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503 ballots cast...

Early voting brisk in hospital lease election

To lease or not to lease, that's the question that has Scurry County citizens heading to the polls.

Citizens have seven more working days to cast an early ballot in the county election to determine whether to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems.

Early voting began last Monday and runs through Aug. 5. The box is located in the county courtroom, open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"It's been very steady," said County Clerk Joan Bunch. "We're running a little over a hundred voters a day right now."

If that rate continues, some 1,200 citizens will have taken advantage of the early period. At the close of business Friday, and after a full week of voting, 503 ballots had been cast.

There are 10,182 people registered to vote in the Aug. 9 election in Scurry County.

Voters will find two issues on the ballot, the lease question and a proposed amendment to the state constitution. Although both are worthy of citizens' attention, it is the lease which is drawing interest throughout the county.

Community Health Systems has proposed to pay the county $8 million to lease the hospital for a 30-year period. The for-profit firm would also spend $3 in capital improvements over the first four years of operations, and has pledged to recruit more physicians to Snyder.

Those opposing the lease say Cogdell's stability has been proven over the past eight to nine years and say leasing would give up local control of the facility. Proponents cite lower taxes, capital improvement needs and the uncertainty of the future of health care as reasons to vote for the lease.

The proposed constitutional amendment, called Proposition 1, would increase the homestead exemption from $5,000 to $15,000. That would reduce the taxable value of residential property for calculating school taxes.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You realize when your kid knows the value of a dollar — he asks for twenty."

Early voting in the much-debated hospital lease election is underway. Nine years ago, we were a member of the Cogdell board of managers that opted to enter into an affiliation with St. Mary Hospital.

Cogdell's long-time administrator, Cy Miller, had retired and the board was faced with selecting a new chief. Even then, the hospital was faced with the challenge of changes in medical reimbursements and the need for physician recruiting.

We've been asked on more than one occasion what we view as St. Mary's greatest contribution to Scurry County citizens.

The board, nine years ago, realized that a stand-alone hospital would face difficulties. The board, along with the commissioners court, investigated both St. Mary and Methodist as a potential partner.

Even after St. Mary was selected, there remained some early skepticism. The fear that the Catholic doctrine would dominate the hospital proved to be totally unfounded.

The agreement signed with St. Mary was so one-sided — in Scurry County's favor — that it, too, caused some early skepticism. St. Mary's answer to that question was always the same. "When a patient's needs exceed the level of care available at Cogdell and are transferred to a larger hospital, St. Mary hopes to increase its market share." There has never been any pressure on patients to be directed to St. Mary.

We found St. Mary personnel professional and extremely helpful. There were and are still no fees for their consultations. The agreement calls for reimbursements of only actual costs. If a lab person from St. Mary spends a day helping solve some local problem, then Cogdell reimburses only for that person's time and travel.

The current agreement remains much the same except that St. Mary stands to share in the profit or loss. If Cogdell nets $400,000 or more, excluding tax or dispro revenue, St. Mary would receive a maximum of $200,000. Should there be an operating loss, St. Mary has agreed to risk up to $200,000.

In those early days, St. Mary guided Cogdell through computer and equipment upgrades, resulting in more timely billing practices — thus improved cash flow. St. Mary helped us develop the first prison health-care agreement, it helped recruit doctors and helped set up the long-term care unit, heart gym and speciality clinics.

St. Mary became a "partner" that we learned to appreciate. We know what we have now — a hospital with caring people who give quality health care to everybody.

We're sure of what we have now, it's the fear of the unknown - and the unanswered questions about quality of care, that gives us the most concern.

Lubbock arson suspect nabbed

LUBBOCK — A Lubbock accountant, a suspect in a series of bush fires in Southwest Lubbock, was arrested Friday in Plainview and charged with four counts of arson in Hale County.

Jerry Wayne Adams, 56, was arraigned on four second-degree felony arson counts — two in Plainview and two in nearby Hale Center. Bonds were set totaling $100,000.

Adams, described as polite and agreeable, lives in Lubbock where there have been more than 140 bush and fence fires this year. The favorite target appears to be fast-burning junipers.

Investigators said Adams first denied starting any of the blazes in Lubbock.

Adams was in Plainview to pickup up tax information from several clients. The blue van he was driving matched the description of a vehicle seen at juniper fires in Hale County. When stopped by a sheriff's deputy, a bottle of fuel additive was found.

Adams told investigators that he used tissues and a lighter to start four fires in Plainview and two in Hale Center. Arson investigators said the fuel additive found in his vehicle may have been used to make certain the quick-burning bushes ignited after he drove away.

Although Adams is a prime suspect in the fires started in Southwest Lubbock, officials warned that copycat arsonists still may be at large.

Sales tax rebate shows increase

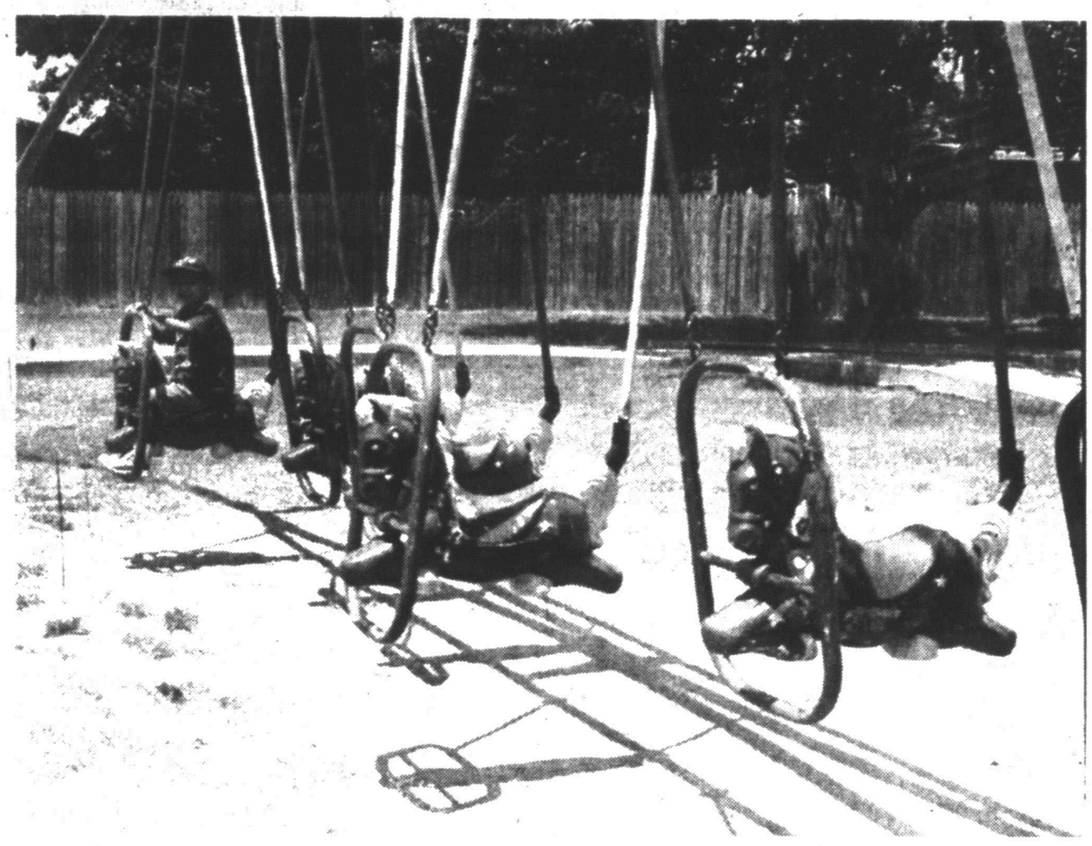
City and county sales tax rebates were up this month, according to information released by the State Comptroller's Office.

City sales tax rebates amounted to $133,362, up almost seven percent from the $105,950 taken in during July of 1996.

For the year, Snyder has received $874,947, up 5.7 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

The monthly sales tax rebate is up 20.16 percent for Scurry County, which took in $64,092 this month, compared to $53,336 in July of 1996. The county has received $465,566 in 1997, up 15.15 percent from a year ago.

The rebates include local taxes collected on May sales and reported to the Comptroller in June by businesses filing monthly returns.



THE RACE IS ON — Six-year-old Joel Rocha is taking advantage of his summer vacation by playing at the Kiddie Park at Towle Park. Joel, who will be in the second grade, doesn't have that many more days left to play as school gets underway in Snyder on Aug. 19. (SDN Staff Photo)

Friday deadline looms...

GOP, White House said near budget agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Racing a self-imposed deadline of next Friday, Republican congressional leaders hope to quickly wrap up talks with the Clinton administration over budget-balancing and tax-cutting bills.

The two sides reached their first major agreements during daylong bargaining Friday. Meeting in Capitol offices that police kept out of view of reporters, administration officials wrung concessions from Republican leaders, who agreed to restore welfare coverage for tens of thousands of children and disabled legal immigrants.

Further talks were planned Saturday.

In the Republicans' weekly radio address Saturday Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., predicted that the negotiations would be successful and said GOP lawmakers agreed to smaller tax cuts and more spending than they would have preferred.

"I want to ask President Clinton publicly, as I have privately, to assure us all that he will sign the legislation we'll be sending him," Lott said.

He added: "If it would make a difference, I will stand in the well of the Senate and whistle, 'Hail to the Chief.'"

"I think we're going to get this agreement," Clinton told the National Association of Elementary School Principals meeting in Arlington, Va., on Friday.

Lott spokeswoman Susan Irby said bargainers hoped to complete negotiations on both bills this weekend.

But a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, cautioned that the timetable seemed unpredictable, saying Friday evening: "They've made painstaking progress today. There is a lot more work to do."

Those taking part in Friday's talks were Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles, budget director Franklin Raines, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Lott.

The sessions produced rapid progress on a bill aimed at gaining enough savings from Medicare, Medicaid and other programs to balance the federal budget by 2002, participants said.

Movement was slower on accompanying tax-cutting legislation, they said. But Republicans emphasized anew that they would not send Clinton the legislation containing agreed-upon welfare spending without an agreement on the tax bill as well.

Republican leaders, eager to claim a victory on their top legislative priorities, want to reach compromise on both measures in time to push them through Congress by Aug. 1, the scheduled start of Congress' summer recess.

The bipartisan budget agreement reached in May called for restoration of benefits, erased by last year's welfare overhaul, for legal immigrants already in the U.S. who become disabled.

United still coming, but no construction date set

A spokesman for United Supermarket said the Lubbock-based grocer still plans to build in Snyder, but no time-line for the project has been developed.

Dan Sanders, marketing director for United, said his company remains committed to building a supermarket in Snyder, but other projects must first be completed.

Sanders said construction of the store in Wichita Falls had just begun, and Snyder's store will be modeled after it. The Wichita Falls store is scheduled for an early 1998 opening.

United owns the former Kmart location on College Avenue, having purchased it from the Ohio Teachers Retirement System in December, 1995.

At one time, United had announced construction of the Snyder store to begin last spring. Sanders said the company continues to get inquires from Snyder citizens about the planned store. "There is a lot of interest there."

Area sales tax rebates

City	July'97	July'96	+/-	Year'97	Year'96	+/-
Abilene	$1,515,326.18	$1,431,890.78	5.82%	$12,455,806.13	$12,089,466.02	3.03%
Big Spring	$248,855.53	$243,275.18	2.29%	$2,003,219.34	$2,005,645.24	-0.12%
Colorado City	$29,513.32	$21,566.15	36.85%	$223,771.18	$215,548.94	3.81%
Lamesa	$61,217.32	59,487.683	2.90%	$481,229.13	$481,042.23	0.03%
Lubbock	$1,758,193.30	$1,640,647.00	7.16%	$13,936,982.51	$13,528,753.67	3.01%
Post	$16,008.21	$18,355.56	-12.78%	$134,728.76	$136,895.94	-1.58%
Roby	$960.08	$637.90	50.50%	$13,375.93	$10,145.08	31.84%
Rotan	$6,477.03	$6,487.35	-0.15%	$68,554.78	$66,962.76	2.37%
Snyder	$113,362.08	$105,950.70	6.99%	$874,947.02	$827,688.17	5.70%
Sweetwater	$126,438.06	$208,936.91	16.06%	$1,018,122.40	$998,323.13	1.98%

ASK US

Q.—Does Cogdell pay a monthly management fee to St. Mary?

A.—No, there is no fee paid to St. Mary.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 98 degrees; low, 70; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 71; no precipitation; total for 1997 to date: 19.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Fair Saturday night, low 70-75. Sunday, mostly sunny, high near 100 and south wind 10-20 mph.



Cinthia Fajardo
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 206 days in 1997, the sun has shone 194 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Every success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.

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Jurors: extortion defendant led astray

NEW YORK (AP) — Told since childhood that she was Bill Cosby's daughter, 22-year-old Autumn Jackson won a jury's sympathy but not its votes as she was convicted of trying to extort $40 million from the beloved actor.

The fact that Ms. Jackson's mother and grandmother told her as early as age 5 that she was the product of her mother's affair with Cosby made her "ripe for a very bad stew," juror Debra Hyman said after Friday's verdict.

Ms. Jackson burst into tears as the federal jury found her guilty of attempting to extort millions from Cosby by threatening to go public with her claim she is his out-of-wedlock daughter.

She also was convicted of conspiracy and crossing state lines to commit a crime. She faces up to 12 years in prison and $750,000 in fines when she is sentenced Oct. 22.

"How could they?" she asked her attorney, Robert Baum, who said she was "virtually inconsolable ... just devastated."

Cosby, who acknowledged an affair with Ms. Jackson's mother but denied he is the woman's father, was not in court and had no comment on the verdict beyond a statement thanking prosecutors and jurors.

He had testified that he gave Ms. Jackson and her mother money since the mid-1970s, but only did so to keep her mother quiet about the affair.

The jurors said they heeded Judge Barbara Jones' instruction that it was irrelevant whether Cosby is really Ms. Jackson's father.

Ms. Jackson, her mother, Shawn Upshaw, and grandmother, Lois Maxfield, left court without commenting. Baum promised an appeal and a possible paternity suit.

Co-defendant Jose Medina, 51, was found guilty of the same charges. A third defendant, Boris Sabas, 42, was convicted of conspiracy and intrastate crime, but acquitted of extortion.

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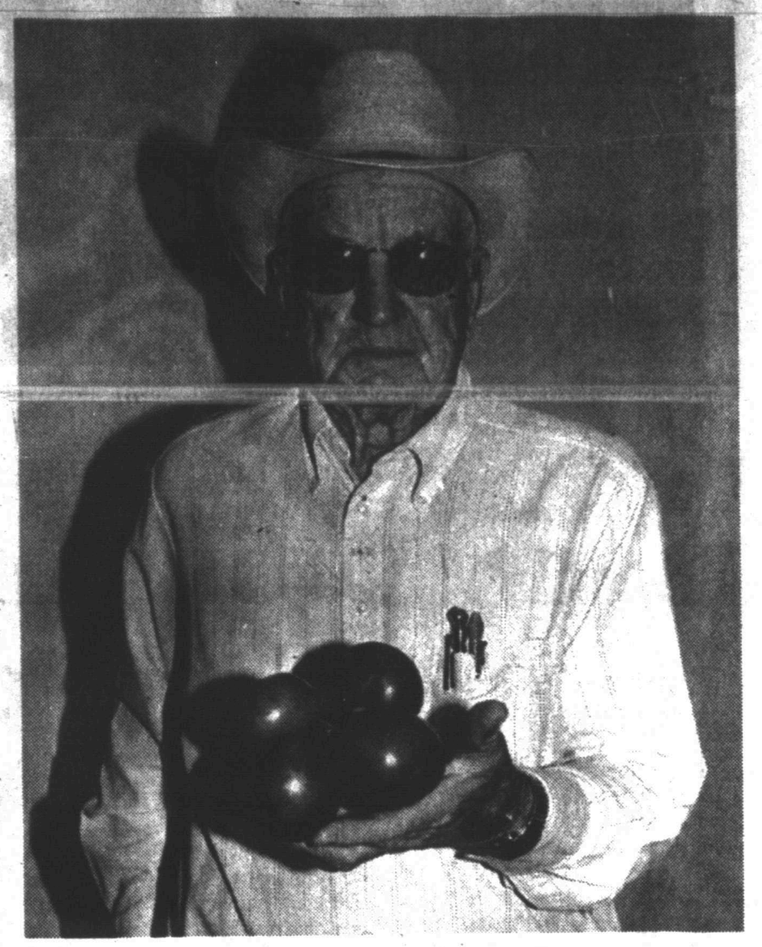
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SIXTUPLET TOMATOES — Lee Massingill found six tomatoes growing in his garden at 3402 40th Street. The grouping weighed 2½ pounds and came from a Better Bush variety. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Pilot had no drugs, alcohol when he crashed warplane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pilot of an A-10 warplane that mysteriously veered 800 miles off course was not on drugs or impaired by alcohol when his jet crashed in the Rockies last April, military officials said Friday.

"All the toxicology findings were negative — negative for drugs, negative for HIV, you name it," said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Katzaman, an Air Force spokesman.

Air Force Capt. Craig Button was on a routine training mission when his attack jet veered off course April 2 and crashed near Vail, Colo. Winter conditions on the mountain peak delayed a search until months later.

Button was a former flight instructor at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

Katzaman said investigators found nothing to substantiate press reports attributed to unidentified sources that Button may have crashed intentionally because an estranged lover was about to reveal their homosexual affair.

Orosco fund is established

A fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to help defray expenses for Felix Orosco Sr, a resident of Snyder since 1950.

Orosco, an employee of Patterson Drilling and other drilling companies for about 20 years, has cancer. He has had two major surgeries and is currently undergoing treatment in Abilene.

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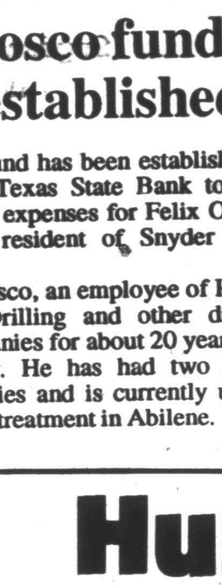
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PERMIAN COMMUNICATIONS



BELGIUM VISITORS — M.J. Merritt, center, is shown with her Belgium house guests. Martine Strubbe Raenaekers and her husband, Jan, and their children, Eva, Alex and Joris arrived Wednesday and will stay a week. Martine stayed with the Merritt family for the 1965-1966 school year. The visit was arranged through the AFS program. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

M.J. Merritt hosts visitors from Belgium

M.J. Merritt is having the time of her life renewing acquaintances with the Belgium daughter she hasn't seen in decades.

Martine Strubbe (Raenaekers) of Temse, Belgium was the AFS foreign exchange student who stayed with the Merritt family for the 1965-1966 school year.

She arrived in Snyder Wednesday with her family for a week long visit. Family members include Martine's husband, Jan, who is an anesthesiologist. They have three children. Daughter, Eva, and son, Alex, are both in college, and Joris will be in the second grade.

Joris does not speak English because in Belgium students don't start learning English until they are 12 years old.

This is the family's first visit to the U.S., but Martine had returned for a visit in 1971 and Jan had also visited in the U.S. previously.

Since arriving in Snyder, Mrs. Merritt and Martine have been renewing acquaintances and reliving old times. Martine has also been visiting with people she met 31 years ago.

Several persons that Martine knew during her AFS visit will be returning to Snyder during her visit, Mrs. Merritt said.

Activities included visiting the Wagon Wheel Ranch Friday night and a Saturday morning reception at the Rusty Spur Cafe.

Martine and her family first arrived in Dallas and drove to Bryan where they spent two days visiting with her American sister, Melinda Hallmark. Snyder was their next stop.

The post-Snyder itinerary includes heading to El Paso when they leave on Wednesday. Other stops will include Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M. and the Grand Canyon. On Aug. 8, they will leave for Belgium from Phoenix.

Since Martine's host family had taken her to visit those points 31 years ago, she said she wanted her family to see the "most beautiful" region as well.

She said that first visit had been "lots of fun."

Train derails

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A train derailed in northern Mexico, killing two people and seriously injuring six, authorities in Chihuahua state said Friday.

The train derailed Thursday near the town of San Juanito, 750 miles northwest of Mexico City,

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San Francisco cyclists wreak havoc due to their mass ride

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Whooping and whistling, thousands of bicyclists took to the streets during rush hour, causing major traffic jams and a near riot.

More than 250 people were arrested and two officers were injured in the monthly Critical Mass ride Friday. Bicyclists blocked several downtown intersections, some scuffling with police. Many ran red lights, taunting motorists who honked and yelled at them to move.

Walter Gomez, riding in Critical Mass for his fourth time, was cited for running a red light.

"The other three times I did it were really enjoyable," said Gomez, 28. "But this time, with the police not escorting us and cracking down, it was real chaos."

The ride, held during the evening commute on the last Friday of each month, consists of thousands of bicyclists who ride en masse, flooding intersections and often infuriating motorists.

The last ride June 27 attracted more than 3,000 riders, causing San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown to call it a "critical mess."

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition had encouraged cyclists to keep the ride peaceful Friday. The point of the ride, the coalition said, was to encourage a community with quieter streets, cleaner air and fewer parking garages.

But 15 minutes before the ride was set to begin at 6:30 p.m., thousands of more militant bikers rebelled. Saying the ride was meant to be a protest, not a parade, they broke off from the official route and sped downtown.

The cyclists fanned throughout the city in splinter groups.

Critical Mass leaders promised city officials they would avoid the Financial District, but bikers swarmed the neighborhood, ignoring signals and fighting with drivers.

Bill Slone, a cab driver, was stuck in traffic with two frustrated passengers who were late for a dinner reservation.

"It's costing me money," Slone said. "I used to support them but it's a party, and it's a meaningless party."

'95 Snyder grad serves in Marines

FHTNC — Marine Lance Cpl. Melchor Parra Astudillo, son of Elva Astudillo of Snyder, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans, serving with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

During the first part of the voyage, Parra Astudillo participated in Exercise Infinite Moonlight, a bilateral training exercise enhancing the interoperability between the forces of U.S. Central Command and the Royal Jordanian armed forces.

Parra Astudillo has visited several liberty ports, including Hong Kong, Jordan, Singapore and Thailand where the crew participated in community relations projects and enjoyed the diverse culture.

The 1995 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1995.

Our dad, Ellis Sumerlin, is now in the long-term care unit at Cogdell Hospital and has been since January 24. The personal care he has received from Dr. Jim Burleson, Beth Ashley and Dr. Kathleen Weaver has been superb.

The dedicated and compassionate care from the nurses, CNA's and especially our sitters has been above and beyond the call of duty.

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Peggy Koonsman
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Do you want to jeopardize your own health, or that of your children? Do you want to travel farther from home to a hospital you don't know? Do you want to compromise your existing medical services for some vague political promises? **Vote "NO" on August 9.**

AGAINST

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

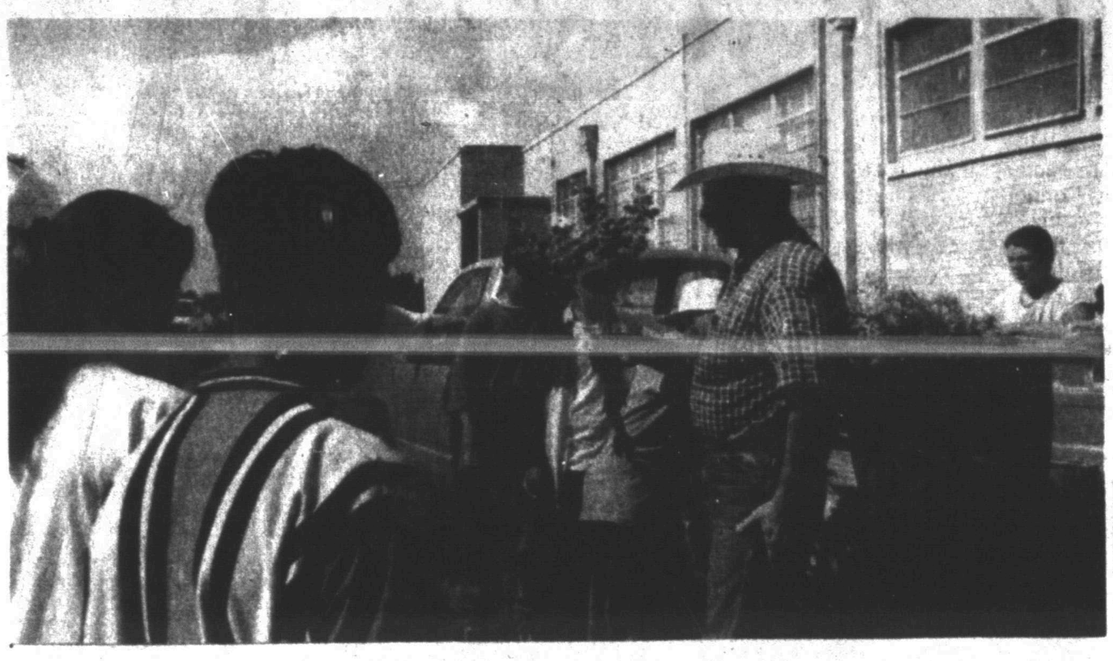
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SUMMER WORK — Lisa Marie Martinez, Jeff Hernandez and Kimberly Jasson, from left, helped landscape the campus at Snyder High School this summer. They participated in the Greener Pastures program. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CONFERENCE — Kevin Wright, district soil conservationist, confers with several participants in the Greener Pastures work-based program for 14-21-year-olds. Those helping landscape Snyder High School's campus include Ruben Sosa, Lisa Martinez, Chad Thomas, Juan Olvera, Orlando Garcia, Kevin Wright, Matt Collins. (Contributed Photo)

DNA results sought in double slaying probe

HOUSTON (AP) — A suspect in the murder of two teen-age women said he witnessed the slayings and apparently described to Montgomery County investigators how they occurred, according to an edited affidavit obtained by the Houston Chronicle.

The affidavit said a man whom Russell Wayne Lafleur identified as the killer had denied any criminal involvement before Lafleur was detained as a material witness to the June 8 slayings of Sarah Cleary, 17, and Misty Morgan, 18.

Sheriff's investigators now acknowledge that Lafleur, 18, is considered a suspect along with the person he named.

Montgomery County authorities are awaiting the results of DNA tests on evidence they hope will advance their investigation.

The bodies of Ms. Cleary and Ms. Morgan were found June 8 in a wooded area north of Conroe. They had been burned beyond recognition inside Ms. Morgan's car.

The women worked together and lived in north Harris County. They were last seen leaving a nightclub about 2 a.m. June 8.

The Road Back Ministries Prayer Line

Is there anything to hard for the Lord?
Let God Arise And Let His Enemies Be Scattered.
Psalms 68:1

Marcia Sanders
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Greener Pastures program provides experience on jobs

Greener Pastures is a locally designed, work-based program developed to enhance the employability of youth between the ages of 14 and 21 in Snyder who may be at risk of dropping out of school or who may have already dropped out of school and may also be economically disadvantaged.

The project's focus was landscaping the campus at Snyder High School. The project included planting grass, reworking flower beds, landscaping around some of the buildings and painting parking lots.

Students were actively involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation phases of each area of the project.

Skills in the areas of math, reading and English were enhanced. A team teaching approach was used to provide instruction and supervision to 30 youth.

Technical assistance on land preparation, grass, shrub and tree planting, recreational area development, and soil drainage was provided by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Students had the opportunity to gain understanding of equipment and materials such as soil surveys, technical guides, laserplane instruments, levels and drainage maps.

Students were shown how to use these tools and assistance was provided in developing, protecting and beautifying the natural resources on the campus.

The program included a two-hour block of classroom instruction and four hours of work-site experience for seven days. Students were provided minimum wage for both classroom and work-site experience. Pre and post assessment of basic education skills were and will be conducted for each participant.

In addition, individual occupational/career interests were assessed using a standardized interest inventory appropriate for youth and the results were, to the greatest extent possible, reflective in a youth's assignment to program activities.

Attainment of workplace or job specific skill compentencies will be documented and career counseling were provided. Each student produced a portfolio of related activities and projects.

The program combined activities integrating SCANS skills and provided real-work experiences for youth. Since Gardener and Groundskeeper is one of the Regionally Targeted Occupations identified by the West Central Texas Quality Workforce Planning Region, the workplace and/or job-specific skills attained in this program should assist students in making career decisions and provide training necessary to enter the job market in this field.

Career counseling and job market information will continue to be provided students upon program completion.

Students were supervised by the following teachers: Bill Bell, Terry Leatherwood, Dina Collins and Chris Henson. Dixie Haggard served as administrator of the grant and Lynda Patterson served as secretary.

Students participating included: Sandy Arriega, Patricia Carrasco, Lionel Chavez, Amy Free, Orlando Garcia, Veronica Lopez, Marciano Madrid, Lisa Martinez, Myra Tavarez, Chad Thomas.

Also, Eric Chavez, Matt Collins, Amanda Fisk, Benita Garza, Naomi Gutierrez, Jeff Hernandez, Gail McKinney, Fernando Nolan, Juan Olvera, Ruben Sosa.

Also, Tovarres Brandon, Genise Capetillo, Sabrina Davidson, Oscar Estrada, Leslie Franco, Valerie Lara, Rena McWhorter, Vicki Ruiz, Veronica Sarabia.

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You did not go alone.
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The chain will link again.

We are grateful for loving memories of you,
Your Wife and Children

Body discovered

FRITCH (AP) — Authorities have ordered an autopsy after a decomposed body was found near a Texas Panhandle lake.

Hutchinson County sheriff's deputies believe the body had been exposed to the elements for weeks, maybe months, at the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Why are the "concerned citizens" opposed to leasing Cogdell Hospital?

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- **Why** would they be opposed to Western Texas College getting $25,000 more taxes per year for 30 years?
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- **Why** would they oppose lower county taxes?

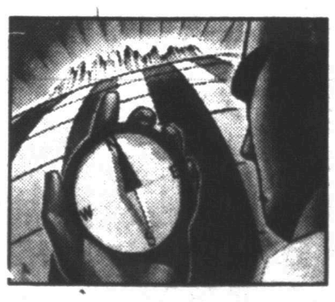
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'It's OK to fight back," — Carroll O'Connor acquitted

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It wasn't his celebrity or his status as an actor that won Carroll O'Connor a jury's sympathy. It was his pain as a father grieving for the death of his son from cocaine.

Jurors rejected a lawsuit Friday that had accused the actor of slandering a man who supplied drugs to O'Connor's son. Harry Perzigian, a 41-year-old songwriter, had sought $10 million and what he called the restoration of his good name in his lawsuit against O'Connor.

The verdict "does say to some parents, 'It's O.K. to speak out and not to be afraid of people that are hurting your children. It's O.K. to fight back,'" explained a female juror, one of six who spoke to reporters after the ruling.

Hugh O'Connor, 32, committed suicide on March 28, 1995, after a long battle with cocaine addiction that drove him into depression, paranoia and delusions. He shot himself in the head after a last phone conversation with his father ending with the words, "So long, Pop."

Within hours of his son's death, Carroll O'Connor was on national TV identifying Perzigian as his son's drug supplier and calling him "a partner in murder."

He dared Perzigian to sue him for slander. Perzigian, who was convicted of possessing and furnishing cocaine to Hugh O'Connor, did so after serving a brief jail sentence.

After the jury returned its verdict following six hours of deliberations and a two-week trial, Perzigian angrily told reporters: "It shows L.A. loves celebrities. You're not going to get a fair shake in L.A. if you sue a celebrity."

Jurors said O'Connor's fame never entered their thoughts. "He was just another person," one woman said.

A poll of jurors showed the verdicts were unanimous, although only nine of the 12 jurors had to agree for a finding. Eleven of the 12 were parents and several said they identified with O'Connor's plight.

"I have four sons," said one man. "I tried to put myself in Carroll O'Connor's position, and I would have been devastated."

A 30-year-old female juror said she believed Perzigian was a drug dealer despite testimony that he was merely a friend sharing drugs with Hugh O'Connor.

"I thought he was a drug dealer. He took checks. To me, that's selling," she said.

For O'Connor, the trial became another phase in his crusade against the evils of drug dealers.

A Report to Our Community:

Regarding the Lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital

We, the undersigned physicians, through site visits and telephone calls to Community Health Systems hospitals, have made the following observations:

- Our community must have more physicians to meet our medical needs. A growing group of both primary care and specialist physicians is vital for the well-being of our hospital and the growth of Scurry County. CHS has an excellent track record for successfully recruiting quality physicians, and they have the resources to bring physicians to our community in a timely fashion.

- Cuts in Medicare and Medicaid payments to hospitals are inevitable. Managed care contracts will place more pressure on our hospitals to accept lower payments. The main question is: "how deep will these cuts be?" As we see it, Cogdell's financial future is not secure. We find that CHS is willing to assume this risk.

- In the future, more money from County taxpayers will be required to run Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the quality manner to which we have become accustomed. The offer from CHS solves this problem.

- As yet, no concrete plan to raise $3-5 million to cover renovations, expansion of services, unexpected repairs, and possible future operating losses has been advanced by the hospital board or the Commissioner's Court. Yet, renovation of antiquated and inadequately sized operating room, emergency department, physical therapy, medical records, X-ray, and laboratory areas are long overdue. We are confident that, given sufficient funds and resources, St. Mary Hospital could provide ongoing excellent management of our hospital and these necessary renovations. Otherwise, the CHS offer of $3-4 million in capital inprovements will be a large step in rectifying these problems.

- From our perspective, CHS provides quality service, a good working environment, and well-maintained hospitals. For the most part, CHS employees are pleased and many fine physicians have been recruited to the rural areas which CHS serves. We have found the communities CHS serves also satisfied with the improvements made to facilities, equipment, and services.

- CHS has a reputation (which we have substantiated) for listening to local citizens, community leaders, hospital employees, and physicians as decisions are made, allowing significant local control of the hospital. They have proven that they appreciate the local needs of communities, and they understand they must provide excellent patient care in order to make happy "customers."

- Hospital staffing levels are a significant concern to us. Reduction in staffing may be necessary in the future whether our hospital is not-for-profit or for-profit. Certainly, nurses in our hospital have felt that staffing has been less than adequate at times in the past. The solution? Increase hospital census and expand services, while giving the local administration the ability to develop innovative patient care strategies. This is the approach of CHS; we have visited hospitals where more employees are now on the payroll for CHS than prior to CHS management.

- The for-profit vs. not-for profit does not appear relevant:

  CHS hospitals:

  provide service for their indigent populations; make service decisions based on local needs; plow significant dollars back into operations of the hospital; value the efforts and contributions of auxiliaries and volunteers; pay competitive wages; offer good, solid employee benefits; and generally run their hospitals responsibly and with the same commitment as other corporate citizens.

Therefore, we are NOT OPPOSED to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems. Unless new funds are made available, through more tax revenue or indebtedness, we think such a lease makes a lot of sense.

Gary A. Nussey, M.D.

Marcia Odal, M.D.

Kathleen Weaver, M.D.

Based on the information provided by these physicians, we, too, are NOT OPPOSED to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to CHS.

W.B. McSpadden, M.D.

Robert B. Pierce, M.D.

Nelson Brice, M.D.

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Gigante convicted; heads to N. Carolina prison

NEW YORK (AP) — To police, Vincent Gigante was one of the last of the old-time Mafiosi, a brilliant and brutal man who dodged prosecution for nearly three decades by elaborately feigning a mental illness.

To family and friends, the man dubbed "Chin" was a helpless, incoherent old man with a debilitating illness that left him wandering New York City's streets in a ratty bathrobe and slippers.

After days of testimony, a federal jury chose the prosecutors' image of the 69-year-old Gigante. He was cleared Friday of seven murder counts but found guilty of racketeering and two murder conspiracies.

The reputed boss of the Genovese crime family sat impassively in a wheelchair as the verdict was read. He was ordered to a federal prison medical center in North Carolina, where a heart condition can be monitored.

He faces 20 years or more in prison, a virtual life sentence for the elderly and frail don. No sentencing date was set.

Gigante, the son of Italian immigrants, was a contemporary of legendary mobsters like Frank Costello and Vito Genovese, earlier bosses of the crime family first run by Lucky Luciano.

Over the last five decades, authorities said, Gigante moved slowly but steadily through the ranks of the Genovese family, from soldier to hit man to capo to boss. They say he spent years perfecting his mental-illness act.

The "Oddfather" was first declared mentally incompetent to face trial in 1970, when he was accused of bribing the entire five-member police force of Old Tappan, N.J. Ever since, law enforcement has derisively condemned Gigante's odd behavior as an Oscar-worthy act.

The jury deliberated 16 hours over three days following a month-long trial with testimony from six turncoat mobsters and 12 FBI agents and police officers, all for the government. The defense didn't call a single witness.

The government had pursued the elusive, secretive Gigante unsuccessfully for years at the same time it was bringing down John Gotti, the vaunted Teflon Don, and sending the leaders of other crime families to prison.

Gigante attorney Michael Marinaccio promised to appeal.

"We're not done. We will continue to fight what we believe to be a gross injustice," he said. "We were hampered by the fact that Mr. Gigante has been and remains mentally ill and unable to assist in his defense."

Gigante was indicted in 1990, but his trial was delayed by court battles over his bizarre behavior.

FBI agents serving him a subpoena once found him standing naked in the shower, holding an open umbrella. Another tale had Gigante, upon spying an FBI surveillance team during a walk through Greenwich Village, dropping to his knees and praying outside a church.

Eventually, two federal judges agreed it was a crazy act, and Gigante went on trial in June.

The government said Gigante ran the Genovese family, ordered the murders of seven lower-ranking gangsters and plotted to kill three others — including Gotti — all as retribution for unsanctioned mob murders.

VOTE EARLY OR VOTE AUG. 9TH

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•The yes vote for CHS would create tax savings for the public, a stronger hospital which will pay property taxes, sales taxes, salaries, and benefits paid to our local area, plus a facility to be proud to call OUR hospital.

YES

Thank You,
Mae Cole

VOTE AUGUST 9TH

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen Mom Learns She Must Fight to Get Back in School

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old mother. After a two-year relationship the father of my daughter left me and will have nothing to do with me or the baby. Then I was diagnosed with kidney disease and my life completely fell apart. My parents have custody of my daughter until I can get on my feet.

I dropped out of school a year ago and haven't been able to find a job. Now I'm trying to get my life back together and get back in school. However, my high school will not let me re-enroll. The principal told my mother, "Those students usually do better in a program where they go to school for only three hours a day and don't need as many credits to graduate." I guess they think if you have a baby, you don't have a brain.

Abby, I was a straight-A student in gifted and talented programs. I took my SAT in seventh grade.

I want to go back to school, but I'm frustrated and don't know what to do. Should I give up, or should I fight for my education?

FRUSTRATED 16-YEAR-OLD
IN NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Fight for your education; you have what it takes to be a winner. Hang in there, and good luck.

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DEAR ABBY: I think you were way off base in your response to "Conservative Mom." She asked if she should talk with her 19-year-old college-age daughter about a receipt for the hotel room she had found bearing the names of her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend. You told the mother that her daughter is an adult who has a right to make her own decisions.

I wonder if this "adult" is paying her way through college. Is she fully on her own, having cut the umbilical cord to her parents' purse strings? Is she so wise and worldly at 19 that she knows everything there is to know about dating and sex?

The hotel receipt could have provided an opportunity for the mother to bring up the subject of dating and sex and to perhaps share her own dating experiences with her daughter.

My wife and I are both 31, and she has a 19-year-old sister in college. When we learned that she had been sleeping over at her boyfriend's, we made it clear that we thought it was a bad idea because others in her dorm would assume they were having sex, even though she said "nothing" was happening. Should we have kept silent until she became pregnant because she's an "adult"? I only thought I was wise and worldly at 19.

Parents need to set examples, Abby. To think that a 19-year-old is an adult in every sense of the word is ridiculous.

Everyone can use some guidance once in a while, especially in this day and age when promiscuity seems to be widely accepted. To say that "Conservative Mom" has no business in her daughter's personal affairs and should not offer advice is absurd.

DISAPPOINTED IN
TUSTIN, CALIF.

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: I did not say that "Conservative Mom" had no business in her daughter's personal life, nor do I agree that finding the hotel receipt was the proper opening to bring up the subject of dating and sex. While there are any number of reasons why a young woman should be advised against sleeping with her boyfriend, what others in the dorm might think seems to be one of the least important.

Sexual activity, with the responsibilities and possible consequences that it brings, should have been addressed long before she graduated from high school. To bring it up now, with hotel receipt in hand, would only make her defensive.

I agree that few people are entirely worldly-wise at 19. People continue to grow and learn as long as they live.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: You responded to "Worried in Texas," a 12-year-old boy who was concerned about how to avoid getting into a fight at school, that he should sign up for self-defense lessons.

Although it's important for the boy to have confidence in his ability to defend himself, your advice reflects traditional thinking that does little to address the problem of fighting at school. It is important for the boy to realize that he has other options.

Your sage advice is read by millions daily. Therefore you are in a unique position to help shape societal changes that could lead to an emphasis on nonviolence. Schools can play a vital role in teaching students alternative methods to address the age-old problem of bullies and fighting. Schools must provide a safe, caring environment if we expect effective learning to take place. It is a primary concern for parents and educators.

There are now thousands of schools across this nation where effective conflict resolution training and peer mediation programs have been successfully implemented. Students in elementary and secondary schools have been trained in dispute resolution skills. Such training empowers them to resolve problems peacefully and to assist their peers to do the same. Children and young adults are open to learning new skills, which can then effect positive change in their communities when they apply those skills.

I hope that "Worried in Texas" will go beyond the step of taking a self-defense course and suggest to his school principal that they start a peer mediation program together. He could significantly change the culture in his school through such action and possibly prevent younger children from having to deal with the same problem. As Mohandas K. Gandhi said, "If we wish to create a lasting peace, we must begin with the children."

For further information on school-based conflict resolution programs, contact the National Institute for Dispute Resolution, 1726 M St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036-4502.

LEO HOGAN, ED.D., ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SHORECREST HIGH SCHOOL, SHORELINE, WASH.

DEAR DR. HOGAN: I know you are on target about this. Dispute resolution training as a method of resolving conflict and reducing violence is a concept that originated with the Quakers and has gained popular acceptance since the mid- to late-1970s.

I contacted the National Institute for Dispute Resolution (NIDR) and was impressed to find that in a 1995 statewide survey of high schools in California, more than 70 percent of respondents indicated that student peer mediation programs reduce the incidence of suspension; and a majority of respondents also believe that the programs reduce violence. And a 1992 study of a conflict resolution in New York reported a 50 percent decline in student assaults. That's impressive!

Thank you for a letter I am sure will interest many parents, teachers and school administrators.

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DEAR ABBY: Before my husband and I were married, he showered me with gifts large and small. After we married, it became my duty to send the cards and buy the gifts for family and friends.

My birthday, Mother's Day and Christmas would go by with no gift or card. I would suffer in silence, getting more and more depressed as the time went by.

Finally, after several years of this, I decided not to allow my feelings to be hurt any longer. Two weeks before the big day, I would remind him, "My birthday is in a couple of weeks, and I'd really like that dress we saw or those beautiful earrings. Why don't we go out for dinner at (blank)?"

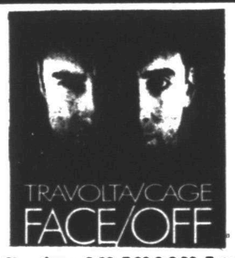
It worked! I was happy and he was beaming with all the praise. After 37 years, he hasn't caught on yet.

MRS. D. IN FLORIDA

DEAR MRS. D.: That's an excellent, nonconfrontational solution to a very common problem. Thanks for sharing it.

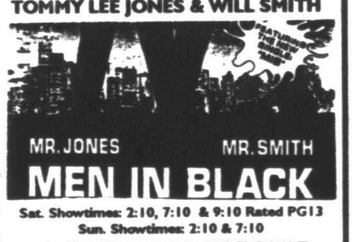
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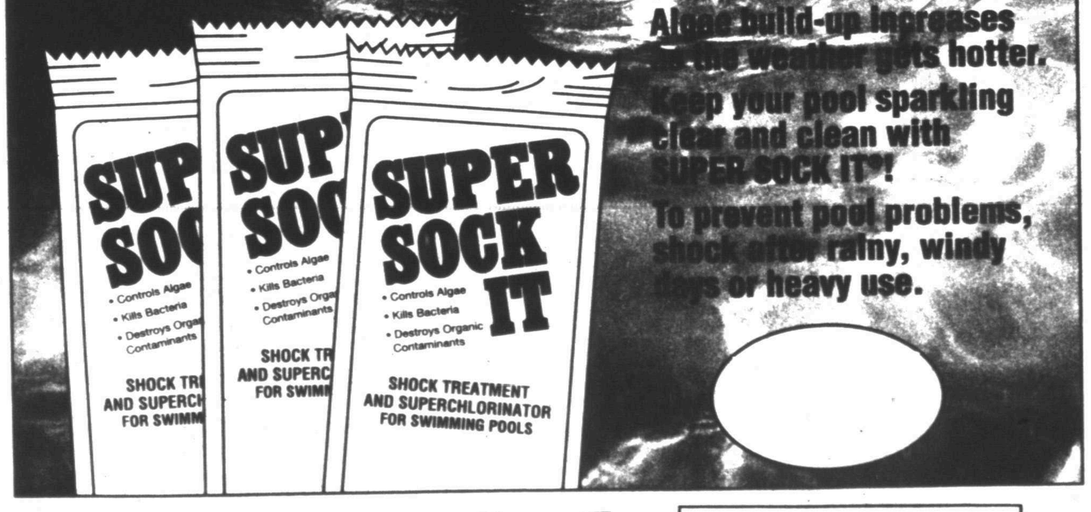


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Think about it. The majority of the physicians and nursing staff whom you trust say "**NO.**" They know what's really at stake here. What's more, the majority of the employees of the hospital say "**NO.**" Plus, key citizens, successful business leaders, and prominent community leaders say "**NO.**"

Do you want to jeopardize your own health, or that of your children? Do you want to travel farther from home to a hospital you don't know? Do you want to compromise your existing medical services for some vague political promises? **Vote "NO" on August 9.**

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Snyder native to compete for World Championship

People tend to avoid lifting heavy objects. Afterall, that's what dollies, forklifts and cranes are for.

But 22-year-old Snyder native Wayland Harrison is his own machine.

Harrison won the Texas State Bench Press and Powerlifting Championship at the beginning of the summer.

His state title advanced him to the recent National Powerlifting Meet in St. Louis, where he set two meet records while winning the National Championship.

The new marks Harrison set were 725 pounds in the squat and a total weight of 1750 pounds.

Harrison will now compete in the Junior World Championships, beginning Aug. 24 in Taber, Alberta, Canada.

"My uncle, Sammie Lee Harrison, was a powerlifter," Wayland said by phone from his Austin apartment. "So I powerlifted some in high school and for one year while I was at UT."

Harrison completed his schooling at the Institute for Technological Training and is employed at Applied Materials in Austin.

After putting in a full day's work, he goes to the gym and hits the weights. This routine would be hard to stick with for many people, but Harrison claims he enjoys it.

"It's like building your own house," he said. "After you finish building it, you don't want it to fall down so you keep repairing it.

"Well, it's the same way with my body. I built it like I want, so now I have to do the up-keep."

And up-keep he does. Harrison stands 5 feet, 8 inches and weighs 245 pounds. That may not seem very heavy, but only 9 percent of those pounds are body fat. The rest is muscle.

And what does it take to compete in powerlifting and keep your body in that kind of shape?

"First a person must have the right motivation," Harrison answered. "Then he must be consistent in everything he does. And finally he must have an inner desire to want to be the absolute very best. If you have all three of those things, then working out is not a problem."

The World Championships will consist of the first place winners in each weight division along with half of the second place finishers.

A competitor is allowed three attempts for each event, which are the squat, benchpress and dead lift. The contestant's best lift out of the three attempts is taken as his score. His scores for each event are then added together for his total weight.

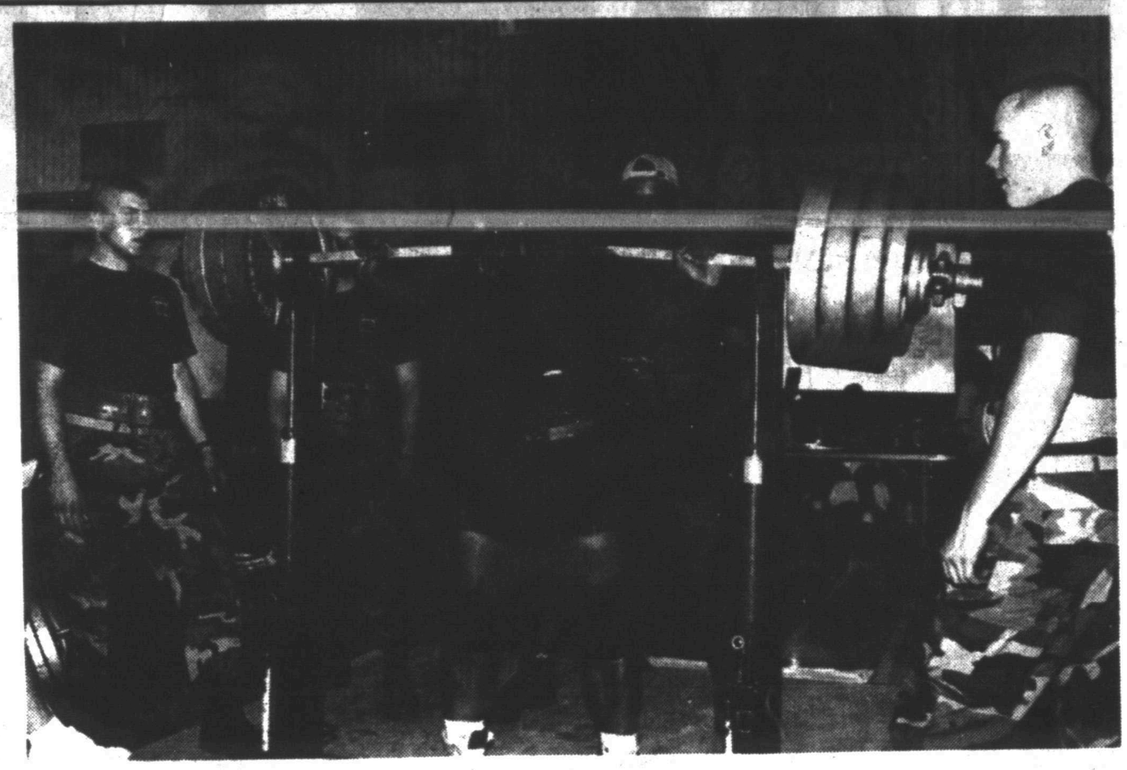
If Harrison lifts a higher total weight than everyone else, becoming the World Champion, he said he will probably take the rest of the year off and just do some body building.

"Right now I really want to learn as much as I can about my work so that I can go back to school and get my engineering degree," he said.

"It is so expensive to go to Canada, that I'll probably just take the rest of the year off and concentrate on work and body building, instead of powerlifting."

Harrison is currently looking for some sponsors to help defray his costs of competing in the championship. While he tries the Austin area, his uncle is looking here in Snyder.

But if Harrison can just find a way to get to Canada, then the looking will be over. Except for his fellow competitors who might have to gaze upward at him standing atop the podium.



THAT LOOKS HEAVY — Former SHS athlete Wayland Harrison gets set to make an attempt in the squats at the National Powerlifting Meet. Harrison won the national title and will now compete in the World Championships Aug. 24 in Canada. (Contributed Photo)

Palmer keys Rangers' win, gets shipped to Kansas City

CHICAGO (AP) — His three-run homer and go-ahead single lifted the Texas Rangers to a much-needed victory, and Dean Palmer had reason to celebrate.

Instead, he was packing his bags and changing his life after the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 8-5 Friday night, ending a four-game losing streak.

Palmer got the news soon after the game — he was no longer a Ranger. He'd been traded to Kansas City for outfielder Tom Goodwin.

The pain on Palmer's face in what should have been a happy clubhouse was evident.

"He was a good teammate and he's a good friend. I'll miss him," said reliever John Wetteland, who pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

"I wish they had done it before the game," Sox third baseman Robin Ventura said, meaning Palmer would not have a chance to do so much damage to the White Sox.

"Dean is a good player, he's a good guy. I don't know what it means, but I can tell you he played well against us," Ventura said.

Palmer's go-ahead single in the eighth was followed by pinch-hitter Mike Simms' homer.

Earlier, Palmer moved into sole possession of second place on the Rangers' career homer list with his 154th, a three-run shot, his 14th of the season.

Palmer didn't want to speak with reporters after the game. He looked dazed as he accepted the well wishes of his now former teammates.

"Nobody knew about this until after the game," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Dean got hot for us right there at the end and he will be missed. He was one of the most popular guys in this clubhouse and I'll wish him well."

With the Rangers struggling, it was almost inevitable that something would happen. Oates, however, hoped to keep the team together.

"That's what I'm supposed to do. But at some point what I want and what the management wants will differ," Oates said. "And I don't sign these paychecks, so what they say goes.

"Now we can start planning for next season. We're able to know who we've got for some time now."

Palmer, in his sixth full season, is eligible for free agency after the season.

His second homer in as many nights capped a four-run inning that included singles by Mark McLemore, Rusty Greer and Gonzalez and gave the Rangers a 4-2 lead. The shot also moved him past Ruben Sierra for sole possession of second place on the Rangers' career list.

He could have felt good. But then the trade.

Are you ready for some football?

National Football League kicks off preseason with Hall of Fame game

By The Associated Press

The Green Bay Packers have handed Brett Favre a lucrative, long-term contract. Now all they all need is someone to protect their high-priced quarterback as they open the NFL exhibition season.

The defending Super Bowl champions, who opened the preseason against the Miami Dolphins today, are riddled with injuries, particularly on the offensive line.

Coach Mike Holmgren might have to replace starter Earl Dotson (knee) at right tackle. Backup offensive linemen Bruce Wilkerson (back) and Lindsay Knapp (calf) are both out, joining guard-tackle Gary Brown (knee) on the bench. The injuries have left John Michels to play every snap at left tackle lately and Marcus Spears to play every snap at right tackle. Even Michels was limping at midweek workouts, prompting offensive line coach Tom Lovat to remark: "He's got sympathy pains."

"We are nicked up at that position," Holmgren said.

The Packers sure could use holdout Ross Verba, a versatile offensive lineman from Iowa who is their top draft pick. He was home watching the game on TV instead of getting a chance to win a starting job.

Favre, meanwhile, was expected to play one quarter after signing his contract extension on Friday. The two-time MVP was rewarded by the Packers with a seven-year deal that is reportedly worth between $42 million and $48 million. It includes a $12 million signing bonus.

Broncos-Bills

Denver quarterback John Elway, who blames his limited playing time in exhibition games last year for his slow start, is campaigning for more work in tonight's opener against Buffalo. "If I'm going to play, I want to play," he said.

One justification for a shortened workload this summer is Elway's recovery from shoulder surgery.

"It's getting better every day," he said. "I'm encouraged where it is. A lot of the pain has gone away, and I've started to get most of the flexibility. The strength is not all the way back. But I have to be patient. I have to be smart about it."

The Bills have a new offensive coordinator in Dan Henning. With quarterback Jim Kelly gone, Henning has replaced the fast-paced K-Gun attack, which was designed for Kelly, with a ball-control attack.

Third-year pro Todd Collins is battling recently acquired Billy Joe Hobert as successor to Kelly.

Vikings-Seahawks

The Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio, featured a pair of familiar quarterback names in unfamiliar rolls. Minnesota's Randall Cunningham and Seattle's Warren Moon will both be backups this season.

Cunningham, 34, will play in a game for the first time since January 1996, when Philadelphia lost to Dallas in the playoffs. A high-stepping playmaker during his 11-year career with the Eagles, Cunningham announced his retirement last summer and sat out the season. He decided to try a comeback, signing a one-year contract with the Vikings to back up Brad Johnson.

On the other side will be Moon, who will be trying to burn his former team. Moon signed as a free agent with Seattle to back up starter John Friesz this season.

Bears-Steelers

Irish sports fans are trying to understand why Sunday's exhibition game has displaced a Gaelic football playoff game.

It shouldn't damage Irish-American relations, but Kildare and Meath — who would have played this weekend if the Americans hadn't been in town — will have to wait their turn next weekend.

Steelers owner Dan Rooney, whose grandfather emigrated from Northern Ireland in 1885, organized this game to showcase his beloved sport. But he knows he's hit a tender nerve with his Irish friends.

"It's the same if we went to coach Bill Cowher and said to him we have a playoff game at Three Rivers Stadium, but we need to postpone it because there's a hurling game in there," Rooney said.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

Enough with the Tour de France already.

Bicycle riding was cool when we were kids. In fact, it was the greatest thing around. But they've gone and changed it all up.

If the Tour de France was more like bike riding when we were kids, then it would be fun to watch.

So, I have a few ideas that would make the annual event more appealing and bring riding back to its roots.

The first thing is the apparel has got to change, starting with the jerseys.

The new uniform code would only allow plain, white T-shirts to be worn; no shiny, skin-tight, satiny-looking thing with logos all over it.

The only things allowed to be on your T-shirt would be a faded, cracked emblem of your favorite football team, and a stain from the Pop-Tart and Tang you had for breakfast.

As for bottoms, shorts would be preferred so that your pants' legs don't get caught in the chain.

But if you must wear pants, then they have to be Toughskins from Sears. You know, the kind that were made out of left over shingles and came in such appealing colors as dark maroon and dumpster-green.

Footwear must be plain, non-named brand tennis shoes, preferrably purchased from a grocery or drug store; not from a sporting goods retailer.

As for the bike itself, it's OK. After all, technology has advanced, so the newer bikes are fine. But, riders must have a baseball card in the spokes of at least one wheel at all times.

And now for the biggest change — the rules.

I don't really understand the rules right now. I mean it's supposed to be a race across France, but it's really 21 separate little races and the person with the lowest combined times wins.

- This method is no good.

When I was a kid, if a friend and I were going to race from my house to his, we wouldn't stop half way and say, "Now, I'm 3.0 seconds ahead of you. Therefore, you have to beat me by a minimum of 3.1 seconds over the last half of the race in order to have the right to say 'Nanny-nanny, boo-boo.'"

So what this professional race should do is just have everybody start at the same place and the first person to Paris wins; end of story. If one guy wants to stop off at a five-star hotel for a cup of cappucino, that's fine. If another one wants to race all night, that's fine too.

Because I've seen some of this race on television, and they stop for the day in the middle of the afternoon. As kids we would never quit riding until our Moms hunted us down and made us stop.

So a competitor should only have to stop if he wants to, or if his Mom pulls up beside him in a station wagon and makes him go home.

These simple changes in the event's format might even help it to be recognized as a sport.

Right now, it's kind of a borderline sport. This is because one of my rules for determining whether something is a sport states, "Is the sport in question also commonly referred to as an 'activity?'"

If something is referred to as "exercise" — like golf or tennis — then it's OK. But Skip-Bo is an activity. Japanese wok cooking is an activity. And as best I can remember, there has never been a Stir-Fry National Champion.

Riding your bicycle all the way across a country, only stopping for periodic rest and to change the card in your spokes, is a sport.

Simply riding your bike 21 days in a row is an activity.

That's all the rule changes I can think of, but I do want to remind everybody of one last thing.

Please be careful when you drive. Because if you see something in the distance, it may be the sparks flying off my Toughskins as I skid across the asphalt in preparation of next year's Tour de France.

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SPORTS

Hogan remembered

No one has worked harder in the pursuit of perfection

By RON SIRAK
AP Golf Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Slowly the little man emerged from the valley, head bowed under his trademark white hat, battered 54-year-old legs carrying him up the hill toward the 18th green at Augusta National.

As Ben Hogan shuffled along, the thousands of fans crowded around the last green at the third round of the 1967 Masters picked up his tentative steps about 100 yards from the flag and carried him along with a thunderous ovation.

They knew what they were seeing: The last great round by arguably the greatest golfer ever.

More than his nine major championship victories, more than the 30 tournaments he won from 1946 to 1948, more than sweeping the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open in 1953, more than coming back from the car crash that nearly killed him, that particular Masters showed what made Hogan special.

Long past his prime, 14 years past his last major championship and eight years since he last won a tournament, there was Hogan — just months short of his 55th birthday — shooting a 66 in the third round of the Masters, finishing the back nine with a brilliant 30, making birdies on all of the treacherous holes at Amen Corner.

"I think I played the best nine holes of my life on those holes," Hogan said years later. "I don't think I came close to missing a shot."

No matter that he faded the next day. No matter that he never again challenged in a tournament. There was Hogan once again flirting with perfection.

Sam Snead won more tournaments. Jack Nicklaus won more major championships. But no one was feared more than Hogan. No one worked harder at the game than Hogan. No one came closer to mastering the game than Hogan.

Think how many majors he would have won if he hadn't missed nearly three full seasons to World War II. Think how many majors he would have won if not for the car crash that limited him to playing no more than seven tournaments a year after 1948.

And think what Hogan would have accomplished if it had not taken him 15 years as a professional to figure out the game, cure a chronic hook and take command of the sport.

Hogan turned pro in 1929, but didn't win his first major championship until he was 34 years old, in 1946. He won two majors in '48, missed '49 because of the crash, won one in '50, two in '51 and three in '53.

In some ways it may have been the accident that secured Hogan's place in golf history. It added to the myth, the Hogan mystique, as the lone, often surly perfectionist. After the crash, when his shattered legs could no longer stand the rigors of weekly play, Hogan retreated to what he loved most — practice.

He virtually invented practice. He was the first player to spend hour after hour working on his game. He was the first player to take the game apart — take a course apart — and figure out the best shot to hit in every situation.

Hogan believed that every pin placement required a specific approach. Back pins should be attacked with a low shot and front pins with a high shot. A right-side flag back needed a fade, a left pin a draw.

And he worked on hitting all of those shots.

Once, in 1951, writer Dan Jenkins came upon Hogan alone on a practice fairway hitting 155-yard knockdown 5-irons.

"What are you doing?" Jenkins asked.

"It's a shot I'll need at Oakland Hills," Hogan replied, referring to the site of the upcoming U.S. Open he would win.

Hogan would warm up on the practice tee before a round by hitting every shot in the order he assumed he would hit them on the course.

If the first hole was going to be a drive and an 8-iron, Hogan would hit a driver and then an 8-iron on the practice tee. And if that 8-iron was going to be a high fade into the green, he'd hit a high fade on the practice fairway.

Hogan also liked to practice alone on a fairway where he could hit shots into the wind, then turn and hit balls downwind and finally work the ball both ways with the cross winds.

He was relentless, unyielding.

Hogan played his last tournament in 1971, a round he never finished, dropping out on the 11th hole after wrenching his knee. But he continued to practice.

In the 1970s, it was not uncommon to come across Hogan at Shady Oaks Country Club in his hometown of Fort Worth, Texas, a month before a major championship, working on the shots that would be needed at Augusta, or Winged Foot, or Oakland Hills, or Oakmont.

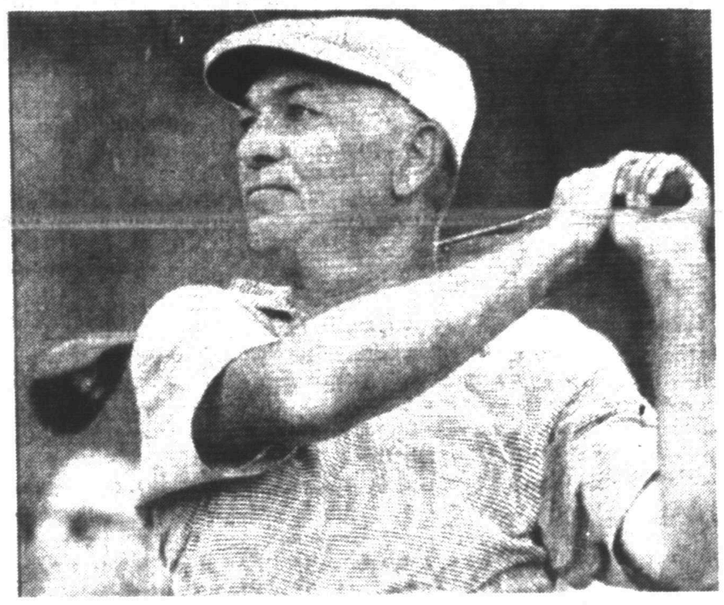
Even as his mind faded with Alzheimer's disease in his later years, Hogan still thought of practice.

"He talks about hitting balls," Valerie, his wife of 62 years, said in a 1995 interview with The Associated Press, "then he forgets."

It was Valerie's life Hogan saved in that 1949 crash when he threw himself across her lap as their car slammed head-on into a bus. It also saved Hogan's life, since he would have been impaled by the steering wheel.

Valerie Hogan may be the only person who ever really knew Hogan, the hardened man who was 9 when his father committed suicide, the combative kid who learned the game as a caddie.

"You know, I always thought he was a handsome man," she said. "And a warm person. He wasn't the machine everyone thought. He just worked harder."



Ben Hogan

Shula, Mara, Webster, Haynes to be inducted

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — It's only a short drive from where Don Shula grew up to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. But what a trip it's been.

"A short trip, and it took a long time," the former Baltimore Colts (1963-69) and Miami Dolphins (1970-95) coach said.

Shula was to be joined for induction today by center Mike Webster, defensive back Mike Haynes and New York Giants owner Wellington Mara.

With a record of 347-173-6, Shula is the winningest coach in NFL history. A winner of two Super Bowls in six appearances, he was to be presented by his sons, former Cincinnati Bengals head coach Dave and current Tampa Bay Buccaneers offensive coordinator Mike.

Shula, born in Grand River, Ohio, spent five years as a cornerback in the NFL. Then he became an assistant coach before spending more than three decades as a head coach. Along the way, he overtook George Halas' victory record with the Chicago Bears.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is averaging close to 10 regular-season wins a year for 33 years. Those numbers add up. That type of consistency is what I'm most proud of," he said.

Mara's induction marks the first time a son has followed his father into the hall. Timothy J. Mara, founder of the Giants in 1925, was a charter member in 1963.

"I know my father would feel good about it," he said of his induction.

Even before he graduated from Fordham in 1937, Wellington Mara was learning the business of football from his father and others on and off the field for the Giants.

He was an integral part in making the Giants a dominant team in the 1950s with stars such as Y.A. Tittle, Andy Robustelli and Frank Gifford (who was to introduce Mara for induction). Mara was in charge when the Giants won Super Bowls in 1987 and 1991 with Lawrence Taylor starring on defense.

At 6-foot-2 and 195 pounds with sprinter speed, Haynes was taller and faster than most of the receivers he was assigned to cover. Moreover, he specialized in one-on-one coverage, locking in on the primary receiver to allow an extra rusher to harry and hurry the quarterback.

After seven seasons with the New England Patriots (1976-82), he played out his option and spent seven more with the Los Angeles Raiders (1983-89). He totaled 46 interceptions for his career.

Webster was the center — in more ways than one — on the Pittsburgh Steelers' dominant teams of the 1970s and '80s. Quarterback Terry Bradshaw (Webster's presenter), receivers Lynn Swann and John Stallworth and running back Franco Harris grabbed most of the headlines on offense, but it was Webster and the Steelers' quick and relentless front wall that paved the way.

Webster spent 15 seasons with the Steelers and was at the heart of their four Super Bowl victories before closing out his career with two years with the Kansas City Chiefs.

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Instructors will be Bud Birks, Ben Reed and Rick Henderson. For more information call 573-1297.

Snyder Tiger Tennis Camp

A tennis camp for incoming 7th through 12th graders will begin Monday. The camp will meet from 8-4 and is scheduled through Friday. For more information call 573-9064.

WTC basketball camp

WTC will hold the Super Shooters Basketball Camp Aug. 4-7. Cost is $45 per child, including a T-shirt and awards.

Boys and girls grades 3-6 will attend from 9 a.m.-noon. Girls-only sessions in grades 9-12 will take place from 1-5 p.m.

Registration forms are available at the WTC administration building and the deadline for enrolling is Aug. 1. For more information call Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Baseball tournaments

Snyder Senior Little League will host the 1st annual Old Timer's Baseball Tournament Aug. 8-10 at Moffett Field. Players must be 30 years or older and pitchers must be at least 35.

The 1st annual Young Gun's Baseball Tournament will also be held Aug. 1-3. Players must be out of high school and under the age of 30.

Each team must have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15. Entry fee is $15 per player and the deadline is July 28 for Young Guns and Aug. 4 for Old Timers. For more information call Willie at 573-2817 or Ruben at 573-9807.

Benefit golf tournament

Kiwanis Club of Snyder will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 16 at Western Texas College.

The format is a 4-person scramble and entry fee is $30 per player. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The top four teams will be awarded cash prizes.

For more information call Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tuesday play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day Tuesday at 9 a.m. The format will be Best Poker Hand.

Girl's basketball camp

The Ira girl's basketball camp for incoming 5th-12th graders will be held Monday-Friday from 8:30-12:30 at the Ira gym. Registration will be Monday morning. Cost of the camp is $25.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	61	38	.616	-
NewYork	58	42	.580	3½
Toronto	49	49	.500	11½
Detroit	47	53	.470	14½
Boston	47	56	.456	16
Central Division				
Cleveland	52	44	.542	-
Chicago	51	50	.505	3½
Milwaukee	46	52	.469	7
Minnesota	46	54	.460	8
KansasCity	40	57	.412	12½
West Division				
Seattle	58	44	.569	-
Anaheim	56	45	.554	1½
Texas	48	53	.475	9½
Oakland	42	62	.404	17

Thursday's Games

Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3
Boston 3, Oakland 0
Seattle 11, Cleveland 1
Anaheim at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Toronto 5, Milwaukee 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Texas 1
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Anaheim 5, Boston 4, 1st game
Anaheim 8, Boston 5, 2nd game
Oakland 2, Cleveland 1
Milwaukee 6, Detroit 1
Seattle 8, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 2, Kansas City 1
Texas 8, Chicago White Sox 5
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 2

Saturday's Games

Texas (Oliver 6-10) at Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 9-7), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Karsay 3-9) at Cleveland (Wright 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Wolcott 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 6-9) at Toronto (Andujar 0-5), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 10-4) at Boston (Avery 4-2), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Florie 1-2) at Detroit (Thompson 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 13-6) at Minnesota (Bowers 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim (Springer 5-4) at Boston (Sele 10-7), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 7-7) at Toronto (Hentgen 10-7), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 9-10) at Detroit (Moehler 7-8), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wojciechowski 0-2) at Cleveland (Hershiser 9-5), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-5), 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 12-5) at Minnesota (Robertson 7-7), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Sturtze 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Darwin 4-8) 8:05 p.m.

National League Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	38	.631	-
Florida	58	42	.580	5½
NewYork	59	43	.578	5½
Montreal	52	48	.520	11½
Philadelphia	30	70	.300	33½
Central Division				
Houston	55	48	.534	-
Pittsburgh	50	52	.490	4½
St.Louis	48	53	.475	6
Cincinnati	43	57	.430	10½
Chicago	43	60	.417	12
West Division				
SanFrancisco	57	46	.553	-
LosAngeles	54	49	.524	3
SanDiego	50	53	.485	7
Colorado	48	55	.466	9

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 4
San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 6
Houston 10, Montreal 5
Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 1
N.Y. Mets 3, Los Angeles 1
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 3
Florida 5, St. Louis 4
Houston 5, Montreal 2
Colorado 9, Chicago Cubs 3
Los Angeles 8, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 4, San Diego 2
Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 10-5) at Cincinnati (Mercker 7-7), 1:15 p.m.
Florida (Saunders 2-3) at St. Louis (Morris 7-6), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 7-7) at San Francisco (Carlson 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 4-5) at Houston (Garcia 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 6-9) at Colorado (Bailey 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 11-9) at Los Angeles (Nomo 9-8), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-5) at San Diego (Hitchcock 6-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 14-3) at Cincinnati (Burba 6-9), 2:15 p.m.
Florida (Brown 9-7) at St. Louis (An.Benes 6-4), 2:15 p.m.
Montreal (Bullinger 6-9) at Houston (Holt 7-6), 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 7-3) at Colorado (Thomson 2-6), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Silva 0-0 and Cordova 6-6) at San Francisco, (Gardner 11-4 and VanLandingham 4-6), 2, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 0-5) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Clark 7-7) at San Diego (Hamilton 8-3), 4:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	13	3	.813	-
Houston	10	5	.667	2½
Charlotte	6	7	.462	5½
Cleveland	6	8	.429	6
Western Conference				
Phoenix	8	5	.615	-
LosAngeles	6	10	.375	3½
Sacramento	5	9	.357	3½
Utah	4	11	.267	5

Friday's Games

Los Angeles 86, Phoenix 83, OT
Houston 86, Sacramento 76

Saturday's Games

Charlotte at New York, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Los Angeles at Sacramento, 9 p.m.



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Safe, letter — clues or confusion about Cunanan?

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Authorities looking for links between Andrew Cunanan and the slayings of designer Gianni Versace and four other men are reportedly probing a safe found near the suspect's body.

The 15-inch-wide, 18-inch-tall safe was found aboard the houseboat where the 27-year-old Cunanan fatally shot himself Wednesday, The Miami Herald reported Saturday. The death ended a nationwide manhunt.

Authorities may seek a search warrant to look at the safe's contents.

"We believe, legally, that we should have a separate search warrant to get into the safe," prosecutor Katherine Fernandez Rundle told the newspaper. "We might find evidence of other crimes, evidence that leads to other people."

The Herald also reported it had received a letter Friday purporting to be Cunanan's suicide note. The letter contains references to AIDS and crimes allegedly committed by Cunanan.

Typewritten or produced by a computer and printer, the letter was not signed. The envelope was labeled with block letters from a thick-tipped felt marker. The letter was dated July 27, 1997, but postmarked July 24, the day after Cunanan's death.

The Herald said it had turned the letter over to police.

Rundle said the letter, though currently unsubstantiated, may be used next week in a motion to disclose the results of an HIV test performed on Cunanan's body.

State confidentiality laws generally prevent the public release of HIV test results. The state has an interest in learning whether Cunanan was HIV positive because that might bear on his motive, Rundle said.

Cunanan was a suspect in the deaths of two men in Minnesota, another in Illinois and a fourth in New Jersey, all before Gianni's slaying July 15.

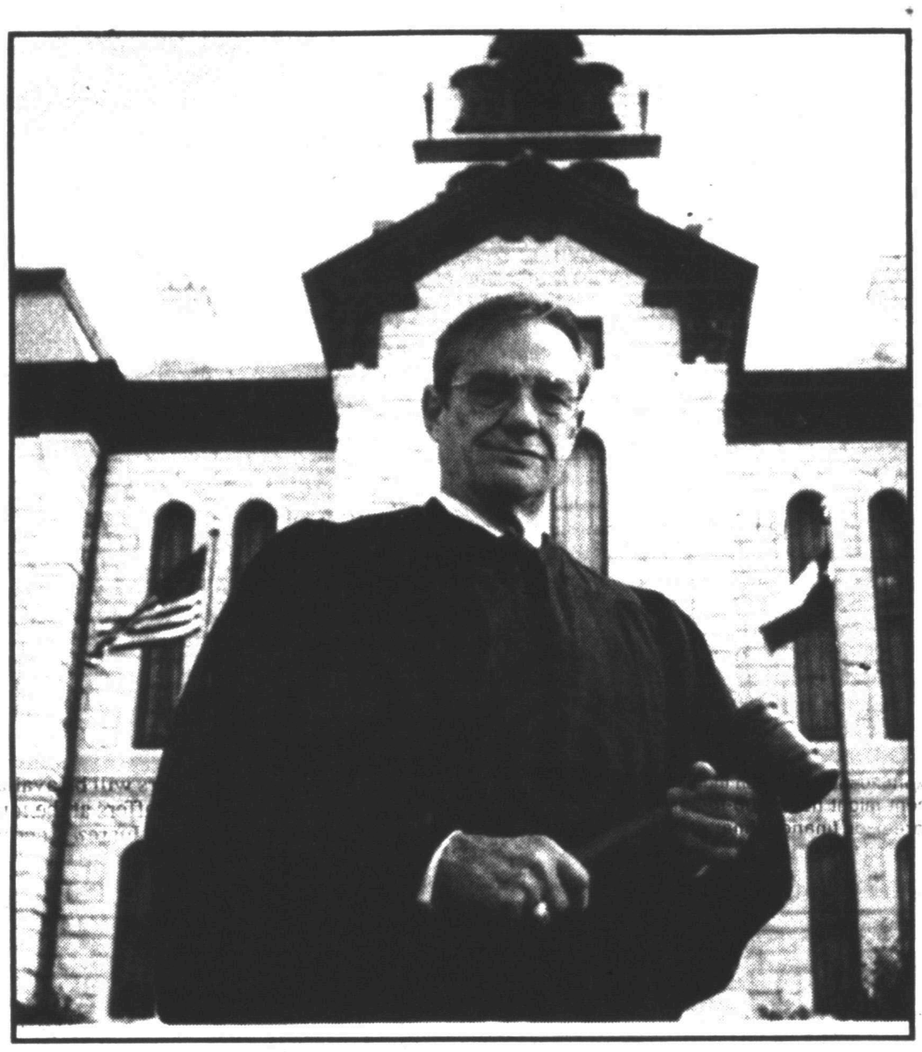
Other details have emerged about Cunanan's final desperate hours.

"It looked like he hadn't shaved since (he shot Versace)," a source in the medical examiner's office told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. "It looked like he shaved his head a while ago and it was growing back."

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"Community Health Systems has measured up quite well in terms of providing healthcare, enhancing high-tech services and expanding our facility"...Judge Don Cleveland, Hood County; Granbury, Texas.

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Judge Don Cleveland
Hood County, Granbury, Texas

Challenges facing the hospital district and the local residents included managed care pressures, a need for technology upgrades, a continuing increase in taxes. The community and the hospital district knew they needed certain assurances before partnering up with a for-profit organization so they asked for commitments which included:

***continued local influence and governance;**

***a commitment to continue indigent care;**

***ready access to capital for service expansion and equipment improvements along with financial investments in our hospital which would permit us to reduce taxes;**

***aggressive physician recruitment activities to broaden local availability to healthcare;**

***a proven track record in the provision of care and in the continued expansion of services within small, non-urban communities.**

"Since the community's number one concern was that of loss of control, the board decided it would be in everyone's best interests to lease the hospital rather than sell it so that the community actually retained ownership. It has worked out quite well; and CHS has lived up to expectations."

VOTE: August 9

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Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, July 27, 1997

Be amenable to making adjustments to fulfill your ambitions in the year ahead. More changes than usual are probable, and if you flow with events, you'll benefit from their momentum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Friends can be relied upon to help you plug up holes today, but you'd be wise not to depend too heavily upon people you know only on a business level. Leo, 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are apt to be very resourceful today in overcoming problems that affect your work or career. However, don't boast about your victories.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you allow your intuition to guide you today when dealing with others, you're capable of working out a procedure where both will equally benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chance weighs in your favor today, but the other factors involved could make opportune situations questionable. Be mentally alert to make revisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When making decisions today, remember that knowing what to do is only half the battle; carrying out the ideas is the other half.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Shoot from the hip today if given a chance to partake in something opportune. Too much pondering could give others the chance to beat you to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might not be personally lucky today, but if you associate with someone who is, some of his or her fortunate vibes could rub off on you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Commitments made to loved ones must be put above all other considerations today. Should you default, you could leave a disappointing scar in your wake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be optimistic in all of your endeavors today, but keep your hope within practical parameters. Excessive expectations could nourish costly errors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though your judgment might not be up-to-par today in career or financial matters, events may work out in ways that enhance your positions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Yield to your charitable inclinations at this time. Today you might give a little more, but tomorrow you could be on the receiving end.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Situations should run smoothly for you today if you deal only with those who are directly connected with your affairs. Keep outsiders out!

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Your Birthday

Monday, July 28, 1997

In the year ahead, devote a larger portion of your efforts and energies to endeavors that promise long-range benefits as opposed to those that offer only frail immediate returns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you inject volatile issues into conversations with friends today just to provoke a reaction, you might open Pandora's box instead. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Strive to be practical and patient in your financial affairs today. If you must utilize your resources, be sure you get equal value in return.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to avoid involvements today with people who tend to be assertive and dictatorial. You won't like being remade into their type.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When confronted by impediments today, carefully plan your methods in advance. This way, you'll be in control, instead of allowing in outside forces.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Members of a social clique might create a situation today with which you'll not want to be identified. If so, pass on the action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In important career matters today, guard against impulsiveness and making snap judgments. These faculties could make you look bad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you start putting down the ideas of others today, prepare to have your own views criticized. Say only what is complimentary and relevant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) People who lack expertise and experience should not be allowed to manage an arrangement for you today, or it could end up costing you money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, if you're calling all the shots, productive conclusions are indicated. However, if others begin altering the plan, the result might be confusing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Criticizing a co-worker in front of others is a definite no-no today. Thoughtless, abrasive comments could provoke a serious incident.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to appease friends today, adjust your social schedule so that the will of the majority can prevail. The transition will be painless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be content with what you have today instead of envying others. Do not be motivated to improve your lot in life materially for the wrong reasons.

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Hot tub donated for White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are already long lines for White House tours. Will the public now queue up for a turn in the White House hot tub?

"It's a gift to the people of the United States because the people of the United States own this," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Friday.

The $8,000 seven-seater was selected by President Clinton and installed near the White House swimming pool on the West Lawn in March. It was a gift, via the National Park Service, from Watkins Manufacturing, a California company.

Why the party-sized tub?

The president, his wife and daughter don't need all seven seats, McCurry admitted. "But we don't rule out the prospect that sometime in the near future, there will be larger families that occupy the White House. Let's see, how many children does Al Gore have?"

Date Book

July 26, 1997

Today is the 207th day of 1997 and the 36th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, Benjamin Franklin became the first American postmaster general.

On this day in 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Great Britain's Prime Minister.

On this day in 1958, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her son, Charles, to be Prince of Wales.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Catlin (1796-1872), artist; George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), playwright-critic; Carl Jung (1875-1961), psychiatrist; Aldous Huxley (1894-1963), writer; Gracie Allen (1906-1964), comedian-actress; Blake Edwards (1922-), director, is 75; Jason Robards (1922-), actor, is 75; Stanley Kubrick (1928-), director, is 69; Mick Jagger (1943-), singer, is 54; Dorothy Hamill (1956-), figure skater, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, Mark Wellman, a 29-year-old parapalegic, reached the summit of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The man who thinks only of his own generation is born for few." — Seneca

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1895, a tornado in Dunkerton, Iowa, carried two colts 1,000 feet high before they fell to their deaths.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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July 27, 1997

Today is the 208th day of 1997 and the 37th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1586, Sir Walter Raleigh introduced tobacco to England from Virginia.

On this day in 1909, Orville Wright tested the Army's first airplane, flying himself and a passenger for one hour and 12 minutes — a new record.

On this day in 1960, Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Dumas (1824-1895), writer; Leo Durocher (1906-1991), baseball player-manager; Keenan Wynn (1916-1986), actor; Norman Lear (1922-), producer, is 75; Jerry Van Dyke (1931-), actor, is 66; Peggy Fleming (1948-), figure skater is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Pete Rose passed Ty Cobb to become baseball's all-time hits leader.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It's absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious." — Oscar Wilde

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, five people drowned in a flood-related auto mishap near Centerville, Texas.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter.

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Cinemark USA robbed in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A robbery right under the eyes of Batman and Robin?

A spokesman for Cinemark USA said Friday that a group of men robbed a theater owned by the company's Mexican subsidiary, hitting the box office, a concessions area and patrons watching "Batman and Robin" and "The Lost World: Jurassic Park." No one was injured.

One suspect was arrested at the scene Thursday night. Two others fled with about $11,000.

Randy Hester, a spokesman for Dallas-based Cinemark, said the theaters have security. "But they obviously evaded that," he said.

Hester said Cinemark's concerns are with the employees and customers.

Counselors will be available for Cinemark staffers at the multiplex in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Rover makes its own movie on the way toward 'Souffle'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's not a Cecil B. DeMille production, but the Mars Pathfinder rover has shot a movie.

Scientists and engineers on Earth usually track the rover by looking at a "rover movie" taken by the lander camera that operates about 5½ feet above the martian surface. The series of still shots are turned into videos by NASA technicians.

But on Friday, the foot-high rover took its own pictures as it went along on a self-guided, 10-foot excursion toward a rock named Souffle, mission manager Richard Cook said.

After three weeks of work, controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena were willing to give the rover a little autonomy to see how well it can use built-in hazard avoidance systems.

For only the second time in the mission that began July 4, the rover chose its own path to a target designated by NASA controllers. It tries to move in a straight line and is equipped with lasers and cameras to guide it around any obstacles, like big rocks.

The rover earlier ventured out on its own when it headed to the rock named Scooby Doo. Sojourner apparently did just fine as it passed through an area called the Rock Garden, Cook said.

It even partially unearthed a rock during the trip.

"It pulled it up with the hub of a wheel as it went by," Cook said.

The rover successfully carried out its first "find rock" command, which had it seek out and move close to Souffle.

"It turned out that it ended up doing the 'find rock' thing almost perfectly," Cook said. "It aimed right at Souffle."

The rover was expected to begin its analysis of the rock later Saturday.

The alpha proton X-ray spectrometer has already examined three other rocks: Barnacle Bill, Yogi and Scooby Doo.

An analysis of Scooby Doo indicates it is chemically similar to soils at the Pathfinder landing site, although it has slightly higher calcium and silicon content, flight director Guy Beutelschies said.

Accused mother found innocent but insane

KILLEEN (AP) — A Fort Hood woman who was accused of murdering her toddler and sexually mutilating another young son has been found innocent by reason of insanity.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith Jr. of Waco agreed with four experts' reports about Michelle Green's mental condition in making his ruling Thursday.

Smith ordered Mrs. Green, 30, to undergo another psychiatric examination and return in 40 days.

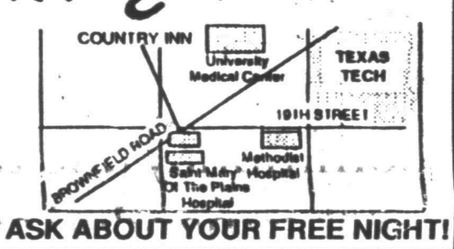
At that time, she could be released or be committed indefinitely to a state or federal facility for treatment, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Phinizy said.

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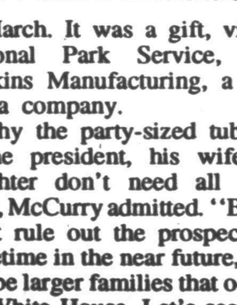
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be accepting proposals for its Self-Funded Group Health Care Program until noon on Friday, August 15, 1997. For information contact Jerry Vestal, Controller, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Boulevard, Snyder, Texas 79549. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities in bidding except time of filing.

020 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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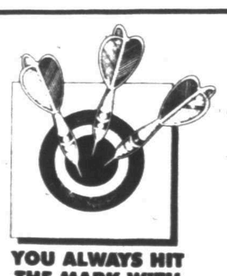
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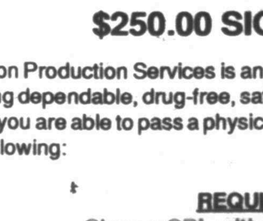
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JULY 16, 1997

NOTICE

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

(1) 19 year old male Ave. T, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 19 anos de edad, Ave. T, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor". La victima era nina de 14 anos de edad.

Stephen W. Warren
Lieutenant, CID

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Thank you all, who assisted in Bertha Turner's final days at Cogdell Hospital.

Also, the loving caring people at Snyder Nursing Care Center. There couldn't be any finer, more caring people in the world.

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The family of Bertha Turner

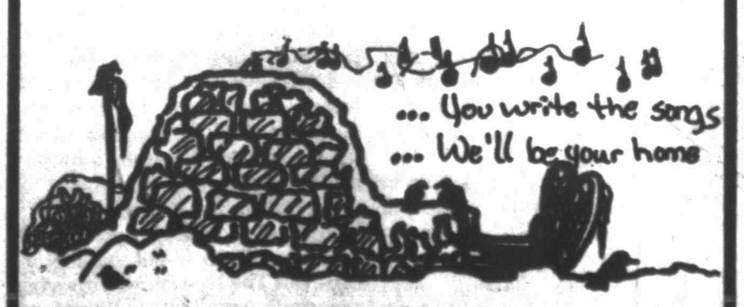
Thank You

We take this means to express our sincere thanks to all who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow. Our great appreciation to Dr. Nussey for his kindheartedness and overall professionalism. Also to all nurses and staff at Cogdell Hospital for all their kindness and concern for Georgia May Webster.

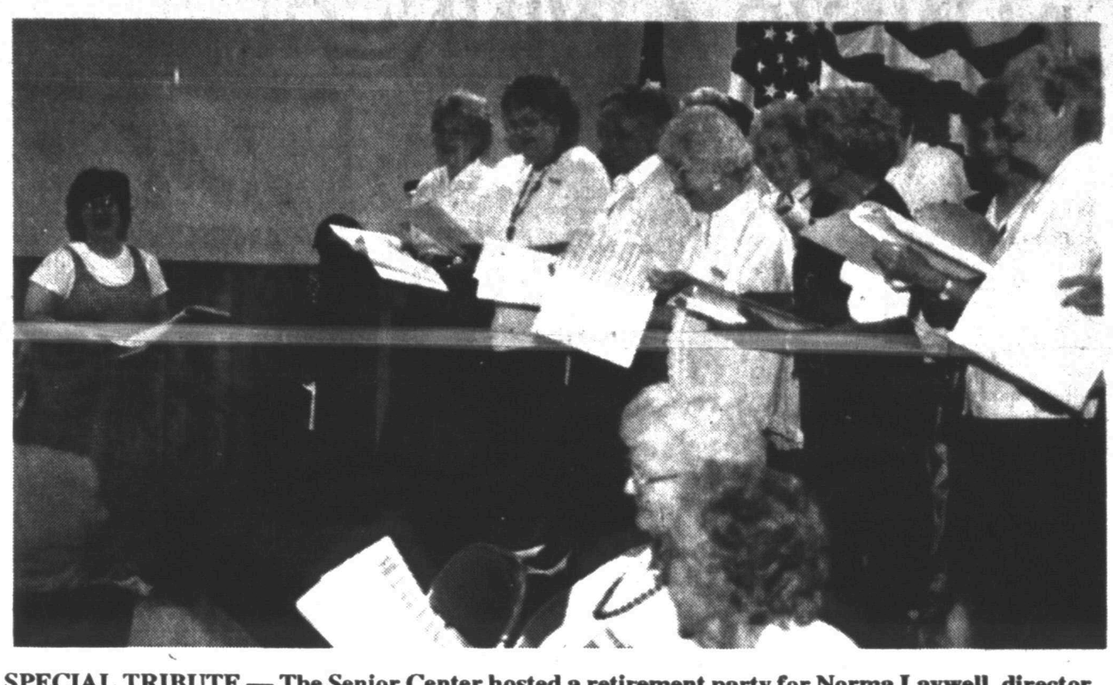
Thanks to Rev. Cliff and Cheryl Cooper for the beautiful service. We deeply appreciate the kind words and all the prayers. May you have just such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home. May heavens richest blessings fall on each of you!

Wayne, Mary Webster & family
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SPECIAL TRIBUTE — The Senior Center hosted a retirement party for Norma Laywell, director, Friday. In the top photo Carla Thompson, who takes over as director on Monday, led the Sunshine Choir as it sang several of Norma's favorite songs. In the bottom photo, Thompson and Pamela Fenton, right, activities director, helped Norma open some of the many gifts she received, including three quilts. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — Texas Production Credit Association, a customer-owned agricultural lending cooperative, was awarded a Farm Credit Achievement Award, recognized as a Tier I Association for its excellent performance by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. The award is based on the association's ability to maintain a loan portfolio of the highest quality and to manage business affairs for the benefit of its stockholders. Texas PCA serves 39 West Texas counties through branch offices in Snyder, San Angelo, El Paso and Marfa. From left, Trent Driggers, vice president and office manager of the Snyder branch office, accepts the award from Terry Dane of San Angelo, president of Texas PCA. Others are Don Jones of Fluvanna, newly appointed director of the Snyder area, and Debbie Summers, local branch office clerk. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



Assaults, prowlers busy lawmen Friday, Saturday

Investigating reports of assaults and prowlers kept Snyder police officers busy Friday night. As a result, two people had been arrested early Saturday morning.

Officers were called to the Park Village Apartments shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday to a reported disturbance. Officers arrested a 34-year-old male in the apartment parking lot for public intoxication. An offense report for Class C family violence was also submitted.

Responding to a report of a prowler in the 800 block of 27th Street around 1 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 900 block of 27th Street for outstanding city warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

Officers were called to the 500 block of 32nd Street at 1:44 a.m. Saturday three subjects were seen in the back yard of a vcant house. The responding officer called for a Snyder EMS unit as a 13-year-old female fainted.

The girl was taken to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and released. A 15-year-old male was released at the scene while a 17-year-old female was transported to meet with her mother.

Officers were called to the 2500 block of 27th Street at 3:17 a.m. Saturday in reference to a woman reported a man looking into her residence. The man ran from the scene and was not located.

An officer was requested in the 2200 block of 26th Street at 3:27 a.m. Saturday in reference to an assault. Snyder EMS transported a female to the Cogdell Hospital emergency room and an offense report for Class C assault was submitted.

At 3:33 a.m. Saturday, officers were called to the 2200 block of 26th Street and found a subject had been cut on the hand during a fight. The man refused treatment and refused to file charges.

At 4:45 a.m. Saturday, a subject appeared at the police department and reported he had been assaulted. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted.

Three people were booked into jail Friday.

DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old male in Potter County on outstanding DPS warrants from Snyder and he was transported back to Scurry County and placed in jail at 4:53 p.m. Friday. Outstanding warrants were for speeding, failure to stop and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 28-year-old male at 9:16 p.m. Friday at the VFW for public intoxication.

At 11:58 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the parking lot of the Park Village Apartments for driving while license suspended.

In other activity Friday, a deputy was requested at the Pennzoil offices to investigate the theft of a generator.

An officer was requested in the 4500 block of College Avenue at 8:18 p.m. Friday after insurance papers were taken from a vehicle.

A person notified officers at 8:15 p.m. that he had found a bicycle in the 2600 block of Avenue G.

A person requested to speak to a deputy at 10:16 p.m. Friday in reference to an assault that had occurred in the past.

An officer was requested at the pay phone at Eckerd Drug at 11:55 p.m. Friday in reference to a person calling the Cogdell Hospital emergency room and the caller saying she was about to pass out. A Snyder EMS unit was also requested as the woman had cut her arm. The 28-year-old female was transported to the hospital where she was admitted. An offense report for attempted suicide was submitted.

Births

Wayne and Dena Wilson of Big Spring announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Brianne. She was born, weighing eight pounds, four ounces at 3:29 p.m. on July 3 in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. She was also welcomed by a brother, Daniel Wayne Wilson, four years old.

Grandparents are Bob and Lanell Bomar of Snyder, and John and Donna Wilson of Forsan. Great-grandmother is Annie Bomar of Ballinger.

Happy Birthday Mom!



Love, Michael Black



Dallas Diocese roiling in wake of high-intensity sex abuse trial

DALLAS (AP) — Too late to help boys abused by the Rev. Rudolph "Rudy" Kos, new educational programs and counseling services may still prevent another disgrace, Catholic church officials say.

"The church has taken a more proactive stance on sexual abuse" since the lawsuit was filed against it, Theresa Vo, a psychologist and administrator for Catholic Counseling Services for Catholic Charities, said Friday. "We are not interested in sweeping it under the rug."

Ten former parishioners and the parents of one who committed suicide sued Kos and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas, alleging years of sexual abuse that the church hid from its own parishioners.

A third plaintiff in the civil lawsuit has signed an affidavit of prosecution against Kos. Several other young men who won a $119.6 million judgment against the diocese and the suspended priest Thursday said they would meet soon with the Dallas County district attorney's office about additional charges.

"All our boys want to do that," Dallas attorney Windle Turley said. "They want to cooperate and push ahead as vigorously as possible."

Jurors in the civil case argued by Turley and another attorney decided that the diocese was grossly negligent and concealed information in its handling of sexual abuse complaints lodged against Kos, 52.

Prosecutors said they were willing to review evidence against Kos, who is free on bond on earlier charges and living in San Diego under an assumed name.

The civil court judgment, the largest of its kind, will be appealed by the church.

"I think people on both sides of the aisle were stunned with the judgment," said Michael McGee, a diocese spokesman.

But he said members of the church's hierarchy still hope to find a positive outcome.

"We look at this as an episode of Good Friday," McGee said. "Good things will come out of bad things."

Catholics' own concerns have gone beyond the courtroom.

"I don't know how the other generations were brought up, but for the biggest part of them 50 years ago, the children thought a priest could do no wrong," said George Reznik, 68, of Dallas. "You will have accusations back and forth, but I don't blame the diocese. The local parishioners brought this to our leaders' attention.

"Whether it was brought with firmness, I don't know," the parishioner said. "Still the fact remains, it did surface in the diocese and they put a correction on it as quick as they could."

Ms. Vo said the Dallas diocese has the opportunity to become a role model for other churches.

"I think this really gives us the opportunity to make this a state of the (art) program on dealing with child sexual abuse," said Ms. Vo.

The bishop of the diocese created an ad hoc committee that has addressed the issue of sexual abuse within the church and ways to prevent further abuse, members said.

Among the changes, the diocese implemented a new policy on sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment and abuse, at the beginning of the year, Ms. Vo said.

The new policy outlines what is considered what sexual abuse is and what to do about it, said Ms. Vo, who has been part of the diocese for 21 years.

Ms. Vo said one of the most substantive changes has been that complaints of sexual abuse are now handled by a committee, instead of just one person.

"So there are more checks and balances," Ms. Vo said.

There also is a big emphasis on education, including in seminary's and members of the clergy, she added.

"The ordinary person is uncomfortable talking about it so education is the first step in curing the problem," she said. "We are trying to get them educated about it much earlier in the process."

Last March, the diocese brought in an expert in sexual abuse to talk to members of the clergy, she said.

The diocese also is starting a series of articles that will be printed in their official newspaper, Texas Catholic, about sexual abuse.

"If someone comes forward with allegation there are procedures in place to make sure it is taken care of very quickly," he said.

Some new programs are still under consideration, said Mary Edlund, director of pastoral planning at the diocese.

The bishop has asked that for a year masses on Friday be dedicated to victims of sexual abuse and that parishioners fast and pray.

Edlund said they are also working with churches in other denominations to consult on the problem and possibly build a common policy on sexual misconduct.

"It has taken these lawsuits to get the attention of many denominations and judicatory bodies around the country," said the Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune, executive director for the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Seattle.

'Statesman' era is beginning for embattled hospital chain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The nation's largest for-profit hospital chain will look to a statesman to ease investor and shareholder worries amid a widening federal investigation of Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

Dr. Thomas Frist Jr., 58, was named chairman and chief executive of Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. on Friday, hours after the top two executives of the company were ousted.

His predecessor, Richard Scott, a lawyer who built Columbia through a hard-driving decade of buying hospital companies, was pushed out by the board of directors during a marathon board meeting.

Frist praised Scott and former Columbia President David Vandewater, who also resigned Friday. He also said was time for "a different style."

"They were the right people in the right time," Frist said at a news conference. "I'm just saying I think at this time, we're in a service industry dealing with people's lives and we need to have that perception out there that we do care."

Frist, who in 1968 co-founded HCA's forerunner with his father and sold the company to Columbia in 1994, had been Columbia's vice chairman. His leadership style will affect the entire health care industry, said Mike Hammond of Shattuck Hammond Partners Inc., a New York-based health care investment banking firm.

"It will change fundamentally the culture of the organization," he said, referring to Frist as "more of a senior statesman" and Scott as "an aggressive attorney that was a product of the 80s."

Scott, 44, co-founded Columbia in 1987 in El Paso, Texas. His cost-cutting efforts and performance measurements helped Columbia grow and prosper but rankled critics who said it put profits before patient care.

Last week, federal agents raided more than 35 Columbia hospitals and offices in seven states, seizing documents as part of the probe into its billing of government health programs.

Federal authorities have disclosed little about their findings, but The New York Times has reported criminal indictments could be returned by a grand jury in Florida within weeks.

Columbia, with revenues of more than $20 billion, has 342 hospitals, 150 outpatients surgery centers and more than 570 home health care centers in 36 states, England, Switzerland and Spain.

Frist, a big shareholder in the company with a 2.2 percent stake, was said to be particularly angered that the company's reputation had been tarnished by the federal probe.

Flights suspended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force on Friday suspended flights in the T-3A "Firefly" training aircraft pending an investigation into an unexplained mishap this week in Colorado.

The action was taken by Gen. Lloyd Newton, commander of the Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The command uses T-3A planes to screen pilot candidates by exposing them to military-style traffic patterns, aerobatics and spins.

There are 110 T-3A aircraft in the Air Force — 57 assigned to Hondo, Texas, and 53 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The single-engine, propeller-driven planes have flown in the Air Force since 1994.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Does DHEA slow the aging process?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have several friends who swear by a new health-food product called DHEA, because it is said to slow the aging process, maintain sexual ability and make people feel better. I want to try some. Is it safe?

DEAR READER: DHEA (dehydroepiandrosterone) is not a health food; it is a hormone that, because of a legal technicality, is available without a prescription. Here is what is known about the product based on current scientific studies.

In our younger years, our adrenal glands manufacture DHEA as one of many hormones made in the body. As we grow older, however, we manufacture less and less DHEA, so that by the age of 70, its levels in the bloodstream are negligible.

No one knows precisely how DHEA works. Nonetheless, DHEA supplements (50 milligrams a day) have been shown to protect against heart disease, improve cognitive thinking, augment the immune system, retard osteoporosis, elevate mood, assist sleep and (possibly) attenuate the aging process.

On the other hand, DHEA has been found to cause jaundice, liver inflammation, possible liver tumors (in rats) and elevated cholesterol levels.

Research is ongoing. At present, experts caution against unbridled use of DHEA; they urge people who do choose to take the hormone not to exceed 50 milligrams per day and to have periodic blood tests of cholesterol levels and liver function.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it dangerous for an asthmatic to smoke cigarettes? Is using a Ventolin inhaler harmful with tobacco?

DEAR READER: Asthma is marked by recurring constriction of the bronchial tubes, leading to coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. In most asthmatics, air pollution, such as tobacco smoke, is a major cause of bronchial constriction. Of course, this habit also increases pulmonary mucus secretion and bronchial irritation — two consequences that can severely aggravate an asthmatic attack. Therefore, the answer to your first question is a resounding "yes!"

Ventolin inhalers and similar products contain an ingredient to relax bronchial constriction, thereby relieving an attack of asthma — precisely the opposite of cigarette smoke. Using an inhaler while smoking may neutralize the effects of the cigarette, but such a practice seems idiotic to me.

Asthma is a serious, sometimes fatal, lung disorder. Patients with this affliction should not smoke, whether or not they use inhalers.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." 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.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 75-year-old woman who is concerned about the very real possibility of developing osteoporosis. To ward off trouble, I have been taking calcium supplements. Earlier this year, I passed a kidney stone, and my doctor prohibited me from taking calcium pills because he wanted to avoid another kidney stone. I'm confused. What do I do about my calcium needs?

DEAR READER: This is a difficult situation: You need extra calcium, but you don't want to risk another kidney stone. You may be helped by the results of a new study (the Nurses' Health Study) conducted at Harvard Medical School. Nearly 92,000 registered nurses who had no history of kidney stones were followed for 12 years.

Surprisingly, dietary calcium and supplemental calcium proved to have opposite effects. Those women with the highest intake of dietary calcium had the lowest rate of kidney stones, whereas those who took the most calcium supplements tended to have a higher risk of kidney stones. These findings are consistent with those of previous studies.

The researchers explained their findings as follows. Most kidney stones contain a compound called oxalate. Dietary calcium prevents oxalate from entering the body; calcium pills,however, enhance its absorption. Whether such differences can be resolved by taking calcium pills with meals is unknown.

For now, the most prudent approach for elderly women with kidney stones is to maintain a diet high in calcium, using ample amounts of fat-free milk to avoid high cholesterol consumption, and to take their calcium pills (on their doctors' recommendation) with meals and a very large glass of water.

It is considered inappropriate for people with kidney stones to limit their intakes of dietary calcium.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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've read that homocysteine can cause premature aging and arteriosclerosis. What is this stuff?

DEAR READER: Congratulations for being on the cutting edge of research! You've mentioned a topic that is very much in the limelight.

Homocysteine is an amino acid, formed in the body and necessary for normal health. However, like most good things, it can cause problems in some people, especially those with a genetic inability to metabolize the substance. More than 25 years ago, researchers were astonished to find that patients who inherited high levels of homocysteine developed advanced vascular disease at surprisingly young ages.

Recent studies have proved that homocysteine causes injury to arterial linings; this is followed by blood clots, arteriosclerotic plaque and blockage, leading to heart attacks, strokes and other vascular diseases. Most important, elevated blood levels of homocysteine are not confined to the small population of patients with inborn errors of metabolism; fairly significant numbers of perfectly normal people may have high levels and be walking time bombs.

In short, excess homocysteine is clearly associated with heart attacks and other unpleasant consequences in the general population. This relation is so dramatic that many specialists recommend including tests for homocysteine blood levels in the routine testing of normal adults. However, this practice is far from universal.

High homocysteine levels can be reduced by taking supplemental doses of folic acid (1 to 5 milligrams a day). This vitamin, which also helps prevent nerve defects in unborn children, is safe and available in most multivitamin supplements. Whether all of us should routinely take additional folic acid is an interesting issue that depends on future studies.

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Juvenile corrections director defends himself from attacks

PHOENIX (AP) — The director of Arizona's juvenile corrections department is calling for an independent probe into whether state and county authorities properly handled the case of a 16-year-old murder suspect.

Eugene Moore said that attacks on his department's handling of the case are unfounded and meant to boost a campaign against a pending juvenile justice initiative. Gov. Fife Symington is sponsoring the measure.

"The criticisms are premature and at this point totally without factual basis," Moore said.

At issue were comments made last week by Maricopa County Rick Romley, who called for Moore's resignation over the handling of a suspect wanted in the shooting death of a Phoenix couple.

Romley said Tonatihu Aguilar was sent to a juvenile detention center on April 25, 1995, for assaulting a police officer and was to remain in custody until he turned 18. Instead, he was released eight days later.

Saying it was the county attorney's office that dropped the ball, Moore called for an independent investigation of the case to set matters straight.

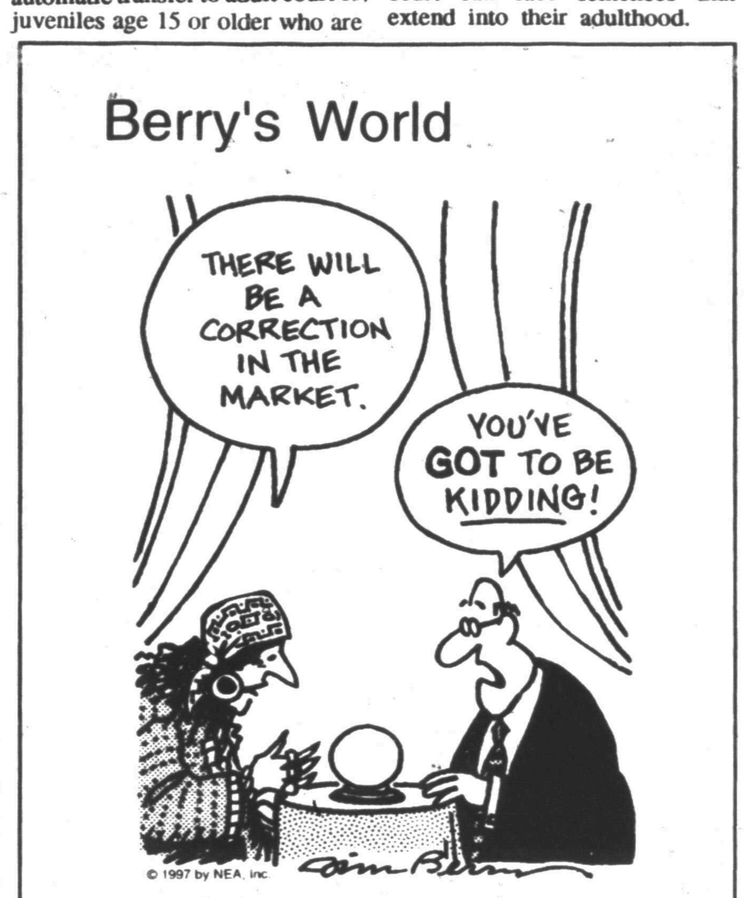
Moore said that Aguilar, whose history with the law began when he was 13, was questioned by Phoenix police in September 1995 for a drive-by shooting. Aguilar admitted being involved, but charges were not filed. He was eventually released to his mother.

Moore said Aguilar was first sent to a state detention center on Jan. 5, 1995, for violating probation — not on assault charges — and released less than a month later. He was sent back to the center on April 25 and released eight days later, by law, because he had abided by the terms of his parole from earlier violations.

Jay Heiler, Symington's chief of staff, said Moore and his department have the governor's support.

"Rick Romley was wrong to try and blame Gene Moore and he owes Gene Moore an apology and he should deliver it," Heiler said.

Proposition 102 would require automatic transfer to adult court of juveniles age 15 or older who are accused of murder, rape or armed robbery. Offenders whose cases are decided in juvenile court can be detained only until age 18, while those transferred to adult court can face sentences that extend into their adulthood.



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Plant, animal increase has coincided with global shift

WASHINGTON (AP) — A "sudden" rotation of the Earth's surface 530 million years ago coincided with and may explain a huge increase in new forms of plant and animal life, scientists reported.

This rotation one-quarter around the globe occurred during 15 million years — the same period as the "Cambrian explosion" of new species, California Institute of Technology researchers report in the journal Science.

Geologist Joseph Kirschvink and his colleagues said their work is still speculative.

They analyzed the magnetic fields of ancient rocks to pinpoint their locations up to 600 million years ago. If they are correct, the simultaneously emerging life forms would have adjusted to dramatically changing climates in a far shorter span than biologists thought possible.

The Earth's land was a massive supercontinent in this period with the poles clustered near the equator. Scientists even have found a dinosaur fossil in Antarctica that attests to the shifting mass.

The question was how the land got there. A leading theory is tectonic motion, where heat deep inside the Earth's crust moves continental plates a few inches a year. That movement continues today.

Scientists also have long known that the planet spinning on its axis could make its surface shift, and Kirschvink's study suggests this "true polar wander" is the explanation.

He wrote that as Earth spun, land concentrated at the poles was pushed toward the equator at a speed of several feet per year.

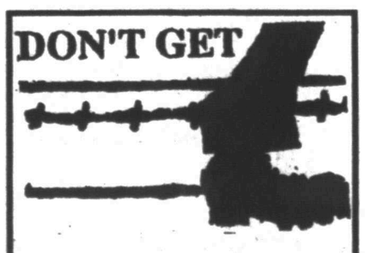
3 Chads beheaded

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Three men from Chad were beheaded Friday for drug smuggling, bringing the number of people executed in Saudi Arabia this year to 71.

Nearly half of the executions — 34 — have been for drug smuggling.

The three North African men were found guilty of smuggling heroin and cocaine into Saudi Arabia, an Interior Ministry statement said.

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July 22, 1997

As a surgeon, much of my job involves helping patients make difficult decisions; often I rely on "risk analysis" to clarify a tough problem. Can this approach help us with the complex issue of leasing Cogdell Hospital?

Let us remember that the hospital has made steady progress with taxpayer support in the past several years. We have recruited four physicians in four years and retained three of them. Many renovations have been completed, and a strategic plan is in place to continue improvements as needed. If the health care funding outlook improves, the hospital will thrive with or without C.H.S. In this situation, the lease would be a good idea, because we would score a windfall of $8 million of their investors money.

But what if the health care funding situation continues to deteriorate, as is forecast? Then our county owned hospital faces several difficult options. Do we close? Do we cut some services but keep others? Who decides which services are really needed most? Do we ask the taxpayers for more support, or give them the option of a hospital district? These are tough options, but at least several options can be explored. As a publicly owned hospital, our investors are the taxpaying citizens of Scurry county, and the return is in health care services.

But what of C.H.S. in this difficult situation? Their investors don't live here, and they expect their returns in cash. Not only would C.H.S. face the same competition for shrinking health care dollars, but they have the additional burden of $12 million debt that must be repaid to their investors. They have no "magic cure" for hospital problems in West Texas. The makeup of the hospital will not dramatically change. The economy is the same. The patient population is the same. In fact, they may find even greater competition from Lubbock than is currently the case. Citizens of Snyder know from experience that a business that cannot sustain itself must sell or close. Their investors leave them no options.

Leasing the hospital to a for-profit corporation is the gambler's choice. If the new owners can squeeze out a margin, then we win. If not, then we "lose big" as they say in Las Vegas. Closure of the hospital would greatly diminish our ability to attract new businesses, not to mention the obvious health care implications.

To keep the hospital as a publicly owned institution is the less glamorous but far safer choice. While we may not have the ready capital that C.H.S. (and other speculators) offer, we do have an excellent administration and a strong hospital board. Our course may be slow, but it is steady. I hope the voters of Scurry County choose to remain "in charge" of this valuable community asset.

Mark Weaver, MD, FACS

Mark Weaver

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FBI says...

Olympic bombing targeted law officers

ATLANTA (AP) — Just two days before the one-year anniversary of the Olympic Park bombing, the FBI for the first time said the targets of the blast were not spectators or athletes but law enforcement officers.

The 911 call made shortly before the bomb went off at Centennial Olympic Park was intended to bring officers to the scene, FBI Agent Jack Daulton said Friday. The blast killed one person, a spectator.

The bomber knew officers would rush to to the park to move people to safety, said Daulton, the agent in charge of the investigation.

Daulton did not say exactly what makes him think officers were targeted. But the 911 caller had warned, "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes." And the bomb exploded in 22 minutes.

"There's nothing magic about Centennial Olympic Park. The Centennial Park bombing was directed at law enforcement," Daulton said when asked whether agents fear a repeat attack on Sunday, the anniversary.

"The bomber seems to have his own ideas of what the targets are," he said. "He could strike at any time at any place."

The bomb also injured more than 100 people, including several officers, when it exploded during an early-morning concert in the crowded park July 27.

Daulton's statement was the first time the FBI has said law officers were a target of the bombing.

Investigators have linked it to blasts Jan. 16 at a suburban abortion clinic and Feb. 21 at a gay nightclub. In each of those cases, two bombs were set. And in each case, investigators said they believe the second bomb was aimed at law enforcement officers who responded to the first.

There was no second bomb in the park.

The bombs in all three cases had similarities, Daulton said. He did not elaborate.

Senate reaches compromise on 'dolphin-safe' tuna labels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tuna could once again be caught with huge encircling nets and still be considered "dolphin-safe" under a compromise reached Friday in the Senate.

The deal calls for a government study to determine by March 1999 if the nets, which now include ways for dolphins to escape without death or injury, still cause such trauma to dolphins that they cannot reproduce or suffer in some other way.

If the study found the dolphins were not harmed, imported tuna caught with encircling nets would be permitted into the United States and the U.S. fishing fleet could begin using the nets once again. And cans of all of this tuna could be declared "dolphin-safe."

The agreement is expected to be voted on next week.

A House-passed bill would reopen the U.S. market to tuna without the net restrictions and allow that tuna to be sold under the safe label.

The Senate compromise follows months of negotiation and involves free trade issues between the United States and 11 Latin American countries, including Mexico, which contended the ban was an unfair barrier to the lucrative U.S. market.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said those 11 countries have agreed to support the compromise, which also means those nations will have a new incentive to protect dolphins in their tuna catches.

"I hope now that people recognize that this represents a very strong step toward the preservation and conservation of the species," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine.

The United States in 1990 outlawed imports of any tuna caught using huge encircling purse-seine nets, which were blamed for the deaths of millions of dolphins that frequently swim with schools of tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

Critics of the law, however, say it is now out of date because of improved netting techniques and that dolphin protection efforts should focus on getting Mexico and other countries to commit to binding agreements to save dolphins, turtles and other sea life.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., helped force the compromise by lining up 44 senators to oppose the House measure and block it from coming to a floor vote.

"I think it's a victory for American consumers," Boxer said.

The deal was endorsed by environmental groups including Greenpeace, the World Wildlife Fund and the Environmental Defense Fund, which say an international approach is essential to protect dolphins from adverse effects of tuna fishing.

Report: Wife of principal says she sent death threat to trustee

TYLER (AP) — The wife of a high-school principal has told a radio audience it was she who sent a letter threatening the daughter of a school trustee in the Alba-Golden school district.

Tammy Ellis, wife of Alba-Golden High School Principal Dwayne Ellis, apologized Friday on Mineola radio station KMOO for the letter, station manager Sam Curry said.

Mrs. Ellis said her husband was unaware until this week that she sent the letter to Alba-Golden trustee Ginger Motley, threatening to hurt or kill her 12-year-old daughter, a junior-high cheerleader.

According to the letter, the threat pertained to Mrs. Motley's zeal in investigating some school construction projects that led to an investigation by the state attorney general's office.

Mrs. Ellis told KMOO she had no intention of following through on a threat to hurt or kill Mrs. Motley's daughter.

Mrs. Ellis and her husband declined to comment when contacted by the Tyler Morning Telegraph Friday night.

Mrs. Motley told the newspaper that as a result of Mrs. Ellis' comments, they were ending an investigation into the threat.

No charges had been filed as of Friday night. FBI agents declined to comment on the status of possible charges or arrests.

Former HPU chief is dead

ATHENS (AP) — Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Howard Payne University in 1979-85, has died at his home in Athens of complications from a stroke. He was 76.

During his tenure he built the Phelps Bible Building, which houses the school's Christian studies department. He also helped develop a 25-year master plan for the campus.

"Ralph Phelps was a unique individual and tireless worker who was equally effective as a pastor, educator and builder," said HPU Chancellor Don Newbury.

Phelps also served as president of Ouachita Baptist in 1953-69. His tenure was interrupted in 1967 when President Lyndon Johnson appointed him to serve as southeast regional director of the national Office of Economic Opportunity. Phelps served six months in the post and resigned.

He also has been affiliated with Dallas Baptist College and Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

At the time of his death he was a pastor of Virginia Hill Baptist Church in Athens.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Grove Hill Funeral Home in Dallas.

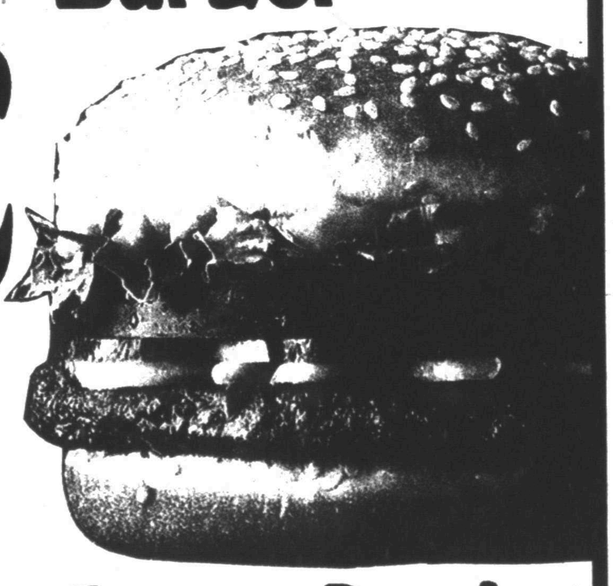
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What's Up?

Cub Scout Packs 177 & 61

Cub Scout Packs 177 & 61 will have a family swim party at Towle Park Pool at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost is $4 per family or $2 for individuals. At 8 p.m., refreshments will be served and a planning meeting will be held at the kiddie park.

Celebrating history

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is celebrating the 150-year anniversary of the arrival of the first pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley in Utah. On Sunday, the Snyder branch will have a celebration dinner at 11:30 a.m., and the movie "Legacy" will be shown to the community. Everyone is invited to attend at the new branch location, 3414 Ave. T, next to McLeod's Jewelry.

Junior High registration

Registration for new 7th and 8th graders is Monday at the junior high from 8 until noon and 1-4 p.m. Students and their parents need to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and report card from their former school. Students enrolled in SISD last spring are already registered and do not need to re-register.

Bible study series

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable Channel 2. They are followed by a series of tapes titled "Archaeology and the Bible." The next tape, "The Holy Spirit," will air at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by "Herod, the Greatest Builder."

Forum to air on Channel 2

A commercial-free taping of Monday's night forum concerning the hospital lease proposal will air at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on channel 2, sponsored by ZTV and TCA Cable TV.

Tax office to close early

Scurry County Tax Office will close at 2 p.m. Tuesday only in order for the Texas Department of Transportation to update the RTS computer system.

Vacation Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church

Bible Camp Day on Thursday for 4-6th grade from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is $5 for lunch and a game of bowling. Theme is "In Living Color." For information on transportation or the camps call 573-2191 or 573-2950.

37th St. Church of Christ

Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages, including adults. "Take a Ride Through the Bible With Us" is the theme. Call 573-0154 to enroll.

Reception to honor Hickman

A reception in honor of Gay Hickman, vice president for finance at Western Texas College, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the WTC board room. Hickman has resigned to accept a similar position with Midland College.

Snyder Bowhunters raffle

Snyder Bowhunters are holding a raffle for a new 4-wheel drive Honda four-wheeler to be given away next Sunday. Tickets are $10 each. To purchase tickets, contact Steve Hand at (915) 556-3313 or 573-0257; Dale Putnam at (915) 634-9589 or 572-2420; or Woody Wooddell at 573-8566.

G-20 to help museum

G-20 Club members are painting street numbers on curbs. Donations will be given to the Scurry County Museum. If you are not contacted and wish to have the painting done, call 573-6107 from 8-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Class of 1987 reunion

The Class of 1987 invites all Snyder High School teachers and administrators (1984-1987) to join them for their class reunion from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday at the National Guard Armory. A barbecue lunch will be available for those who wish to purchase it.

Lord's Acre garage sale

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre garage sale beginning at 8 a.m. next Saturday 2 at 1712 27th St. Funds will benefit the youth.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message.

Retirement party set

A retirement party for Chang Miller will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Snyder Healthcare Center. Mrs. Miller worked as a certified nurses' aide for 16 years. A money tree will be available.

Summer band practice

Summer band practice for in-coming SHS freshmen will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the high school band hall. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will begin practice Aug. 4. All students interested in being in the band should attend.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
2-12-13-32-37
(two, twelve, thirteen, thirty-two, thirty-seven)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-5-2
(six, five, two)

Senior Center loses three longtime associates

Three longtime associates of the Senior Citizens Center have either retired or changed jobs this summer.

Norma Laywell's last day was Friday. She had been with the center for 12½ years, including the last 2½ as director.

Aline Parks, in charge of publicity since 1974, also resigned this month. In addition, she had served as a member of the Advisory Council for many years.

Gay Hickman, another longtime associate, will be moving from Snyder to Midland where he has been employed by Midland College.

Hickman, through Western Texas College where he had worked for 25½ years, had been overseer and advisor for the center and as such had been active in all areas, including personnel and fund-raising.

On Jan. 15, 1985, Norma was hired as secretary for Gloria Shaw, who was the center's director. It was like "coming home," she said.

Not only was Norma glad to be back in Snyder after having lived away for several years, but she also felt very comfortable with the center's facilities because the building had formerly belonged to Snyder ISD where she attended school.

Norma worked for Gloria through December of 1986 when she (Gloria) resigned and Jerry Baird was named director.

Eight years later, Jerry left at the end of 1994, and Norma was named director, serving from Jan. 1995 until last week.

"The senior citizens have meant everything to me. They are the most wonderful, loving and kind friends I have ever had," said Norma.

She will miss what she called a "wonderful staff."

"I have come up through the ranks with them and they have been so good to me."

She will also really miss the Sunshine Choir, which she directed for several years.

While retiring was not an easy decision to make, Norma knows it was the right one to make because at age 65, she said her "internal clock tells me it's time to quit."

Though serving as director was "the hardest job I have ever done," Norma also called it "the most rewarding. I enjoy these people so much."

Now retired, the first thing on her agenda is "to sleep for a month," Norma laughed.

She said she has chores at home which will keep her busy and she wants to quilt.

She has five weeks of vacation which will finish out her final year at the center, and at some point wants to "take my husband by the arm" and travel throughout the state. More than anything, she said, "We want to visit the little towns."

Eventually, after she has had time to adjust to a new routine, she will return to the center as a participant. She is a member of AARP as well.

During her tenure, Norma devoted a lot of time to staging celebrations in honor of war veterans — World War II in November and the Korean Conflict in June.

For each of the special services, she interviewed local veterans and compiled their stories into a booklet. She said she found that many of the veterans did not want to talk about the actual combat they had taken part in.

Some Korean War veterans, including her husband, Ralph, had requested a similar service as arranged for World War II veterans.

Another special project was working on the history of the Senior Citizens Center.

During her tenure, Norma has observed many changes. Those having the biggest impact include financing and paperwork.

As federal dollars declined, Norma said, "We had to work harder to reach our budget goals. Trying to make the money has been a trip."

One of the biggest fund-raisers is the annual May Day event now held at the coliseum.

In recent years, she said the proceeds have fluctuated from $28,000 to $14,000. This year's May Day generated $19,000, the highest sum since 1991.

A quilt auction is a big draw at the annual event. The center has a quilting room where volunteers can work throughout the year.

The rest of the center's budget comes from diverse sources, including the city. The county furnishes what Norma calls "in kind" support which includes providing the building at 2603 Ave. M, its upkeep and utilities.

The county also pays the salary for the dishwasher and maintenance man.

Western Texas College, which has had oversight of the center since its inception, handles the accounting and yearly audit. WTC also furnishes vehicles for the home-delivered meals program and for errands. The center pays a fixed sum per mile.

Individuals and organizations donate monies to the center and those eating congregate meals there also make donations.

When Norma was first employed at the center, all of the paperwork was done by hand. While the paperwork has quadrupled since then, everything is now recorded on computers.

All of the reports are filed with the West Texas Central Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging, which is the center's liason for state and federal funds.

A native of Snyder, Norma moved to a farm on Round Top Road in January of 1942. She was nine. Following the war, she and her family moved to a farm between Ira and Dunn. She worked in the fields and learned "to pick bolls as good as anyone."

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1949. T.D. Wiman was the principal at the time. At 17 years and one month Norma said, "I thought I was grown."

She moved to Snyder where she roomed with another girl and went to work for local accountants Russell Yorgeson and Lye Deffebach, who had just set up a tax and accounting firm in an office above Stinson Drug. At the height of the oil boom, Norma said she was assigned to type income tax forms.

After she married Ralph Laywell, Norma moved away from Snyder for a time but returned in 1975 after he retired due to health problems. From 1975 to 1980, the couple lived in Snyder and Norma worked as a bookkeeper for Clark Lumber Company.

A vocational ag teacher, Ralph returned to his profession in 1980, teaching one year in Dangerfield and one in Lakeworth before he retired for the second time.

During that time, Norma said she tended to their show hogs. They moved back here in 1983.

Some two years later, she joined the Senior Center staff. To her, it was like coming full circle. "I had started here and ended up here."

"I was so glad to be back," Norma said. "It was great to see people I had not seen in so long."

So many memories came flooding back, too, because of the building where the center is now located.

She recalled that when she was six years old, the school building located on the lot burned, so she began school in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

She said her two brothers and two sisters "scattered everywhere" to other buildings where classes were located.

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

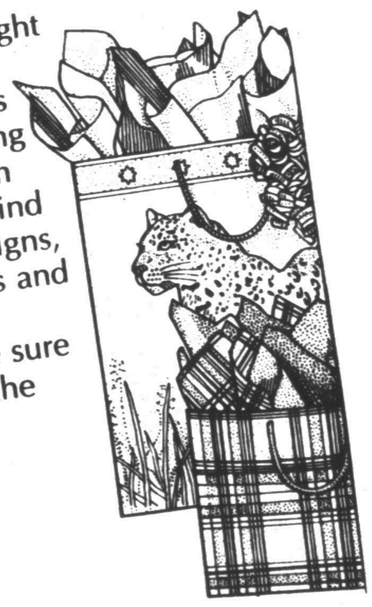


THE OREGON TRAIL — On Thursday, the Senior Center presented this quilt, titled "The Oregon Trail," to Gay Hickman, far left, for his years of service. Norma Laywell, second from left, who retired as director Friday, made the presentation. Pat and Margaret Johnston donated the quilt back to the center for the presentation. Margaret Clevenger and Thadine Harless made the quilt for the annual May Day auction. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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GOING AWAY PARTY — Rachel McDonald was given a going away party recently in the Martha Ann Woman's Club, hosted by the Mary Martha Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church. Mrs. McDonald owned and operated Rachel's Dress Shop for 18 years. She sold it in 1979. She and her first husband, Marvin Rogers, a pastor, moved to Scurry County from California in 1949. They worked in churches in rural communities. Mr. Rogers died in 1974. In 1976, she married George McDonald, a pharmacist in nursing homes. He died in 1995. Rachel has moved to San Diego to be near her daughter. (Contributed Photo)

West Texas Poets, Etc., announce contest winners

West Texas Poets, Etc., met in the Golden Terrace Community Room on July 17 with Sherry Bryant presiding.

Yvonne Nunn gave the invocation and Shirley Gorman took pictures of poetry contest winners sponsored by the club, and other club pictures.

Bertha Johnson, chairman of the contest, announced Bettie Cagle won first place. She read her poem, "I See God Everywhere."

Donna Kincheloe read her second place poem, "West Texas Sunrise;" Ben T. Essery, third place winner read his poem, "Poet's Clown."

Mary Westmoreland, chairman of the children's stories contest, announced Sherry Jameson's "Three Feet Tall" was first place winner. Miss Jameson read her poem. Katy Cade won second place, reading her poem, "Topsy's Baby."

Marge Smith, chairman of short stories, read Reed Underwood's first place "Random Access," in his absence;" Amy Murphy read her second place story, "The Greatest of These;" and Marion Kelly Bullock read her third place story, "Feline Heir."

Club members reading their own work included Westmoreland's "The Best of Summer;" Bertha Johnson's "I Am Only a Farmer's Wife;" Helene Tutt's "Buzzard Bait;" Joy Glover's "Winter Jewels;" Garnet Quiett's "Budding Artist;" Sue Griffin's "I Wonder;" Katrina Wempken's "Alone in San Francisco;" and Kenneth Griffith's "Theory of Life."

Nunn displayed "Texas Cowboys' Poet Newsletter," of Dallas, and "The Farmer's Friend," of Austin, and said that both would publish poems for members. Warren has had a poem published in "The Farmer's Friend."

Marge Smith read excerpts from "Izard County Histories" and then others read their poems to include Bryant, "Where Have All the Children Gone;" visitor Betty Able read "Blind Cat;" Donny and Lenn Reeves of Sweetwater were also visitors and Lenn read her poem, "Pondering My Search For Love."

Bryant read the words of encouragement and Amy Murphy won the hostess gift.

The group will meet again on Aug. 21 in the community room. Visitors are welcome.

Guerra has been named director of the 16-county W.Tex. Girl Scout Council

A former Girl Scout, Debra S. Guerra, has taken over the reigns of West Texas Girl Scout Council Director. The leader for the 16-county council was announced by Ray Alexander, board president from Big Spring. Guerra is scheduled to begin her new job on Aug. 18.

"We're really happy to get such a dynamic person for our program. I am tickled to death and everyone on the board is excited about working with her," said Alexander.

Guerra said her positive experiences as a Junior Girl Scout led her to consider applying for the position. "I remember being around female adult leaders who I looked up to, working with other girls on projects to earn our badges. These experiences have helped me in projects I work on at the city which also involve people and sometimes lead to recognition for our efforts — like the All-America City."

She said the position was a natural next step. "I see this as more of a continuation of our "child-friendly Abilene" process because many of the issues the city looked at in ACT-1 — youth activities, teen pregnancy prevention, and diversity — are also the focus of WTGSC. For example, the Teen Mother camp is nationally recognized and the new Dian Owen Program Center is a gold mine of activities for girls. I want to be part of preparing our West Texas girls and young women for their future which includes technology, global citizenship and a multicultural world."

Guerra is currently the assistant to City Manager Roy L. McDaniel, hired by the City in 1989. She has worked on many city sponsored initiatives such as the 1989 Abilene Choosing Tomorrow—Now! (ACT—Now!), the first Martin Luther King Jr. Awards luncheon, Abilene's Children Today and Team Abilene.

Debra is married to Jesse Vasquez, firm administrator with Condley & Company, and they have two children, April Fuentes, a junior at Abilene High School, and Chris Fuentes, a sophomore at Texas Tech University.

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♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 8 5 4

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

East
♠ J 9 8 5
♥ J 10
♦ K J 10 2
♣ 10 6 2

South
♠ A K Q 3
♥ A 6 2
♦ A 6 4
♣ A 7 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Do better with equality

In certain circles, being equal to someone means you are on a par with them financially and socially. It's an awful attitude. I believe we should treat everyone as equals, regardless of status.

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First, what do you think of the bidding? Secondly, how should the play go in three no-trump?

With 4-3-3-3 distribution, it is debatable whether North should use Stayman. True, partner might have a weak doubleton and four-card heart support, making four hearts the best contract. However, much more often a heart fit won't be found. Then only the defenders can benefit from the Stayman inquiry.

With eight top tricks, South ducked the club ace until the third round. Then he cashed his three top spades, hoping for a 3-3 split. No luck there, but West helpfully threw the heart three. Now four heart tricks fell into South's lap, giving him the contract.

There is a good rule: Keep equal length with the dummy. (And keep equal length with declarer, but this is more difficult to do as you cannot see his hand.) Here, West must stay glued to all four of his hearts.

What if South has the ace-king-jack-fourth of diamonds and no heart ace, are you wondering? Well, suppose he does. Unless West behaves like a thespian when discarding the low diamond, why should South guess to drop the queen? Wouldn't he eventually enter dummy with a heart and take the diamond finesse?

So, keep equal length with the opponents.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

All games were directed by Jane Hinton at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

Six tables.

1. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
2. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
3. Maribeth Vestal, Martha Fagin.
4. Anita Talbott, Ann Davis.

SUNDAY

Four tables.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
2. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.
3. Lanette Patterson, Christine Stuard.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eubank of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Tod A. Stinson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Stinson of Fort Worth. Their marriage has been set for Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Scurry County Library

News and Views

Scurry County Library staff reminds parents of Storytime for four and five year olds. It is at 10 a.m. every Monday and usually lasts for 30 to 40 minutes. Parents are asked to stay in the library during the session.

Stories, fingerplays, crafts, flannelgraphs and puppet shows are planned for the children. Children do not need to be registered for this activity, they may come any Monday.

The library will have a certificate ceremony at 10 a.m. Wednesday. They will be given to each student turning in at least three hours reading time as a member of the Summer Reading Club. Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson will present the certificates.

A drawing will be held for participants turning in 15 hours.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Chocolate for a Woman's Soul," by Kay Allenbaugh.

"Mars and Venus on a Date," by John Gray, Ph. D.

"The Star-at-Home Mom's Guide to Making Money," by Liz Folger.

NEW FICTION

"The Last Heroes," by W.E.B. Griffin.

Up Island," by Anne Rivers Siddons.

"Public Secrets," by Nora Roberts.

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Consumers, watch for new symbols depicting care for your clothing

This summer, American consumers will begin to see new symbols concerning the care labels on clothing they purchase. The symbols will be found on most clothing items except for hats and gloves and garments made primarily from leather or suede.

As part of a new national education program, the Federal Trade Commission has introduced a consumer brochure, containing information on *Closet Cues: Care Labels and Your Clothes,* and two care-symbol guides, *Caring For Your Clothes* and the *Clothing Care Symbol Guide.*

In addition, there is an available copy of *Best Sellers,* the FTC catalog of consumer and business publications.

Copies are available free from — Federal Trade Commission; Consumer Response Center; 6th Sreet & Pennsylvania Ave., NW; Washington, DC 20580. Or by calling 202-326-2222 or 202-326-2502 (TDD for the hearing impaired).

The full text of the brochure and charts and more than 150 other consumer publications are available on FTC Consumerline, located at www.ftc.gov on the Internet.

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Presley nightclub in Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Now there's a place to get a feast fit for the King, right down to the fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches.

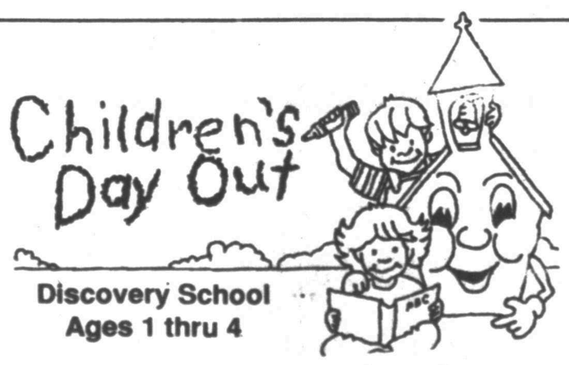
Elvis Presley's Memphis, the first nightclub run by Presley's estate, held a pre-opening bash Thursday on famed Beale Street.

Presley's former wife, Priscilla, and daughter, Lisa Marie, played host to about 400 invited guests who got an early glimpse of the two-story club, decked out with Elvis photos and memorabilia. Pop star Jewel performed on the main stage, surrounded by ceiling-to-floor velvet drapes.

The club, which opens today, offers a menu stuffed with some of Presley's favorite dishes, including meatloaf, skillet-fried round steak and those hard-to-find peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches.

The club is the first in what the Presley estate hopes will be a string of nightclub-restaurants.

"Obviously, this will always be the flagship," said club operator Michael Graves.



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BRIDAL TEA — Emily King, bride-elect of A.J. Beaver, was honoree at a bridal tea held July 8 at the East Side Church of Christ. From left are Lila King, sister of the honoree; Joellen Qualls of Levelland, another sister; Elaine King, her mother; the honoree, Miss King from Weatherford; Nicci Beaver, stepmother of the groom; and Darlene Bennett, stepgrandmother of the groom. The wedding is planned for Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford. (Contributed Photo)



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT — Scurry Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association recently presented Judy Camp, center, the ABWA scholarship. Standing with Miss Camp are president Leona Wiggins, left, and Pat Faver, vice president. Newly elected officers include president, Carol Young; vice president, Vern Beasley; secretary, Betty Boyd; and treasurer, Sally Herrington. (SDN Staff Photo)

Top 10 video sales and rentals

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

VIDEO SALES

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1."Jerry Maguire," (Columbia TriStar)
2."Pink Flamingos," (New Line)
3."The Rock," (Hollywood)
4."Alanis Morissette: Jagged Little Pill, Live," (Warner Reprise)
5."Lord of the Dance," (PolyGram)
6."Riverdance-The Show," (VCI-Columbia Tristar)
7."Das Boot — The Director's Cut," (Columbia TriStar)
8."Turbo-A Power Rangers Movie," (Fox)
9."Happy Gilmore," (MCA-Universal)
10."I'm Bout It," (No Limit)

VIDEO RENTALS

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1."Scream," (Dimension)
2."Jerry Maguire," (Columbia TriStar)
3."Mars Attacks," (Warner)
4."Michael," (Warner)
5."The People vs. Larry Flynt," (Columbia TriStar)
6."Ransom," (Touchstone)
7."Absolute Power," (Warner)
8."Turbulence," (HBO)
9."Jackie Chan's First Strike," (New Line)
10."Fierce Creatures," (MCA-Universal)

MUSIC VIDEO SALES

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1."I'm Bout It," Master P (Priority)
2."Jagged Little Pill, Live," Alanis Morissette (Warner Reprise)
3."Welcome to the Freak Show," dc Talk (Forefront)
4."Selena Remembered," Selena (EMI Latin)
5."Les Miserables: 10th Anniv. Concert," Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (Columbia TriStar)
6."History On Film Vol. II," Michael Jackson (Epic)
7."Who Then Now?" Korn (Epic)
8."G3: Live in Concert," various artists (Epic)
9."Ozzfest I — Live!" Ozzy Osbourne (Red Ant)
10."Our First Video," Mary-Kate & Ashley Olsen (Dualstar) (Platinum)

Mrs. Fields' 80th birthday celebration set for Aug. 4

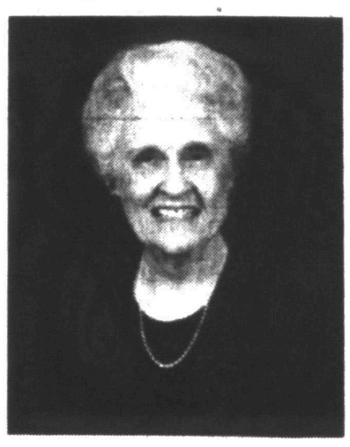
Evelyn Fields' four children and their spouses are planning an early birthday party for her Saturday, Aug. 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the garden room at First Baptist Church.

Her children include Kent and Nancy Fields from Opelika, Ala.; Bob and Christina Fields from Portland, Ore.; Rodger Fields from Houston; and Betty Fields from Austin.

She has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fields was born on Aug. 4, 1917 in Dallas and was reared in Scurry County. She taught at Pittsburg High School for 15 years, and has lived in several Texas cities.

Mrs. Fields is a member of First Baptist Church.



Evelyn Fields

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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.

Composer Newman still gets hate mail

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Newman says he's still getting hate mail 20 years after writing his hit song "Short People."

The composer said the song is about the stupidity of prejudice, but many people didn't hear it that way and missed the irony in lyrics such as "Short people got no reason to live."

The narrator "is obviously loony," Newman said in an interview to be broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes."

"I mean, no one's got any sort of animus against short people," added the 5-feet-11-inch Newman, who has since written music for films such as 'Toy Story" and "Michael."

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Three bid farewell to the Senior Center

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A few years later, she graduated high school in a building located just north of the center.

Norma has such fond memories of those days, including playing on the back steps of the center and the rock wall of the little park behind the center. "It just broke my heart when they tore out the little bridge because I had walked across it," she said.

The Laywells have a daughter, Deborah Mills, who is a registered nurse in San Antonio, and two grown grandsons, Michael and David.

Aline Parks

Aline Parks had been in charge of publicity at the Senior Center since it was organized in 1974. Begun by WTC, Aline naturally became involved because she was the college's publicity director as well.

Aline recalled that the RSVP or Retired Senior Volunteer Program was the predecessor to the current center. Through that program which did not have a designated gathering place or serve congregate meals, senior citizens could volunteer their services to the community.

An example, was providing transportation which earned the volunteer "x" amount of credit.

According to Aline, two WTC staffers, the late Dr. Marvin Genuchi, who taught music, and Dr. Robert Clinton, then the president, both envisioned a center where seniors could gather, play games and enjoy a noon meal.

The Senior Center's first home was a room in the Learning Resource Center on campus, located to the right as you enter through the front door. It had once housed the Scurry County Museum.

However, when the present museum was built, that room — which has since been converted into two offices — became available for the seniors.

That first center was basically "just a large room" and only offered tables and chairs.

Gloria Shaw was the director and her father, George Gann, then managed WTC's cafeteria. The noon meal was prepared in the cafeteria but served in the center's room.

Since the center was such a new idea, Aline said she did everything she could to keep the community informed about what was going on there.

A weekly report and menu were published in the Snyder Daily News. Since Aline made frequent trips to the newspaper pertaining to college publicity anyway, she said it was convenient for her to also deliver publicity items for the new Senior Center.

Aline said the local center has always been considered as the "Cadillac of Senior Centers." It proved very beneficial to the community because it gives senior citizens a place to meet, play games and enjoy a hot meal.

"It has become an easy way to have contact with people," Aline added.

In 1978, the Senior Center moved to its present location. The building was remodeled to include a kitchen.

She recalled that one of the early problems was poor sound so a series of platforms were designed for the stage area which greatly improved the situation.

She also noted that the first May Day fund-raisers were held at the center before being moved to the coliseum.

Even though she retired as publicity director for WTC several years ago, Aline had continued to write the weekly Senior Center news reports until recently.

However, Aline continues to be involved with community activities through volunteer work with Scurry County Historical Commission, the White Buffalo Festival Committee and occasionally Historic Scurry County Inc.

Also, "Like everyone else who has a computer, I am thinking about writing a book," Aline said.

She came to Snyder in 1950 to work for the newly created Snyder Daily News. Formerly the Scurry County Times, the newspaper had been bought by the Harte-Hanks chain and the name was changed.

She remained there about five years. Aline also recalled the time she spent as a secretary at 37th St. Church of Christ. She has some not-so-fond memories of printing the weekly bulletin on a cantankerous mimeograph machine which frequently jammed.

Aline and her husband, G.A., have two children and two grandchildren. Whit Parks and his wife, Tracey, live here and have two children, Whitney and Grayson. Paula Fulford and her husband, Jeff, live in Amarillo.

Gay Hickman

Gay Hickman has been involved with the Senior Center since the idea was first proposed more than 20 years ago.

He helped Dr. Clinton organize it and has watched it grow through the years. He helped organize the nutrition program which first included noon meals served when the center was located on the WTC campus and has since been expanded into a home delivered meals program.

It was an important milestone when the center moved into its present building, he said.

Another milestone was organizing the May Day fund-raiser which has grown over the years and become a tradition in Snyder.

He noted that the event gives seniors "the chance to do their share."

Gay takes pride in the fact that the Senior Center has consistently been a top-rated operation. He attributes this to good initial planning, adding that the staff and volunteers "keep it going and make it as good as it is."

He also praised contributions from former directors, saying each had "their own style."

Seniors volunteer their time and services throughout the community as well, he said.

Gay said the Senior Center has proven its worth over the years. Among its many benefits are allowing senior citizens to be more independent. He added that he knows several seniors who by participating regularly, delayed having to move into rest homes by eight or nine years.

Gay said every day at the center is exciting. Getting hugs from seniors always "jump-started my day. It's like getting a hug from your grandmother."

Gay graduated from SHS in 1960. He earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and received his master's in education from Sul Ross.

Some 30 years ago, he returned to Snyder and worked for Buster Anderson for four years before he was hired by the college.

At Midland College, Gay will serve as vice president of administrative services.

He and his wife, Kay, have one son, Brandy.

The Senior Center has also lost its van driver, Peggy Edwards, who after five years of service has moved to Midland to be closer to her children.





SAYING GOODBYE — Two longtime Senior Center associates were recently recognized for their years of service. Before retiring as director Friday, Norma Laywell, presented appreciation plaques to Aline Parks, who was in charge of publicity since 1974, and Gay Hickman, who helped oversee the center since its inception. Parks retired and Hickman is moving from Snyder. Laywell had worked nearly 13 years. She started out as secretary and went on to serve as director for more than two years. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

JonBenet Ramsey's parents may know who the killer is

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's family is telling Boulder residents they may know who killed the 6-year-old beauty queen.

"You may be his alibi!" says a flier that will be distributed door-to-door this weekend.

"He may have discussed JonBenet's murder with you in casual conversation and made a point of repeating where he was the night of the crime to rehearse you on the answer!"

In a news release Thursday, the Ramseys also said they will take out a full-page newspaper ad on Sunday describing the possible mental state and behavior of the suspect. The profile was prepared by former FBI profiler John Douglas, who has been hired by the Ramseys to help investigate the 7-month-old case.

The Ramseys said they believe the killer is someone who knew the family and visited their Boulder home before JonBenet was found dead on Dec. 26.

The flier says that the killer may have turned to alcohol or drug abuse since committing the brutal crime. He probably went out of his way to cooperate with police, and may have turned to religion since the killing, according to the flier.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's Boulder home. John Ramsey found his daughter's body about eight hours after Patsy Ramsey said she discovered a ransom note.

John and Patsy Ramsey have publicly proclaimed their innocence in their daughter's death, but neither has been ruled out by authorities as a suspect.

First Elvis nightclub opened

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Finally, the Elvis faithful can get all the fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches they want, in a velvet-draped forum fit for the king of rock 'n' roll.

Elvis Presley's Memphis, the first nightclub run by Presley's estate, held a pre-opening party Thursday night on Memphis' Beale Street.

Presley's ex-wife, Priscilla Presley, and their daughter, Lisa Marie, were hosts as more than 400 invited guests wandered the two-story club, taking in the Elvis photos and memorabilia covering the walls. Pop star Jewell performed on the main stage, surrounded by floor-to-ceiling velvet drapes.

"It's as if Elvis was alive today — this is what he would try to do," said club operator Michael Graves.

Sporting a mostly '50s and '60s decor, the club offers a menu complete with some of Presley's favorite dishes, including meatloaf, skillet-fried round steak and those hard-to-find peanut butter and banana sandwiches, at $4.75 a pop.

Levi and HBO commercials nominated for Emmy Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Advertisers aren't just competing for buyers with their commercials anymore. This year, they're fighting for the biggest award in television.

For the first time ever, Emmy awards are honoring the best commercial of the year. The nominees were announced Thursday and the winner will be announced in September.

Levi's jeans snatched two nominations — one for an ad featuring a young couple fantasizing about love during a chance encounter in an elevator, the other for an injured man singing with the emergency room crew that is treating him. As the medical monitoring equipment beeps, they sing an impromptu rendition of the 1980s hit "Tainted Love," by Soft Cell.

"I guess this means we'll have to turn these into half-hour shows," joked Geoffrey Thompson, the top creative director at Foote Cone & Belding Worldwide, the longtime ad agency for Levi Strauss & Co.

The other nominees were the HBO cable network, General Motors Corp. and Nike.

The HBO ad featured chimps seeming to recite memorable lines from movies like "Animal House" and "Forrest Gump." Critics said its use of the animals and the name of scientist Jane Goodall, who has long studied their behavior, was unseemly.

But Michael Patti, vice chairman and executive creative director for HBO's ad agency BBDO, said Goodall permitted use of her name provided that the chimps featured in the ad were not trained or circus animals.

The Nike commercial also generated controversy, suggesting race is still a barrier for minorities seeking access to some golf courses.

The ad contains shots of Tiger Woods — who is part black, part Thai — swinging a golf club at different stages of his life. His story is told in captions.

"There are still golf courses in the United States where I cannot play because of the color of my skin," one caption says. "I am told I am not ready for you. Are you ready for me?"

"We know Tiger can play anywhere now, but if he wasn't so well known that wouldn't be the case," said Nike spokesman Lee Weinstein.

The GM ad captures toasters, fans and other small appliances awestruck by the EV1 electric car.

Most of the ads are no longer running. Unlike an Academy Award, an Emmy would probably be no reason for a revival.

"We won't bring them back," said Mark Hogan, director of consumer marketing for Levi's. "Our strategy is changing."

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will re-open for business Tuesday, July 29th at 6:00 a.m.

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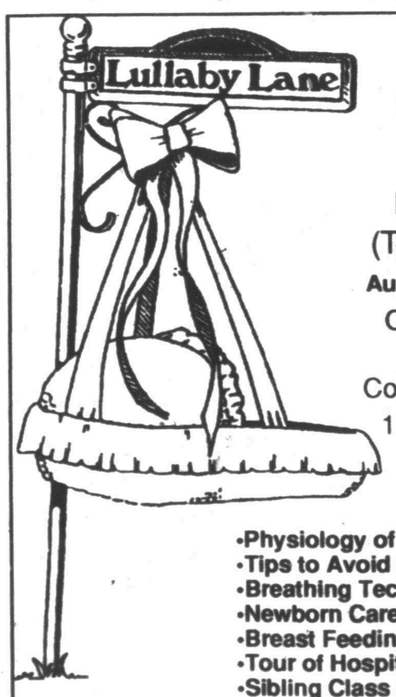
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Safety agency rejects recall request for Isuzu Trooper

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has denied a request to recall some Isuzu Troopers and Acura SLXs after Consumer Reports said the sport utility vehicles were prone to tipping over during sudden turns.

In August, Consumer Reports magazine branded the 1995-96 Isuzu Troopers and 1996 Acura SLXs, nearly identical vehicles, with its rare "not acceptable" rating. The rating received extensive publicity, with national television showing the Trooper tipping over in a film clip.

Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports, asked the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to investigate the models and order the companies to recall them.

But agency officials decided Thursday against a formal investigation after putting the Trooper through their own tests involving sudden turns, reviewing the consumer group's tests and computer simulations, and assessing rollover-crash data.

"The extensive testing and analysis that we've done did not suggest that further investigation would lead to a recall," said Kenneth N. Weinstein, the agency's associate administrator for safety assurance.

R. David Pittle, Consumer Reports' technical director, said the government's decision was "a setback for the nation's motorists."

"This vehicle has a propensity to tip we've never seen in any other vehicle in the last eight years," he said.

Officials at American Isuzu Motors Inc. and the Acura division of American Honda Motor Co. said they felt vindicated.

"This should help bring peace of mind to consumers that have had some concern over the safety of their vehicle," said Acura spokesman Mike Spencer.

"The Trooper is a safe and reliable vehicle," said Terry Maloney, senior vice president and general manager of light vehicles.

Isuzu reported earlier this month that its sales were off 5 percent, due to a 72 percent drop in sales of the Trooper SUV.

Scientists claim big tracks in Boerne belonged to dinosaurs

BOERNE (AP) — They were nature's secret for 70 million years, but now this town is abuzz with talk of dinosaur tracks uncovered on city property after flooding in June.

Fearing vandalism, city staff members kept quiet about the tracks for three weeks and briefed the City Council only this week after word of the discovery began to spread.

"We're frightened that someone is going to go out there and chisel them up," said city planning director Chris Turk, who would discuss the tracks with the San Antonio Express-News only if the location wasn't divulged.

Only a hint of the toes are visible in the prints, but the pattern of the indentations in the limestone makes it clear something very large ambled across the landscape long before it was city property or rock.

Geologists say the three-toed creatures that left the 20-inch-wide, 4-inch-deep prints could have been carnivores called acrocanthosaurus, or vegetarians known as tenotosaurus.

"You can't tell exactly what creature made them," said Mike Hawthorne, who published a 1990 study of dinosaur tracks in Texas while at Baylor University.

"They were big dinosaurs, weighing tons, but they weren't the biggest," said Hawthorne, one of several geologists who began studying the tracks July 11. Dinosaur tracks have been found west of San Antonio and around New Braunfels, but they haven't been found before near Boerne, he said.

Boerne is about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio.

The tracks were discovered June 21 after floodwaters swept through the area. Some city and county officials were informed about a week later but agreed not to reveal the discovery until it was decided what to do about it.

But in a memo to the City Council this week, Mayor Patrick Heath said the information had leaked out of county offices.

County Judge Bill Gooden said he told his staff not to release information until it was determined whether they really were dinosaur tracks.

"It looked like a pot hole to me," Gooden said.

The flooding in Boerne also unearthed a trail of smaller tracks, each measuring about 10 inches in diameter, in the same area as the larger tracks.

"These are interesting because of the mixture of sizes of tracks," said Rena Bonem, a Baylor University geology professor.

Also, she said, one set of tracks suggests a dinosaur saw something and suddenly changed directions.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Dill Pickle Spears, Cantaloupe, Cheese Apple Crisp

TUESDAY

King Ranch Chicken, Peas and Carrots, Diced Carrots, Jellied Fruit Salad, Coconut Cookies

WEDNESDAY

Country Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Tomato Wedges, Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY

Grilled Beef Patty, Brown Gravy, Sliced New Potatoes, Blackeye Peas, Carrot-Cabbage Slaw, Banana Pudding

FRIDAY

Fried Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Green Pepper and Sliced Onion, Lemon Refrigerator Dessert

Senior Center News

Monday will be the "changing of the guard" at the Senior Center. Carla Thompson will be taking over as director. A new secretary will be announced in the near future.

A domino tournament is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. Bridge is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 42 will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

The Pool Association will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday to discuss the J.B. Tate, Sr. Memorial Tournament. The tournament will be an Eight Ball Partners Tournament and will begin on Aug. 4.

Exercise is vital, so seniors are encouraged to remember daily swimnastics at Western Texas College and the 11 a.m. daily exercise at the center.

Aug. 1 is the last day of swimming for the summer, and the class will resume after registration on Aug. 25 with a new schedule that will be announced at a later date.

Kitchen Band members have only one more week of vacation and then they will be back on schedule. The choir will return after Labor Day with a few changes which will be detailed in an upcoming newsletter.

Anyone needing assistance with meals, transportation or the emergency response system is asked to call 573-4035 for more information.

The center functions with a small staff and a host of volunteers who make the facility a success. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to call the above number.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Edgar Williams, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roy McClendon 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Francis Hamilton, 1996 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

Turnco Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Grimmett Bros Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Glenn D. and Melinda Owens, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Alan Ramage, 1997 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

Janis Kay and Walter Cave, 1997 Dodge van from Snyder Chrysler.

James Earl and Theresa Bennett, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

J.W. Kincaid, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

VT Inc., as Trustee World Omni Ltd., 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

R.L. Moore, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Farmers Coop Gin, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jimmy R. and Helen Sherene Digby, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

GELCO Corporation, three 1997 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Cindy R. Hopper, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Joe R. Rosas, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Howard Rogers, 1997 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Bryan D. Walker, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Suzanne and David Bentley, 1997 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

GELCO Corporation, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

James Elton Shearer and Mollie Gail Murr, both of Snyder.

Israel Ortegon and Monica Ann Guzman, both of Snyder.

George Alvarado of Snyder and Cecelia Jo Costello of Austin.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Dorothy Fay Turner and Ray Weldon Turner, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Cathy LuAnn Thomas and Richie Stuart Thomas, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Marilyn Joy Lancaster and Richard Earl Lancaster, divorce granted.

Maria G. Jaimez, et al, vs. Nina Steele Jones, order of dismissal.

Snyder National Bank vs. Postex Warehouse Co., et al, notice of non-suit.

Deed Records

Hattie R. Woodle to William F. Parker, Lot 9 in Block 9 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Wayman W. Holmes, independent executor of the estates of Roy O. and Lila M. Irvin, tract one being 23.3 acres out of the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the

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Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

Noted psychologist Steven Covey has written "We immediately become more effective when we decide to change ourselves rather than asking things to change for us."

Are there places where you are waiting for change to happen in your life? If you are in a job that is not fulfilling to you or does not provide the income you would like to have, maybe now is the time to update your skills or explore a totally new career. Instead of waiting for a change to happen with your job, co-workers, the economy, the weather, or whatever is in your way, make the decision to change yourself.

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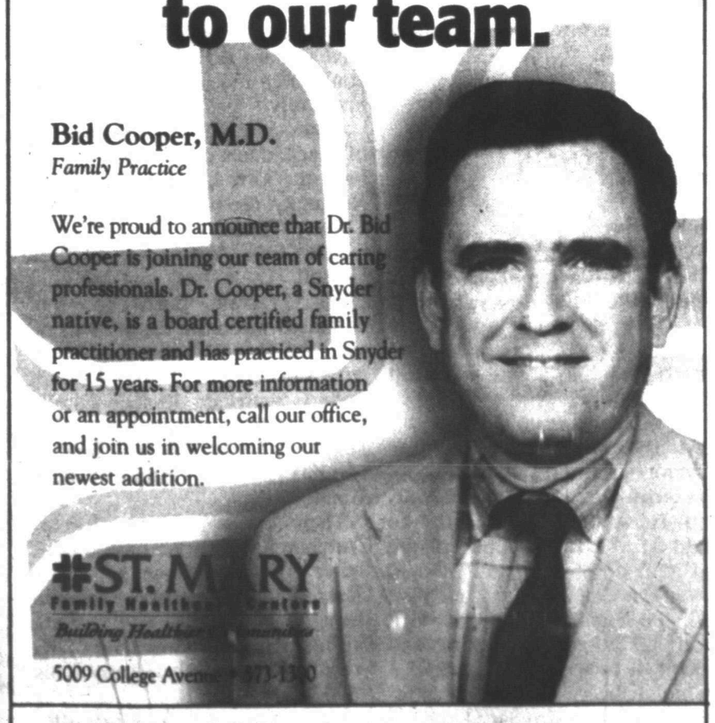
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SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Thursday, July 31, 1997

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

in each of the five elementary schools.

This registration applies to all pupils from Prekindergarten through grade 6. The registration schedule is as follows:

GRADE	CAMPUS	
Prekindergarten	Stanfield and Northeast	
Bilingual Prekindergarten	Central	573-8592
Regular Kindergarten	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual Kindergarten	Central	573-8592
Regular First Grade	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual First Grade	Central	573-8592
Second Grade	Stanfield	573-7512
Third Grade	Central	573-8592
Fourth Grade	East	573-1769
Fifth Grade	Northeast	573-2643
Sixth Grade	West	573-3538

To be eligible in a PREKINDERGARTEN CLASS, a child must be at least 4 years of age as of September 1, 1997, and must be (1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or (2) from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level. (Family will qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program; proof required.) Please observe the following schedule for registration. The first letter of your last name will determine your registration time.

LAST NAME	REGISTRATION TIME
A - D	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
E - H	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
I - L	10:00 -11:00 a.m.
M - P	11:00 -12:00 p.m.
Q - T	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
U - W	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
X - Z	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If at all possible, please follow this time schedule so that unnecessary waiting might be avoided.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT INTO KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE, a child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1997 in order to enroll in Kindergarten, and 6 years of age on or before September 1, 1997, to enter first grade.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SNYDER SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST BRING A: Birth Certificate, Social Security Number (card) and a Record of Immunization. If parents plan to be out of town on July 31, they are urged to register their children before that time. All elementary students must officially register and be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

Jr. High School and High School Students

who attended last year are Preregistered and need not attend.

Jr. High School students who have recently moved to Snyder are asked to register between July 28, 1997, and August 6, 1997, at the Jr. High School. Students are asked to bring Grade Records, Student Social Security CARD, Birth Certificate and Immunization Records to Registration. (Phone 573-6356)

High School Students Who Have Recently Moved to Snyder

are asked to report to the High School with their parent/legal guardian and register on August 6th and 7th. Students are asked to bring grade records and immunization records to registration. New student and 9th grade orientation will be at 1:30 p.m. on August 7th at Worsham Auditorium. Offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Phone 573-6301)

The First Day of School for all Snyder students will be Tuesday, August 19, 1997

Persons with questions may call their respective schools after July 21, 1997.

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The only prayer we need



George Plagenz

Dr. Richard Cabot, a famous physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, once said that if more ministers knew how to pray for the people of the congregations who came to them for help, 60 percent to 70 percent of those who fill doctors' waiting rooms wouldn't have to be there.

Is it true that ministers, who ought to be experts in praying, don't know how to pray? Listen to what one woman has to say about her own pastor.

"Recently," she writes, "I went to speak to the senior minister of my church to tell him of my marital problems. He was very concerned and encouraging, and when I was leaving, promised to think about me every day.

"I wanted to tell him that all my unbelieving friends were thinking about me. What I needed was a prayer warrior. I am saddened that I must go to another group in my city to request prayer for me and my husband.

"I have lots of people thinking of me. What I need are people who can address God on my behalf and assure me I will be remembered in prayer."

This woman is not alone in her search for "prayer warriors" over optimists ("I'm sure everything will be fine") or positive thinkers ("You've got to look on the bright side").

Of course, this woman could have done her own praying. In fact, she probably had. But most of us, when dealing with a crisis, would feel better if we know others will reinforce our prayers by remembering us by name in their prayers.

What bothers many of us about prayers we hear in church or find in a prayer book is that they are too impersonal to be helpful. One size prayer is made to fit all. We want prayers that speak personally to our condition — that mention our name and our need and God's name in the same prayer.

Margaret Creal's novel, "The Man Who Sold Prayers," tells of a clergyman who succeeded in doing that. Rev. St. Claire Gwynne (known as "Saintly") wrote custom-made prayers for people and soon found he was getting more requests than he could fill.

Did the made-to-order prayers work? If by that we mean, "Did the people all get what they prayed for?" the answer is no. But in another sense they did work.

Take the woman who asked Saintly to write a prayer to help her win the lottery. She said afterward, "When I didn't win. I was really disappointed. But I got used to saying the prayer the reverend wrote for me and I kept saying it. Now I've found the 'spiritual fortune' he wrote about in that prayer and it's better than anything money can buy."

But there was a down side for Saintly in all this prayer-writing. As he looked at the piles of requests stacked high on his desk — one pile for people who wanted to be healthy, a pile for those who wanted to be rich, another for those who wanted to change something (like the weather or the government) — he grew uneasy.

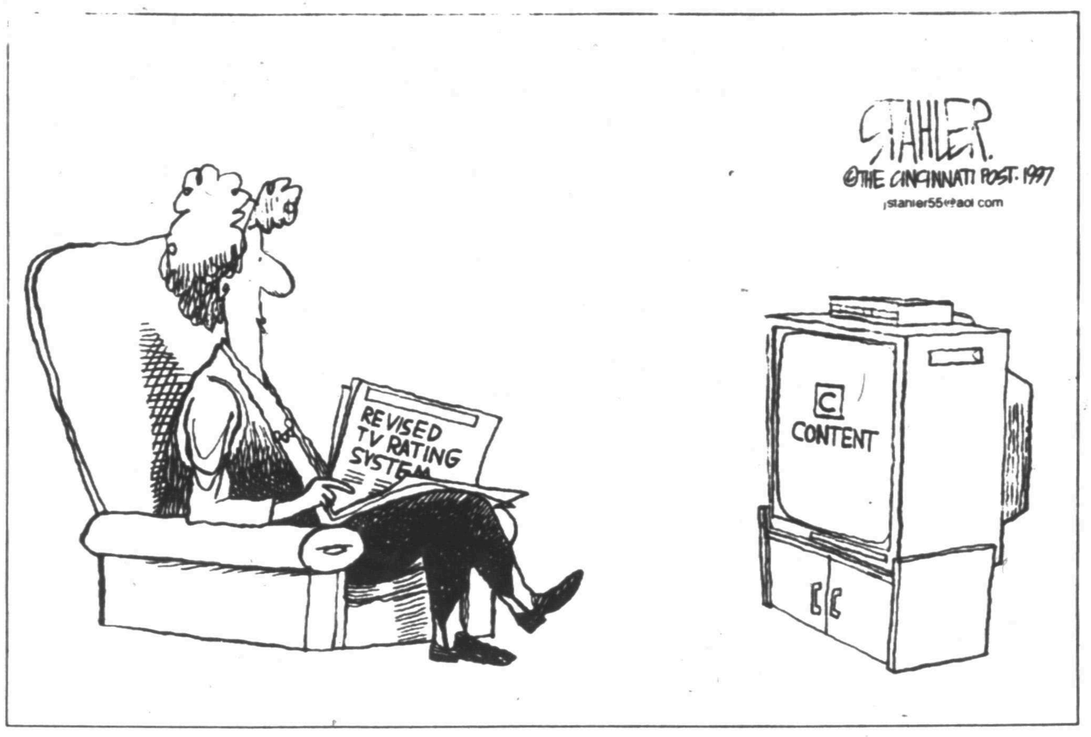
"They all boil down to I-want," Saintly mused. "No one orders a prayer that says, 'God how marvelous!' or 'You're simply divine.' It gets very depressing hearing all those I-wants and Give-mes."

Perhaps we are looking too hard for the answers to our prayers. There is one prayer that always works and answers all our needs.

Happiness, as we all know, is not a matter of getting everything we want. It is a matter of being with someone we love who loves us in return. Love is often all it takes to lift whatever burden we are carrying.

So the prayer that puts us in touch with God as the beloved friend and companion of our lives may be the only prayer we need.

If someone offers to sell you that prayer, buy it.



Maintaining control over fear



Deanie Francis Mills

It isn't very often that I use my space to recommend a book, but considering all the alarmist TV news reports lately on all the bad guys out there lurking behind every corner waiting to jump out and get us, I have to pass on to you guys a jewel of a book — probably the most fascinating and instructive book I've ever read — called "The Gift of Fear: Survival Signals that Protect Us from Violence," by Gavin de Becker.

Gavin de Becker runs a very high-profile security business in L.A. Not only is he an advisor to the stars on matters of personal protection, as well as major worldwide corporations and law enforcement agencies, but he has also been consulted by the likes of the CIA and the United States Secret Service for his expertise.

His book is written in a conversational, inviting tone, and it is clear that he knows what he's talking about in more ways than one; because de Becker himself grew up in a very violent home. (He says when his family moved out of one house, there were nine bullet holes in it.)

De Becker concedes that this is an uneasy age and that many of us are afraid to walk about alone in such places as big cities or dark streets or underground parking garages. Family violence, murderous workers on the job, abusive babysitters, and stalking exboyfriends or husbands dominate the news and leave us feeling helpless and paranoid. But de Becker does not believe that it is necessary for us to carry this fear around with us like a psychological backpack. He maintains that we all possess the best weapon for self-protection of all: our own intuition.

He describes "intuition" as, "the journey from A to Z without stopping at any other letter along the way. It is knowing without knowing why."

De Becker demystifies intuition, explaining that many times our brain "sees" quicker than the eye and sends warnings to our central nervous system that we may not understand, or that we ignore. The biggest enemy of intuition, according to de Becker, is judgment. He defines judgment as "the ability to disregard your intuition unless you can explain it logically," and adds, "everything your intuition communicates to you is meaningful."

So what is a typical messenger of intuition? De Becker lists 13: nagging feelings, persistent thoughts, dark humor, wonder, anxiety, curiosity, hunches, gut feelings, doubt, hesitation, suspicion, apprehension, and finally, fear.

De Becker analyzes the difference between fear and worry. "The very fact that you fear something is solid evidence that it is not happening," he points out, and maintains that "what you fear is rarely what you think you fear — it is what you link to fear."

For example, a woman gets on an elevator and at the next floor, a man gets on with her. She is afraid the man might attack her. He is not attacking her now, but she is afraid he will. She fails to take into account that he pushes a button different from her own, that he stands a comfortable distance apart from her, that he does not look at her, and that he betrays no nervous mannerisms. She should deduce from those body language signals that she is in no danger and has nothing to fear. Even more importantly, her intuition is giving her no warning, so her fear is groundless.

De Becker explains that worry is a choice, and that we do it because it serves us in some way. Like the woman who is always the last to leave her office building and is afraid to walk out to her car alone. De Becker explains that the simplist solution would be for her to leave a little earlier each evening and walk out with a friend, but that she refuses to do so because her self-identity is that of a conscientious worker. To leave earlier, she fears, would make her seem lazy.

Worry, he says, is the fear we manufacture. When we feel real fear, he says, we should listen to that warning from our intuition, but when we don't feel fear, we shouldn't manufacture it.

All the panic-driven news reports of violence do not help, de Becker says. In a way, it victimizes us. The TV-news people have taken fear and learned to market it. "It becomes impossible," says de Becker, "to separate the survival signal from the sound bite."

But de Becker doesn't just educate us about our intuitions; he devotes a full chapter apiece to the following very real problems: how to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations such as parking garages; how to spot a potential stalker — and how to get rid of one; how to interview babysitters and weed out the abusive ones; how to keep from hiring a troubled employee — and how to diffuse a potentially violent work-related situation; how to predict teen violence; understanding and dealing with celebrity stalkers; and what to do in extremely hazardous situations which may require professional security measures.

He also includes a long list of help-giving resources at the end of the book.

"The Gift of Fear" is chock-full of little slogans, like "Men who cannot let go choose women who cannot say no," and "If a man hits a woman once, she's a victim; if he hits her twice, she's a volunteer." (Please don't misinterpret that last one; the chapter on domestic violence is rich with sympathetic understanding and very excellent suggestions for help.)

But my favorite quote in the book is one from Mark Twain: "I have a great many troubles," said the great humorist and author, "but most of them never happened."

Editorial comment

Bilingual education

The El Paso Times

Children should be encouraged to learn a second language. In the Southwest and along the U.S.-Mexico border, Spanish should be a requirement. The same could be said of the French language near the Northeast border with Canada. The North American Free Trade Agreement and the new global economy demand a bilingual, bicultural education for people to succeed in the job market.

Congress emphasized the goal ... when an appropriations committee voted to increase funding for bilingual education programs. ...

While learning English is an imperative for living in the United States, multilingual fluency is becoming increasingly common, not to mention practical.

Postage increase

The Houston Chronicle

The U.S. Postal Service, which has been in the black for three years now, wants permission from the independent Postal Rate Commission to increase the price of a first-class stamp by one cent to 33 cents.

If approved, the proposed increase for its first-class mail monopoly would provide the Postal Service with an additional $1 billion a year and be used to subsidize both third-class mailing and "express mail" service that directly complete with private-sector businesses such as United Parcel Service and Federal Express.

We don't see why the one-cent increase on first-class stamps is necessary at this time. It will pose an additional cost burden on people and small businesses.

We certainly don't believe it should be used to wage a price war against private-sector delivery services such as Fedex and UPS, which pay taxes and employ tens of thousands of people. And that's not to mention the subsidization of third-class "junk mail" which, in effect, is coming at the expense of people writing letters and paying their bills through the U.S. mail.

The Postal Service's stamp hike request is not justified. The Postal Rate Commission will be doing the public a favor if the request is left undelivered.

Education program

The Galveston County Daily News

President Clinton has the right idea for fixing the problems of inner-city and rural schools. He has offered $350 million in teacher incentives to bring quality teachers to schools that are having problems with student performance. Most of these schools are in poor, predominantly minority areas.

In the past, schools have solved performance problems by busing children to better schools outside their area. Rather than move the kids, why not fix the problem?

Clinton proposed this plan to the NAACP and the National Association of Black Journalists. The NAACP is supportive of Clinton's effort toward education although the group has in the past backed school desegregation by busing. The issue which both busing and recruiting teachers hits on is the fact that the standards that the poorer children are exposed to must be improved.

We believe that busing children to other schools just ignores the problem. There's no reason that children should have to go to school miles from their homes.

We must better train our teachers and focus on the need for these teachers to teach in these inner-city schools. Many teachers may not want to work in poorer neighborhoods because of higher crime rates or just lack of convenience for them. However, we must keep in mind that education is the key to leaving welfare or crime behind. If the schools are poor, then we can't give those kids a fair chance for a better life. And if the teachers are not motivated to teach, then we can't expect the kids to be motivated to learn. And if the kids aren't motivated to learn, then we can't expect them to achieve beyond a high-school education.

Clinton's proposal toward education is a step in the right direction. We must get to the source and save the schools that we have already.

Letters to the Editor

No justification

Dear Editor:

I've been listening to TV accounts of an "accidental shooting" in Lubbock in which a 12-year-old boy was shot.

Six months ago on Feb. 17, 1997, Michael Fennell was "accidentally shot." The boy in Lubbock wasn't killed but Michael was.

Reports are the Lubbock police will file charges against the shooter, probably against the victim and a possibility of charges against the gun owner. This causes me to wonder now, as I did six months ago, why no charges were filed in the shooting death of Michael. I know the circumstances are different but should we allow our children to kill with impunity with no consequences to face.

It seems that everytime one child shoots another it becomes an "accidental shooting." I can't equate aiming a gun at someone and pulling the trigger as "accidental," especially when the shooter admits loading the gun.

If my bitterness shows through, it's because I am Michael's grandmother.

Juanita Fennell

Helpful hand

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago, my husband and I were on our way to New Mexico. We broke down about 20 miles out of Snyder.

We must have been in a blind spot, our mobile phone wouldn't get out. Here we were with 2 dogs along the road and it was hot.

Along came a truck belonging to Amoco Oil, and driving it was a wonderful and caring man named Sam. He stopped to see what he could do. He had a mobile phone and called a company named Davenport Car Clinic my husband told the gentleman what was wrong. He got the part and brought it to us. What a surprise when the charge was very reasonable. How lucky Snyder is to have these citizens living there.

Thank you,
Al and Rose Barton
Alvarado, Texas

Descendants

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate it so much if you will print the following query in your newspaper. I am attempting to contact some of my husband's family, or their descendants, who may still live in Snyder or the Snyder area, who may have researched his family or who could help me in my research of his family's history.

I am searching for information of descendants of William Robert Preston, born 1839, in Illinois or Kentucky, died 1919 in Red River County, Texas.

His first wife was Olivia Gibson. Their son was William Oscar Preston, born 1869 in Arkansas when the family was en route to Red River Co., Texas. After the death of Olivia, William Robert married Jessee Estelle Holt in 1888, in Red River Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Thomas Holt and Nannie Wilmot Simmons Holt.

Their children were: Robert Crutcher; Eugene Wilmot (Jack); father of my husband Roy Garland Preston; May Preston Browning; Oscar Ewell; Veda Preston Harless Eastman; Uda Preston Nokes Jolly; Ruby Lois (died in infancy).

Jessie married E. T. Pruitt after the death of William Oscar in 1909. Their daughter, Tommie Pruitt Prather lives in Plainview, Texas.

Also, I would like to contact descendants of Ursula Josephine Logan White and John Wesley White, parents of Lucy O'Neilia White Preston, wife of E.W. (Jack) Preston; and mother of Roy Garland Preston, my husband. I met Andrew Logan and his family in 1950. I remember his daughter, 'Babe' Logan Miller and 'Sis' Logan ?.

He was probably the brother to Ursula Logan White because my mother-in-law, O'Neilia, called him Uncle Andy.

Anyone who reads the query and can help with names, birth/death dates, places of birth/death, marriage dates, children's names, etc., please write to me at 610 Moore St., Blossom, Texas, 75416 or call 903-982-5598.

Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Roy Garland
(Louise) Preston
Blossom



Texans celebrate 50th anniversary of Mormon journey

PORT NECHES — John Rappleye had a couple of advantages over his Mormon ancestors when he built a wooden handcart like the ones they pulled on the 1,000-mile journey to Utah 150 years ago.

Rappleye got a blueprint for the cart by looking it up on the Internet. And when he built the cart, he plugged in his power tools.

Amid the conveniences of modern life, the Rappleye family of Port Neches is striving to understand what it was like for pioneers to load all their belongings into a cart and pull it to the frontier in an exodus from religious persecution.

"When we went to Colorado, we put everything we needed for two weeks into that big van," Denice Rappleye said, nodding toward the van before turning back to the handcart. "I don't know how we could do it for three months with that cart."

A few hundred Mormons sought to relive the experience, riding in horse-drawn wagons and pulling handcarts from Omaha, Neb. to the Salt Lake valley. Their three-month journey ended Tuesday.

Thursday, they joined Mormons worldwide celebrating the 150th anniversary of the day Brigham Young arrived in the valley and declared, "This is the right place."

"It's a very exciting time," said Marshall Hayes, the president of the Beaumont stake for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hayes, a physician, and his wife went to Utah so they could see the trail riders arrive this week in Salt Lake City.

"They were energized again, but you could tell that their skin had been burned by the sun, and they had lost a lot of weight," Hayes said. "There was just a good feeling when they entered the valley."

In Southeast Texas, Mormons have kept track of the trek in other ways. The Rappleyes have used a computer site that gives a day-by-day account of the journey. And John Rappleye, an engineer for the Clarke refinery, built the handcart that poorer Mormons used to make the overland crossing in pursuit of religious freedom.

Rosemary Powell of Groves has tuned in each Sunday to the Odyssey cable channel for a show that recaps the past week's progress. It's not hard, she said, to feel like she's watching the original journey.

"There are beautiful vistas of Wyoming prairie, and the mile and a half train of wagons," she said. "It's pretty amazing."

For the original pioneers, the beauty of the open plains also contained the risk of death. From 1847 until 1869 — when the transcontinental railroad gave Mormons a safer mode of travel — more than 70,000 believers started the 1,000-mile journey. About 6,000 died before reaching Utah, which then was Mexican territory.

In 1856, almost 250 of the 1,000 Mormons traveling to Utah with handcarts in tow were killed when a snowstorm trapped them in Wyoming.

Dale Jones, a weatherman for KBMT-TV Channel 12, and his wife, Joyce, have been marking the sesquicentennial by reading accounts from the early pioneers, including ancestors of Joyce Jones who survived the 1856 trip.

A family history recounts how the daughter of James and Eliza Hurren suffered such a severe case of frostbite that a doctor urged amputation of her legs to save her life.

"This little girl didn't walk a thousand miles to have her legs cut off," James Hurren responded.

In time, the daughter, Mary, recovered, walked again, and had children, the family history says.

Now a worldwide religion, the early Mormons went west because no state in the union at that time would give asylum to the faith's believers. In Missouri, the governor issued an order in 1838 calling for the "extermination" of Mormons.

Robert Rappleye, 16, said when Mormons celebrate the 150th anniversary of Brigham Young's arrival, he will feel a "little bit of pride" that he has ancestors who made the overland passage at risk to their lives.

Fugitive athlete sentenced to 16 years for '86 rape incident

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Eleven years after he fled the country to avoid a rape trial, a former high school wrestling star was sentenced to 16 years in prison for an attack on a 16-year-old neighbor.

Alex Kelly, who wept when he was convicted last month, stared straight ahead and looked numb as the sentence was handed down Thursday. He was also given 10 years' probation and fined $10,000.

Kelly, 30, was denied bail while he appeals his conviction and awaits a second rape trial set for September.

Kelly spent eight years on the lam in Europe, hiding out mostly in chic ski resorts. He surrendered in Switzerland in 1995 as authorities closed in on his whereabouts and his passport was about to expire.

Judge Kevin Tierney said the case was not about Kelly's flight from justice.

"This case is about a 16-year-old girl who lost her innocence on a February evening and the traumatic effect it had on two teenagers and their families," Tierney said.

Kelly could have been sentenced to 20 years for raping Adrienne Bak Ortolano, who went public with her identity as Kelly's victim a week after his conviction. She said she was attacked when she accepted a ride from Kelly after a party.

She urged Tierney to impose the maximum sentence.

"I have been living in constant fear since I was 16 years old," she said at the sentencing hearing, her voice breaking and tears rolling down her face. "I may look OK, but inside I'm not OK. I will never be OK."

Kelly, too, choked up as he addressed the court.

"I know it was wrong to run," Kelly said. "I know I should have stayed and lived up to my responsibilities. I apologize to the court and especially I apologize to Mrs. Ortolano."

Kelly did not admit raping Mrs. Ortolano but said his "perception may be different" from hers. "I never meant to hurt her. I realize now that I did hurt her," he said.

Kelly was an 18-year-old wrestling star at Darien High School when he was charged with raping two girls four days apart.

His first trial ended in a hung jury in November.

Kelly's mother, father and fiancee watched as he was led from the courtroom in handcuffs. He mouthed to them, "Bye. I love you."

Telemarketers won't get numbers from AOL

NEW YORK (AP) — With its stock plummeting and angry customers revolting, America Online backed off its plan to provide subscribers' phone numbers to telemarketers.

The plan also would have given telemarketers — hawking everything from vacations to long-distance service — demographic profiles and buying habits about the online service's 8.5 million subscribers.

It came to light Thursday morning, with AOL saying its members would benefit because they would get discounts on popular products.

But during the day, privacy advocates called the plan an invasion of online privacy, particularly since AOL previously told subscribers it wouldn't give out phone numbers.

Members swamped AOL's toll-free lines to complain, and New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco blasted the plan. Wall Street also blanched, pushing down AOL's stock more than 4 percent before it recovered somewhat on news of the company's change of heart.

While publishers routinely share information with telemarketers, critics said AOL would be pushing the limits by distributing phone numbers without consent.

After retreating Thursday, AOL, based in Dulles, Va., said it might instead use its own employees to make telephone sales pitches. The company already rents outs its members' names and addresses to marketers.

The retreat did not force AOL to renegotiate its contracts with telemarketers and it will continue to give other marketing information to the partners, AOL spokeswoman Tricia Primrose said.

In exchange for helping to promote their products, AOL is receiving $50 million from CUC International Inc. of Stamford, Conn., and $100 million from TeleSave Holdings Inc. of New Hope, Pa.

Public records

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Oil Dynamics Inc. to Weatherford U.S. Inc., three acres in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

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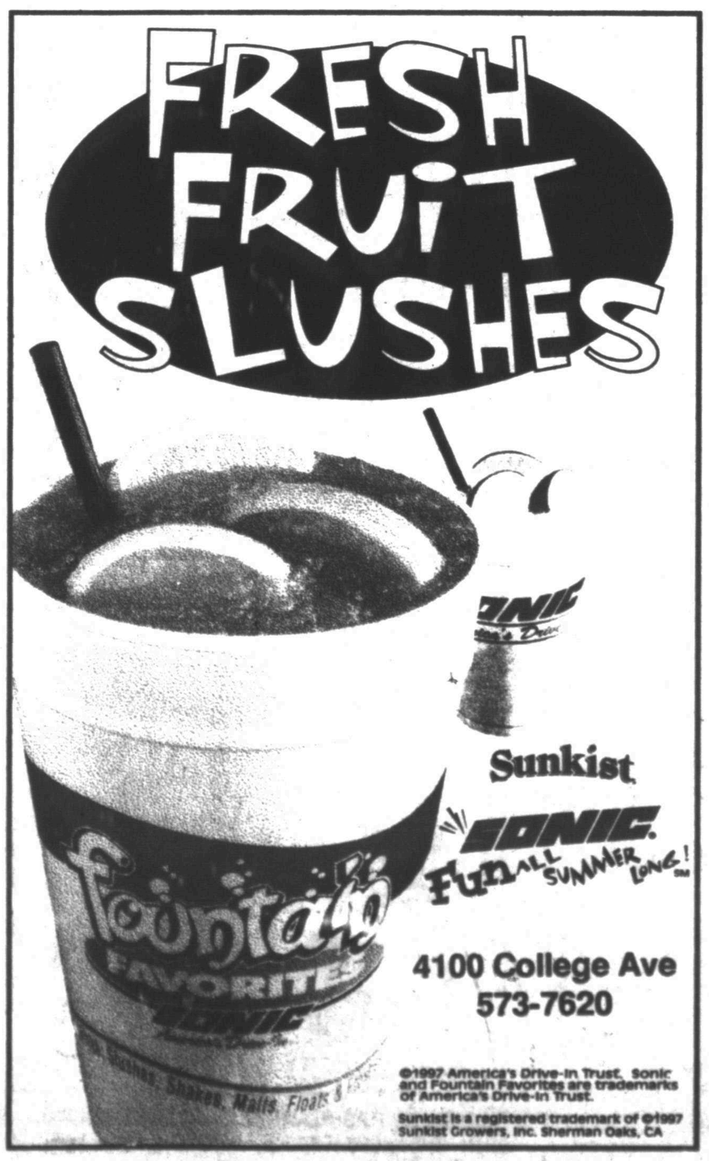
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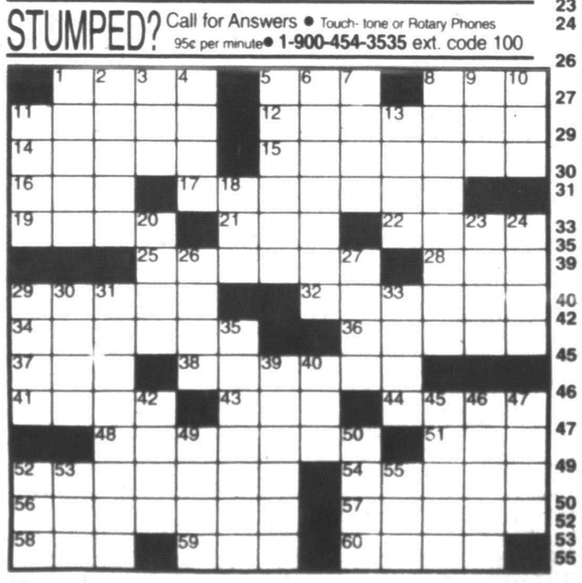
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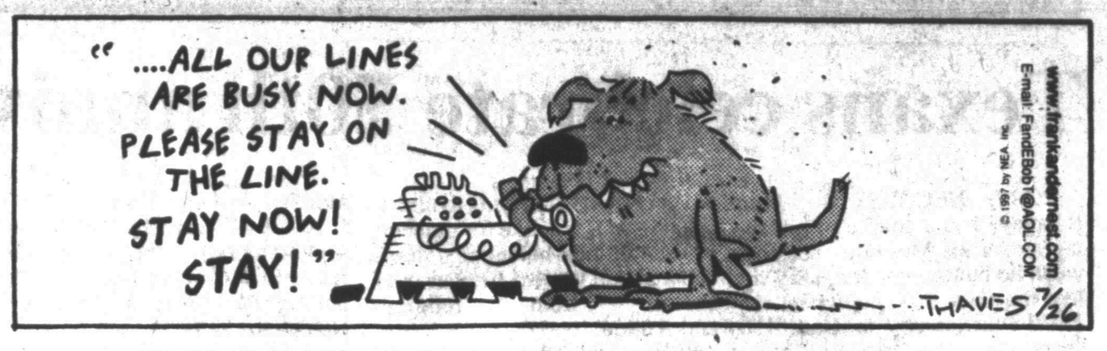
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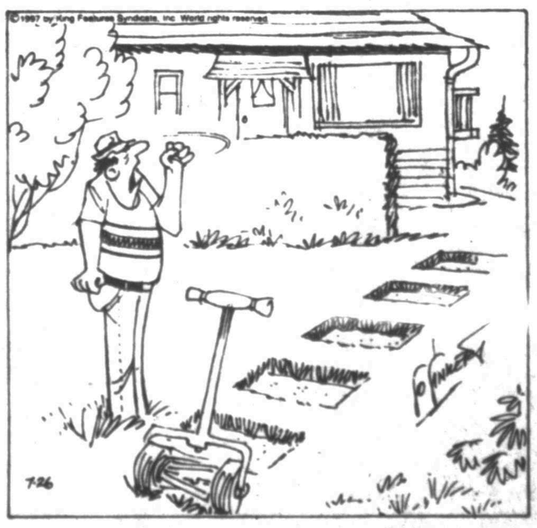
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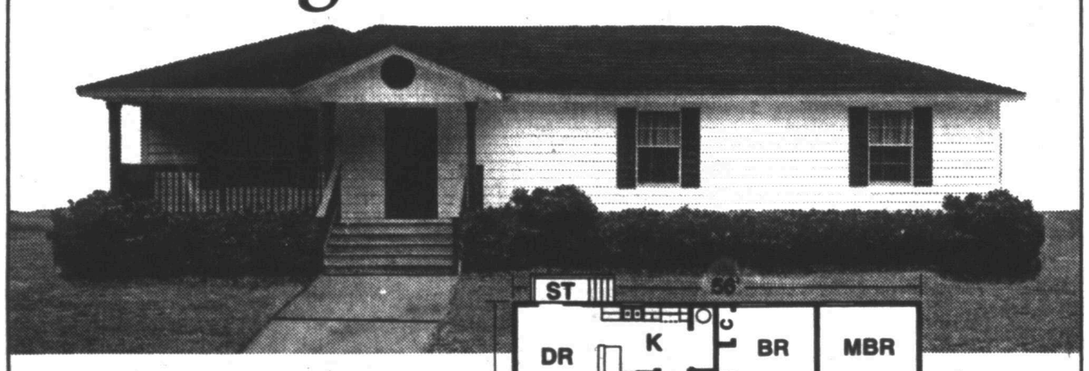
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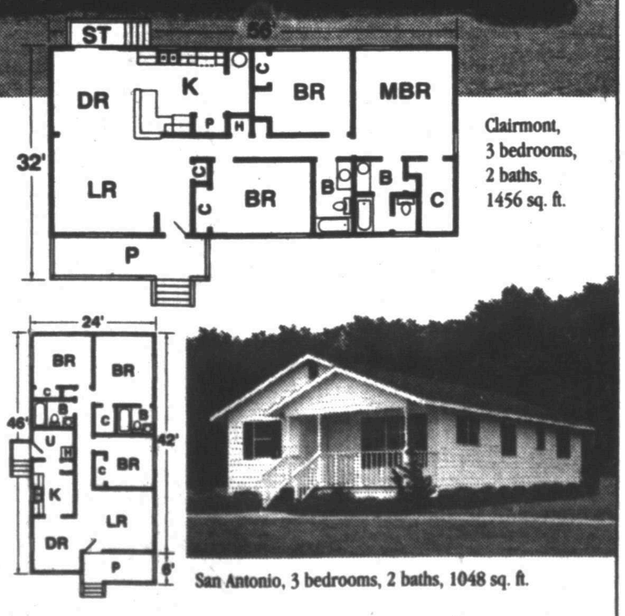


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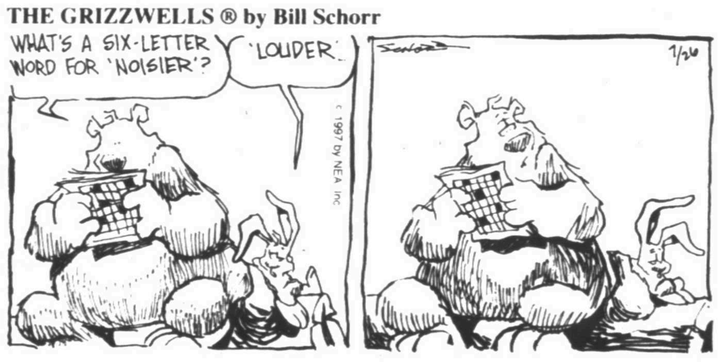
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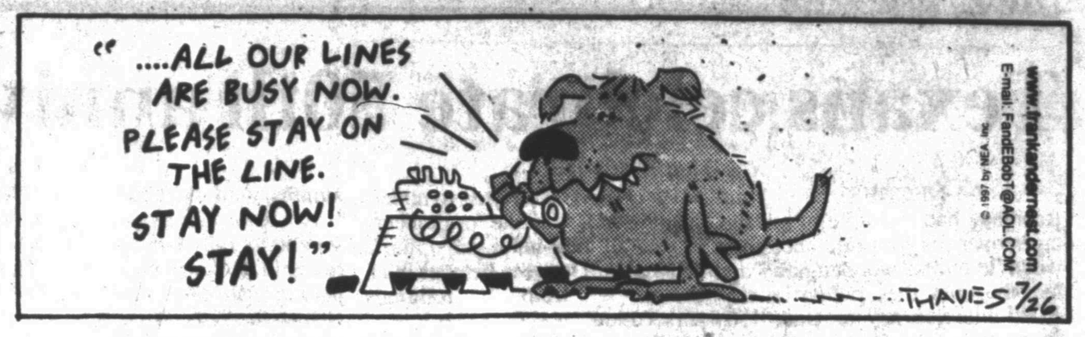


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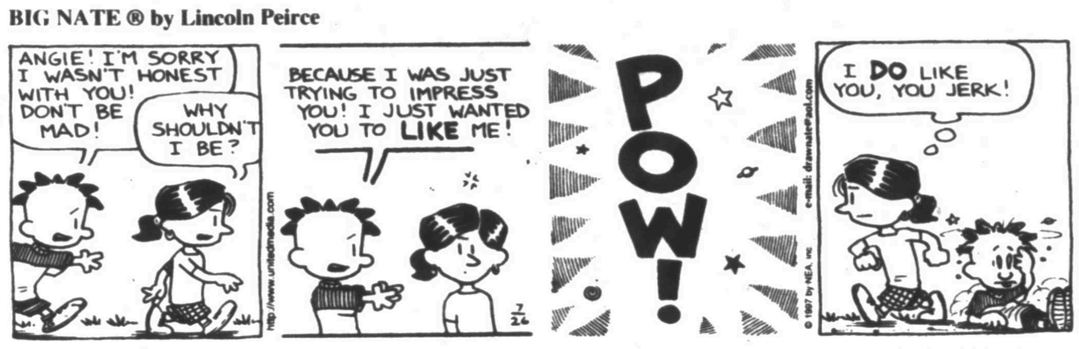
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28 Type of sauce
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38 Antenna
41 Napoleon's island
43 — de mer
44 Ore vein
48 Snubs
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52 Work on a cartoon
54 Actor Kevin —
56 Gives
57 Roof edges
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60 VP's superior

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2 Gown material
3 TV accessory
4 Unit of illumination
5 Cast a side-long glance
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8 Scribes
9 Brit. Navy abbr.
10 Sight organ
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23 Plant part
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26 Genus of olive trees
27 List of persons
29 Actor MacLachlan
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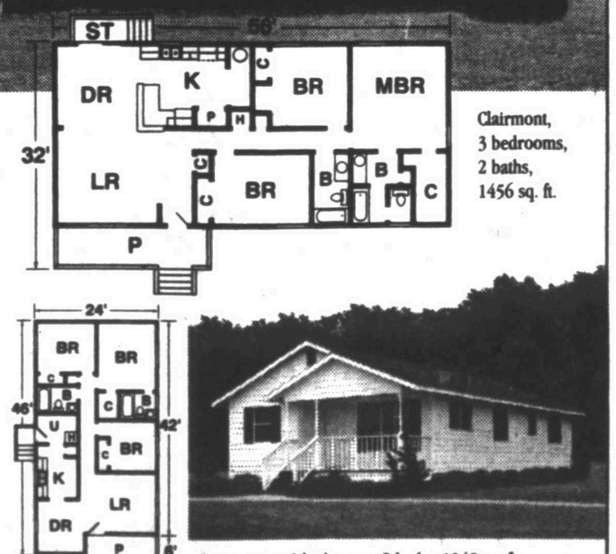


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"But let me praise (Jeff Reecer) and St. Mary Hospital. I believe they saved our hospital eight years ago. We are not negotiating with Community Health Systems on the possible lease of the hospital because of anything Reecer or St. Mary has done wrong. Just as I think St. Mary was good for us then, I think Community Health will be good for us now."
...County Judge Ricky Fritz, June 17 1997

CAN YOU REALLY TRUST POLITICAL DOUBLE TALK?
VOTE NO!!!

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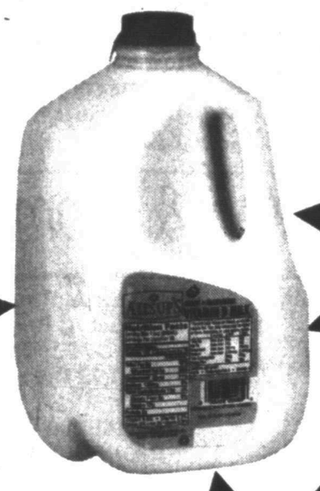
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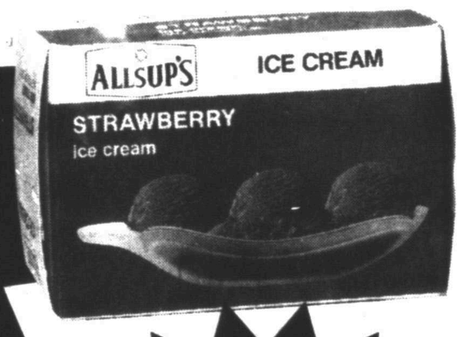


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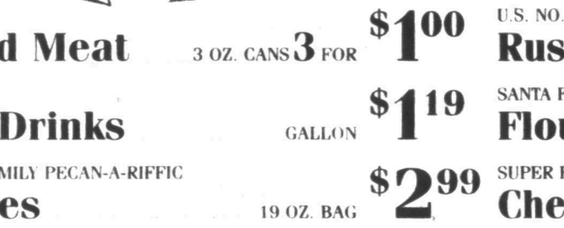
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