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Council eyes changes in pact

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Dispatching of local law enforcement personnel may switch back to the city if action follows the city council's rhetoric at Friday night's city council meeting.

Mayor Francene Noah and councilman Ron Shaw both expressed displeasure about the county dispatching services in the meeting that focused on the long-expired interlocal agreement with Scurry County.

Dispatching became the county's responsibility when the agreement went into effect Oct. 1, 1993.

Noah said she has received several calls about dispatching and "it needs to be brought to the attention of the sheriff."

The mayor also said one woman told her she had called 911 and had been put on hold.

"I was flabbergasted when I heard that," Noah said.

"I've also heard that a lot of personal calls are taking precedent over dispatch calls," the mayor said.

Shaw, a postal worker, said he has called dispatchers when he heard over his police scanner that an address couldn't be located.

"The only way to regain control is to take over our own dispatching," he said.

Police Chief Steve Warren said 85 to 90 percent of calls to dispatchers are city-related.

The current agreement also calls for the city to provide fire protection throughout the county at the sole expense of the city.

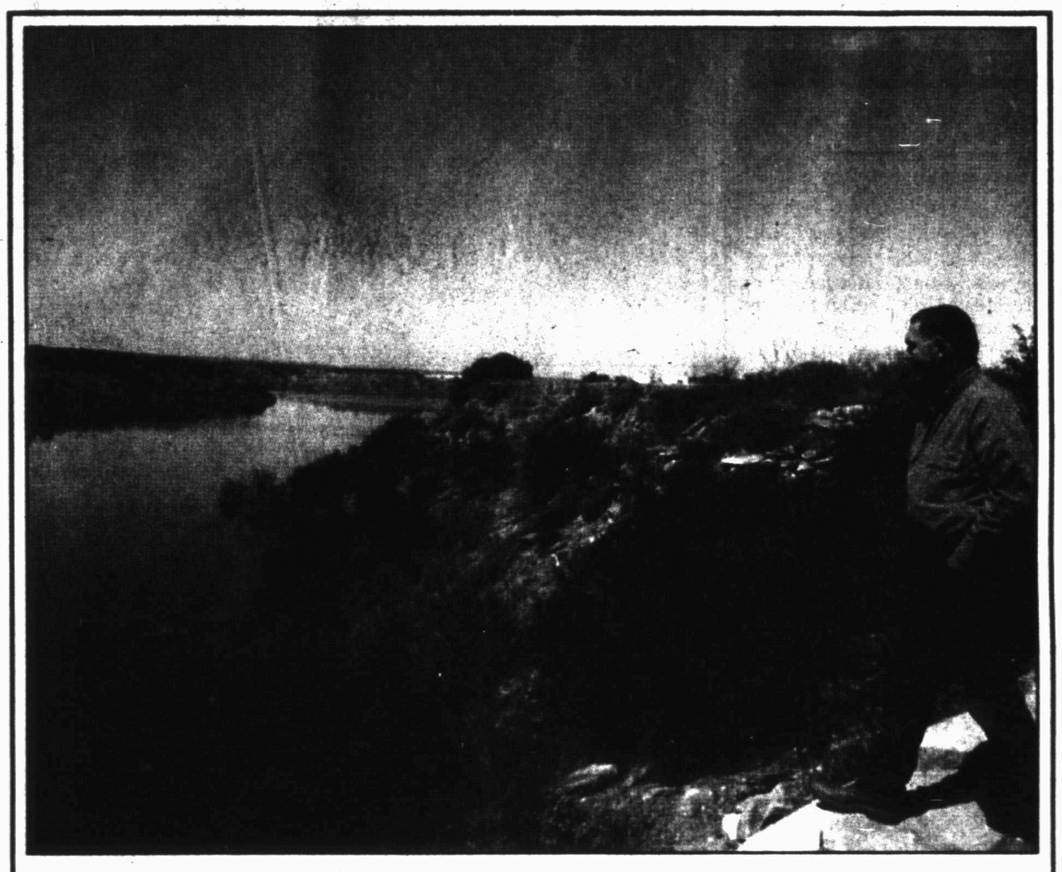
Councilman Terry Martin has long said that clause needed to be reviewed due to increased costs, and agreed with Shaw that a fire protection agreement could be made separate from the interlocal agreement.

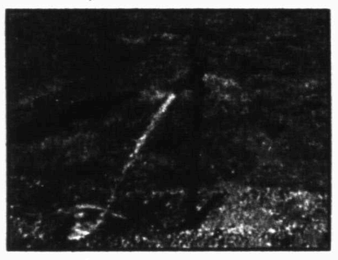
All council members present indicated they felt a new agreement should be fair and equitable to all citizens.

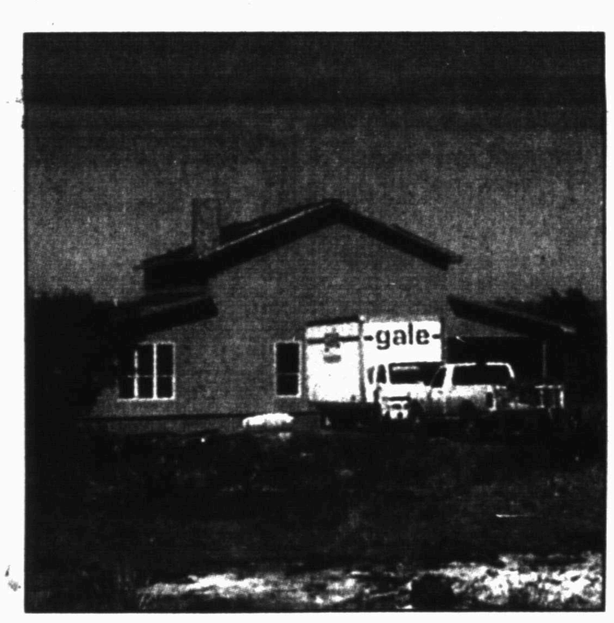
"The whole idea is to have the most efficient and least expensive operation for everybody," Martin said. "Anytime we (city and county) can share equipment, everybody saves money."

The city and county are expected to meet in a joint session March 17 to discuss a new interlocal agreement.

Noah presided at the 1½-hour meeting and members in attendance were Martin, Shaw and Stephanie Duchenaux. Absent were John Reed, Vernest Tippens and James Ashley.







LAKE DEVELOPMENT WORK CONTINUES — Jody Ashley looks over a scenic view of Lake Alan Henry from one of the lots in the Rio Brazos Estates that he and his partner, LaWayne Fagan are developing. The development is on the south side of the lake and several homes are in various stages of construction. Water is now available from the development's own water wells as shown at right. The development started with 64 waterfront lots and 14 remain. There are over 120 lots available at the development that are not waterfront in various sizes. The development also has its own boat ramp. A 200-space RV park will be built just outside the development in the near future. (SDN Staff Photos)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "By the time a person is old enough to know better, he often thinks he's clever enough to get away with it."

Gene Storman, data processing guru at Snyder National Bank, moved here from Longview in East Texas and is beginning to understand West Texans' fascination with trees — regardless of size.

Gene says he can see over most trees in this area, but the good news is that he can also enjoy a West Texas sunset.

A recent column about large timber in Scurry County stirred up some interest.

Rana Potter called Tuesday afternoon and asked if we knew about her giant Walnut tree.

Rena and husband Robert live four miles west of Snyder just off U.S. 180. Rena told us the tree isn't very pretty right now, but it's a nice shade tree when it blooms. It also produces walnuts, but generally they aren't very good — hard to crack and often black inside.

She told us their home is where the Don Fritz family lived several years ago. Shirley Fritz confirmed that Don did plant the tree 25 or so years ago, and remembers that the fruit wasn't very good.

While talking about walnut trees, George Roberts was in the news office and said he remembered a large one behind the Geral Greene home place just west of the Northeast community center.

West Texas State Bank president John Greene confirmed there is such a tree, planted by his dad years ago. The tree makes a good shade, but again doesn't produce edible nuts. The banker said, "They sound like bullets when you mow over 'em."

Two SDN staffers added their knowledge. Classified gal Donna Browning said there's a large walnut tree at the Bassridge home of her parents, Vernon and Sandra Browning.

She also noted that the fruit is only good for making a mess.

SDN bookkeeper Jacalyn Lowrance recalled a large walnut tree on Denison where Ann Smartt now lives.

Ann, however, said that unfortunately the tree died from a disease and had to be cut down several years ago.

Jerry Haire, horticulture instructor at WTC, confirmed Scurry County's soil and climate is probably not ideal for walnut production.

Heavy, clay-like soil prevents drainage and most of the soil has a high alkaline content.

Sam Fare, golf grounds and landscape instructor at WTC, agreed that walnut trees are drought resistant, but need lots of water to produce good walnuts.

Similar to a pecan tree, improved fruit can be obtained by using a zinc fertilizer, another soil deficiency in Scurry County.

In learning that there are other walnut trees in the county, Mrs. Potter concluded that she might not be special after all.

Not so, any Scurry County resident who reads every word in the Snyder Daily News is plenty special in our books. Thanks for calling.

Election sign-ups slow

After an initial rush, signups for the May 3 school board elections have slowed to a crawl in the county.

Five persons signed up last month at Hermleigh for three places. These include incumbents Tim Dacus and Joe Roemisch. They are challenged by Jim Lionberger, Benny Sauceda and Jimmy Digby.

The term of Alan Culp also is expiring at Hermleigh.

At Ira, two incumbents have filed for re-election. They are Dennis Taylor and Shane Smith.

Snyder ISD's incumbents also have filed for re-election.

Mike Levens is seeking another term in Place 2, while Richard Chambers has filed for another term in Place 3.

The deadline for filing for school board positions is Wednesday, March 19.

Persons wishing to sign up during the spring break period in Snyder should contact voting clerk Betty Morgan at 573-4188.

Jan Duke, business manager at Ira, will be in the office most of the spring break period, or she can be reached at 573-2629.

Hermleigh offices will be closed, so the nearest date to file in that district is Monday, March 17.

As it now stands, only Hermleigh is guaranteed to have an election as that district has the only contested races.

State law allows a district to cancel an election and declare uncontested candidates winners if no races develop.

Snyder ISD has avoided elections since 1999 when Ronnie Anderson challenged Glenn Clarady.

In the city election, only incumbent mayor Francene Noah has filed for re-election. The terms of Terry Martin and John Reed, both at-large councilmen, are expiring.

Some cell phone numbers change

Snyder residents will get a new area code next month, but many cellular phone users will have to get an entirely new cell phone number.

All customers of Cellular One in Snyder will have to change their cellular phone number, according to Russell Peables, area manager for the cellular company.

"Anyone whose phone number begins with 338, 514, 725 or 721 will need a new number," he said Friday. "Starting April 14, if they don't have a new number, someone calling their cellular phone from a landline (a regular phone) will be charged long distance fees."

Both Cellular One retailers in Snyder have been overrun this week with customers requesting number changes and asking why the change is necessary.

Cell phones have to be brought to the office to make the switch.

Peables said Cellular One had purchased a service from area telephone companies, including Southwestern Bell, called Wide Area Coverage.

"The service allowed landline customers to call cellular phones at no charge, but the phone companies have opted to discontinue that coverage," he said. "We suspect that it has something to do with the area code change, but we don't know their motives for sure."

Melissa Thompson, manager of Permian Communications, Snyder retailer of Texas Cellular, said only Cellular One customers are affected by the change.

"Our customers do not need to get any kind of number change, other than the area code," she said. "We'll be sending letters inviting our customers in to have their phone reprogrammed at no charge."

Peables also said there should be no charge to Cellular One customers for the change.

"This applies to some markets in all of our coverage area in 23 states," he said. "It's really just a matter of programming all of these phones, but everybody wanting it to be done at the same time is what's making it difficult."

Local officers step-up traffic law enforcement

Snyder police officers are stepping up enforcement of all traffic laws as part of a grant program sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation.

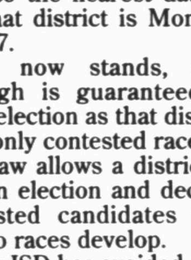
"We will have extra officers on duty over the weekend and during spring break week working traffic," said Sgt. David Holley, grant coordinator.

Sgt. Holley said the officers would be enforcing all traffic laws, but would be paying extra attention to the use of seat belts and other occupant restrictions, plus speeding.

ASK US

Q—Did the Boys and Girls Club have insurance on its building that burned on the square last week?
A—No.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Whitney Jones...

...is a lifelong resident and a senior at Snyder High School. She is a DECA student at SHS and is a clerk at McWilliams Pharmacy. Whitney is the only child of Wayne and Cynthia Jones. When she's not at school or working, she is a self-confessed 'shop-a-holic' and also enjoys taking in a 'chick-flick' at the movie theater.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Accomplishment is 85 percent attitude and 15 percent skill.

—Zig Ziglar

Free Checking at Snyder National Bank
See Page 2 for details

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

American Legion garage sale

The American Legion will host a garage sale Saturday until 4 p.m. at 1804 Ave. R. Proceeds will benefit Gateway Family Services and the American Legion building fund.

Word is Life open house

Word is Life will have an open house until 3 p.m. Saturday at the church, 30th St. and Ave. F. There will be a bake sale and lunch items with all proceeds going to the children's ministry. There also will be items for sale, plus door prizes, product drawings and discounts.

Country, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played at the Senior Citizens Center starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Retired teachers to meet

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Sharla Bryan Moffett will speak about Cogdell Hospital services.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Everybody Needs Jesus," followed by "Count Your Blessings."

Community garden planning session

The rescheduled community garden planning session is 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church. Persons interested in growing food for the needy, or have a family garden at the site are welcome to attend.

AARP board meeting

An AARP board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center.

Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. every Wednesday through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Ritz production

The Ritz Community Theatre will present *Arsenic and Old Lace* at 8 p.m. next Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. next Sunday. Reservations are required by calling the box office at 573-8889 or stopping by the theatre on the south side of the square from 2 to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Tickets are $7 or $5 for groups of 10 or more. Senior citizens and student tickets are $5 for the matinee only.

UW board meeting

Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday, March 17, at the offices at 2311 Ave. T.

Community services fair

The community services fair will be Tuesday, March 18, from 4-6 p.m. at 2800 2nd Street. Free hot dogs, drinks and door prizes are hosted by Scurry Community Services.

GED pre-registration, testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday, March 20, at the GED testing center at WTC, Building 7B, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 21. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Parenting seminar

All interested persons are invited to a parenting seminar at Central Elementary at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Chris Bane, Snyder ISD nurse, will present a program on health needs of children and how to encourage good health habits. Child care will be provided.

SHS senior activities

Senior parents need to send in their $20 as soon as possible. Also, the three pictures of your senior student are needed by April 4. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

Withered flowers needed

The First Assembly of God youth group is needing withered flowers for a project, Call Camelia Soa at 574-2922 to have them picked up.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elm, Sand Plum, Honeylocust, and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

DISTRICT COMPETITORS — Snyder High School students who competed at the District 9 CDC in San Angelo are top row from left, Daniel Medrano, Ricardo Madera and Trey Roland; middle row, Mattie Smith, Lucy Amarillas, Daniel Gutierrez, and Veronica Maldonado; bottom row, Felicia Fuentez, Chrissie Hernandez and Casey Kellner. (Contributed Photo)

SHS DECA students attend state conference

Snyder High School students attended the state DECA Career Development Conference last weekend in Austin.

Trey Roland and Daniel Gutierrez competed in the sports and entertainment team decision-making event. They had to complete a 100-question marketing and economics test, as well as perform an impromptu role-play scenario before a judge.

Approximately 600 students across the state attended.

Roland and Gutierrez became eligible for the state contest by winning the District 9 trophy in the same event.

Other Snyder DECA students who competed in team decision-making events at the district CDC in San Angelo were Mattie Smith and Daniel Medrano, hospitality services management; Lucy Amarillas and Casey Kellner, travel and tourism; Veronica Maldonado and Ricardo Madera, food markting series; Chrissy Hernandez, business services; Felicia Fuentez and Elizabeth Campbell, quick serve restaurant series event.

Lisa Williams, DECA advisor, accompanied the students on both trips.

DISTRICT TROPHIES — Daniel Gutierrez, left, and Trey Roland are pictured accepting trophies at the District 9 career development conference held in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

West kept 1960s Batman scripts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adam West has more than fond memories of playing superhero Batman in the 1960s television series.

West kept old costumes and all the original scripts with his handwritten notations from the ABC show that aired for three seasons.

"I've gotten calls from people in Japan. They want to pay a lot of money for my scripts," West told The Associated Press recently.

Asked if he would sell, West replied, "Not unless I have to put another kid through college."

The 72-year-old actor and his third wife have six grown children between them.

West and Burt Ward, who was Batman's sidekick Robin, play themselves in "Return to the Batcave: The Misadventures of Adam and Burt" airing Sunday on CBS.

West said he's excited about the TV movie after some initial doubts about reviving the franchise.

Logjam on school meals ends in time

HOUSTON (AP) — A state education official says federal money to repay school districts for breakfasts and lunches for lower-income students is on the way.

Each month, the Texas Education Agency distributes $100 million in federal funds for the meal plans, with about 98 percent of Texas schools receiving funds from the program.

As of Friday, the state was about $80 million behind on payments to schools. John Perkins, state director of child nutrition programs, said he anticipates covering those costs by the end of next week.

Some schools had called the TEA, saying they would be unable to provide free and reduced breakfasts and lunches next week if the U.S. Department of Agriculture did not reimburse them immediately for meals already bought.

Perkins blamed an unusually long budget standoff in Washington.

"This happens maybe once every 10 years," he said.

But it generally does not last this long. I was in Washington this week, and I was told people were worried about war and other things that were taking up their minds."

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More AF cadets speaking out about sex assaults

DENVER (AP) — Sharon Fullilove dreamed of flying fighter jets, while Jessica Brakey wanted to attend a school with discipline and honor. Both hoped the Air Force Academy would be a place where they would learn how to serve their country.

Both say their dreams were shattered when they were raped by upperclassmen at the academy.

They kept silent for months, worried that if they reported the assaults, their military careers would be over.

"People have to understand, this is nothing like a normal college," said Fullilove, 21, whose own mother is an Air Force colonel stationed at the academy. "Upperclassmen are your superiors. You have to listen to them and obey their rules. You can't tell them to get out. I didn't feel safe."

The Air Force has identified at least 54 allegations of rape or sexual assault at the academy outside Colorado Springs over the past 10 years, and officials say there are probably many more cadets who have not come forward.

"What frightens me most is the climate that has affected so many others who have not come forward," Air Force Secretary James Roche said Thursday on Capitol Hill. "While we have seen, whatever the number is, 25, 50, there are probably a hundred more that we do not see."

At the academy Friday, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper said he wants to root out any sexual predators still at the academy or in the Air Force.

Jumper said the academy must ensure that conditions in its dormitories are "not conducive for would-be predators to be around females at the wrong time and in the wrong setting."

He said he had no immediate plans to fire any commanders, but added, "Nobody has been absolved of anything, including me."

Many cadets who made the reports say they were ostracized or reprimanded for infractions such as drinking alcohol or having sex in dormitories.

Air Force officials and lawmakers say the crisis is as serious as the 1991 Tailhook scandal, when women were groped or assaulted by drunken pilots at a Navy booster group's convention at a hotel. The Air Force is investigating, and at least four U.S. senators have called for an outside inquiry.

Cadet after cadet has told a similar story of arriving at the academy with the vision of being among the best. They formed strong bonds with classmates through training.

But the women say the academy turned out to be a place where females are seen as weak.

"During sexual assault awareness week, people told us that if you make it through all four years without being sexually assaulted, you're lucky," Fullilove said. "They also say if you want to have an Air Force career you should not report it."

Fullilove was a freshman in November 1999 when, she said, an upperclassmen offered her a ride to her dorm from a campus lounge after dark.

She said he stopped the truck, locked the doors and raped her. When he released her, she said she ran to her room and showered, and then shut herself in. When he stopped by her room two days later, she said she decided she could not stay at the academy and went home.

A few months later, at her parents' coaxing, she reported the assault. "I was afraid that this would happen to someone else," she said.

The case was closed with no arrests or punishment. Fullilove, who is now a biology major at the University of Arizona, said the man who raped her graduated and is in the Air Force.

Her mother, Air Force Lt. Col. Michaela Shafer, said investigators treated the family poorly.

"They told me my daughter was a liar," she said. "They looked me in the face, a fellow officer, a superior, and told me my daughter, who had been raped, was a liar."

In the past 10 years, two Air Force cadets have been charged with rape, Roche said. One was acquitted, and the other pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven months in jail. Administrative action was taken in other cases because there was not enough evidence to prosecute, he said.

Kate Summers, spokeswoman for the nonprofit Miles Foundation that helps victims of military violence, said most military sexual assault cases involve a subordinate female victim.

"You can't make a blanket statement that men in the military are prone to violence, that's just not true," she said. "But there is a certain type of conditioning in the military as it relates to force. The training at the academies is the use of control and use of power, they're being trained to command. And some take it too far."

Brakey said she was raped three years ago when she was a sophomore.

"I didn't tell anyone because I kept thinking that since he didn't beat me or kill me I was fine, and maybe it was partially my fault," she said.

She said her behavior grew erratic, her grades suffered and she started having nightmares.

In November 2002, she reported her case to officials, who told her she was being investigated for mental health problems. No charges were filed against the suspect, and Brakey was dismissed for health reasons.

If she is unable to return to the academy, she is planning to attend community college.

"I still want to finish," the 23-year-old said. "I've been working for this forever."

On the Net:
Academy:
http://www.usafa.af.mil

Two probated prison sentences are given

Two probated prison sentences for felony driving while intoxicated were handed down Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Richard Torres, 31, pleaded guilty to a Nov. 16, 2002 charge of DWI. He was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years.

Torres, a Brownwood resident, also was fined $1,000 by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Gary Wayne Hamby of Achille, Okla., also pleaded guilty to DWI, a June 16, 2002 offense.

Hamby, 54, was assessed a three-year prison term, probated for three years, and fined $1,000. Hamby also must serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail.

Snyder ISD recognizes district's two educational diagnosticians

Snyder ISD recognized Diane Benbow and Gloria Jenkins for dedicated service and exceptional work as outstanding educational diagnosticians.

The role of the educational diagnostician can vary between school districts. Diagnosticians are often responsible for initial and ongoing psycho-educational assessment.

They work collaboratively with other assessment personnel, such as speech/language therapists, occupational and physical therapists, and school psychologists, counselors and social workers to determine eligibility for special education services.

Diagnosticians provide input to the IEP committee regarding students' academic strengths and weaknesses based on psycho-educational testing. They interpret results of psycho-educational testing in relation to student's educational placement and programming to parents, teachers, administration and students.

Diagnosticians are responsible for monitoring student's educational progress in relation to his or her IEP goals and objectives, recommending appropriate modifications and accommodation to curricular content and instruction as needed. They also provide ongoing consultative services to school, community and parents regarding student's' educational needs.

The Texas Educational Diagnosticians Association (TEDA) is the national organization representing the profession of education diagnosticians. TEDA promotes professionalism, competence, excellence and continuing education within the organization to provide individuals with disabilities quality education services with the state of Texas. For more information visit ww.txeda.org.

NEW PASTORS — Randy and Delia Asebedo of Lubbock are the new pastors of Lord's Supper Church, a Full Gospel Church located at 119 36th St. Bilingual services are available and everyone is welcome. Service times on Sunday are 9:30 a.m. Bible study followed by worship at 10:30 a.m. The evening service begins at 5:30. Bible studies for adults and youth both begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. The church is also open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily for anyone who needs prayer. (Contributed Photo)

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Phase 3 of the Project has begun and an Open House will be scheduled when the project is completed. Watch for details!
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Preparations for 2003 Relay continue

As a team captain, Neva Huddleston's job in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Scurry County is to motivate a group of 26 people to raise money, set up a festive campsite, and inform the community about cancer prevention and early detection. Fun is of equal importance. Huddleston's team, "The Misfits" plans to make the event memorable for all that participate.

As part of the pre-relay fundraising, the team is selling raffle tickets for a DVD player, which has been donated by Roe's Furniture, a $100 gift card to United, four tickets to a Texas Rangers baseball game or three haircuts from Hair Razors, donated by Jemma, Brandie and Renee.

The tickets are $2 each or three for $5, and can be obtained by contacting any team member.

The night of the event, which is themed "Americana 2003", the team will have a bake sale at their site; they will also provide hair paint and patriotic temporary tattoos for donations.

Other members of "The Misfits" are: Mike Huddleston, Greg Hodge, Wanda Stipe, Belinda Dollins, Karen Westmoreland, Gay Ritchey, Barbara Preston, D'Ann Preston, Cheree Tate, Kathy Kellner, Sarah Kellner, Tracy Sanders, Stephanie Ruiz, Kay Valentine, Laurie Etheredge, Tosha Callaway, Gale Northcott, Laurie Walker, Robbie Tindol, Carla Sanchez, Kathy Holdren, Susan Birkenfeld, and Debbie Williams.

Last year, Huddleston served as a team captain for her church, 37th Street Church of Christ.

"When we started putting the team together this year, we began with the church, then added some people we work with and are friends with, and that's how we came up with our team name. We're just a hodgepodge of people working together for a good cause," she said of "The Misfits."

Each person on the team has a goal to collect over $100 from family and friends, and then they are also selling the raffle tickets before the April 25-26 event.

Wendy Barnett, team member said, "By the time we add up our personal collections, raffle tickets and the money we take in the night of the relay, we should have at least $3,500."

"The Misfits" are putting out a challenge of raising at least $3,500 to all other teams participating in the relay. Barnett noted that if all 40 teams that are signed up to participate right now raised even $2,500 each that Scurry County would raise $100,000 for the American Cancer Society, eighty-five percent of which is earmarked for research into screening tests, better treatments and finally, a cure for cancer.

Margaret Presswood is still recruiting teams for the event, and she may be contacted at 573-4873. The deadline for entering a team in the Relay For Life is Tuesday. There will be a team captain meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Stanfield Elementary cafeteria, and each team captain will be turning in registration fees at this time.

The registration fee is $10 per participant, and it must be presented at the Tuesday meeting. Other items on the agenda for this meeting include turning in of t-shirt sizes for each participant, and a strategy session about fundraising, and campsite do's and don'ts.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society's toll free information line (1-800-ACS-2345) and website (www.cancer.org) are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

These services are available to everyone. A person does not have to be a cancer patient or family member to receive information from the ACS.

Locally, a voluntary board of directors, led by President Terrisu Mann represents the ACS. Information about the local unit can be obtained by calling 573-1031.

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Whatever happened to...

Suzanne Peek Reed, the daughter of Ollie and Jo Ann Peek of Snyder, is principal of Ash Elementary, a sixth grade campus in Plainview.

Suzanne, a 1974 graduate of Snyder High School, was a member of the varsity tennis team, the National Honor Society and the Future Teachers of America.

Suzanne Peek
1974

Suzanne Reed
2003

She received her bachelor of arts degree from West Texas State University in 1978 and her master's degree in education from West Texas State University in 1985.

Suzanne taught school 12 years in Dalhart and has been with the Plainview School District for the last 13 years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal.

She has spent several summers serving as a tour guide to the rain forest in Central and South American countries.

Suzanne has two children, Michael Reed, 23, and Brianne Reed, 17.

(Readers are invited to submit information for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 59550)

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Current picture?

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Moderately Confused

Logger cuts 20 acres of pines on city park land by mistake

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who was hired to cut down 100 acres of privately owned forest under attack by pine bark beetles said he didn't realized that as many as 1,000 of the trees he felled were actually on adjacent city-owned Brock Park on Houston's northeast side.

Alerted by a tip, city foresters discovered George Crow, who has owned a Houston-based logging company for 15 years, clear-cutting a 20-acre stand of 60- to 70-year-old pine trees in the park.

Crow and his two-man crew could face a number of charges, including trespassing, destruction of public property and theft.

"It was a mistake," Crow said. He misread his map, he said.

"It was forest, and he made a road through the forest and cut down all the trees," said Victor Cordoza, the city forester, who said he has seen nothing like it in 10 years as Houston's tree caretaker.

Cordoza, who viewed the site Wednesday, said a 60-foot-wide dirt road had been cut through the 354-acre park. In places, the tire tracks were knee-deep. And en route to the large trees at the center of the forest, the loggers mowed down younger trees in their path, Cordoza said.

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Financial Focus

Ask Yourself These Questions About Retirement

If you have many years left until retirement, you might not think much about it. After all, you're busy with work, family, activities - who has the luxury to think about retiring? And yet, by asking yourself some key questions about your retirement, you'll be far better prepared for the day when it arrives.

What types of questions should you be posing to yourself? Here are a few to consider:

•What's my "vision" for retirement? We all envision different retirement lifestyles. You may want to work until 65 and then open up a small business. Your neighbors may want to retire early and spend their time traveling the world. Because each of us has his or her own unique retirement vision, we'll also end up with different financial needs during retirement — which means we need to create personalized savings and investment strategies.

•Where will my financial resources come from? Most people get their money for retirement from three sources: Social Security; company-sponsored plans, such as 401(k)s; and personal savings and investments. Because everyone's situation is different, there's no one "formula" for determining the percentage of your retirement income that must come from each of these sources. However, it makes sense for you to do all you can to build your resources in all three areas.

•How much can I withdraw each year of my retirement? Thanks to advances in medicine and a growing awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, you can probably expect to spend between two and three decades in retirement. That's a long time — and you certainly don't want to outlive your resources. Consequently, you'll want to estimate how much you'll have to live on during retirement, and how much you can afford to withdraw each year.

•Am I protected against inflation? If inflation heats up again, your purchasing power could be seriously diminished during your retirement years. That's why you need to build a retirement portfolio that contains a sizable amount of growth-oriented investments that also meet your needs for diversification and your personal tolerance for risk.

•Will I face big tax bills? Many people assume that their tax obligations will automatically drop when they retire, but that doesn't always happen. Your income from investments could easily keep you in the same tax bracket, or even push you to a higher one. To prevent this from happening, you'll want to consistently keep taxes in mind when you invest. You may want to explore tax-free options, such as the Roth IRA. Tax-deferred vehicles, such as your 401(k) or traditional IRA, are also valuable but, sooner or later, taxes will be due. One key to preventing these taxes from overwhelming you is to plan your withdrawals carefully, so that you're not taking out more than you need.

•Can I maintain my financial independence? If you were to ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, you could face catastrophic costs. In fact, the average cost of a year's stay in a nursing home is about $50,000 - and these costs could rise tremendously by the time you're retired. To protect your financial independence, you may want to invest in a long-term care policy, which transfers the risk of paying for long-term care from you to an insurer.

By thinking of these and other retirement-related inquiries, you'll motivate yourself to take action that can help ensure the type of retirement you want. If you're diligent, asking the right questions can lead to finding the right answers.

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Orphaned brothers can recover with support

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Three orphaned brothers who survived a plane crash are facing a long emotional recovery, and the love and support of their family will go a long way in helping them, psychologists said Friday.

A pediatric counselor already has been treating the boys at the hospital, and relatives have been at their sides constantly, doctors said.

The boys, ages 2, 5 and 10, were found on the side of a southwestern Massachusetts mountain Monday, about 18 hours after the plane they were in crashed, killing their parents and two siblings.

"The main thing is the extended family is stepping in, which I think is very important," said Dr. Rudy Nydegger of the New York State Psychological Association.

The children will live with their aunt and uncle in upstate New York, near other members of the closely knit family.

The boys' family was returning home to Swanzey, N.H., from a Florida vacation when their single-engine plane crashed. Just before the crash, the father told air traffic controllers ice was forming on the wings of the plane.

National Transportation Safety Board officials said the plane was moved Friday to a salvage facility in Maine. An investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing.

Tyler Ferris, 10, and brothers Jordan, 5, and Ryan, 2, suffered from severe hypothermia. Jordan and Tyler also had broken limbs. Ryan was upgraded to fair condition Friday morning. His brothers remain in serious condition, said a spokeswoman at the Albany Medical Center.

Doctors said it may take a few weeks before they know whether the boys will lose extremities or tissue to frostbite. Hospital officials have said that the boys could go home in about two weeks.

Experts said the children's ages will make a difference in how they cope.

"The 10-year-old — this child is going to have the most vivid recollections, and he's going to be the least likely to sort of modify or adapt his memory to what he's told," said Dr. Gil Reyes, an assistant professor of clinical psychology at the University of South Dakota. "It's likely to become a central feature of his life."

The boy also will feel responsible for his younger brothers, Reyes said.

The 5-year-old probably will have some memories of the crash, but will also be very susceptible to what he's told about it. The 2-year-old will probably have no memory of the crash, but "his attachment needs are more pronounced," Reyes said.

Anxiety, fear, sleep disorders and aggressiveness are very common reactions to trauma, Nydegger said.

"There would be a trauma if no one was killed, the trauma of exposure, the terrible fear ... when the plane was going down," Nydegger said.

Today's chuckle

Is fight song most politically incorrect?

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Could the New Mexico State University fight song be the most politically incorrect in the country?

Some alumni say so, and are lobbying for a change.

The song includes the line: "And when we win this game we'll buy a keg of booze and drink it to the Aggies 'til we wobble in our shoes."

There is a perception the song promotes excessive drinking, the alumni magazine said.

"The last few years, we've had some alumni say that New Mexico is one of the worst states in the nation for driving while intoxicated," said Debbie Widger, alumni relations director. "Earlier this year, we attended an alumni function in Denver, where once again the topic was raised.

"So based on that, the question is, 'OK, do we want to change it or not?' We're taking the question to alumni, and if they want us to change it we'll change it."

Widger said research would be needed to determine when the song was written, but said, "We've been told by some alumni that they remembered singing the song in the late 1930s."

Widger said there's been "pretty strong opposition" to changing the song from some younger alumni.

"What threw me is that when they were asked if they knew the words to the fight song, they knew every single word of it," she said.

New Mexico State is the state's land-grant institution, with more than 24,000 graduate and undergraduate students on the main campus in Las Cruces and four branch campuses.

Stanfield

Stanfield perfect attendance students for the fourth six weeks are Shawnee Williams, Colter Smith, Miccah Waeley, Riley Arnold, Katelee Brock, Tyson Hester, Logan Hopper, Kristin Krueger, Arian Gutierrez, Hannah Smith, Brantley Stephens, Collin Wagner, Taylor Barrera, Anthony Castillo, Tanner Cooley, Kimberly Hagins, Meagan Lewis, Roney Martinez, Hayden Meek, Drew Moncevais, Deseray Rivera, Martin Torres,

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Hickox to conduct

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — British conductor Richard Hickox will take up the baton as Opera Australia's next music director.

Hickox, 55, is the principal conductor of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and an associate guest conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra.

He takes up his new position in 2005 and will replace Australian conductor Simone Young, whose contract with Opera Australia was not renewed at the end of last year amid controversy over her vision for the company.

Senior Center News

Due to spring break at Western Texas College there will be no senior swimnastics Tuesday or Thursday. Classes will resume next Monday.

Seniors, sixty plus, that have never participated in the swimming class are encouraged to join. It is scheduled Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. Western Texas College offers this program for local senior citizens.

A volunteer leads the class and a lifeguard is on duty. The class and parking are free. For further information call the center at 573-4035.

Newcomers are always welcome at the center. Participation in activities is free. We do ask senior citizens to make a donation of $2.50 for their noon meal. We also invite citizens who enjoy volunteering to join us in serving others. The Meals-on-Wheels program requires 15 volunteers a day. Besides this program there are 10 or more volunteers working at the center on a daily basis and many that work for other organizations throughout our community.

Seniors in need of transportation are asked to call the center and speak to Valerie. Seniors are transported to/from the center and for errands. Call a day before the needed service.

The free tax aide program at the Senior Center is available for citizens of all ages with a low or moderate income. When you come bring the following: a copy of last year's return; Social Security cards, including all dependents; all W-2 wage-earner's forms; all 1099 miscellaneous income forms; Social Security year total reports; dependents birth dates; any other records that may pertain to your specific situation.

The volunteers are available every Wednesday 9-noon and 1-3 p.m. The center is located at 2603 Avenue M.

MONDAY

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Seniors may participate in a mild exercise program on a daily basis. The exercise begins at 11 a.m. and lasts about twenty minutes. Seniors may exercise from a standing or sitting position.

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. in the quilting area. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis is a service organization that meets weekly at noon for lunch followed by a program. Social Security agents will be available at the center 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tax aide volunteers are available in the quilting area 9 a.m. until noon & 1-3 p.m. Ladies join us for billiards beginning at 9 a.m. The ladies play nine ball and eight ball. There is a volunteer available to assist newcomers. Pinochle is canceled for this week only. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. also, and, is immediately followed by clogging.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will not practice or entertain next week due to spring break. They will present a St. Patrick's Day program next Monday at 11 a.m. Join in daily exercise at 11 a.m. The center will open at 6 p.m. for game night.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m.

Senior Menu

Monday
Boneless BBQ rib
Blackeyed peas
Tater totes
Chilled pears
Peanut butter cookie

Tuesday
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
Spinach
Tomato wedges
Apricot cobbler
Garlic toast

Wednesday
Swiss steak
Whipped Potatoes
Green beans
Tossed Salad
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon

Thursday
Chicken strips w/gravy
Cottage fries
Steamed broccoli
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SPORTS

Bradley leads Mavs over Miami, 91-89

MIAMI (AP) — Shawn Bradley came up big for Dallas.

The 7-foot-6 backup center scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter and had nine rebounds in the Mavericks' 91-89 victory over the Miami Heat on Friday night.

"There were a couple of reasons why we won tonight, and Bradley was a big part of that," coach Don Nelson said. "He was terrific both offensively and defensively. When he comes to play like that, we're pretty good."

Bradley capped his performance with a 20-foot jumper that put the Mavericks up by 10 points with 3:02 remaining.

"It was a little deeper than I usually shoot it, but hey, that time I was open," said Bradley. "So I stepped up with confidence and shot the shot."

Steve Nash scored 22 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Michael Finley had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Bradley's disruptive defensive effort wasn't enough to prevent the Heat from going on a 10-2 run and almost tying the game with 11.1 seconds remaining.

A controversial officiating call was needed for that.

Caron Butler's drive to the basket was whistled dead, with referee Ken Mauer calling Nash for a blocking foul from under the basket and Bernie Fryer whistling an offensive foul from the sideline. Fryer's call prevailed.

"(Mauer) very visibly called it," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "He was the one under the basket. He saw it and the other guy, he just pointed the other way."

But Riley, who has been fined $75,000 for criticizing officials this season, restrained himself from commenting further.

"Heat bleeped," Riley told reporters. "That's tomorrow's headline. Don't leave it to me, I'm broke. I'm not doing it anymore. Write it the way you saw. Don't ask me for a response."

Nash felt confident it was the right call.

"I knew it was a charge," he said. "I don't know if my feet were 100 percent set, but he dropped his shoulder and was a little out of control."

"It was a clear charge, I thought he had great position," agreed teammate Eduardo Najera, adding another twist: "Plus, he's an All-Star, and Butler's a rookie, so it was a good call."

Mavericks coach Don Nelson has spoken about getting some of his players extra rest as the Mavericks gear up for the postseason. With upcoming games against Utah on Saturday and Minnesota on Monday, Friday night's game against the Heat seemed like a perfect candidate for an easy victory.

"We're going to enjoy this win the best we can," Nelson said. "It was an emotional win and it was a tough win. We're playing tomorrow. We'll fill it up and we'll be there."

Finley was called for fouling Mike James on a 3-point attempt with 2.9 seconds remaining in the game.

LANDING ZONE — Snyder Tiger Brad English soars into the pit during the long jump Saturday morning at the Canyon Reef Relays. (SDN Staff Photo)

Davis eyes slot in Rangers' rotation

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Doug Davis is the only left-hander in camp who has started a game for Texas. He is also out of options, meaning the Rangers could lose him if he doesn't make the team.

Still, Davis knows there is no guarantee he'll be in the starting rotation.

"There is a job out there that I have to win. I don't think just because I'm left-handed, I'm going to get this job," Davis said. "I've seen championship teams with all right-handers."

New Rangers manager Buck Showalter has made it clear that he's willing to go into the season with an all-righty rotation. The only spots likely settled so far are right-handers Chan Ho Park, John Thomson and Ismael Valdes.

"We're not going to put somebody in the rotation just because they are left-handed," Showalter said Friday.

Showalter wants to give Davis, 27, every opportunity to make the team. If Davis isn't on the 25-man roster opening day, he would have to clear waivers before the Rangers could send him back to Triple-A.

The only other legitimate candidate as a left-handed starter is C.J. Nitkowski, a former first-round draft pick by Cincinnati with a 95-mph fastball. He has pitched primarily in relief since starting 28 games for Houston's Triple-A team in 1997.

Nitkowski hasn't started a major league game since 2000 in Detroit. He appeared in 56 games for the Tigers and five for the New York Mets in 2001 and 13 for the Rangers last season.

"He's still a dark horse at this point, but could lighten up quickly," Showalter said.

Davis was once one of the Rangers' top pitching prospects. He was the organization's minor league pitcher of the year in 1999.

After starting with two straight wins over Oakland, including a two-hit shutout, last season was miserable. Davis was 1-5 his next seven starts and was sent back to Triple-A Oklahoma, where he made nine starts before his season ended in July because of a left shoulder strain.

His time in Texas last year was even tougher because of Oscar Acosta, the often-confrontational pitching coach who was fired less than three months into his only season with Texas.

Davis won't talk specifically about what happened last year, but it's obvious he would rather just forget about Acosta and 2002.

"Last year is gone for me, so that's not tough anymore. I didn't learn much from it," Davis said. "It was out of my control what happened last year. I wasn't performing, they sent me down and then I got hurt.

"It's happened to countless guys, so I just take it like that. It's part of the bumps and bruises of the game. You come back the next year and let it go."

Davis made his third spring appearance Friday, allowing an unearned run on four hits with three strikeouts in 2 1-3 innings against Oakland. He was relieved by Nitkowski, who gave up two runs on four hits with three strikeouts in 2 2-3 innings.

MLB warns players on ephedra

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — While not agreeing to an outright ban of ephedra, the baseball players' association is telling players to stay away.

Surrounded by memories of Steve Bechler, the Baltimore Orioles closed their clubhouse Friday and silently gathered around union head Donald Fehr.

In a one-page memo sent to all major leaguers Wednesday, the union said "we strongly recommend" players "be extremely reluctant to use any products containing ephedra."

The union cited action taken last week by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, which cautioned that users of ephedra-based products face "potentially serious risks."

Making his annual tour of spring training camps, Fehr's visit to Fort Lauderdale Stadium took on special significance. Bechler, a 23-year-old Baltimore pitching prospect, died of heatstroke on Feb. 17, and a Florida medical examiner linked the death to ephedra, an herbal supplement used by some athletes to lose weight.

"If that's the cause of the guy's death, then I think we need to stop using that, period," Minnesota Twins star Torii Hunter said in Fort Myers.

Commissioner Bud Selig last week banned players with minor league contracts from using ephedra, but that did not cover players on 40-man major league rosters, who all have major league contracts.

Baseball's labor contract prohibits only illegal drugs and certain steroids. Fehr had said the union would await the yet-to-be-released toxicology report from Bechler's autopsy before deciding whether to re-evaluate its position, which is that players should be allowed to use any legal product.

Ephedra is available without prescriptions in diet supplements.

"It's a legal drug available over the counter, so I don't know what we can do. It's up to Don and those guys," said Jason Johnson, the Orioles' player representative.

Fehr talked to the Orioles for 90 minutes and, with no lingering labor issues for the players to discuss, the No. 1 topic clearly was ephedra.

Bechler's No. 51 is posted on an outfield billboard and seven members of the Baltimore organization will attend a memorial service for him Saturday in his hometown of Medford, Ore. And all season long, the Orioles will wear his number on their sleeves.

"When you have a tragic event, it focuses people's attention in a different way," Fehr said. "Baseball's a pretty small family, and I think players everywhere pretty much reacted the same way."

"It may be that Congress is going to take another look at it," he said. "If they decide that it's unreasonably dangerous and should be banned, then that would eliminate any need to have discussion on the issue."

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	24	.613	—
Philadelphia	36	25	.590	1½
Boston	36	26	.581	2
Orlando	32	31	.508	6½
Washington	30	32	.484	8
New York	27	35	.435	11
Miami	20	41	.328	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	23	.623	—
Indiana	38	23	.623	—
New Orleans	36	27	.571	3
Milwaukee	31	31	.500	7½
Atlanta	24	38	.387	14½
Chicago	22	41	.349	17
Toronto	19	39	.328	17½
Cleveland	11	51	.177	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	47	14	.770	—
San Antonio	42	18	.700	4½
Minnesota	40	24	.625	8½
Utah	35	26	.574	12
Houston	31	30	.508	16
Memphis	19	41	.317	27½
Denver	12	50	.194	35½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	44	19	.698	—
Portland	39	22	.639	4
L.A. Lakers	34	26	.567	8½
Phoenix	33	28	.541	10
Golden State	30	31	.492	13
Seattle	28	33	.459	15
L.A. Clippers	19	42	.311	24

Friday's Games

Milwaukee 85, Washington 82
New York 111, Orlando 102
Dallas 91, Miami 89
Boston 83, L.A. Clippers 72
New Orleans 102, Cleveland 76
Sacramento 108, Utah 105, OT
Philadelphia 108, Seattle 99
L.A. Lakers 106, Minnesota 96

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Washington at New York, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 6 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Lady Tigers stop Jim Ned

Ashley Martinez got the win as the Lady Tigers (18-2) beat Jim Ned Friday afternoon, 5-2.

FBC golf tournament

The First Baptist Church youth ministry will sponsor the "Send a Youth to Camp" golf tournament March 29 at the WTC golf course. Cost is $40 per person, with four people per team. Format is ABCD blind draw scramble. Call the church office at 573-2631 for more information or to register.

Els shares lead at Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Ernie Els hit a shot into the water and bogeyed the 18th hole in a round of 4-under 68, slipping into a four-way tie for the lead after two rounds at the Dubai Desert Classic.

Els, the defending champion and winner of four of five events he has played in this season, had five birdies to move to 10-under 134.

Nazareth takes Texas Cup

AUSTIN (AP) — This time, Eric Schilling stayed in the game and Nazareth won the Texas Cup.

Schilling, the Swifts' standout forward whose foul trouble proved costly in Nazareth's 2002 loss in the championship game for Texas' smallest schools, scored 20 points Saturday and hit four key free throws in the final 22 seconds to send Nazareth past Tenaha 51-47.

Trey Robb added 13 points for Nazareth (28-6), the Class 1A Division II state champions.

Darius Ingram scored 15 to pace 1A Division I champion Tenaha (25-8).

Unlike last year's 70-50 Texas Cup loss to Brock, when Schilling picked up three fouls in the first four minutes, he played the entire first half without a whistle. Schilling's nine points led the Swifts into halftime with a 25-18 lead.

Tenaha opened the third with a 7-2 run behind Jeremy Moore's 3-pointer from the corner that cut the lead to 27-25 and Bruce Shields' follow off a miss made it 27-27.

The teams traded the lead or were tied seven times in the third. The Swifts hit three consecutive 3-pointers, including one from Schilling from the top of the arc, to take a 38-37 lead into the fourth.

Tenaha led 41-38 on two straight baskets to open the quarter but then turned the ball over on its next three possessions. Nazareth's Jordy Rowland hit a 3-pointer and the Swifts retook the lead for good at 42-41 on Robb's free throw with 3:37 left.

Chase Schulte, who hit two overtime-forcing shots in the Swifts' Division II title win, then hit a layup and had a key steal and assist to feed Robb on a fast-break bucket that made it 46-41.

State Basketball Tournament

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the University Interscholastic League boys' state basketball tournament:

CLASS 5A
Friday's Semifinals
Corpus Christi Ray 72, Cypress Creek 65
DeSoto 87, Fort Bend Hightower 73

Saturday's Championship
Corpus Christi Ray (33-3) vs. De Soto (32-5), 8 p.m.

CLASS 4A
Thursday's Semifinals
Beaumont Ozen 51, San Antonio Sam Houston 42
Fort Worth Dunbar 79, Dallas South Oak Cliff 65.

Saturday's Championship
Beaumont Ozen (33-0) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (36-1), 4 p.m.

CLASS 3A
Thursday's Semifinals
Everman 86, Aransas Pass 58
Tatum 68, Hempstead 61

Saturday's Championship
Everman (32-7) vs. Tatum (30-6), 10:30 a.m.

CLASS 2A
Semifinals
Friday's Semifinals
Hitchcock 63, Abernathy 41
Brock 73, Buffalo 38

Saturday's Championship
Hitchcock (29-3) vs. Brock (35-3), 2:30 p.m.

CLASS A
Thursday's Division Finals
Division II
Nazareth 69, Oakwood 60, 3OT
Division I
Tenaha 72, Lipan 55

Saturday's Championship
TEXAS CUP
Nazareth 51, Tenaha 47

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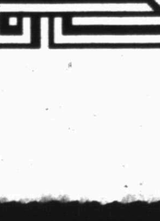
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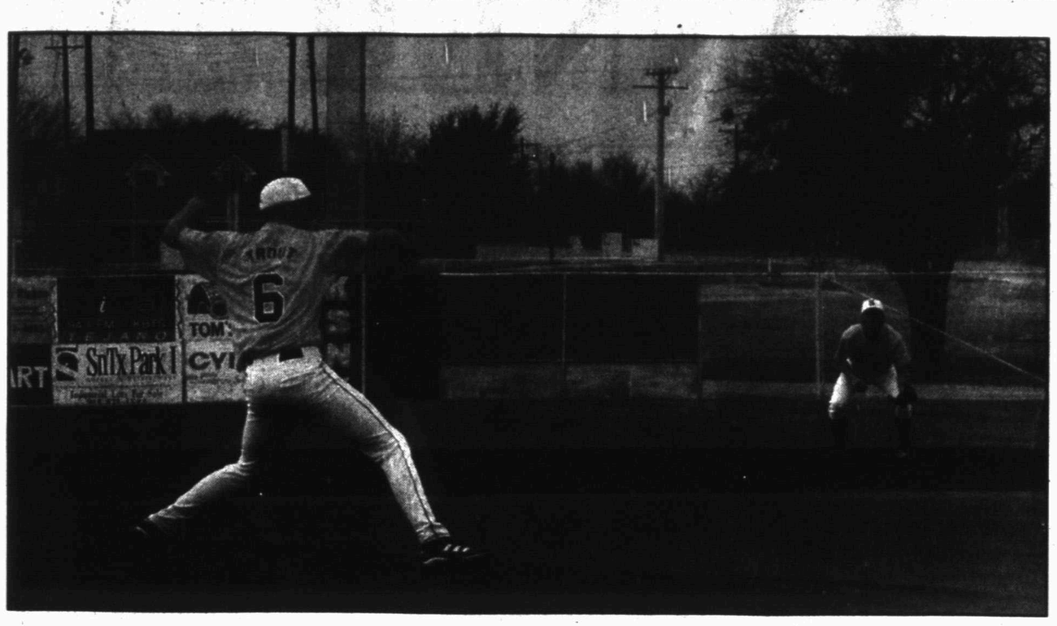

STAND AND DELIVER — Snyder hurler Tyler Trout delivers the first pitch Saturday morning in the Tigers' game against Lubbock Cooper while first baseman Logan Hill stands ready in the infield. The Tigers were done in by Perryton, 8-6, Friday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers sent to loser's bracket by Perryton

The Tigers will have to do it the hard way.

Snyder (5-5) was sent to the loser's bracket Friday night, after a disastrous first inning left the Tigers trailing by six runs before ever picking up a bat.

Starter Logan Hill struggled with his control, hitting two batters and giving up a grand slam to Rangers' first baseman John Cooper in the first inning.

"We've just got to come out focused," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "We can't give free runs. Six or seven of their runs came from walking or hitting guys."

Hill, who missed Tuesday's start with soreness in his shoulder, said his early wildness was the result of mental rather than physical factors.

"I just wasn't concentrating on my delivery," he said. "I was swinging my arm through. I felt like I settled down in the second and third innings."

Hill struck out two in the second, then loaded the bases in the third before giving way to Tyler Trout.

Hill went 2 1/3 innings, giving up eight runs on six hits and six walks.

Trout also had trouble finding the strike zone, walking four in one inning. The Tigers walked nine Rangers in the tilt.

Ty Collier came in and pitched the final 2 2/3, allowing no runs on two hits, settling things down to give the Tigers life after the team trailed 8-1 at the end of three.

Bollinger said he had no hesitation about bringing Collier in even though he got the start and the win Thursday night over Slaton.

"Ty did a great job for us. He only threw 55 pitches (Thursday), and with the way he throws, he doesn't put much wear and tear on his arm."

The Tigers mounted a comeback in the middle innings, plating two in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the sixth, but stranded seven runners over that span.

"Those are big innings," Bollinger said. "We need somebody to come up clutch in that situation. We need to understand that these are pre-season games and just go out and relax and play."

Catcher Shawn Roemisch went two-for-two with an RBI, and Marcus Villarreal drove in two runs on two singles.

Bollinger admitted his team is not where he wants them to be yet.

"We've got a ways to go. We're about three weeks away from where I want us to be, so we have a lot of work to do," he said. Bollinger also said his squad needs to focus on playing fundamentally sound baseball.

"We've got to do better at the basics of the game," he said. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure it out."

Hill said Bollinger told them to get ready for Saturday's game after the disappointing loss.

"He told us to fight back and forget it," he said. "You're only as good as your next game."

The Tigers played Lubbock Cooper Saturday morning at 9.

Because the Snyder tourney is double-elimination, the Tigers still had an opportunity to reach the championship game, but must win four games to do it.

In other tournament action, Post knocked Pampa and Sweetwater from the bracket Saturday. Levelland got past Coahoma before being stopped by Lubbock Cooper, who handed Sweetwater its first loss of the tourney before falling to Wylie.

Wylie and Perryton were scheduled to get underway at 11:45 Saturday morning.

Road-weary Westerners drop two at Odessa College

The Western Texas College Westerners were dealt a pair of losses Friday at Odessa, battling Odessa stopper Wardell Starling in a 4-2 loss before getting sheeled, 17-2 in the nightcap.

John Bewley was tagged with the loss in the first game, although he pitched well, said WTC assistant coach Billy Hefflinger.

"We didn't give him any run support, and they capitalized on early errors," he said. "We faced one of the top pitchers in the country — at any level."

Starling gave up just three hits, and had a no-hitter through four.

The Westerners had the tying run on second in the final frame, but Starling struck out the final two batters.

"We battled back, and we thought it would carry over to the second game," Hefflinger said.

It didn't, as WTC was blown out 17-2 in the second tilt. It was the second weekend in a row tha WTC lost a hard-fought opener, only to lose by more than 10 runs in the second contest.

"Odessa hit the ball well," Hefflinger said. "It's not that we aren't playing hard, we just can't get over the hump in the second game. We haven't carried the intensity over from the first game."

Cody Guzman was tagged for the loss.

After playing 20 of their first 26 games away from home, the road-weary Westerners (6-18, 1-9) are ready for some home cooking.

"We just need to keep plugging away," Hefflinger said. " We have only played six games at home, and starting next weekend we have 10 in a row at home. That will help us out."

Hefflinger said being on the road so much is tough on a first-year program, which is unaccustomed to the travel.

"You are staying in hotels and not eating as well," he said. "Being at home will definitely benefit us."

Shay Franks was scheduled to get the start in the first game of a Saturday twinbill at Odessa.

WTC returns to Snyder for a long home-stand starting Thursday against Weatherford JC at 2 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Bills proactive in free agency

By the Associated Press

Takeo Spikes wanted out of Cincinnati. Peerless Price wanted to go to Atlanta.

The Buffalo Bills made both players happy Friday.

First, the Bills traded Price to Atlanta, giving the Falcons the speedy wide receiver they desperately craved. In return, Buffalo got back one of the first-round draft choices it surrendered last year for Drew Bledsoe, the 23rd overall.

Then the Bills got Spikes, one of the NFL's unsung linebacking stars, to sign an offer sheet. He was made a transition player by the hapless Bengals, but made it clear he wanted to be elsewhere.

The Bengals have a week to match the offer. Team spokesman Jack Brennan said they would study it and had no further comment.

The champion Tampa Buccaneers cleared room under the salary cap by restructuring the contract of All-Pro defensive end Simeon Rice. They used the space to re-sign linebacker Shelton Quarles and add offensive lineman Jason Whittle.

Quarles, who made his first Pro Bowl last season, got a five-year contract worth about $3 million per season.

"Obviously we are very excited to have Shelton back," coach Jon Gruden said. "His speed, playmaking and leadership make us very unique on defense."

The Bucs finalized a five-year, $8.2 million deal with Whittle, who spent the first five years of his career with the New York Giants.

The Giants released cornerback Jason Sehorn, who has been slowed by a series of knee problems over the past few seasons. Sehorn, due a $1 million reporting bonus on Monday, was given the choice of taking a major salary cut or being released.

The Giants officially signed punter Jeff Feagles, whose contract agreement had been announced earlier this week, and the New York Jets cut punter Matt Turk.

Philadelphia signed former Oakland fullback Jon Ritchie. Cleveland re-signed defensive tackle Alvin McKinley.

Atlanta was delighted to get Price, whose 94 receptions last season were 38 more than Atlanta's leading receiver, Brian Finneran. Atlanta is likely to throw a lot more with Price as a target for Michael Vick.

"This gentleman," Falcons owner Arthur Blank said of Price, "adds a dimension that we didn't have last year. Mike is only going to get better."

Price agreed to a seven-year deal his agent, Tim McGee, said was worth between $35 million and $40 million, with a signing bonus of $10 million.

In a related move, the Bills re-signed veteran receiver Charles Johnson. Johnson, who had just three receptions last season, could compete for the No. 3 job behind Eric Moulds and Josh Reed, who will take Price's starting spot.

Sehorn's release had been expected — either now or after June 1.

He was known for spectacular plays, including an interception he returned for a touchdown in a playoff game against Philadelphia in 2000, catching the ball on his back, then getting up and running 32 yards to the end zone. But after signing a six-year deal after that season, he was continually troubled by knee injuries.

"At many times throughout his career, Jason was an outstanding player for us," said coach Jim Fassel, who called the play against the Eagles "one of the greatest individual athletic plays I have ever seen."

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	17	6	5	87	174	138
Philadelphia	35	18	11	2	83	157	138
N.Y. Islanders	30	26	9	2	71	179	184
N.Y. Rangers	28	31	9	2	67	186	205
Pittsburgh	25	34	4	5	59	166	206

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	41	18	7	1	90	211	146
Toronto	37	26	4	1	79	197	173
Boston	30	26	8	3	71	198	191
Montreal	24	28	8	8	64	170	200
Buffalo	20	32	8	6	54	147	176

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	32	25	8	4	76	189	181
Tampa Bay	30	23	10	5	75	185	182
Florida	21	26	12	9	63	157	197
Carolina	20	34	9	6	55	142	193
Atlanta	22	34	6	4	54	174	234

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	38	17	9	3	88	216	167
St. Louis	35	19	8	6	84	214	178
Nashville	27	25	10	5	69	165	165
Chicago	24	29	10	5	63	160	174
Columbus	24	33	7	2	57	173	211

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	39	18	10	1	89	215	172
Colorado	33	16	11	7	84	199	164
Minnesota	33	24	9	1	76	160	144
Edmonton	29	23	8	8	74	182	187
Calgary	22	31	10	4	58	151	193

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	37	14	15	2	91	207	140
Anaheim	32	25	8	4	76	164	166
Phoenix	26	28	8	4	64	169	180
Los Angeles	28	31	4	4	64	173	183
San Jose	25	30	6	5	61	180	192

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Friday's Games

Carolina 1, Minnesota 0
N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 1
Detroit 7, St. Louis 2
Florida 2, Atlanta 1
Tampa Bay 4, Colorado 3
Calgary 2, Chicago 0
Nashville 2, Dallas 1
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1

Saturday's Games

Washington at Boston, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY
Spring Break
TUESDAY
Baseball: Snyder JV #1 vs. Lakeview, 1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Spring Break
THURSDAY
Baseball: Snyder varsity in Burkburnett tourney.
WTC vs. Weatherford JC, DH, 4 p.m.
Softball: Snyder varsity in Eula tourney.
WTC at Rose State College, DH, 1 p.m.
FRIDAY
Baseball: Snyder varsity in Burkburnett tourney.
WTC vs. Midland JC, DH, noon.
Ira at Roby, 4 p.m.
Softball: WTC at Rose State College, DH, 1 p.m.
SATURDAY
Baseball: Snyder varsity in Burknurnett tourney.
WTC vs. Midland JC, DH, noon.
Softball: Snyder varsity in Eula tourney.
WTC in Midwest JUCO Classic, Sapulpa, Okla.
Snyder JV vs. Amarillo Tascosa, 11 a.m.

Junior high squads place fifth at Lamesa track meet

The Snyder Jr. High track seventh and eighth-grade squads both placed fifth in the Lamesa track meet, with several junior Tigers finishing near the top in individual events.

Joey Hernandez took first place in the 800-meter run, while teammate Cody Reed finished second.

Ryan Claxton topped the field in the long jump. He was the runner-up in the triple jump.

Joseph Hefner came in second in the 300-meter hurdles, and finished third in the 110-meter hurdles.

The seventh-grade 800-meter relay team raced to second place in their event, while the sprint relay team took third.

The next meet for the junior high will be March 20 at Big Spring.

Results for Snyder from the Lamesa track meet

Eighth-grade
Ramsey Herrera-6th Triple Jump; 5th 110 Hurdles
Ryan Mitchell-5th Long Jump; 3rd 110 Hurdles
Sprint Relay- 5th
Joey Hernandez- 1st 800 M; 5th 400 M
Cody Reed- 2nd 800 M
800 Relay- 5th
Kyle Sanchez- 6th 200 M
Mile Relay- 5th

Seventh-grade
Sprint Relay- 3rd
800 Relay-2nd
Mile Relay- 5th
Ryan Claxton- 1st Long Jump; 2nd Triple Jump
Dustin Murdock- 4th High Jump; 6th 100 M; 6th 200 M
Josh Ornelas- 5th 800 M
Joseph Hefner- 3rd 110 Hurdles; 2nd 300 Hurdles
Colton Brewster- 5th 100 M

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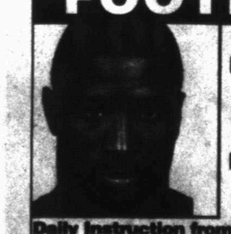
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512-463-6792)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: **William Fikes**; I have surveyed the property located at **811 23rd St.**, (Lot 1&2, Block 1, Grayum & Clark Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about March 24, 2003. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

Tom Valentine
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$100 Reward for Sable!
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If interested, please call Sunoco at 915-672-4888 for an application packet. EOE, M/F D/V

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DUTIES: Under general supervision, operates the permit office at the Sam Wahl Recreational Area - Lake Alan Henry. Responsible for charging and collecting gate fees for lake and recreation area users. Responsible for securing daily and annual permits, cash and cash reports. Performs general light housekeeping duties. Performs job duties in a way that promotes a positive image of the City organization and the department; demonstrates effective interpersonal skills and delivers exemplary customer service.

QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of a high school diploma. Ability to read and understand documents such as safety rules and cautions listed on cleaning/chemical supply labels, regulation pertaining to Lake Alan Henry, operation and maintenance instructions and procedures manuals. Ability to remain calm while conducting emergency communications coordination. Ability to write legible cash reports and speak effectively before groups of lake customers or city employees. Ability to work in a positive manner with the public is crucial. Ability to work indoors in a small building for the entire shift without leaving the building. Ability to work shifts of up to 12 hours per day. Work hours will be evenings, weekends and holidays. Hazards encountered during the shift include dealing with customers, securing various amounts of cash, utilizing various types of cleaners and working long hourly shifts without relief. **LAKE ALAN HENRY IS LOCATED 65 MILES SOUTHEAST OF LUBBOCK. Prefer: One year (within the past three years) cashier/cash register operation experience.**

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Closing Date: March 21, 2003

TO APPLY: Send application to **Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457.** All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office located at 1625 13th Street, Room 104 by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. **Resume must be accompanied by an application. The City of Lubbock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.** The City of Lubbock is under the Texas Public Information Act and information from your resume/application may be subject to release to the public.

The applicant(s) selected for this position must pass a felony conviction criminal history check at time of hire.

AUCTION

ESTATE AND COLLECTIBLE AUCTION
SALE TIME 10 A.M. Sat. March 15 , 2003
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1160 Westpoint (Old Hwy. 80) Colorado City, TX
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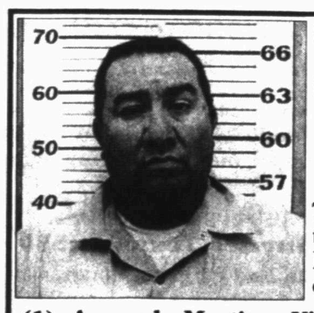

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
March 4, 2003

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Armando Martinez Villesca, 45 year old male, 1914 Coleman, Apt. #2, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Contact". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.
(1) Armando Martinez Villesca, Un hombre, 45 anos de edad, 1914 Coleman, Apt. #2, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de " Indecencia Con Un Menor por Descubrir". La victima era nina, catorce anos de edad.
(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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BY OWNER
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BY OWNER
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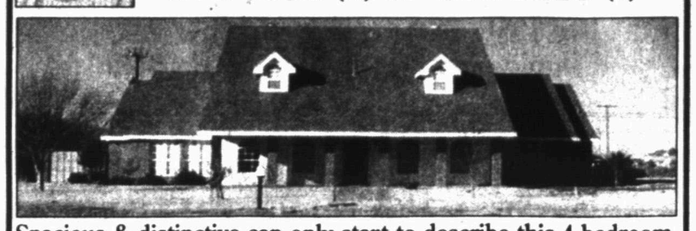

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, March 9, 2003
Although you may not have any strong desires to conquer the world in the year ahead, you will indulge yourself in many activities that will bring joy and happiness into your life. Good times are ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Disappointment may be in store for you today if you have been unrealistic about what your labor or input is worth. Chances are the remuneration you were expecting won't be there.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although your popularity and influence is gaining momentum, there is one person out there who isn't too happy about it. This individual could cause you trouble today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There are times when high visibility could invite potshots from competitors and this may be one of those days. You'll be more effective if you keep a low profile in all your affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even though your judgment is usually quite good, pride could override it today and cause you to ignore something good that's right before your eyes. It'll be your loss.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Loving too much of the good things in life could wipe out your budget while out shopping today. You may have to get a tight grip on yourself and know when to stop indulging.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Personal interests can be advanced today, provided you are able to keep at bay a well-intentioned associate who usually gums things up. She or he will be in bad form once again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Shy away from situations over which you have little or no control today. You will be asking to be dragged into someone else's tempest if you allow yourself to be controlled.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may be well received by others today, but someone else with whom you will be closely aligned today may not. Don't let this person jeopardize any valued relationships for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There are strong indications that you'll not be able to fully capitalize on your opportunities today due to someone else's interference. You may have to chalk it up to being one of those days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be extremely careful when involved in competitive activities with friends today. If you win you may have to contend with someone who is a poor loser. Do your best to smooth things over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Something you've yearned for dearly may be up for sale today, but it may be far more expensive than you ever anticipated. Everything has its price, so be sure it's worth it to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There are few people with whom you don't get along, and, unfortunately, you might encounter just such an individual today. Deal with it as best you can and get on with your life.

Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, March 10, 2003
More than one important but unrelated interest could occupy and dominate much of your time in the year ahead. All can be successful, but to develop them properly, each should be treated separately.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It might be difficult for you today to keep a proper perspective when it comes to competitive involvements, especially if you are playing some kind of game. Do so solely for fun, not for ego.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Some views you feel strongly about may not be well received by your associates today. Don't continue to push your thoughts down their throats — it'll only get their backs up against you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This may not be the day to make large requests from others, even if one or two people are indebted to you. Find out what their plans are before you ask people to do your bidding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Important objectives may not hold equal significance to your associates. Each may have to bend a bit in order to work together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The bond between you and a coworker with whom you are closely involved could be rather fragile at this time. Set the example by modifying your behavior to gel better with his or hers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't allow two friends of yours to draw you into a sticky situation today that exists between them and does not directly concern you. It'll spoil your day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Prematurely attempting to wrap up an important agreement could be a grave mistake. You may make concessions you will later regret.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When conversing with friends today try not to monopolize the conversation with subject matters that only relate to you. Your listeners will be tuned out and you could be turned out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may have to face facts today and start living within the bounds of your budget constraints — no matter what kinds of personal sacrifices you will be facing. It'll be worse later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although you might want to engage in certain things today that other family members find objectionable, you'd be wise to forego those activities in order to divert a ruckus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Dealing with disagreeable individuals isn't usually your forte, but today you'd be wise to be as diplomatic as possible. If you overreact to with an unpleasant individual, chaos could occur.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'd be smart to be a trifle cynical about a business proposal made to you today by a clever salesperson. His or her pitches could be far better than any product you'd receive for your funds.

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Rennie of Escada pushing stars to wear his designs

NEW YORK (AP) — Head designer Brian Rennie of Escada began approaching Hollywood stars in early February about wearing his elegant gowns on Oscar night.

At that time, the stars and their stylists wanted sexy, body-conscious, sherbet-colored gowns — and no one wanted anything in black, Rennie told The Associated Press in a recent phone interview.

Although he wouldn't mention names or give details of the designs, Rennie said two custom dresses being made by Escada for the March 23 Academy Awards show in Hollywood are very colorful.

But with a threatened U.S.-led war on Iraq looming, Hollywood is now considering a more subtle look for the red carpet, he said.

"People are being a little slow on making a final decision. They are waiting to see what happens," said Rennie, who designed the turquoise-and-white outfit worn by Oscar nominee Queen Latifah ("Chicago") at January's Golden Globe Awards show.

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We thank you with grateful hearts for the many expressions of sympathy at the death of our loved one, Stanley Martin. The many floral contributions, food, visits, phone calls, cards, notes, kind words, & thoughtful gestures will never be forgotten. The visits from each of you while in the hospital in Lubbock was very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Steve Highfield and our friend, Dr. Tom Kerr for the comforting words & visits. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you and pray God's blessing on each of you.

The family of Stanley Lowell Martin
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Bush in final push for U.N. support for war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is engaging in a final, intense flurry of uphill diplomacy to win U.N. backing to militarily disarm Saddam Hussein but, regardless of the outcome, very shortly faces making his long-awaited decision about war in Iraq.

Chief U.N. weapons inspectors delivered a report Friday to the U.N. Security Council on efforts to rid Iraq of banned weapons of mass destruction under a resolution approved last fall. But the high-stakes meeting ended without support beyond a small core of allies for another, newly amended U.S.-British-Spanish proposal that paves the way for an attack.

"Unfortunately, it is clear that Saddam Hussein is still violating the demands of the United Nations by refusing to disarm," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address, reacting to the inspectors' assessment and the day's diplomatic maneuverings.

Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice planned to lobby allies by telephone through the weekend and up until next week's planned vote on the new resolution.

Aides did not rule out travel for the three, and Bush was said to be telling fellow leaders it was important for Security Council resolutions to have muscle. "I need you to do that," a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, quoted Bush's typical pitch.

On Friday, Bush conferred by phone with Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong.

Suspects in identity theft ring arrested

FORT WORTH (AP) — More than a dozen Fort Worth residents, most of them related, are accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in merchandise through what police say is a huge identity theft ring.

Just after dawn Friday, law enforcement authorities entered a south Fort Worth home and plucked a hiding man from beneath a bed. Two of the man's aunts were already in custody, and his mother, father, sister and several cousins were about to be.

By late Friday afternoon, law enforcement officials had arrested 11 people, most of them related by blood or marriage. Three others remained at large.

Arrest warrants were issued Thursday for the 14 people, including five sisters and some of their children, following their indictment on various charges by a Tarrant County grand jury.

Most are accused of stealing, buying or fabricating driver's licenses or identification cards, using them to open checking accounts at banks and then writing checks for at least $190,000 worth of merchandise.

Officials said that as the investigation continues, the value of checks found to be written using stolen identities could reach $500,000.

Arrested Friday were Jessie Island Johnson, 54; Harry Lee Island, 58; Charles Willie Johnson, 34; Evelyn Marie Johnson, 32; Juanita Johnson, 52; Rosie Lee Johnson, 33; Mary Louise Johnson, 46; Viola Mack, 37; Rosie Lee Foster, 48; and Lashawn Renee Johnson, 29.

Most were booked into Tarrant County Jail with bail set at $50,000 or more, depending on the number of charges against them.

Rosa Jean Mack, 35, who is in Tarrant County Jail on an unrelated charge, was also arrested.

Still at large late Friday were Deon A. Hawkins, 28; Deandra M. Clark, 34; and Joni Johnson, 20.

The indictments capped an 18-month investigation by the district attorney's economic crimes division, which is charged with deterring white-collar crimes, including identity theft.

Prosecutor Joe Shannon, who oversees the division, said victims usually don't realize that they have been duped until about 14 months after the crime — when bill collectors begin to call. Then, he said, it takes, on average, 12-18 months and $800 to repair the problem.

The group is suspected of writing bad checks for washers, dryers, refrigerators, televisions, clocks, office furniture, jewelry, beds, dressers and vacuum cleaners, among other things.

At some point, police realized that several people who had been charged with thefts were related. The cases were eventually presented to a grand jury, and authorities set out Friday to round up the suspects, running simultaneous raids on three Fort Worth homes.

Analysts see $1.82 trillion in 10-year deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — A forecast that President Bush's budget would yield $1.82 trillion in deficits over the next decade is fueling a partisan fight over the wisdom of his plan to cut taxes again this year.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office released the projection Friday, less than a week before the Republican-controlled House and Senate Budget committees write their own, separate spending blueprints for 2004. The leaders of those panels are struggling to balance two goals: shrinking deficits and cutting taxes.

"There is no question this continued slowdown will make our job more difficult," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla. "And it further emphasizes the need to grow the economy, create jobs and generate revenue if we have any hope of meeting our long-term budget goals."

The report underlined the continued, abrupt turnabout in the government's books, which analysts said just two years ago were on track to produce $5.6 trillion in surpluses over 10 years.

Democrats said the bad budget numbers demonstrated how harmful new, large tax cuts would be. Bush has proposed $1.57 trillion in tax cuts over the coming decade, highlighted by a $726 billion package aimed at sparking the economy by eliminating levies on corporate dividends and speeding up income-tax rate reductions.

"The administration promised two years ago that there was more than enough surplus for huge tax cuts, but in their wake, chronic deficits have emerged," said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C. "Now, despite the deteriorating budget outlook and a stagnant economy, the administration proposes more of the same."

Democrats say almost unanimously Bush's tax cut plan is far too big. Many moderate Republicans agree, especially in the Senate, where a group of moderates from both parties are starting to coalesce around an economic package about half the size Bush wants.

Neither Nickles nor House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, has said how large their tax cuts will be. Both have said their top priority will be the economic growth portion of Bush's plan.

Since January alone, the budget office's cumulative projections for the next 10 years have worsened by nearly $450 billion. That mostly reflects higher government-wide spending that lawmakers approved last month, and a continued drop in revenue caused by the weak economy.

Product safety agency denies request for registration cards

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Federal regulators turned down a request Friday to require that children's products come with registration cards intended to help companies alert users when a product is found to be dangerous.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission voted 2-1 against the proposal by the Consumer Federation of America, with the panel's two Republicans voting against the idea. They said their agency's own efforts would do a better job ensuring more people are aware of product recalls.

"Recall effectiveness is a priority," said Hal Stratton, the agency's chairman. He said the petition had a worthy goal, but more research is needed to learn whether consumers would use the cards.

A broad agency study on how to improve recall effectiveness is to be completed by the fall of 2004. The commission plans to host a forum on the issue on May 15.

Between 50 percent and 60 percent of consumers respond to most recalls by returning a product or getting it repaired or replaced, agency spokesman Ken Giles said, citing the latest available data. The numbers do not include people who threw away defective items.

The Consumer Federation of America petitioned the safety agency in July 2001, asking for rules requiring that makers of children's products include a postage-free card with each product.

Under the proposal, consumers would put their contact information on the card and send it to the manufacturer. The company would keep the information for at least 20 years and notify consumers if the product was recalled.

The card would be separate from warranty or other cards and contact information would only be used to alert people about safety problems.

Rachel Weintraub, assistant general counsel with the consumer group, said the vote was a huge disappointment.

Arrests keep officers busy

•Arrests

Deputies arrested a 46-year-old man at 4:40 p.m. Friday on warrants for theft by check.

Snyder officers arrested a 28-year-old man in the 2300 block of Ave. I at 9:30 p.m. Friday on warrants for speeding, driving without a valid license and for failure to appear before a judge.

At 10 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 31-year-old woman in the 1500 block of 24th Street on several warrants for theft by check.

A 71-year-old woman was taken into custody in the 500 block of 27th Street at 1:20 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

•Criminal mischief

A woman reported at 11:30 p.m. Friday that the tires on her daughter's car had been slashed in the parking lot at The Cinema. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

•Close patrols

A man on FM 1611 reported vehicles drag racing Friday afternoon and requested a close patrol of the area.

A woman in the 2300 block of Ave. I reported loud music at 9:15 p.m. Friday. Officers responded and contacted a group who agreed to lower the volume. At 10:30 p.m., officers were called back to the same location and advised the group of the consequences if they had to return.

At 4 a.m. Saturday, a woman in the 100 block of Hickory reported someone at her back door trying to break in. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area, but initiated a close patrol.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a gas drive off worth $26.50 at 10:15 p.m. Friday.

Births

Sheena Diean Callaway announces the birth of her son, Davyan Jashon Callaway, at 5:45 p.m. on March 3 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Davyan weighed seven pounds, 11½ ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Diean Callaway of Hermleigh. Shawndalyn and John Hill of Snyder and Caleb and Jolee Callaway of Baird are his aunts and uncles.

Scott and Amy Ellis of Sherman announce the birth of their daughter, Karamie Danielle Ellis, at 12:33 p.m. on Feb. 28 in Texas Women and Children's Hospital in Denison.

Two sisters, Emily and Natalie, and an aunt, Traci Eicke of College Station, also welcomed her.

Grandparents are Arlie and Barbara Eicke of Snyder and Charley and Mary Ellis of Sherman.

Great-grandparents include Lavelle Eicke of Snyder.

Obituaries

Otis Francis

1933-2003

SWEETWATER — Otis Francis, a former sports editor of the Snyder Daily News, died Wednesday, March 5.

Service with military honors for Mr. Francis is set for 3 p.m. Monday in Restland of Dallas. He had retired from the Sweetwater Reporter in 1999.

Mr. Francis, born Dec. 24, 1933 in Hutto, graduated from high school in Waco and from a university in Syracuse, N.Y. His military career included two years in the Marines and 25 years in the Air Force, retiring with numerous achievements and medals. He had won several awards from the Associated Press.

He was preceded in death by a son, Clemens Francis; a brother, Bruce Francis; his father, Henry Francis; and his mother, Ethel Francis.

Survivors include his wife, Kaethe Francis of Sweetwater, a son, Henry Francis; a daughter, Catja Broll; a stepdaughter, Yahamo Francis; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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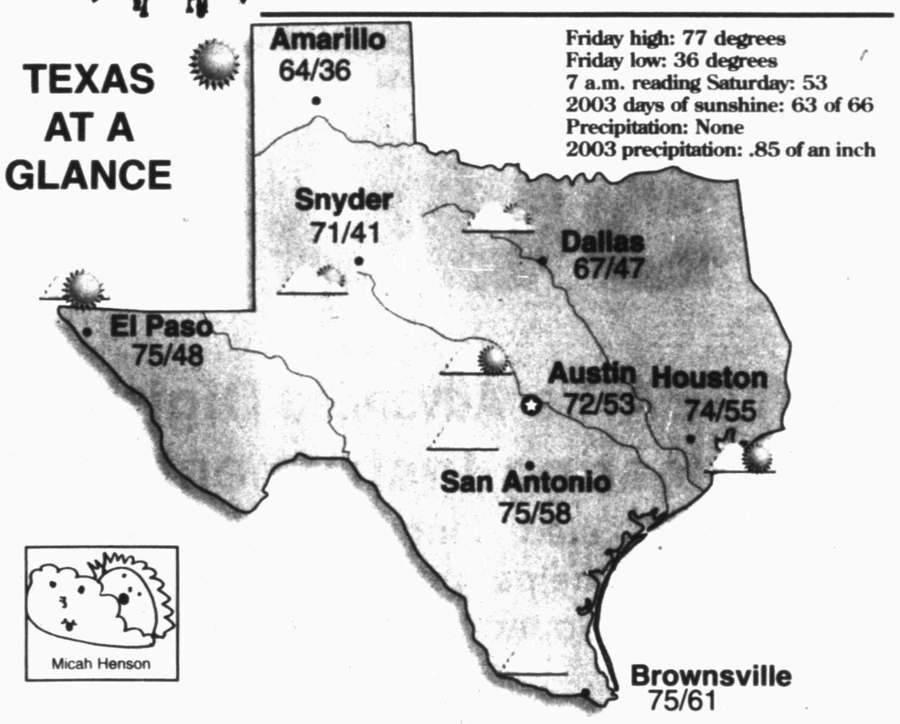

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2003 days of sunshine: 63 of 66
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .85 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	47	pt sunny	El Paso	75	48	mst sunny	Midland	75	46	pt sunny
Amarillo	64	36	sunny	Fort Stockton	77	51	pt sunny	Raymondville	75	57	cloudy
Austin	72	53	cloudy	Gainesville	64	41	pt sunny	Rosenberg	74	54	cloudy
Beaumont	73	52	cloudy	Greenville	65	42	pt sunny	San Antonio	75	58	cloudy
Brownsville	75	61	cloudy	Houston	74	55	cloudy	San Marcos	73	54	cloudy
Brownwood	72	48	pt sunny	Kingsville	74	57	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	65	42	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	71	58	cloudy	Livingston	73	48	pt sunny	Sweetwater	73	45	pt sunny
Corsicana	67	47	pt sunny	Longview	67	42	pt sunny	Tyler	68	46	pt sunny
Dallas	67	47	pt sunny	Lubbock	72	40	sunny	Weatherford	66	41	pt sunny
Del Rio	81	61	cloudy	Lufkin	72	49	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	63	40	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	38	pt sunny	Houston	74	55	cloudy	Phoenix	82	56	mst sunny
Boston	43	17	rain	Los Angeles	72	52	mst sunny	San Francisco	61	50	cloudy
Chicago	27	13	sunny	Miami	88	71	pt sunny	Seattle	51	41	rain
Dallas	67	47	pt sunny	Minneapolis	13	2	mst sunny	St. Louis	38	26	pt sunny
Denver	53	30	pt sunny	New York	46	22	rain	Washington, DC	53	30	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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Mar 3	Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25

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SHS drama students getting ready for one-act

But first they will enjoy spring break in London

For a number of years, Snyder High School's drama students have spent their spring break getting ready for one-act play competition.

This year they will get to enjoy the annual holiday. Seventeen drama students, director Brad Vincent and patrons Hope and Evan Heaton are London bound.

The locals were to leave Saturday. Their first stops will be Dallas, Houston and then onto London. They will return next Saturday.

Breakaway Tours has designed this tour especially for theatre students, Vincent said. The itinerary includes four or five shows in London and a trip to Shakespeare's home where they will spend a day.

The tour will also include historic sites such as Windsor Castle and the Royal National Theatre, London's main theatre.

"We are really looking forward to this trip," Vincent said.

The drama students will hardly have time to catch their breaths after they return because District 3A one-act competition gets underway with the district contest March 29, hosted by Sweetwater High School.

SHS will perform at 5 p.m.

Other schools in Snyder's district are Seminole, Lamesa, Denver City and Merkle. Since the district has only five schools, a zone contest will not be needed.

The area contest is slated April 4 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Regional competition will follow April 11 at Odessa College.

In past years, Snyder has hosted one-act competition, but will not do so this school year.

Vincent explained that since the UIL realignment, Snyder is no longer a central location. He noted that several schools have expressed their disappointment that Snyder won't be hosting this year.

He noted that Snyder had been hosting one-act play contests since about the mid-1980s.

Vincent said he expects competition to be just as tough in 3A as 4A was.

"Just because we moved down doesn't mean the contests get any easier," he added.

He noted that 3A shows at the 2002 state contest were as good as or even better that some of the 4A shows.

He added that 3A schools usually have bigger audiences, have more community involvement and students get to do a lot of different activities.

The play casts are almost always bigger as some 4A and 5A schools have five or six in their cast.

"3A shows almost always have a full cast of 15, which I really like," Vincent added.

Snyder's one-act play will be William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

"We try to do a Shakespeare play each year because it offers more flexibility, more scenery and costumes and the most editing of the script," Vincent said.

He said they also prefer a Shakespearean play because the cast is large. He also chose *The Tempest* because it fits the talents of his students.

Another important reason Vincent said is the educational value. "If an actor can do Shakespeare, they can do anything."

Vincent noted that they will spend eight weeks on *The Tempest*. "We could do a small play and be successful but we would tire of it. We prefer a play with depth."

The Tempest will be the most technical play Snyder has produced during Vincent's years as director.

The Tempest is about a wizard, Prospero, played by Bobby Sands, who lives on a deserted island with his daughter, Miranda, played by Blake Robertson. Prospero is the rightful Duke of Milan who was exiled by Antonio, the duke's brother, played by Josh Knox, and Alonso, the King of Naples, played by Paul Jackson.

Jeff Scott plays Sebastian, the king's brother.

One of the wizard's servants is a spirit named Ariel, played by Sara Canto, Nicole Sloboda and Mallorye Miller. Another is Caliban, an ogre type slave, played by Tanner Beard. When Prospero learns that his brother and the king are nearby he summons a storm that shipwrecks them on the island. Also on the boat are Ferdinand, the king's son, played by Cole Welch.

The shipwrecked people make it to different parts of the island. This is Prospero's design because he wants his daughter, Miranda, and the king's son to fall in love.

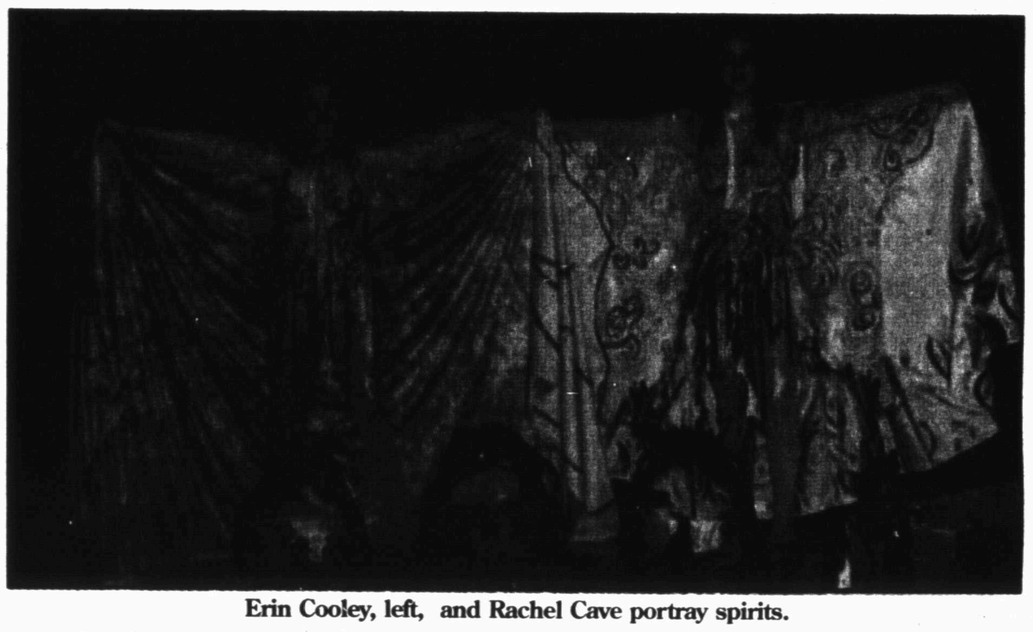
Other characters include Gonzalo, the Old Councilor, played by Jason Hook, Trinculo, a sailor, played by Clark Reed; Stephano, played by Caleb Durham; and two spirits, played by Rachel Cave and Erin Cooley.

A murder plot and confusing situations keep the play moving, but all turns out well in the end.

Marissa Chaidez serves as house manager. Justin Cox will be in charge of lights and Jerry Ashley will have sound duties. Jeff Stanfield is the stage manager, Bret McClendon is the production manager and Lacy Kincaid is in charge of costumes.

REHEARSAL — Thespians include front from left, Jason Hook, Paul Jackson Jeff Scott and Josh Knox; middle from left, Mallorye Miller, Sara Cantu, Nicole Sloboda. Erin Cooley is in back.

THE WIZARD — Bobby Sands portrays Prospero, the wizard, who is also the exiled Duke of Milan.



Erin Cooley, left, and Rachel Cave portray spirits.

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By Shirley A. Gorman

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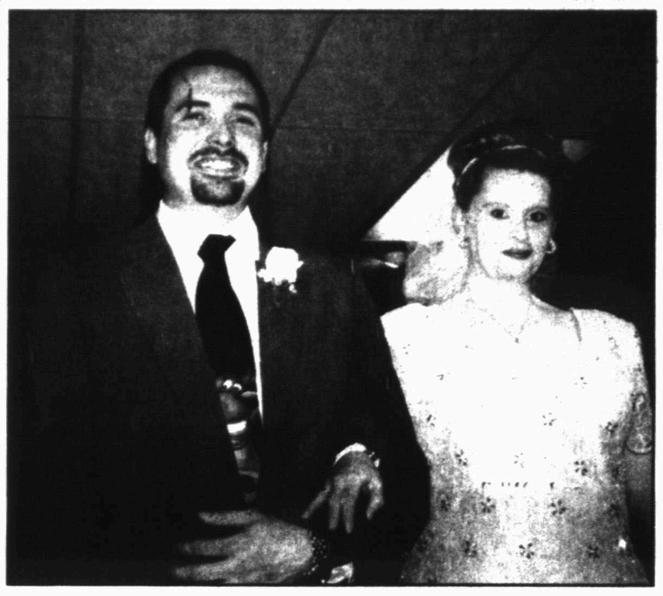

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Allen Pippin
(Contributed Photo)

Long, Pippin repeat vows in double-ring ceremony

Nancy Ruth Long and Craig Allen Pippin exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the First Church of the Nazarene in Snyder.

The Rev. Michael Pigg, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride's parents are the late Alvin and Cecila Long and the groom's parents are Jester and Billie Pippin of Snyder.

Her brother, Ben Long, gave the bride in marriage.

Flower girl was Ashley Lindsey of Snyder and ring bearer was Jonathan Custan of Littlefield, both sons of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father. Ushers were Allen White, the groom's cousin of Abilene, and Chris Long, the bride's brother of Lubbock.

The couple resides in Snyder.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-08-03
♠ A 10
♥ Q 5 4
♦ A 9 8 6 3 2
♣ A 5

West
♠ Q 7 3
♥ J 10 2
♦ J 5
♣ J 9 8 7 2

East
♠ K 6 2
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ 10 6 4

South
♠ J 9 8 5 4
♥ A 8 6
♦ Q 7
♣ K Q 3

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Saturday, March 8, 2003

Two different genders, two similar coups

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal arose during the 1993 Venice Cup and Bermuda Bowl world team championships in Santiago, Chile. At all eight tables, the contract was three no-trump.

At one table the declarer was North, and East led a heart away from the king. Five Wests led a "normal" club seven. All the declarers played on diamonds and made the contract.

Kerri Sanborn found the more effective heart-jack lead. Declarer ducked this trick, took the heart-10 continuation with her ace, crossed to dummy's club ace, and led a low diamond toward her queen. Karen McCallum (East) went in with the king, cashed her two heart tricks, and shifted to the ... well, what?

At the eighth table, declarer immediately won Marty Bergen's heart-jack lead with his ace and ran the diamond seven to East's 10. Now Eric Rodwell returned the ... well, what?

Both McCallum and Rodwell led the same card: the spade king.

McCallum had executed a Merrimac Coup, removing dummy's entry before the diamond suit could be unblocked: one down. (McCallum could have led a low spade because her partner had the queen, but exchange West's queen with South's jack, and you will see why McCallum's play is mandatory.)

Rodwell had produced a Deschapelles Coup, which creates an entry in partner's hand. Declarer won with dummy's spade ace and continued with the spade 10. Bergen won with his new entry, the queen, and led the heart 10: one down.

A final curiosity: The Merrimac Coup is named after a ship deliberately sunk in 1898 to try to trap the Spanish Fleet in Santiago Harbor — not in Chile, but in Cuba.

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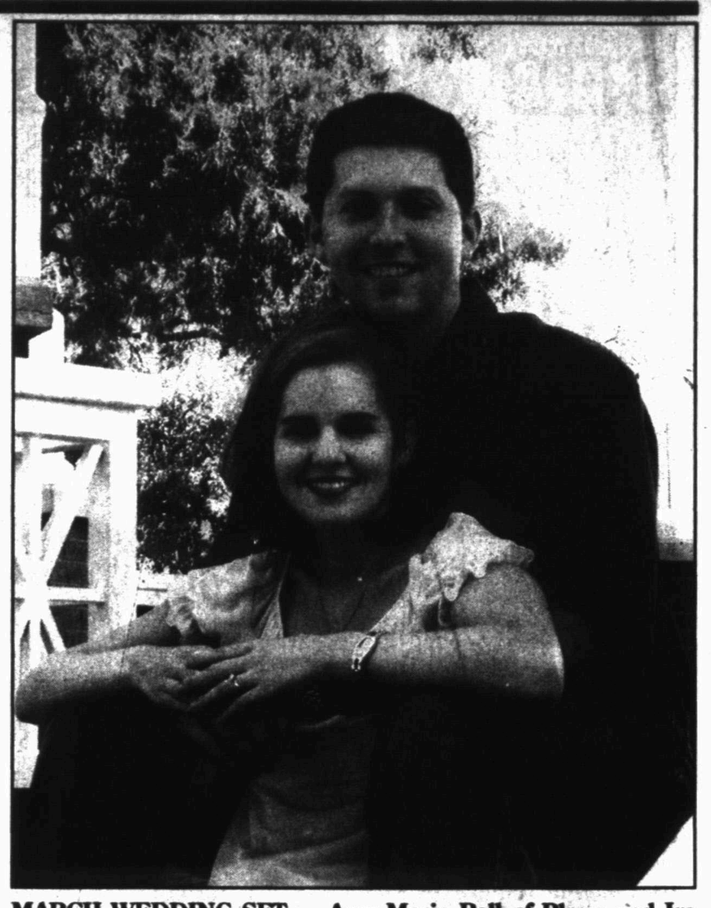

MARCH WEDDING SET — Amy Marie Pell of Plano and Ira Dwayne Riggs of Colorado will marry on March 29 in the Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas. Parents of the future bride are Phillip and Julie Pell of Plano. The prospective groom's parents are Dwayne and Kathy Riggs of Westminster, Colo. Amy is a 1997 graduate of Carrollton Christian Academy and 2002 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. Dwayne, a 1999 graduate of HSU, received his juris doctorate from Baylor School of Law in 2002. Dwayne is the grandson of Faye Williams of Snyder and the late Roscie Williams Jr. and Ira and Merle Riggs. (Contributed Photo)

Church receives coin collection worth $75,000

PLYMOUTH, Minn. (AP) — When the collection plate for St. Joseph's Catholic Church came around to Melvin Doyle he didn't just fill it — he buried it.

Doyle, 89, gave the church his massive coin collection, worth an estimated $75,000.

"Took three pickup trucks and 12 men," Doyle said proudly. "I'm not a numismatist. I'm a hoarder."

While many people toss loose change into a jar or cigar box, Doyle is one of the rare people who doesn't raid that stash for laundry or bus fare.

His coins eventually filled and then spilled from jugs, buckets, jars and bags that accumulated in his basement and made his wife nervous.

"If you die before me, I'm putting all those coins in your casket with you," he quoted his wife, Marge, saying. "I don't want somebody breaking in here for them."

The quarters filled 26 five-gallon containers, and that's just since the end of silver. There was a keg of pre-1965 silver quarters, 3,500 silver dimes and sacks bulging with hundreds of silver dollars.

There were commemorative sets of fine silver coins celebrating presidents, railroads, explorers and generals, and there was gold, including a complete 18-coin set of $2 gold pieces.

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The Scurry County Library will be having the annual Book Sale this month. The schedule for the book sale will be:

March 26: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
March 27: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
March 28: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March 29: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A variety of books available include adult's and children's books, paperbacks, hardbacks, both new and used books, videos and magazines.

The library is taking cash donations as payment for the books again this year. So, come in and see what treasures you can find.

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The All-American Cookie Book, by Nancy Baggett.

The Queen of Clean Conquers Clutter, by Linda Cobb.

NEW FICTION

Death of a Village, by M. C. Beaton.

First Law, by John T. Lescroart.

The Other Twin, by Katherine Stone.

Sweet Memories, by Lavyrle Spencer.

A Fine Dark Line, by Joe Lansdale.

Generations of the Heart, by Viqui Litman.

Books may be placed in the outside book drop when the library is closed.

Videos or audiotapes should be taken inside, they may be damaged in the drop box for books.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course Monday and Tuesday; Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850; at 7:30 both evenings.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Daughters of the American Revolution; The Shack; 11:30 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; "Decorating With Cilia Scott," program; Nona Williams and Evelyn McCommon, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Rachel Martin, program; Myrtle Joiner, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

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

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge Scores

Bridge games were played at the Snyder Country Club. Jane Hinton directed Friday games and Monte West directed Tuesday games.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Durelle Gorman.
3. Jane Hinton, Nonnie Ward tied with LaVerne Hood, Nona Morrison.
4. Tizzy Hall, Dorothy Rosson.

Tuesday, March 4

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell tied with LaVerne Hood, Anita Talbott.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd tied with Nonnie Ward, Betty Courtney.

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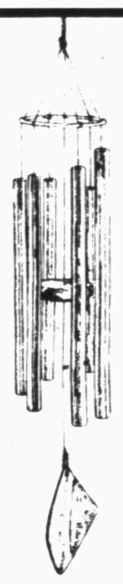

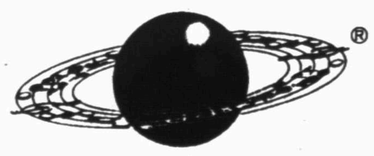

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LUCKY WINNER — Carolyn Barbee (left) of Barbee Medical was the winner of a television given away recently by the Snyder Kiwanis Club. Shown with Mrs. Barbee is club president Paula Bond. (SDN Staff Photo)

Largest Cheeto to be displayed in Algona, Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A radio disc-jockey has lured the world's largest Cheeto from Hawaii to rural Iowa to become a tourist attraction.

Bryce Wilson, a disc jockey at KLGA-FM, is bringing the giant lump of orange snack food to Algona, a town of just 5,700 residents whose current claim to fame is the annual display of a wooden nativity scene carved by German prisoners of war during World War II.

Wilson, 24, said Thursday the super-sized Cheeto is comparable in size to a small lemon. It was discovered when Navy Petty Officer Mike Evans, stationed at Pearl Harbor, bought a bag of Cheetos for his 3-year-old son.

"It only weighs about six-tenths of an ounce," Wilson said, "but its girth is really big. It must be 4 to 5 inches long and 5 to 6 inches in diameter."

Wilson first learned about the big Cheeto on a Web site while he was trying to find silly news stories for his afternoon radio show. Evans was trying to auction the Cheeto to the highest bidder on e-Bay.

Wilson began soliciting contributions from listeners to buy it and collected about $180 before talking to Evans by phone.

"I thought it would be really great if we could get it as a tourist attraction for Algona. I thought we could change the face of northern Iowa," Wilson said.

Evans took pity on the town and shipped the Cheeto for free.

Wilson said he plans to contact the Guinness Book of World Records to see if its bulk is a record.

Lynn Markley, a spokeswoman for Cheetos maker Frito-Lay, said the giant Cheeto was the most talked about item this week, noting newspaper columnist Dave Barry has also written about it.

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Webb, Loper wedding set for March 29

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Webb of Snyder announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Whitney, to Michael Loper, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Atkins of Snyder and Mike Loper of Seguin.

Whitney, a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School, is a sophomore at Angelo State University and Michael, a 2000 graduate of SHS, is employed at the Wakenhut Correction Facility in Bronte.

The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m. on March 29 in the chapel of First Baptist Church.

Good cheese dip

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2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1½ tablespoons taco seasoning
1 to 2 tablespoons chopped chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
1 cup sour cream
Baked tortilla chips or roasted potato wedges, for dipping

1. Place onion and beer or non-alcoholic beer in a heavy medium-size saucepan. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 3 to 4 minutes.

2. In a large bowl combine cheeses, flour and taco seasoning. Slowly add handfuls to hot beer of choice until melted. Repeat until all of the cheese is used. Stir in chipotle pepper and sour cream. Serve with baked tortilla chips or potato wedges.

Yield: about 3 cups (serving size: 2½ tablespoons dip and 1 ounce baked tortilla chips.)

Petunias lend color to gardens

By ED HUTCHISON
AP Writer

Gardeners seeking dependable, bright summer color have long turned to the familiar petunia, and the plant in turn has returned its trust with lots of flowers.

Recent work by plant breeders gives gardeners even more reason to trust the petunia to perform like a summer champ it can be. Five types are offered for sale throughout the country, and while the distinction is slight within two types, the overall differences are significant but not obvious at the garden center when the plants are purchased. While petunias are easily grown from seed, most gardeners opt to buy transplants for quicker garden results.

Petunia circa 2003 harks back to its native South America and subsequently to Europe in the 1850s, when French botanist Petun began early breeding work. Not much happened for almost 100 years, but then interest grew gradually, with significant breeding work done in the 1950s — and lots more since.

The result is that gardeners have lots of choices in colors and garden performance.

This is one versatile annual — more so than many others — and it is ideal for planting in the ground and in containers. It asks only for a sunny spot, occasional feeding and average soil.

But the choices can be confusing in the hustle of the garden center and the frenzy to get spring planting done. Seed packages typically list only the variety and the type. Most gardeners buy petunias as transplants, though, and sometimes the tag that comes with the tray does not list the type. It is an important piece of information.

Here are brief descriptions of the five types, as well as some thoughts on where each particular type is best used:

—Grandiflora. These are typically big plants with big flowers, some as large as 5 inches across. Varieties are available in a wide range of colors and have petals with frilly or rounded edges.

The size of the blossom makes it vulnerable to damage from rain and wind. Because of this, the grandiflora petunia is best used in containers or protected areas, rather than being massed in an exposed garden. Some smaller, more compact varieties, which still have large flowers, have been developed, and these are much better for garden plantings.

—Multiflora. Consider this the workhorse of the garden. Plants and flowers are smaller than the grandiflora type. The trade-off is that the plants have lots of blossoms that hold up well to adverse weather.

Multiflora types tend to mature faster than other types, making them ideal for gardeners with short growing seasons. Because the plants are compact, they are best used in the garden, rather than in containers where they could easily be dwarfed by faster-growing plants.

—Floribunda. Depending on the variety, this type has the best from both multiflora and grandiflora types — vigor and lots of flowers but on a plant that is less compact than its multiflora kin. This type is better in the garden, in massed plantings, than in containers. It does well when planted close together, creating a sea of green and color.

Some varieties are a bit more resistant to summer disease than others.

—Milliflora. These are the tiny petunia plants that have become popular in the last few years. The class is a result of a genetic mutation between hybrid plants, and the result is really nice. It is a true miniature petunia plant that flowers quickly and grows compactly, and these traits make them useful where other types are too big. Milliflora types are ideal for small, tabletop bowls, small patio containers, window boxes and hanging baskets.

— Spreading. This is the newest type and is exceptionally popular because it behaves like no other petunia; it is ideal in low, ground cover applications and hanging baskets. They are typically sold as individual plants, rather than in cell packs.

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Parents lose only child in fire

JOHNSTON, R.I. (AP) — They called him the "Miracle Child."

Steven Mancini got the nickname when he came back practically from the dead as a 19-year-old so crumpled from an auto accident that doctors begged his mother to take him off life support and a priest twice administered last rites.

Barbara and Doug Magness refused to give in, and they were rewarded. Their only child emerged from a monthslong coma and was stitched back together like a doll.

In the 20 years since, the Magnesses watched proudly as their son became a man. They watched him get a job at a supermarket, play guitar in a band that recently won a local competition, and get married to a woman who smiled as much as he did, which was just about all the time.

Steven and Andrea Mancini lived with the Magnesses at the tidy, two-story house in the working-class neighborhood where Steven grew up. Father and son played guitar together. Mother and daughter-in-law went shopping together. And every night the four ate together at the kitchen table.

"It was harmony," Doug Magness said.

And then, in an instant, it was all gone.

Steven and his 28-year-old wife perished along with a cousin in the Feb. 20 nightclub blaze in West Warwick that left 99 people dead.

That night, Steven's band, Fathead — named when Andrea teased him about his oversized dome — had opened for Great White, the rock group whose pyrotechnics started the blaze at The Station. It was the first time Fathead was the opening act for a group with a national following.

The couple's deaths have nearly taken the life out of the Magnesses. Barbara cannot eat, and Doug cannot sleep. They wake up in the night, look at each other, and cry.

"I'm not of the age to have a child," said Barbara, 60. "So, this is it. This is the end of the family."

Steven and Andrea knew The Station well. When she wasn't working in her family's plant nursery, Andrea took tickets and checked IDs. Steven was a part-time bouncer and had played there several times with others in the band, including Keith Mancini, the raucous 34-year-old bassist he had met at the club and didn't know at first was his cousin.

Keith saw the engagement as Fathead's big break.

"You know what? He did good," his aunt, Susan Henderson, said as she gazed at the shrine set up for her nephew next to the club's remains. "He died with his music. That's the only positive thing I can say about it."

The set went great. Fathead left the stage to cheers and raised beers. It had done its job: The crowd was juiced and ready for the main attraction.

The Magnesses did not go to this show. They had seen Steven's band twice already at The Station. At their age, loud, live music in cramped bars was just too much.

Barbara was watching a recording of the Oprah Winfrey show when one of Andrea's sisters rang the doorbell just after 11 that night. "Turn on the news," the sister told Barbara. "There's been a fire at The Station."

Barbara flipped to the news.

"It was a like a jolting awakening," she said, "and I knew something was wrong."

The Magnesses went looking for their son and daughter-in-law, going from hospital to hospital. They waited for someone to call and tell them the two were OK. But their instincts told them otherwise.

They did not learn Andrea was dead until Sunday afternoon, 38 hours after the fire. They learned of Steven's death around midday Monday when a police officer came to their door.

The Magnesses believe Steven was packing his equipment near the stage when the fire started during Great White's first song. They think Andrea rushed toward her strapping, ponytailed husband of 15 months, wanting to be by his side and trusting he would muscle her and himself to safety.

Steven had met Andrea through a co-worker employed in the supermarket's floral section. Steven was immediately smitten. He told his mother: "She's so gorgeous. I wish I could get to know her."

Andrea managed the family's garden center when it was open in the spring and summer. She had a sunny rapport with customers but was a tough businesswoman with suppliers.

"She had opinions, and she stuck to them," said one of her brothers, Peter Jacavone Jr. "She didn't take any grief from anyone."

One night recently, Andrea announced that she and Steven were saving money to buy a house. "We're building an apartment for you," she told the Magnesses. "We're not leaving you behind."

The Magnesses do not blame anyone for the couple's death. They said they will not sue.

"An accident is an accident," said Doug, a diesel mechanic with a construction company. "It could happen to anyone."

Steven and Andrea are buried at a hilltop cemetery in the plots the Magnesses had reserved for themselves.

"I know I'm going to recover. My son wants me to," Barbara said. "But I'll never be the same. Ever."

Singer wins Brit

TOKYO (AP) — Fresh from winning his 14th Brit Award, the British version of the Grammy, and signing a $125 million contract with record label EMI, Robbie Williams would seem to be a natural export to U.S. pop charts.

"A lot has been said about me going to the States, 'Why hasn't he broken the States?'" said the 29-year-old British pop star during a trip to Japan to promote his new album, "Escapology." "I'm more excited to be doing something here."

Williams, who first found fame with boy band Take That, has sold 28 million albums — 10 million in Britain alone.

Singer sets record

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — It's another record for The Boss.

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band have added two more dates at Giants Stadium after tickets for the original seven shows in July sold out Saturday.

That marked the first time in Ticketmaster history that a performer sold tickets for seven stadium dates in a single day.

Public Records

Marriage License

Lupe Rojos Lopez and Isabel Hernandez Nesmith, both of Snyder.

Alejandro Casaerz Jr. and Rosa Eugenia Ireta Alfaro, both of Snyder.

Joey Selvera and Vernonica Renee Martinez, both of Snyder.

Jay Milton Callaway and Yosha Nicole Walker, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

B&F Well Servicing Inc. vs. Carpenter Services LTD Co., suit on account.

Jackie North vs. Dr. Richard Hults, Dr. Rowley, Dr. Curran and Dr. Curti, suit for injuries.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Keisha Leigh Dugan and James Bernard Dugan, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kelvin Brice Gernandt and Elizabeth Ann Gernandt, divorce granted.

Joseph Gendreau vs. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, order of dismissal without prejudice.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Graham Kerry, dba Kerry's Pit and Grill, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Katie Ann Kincaid Brown to Pinky R. Kincaid, 3.0 acres in the east part of the north one-half of Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Johnnie Bell Kincaid Campbell to Pinky R. Kincaid, 3.0 acres in the east part of the north one-half of Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jesse Allen to Richard Lee Stoker, a 0.987-acre tract in Tract 23, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 40, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Richard and Sylvia Hernandez, the west one-half of Lot 93, Block 33, Blankenship Addition.

Vickie Sargent to Asburn Gale Branscum, Lot 8 in Block B of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Bob and Henrietta Dupree to Norman and Martha Neves, Lot 22 and the south 15 feet of Lot 23, both in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Richard Todd and Paige Suzanne Shaw to Bannar Jade and Nichole Ann Simanton, Lot 2 of the North Bank Addition.

The Jerald Smith Family Limited Partnership to Minerva Fuentez, the south 90 feet of Lot 7 in Block 34 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Virginia Preuitt Clark, independent executrix of the estate of Henry F. Clark, to Virginia Preuitt Clark, tract one being a tract out of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 200 acres in Survey 184, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ethel Vera Stansell to Barney R. and Kristy L. Stansell, a tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jane B. Hinton, independent executrix of the estate of Joseph D. Hinton, to Jane B. Hinton, Lot 3 in Block 15 of the Winston Repalt of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Arthur Lawson Dennis, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Harvey Ben Dennis and as attorney-in-fact for Lucy Scarborough Dennis, to Jerry Don Greene, part of Lot 3 and the east one-half of Lot 2 in Block 37 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

J.B. and Mamie Patterson to Renee Floyd, the west 119 acres of the east 208 acres of the south one-half of Section 156, Block 97, H&TC survey6.

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Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

SUDDEN SNIFFING DEATH SYNDROME

Some young people believe that they need to look no farther than under the kitchen sink or in the garage for a quick high. Unfortunately, what they may find is sudden death.

The accessibility of inhalants has made them a popular way for young people to get a quick, cheap buzz.

An estimated 1,000 substances varying from hair spray to spray paint to gasoline are commonly misused. However, there is a greater danger in inhaling these chemical products. They pose the threat of both short and long-term harmful effects — that is if you survive the misusage.

Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome is most frequently associated with sniffing model airplane cement, correction fluid and spot removers. SSD can occur when users inhale chemicals deeply and then engage in strenuous physical activity or become alarmed.

SSD is not reserved for just chronic users. Death can occur the very first time a person sniffs.

The chemicals in inhalants are poisons that are absorbed into the body's vital organs where they can cause severe damage.

Prolonged use can permanently damage the liver and cause cirrhosis and hepatitis. Inhalants can cause rapid and irregular heartbeats and even heart failure. Your immune system can also be compromised as these chemicals can impair the kidneys, blood and bone marrow.

In addition, severe brain damage can occur from huffing because these products are toxic to brain cells.

Chronic inhalant use can cause addiction, weight loss, fatigue and dangerous nutritional imbalances. Neurological impairments such as mood swings, hostility, confusion, depression, memory loss and paranoia are also possible as us loss of coordination, balance and muscle control.

Other effects of inhalants on the body include dizziness, headaches, slurred speech, sneezing, coughing, bloody nose, nausea, loss of body functions, weak muscles and bluish skin.

The risks are simply not worth it. Educate yourself and your children about the dangers involved with inhalant use. It is not a cheap high; it is just and easy way to die!

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

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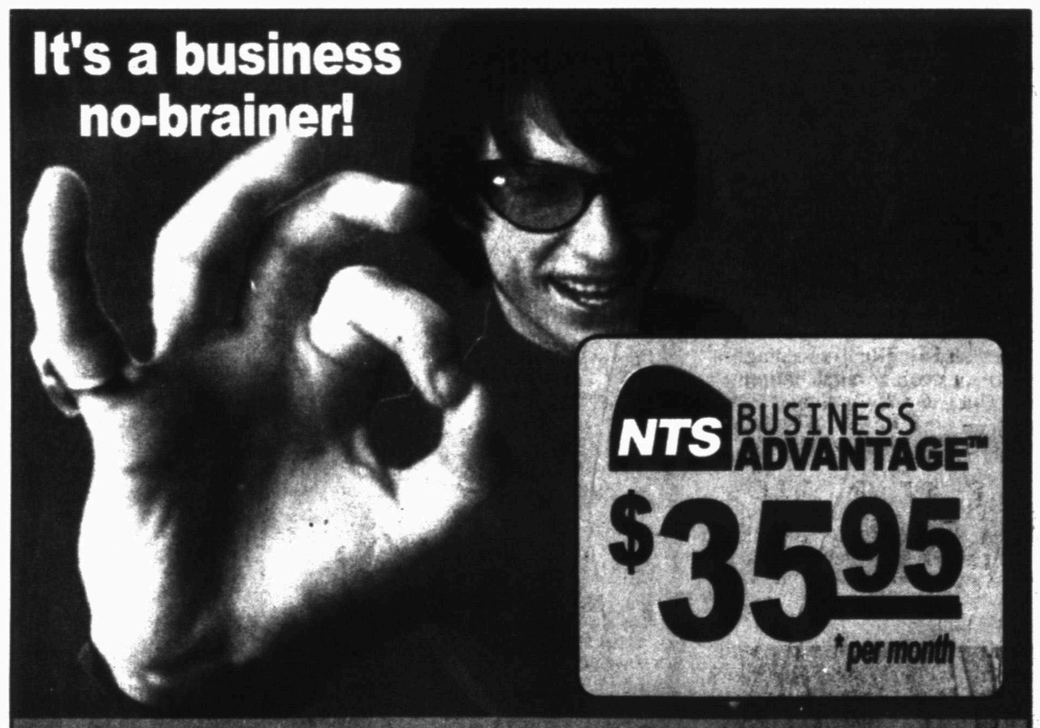

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Ailing widow wants to move but son wants her to stay

DEAR ABBY: I am 73, in poor health and desperately need your advice. My husband died two years ago after a long illness and crushing medical expenses. I can no longer care for our property as well as I once could and would like to sell it and move to town to be closer to my stores, my doctors and church.

The problem is that my oldest son, "Doug," who has lived many states away for 25 years, wants the property. He wants me to stay here until he retires — which would be several years from now. From time to time, Doug has helped me out financially, and that makes me feel obligated.

My other two children know what an awful time I'm having making ends meet. They think I should sell now if that's what I want. It's lonely here and winters are bad. I would like to sell as soon as possible and repay Doug the money he has given me.

When Doug learned what I wanted to do, he said some nasty things about me to the other two — and to some friends of the family. It was very hurtful. I have prayed about this, and hope no one else has to bear this kind of worry when they get old. Please tell me what to do. — **HURT AND LOST IN INDIANA**

DEAR HURT AND LOST: Under no circumstances should you continue to live in a place where you feel lonely and isolated. You must do what is right for YOU. First on that list should be to get an appraisal of your property from a reputable company. Your lawyer or your banker can recommend one. After that, inform your children what the asking price will be. If Doug wants to buy it, fine. If not, put it on the market.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old single mother of an 11-year-old boy. After a year of dating, we moved in with my fiance, "Gary," two months ago. It's been a huge transition, and my son and our cat have adjusted beautifully. However, I have not.

Last night, Gary and I talked at length about the possibility that I wasn't "ready" for this move after all. His response was that if I moved out, our relationship would be over.

I love Gary and don't want to lose him, but all my life I've needed to do things on my own. I don't know if I can ever be truly happy living with a man. Before my son and I moved in with Gary, I missed him terribly every minute we were apart. I now realize how much I miss my space and having my own place. Am I being selfish? Will I ever be happy cohabitating? — **CONFUSED IN VERMONT**

DEAR CONFUSED: Needing independence is not selfish, and for your fiance to give an ultimatum is controlling. Listen to your gut — it's giving you an important message. Leaving Gary may be traumatic for your son. Please be sure he has all the emotional support he needs.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I enjoy eating at buffet-style restaurants. Drinks are usually brought to the table by servers, who also clear away empty dishes and attend to any additional needs we may have.

Our question: What percentage of tip is appropriate? Some patrons leave none at all. Awaiting your reply. — **SENIOR SWEETHEARTS IN PALM HARBOR, FLA.**

DEAR SENIOR SWEETHEARTS: In a buffet-style establishment, the appropriate tip would be 10 percent — or more, if the service is outstanding.

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DEAR ABBY: "Janice" and I have been friends for nearly 10 years. A few months ago, her husband, "Jimmy," confided to my husband he was having an affair and planned to leave Janice and the children to live with his lover. Jimmy swore my husband to secrecy, but of course my husband told me everything. There are no secrets in our home.

Jimmy told Janice only that he wanted a separation. She was devastated. In the meantime, Jimmy's lover left him and went back to her husband. Because Jimmy didn't want to be alone, he stayed with Janice, saying he had changed his mind about the separation and wanted to work things out.

Janice has no idea what her husband has been up to. She thinks his wanting to leave was all her fault. Now she's bending over backward trying to make Jimmy's life as comfortable and cozy as possible so he won't want to separate again.

It makes me sick to see that louse get away with it, while my friend is walking on eggshells. I'm having a hard time keeping quiet. Every time I'm around Janice I practically bite my tongue off! Should I tell her the truth? — **CONCERNED FRIEND IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

DEAR CONCERNED FRIEND: Recognize that if you tell her, there will be a nuclear explosion — and the fallout will land on you and your husband.

That said, Janice should know that her husband has a wandering eye and that it's "possible" while her husband was "considering separation," he had sex with someone else. Encourage Janice to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as a precaution. She deserves to know so she can protect herself, because I predict it's only a matter of time until her husband strays again.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a twice-married woman about to turn 30, with a wonderful husband and three beautiful sons. We own our home, have two nice cars, food on the table and clothes on our backs. However, I'm feeling like my life is in a black hole and I'm desperate to get out.

I am the primary caregiver for my mother, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's. I am about to lose my job of 12 years due to downsizing, and our financial situation will definitely take a downturn when I'm unemployed.

My father (who is in ailing health) lives out of town, and although I'd love to visit him, going there with my husband and kids is just too hard.

During the past year, I gained a great deal of weight and can't seem to find the time or energy to get it off. I have severe migraines and feel like a time bomb waiting to explode.

Any advice on how to pull one's self up from the pits, Abby? Lately I have experienced more than one occasion of wanting to run away — and that in itself frightens the living daylights out of me. Please help. — **ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER IN SOUTHERN UTAH**

DEAR ON THE BRINK: Considering everything that's going on in your life, it's no wonder you are feeling overwhelmed. You appear to be experiencing a combination of stress, depression and caregiver burnout. A good place to start finding remedies is your doctor. Call and schedule an exam and truth session.

Also, contact the nearest chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for the location of a senior respite-care facility for your mother. You appear to be a conscientious wife, mother and daughter, but even the best of us sometimes need a helping hand. Good luck.

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Short thighs linked to risk of diabetes

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — People with slightly shorter than usual thighs have an increased risk of diabetes, perhaps because of inadequate nutrition in early childhood or in the womb, a study found.

The research, released Friday, adds to the evidence that growth and development early in life influence the risk of a variety of diseases later on.

Earlier studies have found that short people are more prone to heart attacks. In this report, researchers zeroed in on the length of the upper leg and found an association both with the risk of diabetes and its precursor, called insulin resistance.

"I'm not saying thigh length determines diabetes," said Dr. Keilo Asao. "Perhaps some factor that affects thigh length also affects diabetes risk. It may be a marker of early life nutrition."

Asao, a researcher at Johns Hopkins University, presented the data at a meeting in Miami Beach of the American Heart Association. The study was based on a national health survey of 8,738 U.S. men and women.

Insulin resistance, also called impaired glucose tolerance, often precedes full-fledged diabetes. It occurs when the body cannot use insulin efficiently to turn sugar into energy.

The researchers found that the average thigh length of men and women with normal glucose tolerance was 15.8 inches. It was 15.4 inches for those with insulin resistance and 15.1 in those with diabetes.

Asao noted that leg length is determined by both genes and nutrition. While the thigh continues to grow until about age 20, how long it will get is determined by about age 4.

Two earlier European studies have looked at overall leg length and found a link with the risk of diabetes. The latest study is the first to examine this in a large group of Americans and to focus on the thigh.

Other researchers said that while the results are intriguing, they do not suggest anything people can do to avoid the risk of diabetes.

"I would not go out and get my thighs stretched, if that's possible," said Dr. Russell Luepker, head of epidemiology at the University of Minnesota.

He noted that obesity is the leading cause of diabetes, which is increasing rapidly and now afflicts about 7 percent of all Americans.

"We are in the midst of a diabetes epidemic, and we are all looking for reasons for that," he said. "Is this really an indicator of inadequate nutrition at some critical point in a person's life? This study raises that possibility."

Among other reports at the meeting Friday:

—Erica Gunderson of the Kaiser Permanente Foundation in California studied 1,960 young women and found that having a baby appears to lead to a lingering decline in HDL, the good cholesterol that protects against heart disease. During 10 years of follow-up, levels fall three to four points more in those who had one or more children than in those who stayed childless.

The importance of this change for heart health is unclear, though Gunderson said it may mean childbearing affects health in ways beyond weight gain.

—Karen Remsberg of Wright State University examined 360 girls and found that those who had their first period before age 12 were fatter and had higher cholesterol during their teen years.

—Smoking can be bad for men's sex lives.

Ag leaders say grain warehouse rules bad for Corn Belt farmers

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Agriculture officials in the nation's Corn Belt say new rules that would exempt federally licensed grain elevators from state requirements don't provide enough oversight, and could leave farmers unprotected if a grain elevator goes bust.

Rules that would apply to the nation's 520 federally licensed grain elevators have been put on hold three times at the insistence of agriculture secretaries in at least 13 states.

They were supposed to have taken effect Feb. 14, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture has delayed that while trying to negotiate with states that contend their laws give farmers a better safety net. The effective date has been pushed back to August.

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Patty Judge said her state's strict grain merchandising law has been effective and she sees no need for new federal rules.

"Merchandisers and the warehouses are not seeing anyone shouting 'Hallelujah, the feds are coming to save us,'" Judge said.

Iowa, the nation's top corn-producing state, has 262 state-licensed grain warehouses and 132 federally licensed ones. Only the federally licensed warehouses will be affected by the new rules.

Grain elevators purchase grain from farmers and resell it for food, feed, industrial use or export. Some farmers rent storage space at the elevators while they market their grain themselves.

Grain warehouse laws are meant to maintain the business integrity of the elevator. They ensure a warehouse has the right quality and quantity of grain to meet its contractual obligations, and provide protection for farmers in the case of bankruptcy.

Judge said state law provides a high level of oversight that allows officials to work with managers before a problem leads to bankruptcy, while the federal rules are more lax.

She said the federal government doesn't have the staff to monitor the warehouses as frequently as the state has done in the past.

"We take a lot of that risk out on the front end rather than the back end," Judge said. "This federal scheme, it's a back-end deal."

Another problem, Judge said, is the regulations aren't legally binding.

Jeff Stroburg, a National Grain and Feed Association board member and chief executive officer of the West Central Co-op based in Ralston, said there wasn't much input from states in the rule-making process.

"It's been a little bit awkward, the way that it has been handled," he said. "We really don't know for sure where USDA will end up with this."

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San Antonio building Toyota-caliber work force

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For more than a year Jonny Ochoa has been learning the machinist trade, with plans to open his own small shop to transform blocks of steel and aluminum into functional objects.

But with Toyota Motor Corp.'s recent decision to build a truck plant in San Antonio, Ochoa is thinking more and more about becoming a company man.

"I never considered it as something serious, you know, working at a plant," the 18-year-old said. "But now it's a serious thing. It's something that could happen."

Mandy Hernandez, also 18 and a machinist student, says she and her classmates daydream about locking onto jobs at Toyota.

"We talk about how cool it is that it's coming, and we actually get to do something in our lives," she said.

Toyota won't be changing people's lives here for several years. Many prospective workers, in the meantime, are learning skills that could help them be among the 2,000 people hired for high-wage jobs at the plant.

Ochoa and Hernandez are among more than 300 students enrolled in the manufacturing engineering technology program at St. Philip's College, a local community college. The students learn robotics, computerized machining and a host of other skills needed to harness cutting-edge technology for use in a modern factory.

Charles Loper, who teaches computer-assisted design at St. Philip's, says he's seen a distinct change among his students since last month's announcement that Toyota will make 150,000 Tundra pickups per year in San Antonio starting in 2006.

"They're asking the types of jobs and 'Do I have enough time for me to get a degree so I have a leg up going in?'" Loper said. "The students are more worried about being well rounded now than 'All I have to do is put a part in a hole or screw something together or learn what a torque wrench is.' "

Car-industry watchers say the potential of San Antonio's labor pool must have impressed the Japanese carmaker, given its paramount role in deciding where the company builds its technology-reliant plants.

"The quality of the work force in the eyes of Toyota is absolutely critical," said David Cole, director of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Cole said the company is looking for "people that aren't afraid to work, that are eager to learn, that are highly dependable. Those kind of things are of real importance to Toyota — it's their formula for success."

Toyota's $800 million plant in southern Bexar County will have an annual payroll of nearly $80 million. Once trained, employee wages will top $20 per hour, far above the local blue-collar norm.

"We know we will find workers of the highest caliber here (with) the skills, the intelligence and the enthusiasm to become a successful Toyota team," company president Fujio Cho said during the announcement visit to San Antonio last month.

In addition, thousands of spin-off jobs worth millions of dollars are also expected to be created in the region, many of them for parts suppliers and other companies that do business with the automaker.

Communities near San Antonio are already putting together strategies for courting the parts suppliers.

New Braunfels, 30 miles north, has lost more than 1,000 manufacturing jobs in the past year due to several plant closures. The city is targeting the types of auto-parts suppliers whose needs best match the local skills available.

New Braunfels at one time was probably the plastics injection molding capital of Texas, says Michael Meek, president of the city's chamber of commerce.

Much of the plastic molding industry has gone overseas for lower costs, Meek said, but "we're seeing that those companies that have survived are looking very hard at New Braunfels again because of its proximity to Toyota."

Secondary employers also present more chances for Ochoa to find work, though now his sights are focused on Toyota.

"There's opportunity, but at the same time, so many people are probably going to try to get hired there," he said. "Hopefully they'll hire me."

Panelists: Understanding foreign relations key to ending terrorism

ODESSA (AP) — Eliminating Middle Eastern dictator Saddam Hussein will not stop terrorism and attacking Iraq will likely increase anti-American reprisals, according to participants in a West Texas panel examining terror and cultural differences.

Panelists, including CIA veteran Robert Baer and Ambassador Edward S. Walker Jr., focused on the military buildup for a potential U.S. war on Iraq in Thursday's roundtable discussion.

The only way to end terrorism is for the powers of the world to cooperate and let terrorists know that there is no valid reason for terrorism, said Walker, former ambassador to Israel and Egypt.

"By taking Saddam Hussein out of the picture, we will not eliminate terrorism," he said.

Baer, a 21-year veteran of the intelligence agency, said even if America wins a quick war in Iraq, problems will remain.

Peter Bergen, terror analyst for CNN, said al-Qaida and other terrorist cells working in the name of al-Qaida would be out for America.

"Al-Qaida is no longer an organization, it's an ideology," said Bergen.

He is also one of a few western journalists to have interviewed the terror network's leader, Osama bin Laden.

When Bergen interviewed bin Laden in 1997, the terrorist leader was already deeply concerned about his personal safety, the journalist said.

En route to meet bin Laden, Bergen had to change vehicles several times and wear a blindfold, he said.

Bergen said much of the terrorism that would result from a war with Iraq would be religion-inspired. Panelists said there's a gap of misunderstanding between America and the Middle East.

"We've got to understand these people and what they need," said Baer, who has been recognized as one of the intelligence agency's top field officers of the past 25 years. "These people do not think like us."

James Zogby, the founder and president of the Arab American Institute, a policy and research organization, was moderator of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Distinguished Lecture Series.

Some scattered boos from the audience of about 400 people resulted from Zogby questioning one panelist about faith-based diplomacy and President Bush's tendency to pit America as godly and good against the bad: Iraq and the Middle East.

Connery says he has paid taxes

LONDON (AP) — Hoping to silence critics who say his life as a tax exile in the Bahamas undermines his support for Scottish independence, actor Sean Connery said he has paid about 3.7 million pounds ($5.9 million) in taxes to the British government since 1997.

The former James Bond talked about the payment in an interview published Thursday in Scotland's Herald newspaper.

Some political opponents and critics have said Connery's status as a tax exile undermined his support for Scotland achieving independence from the United Kingdom.

"I'm an easy target because of my political opinions, but I defy anyone in Scotland to find one detail where I knowingly ever did anything that was to the detriment of Scotland," he was quoted as saying. "It gets up my nose."

Connery said between 1997 and 2003, he paid 3,694,500 pounds ($5,911,000) in British taxes. Before 1997, he added, he paid 2.8 million pounds ($4.4 million) in British taxes on his earnings from the films "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," "The Russia House" and "First Knight" alone.

The 72-year-old actor also said he was denied a knighthood by Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor government in 1997 because of his connections to the pro-independence Scottish National Party.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Don't put up with spousal abuse

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes someone to remain in a relationship that is mentally abusive? I've been married several years and love my husband very much. But the more I try to be a good wife and mother, the more I'm criticized. My husband spends more time with his male friends in front of the TV than he does with the family and me. I try to let him know I am lonely and need more, but he doesn't pay me any mind. Just sign me "lonely and seeking insight."

DEAR READER: If we are to believe the flood of situation comedies on TV that portray men as insensitive, gross, overweight, beer-drinking clods, there is a cultural emergency in this country today. But I don't believe that these exaggerations accurately reflect the true status of husbands who don't, in most instances, meet the stereotype.

I suggest that you sit down with your husband to negotiate a resolution. Don't be judgmental (nor should he), but express your concerns and frustrations. Perhaps, for example, if your husband were "allowed" to have his own "free time," he could give you yours in return. Also, some quality time with the children would be appropriate. If, on the other hand, he is unsympathetic to you and the children's needs, professional intervention would be an option.

In my view, you need resolution by whatever means. You are not your husband's servant. And if his attitude constitutes emotional abuse, you need relief. Try an adult-to-adult interaction first, but, if this fails, proceed immediately to counseling. Community resources are generally available for such difficult problems.

The bottom line? You shouldn't have to put up with major insensitivity from your partner. Try first to reconcile the issues informally. If this fails, get help.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped enveloped to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As an ex-smoker, I completely agree with the points you made in a recent column on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Although the basic disease is incurable, as you pointed out, there is hope on the horizon.

I am participating in a study group to investigate a new product that holds great promise for patients with COPD. Manufactured by Boehringer Ingelheim company in Germany, the drug is tiotropium (trade name: Spiriva). It is a powder, packaged in small capsules, that is delivered by inhalation using a HandiHaler, once a day. One hundred capsules cost 411 Euro. After just 10 days, the results have been unbelievable. While the medicine will not cure COPD, it will improve the quality of life.

The drug, which will not be available in the U.S. until late 2003, can be ordered through the Internet. The Web sites are www.boehringer-ingelheim.com and www.meerburgpharmacy.com/spiriva.htm.

DEAR READER: Thank you for writing. I am publishing the information about Spiriva for general public interest. For obvious reasons, I have had no experience with this drug; therefore, I do not know its side effects or potential dangers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on the distressing phenomenon of imbalance and poor equilibrium in the elderly. I'm age 85 and in reasonably good health, but I often find myself off balance when I suddenly turn, walk on an uneven surface, look over my shoulder when I ride a bicycle or get out of bed in the dark. Is there anything I can do to reduce my risk of falls?

DEAR READER: Poor balance is often an inescapable consequence of the aging process. There are many reasons for this — and, as the medical profession terms it, the disorder is "multifactorial."

For instance, vision is a factor — especially in dim light — because we don't see as well as we did as youngsters. Also, our reflexes slow down. Watch a child walk a balance beam. His or her proprioceptive reflexes are astonishing. You can barely perceive any effort to maintain balance, unlike an elderly subject who, by the time he senses an imbalance, is already on his way to falling or stumbling. In addition, the connections between brain and muscles slow with age, so we seniors have difficulty responding actively when the brain tells us to do so. Finally, there are other considerations, such as weakness from stroke or de-conditioning, poor brain perception of motion and body position, distractibility, underestimation of risk (when walking on slippery surfaces, for example) and poor hand-eye coordination.

Needless to say, my brief review barely covers the basics. The long and short of it is that senior citizens lose balance skills, the degree of which depends on age, underlying illnesses and a complicated interplay of several factors.

The bad news is that, unlike a young person who falls, the elderly are far more likely to fracture a hip, a leg or a spine. So, improving balance (or learning to live with a deficiency) is paramount. Here's what I counsel my elderly patients to do:

1) Remain active. Any physical exercises that are carried out regularly will not only aid the cardiovascular system, but will also keep muscles and nerves in shape.

2) Check with your doctor if your balance suddenly deteriorates. This phenomenon could reflect an underlying disorder, such as Parkinson's disease or mini-strokes, which should be addressed.

3) Regularly stress yourself with balance challenges. Using appropriate safety measures (such as being next to the bed), stand on one foot while putting on your hose or trousers. At times, for no particular reason, see how long you can stand on one leg; try to improve the length of the interval.

4) Anticipate. Look where you are walking. Learn to judge (and avoid) risky areas, such as ice, puddles and ruts. Let your eyes tell you what path to follow. Ask your doctor to prescribe medication if you have arthritis, and the pain disrupts your balance.

5) Accident-proof your home. This means ridding the house of scatter rugs and waxed surfaces. Use ample nightlights. Make sure that you have railings (on stairs), grab-bars (in bathrooms) and no trash (or "collectibles") that could cause you to trip. Use a cane for balance, if necessary.

6) Consider a lifeline. Known by other names, this is basically a telephone service that connects you to a responsible resource, such as a hospital. You wear an activator on a necklace. If and when you need help, you push a button to activate the system. Such a device, if used properly, will virtually guarantee that, should you fall, you will receive prompt treatment, rather than lying in your kitchen or driveway for hours on end after a fall.

7) Sign up for any formal balance programs in your community. In my town, the hospital physical therapy department offers an extensive program, using a computer and other techniques, which my patients have highly recommended. If approved by a physician, Medicare will usually cover a balance program.

In summary, balance problems are common in the elderly, who may suffer dangerous consequences. Help is available. An integrated approach (self-help plus balance program) is often necessary to compensate for this common, even universal disorder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 83 and use baby oil as an after-shave lotion and hair oil. To date, I have lost no hair and have no wrinkles.

DEAR READER: Good for you. However, I think you should know that hair loss and wrinkles have a genetic basis. While I won't presume to criticize your use of baby oil, I suspect that the product is not the reason for your good fortune. For most people, a skin moisturizer is beneficial. However, baby oil as a hair-oil is probably going to do nothing except make your hair unnecessarily greasy.

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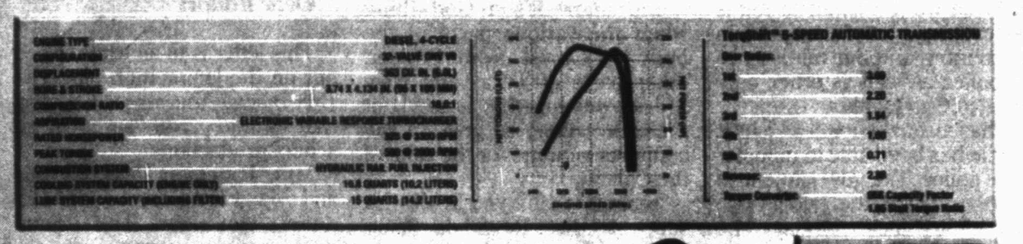

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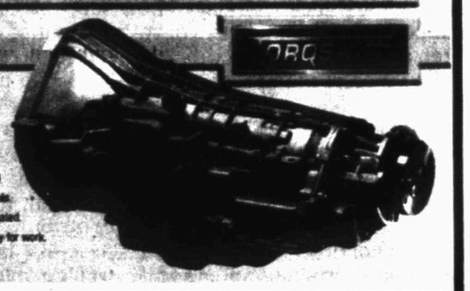

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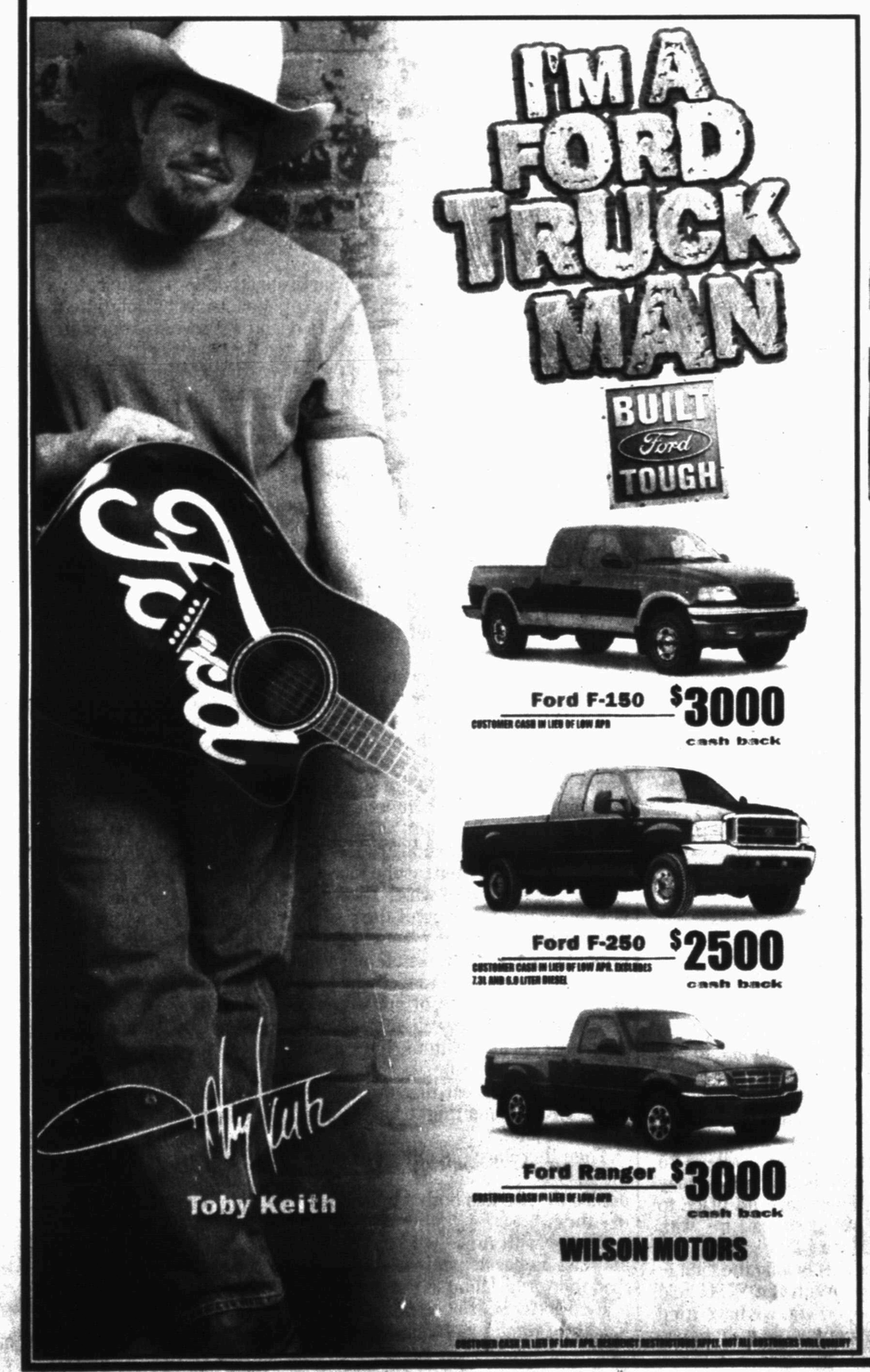

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Letters to the editor

To all who pray for us:

We are writing you so you will know how to effectively pray for us. What we are about to tell is only causing a lot of disruption in the country, and our ministry to the police as well as other ministries in Guatemala.

It has been two weeks since Charlie has been able to minister to the police. The government is so corrupt and the people are tired of it. Since January the public school teachers have been demonstrating.

The overcrowding is unbelievable. We talked with a teacher the other day and he had 106 students in his classroom that had no windows, five to six at one desk, hardly any supplies to work with and a dirt floor. Sanitation is horrible, which includes bathrooms, drinking water and a daily meal for the students. He is not exception, his situation is the rule.

There is no money to better this country because the government is so corrupt. The people are sucked dry to line the pockets of the leaders. These teachers are educated people and are refusing to give up this time until something is done.

They are blocking many highways with their bodies and board with nails sticking up forbidding the passage of the people for hours at a time. They have demonstrated at the airport in Guatemala City forbidding takeoff and in coming flights for two or three days.

This is unbelievable to us that they can demonstrate that kind of power but they are. The news is showing them pushing and shoving the police and getting in their face. As of now there has been no violence, but as you can imagine, this could turn real ugly.

On one side we understand that the teachers have to take drastic measures to even begin to get the ear of this government and yet on the other side this is causing tremendous hardship on the working people because they can't get to work for all of the road blocks.

We understand that the teachers and the students need change. Please pray for the following: That the demonstrations will not end up in violence. That the teachers will get what they are asking for and that this will end soon. That God will be able to establish Godly leadership in this country and for safety for all who live here.

No, we are not afraid. That is a part of one of the wonderful blessings of knowing your calling. We know that we are right where God has called us to be and that He will take care of us.

Thank you for praying for those of us who live and work and minister in Guatemala.

Your Missionaries,
Charlie and Pat Reynolds

Thanks for article

Dear Editor:

We want to give the SDN and Shirley a big 'thank you' for the gracious article on our visit to Pat and Charlie Reynolds in Guatemala.

It was an eye-opening experience to visit a third world country. We here in the U.S. have no idea how much we are blessed. Blessed to be able to live in houses without high walls with razor wire on the top (which by the way, the Reynolds very small two story house has).

Blessed to be able to go to a business expecting quick, quality service and receive it. Blessed to see the Coca-Cola trucks or water trucks without guards with machine guns. Blessed to walk into our local stores and not see armed guards everywhere. Blessed to have wonderful streets and highways. How we take these things for granted. May God not only continue to bless the USA but may we in turn bless God for our freedom.

We also want to thank all the wonderful supporters of Charlie and Pat that enable them to share the Gospel with literally hundreds of hungry hearts on a weekly basis. This ministry is very unique in that no one single denomination is their sole support but churches from several denominations as well as many individuals from various churches are their only support.

You know it's a God thing when the various parts of the body of Christ from Snyder, other parts of Texas and New Mexico pull together to send out a couple willing to give up the comforts of home for the sake of the Call.

Again, a thank you to all who support the Reynolds. Any amount of contribution, large or small, is used to share Jesus. They can purchase Bibles there for $1 each and the police officers that commit their lives to Jesus are given one. When you send your donations, specify if you want to purchase Bibles, or contribute to their desperate need of a large van, otherwise it will go into their general ministry expenses. The address is: His Appointed Time Ministries Inc., Box 1351 in Snyder, 79550-1351.

Thanks Snyder, you're a special and a wonderful community.

Pearlene & Dale Nolan
Temi Matthies

Heartfelt thanks

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the Snyder Fire Department, the Snyder Police Department, the Scurry County Sheriff's Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the fire departments of Colorado City, Loraine, Roscoe and Sweetwater. It is for the long hours and hard work on a very cold night during the fire and cleanup of the Colortyme Rent-to-Own fire. We also want to thank Oncor and the phone company.

Without the quick response and hard work, we would have lost our businesses.

We feel truly blessed and thank God for the dedication and services of these people.

Thank you,
Jessica Bradshaw,
of the Tangled Mane,
Bill Tune of
Deep Creek Boot
and Shoe Repair

Appreciate the efforts

Dear Editor:

It was a shock for George and me to watch the Colortyme store burn to the ground. George has been the manager of the store just a short time and it was devastating to both of us to watch the destruction knowing the work he and his staff had put into cleaning and painting the store.

We are so appreciative of the effort the firefighters put into extinguishing the blaze and containing it to the Colortyme store. The fire was large, burned hot and fast. I have a new respect for the training and the effort that goes into being a firefighter and words cannot express the gratitude we feel toward them. They worked in freezing weather, were cold and went long into the night trying to keep things under control. What a great job.

Law enforcement officials had their hands full trying to keep the crowd of onlookers at a safe distance and maintain order. It touched my heart to see McDonald's bring hot coffee to the volunteers, to me this was being a Christian in action! The EMS crews were wonderful, taking care of the firefighters and waiting patiently in the cold.

We also want to thank our church family, the W.I.L.D. church for praying for us, giving us encouragement, support and love. As well as all our Christian friends for being with us, calling and coming by. Thank you Darla Deloera for being such a good friend, staying with me and praying with me through the night!

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

God Bless and Thank You,
George and
Rhonda Vasquez
Jimmy and Jeff Colortyme

Great play

Dear Editor:

This letter is to all who missed out on the junior high play, *Bye Bye Birdie*. You missed a play that would rival some high school productions.

Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Dennis and Ms. Judy Brown have outdone themselves. The drama dept. should be very proud.

As parents of one of the cast, we will be looking forward to that trip to Austin in a few years! Watch this group Mr. Vincent.

Phil and Shanna Covington

For the astronauts

Dear Editor:

I love writing poems and wrote this for our "Seven brave astronauts" who died recently.

You will always be remembered
in our hearts forever more.
For you gave up your lives for everyone
way beyond another shore.

We know you are sitting close
To Almighty God and His Beloved Son,
With our Holy Mother Mary
Smiling at everyone.

Our hearts are full of teardrops
When we think of all of you.
But, we know you would not want that,
To be sad for us and for you.

May you be in one of God's sessions
So far way up above.
Look down on us, at sometimes.
For you will always be so loved.

We will never forget you all,
Or the others that went before,
We would all see you some day,
On another far, far away shore.

Barbara Ella Jones

Tribute to astronauts

Dear Editor:

Texas the final destination
January 16th, 2003 they went into space not knowing what they'd face,
Who knew what the future would hold,
When they blasted into space we knew they were bold.
The astronauts were brave, who knew the shuttle would cave?
"See you when I get back, I love you they say but the tears they shed now are shared by us all.
For they went up to space not in disgrace.
Their race into space was for all human race.
Now they are more perfect than before.
If it had to take place God knew Texas was the place.
God didn't let them get lost in space.
He shared their ashes in Texas as their final resting place.

Courtney Isbell
Age 13

In loving memory of the 7 brave astronauts.

Unhappy

Dear Editor:

I am unhappy with the management of Golden Terrace Village. I believe I have been lied to twice. I applied for an apartment and was turned down because I was told my references were bad.

I called each person I had given as a reference and each one told me that they not been contacted. I was told if they had, each would have given me a good recommendation.

I also was told by Golden Terrace Village management that another landlady also had given me a bad recommendation. That was impossible since she was on vacation and out of state at the time.

I appealed the local decision to San Antonio and they upheld the decision. I appealed again, and was told by the local management that I would receive a letter from them stating that I did not meet the criteria.

I don't think the office in San Antonio ever got my letter. I tried to call, but they said the person I needed to talk to was away from his desk. Later, they said he was in a meeting.

I then called the HUD office in Fort Worth. I couldn't talk to anyone there either.

I spent three years, five months and 13 days on foreign sea duty during and after the Korean War. I also am a graduate of Texas Tech with a B.A. degree in psychology. And I am a Christian. Why can't I get an apartment at Golden Terrace Village?

Buck Sitton,
3749 Rose Circle

Sports posters

Dear Editor:

Allow me to use this space to inform businesses of Snyder about our sport posters that promote Snyder High School athletics. Some posters are produced by the local booster clubs while others are produced by out-of-town companies. I would appreciate our businesses supporting the local booster clubs.

When the local booster club produces a poster, all of the profits directly benefit the students and the sport. The poster is printed locally and the profit used to supplement the sports budget and promote that sport. Each booster club is in charge of selling ads for their poster. The poster usually consists of team pictures, a schedule and the ads of local businesses. Extra copies are made and given to any student who wants one.

When an out-of-town company produces a poster, all of the profits go to that company. The students, sport and booster club do not receive any benefit from the poster other than the sport is being promoted. The poster usually consists of a schedule and the ads of the local businesses. Copies of the poster are given only to those who advertise. Through past experiences, we have found several of these businesses not being truthful in their dealings with our local businesses.

When local businesses are approached to buy ads from an out of town company for a sports poster or spirit items, I would encourage them to ask if the company has a letter of endorsement from the high school. This letter would be from me on school letterhead stating that Snyder High School endorses this company. I have not given any letters out this year. SHS does endorse our booster clubs and their endeavor to raise money. Because they are local people, the letter is not usually needed.

We at SHS appreciate all of the support that is given to our students whether it is by contributing financially or just an encouraging word. When you can do so, we would appreciate your support of our booster clubs and their fundraising efforts. If you ever have any questions about high school fundraisers, booster clubs or out of town companies soliciting ads, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,
Larry Scott
SHS Principal

Let them play

Dear Editor:

As a concerned parent of a WTC student I would like to ask residents of Snyder to please contact your county commissioners and judge. My son is one of over thirty young men who have chosen Western Texas College to continue their education and play baseball. They have no place to practice except a pasture with cactus and very little grass.

I realize this is fully the fault of the college. With the WTC field not developed yet, we have tried to get the county to let them use Moffett Field just one or two days a week with no success. One of these players are sure to be injured practicing on the unsafe facility they are at.

We, the parents, cannot understand how anyone in Snyder can be so unjust over a plot of grass that is very seldom used. Each of these players have played baseball all of their lives and understand the importance of taking care of a baseball field and are very good at caring for one. I do not know who the person is that will not allow the field to be used for just one or two days a week for the next two months, but I hope your encouragement will help change his mind.

I am sure the city, county, and college have seen an increase in revenue this school year since the WTC baseball program began. The players, their families, friends, and teams they play are bringing money to Snyder restaurants, stores, motels etc. Please give us you help on this.

Monty Roberson
Lubbock

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003

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

Politics makes strange bedfellows

By Joe Klock Sr.

It isn't easy to get one's arms around international affairs from the tiny island of Key Largo, Florida, where the most earth-shaking events in local history were the filming of a few scenes in a namesake Humphrey Bogart movie.

One of the more bewildering situations is our bizarre relationship with the Arab world, wherein not only the friends of our enemies may be our enemies, but also our supposed friends; and the enemies of others may be among our friends; and even some of our own citizens who should be an abundantly friendly bunch, sometimes support enemy causes..

Take the Saudis, those bedrock pals of ours whose martial might barely exceeds that of the Sisters of Charity, and whose management style and sandlocked terrain stir my unfond memories of the Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island during World War II.

You'll recall (although a lot of college kids seem not to) that we pulled their chestnuts out of the fire when Sodamned Insane overran neighboring Kuwait a short while back. It was then a given that Saudi Arabia would have been his next port of maul, had not his military assets been kicked by a mostly-American task force.

In pulling off that rescue, we risked the lives and limbs of our youth, while their privileged young-uns, as well as those of the Kuwaiti, manned the battlements at faraway resorts, fleshpots and/or American educational institutions.

In effect, they hired us to do the dirty work which they had neither the heart nor the heft to do for themselves.

This is not to deny that we also had our own enlightened self-interests to protect, but it was still a magnificent gesture of friendship and concern for the global weal.

Then, as now, we were their only shield against a monster who would as unhesitatingly devour them as he slaughtered thousands of his own people and executed the prodigal son-in-law who had imprudently accepted his olive branch of forgiveness. (Odd that someone didn't earlier sell the Brooklyn Bridge to that pathetic patsy!)

Fast-forward to 9/11, when 15 Saudi stealth killers participated in the murder of 3,000 innocent working people, since which time the world has waited in vain for an apology and a vigorous campaign to destroy the terrorist roots that supported that disaster.

Instead, there was dancing in the streets and on the dunes of the Arab world, including the bailiwicks of the aforementioned bedrock pals.

More than that, there were state-endorsed fund raisers for the families of the "heroic martyrs" who participate in terrorist activities throughout the "infidel world."

Neither are they potential progenitors of future democracy, since every square inch of that arid sanddom and every drop of black gold under it is solely owned by its royal rulers, who hold the power of life, death and everything between over their subjects.

Their women, for example, although they may be privately pampered with folderol from Tiffany's and Victoria's Secret, are allowed little more freedom and personal dignity than the harem concubines of old.

So restrictive is this cruel system that 15 young schoolgirls died horribly, after being driven back into a burning school by religious police because they were appearing in public improperly covered. (This happened recently, in Mecca, the holiest city in all Islam.)

Elsewhere in the Arab world, there is an ill-concealed hatred of Israel and its people, which spills over onto us because of our support for the only true democracy in the entire area.

Turning now from our Saudi buddies to a staunch friend of our Iraqi enemy, there stands France.

You may recall them as the folks we bailed out in two world wars, during the second of which they folded like a pup tent after Hitler flew over and ran around their silly Maginot Line. This was after months of their crying "negotiate, negotiate!" as the Nazi dragon gobbled up huge chunks of their European neighborhood.

As this is written, France, which built Iraq's first nuclear reactor, is threatening a veto of our effort to depose the worst villain in recent history, despite their clear knowledge of his villainy and their supposed alliance with us, once again pimping for negotiation with a non-negotiable bully.

Dare one suggest that the major trading relationship between those two nations might have something to do with it? Make up your own joke!

Then there are the other powers that would allow more time for the inspectors to engage in hide-and-seek with Hussein, who alone denies that he has both a huge stash of killing tools and the will to use them.

I stand with those who passionately hope there won't be a war, and just as passionately wish there were a reasonable alternative. And more reasoning friends.

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GLT Students Attend Compost Seminar

By Sam Fare
GLT Instructor

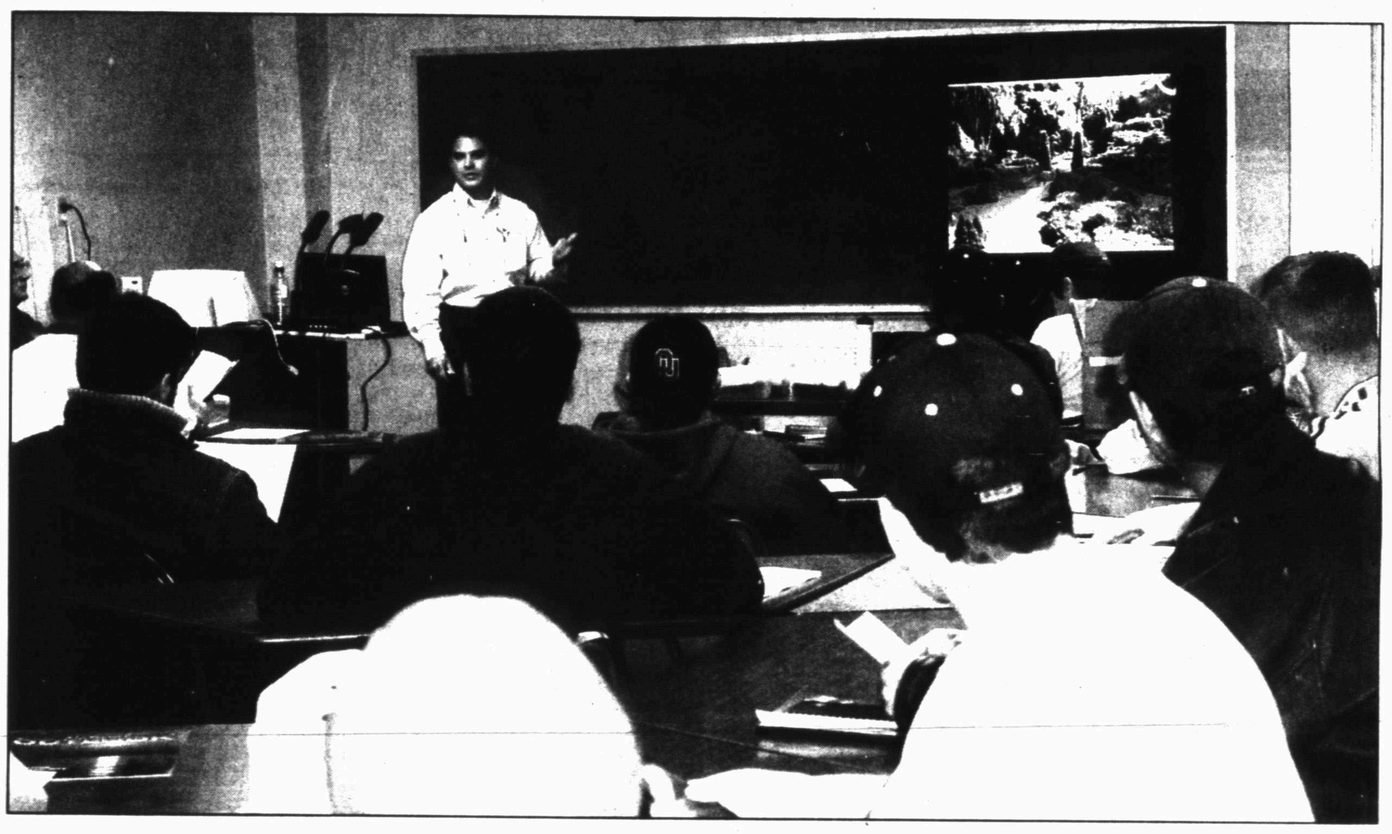
A very useful and informative seminar on the use of compost was given to GLT students on Wednesday, February 19. Presenters were Brian Noble and Scott McCoy from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The seminar, arranged by Instructor Sam Fare, was presented to all the students in the Golf and Landscape Technology program. "The information presented by these gentlemen was very timely for our students," explained Fare, "Compost has some real benefits for anyone going into the landscape or golf course management business."

William Tinkler, president of the student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA), said that he was impressed with the presentation. "We learned that compost has amazing properties in improving the soil and fertility," Tinkler said. "They showed some turf research with compost top-dressing, and the differences in the composted plots versus the control plots were amazing. It makes me think about incorporating this material into a turf management program."

Scott McCoy gave a presentation that emphasized the relationship between the use of compost and water requirements. "He showed us a slide of two lawns side by side," explained Dwayne Robertson, "and even without additional water the composted lawn was green, while the other lawn was brown. I didn't realize that the comparison would be that dramatic."

Randy Weaver, GLT instructor and campus Golf Course Superintendent, added, "They showed us a lot of ways compost could improve a golf course. They even had a great demonstration on the use of compost for erosion control and grass establishment. I think the students got a lot of good information from this seminar.



Getting to Know You

Ruth Richburg
Assistant Director of Distance Learning
Hired September 9, 1981

What led you to WTC: Two weeks after I graduated from WTC in 1973, I went to visit one of the secretaries on the campus only to find out that she had left her job a few weeks earlier.

Her boss, Gene Robertson, was in the office, so he and I began to talk about the job that she had vacated.

He made phone calls to a couple of my instructors and ended up offering me the job that day. Imagine my parents' surprise when I came back home with a job! They were ecstatic, as was I. $325 a month and an hour off for lunch—what more could a person want??

Where do you go from here: I would like to retire in a few years and devote more time to crafting and decorating. Also, I would like to be able to volunteer at the Senior Center, where my dad spent much of his time before he passed away.

Most memorable moment: There have been two moments: one of them on October 4, 1978, when my first child, Chris, was born, and the other would have to be on June 4, 1987, when my second child, Jeffrey, was born.

Hardest decision I've ever made: There have been several, but one of the hardest decisions, professionally, was leaving my job as secretary to the dean of vocational instruction in 1975 to go to school at ACU. I really liked my job, but I also realized that I needed to further my education.

Favorite Book and Favorite Author: I like to read Max Lucado books, and I also take time to read magazines like Southern Living, Better Homes & Gardens, and craft magazines.

Favorite Movie: I have several favorites: American President; Same Time, Next Year; Benny & Joon—just to name a few.

Favorite spare time activity: I really like decorating my house, as well as crafting.

Names of family members: Scott, my husband of almost 8 years and his 3 children, Chris, Jemma, and Andrew; my two sons, Jeffrey, a sophomore at Snyder High; Chris, a systems operator at Snyder National Bank.

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be: It would have to be my mother. I lost her when I was 25 years old and pregnant with my first child.

I would like for my sons to also be with me during that hour, for it was certainly their loss for not knowing her. I would like to tell her again how much she meant to me and how fortunate I was to have her for as long as I did.

Image Class slated to begin March 25

WTC will offer a free class called Image, Creating a New You at Northeast Elementary beginning March 25. The class will meet each Tuesday evening from March 25-May 13 from 6-8pm.

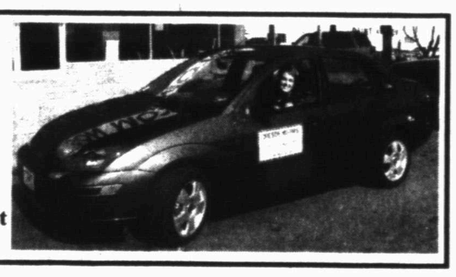
Instructor for the course will be Kim Merket, WTC Counselor. The course is designed to give individuals in the community an opportunity to:

- explore options for education and new employment
- build self esteem and confidence
- explore personality traits and work skills
- discuss stages of life and human development from psycho logical theories
- learn stress management skills
- learn to set achievable goals
- learn skills for managing emotions; and
- tour the college to gain familiarity with the campus

For more information, contact Kim Merket, 573-8511, x394.

Let's See What Develops

By
Dennis Noblett,
Director of Development



What Are The Odds?

A large note of gratitude goes out to all of those who have made donations to Western Texas College and secured chances on the 2003 Ford Focus (pictured above) donated by our friends at Wilson Motors.

As of last week, we've already received almost 400 donations for a chance on car to be given away **in less than four weeks**.

$10 tax-deductible donations are being accepted and chances given at First American Bank (*30th and College Ave.*), Barbee Medical Supply (*3801 College Ave.*), Bullard Computer Solutions (*3405 College Ave.*), Texas Finance (*1400 25th St.*), and at the WTC President's Office in the administration building (*573-8511, ext. 202 or 248*).

If you are homebound (as one WTC supporter called last week to say), you can send a check to: *Western Texas College, 6200 S. College Ave., Snyder, 79549, ATTN: Linda Englert*. Your validation ticket will be immediately sent back to you by mail.

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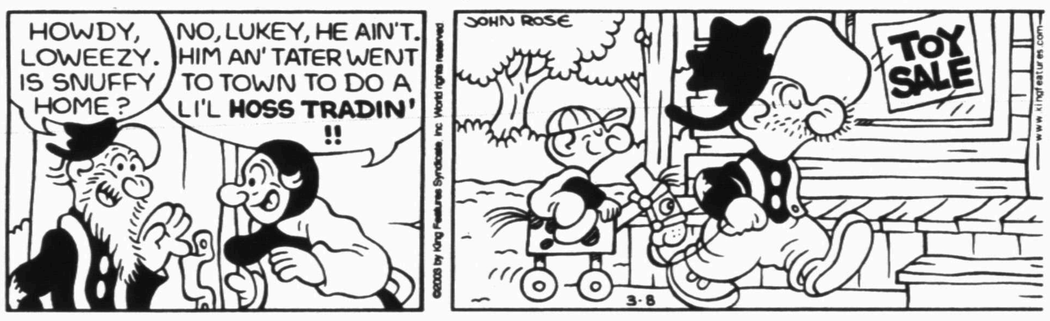

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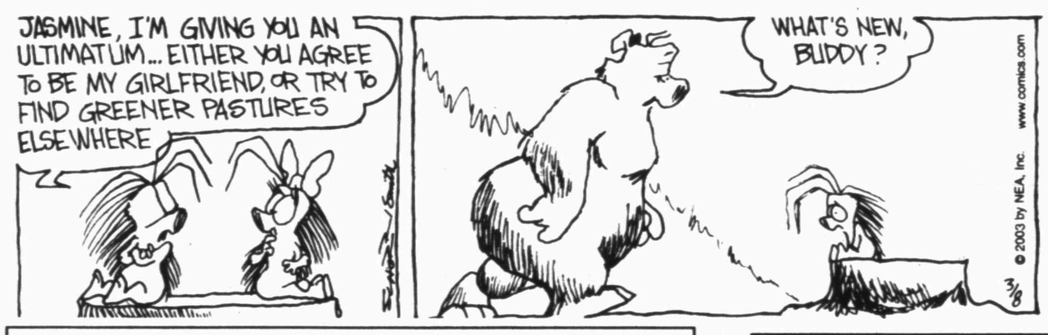

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ACROSS

1 Head movement
4 Ingenuity
7 Shower, maybe
11 Make do with
12 Melville sea captain
13 Fencing weapon
14 Half a bikini
15 Microscope part
16 Easier said — done
17 Popular fund-raiser
19 Grave risk
21 Cobbler's tool
22 Traipses about
23 Look fixedly
26 Stick-in-the-mud
28 Smidgen
29 Ambush
31 Fuss
35 Jedi master
37 Choir voice
39 Nurses' org.
40 Monk's hood
42 Adolescent
44 Ragout
46 Wash. time
47 Name
49 Top stories
53 Comic-strip possum
54 Secluded
56 Hiss
57 — -steven
58 Refuge
59 Feeling lousy
60 "Primal Fear" actor
61 Eyebrow shape
62 Turf

DOWN

1 Lincoln's st.
2 Gumbo vegetable
3 Unhearing
4 Potter's device
5 Woosnam or Fleming
6 Recipe amt.
7 Sells out
8 Orchard pest
9 Mallard cousins
10 Poultry buy
12 Completely mistaken (2 wds.)
18 Not close
20 Quiche need
23 Pig's home
24 "— Te Ching"
25 Sum
26 Collapse
27 Make a choice
30 Unvarnished
32 Upsilon preceder
33 Place to stay
34 Tease
36 Spot remover
38 Off-white shade
41 Mouse predator
43 New York Giants hero
44 Heater
45 Big cat
46 Take fright
48 Wilcox or Raines
50 Large wading bird
51 Rockies st.
52 Auction shout
53 Fasten down a tent
55 Paddle cousin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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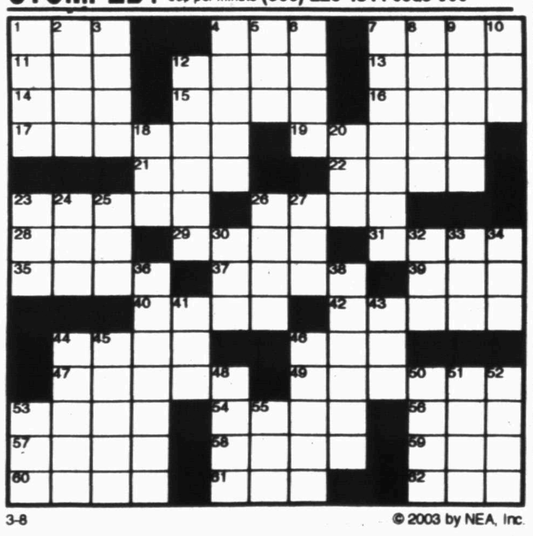

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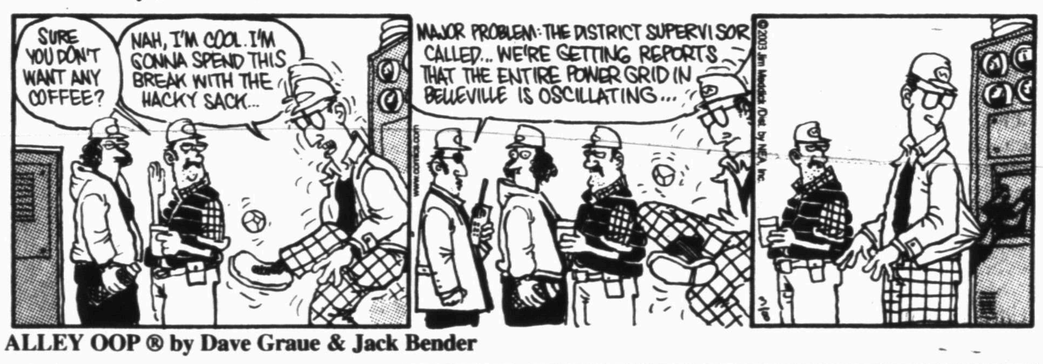

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Date Books

Saturday, March 8, 2003

Today is the 67th day of 2003 and the 77th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1481, "Mirror of the World," a general reference book on astronomy and other sciences, was translated from French to English. Soon after, it became the first illustrated book printed in England.

On this day in 1857, a march and demonstration in New York, N.Y., by female and textile workers took place. The march has since been commemorated by the International Working Women's Day.

On this day in 1913, the Internal Revenue Service began to levy and collect income taxes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kenneth Grahame (1859-1932), writer; Lynn Redgrave (1943-), actress, is 60; Aidan Quinn (1959-), actor, is 44; Kathy Ireland (1963-), model, is 40; Freddie Prinze Jr. (1976-), actor, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract for $160,000 with the New York Yankees, prompting Yankees general manager Ed Barrow to predict "No one will ever be paid more than Ruth."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The clever men at Oxford / Know all that there is to be knowed. / But they none of them know one half as much / As intelligent Mr. Toad!" — Kenneth Grahame ("The Wind in the Willows," 1908)

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 2) and first quarter (March 11).

Sunday, March 9, 2003

Today is the 68th day of 2003 and the 78th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Ulysses S. Grant accepted his commission as Lieutenant General, becoming the leader of the Union armies.

On this day in 1945, American forces initiated a blanket bombing campaign in the densely populated Japanese capital, Tokyo. Eighty-three thousand people were killed and 41,000 were injured.

On this day in 1959, the Barbie doll debuted in stores.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512), explorer; Yuri Alexeyevich Gagarin (1934-1968), cosmonaut; Raul Julia (1940-1994), actor; Robert James (Bobby) Fischer (1943-), chess player, is 60; Juliette Binoche (1964-), actress, is 39; Emmanuel Lewis (1971-), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, North Carolina won the NCAA basketball tournament by defeating Maryland 103-100.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I returned to France after winning the Oscar, I was treated like royalty, or like a football hero!" — Juliette Binoche

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 2) and first quarter (March 11).

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Billy the Kid-era adobe jail will be restored

SAN ELIZARIO (AP) — The thick adobe walls are pitted and bricks are dissolving along the base where concrete footing traps destructive moisture. But help is on the way for the old San Elizario courthouse, where legend says Billy the Kid broke into jail.

El Paso County will spend $105,000 to restore the 1,200-square-foot courthouse that is one of the oldest buildings in the county and is listed on the National Registery of Historic Places. It was built around 1860, when its one room housed a jail and was the seat of county government.

The courthouse will be restored to look the way it did when William H. Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid, made a legendary midnight ride to San Elizario to free a friend.

According to legend, the incident took place in 1876 or 1877 during Bonney's "lost years." He wasn't well known and didn't get in too much trouble in those years, so there is a spotty record of his whereabouts, said Skip Clark, who researched the legend and wrote his master's thesis about it at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Combining the many versions of the ride — the first of them published by former Sheriff Pat Garrett in 1882, a year after Bonney's death — the incident began when the Kid's friend, Melquiades Segura, went to San Elizario to visit his parents.

Segura's association with Bonney wasn't well received in San Elizario, about 10 miles southeast of El Paso and, at the time, the largest town in the county. Segura was hauled to jail.

As a mob mentality swirled through town, it looked like Segura might end up dancing at the end of a rope. He sent word to Bonney, who was near Mesilla, N.M., and somehow rode about 80 miles in a little more than six hours.

Bonney arrived sometime after midnight and began banging on the door, identifying himself as a Texas Ranger. In Spanish, he told the jailer, "Turn out, we have two American prisoners."

The jailer reluctantly opened the door and Bonney immediately shoved his revolver in the guard's face.

Another guard, awakened by the noise, quickly surrendered. Bonney ordered a jailer to free Segura, who was shackled to a hefty post anchored in the jail's clay floor.

"All this was accomplished in the time it takes to relate it," Garrett wrote. Just as quickly, the jailers were gagged and bound.

Bonney, stiff from the long ride, urged Segura to use his horse while he loped alongside. They crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico and hid out with a compadre.

Segura, fearing the noose, decided to head south into the interior of Mexico.

Bonney went on to earn his reputation as a gunslinger in the Lincoln County War, a bloody economic struggle among New Mexico ranchers and politicians. In 1881, Bonney, who reportedly had killed 27 men, was shot dead at the age of 21 by Garrett, then a New Mexico sheriff.

Some have questioned the jail break legend because it comes from oral histories passed down through generations.

Clark said he found that people who speak only Spanish and couldn't have read Garrett's book had passed the story on to their children. Clark said that could mean the legend began in San Elizario when local residents with direct knowledge of the incident began telling the story.

He thinks Garrett, who worked in El Paso as a U.S. Customs collector, might have originally heard the story in Spanish while researching his book.

The story is plausible and "there is generally a grain of truth in every legend or folk story," he said, but added, "I'll never be able to prove it. Nobody will."

The courthouse's early history, like Bonney's, suffers from a lack of information. According to the El Paso County probate court, records about the building were in large part lost, destroyed or casualties of the Civil War.

According to Clark's research, another room was built sometime in the 1870s and two wrought-iron jail cells were added in the 1880s. The heavy and bulky jail cells were mostly likely brought in by train shortly after the rails reached San Elizario.

"All these walls will be repaired and stuccoed," county planner Al Telles said. "They will use a real lime stucco that allows the adobe to breathe."

The lime stucco is hard, but it wasn't used in San Elizario in the 1880s, so it will be colored brown to resemble the old mud plaster. The plaster would require annual maintenance if used in the restoration, Telles said.

The walls may take the most repair, particularly around the water-damaged base, said Frederic Dalbin, with Wright & Dalbin, the company contracted to plan the restoration. The restoration will start in spring and take about a year to complete.

"There's quite a bit of work to be done," Dalbin said.

Ex-forest worker wants sentence vacated

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo. (AP) — Attorneys for the former forest worker who started Colorado's largest wildfire said her 12-year prison sentence should be thrown out because the judge had to flee his home to escape the smoke.

Attorney Sharlene Reynolds said the judge's involvement with the fire created the appearance of impropriety. Reynolds said she will file a motion asking state District Judge Edward Colt to step down from the case, which would automatically vacate the sentence.

The judge sentenced former U.S. Forest Service worker Terry Lynn Barton on Wednesday on a state arson charge as part of a plea agreement. Also, Barton was sentenced last month to six years in prison on federal arson charges.

Barton, whose job included spotting illegal fires, admitted starting the 138,000-acre fire 55 miles southwest of Denver last summer. The blaze destroyed 133 homes and one business, causing an estimated $13 million in damage.

Before issuing his sentence, Colt said the fire had forced him to evacuate, and on another occasion he helped feed firefighters.

Barton's attorney said that under Colorado law, judges must recuse themselves if there is an appearance of bias that will lead the community to question the judicial system.

"We don't even have to argue there was actual impropriety," Reynolds said.

The judge said Thursday he couldn't comment on the case. But he stressed during the sentencing that he suffered no monetary loss due to the fire.

Christopher Mueller, a law professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder, said he thought Colt should have disclosed his involvement with the blaze.

"Everyone was affected by the fire," he said. "Still, it's a bit surprising that he didn't relate that point to the lawyers of both sides to discuss whether this would be a conflict."

Barton, 39, begins her federal sentence March 24. She has apologized in court for the fire but has maintained it was an accident.

Brooke Shields is expecting baby in May

NEW YORK (AP) — Brooke Shields is ready for motherhood.

"I'm in for a real life change, and I'm ready for it, as ready as I can be," she told AP Radio in an interview. "It doesn't scare me, it excites me, and yet I just know that there will be so many things that I will really be getting a quick education on."

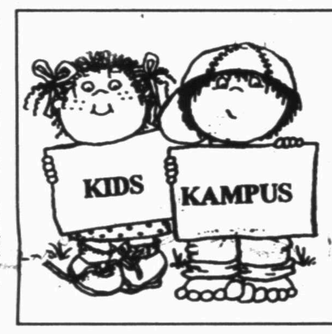
Shields and writer-producer Chris Henchy, who were married in April 2001, know the baby due in May will be a girl. They haven't picked out a name.

"There's just too many cooks in the kitchen. When you start showing the list you have to your family, everybody has something to say about it, so we're kind of shelving it for a little while," the 37-year-old actress said. "Hopefully one of the names we have will stand out."

Shields provides the voice of the title character in "Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Kids," based on the children's books written by David Kirk. The animated special will air March 31 on Nickelodeon.

The actress, who began modeling as a toddler, has appeared in films including "Pretty Baby," "The Blue Lagoon" and "Endless Love." Her NBC sitcom, "Suddenly Susan," ended in 2000 after four years.

Shields and tennis star Andre Agassi married in April 1997 and filed for divorce two years later.



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New vegetarian diet using fiber, soy products drops cholesterol

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A new vegetarian diet emphasizing soy and soluble fiber can lower cholesterol by a surprising one-third. But finicky eaters may balk at its daily helpings of okra, eggplant and Metamucil, among other things.

The Portfolio diet, as it's called, involves several trendy nutrients that have been shown separately to be good for the heart. Canadian researchers set out to see what would happen if they were combined into a single regimen.

In Miami Beach on Thursday at a meeting of the American Heart Association, they presented data showing that the combination seems to work. Ordinarly, people do well to lower their cholesterol by 10 percent by changing their diet, so doctors often have to prescribe powerful statin drugs to get their cholesterol down far enough.

"The reductions are surprising," said Cyril Kendall of the University of Toronto, who directed the study. "Most dietitians would not expect that sort of reduction through dietary means."

He said the Portfolio diet appears to do about as well as the older statin drugs that are still frontline therapy for high cholesterol.

His research was sponsored by the Canadian government, the Almond Board of California and the food companies Unilever Canada and Loblaw Brands.

"This was a pretty impressive result," said Dr. Stephen Daniels of Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. "However, the results need to be replicated. Can this be done in the real world or only in an experiment?"

The diet is based on a low-fat vegetarian regimen that emphasizes foods shown individually to be beneficial — soy, soluble fiber, plant sterols and almonds. Sources of soluble fiber include oats, barley, legumes, eggplant, okra and Metamucil. Some brands of margarine are high in plant sterols.

In the experiment, 25 volunteers ate either a standard low-fat diet or the Portfolio diet, while researchers watched the effects on their LDL cholesterol, which increases the risk of heart disease, and HDL, which lowers it. After a month, LDL levels fell 12 percent in those on the standard diet and 35 percent in those on the Portfolio diet. However, HDL levels were unchanged in people on the Portfolio diet.

Kendall said volunteers found the diet extremely filling, and several stayed on it after the experiment ended.

"It appears that a Portfolio diet is effective at reducing cholesterol and coronary heart disease risk," he said.

Whether it truly is as good as a statin, though, remains to be seen. Those drugs have been proven to reduce the risk of heart attacks and death, while the diet has not been put to that test. And statins may also protect the heart in ways that go beyond their effect on cholesterol.

In the experiment, dieters got foods supplied by the researchers that are all available from supermarkets or health food stores. Every meal contained soy in some form, such as soy yogurt or soy milk.

UT report finds link between credit score, insurance losses

AUSTIN (AP) — A University of Texas at Austin study released Thursday showed a "significant relationship" between a person's credit score, which indicates someone's credit history, and losses incurred on that person's insurance policy.

"In general, lower credit scores were associated with larger incurred losses," an executive summary of the study said.

Sen. Bill Ratliff had requested the study in 2002, when he was lieutenant governor. Lawmakers now are studying measures to change how automobile and homeowners insurance rates are regulated in Texas. One of the issues they are studying is credit scoring.

Some lawmakers have filed legislation that would ban insurance companies from using a person's credit score as a factor in their rate setting. Insurance companies say credit scores make pricing more accurate.

The study analyzed a large, random sample of automobile insurance policies from the Texas market to determine if credit histories and losses were statistically related. The study did not explain why credit scoring adds significantly to an insurer's ability to predict insurance losses.

Sandra Ray, a spokeswoman at the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said the study confirms what insurance companies have been saying all along.

"The study shows that risk takers incur more losses," Ray said. "Insurers have to consider the risk variable when they write policies and how they price policies and this has been proven to be a very accurate predictor of risk."

Rob Schneider, an attorney at Consumers Union, said that asking whether there is a correlation is not the end of the question.

"There is a correlation generally with credit scores but that doesn't mean that it is fair to any particular individual," Schneider said.

He said another study shows that the use of credit scoring has a negative impact on lower income people and minorities.

Ray said that a credit score is based solely on factual data and does not "even attempt to interpret age, race or gender or income and that's true."

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