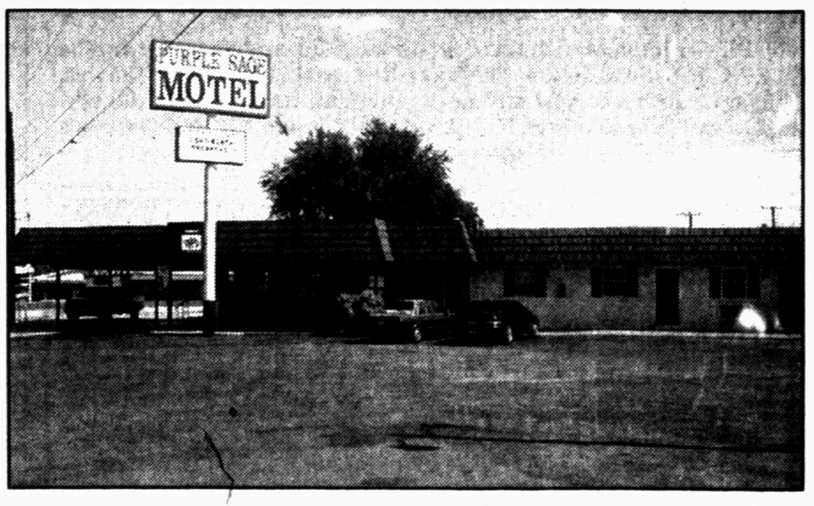
The Purple Sage shortly after the Feinsods bought it.



Virgil and Melinda Feinsod with daughter Hannah

The newest member of our staff is Taylor Victoria Feinsod.





The Purple Sage Motel today.

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