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Home Of Annie Martinez

Trustees call for $20.4 million school bond issue

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

It's no longer a proposed bond election.

Snyder ISD's board of trustees voted 6-1 Friday evening to hold a $20,450,000 bond election on Aug. 8 for major improvements on all the district's campuses except Central Elementary.

If the bond issue passes, Central will be closed and additional classrooms will be built at the remaining elementaries. Temporary buildings which are now being utilized at Stanfield and Northeast Elementaries will be replaced with permanent structures.

It is expected that the elementaries will maintain the neighborhood school concept with grades kindergarten through the second grade, with the third grade moving to Stanfield and the other grades remaining on the campuses where they presently are.

"That is one option," Superintendent Gayle Lomax told the board.

Renovation costs at the elementary schools will range from $2,160,832 at Stanfield to $2,612,968 at Northeast.

'I don't think anyone can question our or the administration's motives. We all want what is best for the kids.'

Charles Anderson

Coda Stephenson, architect with BGR Architects-Engineers, told the board that the figures vary because of differences in square-footage in the buildings.

Snyder High School renovation will cost $6,293,167 with improvements to Tiger Gym set at $272,722. Renovation costs at the junior high are expected to total $3,578,800, with an extra $96,000 tabbed for a metal building addition to the gym to increase the workout area.

The school's agriculture farm is targeted for $214,890 in improvements, while Travis Gym is projected to receive $124,000 for renovation.

Construction of bilingual classrooms on the campus of one of the elementary schools adds another $339,746.

At the urging of the architects, all the costs have a five-percent contingency figure added.

"It's always good to have the contingency fee," Stephenson had told the board in a previous meeting. "There are always surprises when an old building is renovated."

Stephenson and Lomax have both said that in the event the funds are not needed for construction, they will be used for additional playground equipment, furniture or other needed items for the campuses.

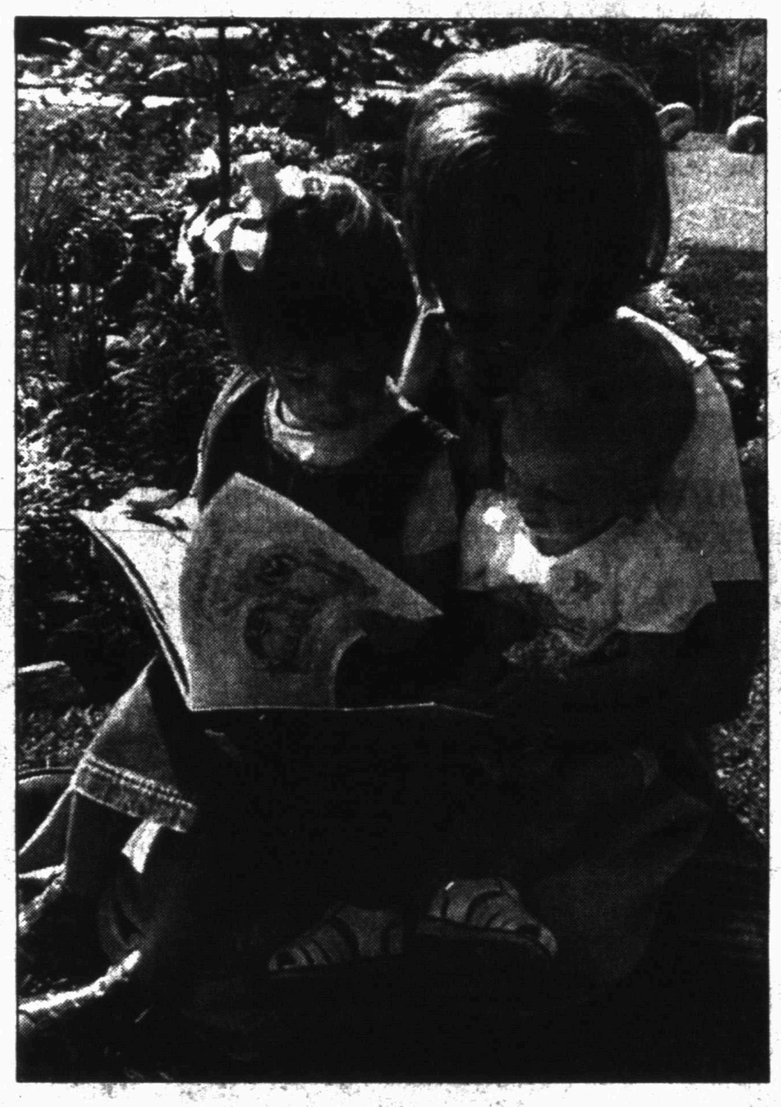
The exact tax rate to support a bond issue of $20,450,000 will not be known until the taxable values are set, but it is expected to add around 37 cents to the district's rate of $1.50.

That would increase by about $130 the annual bill of a person responsible for the taxes in a $50,000 home in the district.

The vote to call the bond issue passed on a split vote, with trustee Janet Stribling voting against it.

In an informal poll conducted earlier among the board, Stribling, Charles Anderson and Richard Chambers all said they were against closing the 50-year-old Central Elementary building.

See Bond issue, Page 14A



MOTHER'S DAY — Three-year-old Megan and 17-month-old Sarah are enjoying Mother's Day 1998 with mom, Terrie McWilliams. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you don't use what Mother Nature gives you, Father Time will take it."

Retired minister Miller Robinson spent years telling audiences how to acquire peace and tranquility. His answers always came out of the same Book.

On a recent trip to Missouri, Miller spied a newspaper article with information that he thought readers might appreciate. And of course, a newspaper is the next best thing to the Good Book.

The item told of a way to eliminate those pesky junk telephone calls that everyone gets just as you sit down to dinner.

The writer said he asked the telephone company about telemarketers and about the really irritating machines where you pick up the phone because Caller ID says the caller indentification is "unavailable."

Most people pick it up and it goes "click" because the automatic dialing machine has disconnected you because they don't have a telemarketer on line ready for you. Ten minutes later, they call again.

Now you can write the Direct Marketing Association and get your name off the lists. Write a signed and dated letter to: Telephone Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assoication, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, N.Y., 11735-9014.

Requests to be deleted from calling lists are accumulated. Once every three months, DMA contacts each of its members asking them to remove requested names and phone numbers. It's important to remember, however, that not all telemarketers belong to DMA.

In this case, it is recommended that you ask each caller to remove you name and number. Often they will say that they can't. In this case, ask them to make a note by your name, "Never buys anything over the phone."

Miller said he sent such a letter about a month ago, and the calls have stopped.

Come to think of it, writing a letter and stopping those unwanted calls may have some eternal implications — 'cause those telemarketers who wart you often make otherwise genteel folks angry and lose their cool.

'Oklahoma' headed for high school stage

Snyder High School choral department is putting the finishing touches on "Oklahoma."

"Everything is falling together at the last minute," choir director Rhonda Haire said of the well-known Rogers and Hammerstein musical.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Worsham Auditorium.

It's the first musical Snyder High School has staged since 1991. Haire hopes to establish a new tradition of performing a musical every other year.

She said "Oklahoma" appeals to any audience because of the music, which will include two songs that are not in the movie version. The storyline features love, romance and conflict.

SHS choir students will perform a full play, featuring 30 cast members. An intermission is planned and the programs will be like "regular play bills."

The cast includes Carol Strayhorn as Laurey, Reid Johnson as Curly, Traci Eicke as Aunt Eller, Jerrod Rinehart as Ike Skidmore, Michael Arbuckle as Slim, Matt Coronado as Will Parker, John Gutierrez as Jud Fry, April Baker as Ado Annie Carnes.

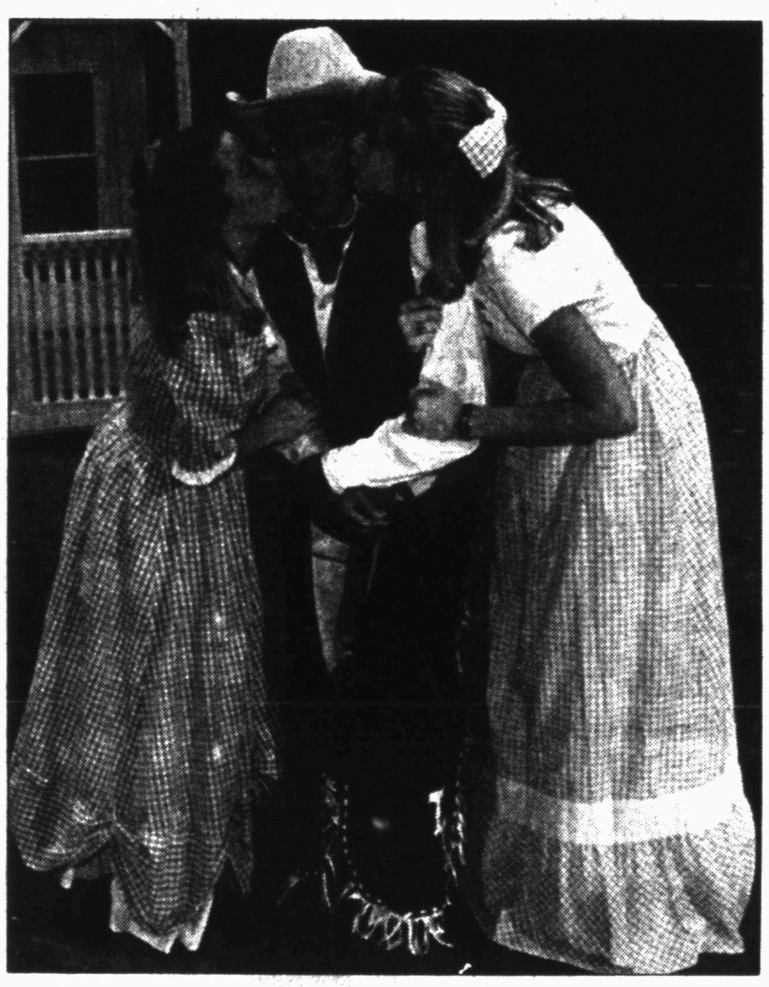
Others are Isaac Spoor as Ali Hakim, Kara Gowin as Gertie Cummings, Melanie Kidd as Ellen, Laurie Kerley as Kate, Michaelin Huckabee as Sylvie, Allison Bowden as Vivian, Jenise Judah as Aggie, Lila King as Virginia and Richard Rodriguez as Andrew Carnes.

Also, Michael Compton as Cord Elam, Brady Hackfield as Jess, Zach Allred as Tom, and Lance Beaver as Joe.

Members of the dance troupe include Lila King, Brady Hackfeld, Laurie Kerley, Brady Cobb, Crissida Tyler, Richard Rodriguez, Melanie Kidd, Jerrod Rinehart, Kelli Henderson, Matt Coronado.

Those in the chorus include Leslye Starnes, Lindsey Bunch, Kimberly Moore, Melissa Rodriguez, Jessica Dea, Leslie English, Lane Whitefield.

Reserved tickets are on sale now for $7 each. General admission is $4. For tickets or more information, call Katie Necessary at the high school, 573-6301.



UNEXPECTED — In a scene from "Oklahoma," Matt Coronado receives an unexpected kiss from Lila King, who plays Virginia, and Melanie Kidd, who plays Ellen. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Cultural exchange program...

Artists journeying to Hong Kong

If they haven't heard about Western Texas College in the Orient yet, they will soon.

Art instructors Ty Brunson and Ben Sum are on their way to Hong Kong, where they'll spend two and a half weeks exhibiting their work and presenting lectures at the Hong Kong Visual Arts Center.

"We are both real excited about going," said Brunson, who on Thursday was still getting ready to meet Sum in Lubbock.

"We're going to represent West Texas and we'll be focusing on the artwork and the contrast in locations. There will be three Chinese artists there, too."

Sum will exhibit his paintings and lecture on Texas painters. Brunson, who chairs the fine arts division, will exhibit his ceramics and lecture on contemporary, functional and scuptural ceramics.

The trip is made possible through a grant obtained by Sum's friend Kong Ho, a Texas Tech University graduate who lives in Hong Kong. Ho and his wife, Martie, support themselves through grant writing.

They are also artists, and will probably be exhibiting their work in Snyder through a cultural exchange program, said Brunson. Martie is clay sculpter and Ho is a painter.



Ty Brunson — Ben Sum

Afterward, they hope to visit Beijing, China and tour the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Imperial Palace and other sites. They would also like to go to Thailand and visit some village potteries.

"This will be like going home for Ben," Brunson said. "He is originally from Canton, China. His family moved to Hong Kong as a young man.

"He speaks fluent Cantonese and I speak absolutely none," Brunson said with a laugh. "But I'm looking forward to it. We've just been swamped trying to finish up the semester and now it's time to go."

Registration dates set at WTC

Summer registration at Western Texas College will be held May 26 and June 1.

Class offerings include computer science, business, nine math courses, introduction to photography, history, government, speech, scuba diving, desktop publishing and several levels of developmental English, reading and math.

For a complete list, obtain a summer schedule by calling the college.

Students who need a class not listed on the schedule are encouraged to call the campus and request it. It may be possible to add that class to the schedule.

Registration will be conducted from 9 a.m. until noon, 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9:30 p.m. both days. Students may register for day or evening classes at any time during the registration hours.

Students without ACT or SAT scores need to take a placement test. These will be offered May 26 at 2 and 6:30 p.m., June 1 at 9 a.m. and June 2 at 2 p.m.

Students who have never taken a class at WTC before are encouraged to come out during May and fill out an application. An admissions officer can assist with paperwork, a counselor can provide guidance with education and career goals, and the recruiting staff can offer a tour of campus.

Completing the admissions process ahead of time will make a smoother registration.

To receive a schedule or for other information, call 573-8511 or toll-free 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).

ASK US

Q—When is the last day of school for Snyder public school students?

A—It's the same day as graduation — May 29.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 93 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Saturday, 60; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, mid 50s. N-NE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High, upper 80s. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Ronnie Hernandez
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:29 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:51 a.m.
Of 128 days in 1998, the sun has shone 126 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The future has several names. For the weak it is the impossible. For the faint-hearted it is the unknown. For the thoughtful and valiant it is the ideal.

Victor Hugo

Pays out $6.6 billion...

Tobacco industry settles Minnesota suit

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Big Tobacco already has shelled out more than $26 billion to keep lawsuits in three states from going to court.

A fourth case made it through trial and was nearly ready for a jury's consideration when the industry found the price tag to bring it to a close: another $6.6 billion.

The settlement Friday between tobacco companies and Minnesota and its largest health insurer came only hours before the case was to go to a jury following 3½ months of testimony.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota had been seeking $1.77 billion in compensation for treating smoking-related diseases and unspecified billions more in punitive damages.

State Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III said the deal tells Congress the tobacco companies should pay out much more than they originally offered last June under a proposed $368.5 billion settlement with states across the country. Minnesota would have received about $4 billion under that proposal.

"Saturday, Minnesota sets a new standard for the nation," Humphrey said. "The magnitude of these payments breaks the mold of Big Tobacco's sweetheart deal."

By settling, the defendants chose not to take the risk that the jury might impose even higher costs. The plaintiffs chose to go with a sure thing rather than risk getting less — or nothing at all.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. said it settled "because we concluded that it would be extremely difficult to reach a fair outcome, based on what we believe are a series of incorrect rulings by the court favoring the state, which in essence placed a loaded gun to our head."

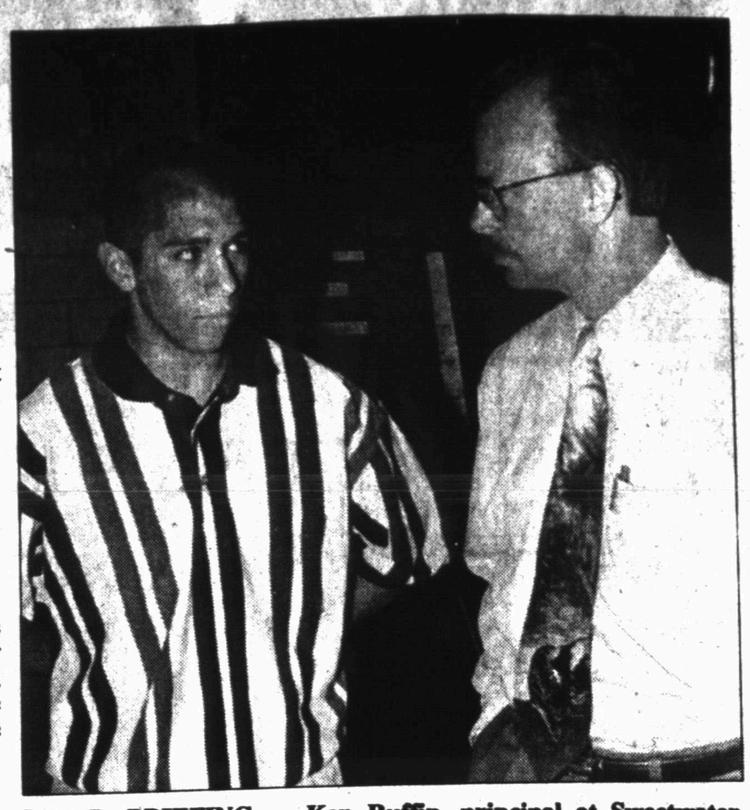
Minnesota became the fourth state to settle with the tobacco industry over the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

Mississippi settled for $3.36 billion, Florida for $11 billion and Texas for $15.3 billion. Before Minnesota, only Texas' case went as far as jury selection. Thirty-seven states have lawsuits pending.

Minnesota pursued its lawsuit further than any other state, forcing the tobacco companies to release 39,000 secret documents detailing manipulation of nicotine, marketing to children, destruction of documents and attempts by lawyers to control research.

The tobacco industry said the Minnesota deal, which will pay out over the next 25 years, showed the limits of using the courts as a forum for the debate over tobacco's place in society.

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S.T.A.R. BRIEFING — Ken Ruffin, principal at Sweetwater Middle School, listens as David Garcia relates his experience in the alternative punishment program. Local officials, as well as citizens from other communities, attended the session Wednesday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Technology magazine sells to 'dinosaur media' firm

NEW YORK (AP) — Conde Nast wasn't the most obvious company to buy Wired magazine, the trendy chronicler of the digital age that has long railed against the Eastern media establishment.

Advance Publications Inc.'s Conde Nast unit announced Friday it was buying Wired, ending nearly two years of speculation about the magazine's fate.

The sale will pump more than $75 million in badly needed cash into Wired Ventures Inc.'s coffers, allowing it to concentrate on its online ventures, such as the HotBot search engine and online publications HotWired and Wired News. It also would go to paying off the magazine's debt.

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

"Folks at Wired magazine are very happy, very excited," said Andrew De Vries, a spokesman for Wired Digital, the online division of Wired Ventures.

TAAS packets now available

Test dates for the summer exit-level TAAS/TEAMS tests are July 14 for writing, July 15 for math and July 16 for reading.

Exit-level TAAS and TEAMS summer registration packets are available in the Snyder High School Counselor's office.

The packets are for individuals no longer enrolled in school and who have not met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test. All out-of-school individuals who wish to take the TAAS or TEAMS test must register in advance.

The registration forms must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope to Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5 p.m., June 12.

The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent either by registered or certified mail.

The testing site will be at the Snyder Jr. High School. Anyone having further quesitons should contact Charlene Light at 573-6301 or Wendell Sollis at 573-5401.

The state flower of Virginia is the dogwood.

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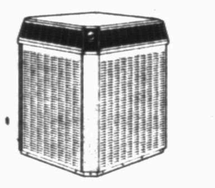


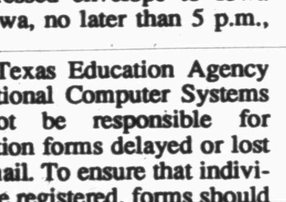
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Graphic images on display in San Diego's museum of death

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hanging on one wall are 18 photographs of the carnage left by Charles Manson and his followers. Displayed on another is a purple shroud from the Heaven's Gate suicides.

There are 8-by-10 framed pictures of bloody car crashes, shotgun suicides, even a man being dismembered. There are drawings by serial killers, a baby coffin and a dog that has been dead since 1971.

At The Museum of Death, all that and more is on display for the morbidly curious — or anyone else with the $4 price of admission.

One thing's for sure: It's no place to go on a full stomach.

"I'm about to lose my dinner," groaned Heather Winn, 28, of Fairfax, Va., who insisted she was dragged into the basement museum by a friend. "There's a reason that the general public does not see this stuff in the paper."

Winn and her friend, like many other visitors to the museum, stumbled upon it while strolling around San Diego's lively downtown Gaslamp Quarter. A hanging wooden sign between a pub and a smoke shop points the way down to the six-room gallery.

At the bottom of the steps, a fluffy Afghan hound appears to be resting. It looks so alive that visitors are startled when they find out it's stuffed.

"She's the most profound piece we have," museum owner Cathee Shultz said. "People get so upset about a dead dog."

Shultz, 35, opened the unconventional museum nearly three years ago with her 36-year-old husband, J.D. Healy, who likes to joke: "We're trying to put fun back into funeral."

The couple, who used to run an art gallery in the same building, were inspired to create the museum in 1995 after learning that the building once housed San Diego's first mortuary. The basement, in fact, was the mortician's workshop.

Adding to the myth, Healy swears the place is haunted by the ghost of a man who committed suicide there in the late 1800s.

Children are allowed into the museum, but they warn parents about the graphic nature of what's inside. "This is death, not an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie," Shultz said.

To an apprehensive new visitor, Shultz said with a smile: "It's death. We all got to do it." She then pointed the way down a hall with two long rows of black-and-white photographs of car wrecks.

In one room, two walls are dedicated to Manson. One has crime scene and morgue photos from the 1969 murders, including pictures of actress Sharon Tate, who was 8½ months pregnant when she was slain. The other wall has magic-marker drawings by Manson and a baseball signed by him.

"This place is actual photos of actual events. It's pretty cool," said frequent visitor Shawn Love, 22, a Navy firefighter. "It's a little morbid, but it's life."

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POSTER WINNERS — Rural winners of the Upper Colorado SWCD poster contest were announced at the annual awards banquet held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club on April 30. They are pictured in the top photo, from left, Mike Barrera, Jeffery Bigbey and Kevin Doggett, all from Hermleigh. In the bottom photo are winners of the urban poster contest from Northeast Elementary, Jacy Beccue, Nicky Alvarez and Jerrica Gutierrez. Winners of the essay contest include Lindsey Smith, first place, and Micah Hensley, pictured at left. Both are from Gail. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

5 naval instructors accused

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — Five naval instructors have been accused of sexual misconduct and having improper relationships with female recruits at the Navy's only boot camp.

One of the instructors accused was honored last year as the recruit division commander of the year at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, located in North Chicago, about 30 miles north of Chicago, the Chicago Tribune reported Saturday.

Three of the cases have already been referred to a military court which hears cases that are less serious than those heard in regular courts-martial. Officials have not released the names of the accused.

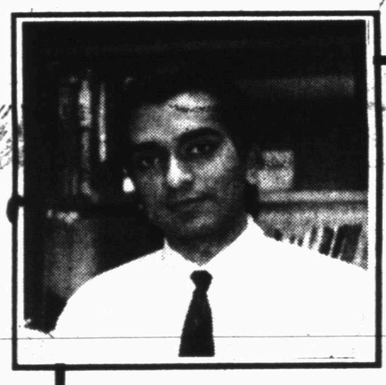
Despite the latest allegations, naval officials contend male and female recruits can be trained together at the same base.

"I think it's a very good thing because we currently have a fleet that is operating successfully Saturday with men and women working together as a team," said Rear Adm. Kevin Green, the Great Lakes commander.

Author receives 'Truman' award

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Tom Clancy, whose high-tech spy novels include "Patriot Games," was given the Truman Good Neighbor Award for citizenship, patriotism, selfless service and courage.

The award is named for President Truman, a man who could have been cut from the pages of one of his novels, Clancy said as he, along with former President Ford, accepted the award Friday.



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Ruling on state wards could cost taxpayers lots of money

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Father Flanagan's Boys Town, the nationally known home for waifs whose motto is "He ain't heavy, father, he's my brother," says it no longer can carry the burden of paying to educate children who are wards of the state.

Boys Town lawyers asked the Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday to order the state to pay those costs, which could cost taxpayers an extra $2 million a year.

Boys Town has grown from a small home for troubled boys founded by Flanagan outside of Omaha in 1917 to a sprawling multimillion-dollar private nonprofit charitable organization that serves thousands of youngsters from across the nation.

A statue on the Boys Town campus depicts a young boy carrying another child on his back and was the genesis for the "He ain't heavy" motto.

Boys Town, like other private institutions, historically has billed the state only for the costs of wards who needed special education.

If Boys Town prevails in its demand to get the state to pay all education costs for wards of the state, officials predict Nebraska will have to pay $11.5 million in back payments to Boys Town and other institutions and an additional $2 million a year thereafter.

Boys Town began demanding the extra payments in 1991, a year in which the state sent 25 wards to Boys Town for special education and 166 for general education.

The state mistakenly paid Boys Town more than $800,000 for general education expenses in 1992, and Boys Town refused to return the money. The state then stopped all payments to Boys Town but continued placing wards at its three schools.

Boys Town sued and was awarded more than $8 million in 1996 by a lower court judge. The state appealed to the high court.

At the center of the dispute is a law that says the state shall pay to educate wards who have been placed in an institution that maintains a state-approved special education program.

Boys Town attorney Fred Kauffman told the court Friday that the law clearly says "the cost of the child's education shall be paid by the state."

The state says that means it only is liable for those wards needing special education.

About 95 percent of the state's wards — about 5,300 children — are in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The department has paid about $3 million to 37 institutions for the special education of wards so far in the fiscal year that ends June 30, according to Mary Fraser Meints, program specialist for State Ward Education Fund.

Kudrow has boy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a boy for "Friends" star Lisa Kudrow.

The actress gave birth Wednesday to a 6-pound, 12-ounce boy, spokeswoman Jennifer Allen announced Friday.





SPECIAL PLAYS — Janeen Patterson's drama students at Snyder Junior High School presented two plays for elementary students last week. The cast of "Rumplestiltskin" (top photo) includes front row, kneeling, Keeli Shoemake; seated, Jaci Tovar, Stephen Crain, Samantha Everett, Kendall Brewster; middle row, Tim Gutierrez, Crystal Garcia, king and queen; Ambre Trusty; back row, Tina Sanchez, Shannon Chambers, Lynn Fogelman, Jennifer Stoval; and Joanna Burk, as Rumplestiltskin. The cast of the "Paper Bag Bandit," bottom photo, includes in front, T.J. Cagle, Aaron Benitez, Tyson Kubena, Darrell Rivera, Miguel Lopez, Cruz Renteria, Tyler Riggan; in back, Vanessa Lara, Janie Salinas, Anna Robledo, Maritza Aguirre, Roger Warr, Daisy Medrano, Nick Landes, Stephanie Garza, Dennis Evey, Melanie Adams. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Bebe Rebozo, confidant of Nixon, dies at 85

MIAMI (AP) — Charles "Bebe" Rebozo was a success in his own right, the son of a Cuban cigar maker who made a fortune in banking and met presidents from Herbert Hoover to Gerald Ford.

But Rebozo will forever be linked with President Richard Nixon, his longtime friend for whom he served as confidant, adviser and loyal supporter even in the darkest days of the Watergate scandal.

Rebozo died Friday evening surrounded by friends at Baptist Hospital at age 85, said his sister, Mary Bouterse. Hospital officials would not disclose the cause of death or any other details.

The Miami Herald reported today that doctors said Rebozo died of a brain aneurysm and that Rebozo had suffered complications from a stroke.

A gas station owner who became the president and chairman of Key Biscayne Bank, Rebozo first met Nixon in 1950 after an introduction by Rep. George Smathers of Florida.

Rebozo and Nixon were neighbors and golfing buddies at Nixon's winter White House in Key Biscayne, and the president often visited while he was in office.

It was during one such visit in June 1972 that Nixon first learned that five men hired by the White House had been arrested at Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate Office Building.

"We were swimming at Key Biscayne in front of my house," Rebozo told The Miami Herald in a 1990 interview. "They came out and told him. He said, 'What in God's name were they doing there?'"

Then, Rebozo said, "We laughed and forgot about it."

Dismissed by the White House at the time as "a third-rate burglary," the break-in proved devastating to the president, who approved steps to divert an FBI investigation. Rebozo was at the president's side the night he decided to quit the presidency, and Nixon resigned on Aug. 9, 1974.

Nixon, named by a federal grand jury as one of 18 unindicted co-conspirators, received "a full, free and absolute pardon" from his successor, President Gerald Ford.

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County safety team...

Members of the Scurry County Safety Team include back row, from left, Julie Bearden, H.V. Walker, Roy Idom, Roger Sullenger, Noreen Taylor, Kathryn Roberts; front row: Rona Sikes, Tommy Williams (recently retired), Charlie Bell, Bob Pollard and Jerry Gannaway. Not pictured: Bennie Marricle, Larry Thompson, Chloanne Lindsey, Elois Pruitt, Michael Hartman, Joan Bunch, Charlie Reynolds and Sy Tabor. (Contributed Photo)

Goal of county safety team: promote safe working areas

The goal of the Scurry County Safety Team is to promote a safe working environment. Members of the loss control safety team meet monthly to review concerns and develop strategies to promote safety among their fellow employees while at the same time develop personal safety habits as well.

County employees already follow safety policies developed and adopted by the commissioners court. Other aspects of the safety program include: it is an employee-based program, identification of hazardous materials and how to work with them, accident investigation, conduct ongoing safety training sessions, and continue to identify preventative measures to secure a safe working environment for all concerned.

All county activities have been surveyed for needs and concerns. At the present time, steps are being taken to correct and enhance safer working conditions.

The safety team also has reviewed areas visited by outside staff, and in turn working on methods to correct needed situations and make them as safe as possible.

Members of the county safety team include: Bob Pollard, Bennie Marricle, Julie Bearden, Jerry Gannaway, Roy Idom, H.V. Walker, Larry Thompson, Chloanne Lindsey, Elois Pruitt, Rona Sikes, Michael Hartman, Joan Bunch, Charlie Bell, Noreen Taylor, Charlie Reynolds, Kathryn Roberts, Roger Sullenger and Sy Tabor.

Babbitt, governor OK land swap deal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Utah's governor on Friday signed off on what Gov. Mike Leavitt called the continental United States' biggest land swap ever.

The federal government gets 376,739 acres of Utah schools lands scattered through national forests, parks and monuments and the mineral rights to others. Utah schools get $50 million in cash as well as minerals and land outside the parks and areas proposed for wilderness.

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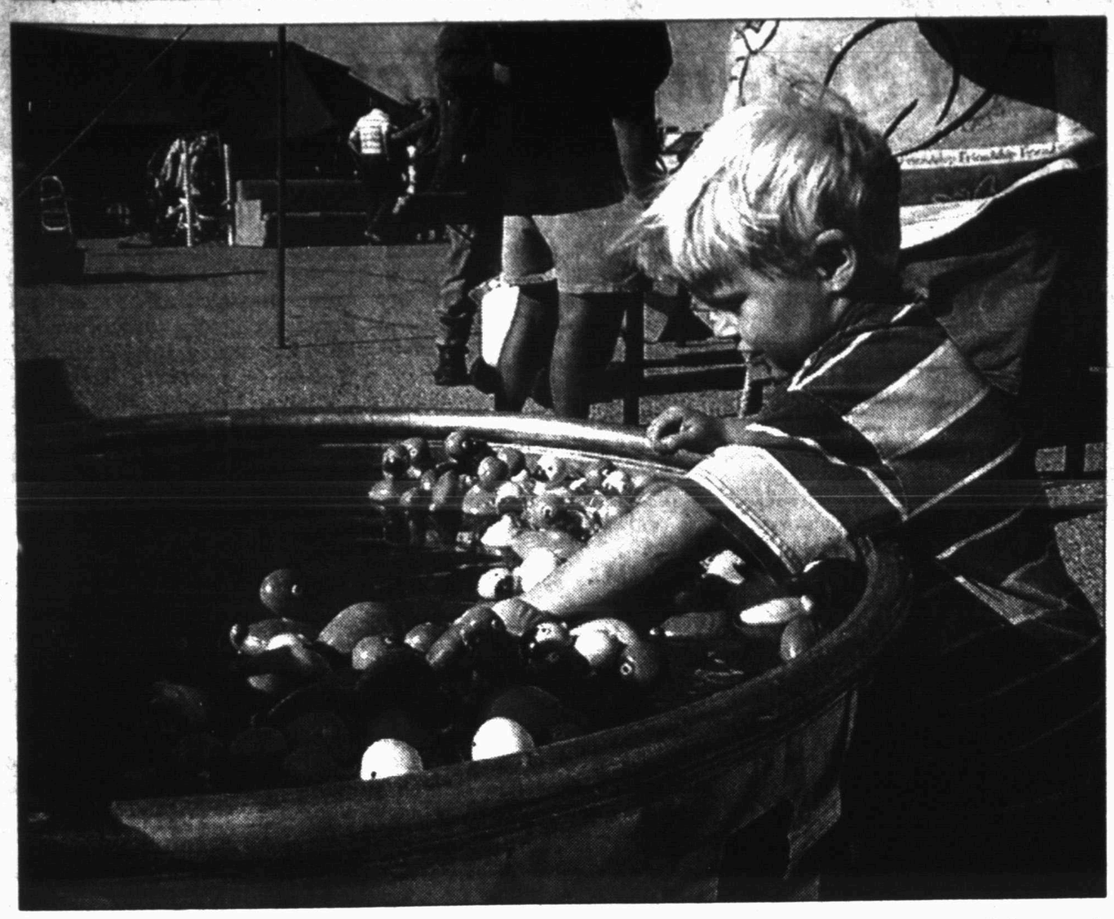
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FISHING BOOTH — Threee-year-old Karsten Morrell chooses a fish for a prize at one of the carnival activities sponsored by employees of Price Daniel unit to benefit Special Olympics. It was held in the old Kmart parking lot. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Sailor Navy sought to oust on promotion list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sailor Timothy R. McVeigh is in line for promotion to the Navy's highest enlisted rank, only months after the service lost a court battle aimed at forcing his discharge on grounds of alleged homosexuality.

McVeigh, assigned to submarine duty in Hawaii, is on a list of those selected for master chief petty officer, a Navy official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday. Only 15 percent of those who might be eligible for advancement are chosen, he said.

McVeigh, who is not related to the convicted Oklahoma City bomber of a similar name, was ordered dismissed in December on charges he is homosexual and engaged in sodomy. But he then filed and won a lawsuit blocking the action.

McVeigh, an 18-year Navy veteran at age 36, has not commented on his sexuality.

McVeigh, now a senior chief petty officer, said Friday he had not been notified of the promotion. "If indeed it's true, then I'm obviously very happy," he said. "It opens other doors and gives me a chance to look around a little more." He said he plans to stay in the Navy at least 20 years.

Pentagon policy allows dismissal of someone who discloses he is gay, but the military cannot raise the issue without sufficient cause.

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WTC GRADUATES — Included among the graduates of Western Texas College are these men from the Price Daniel and the Wallace Units. Shown in the top photo are, from left, Terry Bratton, Armando Martinez, Jesse Silva, Robert Windham, Scott Eiland and Daniel Raudy. Graduates in the middle photo are, from left, Vicente Estrada, Roger Smith, Ruben Godines, Marcus Barnes, Michael Milliman and James Hopp. Graduates in the bottom photo are, from left, Norris Mills, Joshua Walker, Richard Hernandez, Michael Orta and Kenneth Houston. (SDN Staff Photo)

Three men sentenced to life in prison for robberies

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Three men were sentenced to life in prison Saturday for a string of bank and armored car robberies in which two guards were shot and killed.

Immediately after he was sentenced, Anthony Shea jumped up from his seat, threw a cup of water at prosecutor Gary Milano, cursed him and threatened to punch him. Shea was immediately subdued by U.S. marshals as members of the defendants' families yelled "relax" at him.

Shea, 35, Steven Burke, 42, and Michael O'Halloran, 40, were convicted in December of racketeering, conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery, carjacking and various firearms offenses.

A fourth defendant, Patrick McGonagle, 58, was to be sentenced Saturday afternoon, while the sentencing of a fifth, Matthew McDonald, 36, was postponed to an unspecified date.

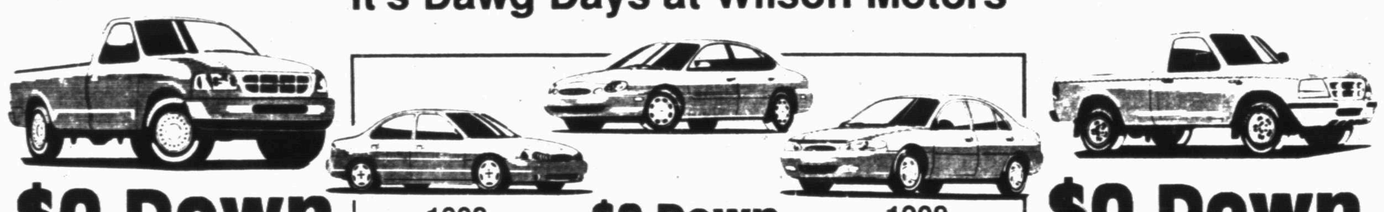
The five men are from the Charlestown section of Boston, which had been notorious for its "code of silence" when residents were accused of crimes.

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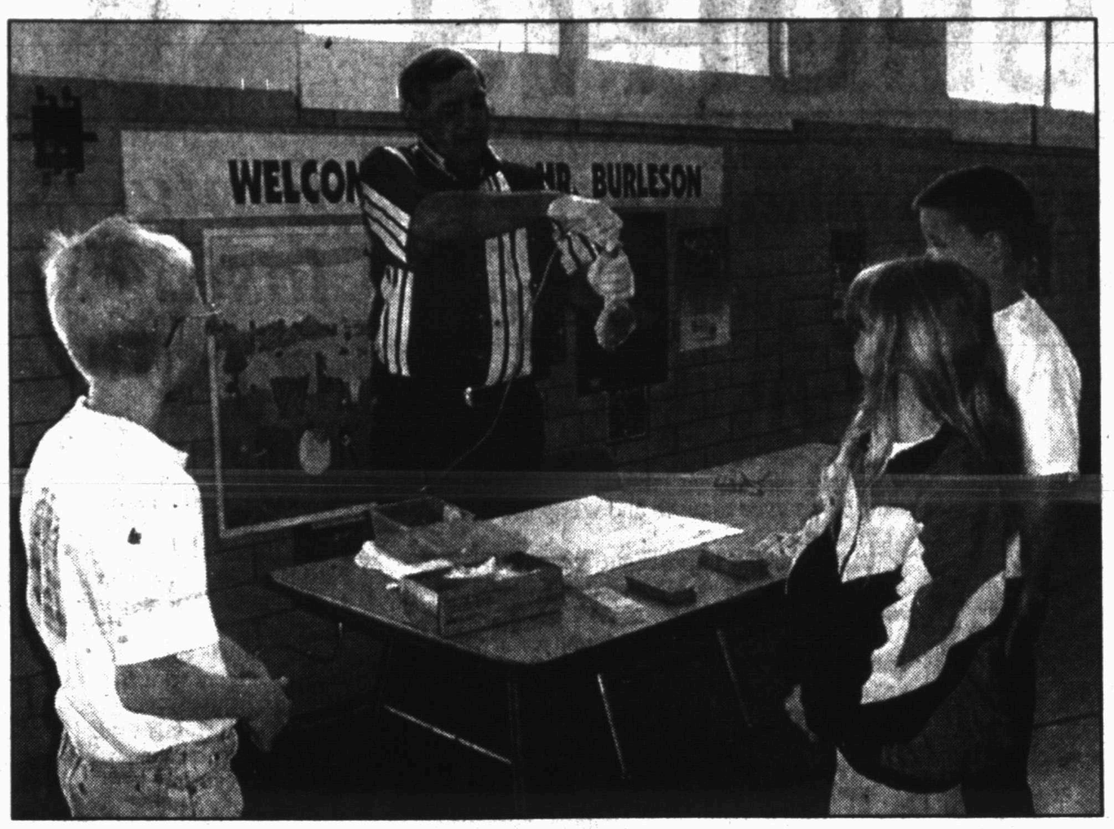
East Elementary students learned about keeping fit this week.

On Monday, Carl Burleson, head of the respiratory department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, spoke to students, emphasizing the danger of smoking.

He showed the students a pair of raccoon lungs which are similar to human lungs only smaller. He filled the lungs with air so students could see how their lungs work.

Chris Bane, school nurse, checked students' blood pressure on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Wal-Mart donated bottled water and Lawrence IGA donated fruit for fourth graders. Students also learned about which exercises will benefit various parts of the body.



KEEPING FIT — Carl Burleson, head of Cogdell's respiratory department, presented an anti-smoking program for students at East, using a pair of raccoon lungs. Students watching are from left, Calvin Nobles, Holly Kimbrell and Allen Henson. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Mars' huge canyon system, which stretches 2,800 miles along the Martian equator, is 10 times as long, as much as 24 times as wide and three times as deep as Arizona's Grand Canyon.

Burton under fire for investigation methods

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dan Burton had some advice for himself when he took over the House investigation into President Clinton's campaign finances more than a year ago: Don't throw any bombs, lose the "pit bull" reputation.

"Give me a chance," the Republican congressman said then, "and if I don't do what I say, then you can really cut me up."

Well, the knives are out.

With his aggressive pursuit of the president, Burton has become a favorite whipping boy for the Democrats. Even some Republicans are piling on, calling his tactics counterproductive.

Mistakes were made, the eight-term Indiana congressman acknowledges.

Most recently, there was his committee's release of excerpted prison conversations by Whitewater figure Webster Hubbell. Burton was forced to fire his top investigator this week after being criticized for failing initially to release some portions favorable to the Clintons.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich called the whole episode embarrassing.

Burton's reference last month to Clinton as a "scumbag" prompted another outcry. The 59-year-old congressman admitted to a poor choice of words but didn't back off, saying he doesn't believe Clinton is "a man of integrity."

Burton's supporters say it is only natural for him to fight back after a steady stream of attacks from Democrats going all out to distract people from presidential misconduct.

"Dan did have the image of being sort of a pit bull, but he's done remarkably well at restraining it most of the time," says former Rep. William Clinger, whom Burton replaced as chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee 16 months ago. "I suspect I would be equally ticked off at this stage of the game if I were in that seat."

Burton's younger brother says, "It's just Dan's nature to come out fighting" when challenged.

"If he thinks he's right, he'll fight to the death," said Woody Burton, a state legislator in Indiana who talks to his brother almost every night.

The younger Burton said his brother's doggedness has its root in their ragtag upbringing under an abusive father who moved the family to 38 states before their mother finally left him.

Snoopers sought many wiretap orders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement agents sought a record number of court orders last year to allow them to secretly listen in on more than 2 million private conversations, a government wiretap report shows.

The 1,186 wiretap requests approved by federal and state judges in 1997 marked a 3 percent increase over 1996 and surpassed the 1,154 logged in 1994. The total is believed to the highest since Congress in 1968 started requiring the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to compile such records.

As in past years, the bulk of the wiretap requests — 73 percent — were spurred by narcotics investigations. Crimes otherwise most often cited included gambling and racketeering.

The telephone wiretap was the most common device used but other surveillance tools were authorized as well.

Investigators actually installed 1,094 wiretaps, and each intercepted an average of 2,081 conversations — a total of 2.27 million. Only in 1994 were more conversations — 2.35 million — subjected to reported government snooping.

Federal judges authorized 569 wiretaps; state judges 617. The most orders were issued in New York (304), New Jersey (70) and Florida (57).

Elders remains frank about sex

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Jocelyn Elders was frank about sex when she was surgeon general and she hasn't backed off since she left the Clinton administration.

Ms. Elders said Thursday that adults need to teach young people responsibility to prevent unplanned and unwanted pregnancies.

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SPORTS

Astros fanned by Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jeff Juden is no Kerry Wood, yet he and the Milwaukee bullpen had the Houston Astros flailing at pitches just the same.

"They're an aggressive team, I knew they'd come out swinging at fastballs, so I just mixed it up," Juden said after striking out seven in the Brewers' 4-1 victory on Friday night in which the Brewers handed Houston a bit of ignominious history.

Houston's batters set an NL record for strikeouts in consecutive games with 31.

The Astros, victims of Wood's major league record-tying 20 strikeouts on Wednesday at Wrigley Field, struck out 11 more times, surpassing the NL futility mark for most strikeouts in consecutive nine-inning games.

The previous record was held by the San Diego Padres, whose batters struck out 29 times against the New York Mets from April 21-22, 1970.

The major league record is held by Seattle — 36 strikeouts against Boston pitchers from April 29-30, 1986.

"I'm not real proud of that record," said Astros third baseman Bill Spiers, the only Houston starter who didn't get rung up Friday night.

But Astros manager Larry Dierker said he's not worried one bit.

"Guys that hit home runs strike out," he said. "We got guys that hit home runs. If we had a lot of hitters that just put the ball in play or hit-and-run, bunt-type guys and were striking out this much, then it would be alarming."

It's certainly surprising, said Brewers reliever Chad Fox, who struck out two, including Craig Biggio on a nasty slider to hold a runner at third in the seventh.

"That's a real good team over there and a real tough team to strike out," Fox said.

Japanese students win at racquetball

The annual WTC Student Racquetball Tournament ended last week with 22 entrants overall and three winners for both a beginners men's and women's bracket and an intermediate group of mixed players.

All three winners were comprised of international students attending WTC this spring term.

Winner in the beginning men's group was Kazuhiro Terado of Japan, who bested eight other players competing in first a single elimination, then a double elimination round-robin tournament.

For the beginning women, the winner was Makiko Funai of Tokyo, who won over seven other entrants in single and double elimination play also.

In intermediate mixed play, the winner was Aikkiko Nishijima of Japan. She was the top player from six entries, winning three straight games and earning a bye in the first round.

The tournament was under the direction of the Health, Physical Education Department at WTC headed by Lee Burke.

Clay Berryman harvests 16 strikeouts as Snyder Tigers overpower Pampa, 11-2

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

AMARILLO — After wondering whether the opening game of the bi-district series would even be played, Clay Berryman quickly left little doubt as to the outcome.

Berryman surrendered only three hits and struck out 16 Harvesters as the Snyder Tigers rolled over Pampa, 11-2, under stormy skies at Amarillo's Tascosa Field.

After allowing two runs in the bottom of the first, the Snyder senior sat down 16 of the next 18 baters faced, powering Snyder to a 1-0 lead in the best of three Class 4A baseball series.

"You always want to win that first game," Tiger Coach Roland Herrera said. "I wasn't sure how the guys would react to the long bus ride and the rain, but they responded well. And Clay was great."

In addition to his work on the mound, Berryman was three for four at the plate — including a double and triple.

"He was one of the finest pitchers we've faced all year," Pampa Coach Dennis Doughty said. "We're real young and this is great experience for us to get to face a quality team like Snyder."

After being retired in order in the opening frame, the Tigers responded with three runs in the second off hits by David Smith, Dustin Fish and Sonny Cumbie.

Cumbie, Snyder's sophomore catcher, knocked a base hit in each of his three plate appearances and courtesy runner Cheyenne Robinson scored all three times.

Meanwhile, Berryman was dominating on the hill. During one stretch, the Tiger ace fanned 13 of the 18 batters that came to the plate.

Snyder added to its 3-2 lead following a lead-off walk by Eric Lang in the fourth. The Tiger second sacker would score on a fielder's choice before the Cumbie-Robinson combination would strike again.

Cumbie slapped a two-out single and the speedy Robinson stole second and third before being knocked in by John Border.

Next up, Berryman drove a 1-2 offering into the gap in right-center field for a triple. Border would come home and Berryman scampered in on an error by a 7-2 Snyder advantage.

The Tigers added four more runs in the sixth on Cumbie's third hit of the night, a Berryman double, two walks and a wild pitch for a 11-2 final.

"Sonny did a great job for us tonight," Herrera said. "He stayed focused and was positive from the very start."

Snyder, which improves to 24-6 on the season, was to have sent Kyle Beck to the mound in Game 2 Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's game was in doubt for a while as a thunderstorm rolled through the Panhandle and drenched the playing field. If the game could not have been played, UIL rules would have declared Snyder winner of the series as a result of the first-game victory.

Starting for the Harvesters was to have been their ace, Aaron Whitley. The Pampa hurler battled shoulder problems most of the season and didn't draw the start in the opener due to the cold weather. A third game, if needed, was to have followed 30 minutes after game two.

The winner of the series advances to face El Paso Riverside in the area round of the playoffs.

Tentatively, a Snyder-Riverside clash would be played as a best of three series next Friday and Saturday. Possible locations are Alpine and Fort Stockton.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	4	1	1	2
Jones lf	1	0	0	0
Berryman p	4	1	3	1
Roemisch cr	0	1	0	0
Beck 3b	3	1	0	0
Smith cf	2	2	2	0
Fish 1b	4	4	2	2
Lang 2b	2	1	0	0
Bedell 2b	1	0	0	0
Shields dh	3	0	1	1
Rodgers ss	1	0	0	0
Cumbie c	3	0	3	1
Robinson cr	0	3	0	0
Trujillo c	01	0	1	0
Hernandez rf	3	0	1	1
Martinez ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	33	11	15	9

Pampa	ab	r	h	bi
Snelgrooes 2b	2	0	0	0
Cabrales cf	3	1	0	0
Blackmon ss	3	1	1	0
Harris 1b	3	0	0	0
Hill dh	3	0	1	2
Lindsey 3b	3	0	0	0
Francis p	2	0	0	0
Waggoner c	3	0	1	0
Phelps lf	2	0	0	0
Bender ph	1	0	0	0
Totals				

Snyder	030	404	0—11 15 2
Pampa	200	000	0—02 03 4

2B —Berryman; Hill. 3B: Berryman.
WP: Berryman, 7 innings, 2 R, 0 ER, 3 H, 2 BB, 16 SO.
LP: Francis, 3 2/3 innings, 7 R, 6ER, 9 H, 1BB, 1 SO. Prock, 2 innings, 4 R, 4 ER, 3BB, 1 SO; Shepard, 1 1/3 innings, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 H, 0 BB, 3 SO.

Rangers halt own losing streak and stop Tribe's roll

ARLINGTON (AP) — Maybe the Texas Rangers should hide their fans more often.

Just after Rangers officials asked fans to head for cover because of an approaching storm, Juan Gonzalez doubled home the go-ahead run in a three-run eighth inning Friday night to send the Texas Rangers to a 6-3 win over Cleveland.

Rangers officials urged fans to move from open seats when radar detected a storm with tornadic winds and giant hail bearing down on Arlington.

The storm passed to the north of the stadium, allowing the Rangers to snap a four-game losing streak while halting Cleveland's win streak at six.

"There were plenty of people watching the game -- you just couldn't see them," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "I've never been in a ballpark when the announcer has asked fans to run for cover. We were down there on the field. What were we supposed to do?"

Rusty Greer walked to open the eighth off Jose Mesa (3-1) and scored when Gonzalez doubled for his major league-leading 42nd RBI. Gonzalez then took third on a wild pitch and scored on catcher Pat Borders' throwing error.

With two outs, Lee Stevens connected for his ninth homer.

"He didn't throw strikes, got behind hitters and didn't hit his spots," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said of Mesa. "It's tough to pitch to major league hitters that way."

Xavier Hernandez (1-0) struck out three in 1 1-3 innings for his first win since Sept. 6, 1996, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

David Justice and David Bell homered for the Indians.

Both starters pitched well, but neither got a decision. Rangers starter Rick Helling, who was seeking his seventh win, allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Cleveland starter Chad Ogea pitched 6 1-3 innings, allowing three runs and five hits.

The Rangers took a 3-1 lead off Ogea in the second inning on Tom Goodwin's two-run single and Kevin Elster's RBI base hit.

"I had an extra day of rest and came out a little strong," Ogea said. "Once I got into my rythm, I was OK. I fell into a groove and started hitting my spots."

Justice's eighth homer in the fifth inning pulled Cleveland within 3-2, and Bell's second of the year in the seventh off Helling tied it.

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

MINOR LEAGUE
Indians 10, Braves 7
Indians: Jamie Arnold; double and single; Lucas Munoz Jonahan Hembree, Phillip Payne, doubles; Casey Arnold, single. WP: Jamie Arnold.
Braves: Martin Garcia, triple; Brandon Graves, double and single; Kameron Harrison, double; Wesley White, Walter Ezell, Josh Baldwin, singles. LP: Devin Graves.

If Parry notches first win he won't have to sell cow

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — If Craig Parry wins his first U.S. tournament Sunday, he won't have to worry about selling a cow.

Parry, winner of 14 tournaments around the world but still seeking his first victory in America, shot a 6-under-par 66 Friday and was tied with Jay Don Blake for the lead of the BellSouth Classic after the weather-shortened second round.

Parry and Blake each had a 9-under-par 135, but 77 players were scheduled to finish the second round this morning because of extensive delays each of the first two days.

Among those who were still on the course when the second round was halted Friday night because of darkness were Tiger Woods, David Duval and first-round leader Mark Calcavecchia.

"I would love to win over here," said Parry, a 32-year-old Australian who plays part time in the United States and has been a runner-up four times on the PGA Tour. "It drives me nuts. I've been close quite a few times."

He hasn't lacked for victories in other parts of the world, winning tournaments from Italy to Indonesia. His most unique prize came after a triumph in Japan, where he received a prized cow in addition to his prize money.

"It was worth about $10,000. We sold it to the locals," he recalled with a grin. "Normally in Japan, you get a car or something like that. I got a cow."

Playing the back nine first at the TPC at Sugarloaf course north of Atlanta, he had an eagle at No. 18 when he hit a wedge into the hole from 110 yards, then followed up with another eagle at 4 when he chipped in from 50 feet.

It marked a dramatic turnaround for Parry, who had missed the cut in four of six PGA events this year and finished in a tie for 65th at Houston a week ago.

"I've played crappy all year," he said. "I changed balls at the start of the year and found no success with that, so I went back to the ball I had been using for quite a few years."

Blake can relate to Parry, having missed the cut in two straight tournaments and finishing no higher than 16th in 1998. But he's turned things around this week.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	24	11	.686	-
NewYork	18	14	.563	4½
Philadelphia	16	17	.485	7
Montreal	12	21	.364	11
Florida	12	23	.343	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	20	13	.606	-
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	½
Chicago	18	15	.545	2
Cincinnati	17	17	.500	3½
St.Louis	17	17	.500	3½
Pittsburgh	15	19	.441	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	23	11	.676	-
SanFrancisco	18	16	.529	5
LosAngeles	17	17	.500	6
Colorado	16	19	.457	7½
Arizona	8	27	.229	15½

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 4, 14 innings
Colorado 7, Montreal 5
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Florida 12, Los Angeles 6
San Diego 3, Atlanta 2
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 4
N.Y. Mets 9, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 4, Houston 1

Saturday's Games
San Francisco (Darwin 2-2 and Estes 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-1 and Gonzalez 2-3), 2, 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Petkovsek 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 3-1), 1:40 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 2-2) at Montreal (Moore 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Suppan 0-3) at Philadelphia (Nye 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-3) at Florida (Larkin 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Winchester 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Silva 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 1-0) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Schourek 0-0) at Milwaukee (Eldred 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Los Angeles (Valdes 2-4) at Florida (Meadows 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Smith 3-2) at Atlanta (Neagle 4-1), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 4-3) at Montreal (Batista 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 0-2) at Philadelphia (Grace 1-4), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 4-2), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 1-3), 1:40 p.m.
Houston (Lima 5-1) at Milwaukee (Woodard 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Henshiser 0-3) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 2-4), 2:20 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	23	6	.793	-
Boston	22	11	.667	3
Baltimore	17	16	.515	8
Toronto	15	19	.441	10½
TampaBay	13	19	.406	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	13	.606	-
KansasCity	14	20	.412	6½
Chicago	13	19	.406	6½
Minnesota	13	20	.394	7
Detroit	9	21	.300	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	20	13	.606	-
Anaheim	18	15	.545	2
Seattle	17	17	.500	3½
Oakland	14	19	.424	6

Friday's Games
Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 14, Kansas City 3
N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 1
Texas 6, Cleveland 3
Anaheim 5, Detroit 3
Seattle 8, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 3

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Bere 1-3) at Oakland (Rogers 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Springer 1-4), 6:35 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 3-0) at Kansas City (Belcher 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-2) at Minnesota (Morgan 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 3-1) at Texas (Oliver 1-4), 8:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 3-3) at Seattle (Swift 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Castillo 0-1) at Anaheim (Finley 4-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore (Key 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 3-1) at Kansas City (Rosado 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-1) at Minnesota (Milton 2-3), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Navarro 2-3) at Oakland (Telgheder 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 1-4) at Seattle (Fassero 3-1), 4:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 1-2) at Texas (Burkett 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Worrell 2-3) at Anaheim (Hill 5-2), 8:05 p.m.

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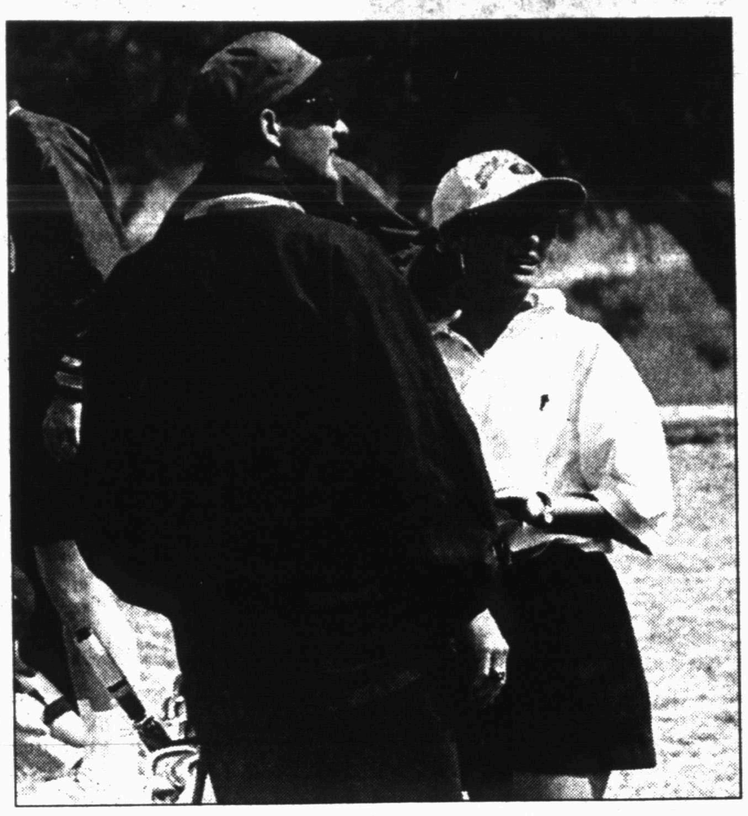
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers seek second 4A state golf crown



STRATEGY MEETING — Snyder golf coach Matt Glenn talks with Randi Reed during the regional golf tournament in San Angelo. The Lady Tigers begin the defense of their state title Monday in Austin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Runnerup Highland Park is back to challenge Snyder

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Class 4A state golf tournament begins Monday in Austin.

By Tuesday night, the Lady Tigers are hoping that they have made school history with a repeat performance.

Snyder Coach Matt Glenn takes his troops back to Roy Kizer Golf Course where the Lady Tigers set two state records in capturing the state links crown a year ago.

Snyder's second round of 309 set a new mark on the Kizer course, and Snyder's two-day total shattered the old record by 16 stokes.

Pacing the Lady Tigers should be Daysha Weaver. The senior, who fired a 71 in the final round in 1997, was named the SHS female athlete of the year earlier this spring.

She'll be joined by Randi Reed who led Snyder in the regional tournament at San Angelo two weeks ago with a first-round 74.

Also returning from the '97 title squad will be Keisha Gafford and Lacey Kidd. Sally Barham will play in the fifth spot in only her second varsity event.

Expected to challenge Snyder for the crown, which would give SHS its first ever back-to-back athletic state championships, is Highland Park who was runner-up at state last year. Other contenders are Austin Anderson and Grapevine Colleyville Heritage.

Rounding out the field are Pampa, El Campo, Gregory-Portland and Montgomery.

Tournament action begins Monday morning and will conclude with the final 18 holes on Tuesday.



CONCENTRATION — Snyder linkster Daysha Weaver studies a putt during the regional tournament in San Angelo, while a Pampa golfer practices her stroke. The Lady Tigers and the Lady Harvesters will compete for the state championship beginning Monday in Austin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder junior high golfers finish strong at Andrews

Snyder's golf future is in good hands.

The Snyder Junior High boys captured the runner-up spot recently at the Andrews golf tournament. The Tigers finished second to the host Mustangs, while topping 13 other teams.

The SJHS girls, led by Andra Lancaster's medalist-tying 47, finished sixth.

Katie Kerley and Hailey Putnam both shot 65, while Chrsitan Curry and Kellie Dodson each came in at 69. Stefani Beck and Kayla Beck fired 71s, with Kamie Drain posting a 72.

For the Tigers, Zach Starnes and Brady Reed took fifth and sixth in the medalist race respectively, while Jason Williams tied for seventh.

Starnes carded an 85, Reed an 86 and Williams an 87. Tate Thompson turned in a 90, with Vaughn Wiggins and Stafford Gray shooting 92. Jon Medrano posted a 93 and Tanner Beard fired a 95. Logan Hill came in at 98, while Matt McCormick shot a 124.

Jr. High Golf Tournament
at Andrews
BOYS

Team totals: 1. Andrews A 323; 2. Snyder A 348; 3. Ft. Stockton A 361; 4. Andrews B 365; 5. Andrews C 367; 6. Monahans A 369; 7. Snyder B 378; 8. Pecos A 389; 9. Andrews D 392; 10. Ft. Stockton B 407; 11. Kermit A 419; 12. Pecos B 425; 13. Monahans B 435; 14. Andrews E 441; 15. Kermit B 464.

Snyder A: Zach Starnes, 85; Brady Reed, 86; Jason Williams, 87; Tate Thompson, 90; Vaughn Wiggins, 92.

Snyder B: Stafford Gray, 92; Jon Medrano, 93; Tanner Beard, 95; Logan Hill, 98; Matt McCormick, 124.

GIRLS

Team totals: 1. Andrews A 203; 2. Pecos A 229; 3. Monahans A 272; 4. Andrews B 237; 5. Ft. Stockton A 249; 6. Snyder A 255; 7. Pecos B 260; 8. Andrews C 266; 9. Monahans B 272; 10. Snyder B 274; 11. Ft. Stockton B 298.

Snyder A: Andra Lancaster, 47; Katie Kerley, 65; Stefani Beck, 71; Kamie Drain, 72.

Snyder B: Hailey Putnam, 65; Christan Curry, 69; Kellie Dodson, 69; Kayla Beck, 71.

NHL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, May 7
Washington 4, Ottawa 2, Washington leads series 1-0
Dallas 3, Edmonton 1, Dallas leads series 1-0

Friday, May 8
Buffalo 3, Montreal 2, OT, Buffalo leads series 1-0
St. Louis 4, Detroit 2, St. Louis leads series 1-0

Saturday, May 9
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, May 10
Montreal at Buffalo, 2 p.m. (FOX)
St. Louis at Detroit, 2 p.m. (FOX)

Monday, May 11
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, May 12
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas Tech's Brooke Lowrance fires 1-under-par at region

STANFORD, Calif. — Texas Tech's Brooke Lowrance fired a 1-under-par 72 Friday to remain in contention for a spot in the NCAA national finals.

Tech's team hopes sunk Friday despite the stellar performance by the junior from Snyder. Tech remained in 16th place overall after shooting a 307 for a two-day total of 613, 11 shots out of 11th place.

The top 11 teams in the regional tournament will advance to the national chanpionships. Lowrance, after the second round, was tied for 16th in medalist standings. The top two finishers not on one of the top 11 teams also advance.

Lakers top Seattle to tie NBA series

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Eddie Jones thinks defense first, offense second. His Los Angeles Lakers teammates want him to be more greedy.

"He's an All-Star, and no one is going to get mad at him if he takes extra shots," fellow All-Star guard Nick Van Exel said. "I think he understands that now and he's playing more aggressive. That's what we need out of him."

Jones, who spent the previous night telling himself to be more aggressive, did just that Friday night, scoring a playoff career-high 29 points, including four 3-pointers, in the Lakers' 119-103 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

He wasn't the only big scorer for Los Angeles. Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 10 rebounds and Van Exel added 22 points as the Lakers took a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

"We're much better when everyone is involved," Van Exel said. "Shaq wants to get everyone involved. When we feed off him, we play our best as a team."

The Sonics had their own triple threat. Detlef Schrempf scored 26 points, Gary Payton had 22 points and 13 assists and Vin Baker added 20 points and 12 rebounds, but it didn't keep them from losing big for a second straight game.

The Sonics are vowing to play better defense when the best-of-7 series resumes Sunday at the Forum.

"Hopefully, we'll put a game together where we play at both ends. Play for 48 (minutes) and put the pieces together," Seattle coach George Karl said. "Even in the Minnesota series, I don't know if we pieced a game together as well as we're going to have to on Sunday."

After blowing out the Sonics by 24 points in Game 2 on Wednesday, the Lakers found out it wasn't going to be so easy. Neither team led by more five points in a tight first half that saw 12 ties and 11 lead changes.

The Lakers opened a 56-51 halftime lead by scoring the final five points of the second quarter. Their momentum continued into the third quarter, with O'Neal, Jones and Van Exel taking turns as the hot shooter.

O'Neal's run of five straight points, followed by Jones' slam dunk and Robert Horry's turnaround jumper gave the Lakers a 73-60 lead — a 13-point margin they would equal twice more in the quarter. Horry made all seven of his field-goal attempts and finished with 19 points.

"He's been playing well. Eddie played great. Everybody played great," O'Neal said.

Over Charlotte...

Bulls flex muscle to lead series, 2-1

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — There was no B.J. Armstrong jumping for joy and yelling at his former teammates as the Chicago Bulls reverted back to being the team of the '90s.

"We realize this is a seven-game series and there is no reason to celebrate," Bulls forward Scottie Pippen said after Friday night's 103-89 win over the Charlotte Hornets that gave Chicago a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinals.

Michael Jordan, who scored 27 points, yielded to Pippen when a reporter asked if Armstrong's antics late in Charlotte's Game 2 upset at the United Center agitated the Bulls.

"They came in and won a big game (Wednesday), but it was a smack in our face," Pippen said of Armstrong's dancing and finger-pointing in front of the Chicago bench after one of his clutch shots. "We knew coming in here we wanted to establish a defensive game — and especially stop their bench."

Chicago's reserves outscored Charlotte's 29-13, with Armstrong and Dell Curry — the heroes of Game 2 — a combined 1-for-10 for two points.

"I thought it was a game in which we played the most serious game of basketball," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "There was an intent with this team right from the start of getting on the airplane and coming to this city.

"Taking care of their bench was very important to us because their bench really killed us in the fourth quarter in Chicago."

The Hornets, with the fifth-best home mark during the regular season, were trying to send Chicago to its second consecutive playoff loss and its first postseason deficit since 1995, which was the last time the Bulls failed to win the NBA title.

But the Bulls took control by halftime and led by 15 at the end of three quarters as Jordan was able to shake free from a variety of defenders, Pippen played his usual outstanding floor game and Dennis Rodman grabbed 17 rebounds and scored 10 points.

Jackson also moved Jordan to the point on defense, confusing the Hornets and forcing the NBA's third-best 3-point shooting team into a 2-for-15 performance from beyond the arc.

"They put Michael on our point guard and that was their adjustment," Charlotte coach Dave Cowens said. "It created havoc in our offensive sets because we couldn't bring the ball down and enter from the places we wanted to enter from. That stalled us out."

NBA PLAYOFFS

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(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 3
Chicago 83, Charlotte 70

Monday, May 4
Seattle 106, Los Angeles 92

Tuesday, May 5
Indiana 93, New York 83
Utah 83, San Antonio 82

Wednesday, May 6
Charlotte 78, Chicago 76
Los Angeles 92, Seattle 68

Thursday, May 7
Indiana 85, New York 77, Indiana leads series 2-0
Utah 109, San Antonio 106, OT, Utah leads series 2-0

Friday, May 8
Chicago 103, Charlotte 89, Chicago leads series 2-1
Los Angeles 119, Seattle 103, Los Angeles leads series 2-1

Saturday, May 9
Indiana at New York, 1 p.m. (NBC)
Utah at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, May 10
Indiana at New York, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Seattle at Los Angeles, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Chicago at Charlotte, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)
Utah at San Antonio, 9 p.m. (TNT)

Sports Briefs

Bowling meeting

Snyder Men's Bowling Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday at 7 p.m. at The Shack. Election of new officers will follow meal.

WGA Playday

Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly playday at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Friday's couples play will be at 5:30 p.m.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Pumpjack Partnership

Snyder Country Club will host the annual Pumpjack Partnership next weekend.

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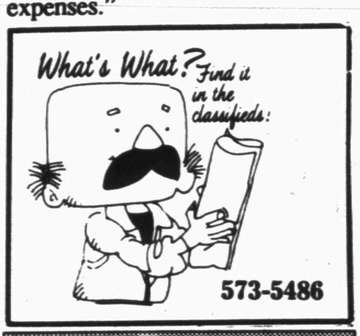
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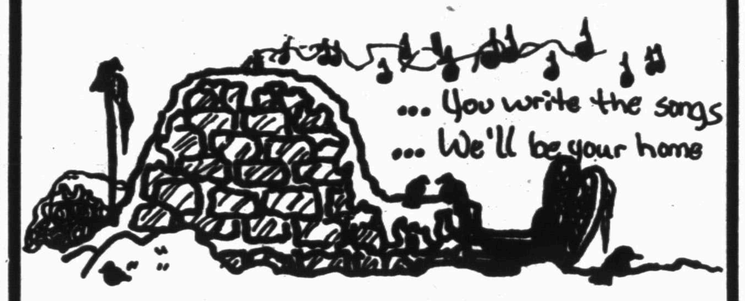
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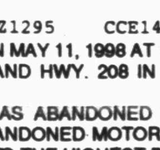
The annual report of the Diamond M Foundation, Inc. is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after its availability.

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The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA) will accept bids until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 1998 at 2513 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas for Minor Remodeling. Bid packets with specifications can be picked up at the above address. The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse reserves the right to accept or reject any/all proposals or bids, waive any and all technicalities and accept the proposal which will best meet the needs of SACADA.



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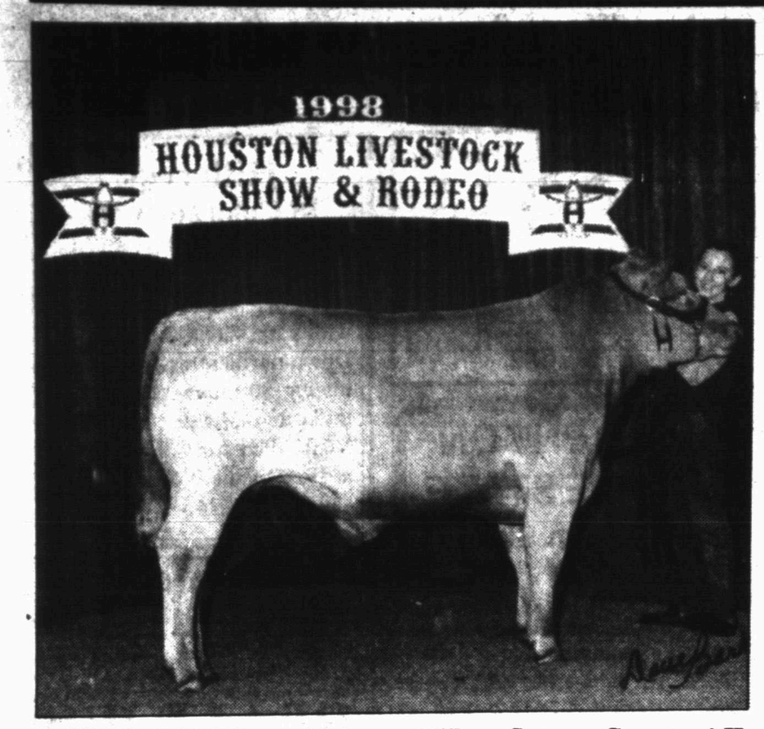
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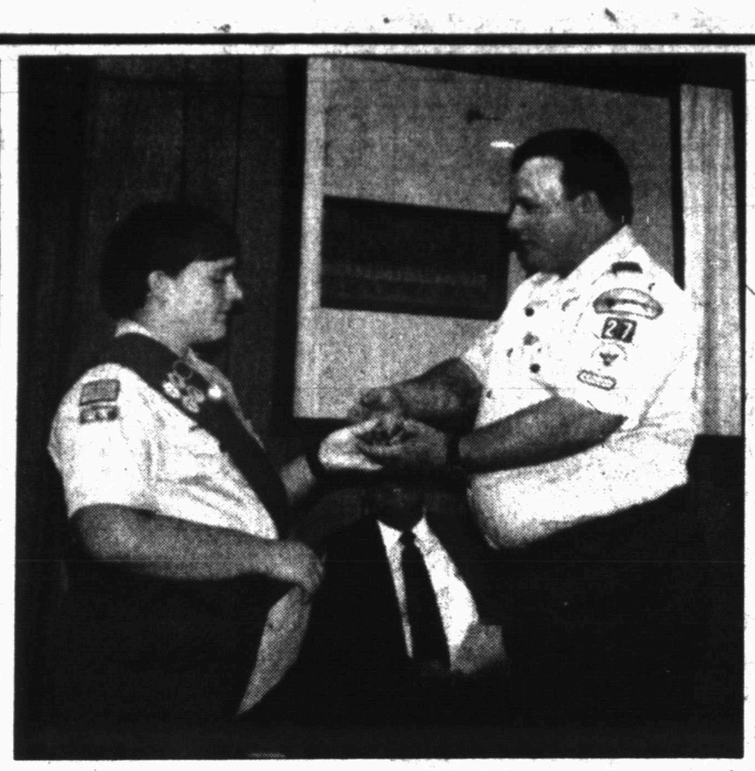
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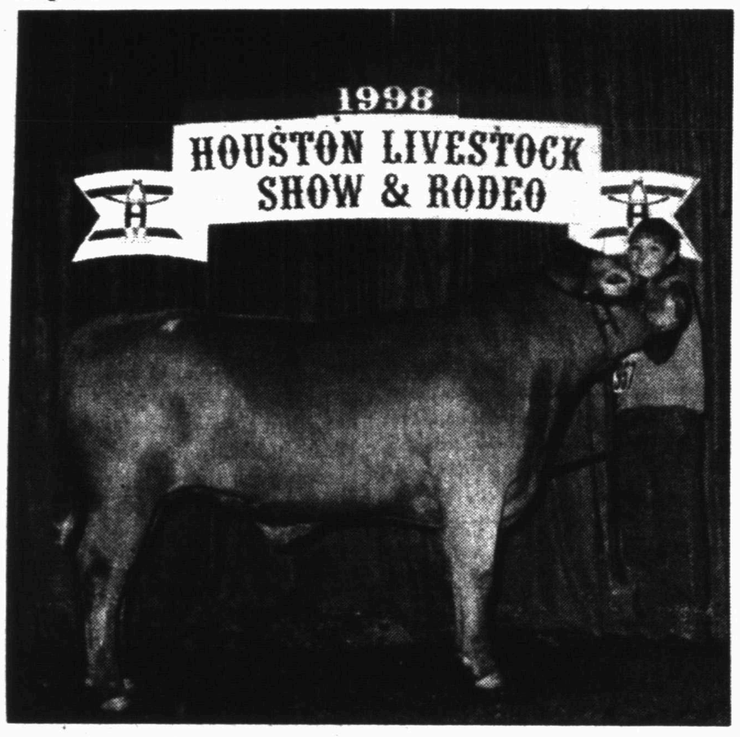
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SECOND PLACE — Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4-H member, recently exhibited her light weight Charolais steer "Butterscotch," at the 1998 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where she placed second. Her steer also placed 9th in the Junior Carcass Contest at Houston. Malorye is the daughter of Ricky and Stephanie Miller. (Contributed Photo)



RECIPIENT — Glenn J. Burns, a member of Boy Scout Troop 27, recently received the Liahona Religious Emblem from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Days Saints. This award was presented by Glenn E. Burns, Glenn's father and scout leader. (Contributed Photo)



TWELFTH PLACE — Morgan Miller, Scurry County 4-H member, exhibited her light weight Limousin steer "Shades," at the 1998 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where she placed 12th. The steer was bred by the Steve Beaver family of Fluvanna. Morgan is the daughter of Ricky and Stephanie Miller. (Contributed Photo)

Lawmakers: deal shows good financial health for tobacco industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tobacco industry's $6.6 billion settlement in Minnesota shows it's in better financial shape than it admits, making high-priced anti-smoking legislation easier to pass, lawmakers say.

"They've been saying a settlement in this range would bankrupt them," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "It's hard to make the argument now that it's not somehow appropriate."

President Clinton said the settlement "provides still further momentum to our effort to pass bipartisan, comprehensive tobacco legislation this year."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., author of Congress' leading tobacco bill, which would cost the industry $516 billion, said the settlement cuts the industry's credibility and increases pressure to participate in the bill's voluntary restrictions on advertising and marketing.

"The fact that tobacco companies chose to settle with the state rather than risk the fate of a jury's decision ... brightens the outlook for a comprehensive Senate bill," McCain said.

Another senator said the settlement turns up the election-year heat on Congress.

"This settlement demonstrates the tobacco industry's vulnerability to the truth about their actions and products," said Sen. Tom Harkin, co-author of another tobacco bill. "It only adds to the pressure for Congress to pass comprehensive tobacco settlement legislation."

The Minnesota settlement shifts the tobacco wars back to Washington, where the Senate is due to debate the issue May 18. McCain's bill, the only tobacco measure to have passed a committee, has been rejected by cigarette-makers on grounds the $516 billion price tag would drive them to bankruptcy.

Book names Kennedy nephew in 1975 slaying of Greenwich teen-ager

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — A new book by former Los Angeles Detective Mark Fuhrman on the unsolved 1975 slaying of a 15-year-old girl in Greenwich names a nephew of Robert and Ethel Kennedy as the killer.

An investigator who has worked on the case for more than 20 years blasted the book, saying it was "loaded with inaccuracies."

In "Murder in Greenwich," Fuhrman suggests that deference to a powerful family led police and prosecutors to bungle the case.

The book, which won't hit store shelves until next week, is already drawing scathing criticism from many of its targets.

"Fuhrman has the luxury of not having to back up anything he says so he can name anybody he wants and he can say anything he wants in that book," said Frank Garr, a state investigator and former Greenwich detective who has worked on the case since 1976. He said the book is "loaded with inaccuracies."

Martha Moxley was beaten to death with a golf club on Oct. 30, 1975, on the grounds of her family's mansion in Greenwich. In his book, Fuhrman says he believes Michael Skakel killed Martha.

Skakel, who was 15 at the time of the murder, is the son of Rushton Skakel, Ethel Kennedy's brother. The Skakel family lived near the Moxleys in Belle Haven, an exclusive gated community.

Investigators said from the beginning they considered both Michael Skakel and his older brother, Thomas, then 17, as suspects. Both Skakel boys were known to be romantically interested in Martha.

No one was ever charged in the slaying.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th Street; 9 a.m. til 4 p.m.

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

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Three support groups ; Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents ; First Baptist Church, enter east side; anyone welcome, child care provided; for more information call 573-2631.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings & Loan; for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Officers make arrests, investigate complaints

Snyder area peace officers were kept busy Friday with several arrests and various complaints.

Twenty-five-year-old Belinda Weir of 7964 Forrest Road in Ruidoso, N.M. was booked into the county jail at 3:30 p.m. Friday for felony revocation probation on an original Scurry County charge of interfering with child custody and two misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male in the 4000 block of College Avenue at 9:31 p.m. Friday for public intoxication.

At 9:40 a.m., officers arrested a 31-year-old male in the 2500 block of Avenue R on city warrants for no insurance, failure to appear, no driver's license and a new charge of failure to identify.

Officers were dispatched to Snyder Lanes at 8:40 p.m. in reference to a fight. A juvenile was escorted to the police department and later released to his father. A report for Class A assault was filed.

A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 3:46 p.m. after officers were called to the 3100 block of Crockett. A woman told officers she had given a ride to some juveniles and they had damaged the back seat of her vehicle.

Officers investigated minor traffic accidents at 12:02 p.m. at U.S. Highway 84 and Ennis Creek Road, at 2:06 p.m. at 30th Street and College Avenue and at 3:55 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot. No reports were available.

Peace officers also kept busy responding to complaints of children playing on railroad tracks, subjects being in a vacant house illegally, large amounts of phone charges made by another party, persons making obscene gestures and obscene words written on walls, reckless drivers, verbal disagreements and loud music.

WTSB forms holding company

A legal notice published this week seeking permission from the Federal Reserve Board for WTSB Bancorp, Inc., and WTSB Delaware Bancorp, Inc. to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding stock of West Texas State Bank is a requirement necessary for the bank to form a holding company, bank president Bill Parker said.

"Simply put, the holding company is a corporation that holds assets, and in this case, it's the bank," said Parker.

Parker said it was discovered that when West Texas State Bank acquired the Rowena bank, it would have been a simpler process if the bank had been a part of a holding company.

"We would have cut out miles of red tape and expenses," said Parker.

Parker said in the event West Texas Bank acquires another bank, it now would be a lot easier and less expensive.

"As far as our shareholders are concerned, they'll have the same number of shares in the holding company as they do in the bank," Parker said.

"If a person owns five percent of the stock in the bank now, they'll own five percent of the holding company."

Parker said by being part of a holding company, the bank can offer more services.

"Different investment services, crop insurance, a multitude of things a unit bank, like we are now, can't offer," Parker said.

One of the first things the bank plans to do as part of the holding company is to offer an affordable housing program.

"We can mortgage a house that needs work, and advance funds for improvements also," Parker said.

"And the reason we incorporated in Delaware...cheaper corporate taxes," he added.

Datebook

May 9, 1998

Today is the 129th day of 1998 and the 51st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly an airplane over the North Pole.

On this day in 1940, Vivien Leigh made her American stage debut, starring with Laurence Olivier in "Romeo and Juliet."

On this day in 1944, Jimmy Davis, who wrote "You are my Sunshine," became governor of Louisiana.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Brown (1800-1859), abolitionist; James Barrie (1860-1937), writer; Hank Snow (1914-), singer, is 84; Mike Wallace (1918-), TV newsman, is 80; Richard "Pancho" Gonzalez (1928-1995), tennis great; Glenda Jackson (1938-), actress, is 60; Candice Bergen (1946-), actress, is 52; Billy Joel (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 49; Tony Gwynn (1960-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Brian Oldfield became the first person to shot put 75 feet.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Even the gods are moved by the voice of entreaty." — Ovid

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, approximately 1,000 people died because of a cyclone that suddenly struck India's southeast coast.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 3) and full moon (May 11).

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May 10, 1998

Today is the 130th day of 1998 and the 52nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured Fort Ticonderoga.

On this day in 1940, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

On this day in 1989, the government of Manuel Noriega announced that it had nullified the results of Panama's elections.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Wilkes Booth (1838-1865), assassin; Karl Barth (1896-1968), theologian; Fred Astaire (1899-1987), dancer-actor; David O. Selznick (1902-1965), film producer; Donovan (Leitch), (1946-), singer, is 52; Bono (1960-), singer, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Montreal's Charlie Lea pitched a no-hitter as the Expos shut out the San Francisco Giants, 4-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We all have strength enough to endure the misfortunes of others." — Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, Hawaii's Mauna Kea Observatory recorded a record low temperature of 12 degrees.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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Seek cause of heart disease among blacks, cardiologists say

DALLAS (AP) — Several leading black cardiologists are calling for a renewed attack on the causes of heart disease among blacks.

"The leading cause of death among black Americans is not AIDS, homicide or cancer. It's cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Clyde Yancy, a cardiologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Most blacks can avoid or reduce heart disease through healthier diets, less smoking and use of new drugs, Yancy said.

Yancy and other specialists spoke Friday at UT Southwestern during a medical conference on managing heart-disease risks among blacks. Speakers also urged recruiting more black patients in medical research and screening blacks for heart-disease risk at earlier ages.

Strokes are increasing among blacks, and heart attacks are increasing among black men, said Dr. Charles Francis, director of medicine at Harlem Hospital Center in New York and chairman of the Association of Black Cardiologists.



HONORED — Texas A&M University-Commerce alumna Dr. Mary Hood of Granbury, second from left, holds a framed certificate recognizing her work in Phi Theta Kappa, a community college honor society, and the establishment of a scholarship in her honor at A&M Commerce. Hood was presented the certificate at the regional PTK conference in Irving earlier this semester. Shown from left are Suzanne Woodley, director of the A&M- Commerce office of community college relations and student marketing; Dr. John Edwards, director of enrollment management at A&M-Commerce; the honoree's husband, Dr. Duane Hood; and Gene Lockhart, A&M-Commerce vice president for student and university services. (Contributed Photo)

Scholarship established for former counselor at college

COMMERCE — Texas A&M University-Commerce alumna Dr. Mary Hood of Granbury, former Snyder resident, has been honored with a scholarship established in her honor.

Hood is the Texas regional coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa, community college honor society and recently retired from Western Texas College. She holds a B.S., M.S and Ed.D, all from A&M Commerce.

The Mary L. Hood Graduate Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship will be awarded for the first time during the fall 1998 semester.

"Having your name given to a scholarship such as this is one of the highest honors that anyone could pay another individual," Hood said. "I am very honored, especially because the scholarship is from my alma mater."

Hood's husband, Duane, also received three degrees from A&M Commerce and is a former dean of students at WTC.

The scholarship will be given to a full-time graduate student of A&M Commerce, who has been active in his or her community college and alumni chapters of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), and community and campus leadership experience.

The recipient will receive $2,000 for the 1998-99 academic year, to be applied toward payment of tuition and fees as well as a Rayburn-Mayo housing stipend of $1,000 to be used for on-campus room and board.

Hood has served Phi Theta Kappa for 25 years, since she became an adviser at Western Texas College in 1973.

Hood says that Phi Theta Kappa has always been a "family affair." Her husband was both a member and advisor within the organization and now serves as regional comptroller. Her two daughters are also members of the PTK chapter at WTC.

Hood is a PTK honorary member and has served in executive offices in the National Advisors Association and the Texas Regional Advisors Association.

Gingrich says bigger surplus should go for SS and tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a turnabout on the year's biggest budget dispute, House Speaker Newt Gingrich says projected federal surpluses now look so big that they should be split evenly between cutting taxes and shoring up Social Security.

In recent weeks, Gingrich, R-Ga., had been saying he wants the surplus used to reinforce Social Security, specifically by distributing it among Americans so they could establish "personal retirement accounts," investments that would supplement their retirement income.

Gingrich's proposal, which would add tens of billions of dollars to any tax cuts Republicans push this year, puts him in conflict with President Clinton, who has called all year for using the surplus to strengthen Social Security.

It also puts Gingrich on a collision course with the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who is crafting a $1.7 trillion budget for next year and is a potential rival for the GOP's 2000 presidential nomination.

Unless the surplus grows significantly larger, Kasich says, it should be used for personal retirement accounts and to reduce the $5.5 trillion national debt. Tax cuts should be paid for by cutting spending, not with the surplus, says Kasich.

"We'll continue forward with our plan," Kasich said in an interview Friday.

Gingrich's comments come days after the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, citing surprisingly high federal revenue collections, said it now expects this year's surplus to be $43 billion to $63 billion. The estimate was $18 billion just a month ago.

"I think now the surplus is so big that we can afford to do half and half, and we're still in great shape," Gingrich said in remarks published Friday in The Wall Street Journal. His reference was to half tax cuts, half Social Security.

"The world has changed in the last few weeks," he said, referring to the ballooning surplus projections.

The Clinton administration criticized Gingrich's new stance.

"We're disappointed the speaker has reversed himself," said White House spokesman Barry Toiv. "The president remains committed to protecting any surpluses until we achieve a comprehensive solution to the long-term Social Security issues."

Company recalls allergy injectors

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Maryland company issued an urgent international recall Friday of an estimated 1 million devices called the EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. that allergy sufferers carry to treat life-threatening attacks.

Certain batches of the pen-size injector full of epinephrine may not contain enough of the drug to work during an acute allergy attack, warned Meridian Medical Technologies Inc.

The company does not know of any patient who has been hurt by the ineffective injectors, which it discovered during a routine inspection.

Allergy sufferers should check the lot numbers on their EpiPens or Epipen Jrs. If they match any of the 47 recalled lots, they should immediately return the prescription drug to a pharmacy for a free replacement, Meridian said.

All other Meridian allergy injectors are safe to use, the company said.

The vast majority of the recalled injectors were sold in the United States.

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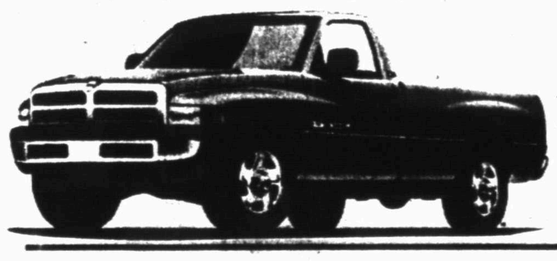
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Finance ministers continue to meet

LONDON (AP) — Still mighty but struggling to regain its economic momentum, Japan found itself in an uncomfortably hot seat at Saturday's meeting of finance ministers from the world's wealthiest nations.

Skepticism is widespread among Japan's partners in the Group of Seven about whether the Japanese government's $125 billion stimulus package is enough to kick-start the economy — and help drive Asia's recovery from its economic crisis.

The G-7 finance ministers said Saturday that they "welcomed the substantial policy measures announced by the government of Japan." In a statement, the ministers said Japan "expressed its intention to implement them quickly and stressed the importance of further strengthening the financial system."

Asked whether Japan was doing enough, Britain's Treasury chief, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, told reporters it was crucial that the ministers had "noted there would be further progress."

The finance ministers, holding meetings along with G-7 and Russian foreign ministers ahead of a full heads-of-government summit next week in Birmingham, also stressed Saturday that the United States needed to be careful that its strong economy doesn't resurrect inflation.

A report Friday showing U.S. unemployment had fallen to a 28-year low of 4.3 percent stirred renewed inflation concerns, but U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin told reporters at the summit he thinks the economy remains on a "low inflation path."

The meeting includes the six countries that make up the so-called Contact Group for the Balkans — the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia — which are trying to stop a deadly crackdown on Albanian separatists in the southern Yugoslav province of Kosovo.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook announced a new ban on investment in Yugoslavia, the latest in a series of sanctions trying to get talks started on the province.

But it was the economic troubles in Asia that dominated the meeting.

The possibility that Japan could aggravate Asia's economic problem — rather than be the key to its solution — alarms many here.

Retired Abilene doctor and his wife are missing

ABILENE (AP) — A week ago, Dr. Edward Martin of Abilene picked up his wife, Elsie, from the Windcrest Alzheimer Care Center, as he always did.

The retired doctor and his wife of nearly 50 years ate dinner that Saturday night at Luby's Cafeteria. They paid for their meal with a credit card and left.

Family and police have been looking for them ever since.

"We don't know what to think," Louise Kreis, the Martins' daughter, told the Abilene Reporter-News. "He usually tells one of us when he goes somewhere."

Police have received several phone calls about the husband and wife, both age 79, but have few solid leads.

Mrs. Martin suffers from Alzheimer's disease. Her husband, who has serious hearing problems, also has suffered from memory loss lately.

"It's quite believable they could have become disoriented and gotten lost," said Sue Davis, executive director of the West Central Texas Alzheimer's Association.

Linda Morrison, administrator at the Windcrest center where Mrs. Martin has received medical treatment for Alzheimer's, said Martin has visited his wife daily.

"That particular Saturday night, he didn't bring her back nor did he take her to the house," Ms. Morrison said.

"What worries me is that they are both very vulnerable out there to people who might try to exploit them, especially when no one knows where they are."

3 people escape serious injury

At least three people escaped serious injury Friday morning as a vehicle crashed through the front of the Lawrence IGA at 42nd Street and College Avenue.

Penni and David Mayes of 323 24th St. and Troy Reigh of 419 36th St., were all treated and released from Cogdell Hospital following the accident which occurred shortly after 11 a.m. Friday.

Pennie Mayes was taken by Snyder EMS to the hospital, while the other two were transferred by private vehicle.

The vehicle involved was a 1990 Cadillac driven by AnnaBell Drum of 11587 FM 612 in Fluvanna.

Investigating Snyder police officer Trey Wilson said Drum pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake when she pulled into a parking space in front of the store.

Bond issue

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However, Anderson said Friday that although he is still opposed to closing the building, it will be something he personally will work out.

"I don't think anyone can question our (the board's), or the administration's motives," said Anderson. "We all want what is best for the kids."

Stribling had opposed closing the school from the beginning of the bond discussions, citing more busing would be involved and that she felt the structure was as good as anything that could be built.

Trustees had considered many options over the past four months, including building two new elementaries and constructing a new competition gym.

Meetings were held on the various campuses, as well as a town hall meeting to get input from citizens.

At Friday night's meeting, Kay Hensley urged the board to adopt the four-elementary school concept as opposed to two large schools.

Ray Max Grimmett also addressed the board concerning possible demolition costs.

Anderson presided at the hour-and-a-half meeting. All members were in attendance, to include Stribling, Chambers, Luann Burleson, Glenn Clarady, Mark McCormick and Mike Levens.

Obituaries

Bo Barkowsky

1929-1998

LAMESA — Service for Otto "Bo" Barkowsky, cousin of Ed Barkowsky of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Dennis Teeters, formerly of Snyder, will officiate and the Rev. Dorman Kinard will assist.

Burial will follow in the Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mr. Barkowsky, 68, died Friday, May 8, in Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa.

Born on Nov. 1, 1929 in Ackerly, he married Barbara Barron on Feb. 4, 1951 in Midway Community. A 1950 graduate of Texas Tech, Mr. Barkowsky served in the Air Force in 1950-54. He taught, coached and was principal at Klondike schools. He also taught in Lamesa four years and Sands two years. He was a member of the Rotary Club and was a deacon at the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Bo Barkowsky.

Other survivors include his wife, Barbara Barkowsky of Lamesa; two daughters, Cynthia Sue Sykes and Gloria Gayle Barkowsky, both of Houston; one son, Barron Lee Barkowsky of Lamesa; one sister, Hazel Shortes of Ackerly; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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Class of 2000 fund-raiser

Snyder High Class of 2000 is offering chance at a Super Bowl football autographed by Emmitt Smith and an Titanic photograph autographed by Leonardo Caprio. Donations are $1 each. See any class member to purchase tickets.

Manic/depressive support group

An effort is being made to form a manic/depressive (bipolar) support group in Snyder. If you are interested, call Debbie at 573-1154.

'Ondine' on stage Monday

The final hometown production of "Ondine," Snyder High School drama department's one-act play, will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. All seats are $3 each.

Snyder Band Boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Known by His Justice," followed by "Things Only Heaven Can Cure," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Ira Sports Banquet

The annual Ira Sports Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria.

UIL awards assembly

Ira School will have a UIL awards assembly at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria. All parents are invited.

The end-of-year awards assembly is planned for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Scurry Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 703 will hold an E.A. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Masons are invited.

Northeast Play Day

Northeast Elementary will hold Play Days Tuesday and Wednesday at the dirt track behind the school. Everyone is welcome. Play Day will be 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday for K and first grade and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday for fifth grade.

Agricultural valuations

Scurry County Appraisal District Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the appraisal district office to consider agricultural valuations for 1998.

Traits of 'Affective' Teacher

Part 2 of 10 Traits of the "Affective" Teacher will be presented at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. Presenter is Price Brown. Everyone is invited.

Cogdell reception

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will hold an employee recognition reception from 6-7:45 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Service awards, employees of the month and the employee of the year will be presented.

NHS inductions scheduled

Snyder High School National Honor Society inductions will be held at 3 p.m. next Sunday in Worsham Auditorium.

Museum rummage sale

Scurry County Museum needs items for its rummage sale, to be held starting Friday. The museum needs to raise $21,000 in order to continue operating at its present level. If you have items to donate, call 573-6107.

SHS Classes of 1952 and 1953

Snyder High School Classes of 1953 & 1953 will meet next Saturday from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Ranch party barn. All classmates, friends, families and teachers are invited.

Schools supplies

The deadline for ordering school supplies for next year has been extended to May 18. Contact the elementary school offices for order forms. Orders must be prepaid.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

There will be no evening classes conducted in May and June. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-8-15-19-21
(one, eight, fifteen, nineteen, twenty-one)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-6-5
(seven, six, five)

Troy Lilly, instructor...

SHS physics students construct hovercrafts, 'fly' down 3 hallways

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Air travel took on a different meaning recently when Troy Lilly's physics students constructed hovercrafts and propelled them up and down three hallways of the high school.

Two classes built two hovercrafts, and neither was expensive, Lilly said.

One sheet of half-inch plywood, four feet by four feet, was halved to create two hovercrafts. A five-foot by five-foot sheet of six-millimeter polyethelene plastic was used to form the bubble for each craft.

This was taped on top and stapled to the plywood. Holes were cut in the bottom of the plastic to allow air to escape.

The hovercrafts were then plugged separately into a shop vacuum.

The person riding the craft was given a rope and pulled along, while someone pushed the vacuum behind.

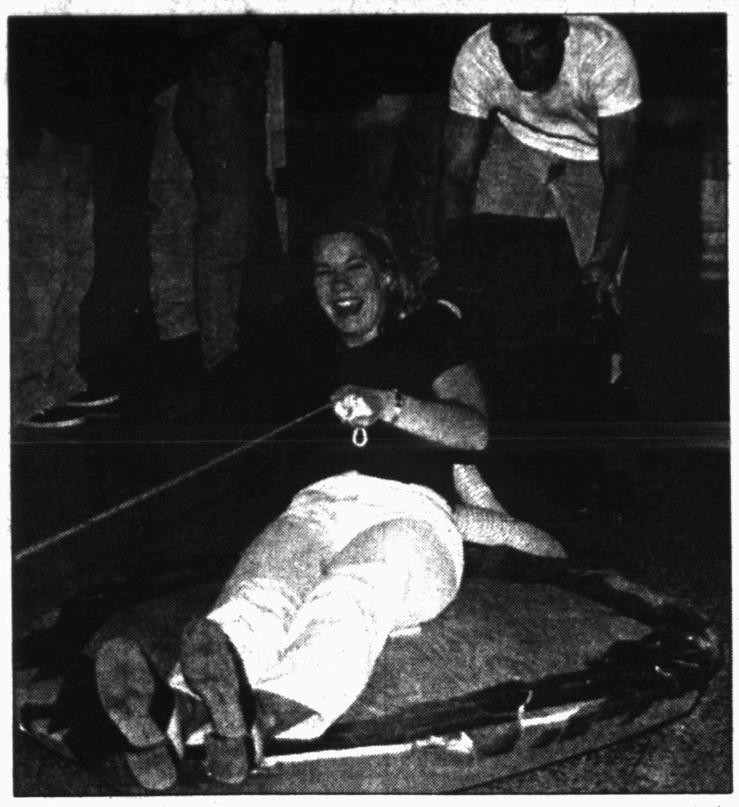
Using from three to four columns of air, each craft barely touched the ground as it navigated.

Under "ideal conditions," Lilly said, a hovercraft can hold up to a 200-pound person. Though the ones his students made were "less than ideal," he said they would continue to refine them throughout the remaining weeks of school.

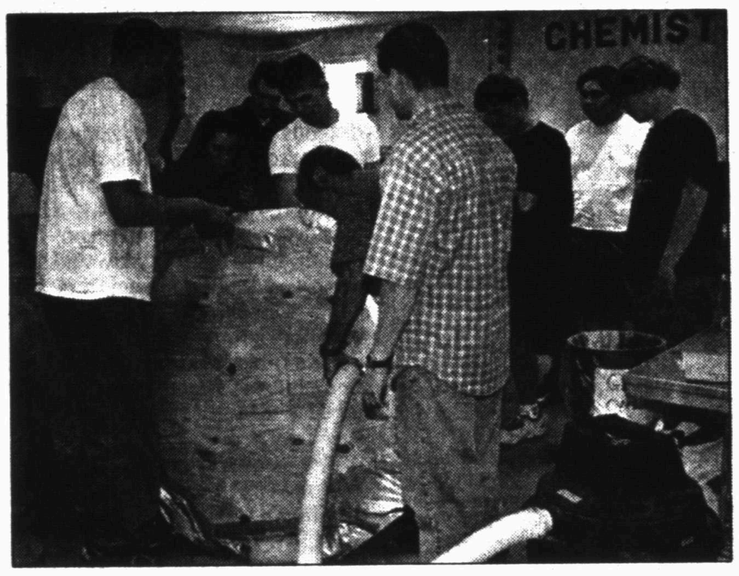
The experiment allowed students to study energy created by air pressure. It grew out of a unit study of both potential and kinetic energy, Lilly said.

"This was a good way to wrap up the unit and to let students enjoy themselves, rather than just study the math part," he added.

He noted that the hovercraft revolves around Newton's Third Law which "my students understand."



HOVERCRAFT — Lila King is one of Troy Lilly's physics students who enjoyed a short ride on one of two hovercrafts which students made recently. Kevin Kerr pushed the vacuum cleaner behind her as another student pulled her along with a rope. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FINISHING TOUCHES — Snyder High physics students and instructor Troy Lilly are putting the finishing touches on one of the hovercraft they built recently. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Cases of rubella prompt warning

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County residents — particularly pregnant women — are being warned to review and update their immunizations after five cases of rubella were confirmed in the county this week.

Most cases of rubella, sometimes called three-day measles or German measles, are mild. But rubella can cause birth defects, miscarriages and stillbirths if contracted by pregnant women, especially in the first trimester of pregnancy, according to health officials

Travis County has had seven rubella cases since March, said Dan Pickens, spokesman for the Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department. All the cases occurred in men between the ages of 18 and 27.

Texas is experiencing a significant increase in rubella as well, with 48 cases reported since Jan. 1, according to the Texas Department of Health. Only 12 cases were reported in all of 1997.

Twenty-two cases have occurred since Jan. 1 in Cameron County — 19 in a federal immigration and naturalization dentention facility in Port Isabel. All the detainees were from or had traveled through Mexico.

A vaccine to prevent rubella has been available since 1969.

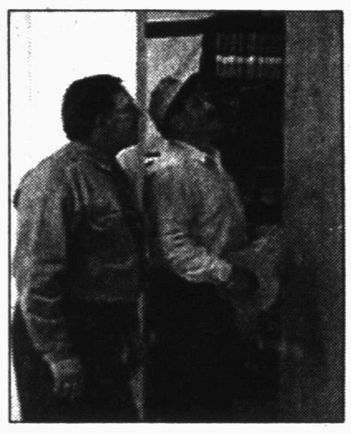
SISD schools being wired for Internet

Southwestern Bell Telephone is in the process of installing, free of charge, wiring which will enable all Snyder schools to one day have access to the Internet, said Dale Byrd, director of technology for SISD.

Under the SchoolNet project, the junior high was the first to receive the additional wiring. Other schools will follow as supplies arrive. The work involves 12 computer connections and enough category 5 cable to connect them to a central connection point.

Connections can be located in one classroom or distributed in up to six classrooms. Selected schools are also eligible to receive discounted Internet service in communities served by Southwestern Bell Internet Service.

Tonya Canada, district technology coordinator for SISD, said via her web page, "This is an exciting time at Snyder Junior High School as steps are being taken to provide Internet access to teachers and students as a tool for learning."



INSTALLATION — During the recent work at SJHS, Mike Holmes, history teacher, observed as Angel Gomez assisted the technician dropping the wire from the walkway to Holmes' classroom. (Contributed Photo)

Vermont bank offers service that is personal

ORWELL, Vt. (AP) — Insulated by miles of rolling hills and cow pasture, the First National Bank of Orwell didn't even tremble when mega-mergers shook the U.S. banking industry last month.

The bank is Vermont's smallest, with about 1,700 checking accounts, one office and a puny $20 million in assets. It's virtually untouched by the antics of its giant competitors — and it's going to stay that way.

President and chief executive Mark Young said there are no plans to get any bigger, or acquire some other bank or sell out. It's part of a plan to remain independent and provide personal service.

For Young, a state representative, personal service means working as chief executive, teller, loan officer, and head groundskeeper and driveway plower. It's a role that Young, 44, has held since he was old enough to operate an adding machine with his brothers as they grew up in the brick house attached to the bank.

Personal service is important to a bank that can't offer its customers many of the amenities of its giant competitors. The largest loans the bank makes are $150,000 or so. The bank doesn't offer ATM cards; with 12 employees, it can't provide the 24-hour on-call staffing that the service would require.

But it does have other advantages, especially for customers who don't like to do their banking long-distance.

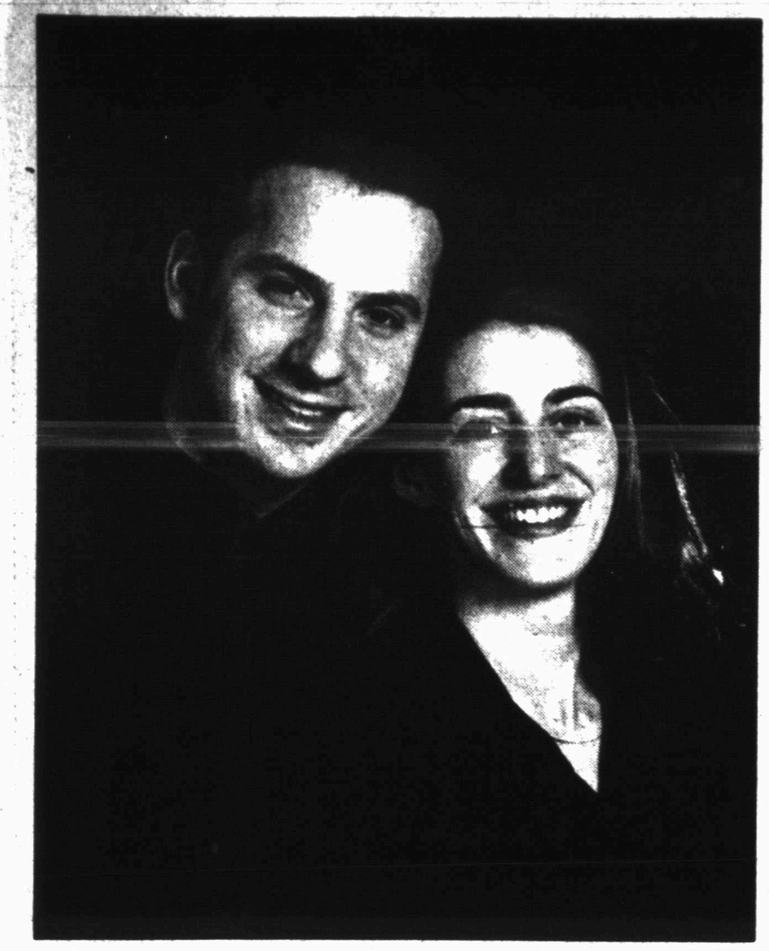
"I hate doing business over a phone, myself," said David Kent, owner of Hawk's Country Kitchen in Orwell and a 30-year bank customer. "It's a friendly atmosphere, and they always have a real open ear."

Kent said he did fine without the convenience of an automatic teller machine.

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QUEBEC GARDEN WEDDING — Dr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kerr of Snyder announce the engagement of their only daughter, Pamela Joy, to Anthony Stelluti, son of Berardo and Lisette Stelluti of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Anthony works as a mechanical engineer in Montreal and Pamela is a physical therapist in Lubbock. A garden wedding is planned for July 24 in Ontario. Following their wedding, the couple are making plans to reside in Montreal, Quebec. (Contributed Photo)

Two services each have numbers now

The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (Child and Adult Protective Services) now has a separate telephone line from the Department of Human Services effective immediately.

The new number for Protective Services is 915-573-1470, which will be a direct line to the department.

Human Services phone number has not changed and will remain 915-573-1161.

Questions may be directed at the new number.

Angry woman chases salesman

WEST HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Pushy door-to-door salesmen, beware: This town can be brutal.

Vacuum cleaner salesman Ricardo Vasquez found that out after being chased by a gun-wielding homeowner whose wife refused to buy one of his machines.

Fred Banks, 53, was charged with breach of peace and his .22-caliber pistol was seized after Tuesday night's chase, police said.

Authorities said Vasquez, 37, wouldn't take no for an answer and persisted in trying to sell Banks' wife a shiny new vacuum cleaner even after she insisted she didn't want one.

Banks told police he thought Vasquez was a con artist and feared that he might be robbed.

Vesquez was charged with criminal trespass and soliciting without a permit.

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North 05-09-98
♠ 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K J 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10

West
♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ 7 2
♣ 5 2

East
♠ Q J
♥ Q J 6
♦ A 5 4
♣ A 9 8 6 3

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♣
Dbl.	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

Another gate to the tricks

Yesterday, I mentioned the importance of tracking your entries. This applies to both suit and no-trump contracts, of course, but tends to be nearer the forefront of the mind in no-trump.

Take today's deal. Against your three-no-trump contract, West leads the club five: 10, three, four. How do you continue?

South's sequence, a takeout double followed by one no-trump opposite a minimum reply, shows some 19-21 points — a hand too strong to overcall one no-trump immediately. North, who was nearly worth an initial jump to two diamonds (which shows about 9-11 points), has an easy raise to game.

East did very well to withhold his club ace at trick one. He could see dummy's threatening diamond suit and wanted to try to deny declarer access to the winners once they were established.

You have a paltry five top tricks: two spades, two hearts and one club (trick one). However, there are four tricks available in diamonds and a second in clubs. So the contract will coast home with an overtrick — right? Wrong! (Or maybe.) There is a danger that East can hold up the diamond ace until the third round of the suit. Then you will need a dummy entry to cash the two established winners. That can come only from the clubs, and to ensure you cannot be thwarted by East, you must win the first trick with the club *king*, not dummy's 10. Then the club queen-jack guarantee a dummy entry. If you win the first trick cheaply, East can keep you out of the dummy, and you should end with only eight tricks, two in each suit.

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Yukon, Okla., ceremony...

Herrera, Derouen wed

Shaun Rene Herrera and Jon Louis Derouen Jr. were united in marriage at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 14 in the St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Yukon, Okla.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Griggs of Yukon and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herrera of Edmond, Okla. Her grandmother is Pauline Dodd of Springtown.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon L. Derouen of Snyder and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murphy of Dunn and Lois Derouen of Galena Park.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her parents. She wore a candlelight silk gown with the bodice covered by re-embroidered Alencon lace with seed pearls and sequins. Pearls and sequins also accented the batteau neckline and short scalloped sleeves.

The deep scoop back was emphasized with silk covered buttons leading to a fabric rosette. The basque waist descended to a softly pleated skirt with a chapel train. Her fingertip veil of illusion was gathered to a braided silk and pearl headband.

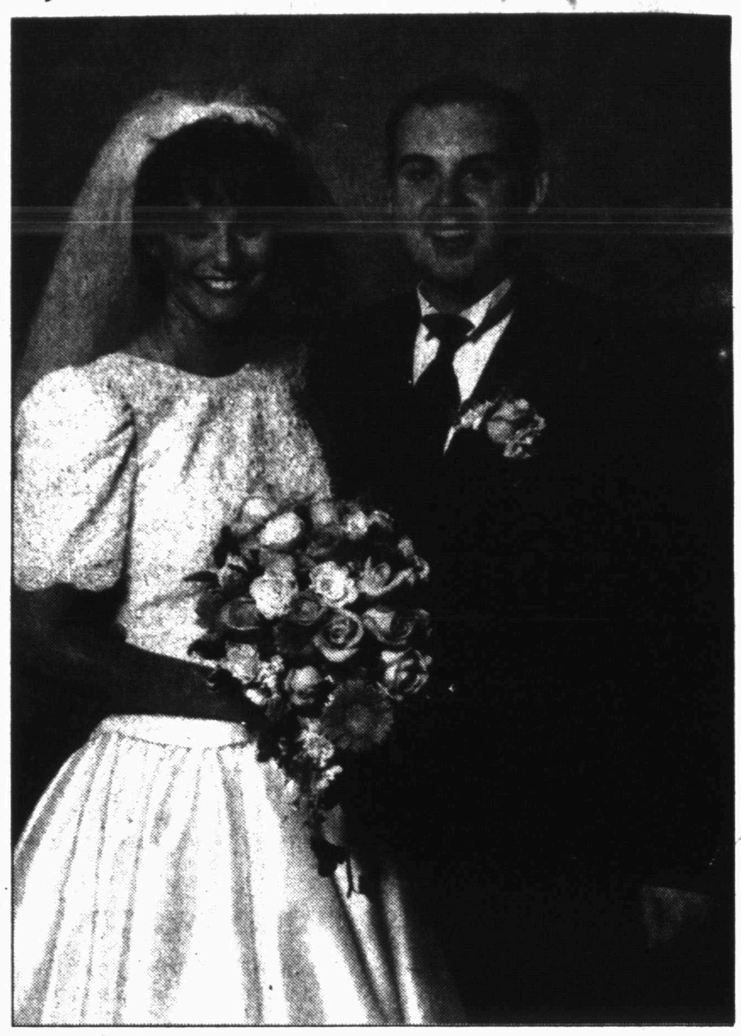
The bride carried a cascade of roses, Gerbera daisies and snapdragons in colors of champagne, pale peach and hot pink, accented with English ivy. In keeping with tradition, the bride wore diamond earrings, a wedding gift from the groom, for something new and she borrowed pearl jackets from his aunt, Glenda Ridens; a pearl bracelet belonging to her late grandmother, Marge Howard, was something old; and her blue lace garter was a gift from Anna Mae Perry.

The bride's sister, Julianne Willimon of Yukon, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Derouen, the groom's sister from Trinity, Tex., and Sarah Herrera, the bride's sister from Edmond, Okla.

Attendants wore full-length dresses of sage colored satin that were princess style featuring off-the-shoulder cap sleeves. Each wore pearl earrings and a necklace which were gifts from the bride and they carried bouquets matching the bride's.

The groom was escorted to the altar by his parents. He wore a black after six tuxedo. The four-button single breasted jacket with a shawl collar was worn with a black basket weave vest over an ivory shirt with a wing-tip collar, accented with a black euro tie.

The groom's boutonniere was a peach colored rose with snapdragons and greenery. He wore a gold and silver watch, a wedding gift from the bride, and carried a personalized groom's handkerchief given to him by family friends, Carolyn and Howard Limmer.



Mr. and Mrs. Jon Louis Derouen Jr. (Contributed Photo)

Terry Davis of Lubbock, a childhood friend, was best man. Groomsmen were Mark Hargrove and Kenny Miller. Ushers were Drew Houghton of Amarillo and Charlie Gale of Dallas. They were the groom's roommates while attending law school. Other ushers were cousins of the groom, Tommy Ferguson of Trinity, Mike Gunnin and Chris Gunnin, both of Dallas.

Musical selections were presented by Margaret Hochlea of Yukon. Readings were given by Lance Snyder, cousin of the bride from Wichita, Kan., and Glenda Ridens, aunt of the groom from Pasadena.

Mother of the bride chose a dusty rose full-length dress with a jacket trimmed in satin, lace and sequins. The groom's mother wore a pastel blue silk two-piece full-length suit. Her jacket was trimmed with satin and clear crystal beads. Both wore corsages of pale peach roses.

Laura Howard, cousin of the bride from Norman, Okla., registered guests as they entered the church foyer. The heart-shaped table featured a Lladro porcelain bride and groom, a gift from the groom's parents.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance were held in the church parish hall. The bride's table was covered with a white cloth and decorated with ivy and baby's breath. Two silver candelabras enhanced with roses flanked the four satellite cakes. The white cakes with buttercream icing were decorated with a basket weave design and fresh flowers. Punch was served in a floral ice sculpture. The newly-weds toasted each other with Waterford toasting flutes given to them by Betty and John Richardson.

Presiding at the bride's table were cousins of the bride, Mary Kathleen Imes of Oklahoma City, Jennifer Howard of Morgan City, La., and Laura Howard of Norman.

The groom's cake was featured on a round table covered with a white cloth decorated with ivy, baby's breath, daisies and roses. A chocolate sheet cake was topped with initials of Texas A&M University and decorated with chocolate covered strawberries. Presiding were the groom's cousins, Nancy Gunnin of Dallas, Erin Murphy and Megan Murphy of Austin, Jenny Ferguson of Trinity, Christine Chambliss of Portland, Ore., and Amy Hargrove of Snyder.

Family and friends attending were from Texas, Louisana, Kansas, Georgia, Oregon and Oklahoma.

After a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Derouen reside at 4401 North West 43rd Street, Oklahoma City.

The bride is a recovery room nurse for the Edmond Surgery Center. The groom is a May candidate for a juris doctorate degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

A rehearsal dinner and dance hosted by the groom's parents was given at The Applewood Restaurant in Oklahoma City. The groom was honored with a brunch given by his aunts, Pat Murphy and Kathy Ferguson.

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3. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.

SUNDAY

Three tables.

1. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Margaret Birdwell.

TUESDAY

Three tables.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Dot Casey.
2. Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
3. Jane Hinton, Frances Stevenson.

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FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDS — Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day awards were given to, from left, Loretta Worthen, perfect attendance; Beth Bowen, Valentine Queen and Program of the Year; Brenda Hedges, Mrs. Congeniality; Jacalyn Lowrance, President's Award and 15-year pin; Dena Ellis, Girl of the Year and Perfect Attendance; Vicky Bell, 10-year pin; and not pictured, Gay Idom and Betsy Griffin, 15-year pins. (Contributed Photo)

Beta Sigma Phi celebrates Founder's Day at a social, meeting in the Patterson's home

On April 25 Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, together with 12,500 chapters of 200,000 members throughout the world, celebrated their Founder's Day.

Founder's Day honored Walter W. Ross, who during the Depression saw a need amoung young women he met in his work as a traveling encyclopedia salesman. Ross believed they needed more in their lives than work, responsibility and hardship, and decided to devote his life to providing them with a social and cultural outlet.

His efforts brought seven young women in Abilene, Kan., together in 1931 to form that sort of organization. Beta Sigma Phi met their needs, and continues to meet the needs of hundreds of thousands of women today. On April 30, Walter Ross was remembered by this, the largest Greek letter sorority in the world.

Throughout the 67 years of its history, BSP members have enjoyed programs for cultural studies and numerous social events. They devote much of their time and effort to service and recently raised over $400,000 for sorority sisters who suffered losses due to natural disasters. BSPs are funding a breast cancer research project that has raised almost $210,000.

A typical year finds the chapters donating over $3 million directly to local charities, reflecting over 2,000,000 work hours. Chapters have created their own international funds which donate millions to health research groups, hunger projects and other worthwhile causes.

Through Beta Sigma Phi's International Loan and Scholarship Funds, members and their families receive assistance.

Basic to BSP, however, are the socials for its members. One of the most important is Founder's Day. Xi Alpha Alpha Theta members and their husbands met at the home of Glenn and Janeen Patterson at 7 p.m. on April 25. Mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Dena Ellis and Jeanne Johnson gave the Founder's Day Pledge. Carla Allen presented a special message from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

Others taking part were Lois Cave, Brenda Hedges, Wanda Early, Carolyn Limmer, Vicky Bell, Norma Cumbie and Barbara Bills.

Awards presented during the evening were: Beth Bowen, Valentine Queen, Loretta Worthen, three years perfect attendance; Program of the Year went to Bowen, and the President's Award to Jacalyn Lowrance; Hedges received the Mrs. Congeniality award, and Ellis was named Girl of the Year.

Service pins were received by Ellis, 17 years; Bell, 10 years; and 15 years to Lowrance, Betsy Griffin and Gay Idom.

Worthen presented Ellis with a quilt she had designed and made reflecting the 1997-98 theme, "Sisters of the Heart," for her year as president.

Following the awards ceremony, members and their husbands enjoyed a steak dinner.

Pianists perform...

Guild try-outs held

Eighty-one local piano pupils from the classes of Lynn Bethel, Barbara Mott and Barbara Tune participated in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which the three teachers are members.

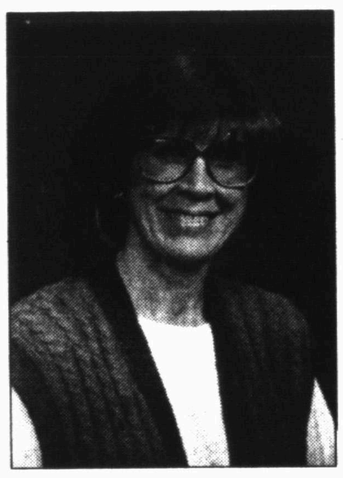
This group of young piano hobbyists will play in the National Piano Playing Auditions at First Baptist Church and strive for Pledges, Local, District, State, National or even International honors which the Mother organization will confer according to the number of standard baroque, classic, romantic and modern pieces chosen from the masters of pianoforte literature each student can creditably perform in the presence of an imported examiner of note. Begun at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in 1929, national headquarters is still maintained in Texas.

The annual piano-playing event is held in 843 music centers of the country and every entrant will be certificated, given a gold or bronze embossed pin and a year's membership in the national fraternity and hobbyists of the world.

Janice Bowen of Canyon judged Guild participants Wednesday and Thursday and Joan Hines of Hobbs, N.M., was to judge Saturday.

Ms. Bowen, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons with a major in piano performance, teaches private lessons in Canyon and has taught Kindermusik classes for preschoolers at West Texas A&M University.

She is active in the Amarillo Music Teachers' Association, Canyon Fine Arts Club, pianist for the Canyon First Baptist Church and is active in numerous other music organizations.



Janice Bowen

Winners all in one town

CARPENTERSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Luck, schmuck. This town is a sure thing.

The $26 million winning ticket from Tuesday night's Big Game lottery was sold here, as was one of three $150,000 second-place tickets.

"It's the first time I've heard of this happening," Illinois State Lottery spokeswoman Anne Plohr said.

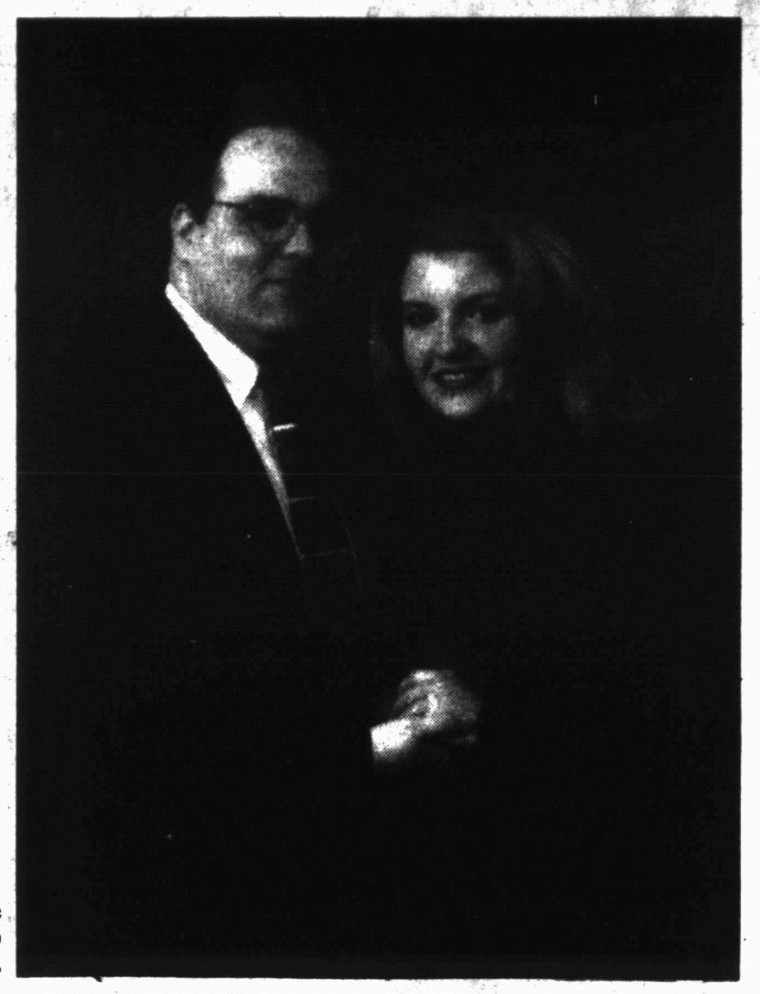
The grand prize winner was purchased at a 7-Eleven store, while the second-place ticket was purchased at an Amoco station just a half mile away in this community of 23,000 that is 40 miles northwest of Chicago.

Rita Shah, a 7-Eleven clerk, sold the winning ticket early Tuesday afternoon but said she couldn't remember who bought it.

"We might have to review the store security tape," joked owner Maunika Barot.

Barot and her store are entitled to a 1 percent commission.

JUNE CEREMONY — Bill and Marilyn Lockhart of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelli Lee Lockhart, to Bradley Alan Harmon, both of Dallas. He is the son of Curtis and Mary Jo Harmon of Rockwall. A 1996 Texas A&M graduate with a degree in accounting, Harmon is employed in Dallas. Miss Lockhart, a 1997 graduate of A&M, is teaching in Garland. Their 2 p.m., June 20 wedding ceremony will be held in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Mr. Geez Photograph)



'Winnie Pooh' day set

NEW YORK (AP) — Winnie the Pooh just loves Noo Yawk. So says Mayor Rudy Giuliani, anyway.

Stung by British criticism that Winnie and the four other stuffed toys that inspired A.A. Milne's stories were rotting away in a New York library, the mayor declared a citywide "Winnie the Pooh Day."

At Monday's celebration — the 11th anniversary of Pooh's arrival — the mayor and children sang "Happy Birthday" to the hunny-loving bear and ate a cake featuring an all-sugar Pooh made by the pastry chef at the snazzy eatery Le Cirque 2000.

Something of a tempest in a honeypot began in February when a British lawmaker sought the return of Pooh, claiming the bear looked "sad" in its bulletproof, climate-controlled case.

The mayor's press office responded, quoting Pooh as saying that Winnie and his playmates were "very happy in New York City."

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Abendschan, Huguley pledged vows in a candlelight, church ceremony

Shelley Elizabeth Abendschan of Lubbock and Preston Donald Huguley of Olton were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 in Trinity Church in Lubbock.

Retired Methodist minister, Rev. Jack Abendschan of Big Spring, grandfather of the bride, and David Savage, pastor of the church, officiated the candlelight, double-ring ceremony.



Mrs. Preston Donald Huguley
(Contributed Photo)

The bride's parents are Gayle and Virginia Lomax of Snyder and Jack Abendschan of Abilene. The groom's parents are Basil Don and Gloria Huguley of Olton.

Lights were dimmed throughout the sanctuary with the exception of the baptistry light focused on a large wooden cross. The left and right altars were lined with various heights of brass candle holders and ivory candles amidst fresh greenery. The platform where their vows were pledged was lit by three brass candelabras decorated with lemon leaf and ivory bridal tulle. Pews were marked with fresh greenery, lemon leaf, mixed ferns and ivory bridal tulle and gold crepe ribbon.

The table holding the brass unity candle stood off the platform near the right altar and was also decorated with fresh greenery. The couple's mothers walked down the aisle with lighted gold taper candles which they placed by the unity candle stand, and then were seated.

Ten candlelighters descended from the left and right balcony to the front of the sanctuary where they lit candles along the prayer altar.

Candlelighters were Phyllis Viagran of San Antonio, Veronica Thomason of Austin, Shelley Marshal of San Antonio, Carol-James Nichols of Abilene and Kelli Cochran of Richardson, all sorority sisters; Sara Case, Colleen Coneley and Sharon Miller and Gina Gray, all church friends from Lubbock; and Amy North, high school friend from Austin. The sorority is Sigma Phi Lambda Sisters for the Lord.

Lisa Collins of Lubbock was soloist and her aunt, Beverley Moss of Pampa, was pianist. They performed "Shout to the Lord," "How Beautiful," the traditional "Wedding March," "I Believe In You and Me," "Within Love's Embrace" and the traditional wedding recessional.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in an elegant gown of candlelight Italian satin, designed by Loralie. The sleeveless sheath featured a high neckline accented with gold embroidered Alencon lace that formed a mandrin collar and straps down the back. The floral pattern of lace was further enhanced with pearls and sequins.

The low-cut back was adorned with matching lace along the hipline and allowed the sweep train to fall gracefully to the floor. To complete her ensemble, she wore candlelight opera gloves and a tiara of beaded Alencon lace that was finished with a blusher of layers of illusion in fingertip, waltz and cathedral lengths.

The bride carried a formal cascading bouquet of fresh gardenias, off-white roses and needlepoint ivy.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Christina Witta of Austin. Ruthie Weller of Waco was maid of honor. Tiffany Romo of Murfreesboro and Heather Smith of Richardson were bridesmaids. All attendants wore straight, sleeveless antique gold dresses with matching opera gloves and shoes. Each carried a Virginia ivory single stemmed rose.

Courtney Catlett, the groom's niece of Kress, wore a soft floral dress with gold accents and a baby's breath wreath on her head. She carried a basket of flowers and greenery.

Coby Catlett, the groom's nephew from Kress, was ring bearer.

Best man was the groom's father. Groomsmen and ushers were Daniel Smith of Olton and Leonard Lawson, both of Olton and John Abendschan, the bride's brother from Lewisville. Also ushering was Brett Jacobsen of Houston.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails, an ivory shirt and paisley bow tie and vest. The groom's attendants' attire matched his and they all wore black shoes. Each had a single rose boutonniere with a touch of greenery.

Lindsey Catlett, the groom's niece of Kress, registered guests.

A reception followed the ceremony in the lower floor at Trinity Church. The bride's table was covered with an embossed ivory cloth. The perimeter of the table was draped with ivory tulle and tulle bows were attached at the corners and center front. Candles in brass holders centered the table. Greenery, gold and ivory ribbons were laced throughout table accents.

The five-tiered white wedding cake was iced with ivory and decorated with lace-like decor. Fresh flowers in the bride's colors topped the cake and cascaded down one side. A glacier punch was served with the cake.

Serving were Wanda Looney of New Deal; Doniece Lawson, sister of the groom from Dumas; and Amber McKay, niece of the groom from Dumas.

The groom's table held a chocolate cake with chocolate icing, shaped in furrows, and was topped with a John Deere combine. The table was covered with an ivory cloth that also held coffee and nuts. A tall brass candlesitck, holding a lighted ivory candle and laced with gold and candlelight ribbon, was accompanied by a toy John Deere tractor.

Serving were Stacy Catlett, sister of the groom from Kress, and Ashlee Lawson, his niece

The couple's honeymoon was four days in the Bahamas.

The bride, a graduate of Abilene Cooper High School and Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications, is employed by the Texas Forest Service as their publications specialist. She was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, and reared primarily in Abilene.

The groom is a graduate of Olton High School and is a self-employed farmer. He was born in Plainview and reared in Olton.



TOVAR, OROSCO TO WED — Jennifer Tovar and Martin Orosco are planning their wedding vows at 4 p.m. on July 11 at the Snyder Country Club. The bride-elect is the daughter of Danny and Jo Ann Tovar and the bridegroom is the son of Ben and Irene Orosco. All are of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Profanity ban

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The long arm of the law has some big ears, and residents are having to watch what they say because there's a ban on profanity.

Police have stepped up enforcement of a long-ignored anti-profanity ordinance that the American Civil Liberties Union says is an attack on free speech rights.

The law, which prohibits "indecent language" in city parks, has been on the books for decades but hasn't been enforced much until last year.

School Menus

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MONDAY
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Cookies

TUESDAY
Turkey Roast w/Brown Gravy
Whole Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Peaches

WEDNESDAY
Chimichangas
Refried Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Crackers
Jello

THURSDAY
Stromboli
Cheese Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Plain Cake

FRIDAY
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Black-eyed Peas
Cookies

Snyder

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Breakfast

TUESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Donuts

THURSDAY
French Toast w//Syrup

FRIDAY
Breakfast Burrito

LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburger or
Frito Pie
Golden Corn
Lettuce & Tomato
Cake

TUESDAY
Hamburger or
Green Chili Casserole
Corn Bread
Lettuce & Tomato
Spicy Pinto Beans
Chocolate Chip Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Hamburger or
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Fruited Gelatin
Dinner Rolls

THURSDAY
Hamburger or
Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Sprinkle Twist Ice Cream Cup
Garlic Toast

FRIDAY
Hamburger or
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Sliced Peaches
French Bread

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Biscuits & Sausage

LUNCH
MONDAY
Barbecued Hamburger Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Lemon Pudding

TUESDAY
Frito Pie
Ranch Style Beans
Salsa Sauce
Crackers
Ginger Bread

WEDNESDAY
Goulash
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Hot Rolls
Bread Pudding

THURSDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Peaches/Whipped Topping

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
French Fries
Relish Cup
Hush Puppies
Cardinal Cake

School dress code rules

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Short shorts and tank tops are fine for soaking up the sun's rays — and a great way to get busted for dress-code violations at Myrtle Grove Middle School.

More than 75 girls at Myrtle Grove learned they should have heeded the warning not to show up at school with short shorts, tank tops and belly-exposing shirts.

The girls were whisked into the cafeteria Monday while their parents were called. The pupils got three choices: going home, changing clothes or spending the day in the library.

Teacher Lynn Yeates said the rule is designed to avoid distractions in the classroom: "School is a place for learning; it's not a place for fashion shows."

Heather Gordon, 14, was sent out of math class for wearing shorts 2 inches too skimpy. The rule is a 4-inch inseam for shorts, a length teachers measure by sight.

Heather, an eighth-grader whose father took her home, said the fashion rules aren't popular.

"Everyone hates the dress code there because the guys like girls wearing short shorts," she said.

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WEDNESDAY

Braised pork chop, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, asparagus, pickled beets & onion, fruited gelatin chiffon.

THURSDAY

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Fried fish, whole kernel corn, Brussel sprouts, jellied vegetable salad, pineapple flop cake.

Senior Center News

All seniors are encouraged to vote in the Silver-Haired Legislature election. Seniors must be registered Texas voters and Scurry County residents.

Seniors may vote absentee until May 22. The election will be held May 26. The body of Silver-Haired legislators in Austin plays an important role in overseeing legislation that affects senior citizens.

Activities this week include daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays. Tuesday's activities include 42/88 at 10 a.m. The Golden Kiwanis Club meets at noon and Social Security representatives will be available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Kitchen Band will play at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. The advisory board meets at 11:30 a.m., the AARP board meeting and line dancing will both begin at 1 p.m.

The Sunshine Choir will perform at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Friday's activities include a free eye clinic conducted by Dr. Teague of Abilene from 9 a.m. to noon. The bridge tournament will get underway at 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks will begin at 9:30 a.m. also.

Center staffers called May Day "wonderfully successful," with thanks to participants, volunteers, businesses and individuals.

Anyone interested is encouraged to volunteer. Jobs are always available for newcomers.

Chrysler-Daimler Benz just beginning for autos

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. and Daimler-Benz may not be the only automakers driving off together.

Automakers trying to save money, speed product development and boost their presence in other countries may soon follow the example of the industry giants by merging.

"It is without any doubt that there are now many chief executives of motor industries in the world who presently have to decide whether they shouldn't make a move," said Daimler-Benz Chairman Juergen E. Schrempp.

Experts say the coming mergers could involve huge companies like Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp., who have admitted to be shopping around for attractive deals. But smaller automakers, especially those in Asian countries suffering from weakened currencies, could be even more likely merger targets.

"It might narrow down to as many as five mega-companies," said Richard Scharchburg, professor of industrial history at Kettering University in Flint, Mich. "I see one major producer in Europe, one major producer in the United States and one major producer in the Far East."

Schrempp said the purpose of Thursday's Chrysler-Daimler-Benz merger was not to put pressure on other companies to do the same — although he and Chrysler Chairman Robert J. Eaton acknowledged that combinations are here to stay.

"This industry is consolidating," Eaton said. "We believe this is just the beginning. We are leading a new trend that we believe will change the future and the face of this industry."

Merger mania has already hit financial services, banking and pharmaceuticals — and it's certainly no stranger to the auto industry.

"It's the wave of the future," Toyota spokeswoman Nancy Hubbell said, "but it's also the wave of the past."

Ford Motor Co. bought British luxury car maker Jaguar in 1989, increased its ownership in Japanese automaker Mazda to 33 percent last year and on Wednesday said it will consider increasing its 10 percent stake in bankrupt South Korean car maker Kia.

As for the DaimlerChrysler merger, Ford spokesman Jim Cain said, "This is the recent manifestation of a trend we have been expecting ... We're not changing our strategy."

Ford continues to explore arrangements with other automakers, but will pair only with partners that have expertise or market presence that Ford lacks, Cain said.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Shawn Moreland, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Sacroc Unit, Pennzoil, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

A.W. and Louise Phillips, 1998 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Niewoehner Inc., dba American Energy Services, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

B&F Well Service, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Randy Bryan, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tyson King, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Loren and Degrithen L. Burchfield, 1997 Geo from Big Country Autoland.

Joe and Nanette Belew, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lucille Beuerlein, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Charlie C. Thomas, 1998 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

Owen and Mary Jo Lofton, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Sharidge Inc. and Barry Cribbs, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Billy R. and Paula D. Allen, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Samson Production Services Co., 1998 Ford pickup from Jordan Ford.

Samson Investment Co., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Harold Chevrolet Inc.

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

E Z Pipeline Padding, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Earl D. and Betty A. Watts, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Wayman Love, 1998 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Tommy E. Bryant, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1998 Ford pickup from Lynchburg Ford.

Ronnie Wooldridge, 1998 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Rachel and Dwayne Page, 1998 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Joseph Ray Jackson and Julie Ann Torres, both of Hermleigh.

Josh Daniel Rains and Adelaida Alonso Bahena, both of Snyder.

Francisco Camacho Esparza and Monica Elenore Nolan, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

First Deposit National Bank vs. Darryl Boone, suit on account.

First Deposit National Bank vs. Luther Brown, suit on account.

Kinnith May vs. Lee Ann Chaidez and Ricky Chaidez, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

Development Corporation of Snyder Inc. vs. Gaylon Boyd and Mike Kerley, judgment for plaintiff.

Re: Thelma J. Harmon Income Trust, order appointing Bettie McQueen and Roy McQueen as Trustees.

Deed Records

Felix and Susan Ramos to Francisco and Monica Esparza, all of Lot 8 in Block 43 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Billy J. Denson to Jane Floyd, all of Lot 2 in Block 9 of the Highlands Addition.

Merrie Melanie Smith to Audrey Lee and Krista Beth Maddox and David N. Maddox, all of the south 80 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 20 of the Blakenship Addition.

Alan Layne to T. Alan Lane, Trustee of the T. Alan Lane Revocable Trust, the southwest one-quarter of Section 298, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nora Beckham Owens, independent executrix of the estate of Mary Pearl Lemons, and Rose Ann Lemons McDonald to Nelson and Nancy Brice and Alexander Brice, all of Lot 25 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Larry P. and Beverly A. Greene to Jason P. and Kari Greene, 1.808 acres in the southwest one-half of Section 72, Block 3, H&GN survey.

J.E. and Eddie Johnson to Sidney K. and Nancy Elizabeth Brunson, a 0.277-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Sidney K. and Nancy Elizabeth Brunson to Kevin W. and Jennifer S. Sawyer, a 0.277-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jay Hilliard to William J. LaRoux, all of Lot 22 in Block E of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Mark Roger and Amy Leigh Hargrove to Raford S. and Lana B. Hargrove, all of Section 63 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Manuel M. Avila to David and Julie Strunk, all of Lot 2 of the Avila Subdivision, a replat of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition.

Manuel M. Avila to David and Julie Strunk, all of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition, Section 2.

Tommy J. Contella, attorney-in-fact for Rosie S. Contella, to James C. and Sharon G. Sartor, Lots 3 and 4 of Block 37 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Johnnie A. White to Mary Garcia, tract one being a 1-acre tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Rock Enterprises Inc. to Chemplex, L.C., tract one being a 1-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 121, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 1.257-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 121, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Joe H. Rosas to Fernando and Mary Ramos, all of the southeast one-quarter of Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Robert P. Neblett, independent executor of the estate of A.D. Hobbs, to Robert P. Neblett, all of Lot 19 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

Jodi White recognized

CISCO — During Cisco Junior College's 30th annual awards cemerony last month, Jodi White of Snyder was recognized for serving as sophomore class president and for being selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Art Linkletter said hospitalized

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Art Linkletter was hospitalized Thursday after collapsing during a speech in front of 2,000 healthcare workers.

The 85-year-old TV personality was 45 minutes into his presentation when his speech slowed and his words began to slur at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

A photographer, Greg Miller, leaped onto the stage and grabbed Linkletter, preventing him from falling as he fainted.

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Tummy tuck



Bill McClellan

True confessions here.

I need a tummy tuck. I just can't find a place to tuck it, that's all. The darn thing is too big.

Somebody said something about liposuction, but heck, my lips are just fine, thank you.

Ok, I'm just kidding, of course. About the lips, I mean.

Look around you. Does that person over there seem just a little bit thinner than they did last month? Hmmmmmm.

According to a study from the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, a lot of people are having fat sucked out of their tummies.

In Texas last year, surgeons performed 8,510 liposuctions. There were 149,042 nationwide, so my guess is that we aren't any more vain than any other state. Personally, I bet California leads the nation, but alas, the ASPRS didn't include those kinds of statistics in their study.

According to the ASPRS (not to be confused with the American Society of Plump-Rumped Softies), cosmetic surgeries are on the upswing, especially by men.

In 1992, 6,138 men underwent liposuction. In 1997, that number rose to 20,192. Wow.

Still, just 20,000 men out of 149,000 surgical patients pretty much confirms that women are the more vain of the species. Most men, after feeling guilty for a few years about that big gut hanging over their belt, come to terms with the way they look. Besides, an oversized stomach makes a great beer table if you slide down a little further in the easy chair.

Last year, 48,620 people had their nose reshaped in the United States. That doesn't include Mike Tyson.

Closely following liposuction in the number two spot was breast augmentation. Some 122,285 women weren't satisfied with what God gave them. You know, looking at this again, it really doesn't say whether it was 122,285 women or 122,285 breasts. I guess it could be 61,142½ women with two breasts each.

Surgeons performed 61,692 facelifts in 1997. I don't need my face lifted, just ironed.

For some reason, the study doesn't have all procedures turned in for 1997. In some categories, they had to use 1996 statistics.

They can tell you, for instance, that there were 122,285 breast augmentations, but they don't know how many breast *lifts* were performed in 1997 (there were 87,704 in 1996).

Likewise, there were 61,962 facelifts, but the number of forehead lifts isn't available.

There were just 774 buttock lifts and 2,114 thigh lifts. I guess some things must be harder to lift than others.

There were 13,654 fat *injections* in 1996.

I wonder, if I have some fat removed, could I help offset the cost by selling my fat to some skinny person? Or does fat automatically become the property of the surgeon?

If you need of a heart transplant, or a kidney, getting a healthy one from someone who is unfortunate enough to not need it anymore seems not only logical, but compassionate, life-sharing, if you will.

But using someone else's fat, now that just sounds a little yucky, doesn't it?

Of course, I'm sure they probably don't use people fat. They probably just pump you full of Crisco or something.

Of course, I don't need fat. I need to get rid of fat.

Liposuction sounds quirky though. Almost dirty, doesn't it?

I wonder if they perform tummy demagnifications?



Learning to bounce back



Deanie Francis Mills

The June issue of "Psychology Today" offers an interesting article on a whole new direction being taken by the field of psychotherapy. The predominant view, at least since World War II, has been that people are shaped by their environments, that the more abusive your childhood, the more screwed up you are, and that if you were abused as a child, you will quite possibly grow up to abuse your own children. This was basically a "victimology" construct.

However, some researchers who closely studied the lives of children of seriously depressed mothers discovered that a whopping one-third of them had become strong and successful as early as their adolescence, they made good marriages, and they raised happy kids of their own. Further reserach revealed that as many as 83 percent of adults from abusive homes have overcome their pasts and built healthy lives for themselves.

This new perspective on surviving tough childhoods has led to a field of study called "Resilience Research." This places the focus of the research into not what damages people — but on what makes them strong. In fact, this year's meeting of the American Psychological Association will be focused completely on not only recognizing the inner strengths of patients, but in helping troubled patients recognize their own strengths and develop them.

I guess you could call it "bounce-backability." How do people bounce back from traumas or early childhood stresses? You might be surprised at some of the simple ways a child from a troubled home can emerge with confidence. For example, researchers learned that if a child comes from a dysfunctional home where the parents are incapable of caring for the children, say, due to drug abuse or some other problem, that child can gain confidence by taking over the nurturing tasks and caring for their siblings.

The researchers have not limited their studies to dysfunctional families, either. They've worked with victims of national disasters and other tragedies, so they can better understand why one family may not be as traumatized by the same flood that destroyed their heartsick neighbor's home. What is it that enables some people to bounce back from unspeakable tragedies?

***There is no timeline, no set period, for finding strength.** Some people develop powerful coping capabilities as children. Others may flounder until adulthood. But eventually, they do bounce back.

***Faith is an essential ingredient.** All of the research subjects who eventually emerged triumphantly from trauma did so because they had a strong faith in something, be it the God of their religion, a sense that a guardian angel was looking after them, or just optimism that the future was going to be better.

Whatever the basis of their faith, they always believed that whatever they were going through was temporary and that they would survive.

***They didn't try to do it alone.** Even if they did not come from a strong family support system, resilient people showed the researchers that they knew how to ask for help and were not afraid to do it. Even if they simply confided to coworkers or got into therapy, one way or the other they admitted that they couldn't do it alone.

***They set goals and planned for the future.** This was discovered to be a key component in dealing with adversity. When some of the research subjects who had been identified as resilient were hit by a powerful hurricane, they reported less damage than other storm victims. The reason for this was that they had better prepared for it ahead of time, by taking out insurance and by carefully boarding up their homes.

Goal-setting, too, is a good way to enable someone to think of a bad situation as temporary. They believe that once they have achieved that goal, they will have made things better for themselves, and they are usually right.

***They know their own strengths and believe in themselves.** The children mentioned earlier, who cared for siblings, didn't feel as trapped in their bad situations. They knew they had done the best they could to make bad circumstances better, and if that was impossible, to take good care of themselves.

For example, a young person whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay for college, and who may even be discouraged from going, will still persist in finding ways to make it happen. Later, they feel strong and good about themselves because they made a dream come true in spit of obstacles.

Therapists doing the research realized that not everybody knows how to recognize his or her own strengths. So they have developed a three point list that anyone can use. I have (strong relationships, role models), I am (a person who cares about others, proud of myself) and I can (solve problems, seek good relationships, communicate my needs).

Once we've learned to bounce back from the slings and arrows life aims at us we can handle just about anything.

Editorial Comment

Grad students teaching

The Victoria Advocate

A recent study by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching underscores a longstanding problem in higher education: Undergraduates at America's top universities are being taught by graduate students — not professors. The professionals, it seems, are too busy trying to make a name for themselves — and their schools — in the research arena to bother with teaching.

The attitude revealed by the survey reflects more than just the acceleration of a disturbing trend in our universities. It is the key to the demise of education.

Perhaps if Americans placed a higher value on teacher-scholars and experienced teachers, America's schools would be better places to learn.

Excellence should be demanded from every teacher. Those who prefer to coast and refuse to find new and better ways of reaching students should find another line of work.

Adopt Texas' policy

The Waco Tribune-Herald

A news story out of the nation's capital reports that fraud is rampant in America's two largest welfare programs — food stamps and Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Obtaining benefits recipients were not eligible to receive, cheating and bureaucratic waste are factors that cost U.S. taxpayers billions each year, according to the General Accounting Office.

Texas was plagued with similar problems until Comptroller John Sharp finally received an exemption from federal welfare laws so he could institute the Lone Star Card, which replaced food stamps, cut hundreds of thousands of ineligible recipients off the welfare rolls, slashed operating costs, curbed government waste and saved taxpayers many millions of dollars.

There is no need for congressional hearings or blue-ribbon committees. Just adopt Texas' innovative and cost-effective method of handling welfare payments.

...And on Paula Jones

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Iowa) Courier

It's hard to understand the point Paula Jones hoped to make ... by attending the White House Correspondents' Dinner.

Jones, the guest of the anti-Clinton Insight Magazine, followed in the footsteps of other female fodder for Washington scribes like Gary Hart's supposed mistress Donna Rice, Oliver North's document-shredding secretary Fawn Hall and Donald Trump's then-mistress (and later wife) Marla Maples.

The difference is Jones — in her sexual harassment lawsuit — maintained her encounter with then-Gov. Bill Clinton was so offensive she could't stand to even watch him on television.

Whatever one thinks of Jones' case, her attendance at a gala evening with the president as featured speaker will give defense attorneys ammunition if the appeals court reinstates her lawsuit.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks, parents!

Dear Editor:

Greetings, Jr. High School Parents:

As a representative of the teachers of Snyder Jr. High, please permit me this opportunity to express appreciation and gratitude for all the food you bought, prepared and brought to the school every day this week for us!

How thoughtful and generous of you to take time to "show" your support! You cannot begin to understand how your recent acts of kindness have touched, motivated and reminded us afresh of how significant the parent-teacher relationship is and should be.

I'm overwhelmed for what you have done for us!

Respectfully,
Robert Bailey, M.A.
Resource Teacher
Snyder Jr. High

Sending flowers

Dear Editor,

Snyder, Texas, I send you flowers.

After the letter two weeks ago, I was undecided about sending you another. I did discover you have many readers, some not from these parts. I also found the memory of Bill Wright to be alive and well.

The first words of encouragement I got were from my lovely wife. I believe her exact words were "You are crazy if you send in another letter." Almost immediately, my 16-year-old grandson comes in. He says I sure liked your letter to the editor, PaPa, what did it mean?

I set him down and looked him in the eye and said son you are too young to understand. But I will try to explain. Letters to the editor don't have to make any sense; some are waaay too long, some not long enough. Some are to inform, some to grind axes, some to build up, some to whittle down to size. The size being determined by the writer.

Many are written to say thanks and to compliment for a job well done. This is the intention of this letter today.

In the years since I was legally attached to my woman, I have moved in and out of Snyder a few times. But we always returned. I figure I have spent about 45 of my years here.

I will start with a recent paper. If I read it right, the Hospital Auxiliary volunteered some 11,000 hours in the last year. If that does not make your ticker swell, you need a checkup.

I have had the pleasure to be involved in three different volunteer groups in the last six months. All had plenty of people to get the job done. If any volunteering needs to be done, Snyder folks will fill the gap.

The Noah Project opened, not by itself, but after many people were willing to give of their time, talent, money — sometimes their influence to recruit others. Thank you, Snyder.

We recently enjoyed a good show at the Ritz. If I let it drop there it would be the understatement of the year. Cindy, Gail, the band, all others involved, I tip my ball cap to you. The only problem is we may have to move the Ritz plays to the coliseum.

I am out of space, have not touched on the 4th of July, White Buffalo Days, Christmas activities, the big band, country music week, our EMS, law enforcement or judicial system.

I know I have not scratched the surface on the good things about our town. Maybe a reader will think of others.

I feel it is only right to warn you. Next time I must get on my soap box.

Doyle Chandler
Snyder



Training flights

Dear Editor:

I have read a statement by Rear Admiral Eugene J. Carroll, Jr., U.S. Navy (Ret.), the director of the Center for Defense Information that I feel will be very informative to citizens in the eight county area that will be affected by Realistic Bomber Training Initiative.

Rear Admiral Carroll made this statement to the subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on National Resources of the U.S. House of Representatives, June 17, 1994.

"There is also the serious question of peacetime flight safety generated by sustained periods of low level flight.

"Statistically it can be demonstrated that low level operations are more dangerous, just as logic suggests. Even a brief moment of inattention can produce a catastrophic accident.

"Obstructions to flight such as power lines and radio/TV antennae have snagged aircraft and flight at low levels through mountains is inherently more hazardous than at higher flight levels.

"All of these increased dangers apply even when pilots observe all prescribed safety precautions and minimum terrain clearance standards. Even more dangers await those who deliberately do what the military call 'Flathatting.' An inevitable part of low flight training are pilots who give in to the irresistible urge to fly very close to the ground, under bridges and power lines, or to 'buzz' people and animals. Regrettable though it may be, it happens all too often. Such deliberately dangerous flying produces even more accidents and risks for people on the ground.

"As an anecdote, one Navy pilot engaged in 'flathatting'" flew through 36 telephone lines connecting Los Angeles and San Diego. These wires in turn were dragged across high voltage power lines, which shorted to ground and blew up, starting numerous brush fires. The plane landed successfully at home base, fortunately, but the cost to the Navy was substantial. The pilot kept his wings.

"Low level flight training is undeniably enjoyable, even exhilierating for pilots. It is also a budget builder for the Air Force since it is very expensive. But it no longer can be justified as necessary for combat readiness of air crews.

"Finally, let me describe the consequences of coordinated attacks and low level flight in terms of noise pollution and safety.

"The objective in coordinated attack planning and training is to put the maximum number of aircraft on the target in the shortest possible time in order to overwhelm the defense. All aircraft maneuver at high speed using high power, including afterburners, during attack and withdrawal. High noise levels plus sonic booms are desirable in order to add to confusion produced by the attack.

"In low level flight operations aircraft lay down a swath of sound continuously. Modern aircraft today are less noisy than those of the past, but still sound levels are painful along the flight path. Worse yet, the sound is often experienced with no warning, typically producing a startled reaction, which is bad enough for humans but panics animals and birds.

"As I think back on my hours of low level flight the predominant image which comes to mind is of birds flushing, animals running and human heads snapped back in fear as the sound engulfed them.

"It is for this reason I am totally unimpressed with bland Air Force assurances that sound levels will rise only 2 or 3 db 'on average.' Although no details are given on such calculations, it appears that the sound peaks are averaged out over 24-hour periods. The kindest word for such meaningless assurances is disingenuous.

"These peaks are not experienced 'on average.' They are suffered as sudden, shattering, bewildering bursts of sound which create confusion and fear for humans and animals alike.

"In summary, there is no valid military requirement for additional air space and targets to support 366th Air Interdiction Composite Wing training. With smaller forces and reduced military threats against the United States, logic

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Kin of missing soldiers face uncertain future

WASHINGTON (AP) — A partial skull and bones unearthed in Vietnam in 1992 gave Air Force Maj. Harry Amesbury Jr.'s relatives hope that they might finally be able to bury the pilot and the past.

Yet, there was no identification.

Last month, the Vietnamese turned over Amesbury's wedding ring and ID card along with a separate jaw fragment and a tooth.

But still no resolution.

Now, Amesbury's family is faced with the possibility that another set of remains may be his — the unidentified Vietnam veteran buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in 1984.

"So we're living with this again, the uncertainty," says Steve Amesbury, son of the C-130 transport pilot who was shot down in 1972 and presumed dead. "It's been going on and on and on for 26 years. Now we'd like a resolution in the worst way. This is pretty painful."

Defense Secretary William Cohen announced Thursday he had approved a plan to exhume the remains for possible identification, granting the request of the family of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie. Preparation to open the Tomb will begin Tuesday.

Blassie is one of nine servicemen the Pentagon says may be buried in the tomb. Each was shot down in Vietnam in the same 25-mile area and around the same time.

While the Blassie's relatives are hopeful the remains are his, other families say the exhumation could create another round of pain.

"I don't think it's him. I hope it isn't him," says Althea Strobridge, 79, of Perry, Iowa, who called the police after the Pentagon told her the remains could belong to her son, Army Capt. Rodney Strobridge. She thought she was the target of a scam.

"I hope they get this over with soon," she said.

If it is her son, she wants the remains reburied at Arlington.

The Pentagon said circumstantial evidence, including identification and gear from a plane like Blassie's A-37 fighter, were found with the remains, but blood- and body-type evidence indicated they were not his.

Blassie, 24, was about 6 feet tall with type A positive blood. The remains — based on older, less reliable identification methods the family questions — were estimated to be from a 26- to 33-year-old person with type O negative blood who was between 5-feet, 5½ inches and 5 feet, 11½ inches tall.

Strobridge, a 30-year-old Army helicopter pilot, 5 feet, 9 inches tall with type O negative blood, most closely matches the physical characteristics of the remains. Both Blassie and Strobridge were shot down on May 11, 1972.

The latest DNA testing methods could uncover the truth.

Jeanette Hoskins, whose husband, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Donald R. Hoskins, was a crewman in the crash of Amesbury's C-130, said she had been hoping the Pentagon would not disturb the Tomb.

"I know my husband is not there," said Hoskins, 70, of Milford, Del. "They're just dead bones. It's not going to change the bottom line.

"If I thought that them digging those bones up out there in Washington was going to make any difference whether my Donnie was going to be home living with me or not I'd be out there digging with my hands."

Steve Amesbury, an airline pilot from Sterling, Va., was 12 when his father crashed.

In 1993, he traveled to Vietnam, visiting the tangle of jungle in the An Loc region of the Binh Long Province where his father's plane went down on April 26, 1972, 65 miles north of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City. Only one crewman's remains were identified. Any one of the other five, including Amesbury, could be buried in the Tomb.

Nearly 950 Americans were killed or reported missing in Binh Long Province, according to POW/MIA groups. In all, 2,090 U.S. fighters remain missing in Vietnam, where more than 58,000 Americans were killed.

What was Steve Amesbury hoping to find at the crash site?

"The whole story," he says. "The Pentagon is so key on keeping control of everything themselves and not sharing information that it puts us in a position where we don't know we can necessarily trust them.

"They're anxious to close these cases and they want the families to buy into their solutions. I'm afraid I can't trust their conclusions."

Amesbury said the Pentagon reported the C-130 went down in a ball of fire, an unsurvivable crash. Using the Freedom of Information Act, he learned there were no witnesses.

So far, the Amesbury family has refused to provide a blood sample so the Pentagon can compare it to DNA samples from the Tomb remains: the pelvis, right upper arm and four ribs.

The reluctance dates back to finding the bones with a partial skull that had no teeth. The family wants an independent lab to conduct DNA tests, but the Pentagon insists on handling it.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, May 10, 1998

Improvements in various aspects of your life are indicated for the year ahead. Skills you presently possess are marketable, so take positive measures to apprise others of what you have to offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A commitment you made recently, which you did not think through as thoroughly as you should have, may have to be honored today. Even if it is inconvenient, keep your word. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A poor attitude today will make tasks you dislike even tougher. Set a positive example, not only for yourself, but for others to follow as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Treat the property of others today as respectfully as you do your own. If you are careless with a friend's possessions, they might not be lent to you again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you and your mate are still not in accord on an important issue today, it's best to shelve it temporarily. As tempers cool down, clearer heads will prevail once again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to arrange your schedule today so that you can get your most difficult assignments out of the way as early as possible. If they are left to be done last, you might not be proud of what you produce.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Steer clear of financial involvements today that have risky elements. You might fare well initially, but your luck may not survive in the long run.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons with whom you're closely associated might test your patience today. Do not let outside influences change your attitude and initiative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your gains might be only temporary if you take advantage of a situation today that benefits you at another's expense. Let your nobler virtue be your pathfinder.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today your earning ability could be in high gear, but so will your extravagant inclinations. These influences will vie for equal expression.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You must be careful today not to give away secrets that were told to you in confidence. Live up to the trust confidants have in you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a possibility a problem that annoyed you previously might repeat itself again today. If you don't lose your patience, you'll be able to manage it in a skillful fashion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Commercial matters must be handled adroitly today. If you are impulsive or careless, it could hurt you as well as associates to jam up the machinery.

Your Birthday

Monday, May 11, 1998

In the year ahead, you are apt to look for arrangements where you can expand your social and commercial interests. What you find should suit you well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not enter into arrangements hastily today; if you make a commitment you regret, you might have a very difficult time wriggling out of it. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be grateful for things that come rather easily for you today; you may not be meant to work hard for something the fates know you're not equipped to handle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best to avoid groups or cliques today that are headed by people you dislike. Spend your free time with close pals you thoroughly enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If there is something vital you wish to conclude today, put it first on your agenda and don't take on any other assignments until it is finished.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Just because friends aren't in complete accord with your ideas today doesn't mean they dislike you. It merely means you differ on certain points.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your material prospects look encouraging today, but you might not get a firm grip on your opportunities once they are in your grasp. Don't let them slip away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although your judgment in important matters will be good today, others might have doubts about your decisions and persuade you to change your mind. Altering course is not advised.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you expect more than that to which you're entitled today, it could arouse ill-will in associates and create impediments that need not exist and will have to be removed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When dealing with friends today, strive to be impartial. Someone's feelings could get hurt if they think you're playing favorites.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) After you

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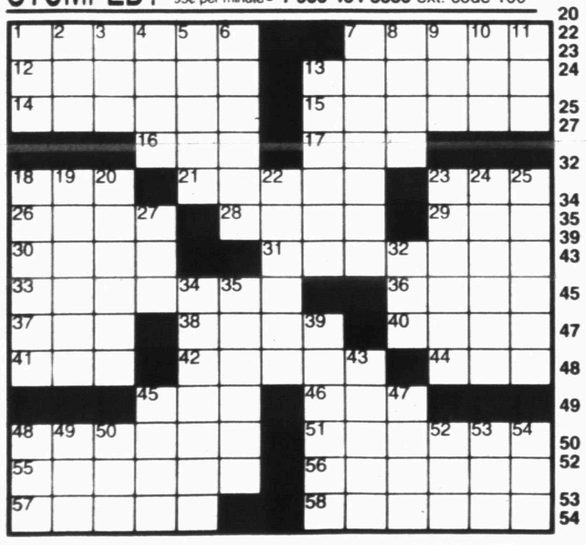
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Lawyers offer aid to domestic violence victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Victims of domestic violence soon may find it a bit easier to get safety tips and advice on how to escape abusive relationships. The information could be as handy as their workplace or the ladies' room of a local restaurant.

The nation's largest lawyers' organization has prepared a safety guide and is asking corporations to distribute it to employees and the general public. Among the suggestions:

—If you are being threatened or attacked, stay away from the kitchen where the abuser can find knives or other weapons.

—Keep a bag packed with things you would need if you had to leave quickly, such as cash, car keys, court papers, medical records or medicines. Keep the bag in a safe place or give it to a friend or relative.

—If a court has issued a protective order, keep a copy with you at all times along with emergency phone numbers.

Many women are not ready to go to court for a protection order or leave their abuser, but want to find out what their options are, says Michael Bedke, a Tampa, Fla., lawyer who is co-chairman of the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence.

Bedke specializes in real estate and banking law, but he also provides free legal help to victims of domestic violence and encourages other lawyers to do the same.

"If you only take one case a year it would be huge," said Bedke. "You don't have to give up your private practice to do this."

The bar association panel is asking corporations to provide the brochures, perhaps by putting them in ladies' rooms where people can take one without attracting attention. The first company to sign on was Atlanta-based Church's Chicken.

"Maybe that woman will never call the police, but she will go to work" where she can pick up the guide, says Bonnie Campbell, director of the Justice Department's Office of Violence Against Women.

"She's getting tips on how to develop and implement a safety plan," Campbell said.

The brochure gives the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which can tell someone where to get help locally.

It also advises abuse victims to ask a local domestic violence program for help finding a lawyer who can get a court order requiring the abuser to stay away or aid in a criminal prosecution. In court, it says, bring a friend or relative; you do not have to look at or talk to the abuser or his family.

Such advice can be valuable because many abused women have been cut off from relatives or other people who could help them, said Lynne Gold-Bikin, co-chairman of the bar group with Bedke. The goal, she said, is for all major corporations to distribute the safety guides.

Melissa Morbeck of Boston says her employer, Hill Holliday Advertising, helped put her life back together after she escaped from an abusive home.

"My company hired someone who was very frightened and very alone" and using an assumed name to avoid being found, Morbeck said. The company provided physical therapy to recover from her injuries.

But Bedke said some victims of domestic violence wind up being fired because their employer does not want to deal with absenteeism or the possibility that the abuser might cause trouble at the workplace.

Bedke was not used to courtroom work when he took his first domestic violence case about five years ago.

"I really had significant trepidation with the first couple of cases I worked on," Bedke said. But he got help from lawyers in his firm who specialize in litigation. Now he handles two or three domestic violence cases a year for free.

Such cases are relatively easy to handle but "make a huge positive difference in terms of making a real change in the life of a real person," he said.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE.

Q&A

What is ketamine?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News in cooperation with the AL-ANON support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this weekly column to your questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

Due to recent inquiries, this column is giving information about "club drugs" (or "party" drugs as they are known in today's youth population.)

KETAMINE

Remember the Special K cereal you bought for your kids because it was nutritious and good for them? Well, now there is a different type of Special K and it is fast becoming one of the most popular drugs among today's youth.

Ketamine, or "Special K," was developed in 1965 by the University of Michigan in a search for safe anesthetic products. It was used extensively in the Vietnam War and was favored by the wounded to help relieve the pain of injuries. Its use in human surgery has declined due to the introduction of safer, more effective products. Now its primary use is by veterinarians to immobilize some animals.

In the club scene, "Special K" is also known as "K," "Kitkat," "Vitamin K" and "Ket." Ketamine users, called "K-heads," usually take the liquid and bake it until it is a powder substance that looks a lot like cocaine. The Ketamine powder can be snorted, mixed into drinks or smoked. The Ketamine liquid is usually injected, put in smokable materials or consumed in drinks. Ketamine is commonly injected intramusuclarly.

Ketamine is called "dissociative" in action, which means that it feels as if the mind is "separated" from the body. Ketamine users refer to this state as a "K-hold." Ketamine causes hallucinations and as an anesthetic, stops the user from feeling pain, which could lead to unknowlingly causing self-injury.

Because it lowers the heart rate, larger doses can lead to oxygen starvation to the brain and muscles. Any overdose can also cause the heart to stop. This drug can affect the senses, judgment, and coordination for about 18 to 24 hours.

Ketamine produces a wide variety of effects and the users adjust the amount they take depending on the desired effect and easily develop a tolerance to this drug. The effects are influenced by body, size, built-up tolerance, presence of alcohol or other drugs, method of administrations and the setting in which the drug is consumed.

Any veterinarian can pay a retail price of about $7 per vial of liquid. The middlemen may pay $30-$45 per vial and the K-head may pay $100-$200 per vial. A vial contains the equivalent of about one gram of powder. Smaller quantities, called "bump," are about 0.2 grams and cost around $20.

Law enforcement agencies are discovering the use of ketamine when stopping drivers for what appears to be driving while intoxicated and in the burglaries of veterinary clinics. These are some of the factors causing the DEA to re-evaluate the control status of the drugs.

Ketamine is a prescription only medicine and so it is not covered by the Missuse of Drugs Act so most arrests for ketamine result in a misdemeanor charge for illegal possession of a prescription drug. It is a controlled substance in California, Connecticut, New Mexico and Oklahoma. This year, the governors in Hawaii, Illinois and New Jersey will also sign laws making ketamine a controlled substance.

Please send your questions on "club drugs" or any other drug or addiction to: P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Next week, "Ecstasy" — a controlled substance.

Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling 915-573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in a retirement building. All 60 of us are served two meals a day, which are unappetizing because the chef uses no salt whatsoever. Bread, pasta, vegetables — it doesn't matter. All are salt-free. Granted, some people here need a low-salt diet, but isn't the amount of salt used in preparing food rather inconsequential?

DEAR READER: Yes, it is. And for that reason, I agree with your objection to the salt-free cooking process. As you have probably heard, recent medical reports have proved that the average person (without hypertension or heart disease) should not restrict his salt consumption. Salt is not the villain that it was once assumed to be. Moreover, as you stated, the judicious use of salt during food preparation is basically harmless. It's the salt shaker on the table that can cause problems for those people on medically prescribed low-salt diets.

Finally, food devoid of salt tastes terrible. Nursing-home and retirement-community food is usually bad enough without the additional burden of no salt.

In my view, you have three options.

First, complain to the administration. There is no reason to limit salt in the diets of retired people unless their doctors have prescribed salt-free diets, an unusual and drastic step. Those who should not eat salt can be given a special diet. But the residents as a group should not be penalized for the health problems of a few.

Second, ask the chef to make available to you salt-and-pepper shakers. This way, you can salt to taste, irrespective of the manner in which the food is prepared.

Third, bribe your family members or friends to bring you salty snacks, or a salt shaker that you can surreptitiously use when dining.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has me on half a 50-milligram atenolol tablet every day. I have trouble cutting the pills in half; sometimes they break irregularly, sometimes they crumble. He says that atenolol doesn't come in 25-milligram tablets.

DEAR READER: Well, your doctor is incorrect. Atenolol is marketed in a 25-milligram tablet.

However, you raise an interesting issue pertaining to the high cost of prescription drugs. Because full-strength medicines cost only slightly more than their half-strength substitutes, many doctors recommend cutting full-strength pills in half to save the patient money.

Here is a trick that is invariably effective. Place the pills in a plastic bag. Then, using a sharp knife, cut them in half, through the plastic. You'll find that you can easily divide them with accuracy, and without crumbling.

However, if this option doesn't suit you, ask your pharmacist to substitute the 25-milligram pills.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a diabetic on insulin. Should I use a home glucose-monitoring device?

DEAR READER: The availability of such devices may be the most important advance in diabetes care since the discovery of insulin. These kits, when used correctly, will help you immeasurably because they can guide you in controlling your blood sugar, prevent and detect hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), and permit you to adjust your insulin dosages depending on your diet, level of activity and alterations in daily schedule.

There are many types of home glucose-monitoring systems, and their prices vary widely. The most accurate, according to Consumer Reports, is the Glucometer Elite.

The monitor is about the size of a pack of cards. Most devices are sold with disposable lancets, glucose test strips, a carrying case, a log for recording readings, and additional strips to check whether the monitor is working properly. There are even systems for the visually impaired.

Each kit has its limitations; for example, some cannot be used in temperatures higher than 90 degrees. Others are affected by humidity, altitude and freshness of the strips. Nonetheless, the devices are extremely useful. The initial cost may approach $100, but the big expense is the test strips, which can run as high as $1,000 a year for persons checking their glucose levels four times a day. Despite this somewhat daunting figure, glucose home-monitoring is well worth the price.

I recommend that you purchase such a device and use it according to your physician's instructions.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I frequently dine with the same friends. One woman has the unpleasant habit of blowing her nose at the table. Although she uses tissues that she stores in her purse, I worry about contamination. Thus, I refuse to play cards with her after dinner. Am I being unfair?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes. While it's true that wiping or blowing the nose will deposit germs on the tissue, I do not believe this constitutes a health problem, provided you wash your hands after having physical contact with your dinner guest. Microorganisms are ubiquitous in our environment, so it's virtually impossible to avoid them. Moreover, I doubt that the situation would be improved if your friend blew her nose away from the table out of earshot.

While someone should probably remind her that her dinner-table habit is unattractive, it need not cause you undue concern.

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Will concerns children's education

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tammy Wynette, who picked cotton as a child and earned her living as a hairdresser before becoming a country music star, said in her will that she wants her children and grandchildren to get an education.

The bulk of her estate was placed in three trusts benefiting husband George Richey, her four children and two stepchildren, and her grandchildren.

Wynette left her home and personal property to Richey and $10,000 to each of her seven grandchildren. The rest of her estate went into the trusts.

Her will also stipulated that each such beneficiary be afforded the opportunity to obtain as complete an education, including graduate and professional school.

Astro-graph

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achieve your objectives, it is imperative that you hold on tight with both hands. Lady Luck is extremely elusive today, and rather restless as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try not to take competitive games too seriously today. Be a gracious winner, or if you should lose, do it with style and pizazz.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you may think you have the upper hand in a difficult-to-define matter today, the opposite might be true. Don't take anything for granted.

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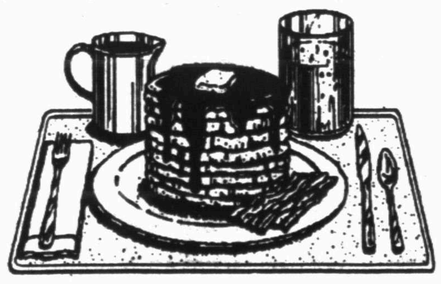
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: When I had my medications refilled, I received a printout that advised, "Store at room temperature away from moisture and sunlight." When I questioned the pharmacist, she told me that the moisture in a bathroom may lessen the effectiveness of medications. She said this is true for both prescription and nonprescription drugs.

This was news to me! I have always kept my medications in the medicine cabinet in my bathroom. Isn't that what the cabinet is for?

QUESTIONING OLD HABITS,
MONROE, N.C.

DEAR QUESTIONING: Most pharmacists agree that the bathroom "medicine" cabinet is *not* the best place to store medications, because the varying temperature and steam can adversely affect them. Since most prescription drugs are taken around mealtime, a wiser choice would be to keep your medications in the kitchen — away from direct sunlight, heat and children — and reserve the medicine cabinet for toiletries.

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DEAR ABBY: As a passport acceptance agent, I would like to inform the public of a beneficial aid for distressed parents who are concerned that the other parent might steal their child out of the country.

A parent may file a Denial of Passport by notifying the Office of Passport and Advisory Services, 111 19th St. NW, Suite 260, Washington, D.C. 20524-1705. The written request must be accompanied with required information, including the appropriate court order document. Further information may be obtained by calling (202) 736-7000. If there is a possibility that the child has dual nationality, that country's embassy or consulate should be contacted to inquire about denial of that country's passport.

GERI BROOKS,
THURSTON COUNTY CLERK,
OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR GERI: Thank you for volunteering this helpful, possibly vital information. It's heartbreaking that anyone should need it, but I hope it will bring readers with custody issues some peace of mind.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to correct a statement made by a reader in one of your recent columns. The writer was Thomas E. Smith, Ph.D.

It is not "many" medical professionals who deny that chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome (CFIDS) is a real disease, but *most* of us who hold this view — and for good reason. There is no evidence whatsoever for the misguided belief that these unfortunate patients have a problem with their immune systems. All the reliable evidence indicates that they suffer from depression.

However, many people still do not accept the idea that the body may be affected by the mind, and the mind by the body. Depression untreated surely causes as much suffering as any other disease. Fortunately, we now have medications that more effectively treat symptoms of depression — one of which is fatigue. Even those few physicians who do believe in the existence of CFIDS treat such patients with anti-depression medications.

EUGENE SCHOENFELD, M.D.,
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DEAR DR. SCHOENFELD: Other physicians have written to echo your sentiments on this subject. However, whatever the cause of CFIDS, it is a real disease to those who suffer from it, and whatever method is used to treat CFIDS, if it works, then I am for it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a 21-month-old daughter, "Jennifer," who spends every other weekend with her father. Sometimes when she returns home, her fingernails are painted. I have tried to explain to my ex-husband that Jennifer is too young for nail polish and it isn't healthy for her. Her fingernails aren't thick enough, and the chemicals could seep through into her skin. I hate using polish remover because it is too strong. Please help me convince him that Jennifer is too young to have her nails painted.

WORRIED MOTHER
IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WORRIED MOTHER: I checked with a pediatrician who told me that while Jennifer is quite young to wear nail polish, there is nothing medically dangerous about it.

It is important for you to remember that you set the rules for *your* home and Dad sets them for *his*. As long as what's going on at Dad's is not dangerous, you should not interfere. The same goes for Dad and the rules at your house.

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DEAR ABBY: The homes in my neighborhood are very close together. Last year a family moved in next door, and they have terrible fights. Off and on throughout the summer, I couldn't help but hear them yell and cuss at each other, and say horribly cruel and painful things.

Winter weather and closed windows have brought some relief, but I dread the approach of summer and having to listen to their fights again. Abby, I know — I've lived through situations like that. Thankfully it was a long time ago. It is painful for me to hear them, knowing how much they must be hurting to say those awful things.

I have two questions: If they start fighting again this year, is there an appropriate way of asking them to keep the volume down?

And what, if anything, can I do for their children, who bear the brunt of all this yelling? I have never seen any evidence of physical abuse, but I know all too well the verbal abuse they are receiving can be just as damaging.

I know that low-cost family counseling is available in this community. Should I mention it to them? I don't know them very well, and I'm hesitant to do anything that will make the situation worse. Some people might consider an offer of information about counseling as a statement that they're sick or bad, and I'd hate to give them that impression.

CONCERNED NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Before you offer any information, first establish a level of trust and communication with one or both of your neighbors.

A good place to start would be an invitation to join you for coffee or to go walking — anything to open the lines of communication.

During one of those chats, you might reveal something of your own painful past, and mention that counseling services are available in your community.

And if your neighbor protests that he/she cannot afford professional counseling, tell them that they can't afford to ignore it, and all the reasons why, including how damaging verbal abuse is to children.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

17 killed in ferry accident

MARAWI, Philippines (AP) — A vacuum of water whipped up by the weather ripped a ferry in two on a lake in the southern Philippines, killing at least 17 people and leaving 10 others missing, police said Friday.

Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Finding the profit drivers in your business

Several months ago I had the opportunity to do some work for a major hotel chain. In preparation for that speaking engagement, I interviewed more than 100 high-volume travelers to find the key factors that comprised a good night's stay in a hotel or motel.

This research represented nearly 4,000 night's stays in 26 states and Canada, in rooms varying in cost from $32 to $275 per night. The survey included corporate presidents and CEOs, business owners, middle managers, sales representative, housewives, writers, publishers, retirees and government employees. They all had one thing in common. They were customers who wanted a good night's sleep.

For hotels and motels, these frequent travelers represent future profits. Satisfied customers return and also use other hotels in the chain based on good experiences. Higher occupancy rates mean higher profits. Here are some of the factors that drive customer satisfaction.

Ten key factors

•**Cleanliness.** This was the most mentioned factor and the one which respondents were most adamant about. One person said, "I judge the whole chain by how clean the bathroom is." Another commented, "I've changed hotels because of filthy rooms."

•**Quiet restful environment.** People don't like noise when they are trying to sleep. These guests wanted better sound deadening in the walls and doors. Others complained about loud heating and air conditioning units, traffic, planes and parties.

•Everything works. Guests wanted well-maintained facilities. No dripping faucets, running commodes or non-functioning lights. Televisions, remote controls and heating and air conditioning units should work properly.

•**Getting what you ordered.** If you reserved a single, non-smoking, poolside room at a rate of $79, that is exactly what you should get. Especially, if you have to guarantee the room with your credit card.

•**Friendly faces.** Sixty-eight percent of the respondents listed attitudes, courtesy and friendly service in their top five answers. One said, "Assume I've had a hard day and treat me kindly."

•**User friendly rooms.** Guests wanted good lighting, comfortable chairs and a good work table or desk. They didn't want to sit on the bed or kneel to use the phone. They also mentioned towels you can reach from the shower, convenient electrical outlets and irons and ironing boards in the room.

•**Safe, secure environment.** Nearly every woman surveyed mentioned safety in her top answers. They wanted good lighting, no "hidden areas," secure doors with deadbolts and chains and discreet use of room numbers.

•**Quick service.** Guests wanted employees who anticipate their needs. One told this story. "A bellman watched me drag and carry my bags across the parking lot in the rain. When I got near the door under the canopy, he offered to help. I gave him an icy stare and said I'd rather drag it myself."

•**No hassles, no surprises.** Guests complained of room clutter. Magazines, advertisements and hotel information on tables and desks, hidden ice machines, no vending machines and outrageous prices in the gift shop.

•**Convenient room access.** No one wants to go up three flights of stairs, park 300 yards away or not be able to find the nearest entrance to their room.

What about your business?

You may think this column only applies to those who are in the hospitality business or those who stay in hotels frequently. Wrong. It is for your business, too.

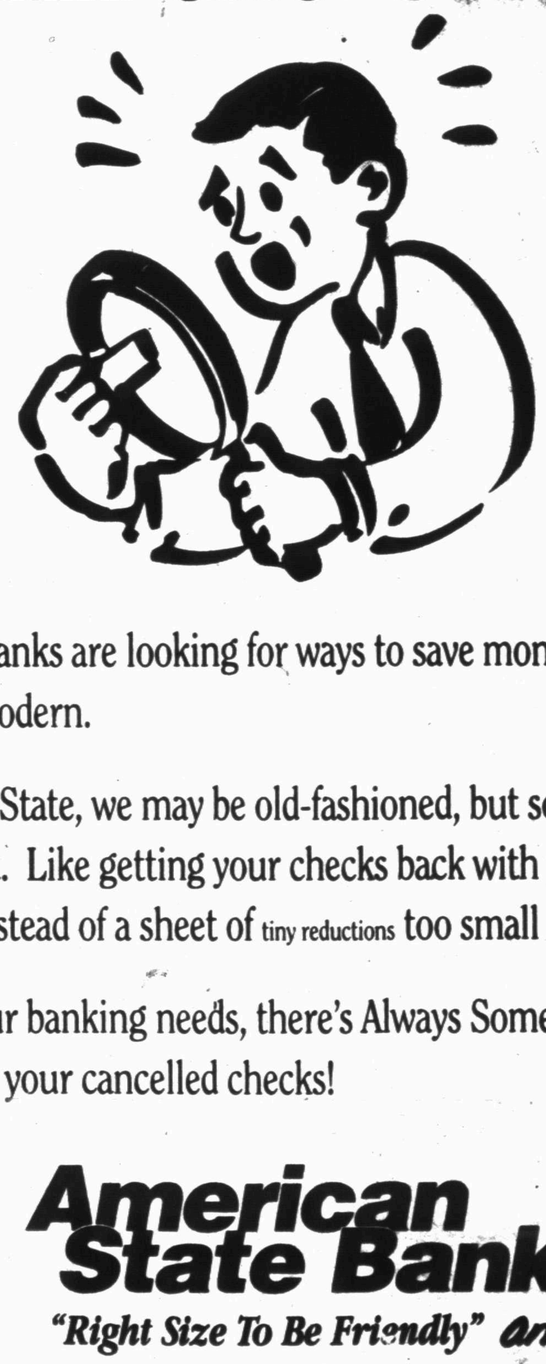
Look carefully at what you do. I'll bet you'll find there are some key factors of customer satisfaction in your business as well. These are your profit drivers.

The more you know about your customers and their needs and wants, the better you'll be at serving them well. When you serve them well, they will drive your profits up.

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