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As the cleanup begins...

Sparkle begins to shine through

Snyder's road to the return of "Sparkle City" kicked off Saturday morning at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce as volunteers gathered for coffee and donuts before heading out to various work sites.

The project, known as Focus On Cleaning Up Snyder or FOCUS, will continue every Saturday and Sunday through April 24.

"We're here to do a job and we're not going to mess around," said Neilda Word, one of eight volunteers at a Snyder home Saturday morning.

The idea behind the campaign is to return Snyder to the same status that it enjoyed as one of the nations Sparkle Cities back in 1967.

"This is something that Snyder really needs," said Vicki Shroyer, executive director of the chamber. "Snyder is a wonderful place and we really want that reflected to the people who visit us."

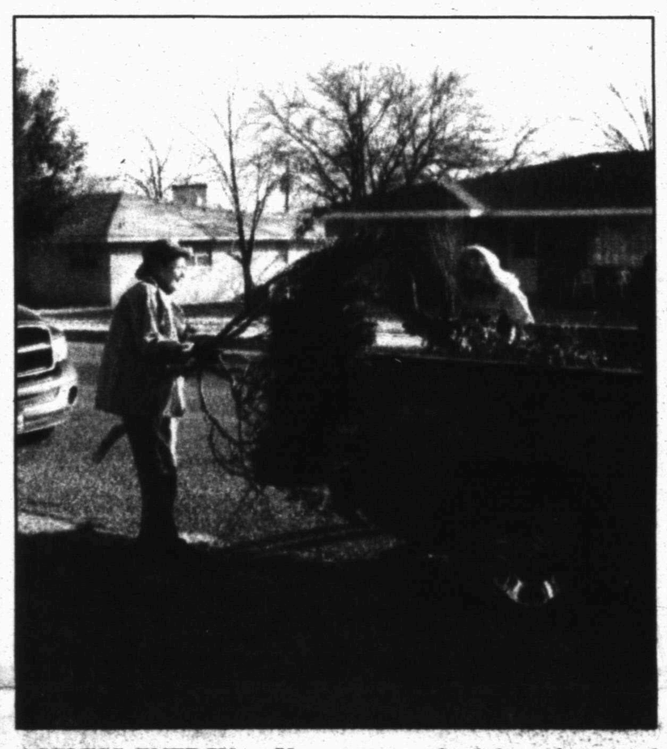
The Snyder police department also will be working in conjunction with the chamber on FOCUS by enforcing city ordinances and state law regarding junk vehicles.

City officers will canvas the city looking for vehicles that are in violation. A "red tag" will be placed on any vehicles that are not in compliance.

The red tag gives notice that the owner of the vehicle has 10 days to remove the vehicle from the city limits or get the vehicles into compliance. The owner is subject to a fine not to exceed $200 for each day the vehicle is not in compliance, and the vehicle could be towed.

Residents also are urged to form neighborhood cleanup projects.

Anyone needing more information about cleaning a property or becoming a volunteer with FOCUS is asked to contact the chamber at 573-3558.



AGELESS ENERGY — Youngsters and adults volunteered to be part of the Snyder clean up day on Saturday. Stephanie Wallace (left) was eager to help, as were Neilda Word and Kerry Holt (above). (SDN Staff Photos by Annie Rowe)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The only thing that could slow the aging process is to assign it to a committee."

All the pictures we remember of George Washington shows him as a pretty somber individual. He didn't have the smile required for a successful politician today.

He probably knew that were gonna eventually mess with his birthday.

However, we figured ole Martha might have caught him in a lie, but a little research reveals a down-in-the mouth truth.

The reason he never looked happy and never flashed a wide grin was his teeth. His mouth was said to be a mess.

Historians say the first president's dental problems began when he was in his early 20s. Frequent episodes of inflamed gums and abscessed teeth were followed by years of tooth extractions, beginning at age 24.

At that time, specialized saws, files, hammers, chisels and hand drills were the dentist's tools of trade - often inflicting more pain than relief.

During the next 30 years, Washington sought help from a variety of dentists and tried several sets of clunky, ill-fitting false teeth.

Then one dentist made him a set of uppers and lowers from hippopotamus teeth. The teeth made Washington's lips protrude, impeded his speech, made eating difficulty and caused pain that sometimes required strong medication.

Washington got new chompers just in time for Inauguration Day, teeth taken from fresh cadavers.

The president remained self-conscious about the way the dentures contorted his face. His dentist finally fixed his dentures to suit him, for $15, but sent back a note scolding the president on his oral hygiene.

The doc wrote that his "teeth were very black...either by his soaking them in port wine or drinking it." The president was advised that if he continued to drink wine, put in an old pair while sipping.

In response to Washington's concern about an even shade of tooth color, the dentist advised, "If you want your teeth more yellower, soak them in Broth or pot liqueur, but not in tea or acid."

Washington may not have been gleeful, but lots of folks who got President's Day off from work last week were all smiles.

Volunteers hope air museum will bring visitors to Snyder

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Don't ask John Rogotzke why Snyder and Scurry County need an air museum, unless you have the time to be educated. He will be happy to explain the intricacies of the history of aviation for as long as it takes.

"The airplanes and mobile equipment that we currently have on display are a true slice of history. And the displays that we have planned will eventually knock the socks off anyone who visits," said Rogotzke.

Rogotzke, along with a handful of volunteers, has transformed the old hangar at Scurry County Airport into a useful center for meeting the needs of the Scurry County Pilots Association and the Caprock Chapter of the Texas Air Museum.

The Texas Air Museum began with a 12x16-foot wooden building with plastic models. It has grown to include five hangers in different locations throughout the state with eight outdoor restored and displayed military aircraft.

"The Scurry County Airport is the finest airport of its size in the state. It's a gateway for Snyder that will bring lots of visitors. It's very important that we develop this to its full potential," he said.

The airport's hangar is undergoing an extensive remodel that includes a new meeting room and temporary quarters designed to serve as accommodations for visiting corporate pilots.

"We believe that by making such a facility available it will draw more business from out-of-town," said Rogotzke, adding that the remodeling work has been the result of numerous volunteer hours.

"The work that has been done on the hangar has been 100 percent volunteer. We've had over 650 hours logged, and we still have about 300 more hours to finish the project."

Seeing the dream through to fruition is the main goal for Rogotzke and museum member Bruce Stewart.

"We need volunteers to help out," said Rogotzke "It's as simple as that. Everything that had been done so far has been from a group who cares about the museum. We need anyone interested in the project to help carry it through."

"And we want anyone interested in volunteering to know that any amount of time that can be donated is great. If they want to work for an hour and then look at the displays for an hour, that's fine with us," added Stewart.

Donations to the Texas Air Museum are tax deductible and Rogotzke is looking to fill a list of items for the museum.

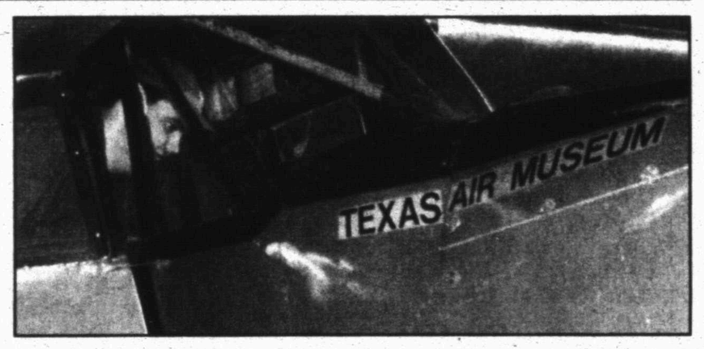
"Most of the items we have in the museum have been donated. We've been given some display cases that will need to be sanded and refinished. We need more of those display cases and the physical labor to help get all this in order."

The necessity of completing the hangar and museum is the Fourth Annual Fly-In on June 19 sponsored by the Scurry County Pilots Association, Texas Air Museum and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to attend the event, which will include breakfast, entertainment and hundreds of different types of modern and antique aircraft.

"The fly-in will be fun for everyone, not just pilots. There will be so much to see and plenty of food and entertainment," said Rogotzke.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer at the Texas Air Museum are asked to contact Rogotzke at 573-2069 or Stewart at 573-8019.

"It's very rewarding to be a part of this," Stewart said. "You really get out of it what you put into it."



A BIT OF AVIATION HISTORY — Cory Cochran, a volunteer at the Texas Air Museum, checks out the interior of an antique Taylor Craft L-2 on display at Scurry County Airport. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Early voting starts Monday

Early voting for the March 9 primary begins Monday and continues through March 5 in the Scurry County courtroom.

Voting hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In the only local contested race, Megali Bernal and Jana Young are on the Republican ballot for Scurry County tax assessor-collector, a post vacated by Diana Williamson who chose not to seek another term. There is no Democratic candidate.

Also on the GOP ballot without an opponent is Terry Williams who will oppose incumbent Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey, a Democrat, in November.

Incumbent Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer, a Republican, has no primary opponent, but will be opposed in November by Democrat Susie White.

Incumbents not drawing opponents are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman, all Republicans, and Sheriff Darren Jackson, a Democrat.

State Rep. Scott Campbell, will not have an opponent for the Republican primary but will be opposed in the general election by Jeri Slone, a rematch of the 2002 general election.

Campbell is from San Angelo while Slone lives in Christoval.

Vying for the U.S. 11th District post on the Republican ticket are Mike Conaway of Midland and Bill Lester of Brownwood. The Democratic candidate in November will be Wayne Raasch.

As a result of redistricting, Scurry County is now in the 11th District.

Pupils face TAKS tests

The state-mandated Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test (TAKS) will be given Tuesday in the Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

TAKS writing will be Tuesday for grades 4 and 7, and TAKS reading for grades 9.

The TAKS English Language Arts also will be Tuesday for grades 10 and exit level.

In the Snyder school district, the TAAS writing exit level re-test also will be given Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the TAAS exit level math test will be given at Snyder High School, and Thursday, the exit level reading test also will be given at SHS.

Senior students currently enrolled in Snyder High School who have not shown mastery on one or more portions of the TAAS are eligible to take the re-test.

ASK US

Q-When are the precinct and county conventions?

A-GOP chair Drew Bullard said precinct conventions will be held after the polls close March 9. The county convention is March 27. Chairman Jerry Gannaway said Democrats have not set their dates.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Bridgette Thompson...

...is a life-long resident of Snyder. She is married to Paul A. Thompson III and they have three sons: Brian,12, Blake, 10 and Brent, 8. Her mother is Beth McDaniel who teaches at Hermleigh. Bridgette's hobbies are her kids, shopping, hanging out with friends, playing cards and reading.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you can't imitate him, don't copy him.

—Casey Stengel

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SJHS to present *Oklahoma*

Snyder Junior High School drama and choir students is presenting *Oklahoma* at 7 p.m. Saturday and Tuesday in the school auditorium. Tickets are $4 per person and may be reserved by calling the junior high office.

Ritz Theatre tryouts

Auditions for *On Golden Pond*, the spring production at the Ritz Community Theatre, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the theatre on the south side of the square. Cast requirements are four men and two women. The popular comedy is a touching, funny love story of spirited elderly couple and the relationships with their daughter, her fiance and his teen-age son. Call Ellie Dryden at 573-9739 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Significance of the Resurection," followed by "He Was in the Beginning with God."

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656.

AARP meeting

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Ann Smartt will give the program.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

SEEKING THE VOTE —District 11 congressional candidate Mike Conaway, a Republican from Midland, and his wife Suzanne visited the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Friday for a brown bag lunch. (SDN Staff Photo)

4 SMU students expelled

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University has expelled four students who were involved in hazing that seriously injured a student and has permanently banned their fraternity from campus.

A University Judicial Council appellate board ruled Friday that Cornelius Smith, a senior, and juniors Brandon Perry-Russell, Ekbert Parker and Byron Sanders violated SMU's code of conduct. Braylon Curry, a pledge with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, went into a coma in November after being forced to consume large amounts of water.

It was the first time that the council had moved to permanently bar a fraternity from the Dallas campus.

Jim Caswell, SMU vice president of student affairs, told The Dallas Morning News that the council's actions emphasized that "those responsible for hazing incidents will be held accountable."

Representatives of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the chapter's national organization, said earlier they planned to revoke the SMU chapter's charter.

The students who were expelled were among 12 people at an off-campus apartment Nov. 15 when the hazing incident occurred. Curry and another SMU fraternity pledge were forced to drink gallons of water and hot sauce and were struck with wooden paddles.

Curry, a junior, went into a coma after consuming large quantities of water in a fraternity initiation ritual.

Passenger accused of lying to FBI

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — An investment banker accused of making a phone call that triggered the diversion of a Morocco-bound jetliner was charged Friday with making false statements to the FBI.

Zubair Ali Ghias told investigators he phoned his family after boarding the plane Thursday to say he had been kidnapped in Chicago by Arabs who forced him to travel to New York and board the plane, according to an FBI affidavit.

Ghias, 27, who had been reported missing Monday, eventually admitted making up the story, saying he made the "rash decision" to "get away from everything" after getting into a fight with his wife, the document said.

Yolanda Clark, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration, said her agency learned while the Royal Air Maroc flight was still in the air that "a male passenger phoned his wife from the plane and stated he was going to blow it up."

FBI spokesman Ross Rice, however, said there was no terrorist threat against the flight, which was diverted to Bangor about four hours after it took off from New York. Ghias told the FBI he did not identify his kidnappers as terrorists when he called his family.

The plane left for Casablanca again Friday and landed there safely.

Ghias was ordered held without bail pending a hearing Monday in federal court. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison, federal prosecutors said.

A second man detained from the flight was identified by a federal immigration official as Ahmed Bhiksi, a Moroccan who was in the process of being deported from the United States. Paula Grenier, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman, would not say why Bhiksi was being deported.

He left the plane with the other passengers while Bangor police searched for a bomb, but he was detained after he balked at getting back on, Grenier said.

Bangor police Sgt. James Owens said Ghias and Bhiksi were seated together on the plane, but Grenier said it was coincidence that the men were on the same flight.

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According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the 10 foods that are consumed the most in the United States are fresh milk, potatoes, beef, sugar, canned vegetables, fresh fruit, pork, chicken, eggs and citrus fruits.

NASA's Spirit rover digs in; Opportunity travels on Mars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA scientists got another look beneath the surface of Mars after the rover Spirit dug a trench in the martian soil Friday, while its twin, Opportunity, prepared to examine a rock dubbed "El Capitan."

The upper few inches of the martian soil were being studied by instruments on each rover's arm for evidence of water, which would suggest the dusty, frigid Red Planet could have been hospitable to life at one time.

Spirit, working in a crater, used one of its six wheels to create a trench 2.8 inches to 3.1 inches deep. Spirit had to work twice as long as Opportunity did earlier, when it dug down 3.5-3.9 inches into loose sand on the other side of the planet.

"The soil at (Spirit's) location was apparently firmer than at Opportunity's site," said Jim Erickson, mission manager for Opportunity, during a teleconference from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Spirit was to use its instruments to study the wall and bottom of the trench for two days.

Data from Opportunity's trench showed that the soil in the walls was different from that on the surface. Scientists said that sand grains in the wall appeared to be cemented together, a process that can occur when water vapor moves between the atmosphere and soil just below the surface.

Before its martian day ended, Opportunity made a final trench observation with a spectrometer and then stowed its instrument arm and made its longest drive yet, about 50 feet.

Opportunity was to study a rock named "Stone Tablet" and an area of soil, while also doing remote sensing of "El Capitan," which, unlike its towering namesake in Yosemite National Park, is probably about as high as a street curb. It was to then drive the remaining third of a yard to the rock.

Studies of "El Capitan" with instruments including the rover's rock abrasion tool, will occur over several days.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
06-08-17-23. bonus ball 29.
Match 4 + bonus ball: 0, $250,000.
Match 4 numbers: 10, $1,197.
Match 3 + bonus ball: 35, $42.
Match 3 numbers: 1,043, $19.
Match 2 + bonus ball: 631, $20.
Match 1 + bonus ball: 3,940, $7.
Match bonus ball: 6,886, $5.
The estimated jackpot for Tuesday's Texas Two Step drawing is $300,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
04-11-17-29-32
Match 5 numbers: 0, $0.
Match 4 numbers: 173, $403.
Match 3 numbers: 5,322, $9.
Match 2 numbers: 50,696, $2.

Mega Millions

The five numbers and the mega ball drawn Friday were: 1-30-21-20-13 mega ball: 24.
5 white balls + gold mega ball: 1, $230,000,000.
Texas winners only listed below:
5 white balls: 6, $175,000.
4 white balls + gold mega ball: 12, $5,000.
4 white balls: 998, $150.
3 white balls & gold mega ball: 941, $150.
2 white balls + gold mega ball: 13,101, $10.
3 white balls: 44,610, $7.
1 white ball + gold mega ball: 69,941, $12.
Mega ball: 117,20: $2.

Pick 3
(Day) 5-5-5
(Night) 9-1-3

Why woman abandoned two of her babies remains unclear

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenisha Berry worked in a day-care center and seemed to be a loving mother to three of her young children.

But the Beaumont woman is heading to Texas' death row for killing a newborn who was linked to her last summer after she dumped another baby in a ditch.

Authorities continue to wonder why.

"That whole aspect of the case was rather cloudy — as to why she actually did it," prosecutor Wendell Radford said Friday, a day after Berry, 26, was sentenced to death.

Authorities have wondered whether Berry was trying to make sure the father of the three children she was raising — born in 1994, 1996 and 2000 — never knew she had children with two other men.

Another possible motive prosecutors considered was that Berry didn't like the fathers of the two infants she abandoned, Radford said.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department detective Debbie Beavers made the connection between the two abandoned newborns.

After the infant girl was found alive in a ditch in June, tipsters told police that Berry might be the mother. During questioning, Berry acknowledged that she abandoned her daughter and said she had thrown some evidence from the birth at an apartment complex trash bin — where the infant boy had been found dead in 1998.

"That has always been my number-one question for her, and she never would answer it," Beavers said. "Still today, she would never tell anyone why."

The infant girl who survived still has scars from hundreds of ant bites she suffered before a passer-by spotted her, Radford said. The baby remains in the custody of Child Protective Services while Berry's three other children are cared for by relatives.

Berry will become the ninth woman awaiting lethal injection in Texas. Currently, there are 447 inmates on Texas' death row, prison spokesman Mike Viesca said.

During her trial, Berry told jurors she found her newborn son dead just three days after his birth and became frightened, her defense attorney Ronnie Cohee said Friday.

She placed duct tape over the baby's open mouth and taped his arms to his chest because they were outstretched and stiff, then disposed of the body, Cohee said.

HOME HEALTH TEAM– Front row: Gina Lee, Billing; Terry Stahl, RN; Wanda Kenner, RN, Director; Dot Newstater, HHA.. Middle row: Brenda Harris, LVN; Donna Hall, RN; Dedra Driggers, RN; June Raines, LVN; Jo Schooler, LVN. Back row: Jeff Mason, PT; Jennifer Wells, OT; Cheryl Haggerton, RN; Karen Walker, RN; Linda Reynolds, Office Coordinator; Loretta Lee, ST. Not pictured Cindy Nachlinger, Clerk; Veronica Coy, HHA.

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One ticket wins $230 million jackpot

ATLANTA (AP) — One person captured a $230 million jackpot Saturday, becoming the biggest winner in the Mega Millions game history.

The winning ticket, purchased in Stephens City, Va., matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball number to win the 11-state jackpot — the world's eighth largest.

Lottery officials waited early Saturday for the winner to come forward.

Ticket sales for the Mega Millions game had reached a fever pitch Friday as would-be millionaires around the country bought chances to win, despite the bleak odds of one in 135,145,920, according to the Mega Millions Web site.

The numbers drawn Friday night were: 1-13-20-21-30, and the Mega Ball was 24.

There were 56 second-place winners, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball to win $175,000 each. And 209 people matched four lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number, for a payout of $5,000 each.

In Georgia alone, more than $1 million in Mega Millions tickets were sold Friday before noon, said J.B. Landroche, spokesman for the Georgia Lottery.

By midafternoon Friday, ticket sales in New Jersey had reached 500,000 per hour, said Virginia Bauer, executive director of the state lottery.

In Ohio, 12,722 tickets were being sold each minute, said Mardele Cohen, spokeswoman for the Ohio Lottery. Sales totaled $4.61 million by 5 p.m.

Lisa McGee, a lottery ticket saleswoman at a Detroit Rite Aid store, said her first sale of the day was for $102.

"They are coming in buying them $100 and $200 at a time," McGee said Friday afternoon. "It's only going to get worse."

In Chicago, Emilio Cundari said he normally spends about $10 a week on lottery tickets, but for Friday's Mega Millions drawing he bought $20 worth of tickets at a downtown convenience store.

"I feel my chances are pretty good," Cundari said. "And if I win, I'll buy an NFL team."

Lorine Clark of Hillside, Ill., bought tickets for herself and several co-workers Friday afternoon. Clark, who won $500 playing the lottery about 10 years ago, said she believes her chances for the jackpot are good.

"Of course I'm going to win. You have to think that way," she said. "If you believe it, hopefully it will come true."

The drawing, held at 11 p.m. Friday night, was moved from Atlanta to at New York City's Times Square. Lottery officials had been waiting for a high jackpot to hold the drawing in Times Square, Landroche said.

Some states had been disappointed in Mega Millions' results since its start in 2002. It hadn't produced a big winner like its predecessor, the Big Game, which holds the top two all-time lottery jackpots with a record of $363 million doled out in May 2000.

The Big Game became Mega Millions two years ago when New York, Ohio and Washington joined.

Mega Millions reached its previous high of $180 million last June.

States participating in the game are: Georgia, Virginia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas and Washington.

The next Mega Millions drawing will take place Tuesday, with the jackpot reset to $10 million.

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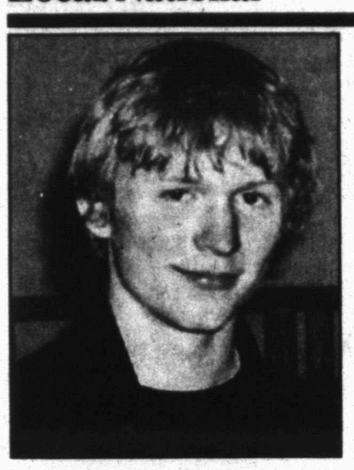


Sterling Millhollon

Millhollon performed with all-state symphonic band

HOUSTON — Sterling Millhollon, a senior band student at Snyder High School, performed with the Association of Texas Small Schools Bands All-State Symphonic Band last Saturday at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in downtown San Antonio.

Millhollon is one of 240 high school band students who earned a place on either the all-state symphonic band or all-state jazz band.

More than 7,000 band students auditioned in 20 different regions for a place on their respective all-region band. The top chairs (1,300 students in all) in each region advanced to one of the five area auditions held across the state.

The Texas Small School Bands met in rehearsals in the Scottish Rite Auditorium last Thursday through Saturday.

Kevin Sedatole from Baylor University in Waco was the clinician-conductor of the all-state symphonic band. The clinician-conductor for the all-state jazz band was Jim Keene from the University of Illinois.

Millhollon studies saxophones under the direction of Donnie Reston, SHS band director. This was Millhollon's first time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All-State Band.

His other interests include tennis and music theory.

Millhollon is the son of Jerry and Martha Millhollon.

Area students are on McMurry dean's list

ABILENE — Four Snyder students and one from Hermleigh have been named to the dean's list at McMurry University for the fall semester.

Recognized students include Jennifer Kae Roemisch of Hermleigh, a senior majoring in multidisciplinary studies.

Honorees from Snyder include Melinda Kay Langham, senior accounting major; Kurt Allen McMillan, senior accounting; Kimberly Laine Moore, sophomore in sociology; and Kayla M. Phillips, senior communications major.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Kara Lowery gets band scholarship

ALPINE — Sul Ross State University students have been awarded with scholarships totaling over $33,500 for the spring semester.

Kara Lowery of Snyder received a band excellence scholarship.

The state tree of Delaware is the American holly.

Mechanic charged with first-degree murder

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — An auto mechanic accused of killing a girl whose abduction was captured on a car wash surveillance camera was indicted on a first-degree murder charge Friday as prosecutors indicated for the first time they believe he raped the 11-year-old.

The state attorney's office separately filed charges of kidnapping and capital sexual battery against Joseph P. Smith, 37, assistant state attorney Dennis Nales said. Prosecutors declined to release details of the charge.

Smith is accused of killing Carlie Brucia, whose body was found near a church five days after she was abducted Feb. 1. Investigators have refused to say exactly how the girl was killed, except by "homicidal violence."

Nales declined comment on whether prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Smith, who's being held without bond in the Sarasota County jail.

Smith's public defender, Adam Tebrugge, said his client will plead not guilty at his arraignment scheduled for March 12. "We will thoroughly investigate the case and vigorously defend Mr. Joseph Smith," Tebrugge said.

Carlie was abducted around dusk as she took a shortcut behind the car wash while heading home from a friend's house. The digital video security system showed a man in a blue mechanic's uniform grabbing the sixth-grader's arm and walking her off.

The video images were broadcast on television news, and at least two acquaintances called police to say they recognized the man as Smith. He was arrested Feb. 3.

Carlie's body was found Feb. 6 about three miles from the car wash. Investigators say Smith told a jail visitor where they could find the body.

Smith is a drug felon and had avoided jail at least twice despite violating probation and has been arrested at least 13 times in Florida since 1993. Two cases involved attacks on women, but he was acquitted in one of the cases.

Heather Medrano to attend talent contest in Orlando, Fla.

Heather Mariah Medrano of Snyder has been selected to attend the Millie Lewis Acting, Modeling and Talent Competition June 29-July 5 at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Fla.

Medrano recently competed in an acting, modeling and talent search in Lubbock, where she performed in acting, modeling and dance categories.

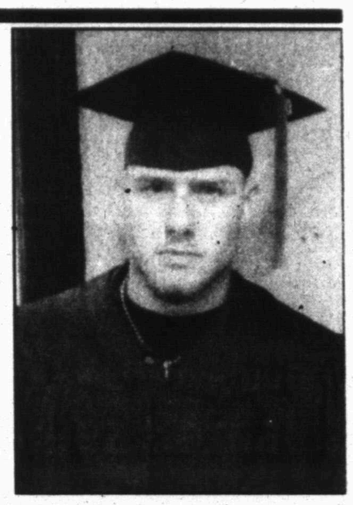
She is now attending classes in Lubbock to prepare for the Orlando competition, where she will perform before agents, managers and casting directors.

Heather, a member of Snyder Cheer Stars, also will attend a national cheerleading competition in Fort Worth on March 5-7.

The eight-year-old attends Central Elementary and enjoys playing softball, basketball and volleyball.

Heather is the daughter of Damian and Veronica Medrano and she has a sister, Maeghan Skye.

Heather Medrano



Justin Stokes

Stokes graduates

HOUSTON — Justin Heath Stokes graduated from Universal Technical Institute Jan. 30 with a specialization in diesel/industrial technology.

Justin, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, is the son of David and Darlene Stokes of Snyder.

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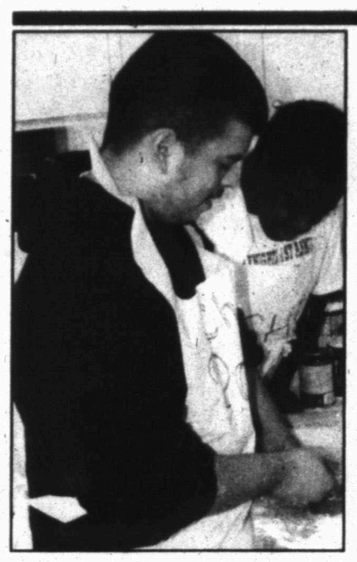
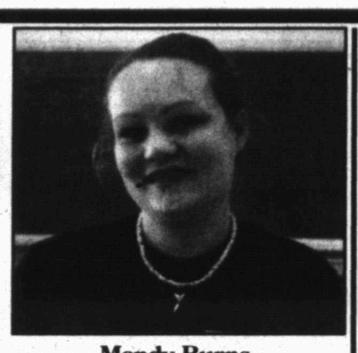


HONORABLE MENTION — Mandy Burns' honorable mention photo is of Adrian Hernandez and Demetrius Brandon in a cooking class last school year. (Contributed Photo)



Mandy Burns

Mandy Burns wins honorable mention for school photo

Mandy Burns, Snyder High School senior and photo editor for SHS Student Publications, has won honorable mention for a photo she submitted to the 2003 Jostens Photo Contest.

Thousands of images were submitted by high school, junior high and middle school photographers for various categories in the contest. This was the fifth year for Jostens to sponsor the contest, which featured a grand prize of $1,000 and first place prizes of $500.

Judges for the contest were Rol Mommer, a designer with Ontario, a photography and design studio in the Minneapolis area; and Mike Worswic, CEO of Wolfe's Camera, Camcorders & Computers, an independent retail store in Topeka, KS.

Burns' photo is of Adrian Hernandez and Demetrius Brandon in a cooking class last school year. The photo was published in "Gotcha Covered Look Book," a book with the winning photographs as well as a collage of 2002 yearbook layouts featured in Jostens yearbooks. This is Burns' second year to be a photographer for the *Tiger's Lair* yearbook and *Tiger's Tale* newspaper staffs.

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Financial Focus

Don't Follow Latest Investment "Fads"

Sometimes, it can be enjoyable to participate in the latest trends in music, food and clothes. But if you regularly follow the latest investment "fads," you might hurt your chances of achieving your long-term financial goals - and that's no fun at all.

Investment fads are nothing new. From the railroad boom of the 19th century to day trading and the Internet "dot-com" frenzy of recent years, we've always had fads. While the specifics of these fads vary, there's been one constant: people lose their skepticism and get swept up in market hype and euphoria.

What causes stock market fads to take off? In general, three factors seem to be responsible:

•**The thrill of it all** — Some people are risk takers — plain and simple. They want high returns from their investments and they're more than willing to take big risks to achieve these results. They are drawn to new developments in business and new ways of packaging investments. While this group might not be in the majority, it may have enough power to get fads going.

•**Social acceptance** — Once an investment fad has emerged, it attracts more and more people - even some who might not typically be prone to taking risks. Why? Because these investors perceive a fad and think that, if "everyone" else is following it, it must have some validity. In other words, the more people who buy a fad stock, the more acceptable it becomes for others to buy it.

•**Fast-rising prices** — Almost by definition, fad stocks are those whose prices rise rapidly over a relatively short period of time. And, of course, these rapidly rising prices will, in the short term, reward both the risk takers and the people who don't want to miss out on a "good thing." Sooner or later, fad stocks run their course, and their prices fall. And if these stocks truly lacked the proper fundamentals for success, they may never again attain their previous highs.

How can you avoid being hurt by stock fads? Here are a few suggestions:

• **Look for quality** — Instead of hopping after today's hot property or tomorrow's sure thing, you're much better off investing in high-quality stocks that may bear fruit next year - and for years afterward. Look for those companies with strong management, solid business plans, good track records and competitive products. If you're investing in stocks that have historically paid dividends, try to find those that have consistently increased these payouts over the years. Companies that regularly boost dividends are typically well run, with a strong concern for their investors.

•**Look for diversification** — Instead of going after the latest fad stocks, try to find others that best fit your need for a diversified portfolio. Remember, your holdings should reflect your individual risk tolerance, your time horizon and your long-term objectives.

•**Look for progress** — Most successful long-term investors follow a well-planned, personalized strategy, often developed with the assistance of a qualified financial professional. If you've got this type of plan, you generally know what sort of moves you need to make — and when you need to make them. But if you periodically deviate from your financial "road map" by going after investment fads, you could lose your way. And it could be expensive and time-consuming to get back on course.

So, when you're investing, forget about the fads. As an investor, you've got a lot to gain by being a little "old-fashioned."

Friend tells of search for morning-after-pill

DENTON (AP) — A woman who was attacked and raped got the emergency contraception she was prescribed by a hospital doctor, but only after visiting four different pharmacies.

Two pharmacies did not have the so-called morning-after pill in stock. Pharmacists at an Eckerd drug store declined to fill her prescription. She finally got the pills at a Walgreens store, hours after she left an emergency room.

The medication is at least 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse.

The woman declined to speak with The Associated Press, but a friend who drove her to the pharmacies spoke on condition that he remain anonymous to protect her identity.

The man drove her first to the Drug Emporium where she usually gets her prescriptions filled, but that pharmacist told her they were out of the medication. They tried a pharmacy at an Albertson's grocery store and got the same answer.

"At this point, my friend started breaking down," her friend said. "I finally went up to the pharmacist and said, 'Look, will you please find a pharmacy that does have this in stock so we don't have to drive all over creation?'"

The pharmacist sent them to an Eckerd store. The woman was so upset at that point that her friend went into the store for her, he said. About 25 minutes later, pharmacist Gene Herr asked the man to come up to the window.

He told him the store had the pills in stock, but none of the three pharmacists who were there would fill her prescription.

Senior Center News

Volunteers are asked to record all volunteer hours no later than Friday so that each of you will receive full credit. The Volunteer Recognition Banquet is scheduled for March 26th.

We are in constant need of volunteers for the meals-on-wheels program. Fifteen people are needed each day Monday-Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Citizens are asked to volunteer once a month, once a week, or as needed as a substitute. If you have any time to devote to this service, call the center at 573-4035 and ask for Glenda.

Transportation is available for senior citizens during the morning hours Monday-Friday. There is a daily route to and from the center and assistance for seniors who have errands. Call Valerie at the center to schedule rides.

We have access to the Travis gym for senior citizens who walk for exercise. The gym is just south of the center. Seniors should check in with Valerie in the center office to obtain the key to the gym. We also have treadmills and stationery bikes at the center.

We have a collection of books in the poolroom that seniors may borrow and return at their own convenience. We also have books in the hallway that seniors are welcome to take and keep.

Volunteers are in the process of forming a computer club. Those interested in participating should call Carla, Pam, or Valerie at the center. The day and time for meetings have yet to be scheduled.

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. in the bridge room and continues throughout the morning. Seniors may play Skip-Bo in the eighty-eight room beginning at 10 a.m. AARP members are encouraged to attend the noon meeting for lunch and business in the conference room of the Senior Center.

TUESDAY

The May Day crafts workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to help with this project for our fundraiser. Senior citizens may participate in eighty/eighty-eight beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the eighty-eight room.

All senior citizens are invited to join swimnastics in the Physical Education Building at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. The exercise class is lead by a volunteer with a lifeguard on duty. Call the center at for more information.

The Senior Center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance begins at 7 p.m.

There is a charge of $4 per person for the dance, but there is no charge for those participating in the games. The Prowlers will provide the music for the dance.

There is a refreshment break during the dance and seniors are welcome to bring covered dishes for potluck, chips and dips, sandwiches or desserts.

WEDNESDAY

Volunteers with the AARP organization will be offering assistance in filing income tax forms. They are available every Wednesday 9-noon & 1-3 p.m. Assistance is on a first come first serve basis. Volunteers ask that clients bring their 2002 income tax return in addition to the W-2 forms and other paperwork.

Ladies Pool begins at 9 a.m. A volunteer is available to help newcomers learn the game. Seniors may play bingo in the dining room 10-11:45. Join us at 1 p.m. for pinochle in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

Swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. is a low impact exercise program. The class and parking are free. The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Oaks from 10-11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available every day 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. All volunteer hours must be recorded.

Senior Menu

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Beef stroganoff
Hominy
Spinach
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Chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday
Chicken fried steak w/cream gravy
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Tossed Salad
Coconut Pudding

Wednesday
King Ranch Chicken
Harvard beets
Whole kernel corn
Broccoli/cauliflower salad
Peach cobbler

Thursday
Butter beans & ham
Turnip greens
Fried okra
Green onion
White cake w/chocolate frosting
Cornbread

Friday
Fried fish
Baked beans
Potato rounds
Cucumber/onion salad
Pineapple upside-down cake

Public Records

Marriage License

Jesus V. Medrano and Rebecca Capetillo, both of Snyder.

Christopher John Broadus and Jessica Marie Thom, both of Snyder.

Ronald Brown and Darlene Smith Harrison, both of Snyder.

Juan Hernandez and Berlinda Grace Gonzales, both of Snyder.

Israel Gutierrez Escamilla and Alexandra Marie Gutierrez, both of Snyder.

Ricky Dale Lynch and Desiree Ann Granato, both of Snyder.

Roy Edward Overton and Kimberly Dawn Burton, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Bradley "Smoke" McInroe, dba Big Al Oil and Gas, vs. Sharp Image Energy Inc., Sharp Image Exploration and West Texas Energy Services, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

G.E. Capital Consumer Card vs. Palmira G. Alonzo, default judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Joseph Michael Sickler and Susan Annette Sickler, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lora Dawn Lord and Bobby Wesley Lord, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Daniel Alexander Wells and Graciela Wells, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Rajeev Pravin Patel and Chhaya Rajeev Patel, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jim Bob Cline and Michelle Diane Cline, divorce granted.

Felipe A. and Yvonne C. Amarillas vs. Cobb Carpet Supply Co., agreed order of dismissal.

C&A Asset Recovery Inc. vs. Annda K. Soules and C&S Company, a partnership of Denis D. Chisum and John W. Soules Sr., final judgment for plaintiff.

Jane Wall and Susan Sargent vs. Tommie J. Mills, order of partial dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Lea D. Allison, et al, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Earl Henry McCann to David and Debra McCann, an 0.505-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

David and Debra McCann to Earl Henry McCann, Lots 1-5 in Block 17 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Sandra Kay McDorman to Weldon Thomas and Debra T. Mahan, Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Union Planters Mortgage to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 24 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Angela June Elledge, independent executrix of the estate of Margaret Jean Howell, to Staci Bollinger, dba SNAPS, a 30x171-foot tract in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Nina S. Martinez and Felix R. Martinez, attorney-in-fact for Alejandra R. Sosa, to Eva Sosa Aguirre and Felix Martinez Jr., Lot 4 in Block 10 of the W.T. Mandry's Addition.

Jose and Petra Jimenez to Jose Rosario and Maria Carmen Medina, the east 45 feet of the west 60 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 4, Block 27, Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Juan Sifuentes to J. Angel Sifuentes, Lots 12-14 in Block 34 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Mayzell Fenton to Jose A. and Jessie Leyva, Lot 1 in Block 55 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Juan Ornelas to Faustino and Daisy Ornelas, a tract being the southeast part of Block 1, Hatcher Subdivision of Block 8 in the Cody Heights Addition.

M.P. Herring to Israel and Frances Sandoval, the west 65 feet of a 1.524-acre tract in the northeast part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Moonlight Properties, Vernon Groce and Michael Nathan Groce to Billy Smith, the west 60 feet of Lot 2 in Block 35 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Billy D. Jones to Jack L. West, Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Monty Wayne and Varerie Dawn Key to Edward L. and Rebecca L. Brumley, Lot 7 of the North Bank Addition.

Nancy Elizabeth Dannheim to Edward L. and Rebecca L. Brumley, Lot 3 of the North Bank Addition.

Shirley Ann Casebolt to Kevin Eugene and Sherri Lynne Ashley, tract one being the west one-half of Lot 2 in Block 25 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition; tract two being the north 50 feet of the west one-half of Lot 3 in Block 25 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

The Jerld Smith Family Limited Partnership to Rodger and Doris Blackard, the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 51, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Vicki Shroyer to Fred E. and Pamela O. Gough, the north 70 feet of Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Lois E. Cave Revocable Trust to Lois E. Cave, tract one being 716 acres in Sections 89, 91 and 92 in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 320 acres in the west one-half of Section 89, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Be cautious about your attraction to your doctor

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm really crazy about my doctor. He is kind, gentle and handsome. Whenever I see him, my heart races and I can't breathe. This causes my blood pressure to rise every time he takes it. I'm very embarrassed about my feelings toward him. Is this common, and how can I stop the way I feel?

DEAR READER: This is common, understandable — and an open invitation to trouble. Ethically, doctors cannot become physically involved with their patients, so your physician should properly keep you at arm's length, while maintaining a caring professional attitude.

While you may not be able to control your feelings, you can control your behavior. And I urge you to continue to do so. It's OK for you to yearn for your doctor, remembering that he has a life of his own. Anything more than that would be inappropriate. A major part of being a responsible adult is to recognize your feelings but refuse to act on them unadvisedly.

I congratulate you on sharing your thoughts about such a personal matter. Now you must accept the reality that your attraction to your doctor must remain just that, an attraction only.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the options for treating an anal fissure? My doctor suggests surgery, but I'd like an alternative.

DEAR READER: An anal fissure is a crack in the tissues in a very sensitive area. If the crack is small, it will heal with time and local therapy, such as suppositories and warm baths.

In contrast, if the lesion is large, it may require surgical closure, a relatively inexpensive and uncomplicated procedure.

Judging from your brief comment, your doctor has put you in the latter category. Whether or not you have surgery will not affect your health, so such an operation is not a medical necessity. It can be put off.

Nonetheless, anal fissures can be very painful and often become chronically infected. Consequently, you may want to accept your physician's recommendation.

There is really no other specific therapy for a fissure — except to wait, keep it clean and hope that it heals.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why are the brown skin lesions on older people called "liver spots"? Does this mean that these folks have liver disease?

DEAR READER: The brown-pigmented spots that commonly appear on the hands and face as we age were once believed to be caused by liver disease. This is now known to be inaccurate.

Such blemishes, which are worsened by chronic exposure to sunlight, are merely age-related phenomena, like graying of the hair, that are not related to the liver. They are harmless and appear on everyone, sooner or later.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm responding to your recent letter from an 88-year-old woman who wanted to be relieved of medical attention when death was imminent.

Unlike your correspondent, I — as a registered nurse in an intensive care unit — can count on one hand how many times "overzealous" doctors have dictated a course of treatment for a patient who didn't want it or was facing imminent death. The concept of "life at any price" is usually the view of the patient's family.

A living will is crucial in these circumstances. I have watched more than a few patients suffer a long, painful and drawn-out death because their "loved ones" are unable to let go. Most family members feel guilty making such a decision or — worse — disagree with one another about what to do.

Dr. Gott, please encourage your readers to put their end-of-life issues in writing — or, at the very least, review their wishes with family members, caregivers and family doctors.

Death is an inescapable aspect of life and should be handled in a gentle, kind and compassionate way, with minimal discomfort and maximal dignity and respect for the patient.

DEAR READER: Thank you for your letter. I agree with you about end-of-life issues, but the system doesn't always work the way it should. Your experiences may be far from the traditional.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 73 and in good health. No allergies or serious illnesses. During my last checkup with my doctor, he urged me to have a pneumonia shot. I was not really in favor of it, but he insisted, so I got it.

That afternoon my upper arm swelled. By the following day, my arm was red and painful; I couldn't move it without discomfort. This progressed to a stiff neck and lasted three days. Fortunately, the symptoms resolved by day 4.

I am extremely disappointed in my doctor's recommendation. He has been my primary care physician for 11 years. However, my record certainly does not indicate the necessity of a pneumonia shot. Your comments, please.

DEAR READER: The fact that your record showed that you had not had the pneumococcal vaccine indicates that you needed it. I believe that you are being too hard on your doctor.

Although there are literally hundreds of causes of pneumonia — including bacterial, viral and chemical (to mention a few) — the Pneumovax injection protects against 23 of the most common pneumonia bacteria, a substantial advantage for most elderly patients. Therefore, I agree with your physician: the vaccine was appropriate.

I'm sorry that you had a local reaction to the injection. Such reactions are uncommon and, in my opinion, are a reasonable price to pay for pneumonia-prevention. I assume that your practitioner questioned you about any allergies, so your reaction was unexpected and unpredictable.

If I were you, I'd continue with your present physician. He seems to know what he is doing. However, you should feel comfortable questioning him about his decisions regarding your medical problems (or lack thereof).

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have nightly nasal congestion. When I go to bed, my nose is perfectly clear, winter and summer. However, during the night, one or the other nostril becomes plugged, which keeps me awake for an hour or more. I've used over-the-counter remedies but wonder if they are safe.

DEAR READER: Your pattern of nasal congestion suggests that you may have an allergy to something in your bedroom, such as feathers (in your pillow) or dust mites in your environment (especially under the bed). To sort things out, you should probably be examined by an allergist, who can test you for a variety of allergens and suggest therapy.

However, if you are as frugal as I am, you will probably reject that choice as being too expensive. In this instance, I suggest the following initial approach:

1) Change your pillow from a standard variety to a hypoallergenic type.

2) Meticulously vacuum under your bed to reduce the population of "dust kitties," the most common "home" for dust mites — tiny critters that live in dust residue and subsist on flakes of skin that we all shed daily.

3) Change from standard, nonprescription medicine to over-the-counter Claritin, an antihistamine that has recently come off patent and is now available without prescription.

If these simple approaches fail to solve your problem, proceed with an allergist — or ask your primary care physician for further suggestions.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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SPORTS

Crowned area champions...

Lady Tigers claim first playoff win in program's history

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Another challenge met and another trophy raised.

With an explosive offensive quarter to start the night, the Snyder Lady Tigers claimed the area championship Friday, topping Perryton 69-47 for their 26th win in a row.

It was also the first ever playoff victory for the girls basketball program.

"It's awesome — it's such an honor," senior Erin Burleson said of winning the first playoff win. "My sister played and there are a lot of girls here who played for Snyder. It's a privilege to be a part of this."

Burleson drilled six shots from behind the three-point line for a game-high 22 and Teddi Crenwelge scored 10 of her 15 points in the first seven minutes of the game to set the tempo for the Lady Tigers and set up a showdown with defending state champion Canyon in the regional quarterfinals.

Snyder hit eight from behind the arc in all, shooting at a high percentage and forcing Perryton out of their zone early on.

"We shot well the whole game," head coach Mike Martin said. "They are a zone team, but we forced them to come out of it."

The Lady Tigers got things kicked off with style.

After Perryton won the tip, Burleson converted a Terann Ragland steal into a three-pointer, then followed up another Ragland steal and assist to put Snyder on top, 5-0, in a game in which the Lady Tigers would never trail.

After Crenwelge made it 12-3 with a baseline jumper, Perryton reeled off a 6-0 run and it looked as if the game would be tightly-contested.

But Snyder responded with a 7-0 run of its own to push the lead to 10.

"We were ready to play," Crenwelge, who hit a three at the third quarter buzzer to give Snyder an 18 point lead, said. "In the second (quarter) they played hard on defense, but they backed off in the third."

Sirena Medrano scored eight of Snyder's 16 points in the second period, to help the team extend its lead to 12 by halftime. She finished with 14 points and five rebounds.

Rangerette post player Ashley Dyer made her presence felt in the second quarter, cashing in for six points and pulling down tough boards. She tallied team-high 16 points for Perryton.

"They did a good job moving us around in the second quarter," Martin said. "We came out in the third and did a better job of containing her. Ragland did a good job of handling the press and distributing the basketball."

The Lady Tigers also were more economical with their shots in the second half, taking charge by enforcing their pace upon Perryton.

Ragland and Medrano were both dervishes in defense, pestering their opponent and forcing Perryton into difficult and then desperate shots over the final eight minutes.

The crowd erupted at the final gun, concluding an evening of intense support that drowned out the Perryton crowd on the other side of the gym.

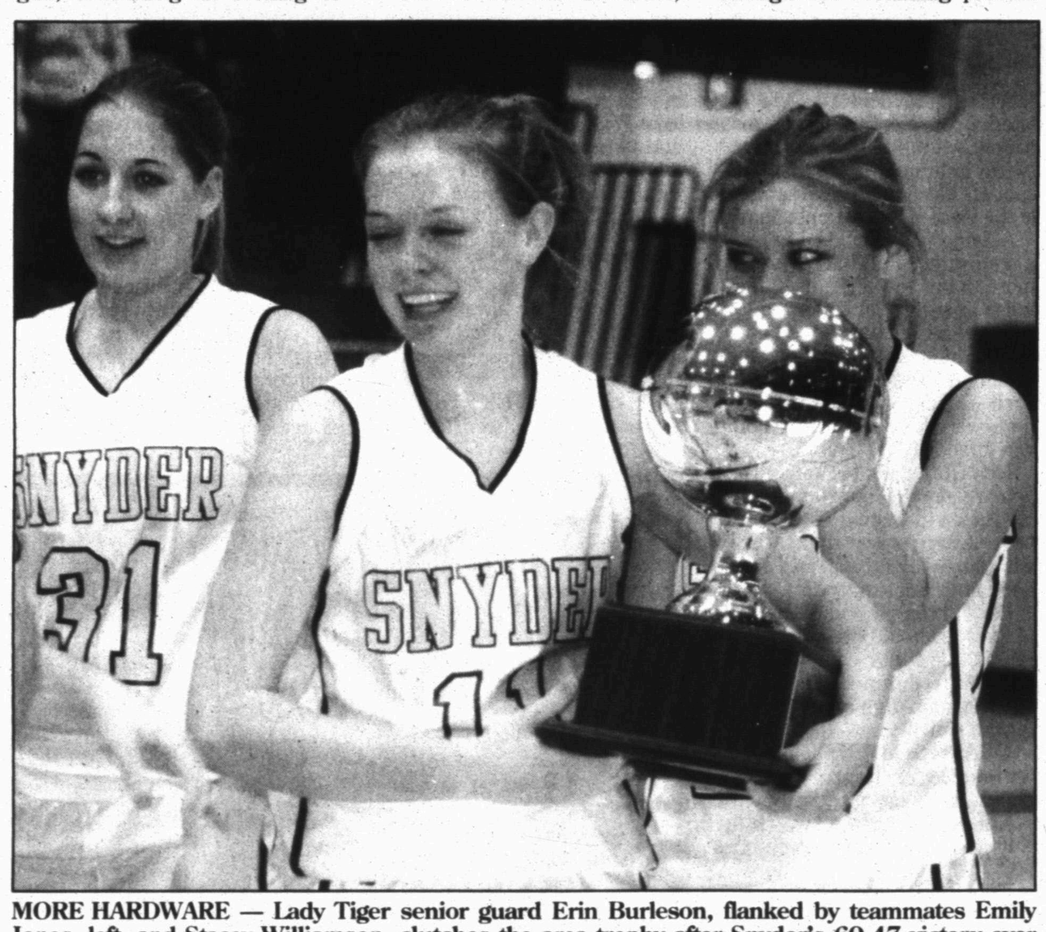
"The crowd was awesome," Ragland said. "It was a fun environment."

Burleson, who has gone through the rebuilding process with Martin since her sophomore year, said the victory was tremendous, not just for this team, but for the program.

"This was so important," she said. "I'm not used to winning like this. It was very exciting."

The girls were delighted by their performance, but insisted the euphoria would be replaced by renewed focus at Saturday's practice as the team gears up for the defending state champions at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

"We'll enjoy it for the rest of the evening," Crenwelge said.



MORE HARDWARE — Lady Tiger senior guard Erin Burleson, flanked by teammates Emily Jones, left, and Stacey Williamson, clutches the area trophy after Snyder's 69-47 victory over Perryton Friday. The playoff win was the first ever for for the girls basketball program, and sets up a regional quarterfinal showdown with defending state champion Canyon Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

NO PRESSURE — Sophomore Teddi Crenwelge passes out of trouble to freshman Terann Ragland late in the fourth quarter of Friday's 69-47 triumph over Perryton. Crenwelge scored 10 first quarter points. (SDN Staff Phot by Bobby Allen)

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

Wow.

The atmosphere was charged.

The Snyder crowd, full of familiar faces and also folks who were there for the first time, dwarfed the sparse collection of Perryton supporters and was loud, animated and on their feet with about 10 minutes to go — before tip-off.

The cheerleaders stretched a little bit longer and smiled just a little bit wider, the photographers triple-checked their camera settings and the anticipation traveled through the gym like an electrical current.

Amid all this, it would be easy to assume that the young Lady Tigers would be edgy and nervous.

Instead, the Baby Bunch came out like steely-eyed operatives, took true aim on the target and hit it center mass.

"No heroes," one of the Lady Tigers said after it was over, the scoreboard still reading 69-47 in favor of the area champions.

So, without naming names, we'll tell you that the senior leader made string music all night from behind the arc, serving warning from her very first shot that this night belonged to Snyder.

The freshman point guard dribbled circles around the poor girls assigned to defend her, heaving daring full-court passes and grabbing steals on the first two Perryton possessions.

The sophomore wing, so fundamentally sound, created space, making tough shots off the dribble and sinking clutch free throws.

The other sophomore forward took advantage of mismatches with the confidence of a gunslinger, scoring 10 of the Lady Tigers' first 18 points.

The sophomores and freshman at the post handled their taller and more experienced counterparts, hauling in tough rebounds and making crisp passes from underneath the basket.

The Lady Tigers emerged from the dressing room proud of winning the first girls basketball playoff game in school history, and rightfully so.

This improbable collection of talented, skilled, unselfish and very well coached young girls has enthusiastically scaled every mountain that has loomed before them this year.

And now they encounter the most difficult challenge any team can face — crossing the mighty Canyon, which boasts two handfuls of state championships and is appropriately regarded as one of the best basketball programs in the country.

"This was a total team effort," the same player said with that wide smile, and there was no doubting her sincerity or her joy.

What a season.

What a story.

Thanks, 11.

Pujols joins $100 million club

By The Associated Press

The St. Louis Cardinals are banking on Albert Pujols.

On the day they opened spring training, the Cardinals announced the slugger's $100 million, seven-year contract Friday.

"One of the best moments of my life," Pujols said during a news conference in Jupiter, Fla.

Pujols, 24, hit a major league-best .359 last season with 43 homers and 124 RBIs. The first baseman/outfielder led the big leagues with 51 doubles and was second to San Francisco's Barry Bonds in National League MVP voting.

"This deal not only recognizes Albert for his accomplishments over the past three seasons," general manager Walt Jocketty said. "But all along, we felt that it was important to retain a player such as Albert who came up through our farm system, and see to it that he remained a part of the club's nucleus well into the future."

Pujols was just the ninth baseball player to receive a $100 million contract.

"The money will mean something in a small way with my family, but it won't change the way I play baseball," he said.

Pujols was among several position players in camps around the majors, reporting along with pitchers and catchers.

Daly continues resurgence at Nissan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Daly is the center of attention again, this time for his golf.

Never mind that defending champion Mike Weir (64) and Riviera member Shigeki Maruyama (66) were tied for the lead halfway through the Nissan Open, or that their 36-hole score of 12-under 130 tied the tournament record.

Briny Baird shot a 62 Friday and hardly anyone noticed.

Tiger Woods made his 117th consecutive cut with ease by grinding out a 66, but most of the cheers resounding across Riviera were coming from two groups behind him.

"It was a 7-under-par round without any good breaks," Daly said.

It sounded much better.

One week after Daly ended a nine-year drought on the PGA Tour, the two-time major champion put himself into position in the Nissan Open with a 64 that left him only two shots out of the lead.

Everyone was talking about him, even his peers.

"Wasn't that amazing what John Daly did last week," said Scott McCarron, whose 65 put him one stroke out of the lead, along with Baird. "I was supposed to go skiing that day, and I canceled my ski trip to stay and watch the golf tournament. John Daly means a lot to golf."

The only record Daly set was most trips to the media center in one week — three in the last seven days. As usual, he was as entertaining as ever.

Daly said he weighed as much as 282, about which time there was a rumble of thunder as showers moved in.

Daly looked up at the ceiling of the white tent and said sheepishly, "I didn't lie."

This much can be believed: Daly is playing some of his best golf.

He was quick to note that it's only 36 holes, and he faces two more rounds on a course that could become more difficult with rain in the forecast on the weekend.

And while the guys he's trying to beat are all rooting for him in life, they have their own agendas.

Weir has never had much luck at Riviera, missing the cut three times. That changed last year when he got into a playoff with Charles Howell III and won on the second extra hole.

Weir's 64, buoyed by a 40-foot par save on No. 8, was his fifth straight rounds in the 60s at Riviera.

"I seemed to have figured this course out," Weir said.

Ditto for Maruyama, the Japanese star who has a home not far from Riviera and often strolls Rodeo Drive with his credit card handy. Still, he's never had much luck on this course, and was as surprised as anyone that he headed into the weekend with a share of the lead.

Lady Tigers' Basketball
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Cowboys look at Fair Park

DALLAS (AP) — A new Dallas Cowboys stadium proposal would replace the aging Cotton Bowl at Fair Park and return the team to the city that bears its name.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had earlier urged the construction of a retractable-roof stadium as part of a $1 billion, year-round entertainment development to replace Texas Stadium in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

"It is important that they come up with a project that dovetails with the city's agenda," Dallas Mayor Laura Miller said Friday. "They told me they are seriously interested in going to Fair Park."

Cowboys officials said they would study the option of building a Fair Park stadium, which would replace the Cotton Bowl where the annual Red River Shootout between The University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma has been held since 1929.

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James lights up Spurs

CLEVELAND (AP) — The odds of seeing Tim Duncan miss 19 shots were about as long for the Cavaliers as their chances of winning that Mega Millions jackpot.

Well, as they say, sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

LeBron James scored 32 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas made a key putback in the final minute and the Cavaliers caught Duncan on a rare off night, beating the San Antonio Spurs 89-87 on Friday.

The Cavs rallied from an eight-point deficit in the final 6:19 and survived a frantic finish to snap San Antonio's six-game winning streak and drop the defending NBA champions to 5-1 on their seven-game road trip.

"It felt like a playoff game down the stretch," said Cavs guard Jeff McInnis, who hit a crucial 3-pointer and two jumpers in the fourth to fuel Cleveland's comeback. "This was a big win."

After the final horn sounded, James ripped off his headband and fired it into the stands as red-and-gold confetti rained down from high above in Gund Arena.

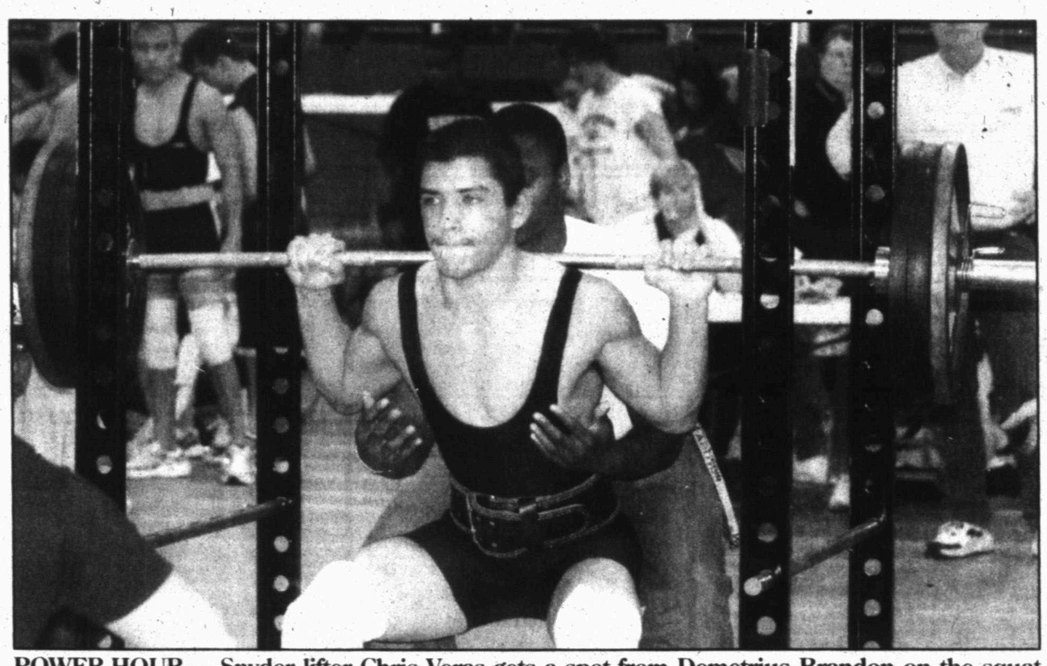
For one night, the Cavs and their fans got a taste of what the NBA playoffs are like.

Duncan scored 21 points, but the reigning two-time league MVP had an awful shooting night, going just 9-for-28 from the field.

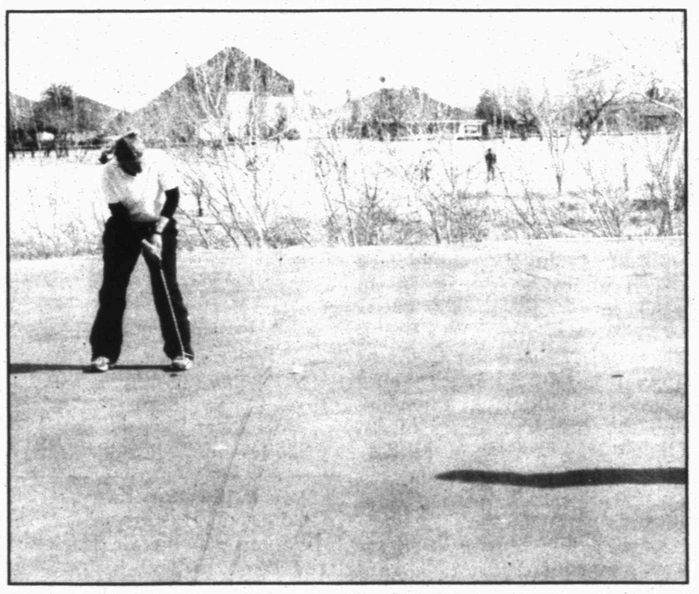
"I got every shot I wanted, wide open," Duncan said. "I just couldn't make a shot."

Ilgauskas made it tough on Duncan and added 16 points and 12 rebounds to help Cleveland win for just the second time in seven games — and finally beat a quality opponent.

McInnis finished with 15 points and eight assists for the playoff-dreaming Cavs.



POWER HOUR — Snyder lifter Chris Veras gets a spot from Demetrius Brandon on the squat during the SHS powerlifting meet at Scurry County Coliseum Saturday. Fourteen schools entered 138 lifters in the meet. (SDN Staff Photo)



SECOND ROUND — Shannon Mangis putts at the beginning of the second round Saturday at the Snyder girls tournament at the WTC golf course. Results of the tournament will appear in Monday's edition. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Henson prepares for gridiron return

HOUSTON (AP) — Drew Henson says he always felt more like a football player during his brief baseball career.

That feeling was reaffirmed this month when he left the New York Yankees organization then worked out for 20 NFL teams interested in acquiring him.

"It fits with me a little better being out here," said Henson, a star quarterback at Michigan who bypassed his junior year for a baseball career in 2001. "I get to be a little more athletic. I'll be able to be a little more emotional. I can really get after it. In baseball, I had to tone down my emotions. Here you can let it go a little bit."

Henson, 24, calls the switch in sports a change of heart. He rejects the notion his baseball career flamed out, although his bat never came around and he appeared to disappear from the Yankees' plans.

Whatever the reason, Henson gave up $12 million when he agreed to his baseball release and allowed the Houston Texans — who drafted him in the sixth round — to shop his services.

So how will he adjust after a three-year hiatus from football? He's sure to be rusty, but many who watched his Feb. 12 workout agree he has the skills to play.

Neil Stratton, who runs football Web site InsideTheLeague.com, broke down Henson's performance.

"Henson doesn't come completely over the top on all his throws with good three-quarters delivery. He seemed to drop his elbow at times when he was focusing on being especially accurate," according to Stratton's report. "This might have been due to nerves and the fact he was pressing a bit to impress the scouts."

Stratton graded Henson at a B-minus, though he agreed with Bills quarterbacks coach Sam Wyche that such a display merely proved Henson can make the throws required in the NFL. It showed little about leadership, mobility, handling pressure and other intangibles.

"When you see this much attention," Wyche said, "you're probably talking about a very good player."

Another quarterback who left baseball for the NFL agreed, but said there will be an adjustment period.

"It's going to be an adjustment mentally, but he did play at Michigan in front of 100,000 people on a weekly basis," said former Washington Redskins quarterback Jay Schroeder.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY	
Baseball:	SHS JV at Wylie, 4 p.m.
TUESDAY	
Basketball:	Lady Tigers vs. Canyon, Plainview, 6 p.m.
	Ira vs. Aspermont, bi-district, Post, 7 p.m.
Baseball:	SHS varsity at Wylie, season opener, 4 p.m.
	WTC at Hardin-Simmons, 3 p.m.
Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Pecos, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV vs. Pecos, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Softball:	WTC at Odessa College, DH, 1:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
Baseball:	Snyder JV in Snyder tourney
FRIDAY	
Baseball:	WTC at Howard, DH, noon
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
Golf:	SHS varsity and JV boys at Midland
	SHS JV girls at Sweetwater
	SHS varsity boys at Burleson
	SHS JV boys at Abilene
Track:	SHS at Frenship meet
SATURDAY	
Baseball:	SHS vs. Pecos, DH, 2 p.m.
	WTC at Howard, DH, noon
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
	WTC vs. Howard, DH, 1:30 p.m.
Golf:	SHS varsity and JV boys at Midland
	SHS JV girls at Sweetwater
Track:	SHS at Frenship meet

Sweetwater bounced by Muleshoe; Mustangs in

The Lady Tigers are the only representative from District 3-3A after third-ranked Muleshoe stopped the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs, 51-33, Friday.

After falling behind 12-11 after one quarter, Muleshoe outscored Sweetwater, 40-21, the rest of the way.

Kelli Rainbolt led the Lady Mustangs with 16 points.

Muleshoe moves on to play Tulia at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Christian University.

The Borden County girls won the area trophy in the Class A Division II playoffs, converting a three-pointer off a missed free throw to edge Whitharral, 33-32.

The Lady Coyotes will face Happy in the regional round at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Levelland.

The Sweetwater boys won their play-in against Seminole Friday, 35-26, and will play Kermit at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Howard College.

Sports Briefs

Groundhog Open

Scurry County Golf Course will host the Groundhog Open next Saturday and Sunday. Format is two-man scramble and cost is $80 per team, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Contact the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information or to register.

Payton, Claxton fined for fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers guard Gary Payton and Golden State Warriors guard Speedy Claxton were fined by the NBA for fighting.

Payton was fined $15,000 and Claxton $7,500 for an altercation during the third period of Wednesday's game.

Cabral named interim coach at CU

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Brian Cabral took over as interim head football coach at Colorado, pending the outcome of an investigation into a recruiting scandal that includes allegations of rape.

Cabral replaces Gary Barnett, who was placed on paid leave Wednesday night for criticizing the ability of former player Katie Hnida after she said she had been raped by a teammate in 2000.

Cabral played at Colorado and has been an assistant for 15 years. He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1999.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	33	20	.623	—
New York	26	30	.464	8½
Miami	24	32	.429	10½
Boston	23	33	.411	11½
Philadelphia	23	33	.411	11½
Washington	16	37	.302	17
Orlando	15	42	.263	20
Central Division				
Indiana	40	15	.727	—
Detroit	34	23	.596	7
New Orleans	30	24	.556	9½
Milwaukee	28	25	.528	11
Toronto	25	29	.463	14½
Cleveland	21	34	.382	19
Atlanta	18	37	.327	22
Chicago	16	39	.291	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	40	15	.727	—
San Antonio	36	19	.655	4
Dallas	34	20	.630	5½
Memphis	32	22	.593	7½
Houston	31	22	.585	8
Denver	32	24	.571	8½
Utah	27	29	.482	13½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	39	14	.736	—
L.A. Lakers	34	19	.642	5
Portland	26	28	.481	13½
Seattle	25	28	.472	14
Golden State	23	30	.434	16
L.A. Clippers	23	30	.434	16
Phoenix	18	39	.316	23

Friday's Games

Indiana 96, Washington 87
Orlando 102, Denver 98
Miami 125, Atlanta 92
Utah 92, New York 78
New Jersey 91, Toronto 72
Cleveland 89, San Antonio 87
Memphis 97, Phoenix 92
Minnesota 88, Detroit 87
Sacramento 91, Chicago 83
L.A. Lakers 116, Philadelphia 88
Portland 94, Golden State 93

Saturday's Games

Denver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at Toronto, noon
Cleveland at New York, noon
Utah at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 8 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	31	15	11	5	78	177	141
New Jersey	30	17	11	1	72	137	117
N.Y. Islanders	28	22	8	2	66	170	152
N.Y. Rangers	22	27	7	4	55	156	172
Pittsburgh	11	41	5	4	31	122	235
Northeast Division							
Toronto	33	16	9	3	78	176	152
Ottawa	32	15	8	5	77	198	130
Boston	30	14	11	6	77	160	141
Montreal	29	24	6	2	66	150	140
Buffalo	28	26	6	1	63	160	155
Southeast Division							
Tampa Bay	31	17	7	5	74	170	138
Florida	21	25	12	3	57	135	159
Atlanta	24	30	6	2	56	166	191
Carolina	18	27	11	3	50	113	148
Washington	19	32	7	2	47	142	183
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	35	16	8	2	80	199	142
Nashville	29	22	7	2	67	151	160
St. Louis	29	23	7	1	66	142	153
Columbus	17	31	8	4	46	124	169
Chicago	16	31	7	5	44	135	176
Northwest Division							
Colorado	32	14	10	4	78	179	137
Vancouver	32	19	7	3	74	175	142
Calgary	30	21	5	3	68	145	133
Minnesota	21	22	16	2	60	138	136
Edmonton	24	26	9	1	58	154	153
Pacific Division							
San Jose	29	16	11	5	74	157	130
Dallas	29	22	10	0	68	134	136
Los Angeles	22	17	14	7	65	159	159
Anaheim	21	24	8	8	58	135	159
Phoenix	20	23	14	3	57	151	171

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Friday's Games

Detroit 5, St. Louis 1
Florida 2, Pittsburgh 0
Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Dallas 5, Colorado 1
Phoenix 3, Columbus 2
Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, noon
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, noon
Calgary at Ottawa, 1 p.m.
Boston at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Calgary at New Jersey, noon
St. Louis at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 6 p.m.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION; **Juan C. and Erminia Garza**; I have surveyed the property located at **505 N. Ave. R**, (Lot 4, Block 5, Evancrest Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about March 11, 2004. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued,

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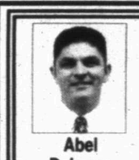

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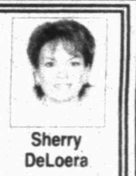

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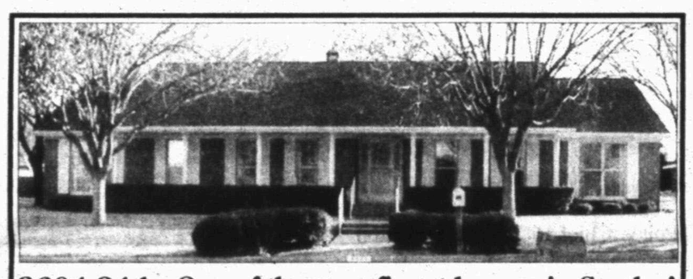

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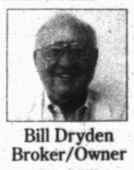
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HAPPY TRAILS FOR TWO — Two Central third grade classes presented *Happy Trails For Two* Thursday. Paula Bowden's students are (top photo) front row from left, Sabrina Salinas, J.J. Falcon, Ashlie Moon (holding Mudd), Nikko Garcia and McKinsey Ellis; middle row, Shane Robbins, Christopher Sescil, Alexis Guzman, Frank Morin, Selena Guerrero, Corey Lashley, Gloria Valdez and Dylan Vilas; back row, Heather Flores, D.J. Morin, Amanda Luecke, Mike Rodriguez, Deseray Rivera, Zachery Inman and Vanessa Ornelas. June Holcomb's students (bottom photo) are front row from left, Stefan Vasquez, Paula Aguilar, Joseph Martinez and Andrew Velasquez, Daniella Vasquez; middle row, Rebecca Alarcon, Austin Forbes, Jaeda Jordan, Drew Moncevais, Crystal Sandoval, Riley Jenkins (holding his dog Mudd), Brandon Hernandez; and back row, Hunter Wickline, Luis Silva, Mercedes Guzman, Nicholas Hernandez, Priscilla Casarez, Bridget Davis, Taylor Barrera, and Alyssa Rowe. Billy Ray Browning talked briefly about the life of a cowboy. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Tough fight seen in District 28

LAREDO (AP) — U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez had some wisdom to pass along to a roomful of college students soon to step out into a competitive career world.

"You have to stay on your toes," he warned this week during an appearance at Texas A&M International University, "or somebody's going to eat your lunch."

Words to live by for Rodriguez as well.

The District 28 seat held for four terms by the San Antonio Democrat is on the menu in the March 9 primary election, and bellying up next to Rodriguez is Henry Cuellar, a Laredo lawyer, professor, businessman and longtime friend and political ally of the incumbent.

The winner is expected to easily beat the Republican challenger in the November general election. The district, a strip along the Interstate 35 corridor from San Marcos to Laredo, is overwhelmingly Hispanic and Democratic.

Three lawyers who have not held elective office run in the GOP primary: Gabriel Perales Jr. of San Antonio, Francisco Canseco of Laredo and James Hopson of Seguin. Perales received 27 percent of the vote as the GOP's District 28 nominee in 2002.

Rodriguez and Cuellar each list education, affordable health care and jobs as their top issues in a campaign that has been overshadowed from the start by their personal ties.

Rodriguez, 57, says he feels betrayed by Cuellar's entry in the race.

After all, he says, they served in the Texas House together for more than a decade, and he helped raise money and secure endorsements for Cuellar's first run for Congress in 2002 — a nearly successful bid to knock off Republican Henry Bonilla.

"When I first heard about it, I thought it was just rumors," Rodriguez said. "I never expected it ... I thought I knew him, but apparently not."

Cuellar, 48, was readying himself for another shot at Bonilla this year when GOP-led redistricting split Laredo, one of the state's most reliable Democratic strongholds.

Half stayed in Bonilla's District 23, which was also reinforced with Republican voters in San Antonio's well-to-do northern suburbs. The other half went to Rodriguez.

Cuellar, a 14-year lawmaker who served briefly as Texas Secretary of State under Republican Gov. Rick Perry, said he agonized over whether to run against Rodriguez. But once he made the decision, he went for the incumbent's jugular.

"He's a very nice man, but what has he done for the district?" Cuellar asked while campaigning recently in a working-class neighborhood in San Antonio. The race "is not about him or me. It's about providing public service to the community."

Cuellar also accuses Rodriguez of telling only part of a story that dates back to 1987, when the pair went into the Legislature together.

He said he helped Rodriguez get state money for his district and he "never threw it back in his face."

"Yes, he helped me, but other people helped me also," Cuellar said.

Wearing a blue jacket with his name and the Texas Secretary of State logo, Cuellar moved from house to house comfortably, speaking mostly in Spanish to connect with residents while asking for their support.

He told Rachel Campos, who works at a Catholic children's home, that he favors more charter schools for at-risk children as a way to keep them from dropping out and committing crimes.

Campos seemed impressed with Cuellar, saying the district needed a change.

Rodriguez "has been with us for eight years and he's done everything he can," she said.

Rodriguez says he has served his district well. He says he helped lure the new Toyota truck plant to his district, and secured money for higher education, veterans health and public transit programs and a large jail in Pearsall.

As chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Rodriguez says he's also been active on border and trade issues important to his constituents.

"Anyone who's running against someone else will say that the other person hasn't done anything," Rodriguez said. "He doesn't know my history."

In Laredo, Cuellar's hometown, Rodriguez didn't mention Cuellar by name when speaking to the Texas A&M International students. Instead, he spent much of his time castigating the Bush administration for budget cuts to education and health care that hurt poor families.

Ana Macias, one of the students, said she was impressed with Rodriguez, though she wasn't sure she would vote for him.

"What's important here are minorities being involved in government, whether or not they are opposing each other," she said. "The important thing is helping us have our voice heard."

Rodriguez encouraged the students to aim high in their careers, maybe even to set their sights on Congress, though he quipped "as long as you don't run against me."

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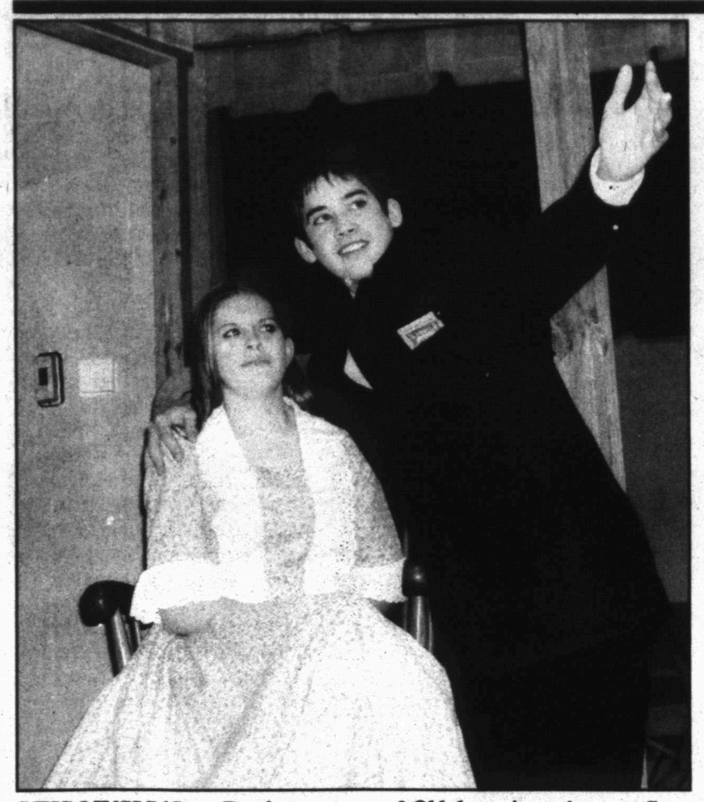


SJHS MUSICAL — Performances of *Oklahoma!* continue at Snyder Junior High School with performances set for 7 p.m. Saturday and Tuesday at the school auditorium. Tickets are $4 each. This scene features Luke Robertson as Ali Hakim and Kirstie Davis as Ado Annie. Ali is telling Annie about the hotel in Clairemore where they might find paradise, but she thinks he is talking about marriage. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Stewart witness wavers

NEW YORK (AP) — The government rested its case against Martha Stewart and her stockbroker Friday, after a critical prosecution witness wavered slightly about testimony that had damaged the homemaking mogul.

On Thursday, Mariana Pasternak testified Stewart told her shortly after selling her ImClone Systems stock that she had known ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his shares. Pasternak also testified that Stewart told her in a separate conversation: "Isn't it nice to have brokers who tell you those things?"

But under cross-examination Friday from Stewart's lawyer, Pasternak conceded about that remark: "I do not know if that statement was made by Martha or if that was just a thought in my mind."

Prosecutor Michael Schachter, trying to restore Pasternak's credibility, asked what her "best belief" was about the remark. Pasternak answered: "That Martha said it."

Pasternak did not waver in the central element of her testimony — that Stewart was aware when she sold her ImClone stock on Dec. 27, 2001, that Waksal had been trying to sell as well.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum said she would rule Monday on a motion by Stewart's lawyer to dismiss a charge of securities fraud.

Robert Morvillo, Stewart's lawyer, has been particularly adamant about the charge, which accuses Stewart of deceiving investors in her own company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, by publicly asserting her innocence.

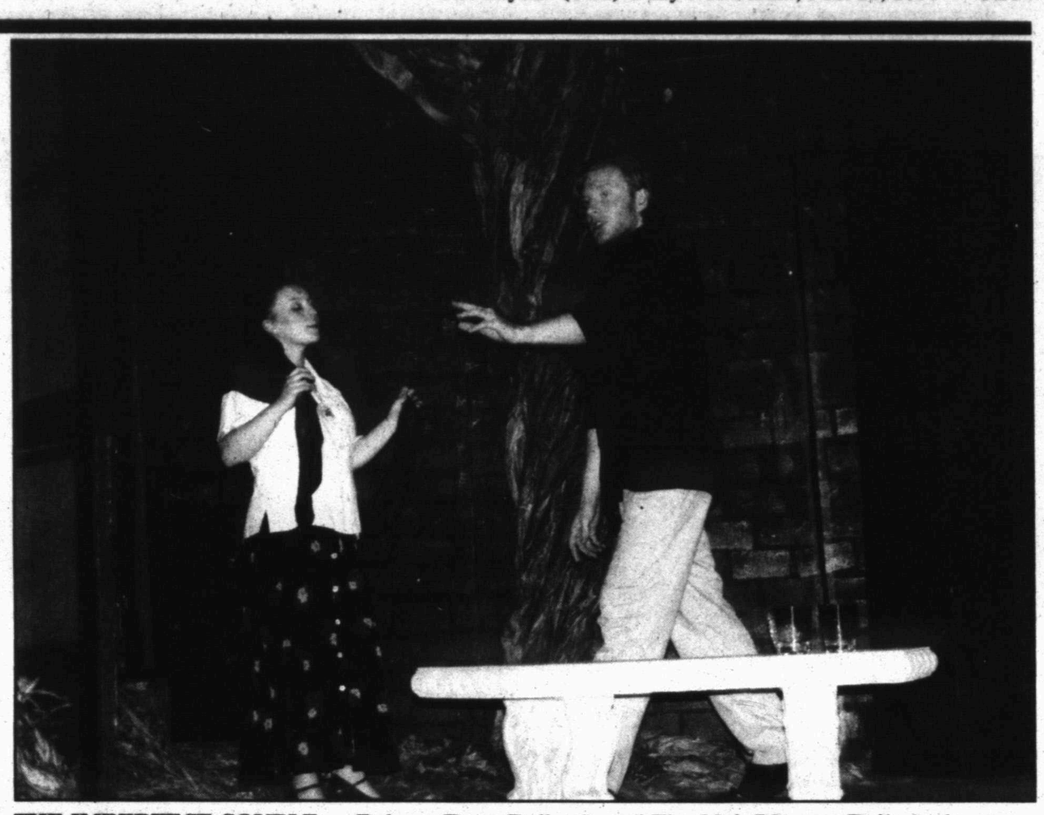
Stewart told investigators in April 2002 that she had no memory of being told about Waksal just before she sold. Stewart and her co-defendant, stockbroker Peter Bacanovic, claim they had a standing agreement to sell ImClone when the stock price fell to $60. The government contends that was a cover story.

Also Friday, prosecutors sought to bolster the testimony of Douglas Faneuil, a former Merrill Lynch assistant and the government's star witness. Faneuil testified earlier that he passed the tip about Waksal from Bacanovic, his boss, to Stewart.

Faneuil had initially supported the $60 story, but later agreed to testify against Stewart and Bacanovic — an indication, the defense says, that he is a liar.

Two friends of Faneuil testified Friday that he was distraught in January 2002, long before he changed his account, and that he confided in them that he was being pressured by his boss to lie.

There was no immediate indication of whether Stewart or Bacanovic would take the stand.



THE IMPERFECT COUPLE — Robert (Ryan Ballard) and The Mai (Meagan Bailey) play out a couple's conflict in the WTC theatre department's production of *The Mai* by Marina Carr. Show times are tonight at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Report: Atlanta underreported crimes to help land Olympics

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta underreported crimes for years to help land the 1996 Olympics and pump up tourism, according to an audit commissioned by police and released Friday.

Police in this relentlessly self-promoting city of the New South routinely altered or suppressed thousands of crime reports in a concerted effort "to improve Atlanta's chances for selection," the audit said, citing interviews with several officers.

"Crime incidents were downgraded, underreported and discarded," the report said.

The practice of underreporting crime began during the site-selection process for the Olympics and continued until at least 2002, when Police Chief Richard Pennington and Mayor Shirley Franklin took office, the report said.

Pennington, who sought the audit, endorsed its findings and said he would seek money to add more than 300 street officers to the 1,600-member police force to crack down on the drug trade. He said 75 percent of violent crimes is tied to drugs.

"I don't want to alarm the citizens or have them think that when they walk out on the streets, they're going to be mugged shot or robbed because that's not the case," Pennington said.

SYMPOSIUM — The Big Country Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Science hosted a symposium at Abilene High School highlighting teaching ideas for area teachers. Suzanne Doolittle (top photo) and Carolyn Torres, both from Stanfield Elementary, presented a session on Sensational Math, demonstrating math strategies using various games. Others SISD teachers who presented workshops were Shauna Huddleston Pinkerton, SHS science instructor, and Melinda Owens, SHS biology teacher. Area teachers attending included Sandy Holmes, Ira kindergarten teacher, who is seated at left in the bottom row. (Contributed Photos)

Filipino conjoined boys survive third operation

NEW YORK (AP) — Twins from the Philippines joined at the tops of their heads survived their third major operation Friday, the riskiest yet in the long process of giving them separate lives.

After a nine-hour operation, 22-month-old Carl and Clarence Aguirre were wheeled to the pediatric critical care unit to begin adjusting to rerouted circulation systems, said Pamela Adkins, spokeswoman for Montefiore Medical Center.

No detailed comment on the results of the surgery was expected before a Saturday news conference.

One of the surgeons, Dr. David Staffenberg said at least one more operation would be necessary before the twins can be separated.

A 16-person medical team cut into the twins' fused skulls and divided most of the remaining blood vessels, including at least one of the two major veins that were still connected to both boys' circulation systems, the hospital said.

Dr. James Goodrich, chief of pediatric neurosurgery, said in advance that Clarence, who was born with a better-developed system of veins, would likely get to keep the bulk of the existing system. For Carl, the blood flow would be directed into other existing veins.

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Red Cross visits Saddam in U.S. custody

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — International Red Cross representatives visited Saddam Hussein in U.S. custody for the first time Saturday, while Iraq's U.S. administrator said some experts believe it could take up to 15 months to organize an election that Shiites want as soon as possible.

The two Red Cross delegates, one of them a doctor, saw Saddam at an undisclosed detention facility inside Iraq, International Committee of the Red Cross spokeswoman Nada Doumani said from Amman, Jordan.

She said Saddam was allowed to write a note to his family, and that the Red Cross would visit him again. She gave no details on his appearance or condition during the meeting, which dispelled earlier speculation that the ex-Iraqi leader had been taken out of the country.

The ICRC is mandated to visit detainees under the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of warfare but will not speak publicly on what conditions it finds. The delegates will, however, share their findings with the U.S.-led coalition forces holding Saddam.

"The aim of this visit is to track and monitor the conditions of detention and treatment of the detainee," Doumani said.

"These technical problems will take time to fix," he said in an interview with the station Friday that was broadcast Saturday.

Blood drive slated Sunday at FUMC

Strong winds and blowing dirt contributed for a massive pile-up on U.S. 84 northwest of Post on Thursday.

The accident involved as many as 31 vehicles and claimed two casualties and numerous injuries, some critical.

United Blood Services of Lubbock was at a critically low level prior to the pileup, and the supply has now dropped even more.

The First United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday to help replenish the blood supply. The drive will be in the mobile coach located outside the Power House near the church.

United Blood Services is asking all eligible donors to donate. Potential donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and have valid identification.

Six arrests reported

Arrests

Six arrests were made in Scurry County on Friday and Saturday.

At 7:10 p.m. Friday, a caller reported an intoxicated subject at her residence in the 400 block of James St. in Hermleigh. Deputies arrested a 49-year-old man for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 50-year-old man at the LaPosada Apartments at 9:55 p.m. Friday for public intoxication.

At 9:51 p.m. Friday, a 31-year-old man was arrested in the 2800 block of Ave. H for public intoxication.

At midnight Friday, DPS troopers took a 26-year-old man into custody at Brick Plant Rd. and 37th St. and charged him with misdemeanor DWI.

At 1:18 a.m. Saturday, DPS troopers arrested a 21-year-old man on U.S. 84 near the Snyder city limits for making alcohol available to minors.

A 9-1-1 caller at 5:13 a.m. Saturday reported someone knocking on a door and unscrewing a porch light in the 3700 block of Ave. V. As a result, officers took a 23-year-old man into custody at that location for public intoxication.

Criminal mischief

A resident in the 4200 block of Ave. U reported at 8 a.m. Friday that a rock had been thrown through a window.

At 2:23 a.m. Saturday a caller in the 3700 block of Ave. V reported someone throwing a softball and hitting a house.

Theft

At 8:30 a.m. Friday, the owner of property in the 6000 block of CR 2127 reported the theft of 30 to 40 gallons of diesel fuel.

Family disturbance

Officers were requested at a home on 21st St. at 11:52 p.m. Friday where a fight between several members of a family was reported. An offense report for family violence was submitted.

Fight

At 10 p.m. Friday, a fight was reported between several juveniles at Cinema I & II in the Snyder Shopping Center.

Fire

A grass fire was reported at 7:10 p.m. Friday on U.S. 84, 10 miles north of Snyder.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported at 8:25 a.m. Friday the theft of $19.73 worth of gas.

Mother pleads quilty to endangering child

ORANGE (AP) — An Orange County teenager pleaded guilty Friday to one count of child endangerment for drugging her infant son when he wouldn't stop crying.

Anna Lowery Tunnell, 18, will be sentenced on March 12.

Prosecutors said the woman put the prescription drug Xanax in the baby's bottle and fed it to him in November 2002.

Her now ex-husband, Austin Prejean, earlier was convicted of the same charge. A judge on Feb. 12th sentenced Prejean to six months in jail.

The baby required hospitalization, but has since recovered. The boy was removed from the couple's home and has been adopted.

Obituaries

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1919-2004

John A. Sneed of Fluvanna died Friday, Feb. 20, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Sneed, 84, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born July 26, 1919 in Wingate, he married Hazel White Morris on July 19, 1984 in Roby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Louie Holder Sneed; three brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Sneed of Fluvanna; a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Tip Baker of Fluvanna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Barb White of Arlington and J.B. and Patty White of Capitan, N.M.; a brother, Hassie Sneed of Dermott; a sister, Ione Baughn of Snyder; four grandchildren, Melanie Hoover of Arlington, Jay Martin of Bastrop, Mark Martin of San Angelo and Jason White of Capitan; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Sue Walker

1918-2004

Sue Ella Bentley Walker, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 19, in Dallas.

Graveside service for Mrs. Walker, 85, will be held at 1.30 p.m. Sunday in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Sue Walker

Mrs. Walker was born in 1918 in Claude and attended elementary school near Slaton and graduated from Union High School.

In the late 1930s she went to work in El Paso, where she met Raymon J. "Red" Walker. They were married Nov. 30, 1941. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, she and her husband moved to San Diego where he enlisted in the Navy. Mrs. Walker worked in San Diego while he was stationed there, then moved to Bayonne, N.J., where she worked at the Military Freight Depot in Bayonne while he made 14 Atlantic crossings, including the D-Day landing at Normandy.

Mrs. Walker's husband was discharged in 1945 and went to work for Texaco that required sometimes moving twice in a year throughout West Texas. They resided in Snyder from 1954 to 2000.

Mrs. Walker operated Snyder Reproductions, a blueprint business, in the garage behind her home. She was a Girl Scout leader, a docent of the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College, and leader of the senior citizens aquatic exercise group at the college. She was a longtime member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Red Walker; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Lynn Walker; two daughters and sons-in-law, Molly and Michael Droge, and Amber and Eric Devlin; two grandsons, Matthew and Owen Walker of Virginia; two step-grandsons, Matthew and Michael Devlin of New York; two sisters, Anne Fails of El Paso and Neva Longenecker of Keller; and many nieces and nephews.

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Wes Morgan

1931-2004

LUBBOCK — Wes Virgil Morgan, the father of Tommy Dill of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 13, in Emporia, Kan.

Funeral service for Mr. Moore, 72, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the New Life Center with Jeff McCreight, pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in the Union Hill Cemetery in Mineral Wells.

Born March 13, 1931 in Philip, S.D., he married Janice Pearl Morgan who preceded him in death.

Mr. Morgan was a retired businessman and had worked as a gold miner in South Dakota, had been an EMS technician, a crop duster, a Chevrolet dealer, a justice of the peace and a constable in Stanton where he lived for 20 years.

Mr. Morgan had been a Lubbock resident since 1983 and drove a truck since 1990 so that he could travel.

Survivors include a daughter, Tiffany Salazar of Lubbock; three other sons, Zachary Weston of Lubbock, Ricky Dill of Brownfield and Roy Dill of Big Spring; a sister, Mona Marie Ellis of Phoenix; and nine grandchildren.

Roxie Ellington

1925-2004

HURST — Roxie Kathleen Ellington, 78, of Hurst, died Thursday, Feb. 12, at a Fort Worth hospital.

Roxie Ellington

Burial is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Forest Ridge Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ellington, born on Nov. 5, 1925, in Aspermont, was preceded in death by her son, Joe Fuller.

Surviving are her husband, William Ellington of Hurst; a son, Doug Fuller of Kilgore; a daughter, Patsy Ellington of Colorado City; a brother, James Hazel of Carlsbad, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Louis Guzman
Tomasa Guzman

1948-2004

MULESHOE — Louis Guzman, a Snyder native, and his wife, Tomasa Guzman, died Thursday, Feb. 19, in a multi-vehicle accident north of Post.

Services for the Guzmans, both age 55, are set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Javier Carriaga officiating. Burial will follow in the Bailey County Cemetery.

Mr. Guzman was born Nov. 3, 1948 in Snyder and she was born Sept. 13, 1948 in La Cruz, Chihuahua, Mexico. They were married on Jan. 12, 1969 in Muleshoe.

Mr. Guzman was employed by Reynolds Trucking of Clovis and she was a homemaker. They were members of the Spanish Methodist Church. Mr. Guzman was a member of the VFW and was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Preceding them in death was a son, Louis Guzman; two of his brothers, Porfirio Felix Guzman and Tony Guzman; his father, Porfirio Felix Guzman Sr.; and his mother, Lux Guzman.

Survivors include two sons, Alfredo and Sergio Guzman of Muleshoe; two daughters, Socorro Guzman of Muleshoe and Erica Guzman of Lovington, N.M.; and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Guzman also is survived by two sisters, Mary Hodges of Muleshoe and Elizabeth Guzman of Albuquerque; three brothers, David Guzman of Snyder, Daniel Guzman of South Texas and Frank Guzman of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Guzman is survived by her parents, Aurelio and Socorro Gallegos of Muleshoe; two sisters, Martha Chapa and Rebecca Lonzano of Muleshoe; and a brother, Leonardo Gallegos of Muleshoe.

Dorothy Gardner

1922-2004

AUSTIN —Dorothy Jane Wagner Gardner, the niece of Dona Womble of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 19.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gardner, 81, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the Cook-Walden Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Eden Cemetery in Eden.

Born June 10, 1922 in Millersview, she grew up there and then moved to Austin where she married Paul D. Gardner on March 9, 1946. He died in 1991.

While Mr. Gardner served in the U.S. Army, they lived in Europe. After his retirement, they settled in Fairbanks, Alaska, and later returned to Austin where Mrs. Gardner began a career with criminal investigations unit of the Internal Revenue Service. She retired in 1984.

Survivors include a daughter, Gari Gardner of Austin; a sister-in-law, Alma Gardner of Cheyenne, Wyo.; another aunt, Oma Lee Nauert of Jonestown; and a niece, Margaret Mueller of Cheyenne.

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A few showers early with mostly cloudy conditions later in the day.	Showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Few showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:20 AM, Sunset 6:35 PM	Sunrise 7:19 AM, Sunset 6:36 PM	Sunrise 7:18 AM, Sunset 6:37 PM

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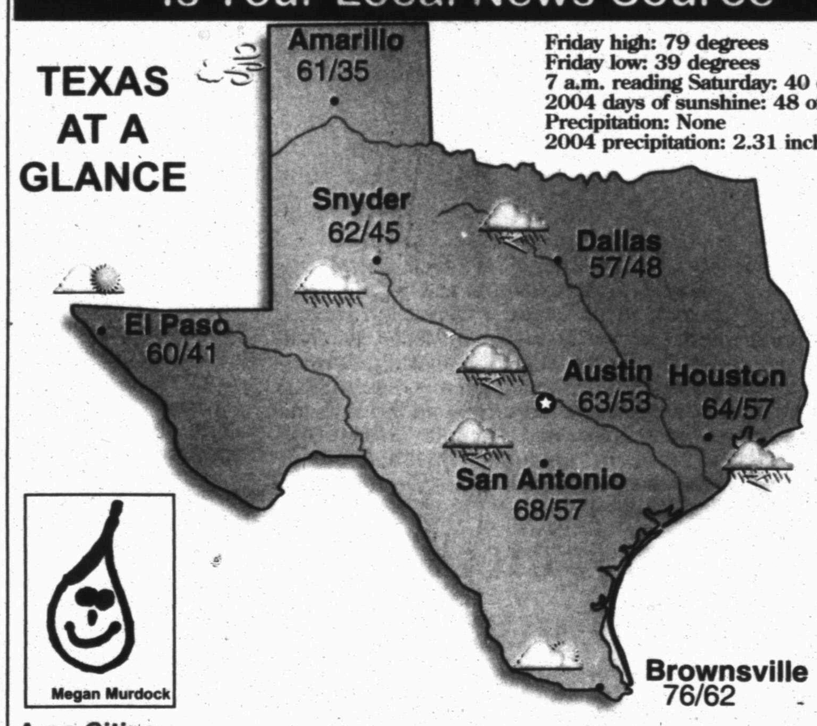

Friday high: 79 degrees
Friday low: 39 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 40 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 48 of 51
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 2.31 inches

Megan Murdock

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	46	rain	El Paso	60	41	pt sunny	Midland	66	47	cloudy
Amarillo	61	35	windy	Fort Stockton	67	48	pt sunny	Raymondville	76	60	cloudy
Austin	63	53	t-storm	Gainesville	55	43	t-storm	Rosenberg	64	57	t-storm
Beaumont	64	56	rain	Greenville	57	45	t-storm	San Antonio	68	57	t-storm
Brownsville	76	62	cloudy	Houston	64	57	t-storm	San Marcos	65	54	t-storm
Brownwood	61	48	t-storm	Kingsville	75	61	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	57	46	t-storm
Corpus Christi	71	61	t-storm	Livingston	62	51	rain	Sweetwater	63	48	rain
Corsicana	58	48	t-storm	Longview	61	49	rain	Tyler	59	49	t-storm
Dallas	57	48	t-storm	Lubbock	63	41	cloudy	Weatherford	56	44	t-storm
Del Rio	70	56	t-storm	Lufkin	63	52	rain	Wichita Falls	58	45	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	38	mst sunny	Houston	64	57	t-storm	Phoenix	63	48	rain
Boston	43	26	windy	Los Angeles	58	49	rain	San Francisco	57	47	rain
Chicago	40	31	pt sunny	Miami	79	64	sunny	Seattle	55	42	pt sunny
Dallas	57	48	t-storm	Minneapolis	34	24	sn shower	St. Louis	48	36	cloudy
Denver	48	26	cloudy	New York	45	26	windy	Washington, DC	50	28	mst sunny

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Feb 20	Feb 28	Mar 6	Mar 13

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Local leaves Haiti before uprising worsens

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Talk about timing.

Dale Huff, minister of the 37th St. Church of Christ, arrived in Haiti on Feb. 5, the same day Haitian rebels began their revolt against president Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

This trip was the 16th Huff had made to Haiti in the past seven years. He is the academic dean at the Center for Biblical Training, located near Cap-Haitien in northern Haiti, the country's second largest city.

The local's experience could have been much more serious than it was, but Huff, who returned to Snyder on Feb. 12, said he never felt his life was in danger.

Still blockades kept supplies like food and fuel from getting through and he added he had to wait an extra two days before the blockades eased enough to allow him to get to the airport to return to Snyder.

The compound where the school is located has a generator and refrigeration. Huff said they were able to stock up on supplies in Cap-Haitien before the blockades choked off supply routes. He noted the situation remains serious because residents of Cap-Haitien don't have refrigeration and only keep from two or three days supply of food on hand.

Huff noted that he and the others at the school first learned of the "large event" through the Internet the day after the revolt started but they knew it would have an impact on Cap-Haitien because the supply route to the northern Haitian city winds through Gonaives.

According to one of the first Associated Press reports, "The rebels chased police from more than a dozen towns and cut supply lines to northern Haiti from Port-au-Prince, the capital to the south, and from the Western Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

From what they had heard, Huff said they realized that this action was an well-organized revolt and could signal the start of a civil war.

In spite of the unrest, Huff said this trip was "the best teaching time by far. The men were very open and we had some good discussions."

Huff never saw any of the fighting but did see burned out homes in Cap-Haitien. "It was very quiet where we were."

Huff said several people from Snyder were to accompany him, but because the situation in Haiti appeared unstable a month before the departure date, Huff went alone.

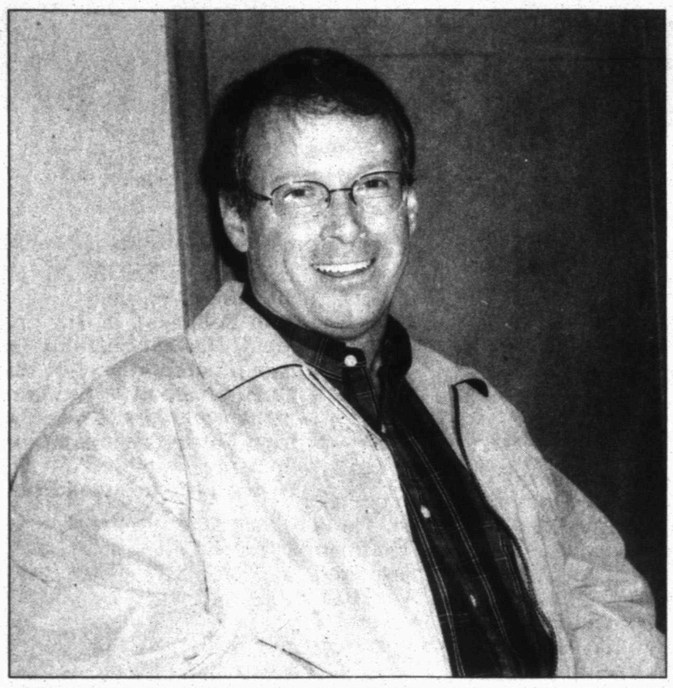
Though he did not know this revolt was planned when he left Snyder, Huff noted that uprisings are not uncommon in Haiti and tend to come in cycles because there is a lot of political strife. Political opposition forces regularly burn each other's homes, Huff said.

"Sometimes you can pretty well see it coming, Huff said. "He added that outsiders are usually not targets of such fighting, unless they might get caught up in middle of something."

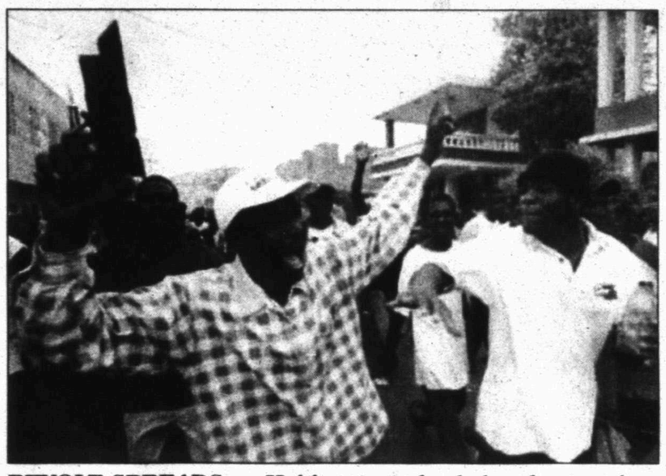
Huff said the men attending this past training session were from many of the villages that the rebels were seizing control of.

Twenty-five men attending the school on Feb. 6-7, returned home on Feb. 8 and then returned to the school on Feb. 9. Huff said the men traveled freely and reported on rebel activity in their area.

Huff said they were "concerned but not fearful."



RETURNS SAFELY — Dale Huff, minister of 37th St. Church of Christ, safely returned to Snyder from Haiti a few days after a revolt began there. Huff, who has made 16 trips to Haiti in seven years, teaches at the Center For Biblical Training located near Cap-Haitien, the country's second largest city. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



REVOLT SPREADS — Haitian armed rebels take part in a rally in the rebel-held town of Gonaives, Haiti Thursday, which was taken over by an armed gang opposed to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The rebels declared themselves the independent country of Artibonite, the name of the rice-growing region around Gonaives. (Daniel Aguilar/Reuters)

While in Haiti, Huff said he kept in touch with his wife, Diane, who teaches first grade at Stanfield, and reassured her he was in no immediate danger nor was there a specific threat against the compound where he was staying.

Huff said he also has regular e-mail contact with the director of the school, so he stays informed on what is going on in the country.

The potentially volatile situation does not discourage him though. The minister hopes to return Haiti in October to conduct another week-long teaching session. This topic will be on approaching voodoo from a Biblical perspective. He said preachers are looking forward to this session because the practice of voodoo is widespread in Haiti.

Huff made his first trip to that country when he was the minister of Haskell Church of Christ. A woman in that church had set up an orphanage so he visited the country to see what was going on. He averages two trips each year and lived in Haiti in 2000 where he directed the school of preaching.

Though it hasn't happened in seven years, Huff said there is always the possibility that the unrest in Haiti could prevent him from continuing to teach at the Center For Biblical Training.

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According to the Associated Press, the rebels launched a rebellion from Gonaives, 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince in Central Haiti.

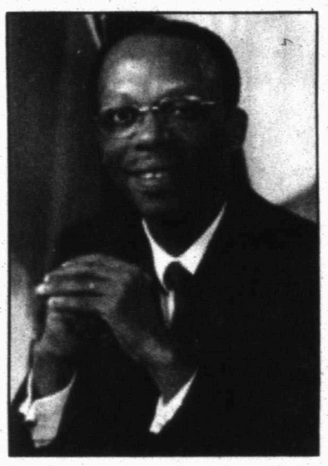
The rebels then began taking control of other towns and burning police stations. Haiti has less than 4,000 police officers but the rebels easily outnumber and outgun them. Reports say they are remaining in their police stations.

The revolt has intensified since paramilitary forces have joined the rebels. This loosely organized movement now answers to a single commander and is called the National Resistance Front To Liberate Haiti.

Since the uprising began, about 60 people have been killed so far. Aristide has refused to step down early and has been asking for aid to defeat the coup attempt.

The U.S. has no plans to send troops to Haiti but a military team will be sent to assess the security of the U.S. Embassy. Reports on Friday said Americans were fleeing the country because the violence was worsening.

A humanitarian effort is being discussed to try and get food to Cap-Haitien by ship since all roads are blocked.



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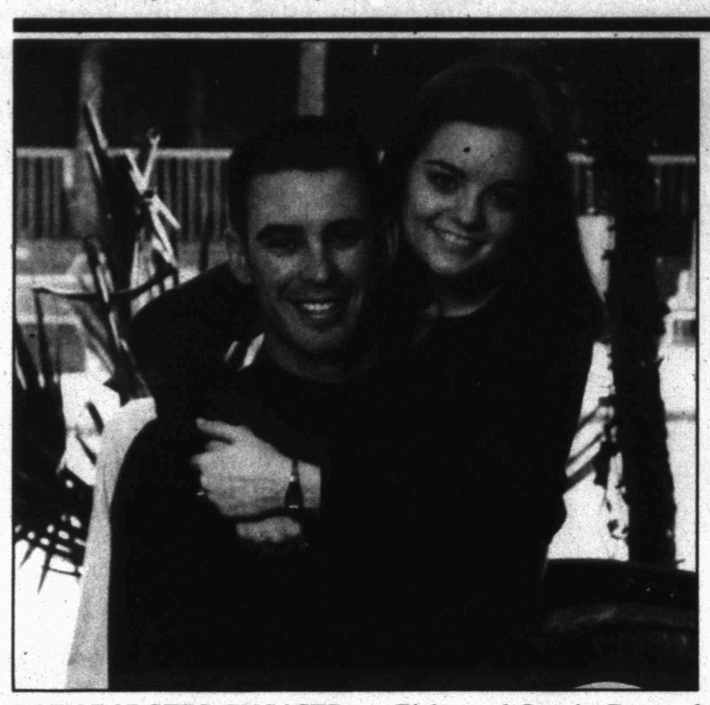
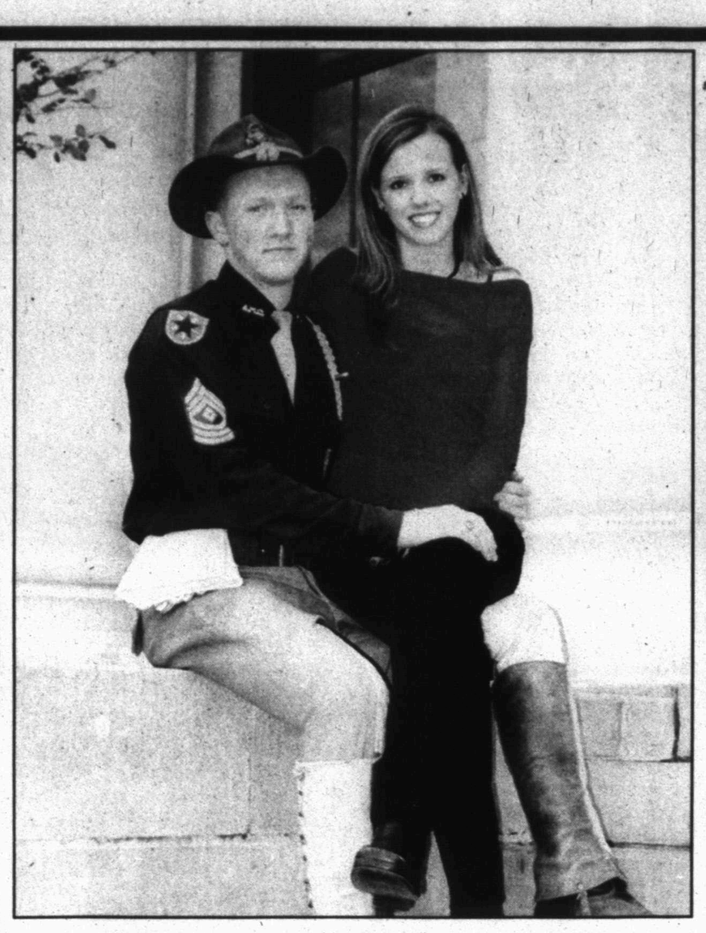
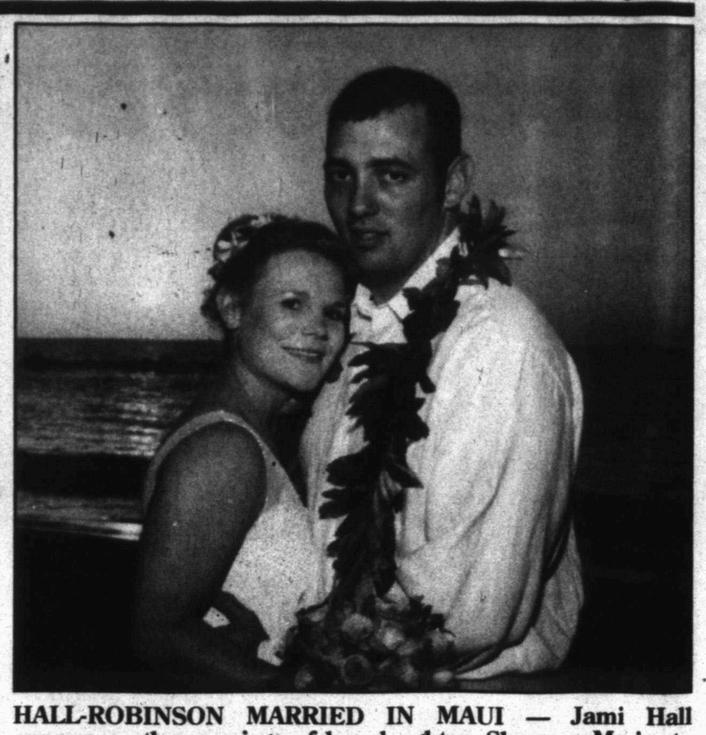


BOEN-RODGERS ENGAGED — Ricky and Laurie Boen of Branson, Mo., and Curt and Lynn Whisenhunt from Odessa announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Lynn Boen, to Matthew Brian Rodgers. He is the son of Kerry and Trina Rodgers of Snyder. They are planning a 7 p.m. ceremony on June 12 in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. (Contributed Photo)

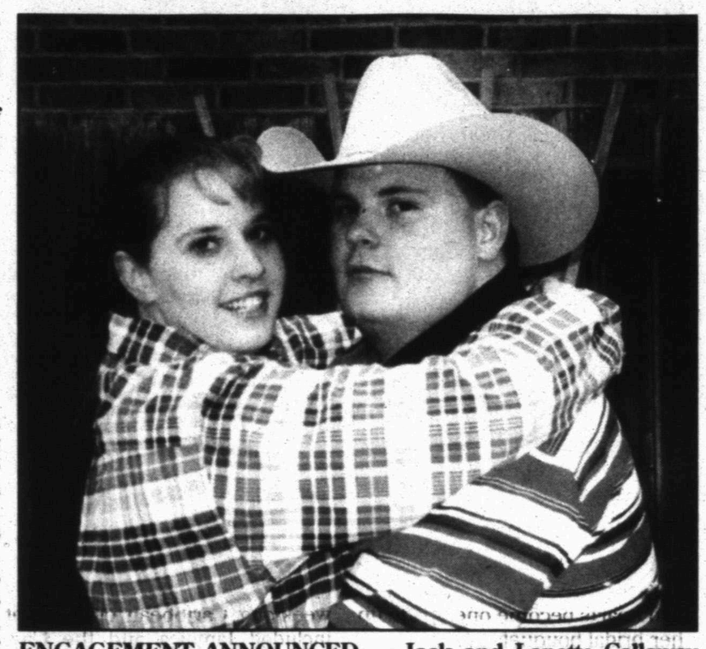


MAY WEDDING PLANNED — The parents of Heatherly Berryhill, Jamie and Renda Berryhill of Odessa, announce her engagement and approaching marriage to Josh Snider. He is the son of Max and Gail Snider of Snyder and Melinda Huffman of Bryan. The groom's grandparents are Pat and Arel Faver and Joann and Don Snider, all of Snyder, and Wilma and Fritz Huffman of Robinson. His great-grandmother is Ruby Deavers of Snyder. They will marry at 3 p.m. on May 23 in the historical fort in Fort Davis. (Contributed Photo)



HALL-ROBINSON MARRIED IN MAUI — Jami Hall announces the marriage of her daughter, Shannon Marie, to Sam Robinson, at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003 in Maui, Hawaii. Shannon is the daughter of the late Rick Hall. Sam's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Robinson of Norman, Okla. Shannon is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stehley and Mrs. Clyde Hall, and the late Clyde Hall Jr. All are from Snyder. Shannon and Sam reside in Weatherford where both are employed by the Weatherford Independent School District. (Contributed Photo)

ROYALTY AT HEALTHCARE CENTER — George Moore and Geraldine Armstrong were crowned king and queen by their friends and neighbors at a Valentine's Day party held in the dining room of Snyder Healthcare Center. (Contributed Photo)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Jack and Lanette Callaway announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cassie Callaway, to Dale Cooper, son of David and Sherrye Cooper. All are of Snyder. The wedding date has been set for May 22 at 2 p.m. in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Bridal Registry

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge was directed by Jane Hinton Feb. 13 and by Monte West on Feb. 17 at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Feb. 13

1. Dora Blakey, Charles Blakey.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal
3. Dorothy Rosson, Bobbie Taylor.
4. Betty Courtney, Carol Miller.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

1. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Peggy Hardin, Nona Morrison.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Durelle Gorman.

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I never meet anyone nowadays who admits to having had a happy childhood. Everyone appears to think happiness betokens a lack of sensitivity.

—Jessamyn West

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-21-04
♠ K 8
♥ 9 5
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ Q J 9 6

West
♠ 6 5
♥ 8 7 6
♦ 9 7 5 4 3
♣ A 5 2

East
♠ Q J 3 2
♥ K J
♦ A K
♣ K 10 8 7 3

South
♠ A 10 9 7 4
♥ A Q 10 4 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1 ♣
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

A brilliant defense after Michaels

To end our look at making an immediate two-suited overcall with either a Michaels Cue-Bid or the Unusual No-Trump, here is one of the best-ever defenses. Do you see how four hearts might fail?

The deal occurred during a 1970 match in Leiden, the Netherlands, between England and the host country.

The Dutch pair bid to four hearts as shown. South started with a Michaels Cue-Bid, guaranteeing at least 5-5 in the majors. The rest of the auction was natural and debatable.

Sitting West was Jonathan Cansino, a brilliant player whose career was cruelly cut short by a brain hemorrhage when he was still in his thirties. East was Jeremy Flint, a European champion and twice world silver medalist, who died in 1990.

Cansino found the best lead of a trump. Declarer took East's king with his ace, played a spade to dummy's king, and returned a spade. When East played low, declarer had to finesse to make his contract. (If East splits his honors, South makes by winning with his ace and running a spade to East's remaining honor.) Understandably, though, declarer won with his ace and ruffed a spade in the dummy. On this trick, West threw a low club.

Declarer exited from the dummy with the diamond queen to East's king. With the lucky trump position, it looked as though declarer was going to get home. But Flint took the spade queen, and Cansino discarded his club ace!

Now Flint cashed the club king, then led another club, which promoted a trump trick for the defenders. Magic!

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Donation rebuffed

ASHTABULA, Ohio (AP) — When the naked truth about Danny Zezzo's fund-raiser came out, the American Cancer Society rebuffed the donation.

Zezzo had planned to give the proceeds from Friday's International Calendar Men show in this northeast Ohio town to the local cancer society. The Cleveland-based calendar men dance and strip down to G-strings.

"This is not the type of event the American Cancer Society wants to have its name tied to," said Monica Miller, the society's northwestern regions spokeswoman.

Vida Prekler said Zezzo didn't originally represent the event as a male revue.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC's 4th Wednesday game day and luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Winston Field terminal; Lila Guinn, program on watercolor with wall paint; Rachel Martin , hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

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

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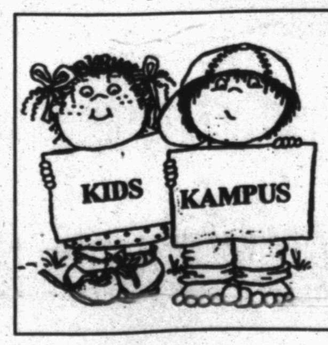

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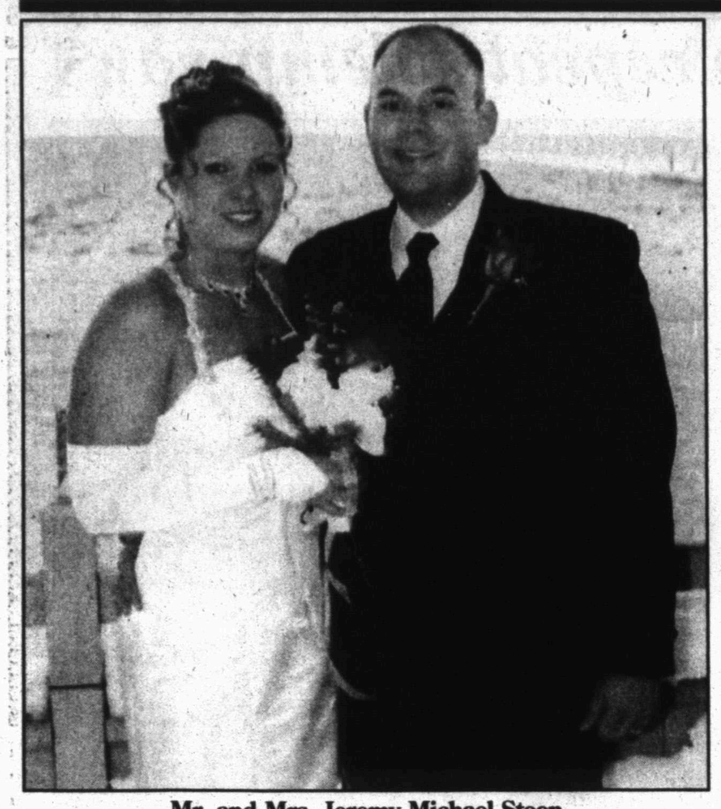

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Michael Steen
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Coffee, Steen marry at Lake Tahoe Jan. 3

LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — As the sun glistened on the new fallen snow, Cailey Deneé Coffee and Jeremy Michael Steen, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage Jan. 3. The setting for their winter wedding was on a mountainside overlooking Lake Tahoe.

Parents of the bride are Cary and Christi Coffee of Snyder. The groom's parents are Mike and Pam Steen of Lubbock.

The bride was adorned in an original design gown of snow white, featuring a deep backless cut and Austrian crystal imbedded straps. Baby's breath and crystals were scattered throughout her hair.

White winter roses, tiny white carnations, eucalyptus, spring of Colorado Blue Spruce and two red roses in the center signifying two hearts become one, made up her bridal bouquet.

In keeping with tradition, she wore an antique opal ring for something old; something new was a ruby red and Austrian crystal necklace and earrings; something borrowed was a white Bible; and something blue was her mother's garter. Pennies minted in the years of the couples' births were sewn into the seam of the garter.

The groom was attired in a black Christian Dior tuxedo. His boutonniere was a red rose bud, accented with a spring of spruce.

The bride, escorted by her father, presented her mother with a long stemmed rose and a kiss. After exchanging vows, she also presented her new mother-in-law with a rose and a kiss.

A waiting limousine carried the couple to a reception dinner at Harrah's Restaurant where they were greeted as Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Steen.

The groom's gift to his bride was a wooden engraved box containing a ruby and diamond ring.

From Lake Tahoe, the couple flew to Miami, Fla., to begin their weeklong Caribbean cruise that included Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

They are at home in Lubbock where Jeremy is a pre-law student at Texas Tech University and is employed at Southwest Airlines and Cailey is an assistant accountant for First Baptist Church.

Kids and weddings: Disaster or a match made in heaven

Kids at weddings — they're cute, beautiful, and wonderful to behold as long as they behave and don't explode into screams, yelling or tantrums especially in the middle of a ceremony.

Many a parent has had to run outside with a child who has lost his or her patience and gone out of control at the worst possible moment.

One inventive author, Penelope Paine, has come to the rescue with a recipe book for success. She's created a host of solutions that solves that dilemma of what to do with small children.

Her products are filled with strategies and tactics that will do wonders for people who want to make sure children have a good time and don't disrupt wedding and other family affairs at the critical time.

Paine's "Wedding Day Kits" for children come packaged in crystal clear plastic envelopes with a handle and include wedding stickers, coloring postcards, memory card-photo frame, a temporary sparkling tattoo, non-toxic crayons, flavored lip balm and fun activities to keep children occupied for hours when the adults need silence or time to socialize.

Paine has also teamed with award winning illustrator, Itoko Maeno, and created three charming illustrated books to help children understand what's going on and how they can participate and have fun.

There's a multi-cultural wedding coloring book called "Love to Color" which invites young children to include themselves in the picture.

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A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

—Anonymous

Library News

Texas Lone Star Reading List 2004-2005

Picture Perfect, by Elaine Alphin.
The Frog Princess, by E.D. Baker.
The Steps, by Rachel Cohn.
High Heat, by Carl Deuker.
The City of Ember, by Jeanne DuPrau.
The Last Dog on Earth, by Daniel Ehrenhaft.
Once Upon a Marigold, by Jean Ferris.
Begging For Change, by Sharon Flake.
Losing Forever, by Gayle Friesen.
The Goose Girl, by Shannon Hale.
The Sands of Time, by Michael Hoeye.
Skeleton Key, by Anthony Horowitz.
Shakespeare Bats Cleanup, by Ron Koertge.
Eragon, by Christopher Paolini.
How Angel Peterson Got His Name, by Gary Paulsen.
The Boy Who Saved Baseball, by John H. Ritter.
Brainboy and the Deathmaster, by Tor Seidler.
Full Tilt, by Neal Shusterman.
Surviving the Applewhites, by Stephanie S. Tolan.
Heir Apparent, by Vivian Vande Velde.

BOOK FEATURE

Traveler's Rights: Your Legal Guide to Fair Treatment and Full Value, by Alexander Anolk.

Do you know what your rights are if you are bumped from a flight that was overbooked?

Do you know what to do if your vacation cruise line suddenly declares bankruptcy and ceases operation?

What are your rights if you are accused of breaking the law while you are traveling in another country?

Do you know what a hotel's liability would be for damaged or stolen property?

This book covers the answers to these questions, as well as many more. From booking your trip through a travel agent, to what extra hotel charges are legitimate, this book is a must read for every traveler.

NEW NON-FICTION

When Difficult Relatives Happen to Good People, by Leonard Felder.
The Greatest Experiment Ever Performed On Women: Exploding the Estrogen Myth, by Barbara Seaman.
You Belong in a Zoo: Tales From a Lifetime Spent With Cobras, Crocs and Other Creatures, by Peter Brazaitis.
Fitness Over 50: An Exercise Guide From the National Institute on Aging.

NEW FICTION

Absolute Friends, by John Le Carre.
Texas Vendetta, by Elmer Kelton.
Divided in Death, by J.D. Robb.
Angels and Demons, by Dan Brown.

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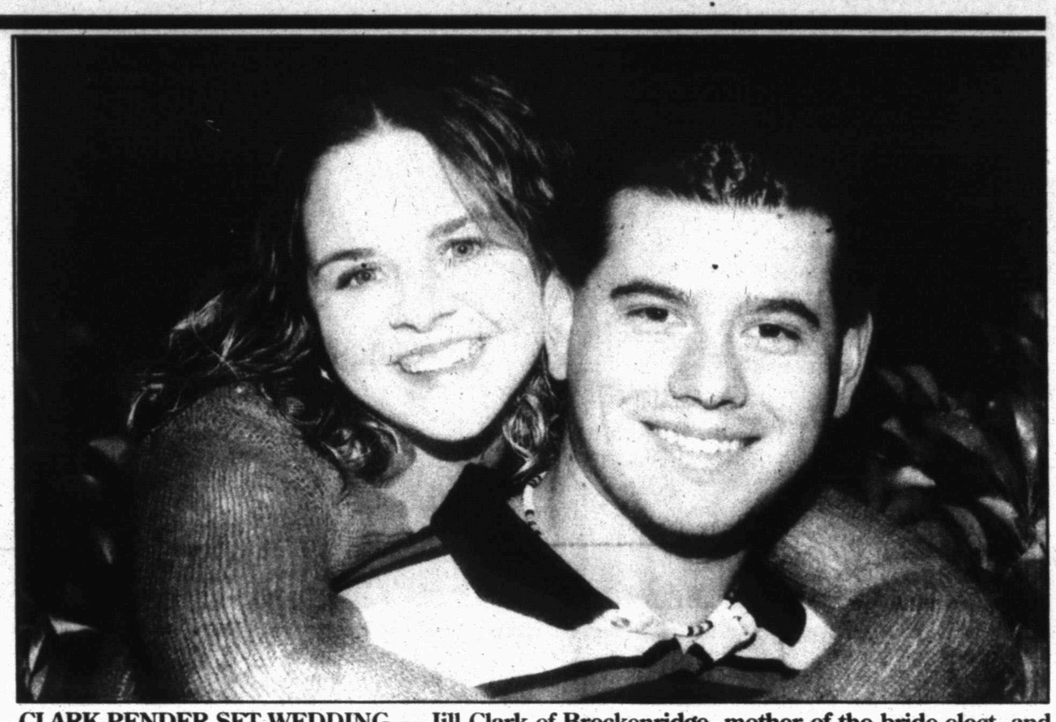

CLARK-PENDER SET WEDDING — Jill Clark of Breckenridge, mother of the bride-elect, and Eric Nogelmeier, her brother of Eunice, N.M., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Terrin Jeanette Clark to Anthony Michael Pender. He is the son of Bubba and Jo Ann Pender of Eunice. Terrin and her family are former Ira residents. A wedding is being planned for 7 p.m., March 20 in the First Baptist Church in Eunice. The future bride's grandparents are Nora Lee Clark of Ira and the late J.L. Clark, and Ken and Jeanette LaFavers of Waxahachie. The future groom's grandparents are Thomas and Terri Garcia, Betty Pender and Jackie Pender, all of Eunice. (Contributed Photo)

Burial in space offered in Taipei

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — There isn't much room for cemeteries in densely-populated Taiwan, so a U.S. firm is offering an alternative: shooting people's ashes into space.

The Houston-based Celestis Inc. announced Thursday that it has signed a deal with one of Taiwan's biggest funeral homes, Baushan Enterprise, to provide "space burials" to the Taiwanese.

Robert Tysor, chief executive of Celestis, said the ashes are packed into an aluminum tube about the size of a lipstick container, which is shot into space on commercial rockets from bases in the United States and Russia.

The tube orbits Earth once every 90 minutes before re-entering the atmosphere and burning up, he said. It can orbit for months or even years, he said.

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FOURTH WEDNESDAY EVENT SET— The Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly luncheon and game day Wednesday. The buffet luncheon will begin at 11:30 and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon. The event is $8.50 and working women are welcome to come eat. Reservations are necessary by calling 573-3427 by Tuesday evening. Proceeds are used for the upkeep of the MAWC. The foursome pictured from left at the last game day are Ouida Bruner, Jerry McNew, Christine Stuard and Wortham Lloyd. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scarlett Johansson to be featured in Calvin Klein fragrance ads

NEW YORK (AP) — Scarlett Johansson, who gained critical notice for her films "Lost in Translation" and "Girl With a Pearl Earring," is now being noticed by the fashion world.

The 19-year-old actress will be the face of a new Calvin Klein fragrance that will hit the market in the fall. Shooting on the print and television ads will begin next month.

"Scarlett is a talented young force that exudes a sophistication and confidence that is not readily seen today and, she balances it with a relaxed attitude and a sense of humor," Kim Vernon, senior vice president of global communications and advertising for Calvin Klein Inc., said in a statement Tuesday.

Commented Johansson: "Just when I thought things couldn't get better, something like this happens."

Bell, Culp repeat solemn vows

DALLAS — Paige D'Lynn Bell and James Bayless Culp exchanged wedding vows at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6, 2003 in the Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.

The Rev. John C. Robbins officiated in the church decorated in a Christmas theme with predominate red poinsettias, red roses and Christmas greenery.

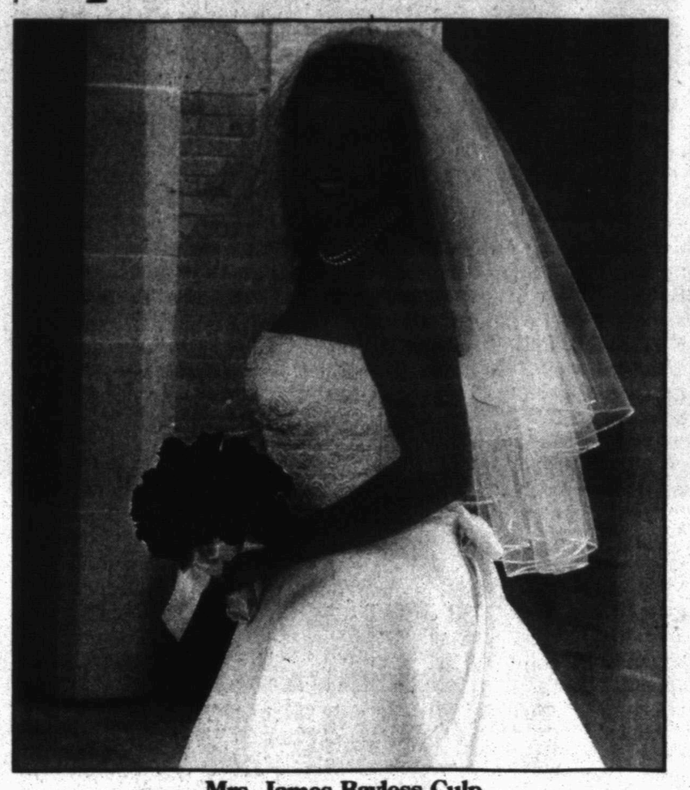
Paige is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bell of Lubbock. The groom's parents are Mrs. Martra Culp of Fort Worth and the late Roland Culp.

Jimmy Hall of Houston sang "Ave Maria" and "In This Very Room."

Bridesmaids entered to "Canon in D" and the bride walked down the aisle, escorted by her father and stepfather, to the trumpet playing "Trumpet Voluntary." They presented her in marriage as she wore a strapless, ivory ballgown designed by Moncheri. She wore a finger-tip ivory veil and carried a bouquet of red roses tied with ivory ribbon. A picture of her late grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Shelton, was pinned in the bouquet.

Maid of honor was Jana Little of Tampa, Fla. Bridesmaids included Jana Gunter, Melanie Scott, Robin Foster, Heather Ward, all of Dallas, Melanie Bilski and Shyanne Meckins of Houston; Kayla Dickey of Midland and Kelly Stultz of San Angelo. They wore long, black dresses and carried red rose bouquets.

Best man was John Culp of Houston; honorary best man was the late Roland Culp. Groomsmen were Robert Rothrock, Steve Thompson, and Doug Kelly all of Dallas; Blake Bell of San Antonio; Scott Winterlee of Detroit; John Volpe of Houston; Paul Russell of Denver and Brad Bell of Lubbock. They wore black tuxedos with red boutonnieres. Ushers were Robb Fiser and Chuck Fiser, both of Little Rock, and Keith Costello and Jason Haier, both of Dallas.



Mrs. James Bayless Culp
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Members of the houseparty were Sandy Sullivan, Landon Curtis, Alec Ray, Haley Culp and Rachel Culp.

The reception was held at the Crowne Plaza Market Center where music was by Simply Music.

Their honeymoon trip was a week in Nassau, Bahamas.

They have made their new home in Dallas.

The bride graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in business management. She is a facility coordinator with Starbucks Coffee Co.

The groom, a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in marketing, is an account manager with Countrywide Financial.

School Menus

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All meals are served with a milk pouch and breakfast offers juice, cereal and toast.

BREAKFAST
All Schools
Monday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Biscuit & Sausage
Wednesday
Egg & Cheese Taco
Applesauce
Thursday
French Toast Sticks
Friday
English Muffin w/Jelly
French Toast
Fresh Fruit

LUNCH
Elementaries
Monday
Sloppy Joe
Hard Shell Tacos
Broccoli w/Cheese
Buttered Carrots
Warm Cookie
Tuesday
Cheesy Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Sautéed Zucchini
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Carrot Sticks
Golden Kernel Corn
Fresh Fruit
Thursday
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Fresh Broccoli
Lettuce & Pickles
Sliced Apples
Friday
Fried Fish
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Crisp

JUNIOR HIGH
Monday
Sloppy Joe
Hard Shell Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Broccoli w/Cheese
Seasoned Green Beans
Warm Cookie
Tuesday
Cheesy Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Garlic Breadstick
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Chili & Cheese Potato
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Pickles
Carrot Sticks
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
Thursday
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Cheeseburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Pickles
Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Fruit
Friday
Fried Fish
Barbecued Chicken
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Crisp

High School
Monday
Sloppy Joe
Hard Shell Tacos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Broccoli w/Cheese
Carrot Sticks
Warm Cookie
Tuesday
Cheesy Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Garlic Bread Stick
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
Cheeseburger
Chili & Cheese Potato
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Carrot Sticks
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
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Grilled Turkey & Cheese
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Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Fresh Broccoli
Lettuce & Pickles
Macaroni & Cheese
Friday
Fried Fish
Barbecued Chicken
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Crisp

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All meals are served with milk; breakfast is served with choice of juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Chocolate Chip Muffins
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks
Wednesday
Donuts
Thursday
Cinnamon Toast
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH
Monday
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Tomato Wedges
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas
Vegetable Salad
Spanish Rice
Fresh Peaches
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Mixed Fruit
Thursday
Brisket Burritos/Pico de Gallo
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Pinto Beans
Blond Brownies
Friday
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Lettuce/Tomato
French Fries
No-Bake Cookies

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All meals are served with milk and a choice of juice for breakfast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Tuesday
Homemade Burritos
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls
Friday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Pigs-n-Blanket/Barbecue on a Bun
French Fries
Pork-n-Beans
Pudding
Tuesday
Chicken Strips/Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Applesauce
Wednesday
Ground Beef Stroganoff/Chicken Patty
Rice
Sliced Potatoes
Peas
Bread
Cake w/Chocolate Icing
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Chicken Quesadillas/Grill Cheese
Refried Beans
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Israeli said middleman in nuclear black market

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Israeli businessman accused of being a middleman in the nuclear black market worked to supply not only Pakistan but also its archrival India, court records indicate.

South Africa-based Asher Karni faces felony charges of exporting nuclear bomb triggers to Pakistan. But court files in the case also include e-mail exchanges between Karni and an Indian businessman who was trying secretly to buy material for two Indian rocket factories.

"Be careful to avoid any reference to the customer name," warned one message from Karni's Indian contact, Raghavendra "Ragu" Rao of Foretek Marketing (Pvt.) Ltd.

The messages offer a rare glimpse into such dealings. Federal prosecutors filed them in court as part of their attempts to persuade a judge to keep Karni behind bars before his trial.

After conferring with U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay on Thursday, lawyers for both sides agreed to postpone a bond hearing for Karni until next Tuesday. L. Barrett Boss, one of Karni's lawyers, declined comment after the hearing.

Karni, 50, has pleaded innocent. Federal agents arrested him on New Year's Day when he arrived in Denver for a ski vacation.

Authorities accuse Karni of using front companies and falsified documents to buy nuclear bomb triggers in the United States and ship them to Pakistan.

The United States is pressuring Pakistan to shut down the black-market network it used to supply its nuclear weapons program and in turn to supply Iran, North Korea and Libya with nuclear technology. A key scientist in Pakistan's nuclear program, Abdul Qadeer Khan, said this month that he ran the network but insisted Pakistan's government was not involved.

Rao's e-mails from India ask Karni to procure three kinds of high-tech equipment while concealing that they were meant for the two rocket labs. The United States restricts exports of missile-related material to the two organizations, the Liquid Propulsion Systems Center and the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center.

An August 2002 e-mail from Rao to Karni warns Karni to conceal the final customer of an accelerometer to the LPSC, noting its export is restricted because of its "possibility of being used in guidance systems for missiles."

Rao did not respond to AP e-mails seeking comment Thursday.

Prosecutors said they found his e-mails while searching a laptop computer and six computer discs Karni had when he was arrested.

The court files also include records of other deals Karni made with his contact in Pakistan, Humayun Khan of the company Pakland PME. One involved Khan's urgent request last May for Karni to buy infrared sensors for AIM-9L Sidewinder missiles — which Pakistan uses on its F-16 fighter planes for air-to-air combat.

While it is unclear whether that deal went through, the request shows Karni must have known Khan had ties to the Pakistani military, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Bratt argued in court documents.

Another deal which apparently was completed was Humayun Khan's request for a sophisticated oscilloscope, a measuring device that could be used in nuclear weapons programs. For that deal, the documents indicate, Karni used the same U.S. intermediary he used for the bomb triggers: Giza Technologies Inc. of Secaucus, N.J.

In an August e-mail to Giza head Zeki Bilmen, Karni said he had a "new project" for Giza. "It is very important that they will not know it is coming to S.A. (South Africa)," Karni wrote.

Karni in May had asked the oscilloscope maker, Tektronix Inc., if he could buy an oscilloscope for Pakistan, but the company told him to ask for a U.S. export license first, court records indicate. There is no indication Karni contacted Tektronix directly again.

Bilmen has declined comment. Neither he nor his company have been charged, though Bratt wrote that agents searched Giza's offices in December at the same time South African police raided Karni's offices in Cape Town.

The criminal case against Karni centers on his efforts to buy devices called triggered spark gaps from PerkinElmer Optoelectronics of Salem, Mass. The devices can be used in machines to break up kidney stones, but exports are restricted because they also are key to triggering nuclear detonations.

World Almanac

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004

Today is the 52nd day of 2004 and the 62nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1848, "The Communist Manifesto," written by Karl Marx with the assistance of Friedrich Engels, was published.

In 1965, Malcolm X was assassinated in New York City.

In 1972, Richard Nixon became the first U.S. president to visit China.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Leo Delibes (1836-1891), composer; Anais Nin (1903-1977), writer; Sam Peckinpah (1925-1984), film director; Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), humorist; Jennifer Love Hewitt (1979-), actress, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1970, in a game against the New York Rangers, Bobby Hull of the Chicago Blackhawks became the third player in NHL history to score 500 career goals.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it." — Erma Bombeck

TODAY'S FACT: An estimated 56 percent of American families owned stock in 2001, compared to 28 percent in 1989.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 981 — Length in miles of the Ohio River.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 20) and first quarter (Feb. 28)

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004

Today is the 53rd day of 2004 and the 63rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1819, Spain signed a treaty turning Florida over to the United States.

In 1879, F. W. Woolworth opened his first "Great 5 Cents Store" in Utica, N.Y.

In 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet" returned from a round-the-world cruise.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Washington (1732-1799), soldier/first U.S. president; Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), philosopher; Frederic Chopin (1810-1849), composer; Ted Kennedy (1932-), politician, is 72; Julius Erving (1950-), basketball player, is 54; Drew Barrymore (1975-), actress, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1980, the underdog U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviet Union, 4-3, in Lake Placid, N.Y.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There can be no greater error than to expect, or calculate upon, real favors from nation to nation." — George Washington

TODAY'S FACT: On every Shrove Tuesday (day before Lent begins) since 1445, women competitors in Olney, England, have run while flipping pancakes in a spirited race that starts in the town marketplace.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 35,286 — Number of entrants in the New York City Marathon in 2003.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 20) and first quarter (Feb. 28)

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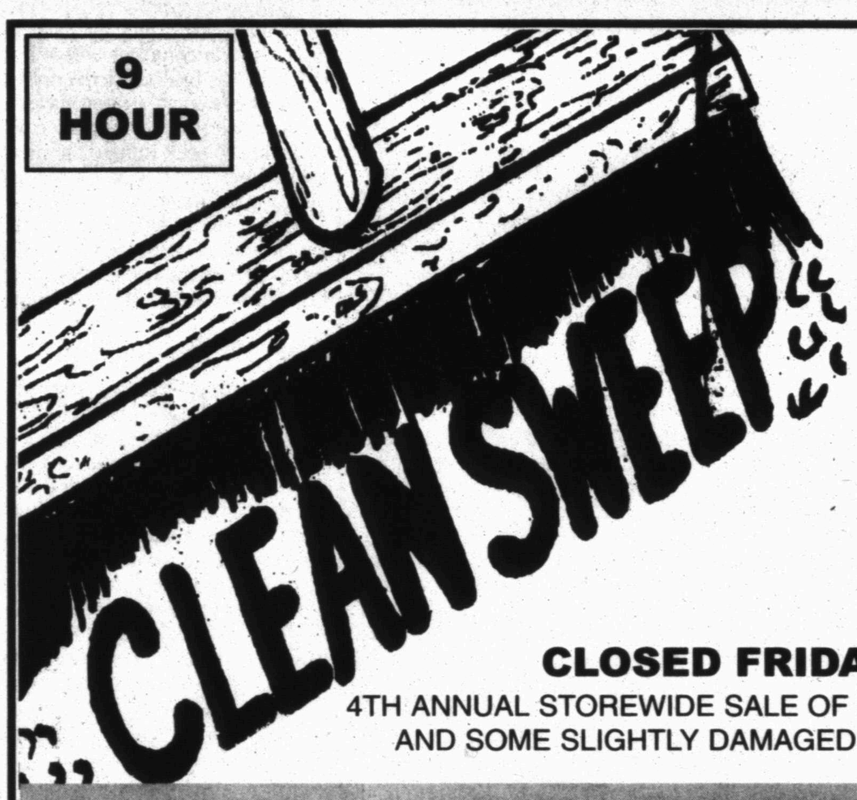

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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

I could not have been more surprised if my grandmother had slapped me up side the head at Christmas dinner. With all the spin going on, we're on shock overload, but

Barbie's dumping Ken for Blaine, an Australian "boogie boarder."

This news is beyond stunning. Why until last week, it wasn't even on the radar screen, but in a matter of hours, it was in the media circus center ring.

Tens of millions of Ken and Barbie tandems have graced American households for 43 years. Quick math suggests they could qualify for AARP cards, and if they had ever "tied the knot," they could be planning zoo trips with grandchildren.

The doll moguls could have added touches of gray, promoted their doll stars' citizen status, thus milking dry the "grow old with me/best is yet to be" line.

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But no! The Mattel toy people are no dummies. They read the papers, watch the news and know what scores.

They know that Pete Rose — with his coast-to-coast whines, confessions and apologies ostensibly to increase Hall of Fame chances — is riding this publicity crest to sell his new book. And he's selling them by the tons.

They also know that Mel Gibson's new movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, much-heralded before its release, has picked up even more speed with ongoing stories about whether the Pope did or didn't endorse it.

Mattel has entered the spin race and clearly believes that break-ups can get more ink than happily ever-after. Now, Ken and Barbie — since 1961 as inseparable as Burns and Allen, Fibber McGee and Molly, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans — not to mention Mickey and Minnie Mouse — are no more. It seems so un-American, or in these days, perhaps too American.

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They say that a soap opera is a show where it takes three years for a woman to have a baby prematurely. Well, Ken and Barbie's "courtship" has been similarly extended.

I've kept thinking that any decade now, they might announce their engagement, or even elope. (They could have had a prenuptial agreement, just in case things didn't work out.)

Ken, always eager to please Barbie, would have jumped at the chance to catch some tanning rays, touch up the gray streaks and perhaps add earrings if she wanted him to be more, well, current.

That wouldn't have gotten nearly as much publicity, though, as his being tossed aside like a rag doll as Barbie zeroed in on this Aussie beach hunk with dimples and a devilish smile who "talks the talk" and "walks the walk" of the "with it" bunch.

Yes, Mattel has scored a "hit" with the media by electing to forge a break-up of one doll duo to break in another. The toy moguls may have been born at night, but not last night.

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Meanwhile, Ken pined away — perhaps sitting on a barstool right next to Joe Namath — dateless just 48 hours before Valentine's Day. And Mattel's media gristmill grinds away, readying for the opening of the 101st American International Toy Fair in Manhattan.

Oh, I forgot to mention it. At the fair, retailers sort out toy trends and place orders for next Christmas.

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The announcement about Barbie reminded me of a 16-year-old girl trying to justify her navel ring to the school principal.

"You have to understand that my history has a history of break-downs," she sobbed, "So when I have mine, I want the wrecker man to have an easy way to connect the chain."

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In Cowtown, a guy claiming to be "almost Willie Nelson" entertained for a downtown coffee group. He so looked the part, with the bandana, long hair, guitar and a similar voice. At quick glance, he could easily have been mistaken for the real McCoy.

"I was in an 'almost Willie Nelson' look-alike contest in Oklahoma City a while back," he said, "There were 15 of us going for the prize. What none of us knew," he said, "Was that the real Willie Nelson was in town that night. He heard what we were doing, slipped in the back door, entered the contest and finished second."

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Poor Rix's Almanac by Rix Quinn

Hey, Poor Rix: Everybody says it's important to have good manners. When did manners begin? – Trying to Learn

Did you know that 4,000 years ago people lived without rules? With no restrictions, imagine the chaos. Imagine the confusion. Imagine the fun.

That changed when Babylon's King Hammurabi pulled out his ball-point chisel, and carved his 282-law Code.

Among his commands: If you owed somebody a debt, you could give them your spouse. This became a primitive form of "no-fault divorce."

We continued to refine human interaction with "etiquette," or rules of polite conduct. For instance, in a mixed group in this country, a man should not burp. But if he's with guys, he can burp loudly, and a friend may even try to record it for playback at the company picnic.

There are 17,000 rules of "good taste," many concerned with mealtime. Like, if we don't chew with our mouths closed, food could fall out. If we don't brush our teeth, they could fall out too. (If those teeth are chewing at the time, that's really bad.)

Other critical table manners:

1. If contents of a dish are unknown, say "My, what a lovely presentation," not "What is THIS slop?"

2. The long fork on the plate's left should never be used for back scratching.

3. After taking a date out for a fancy meal, the diner often compliments the chef, unless he is in the drive-thru line.

Poor Rix offers bad answers to good questions. E-mail him at rixquinn@charter.net.

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NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

What part of 'illegal' don't they understand

by Joe Klock Sr.

Okay, I've learned to live with such politically correct euphemisms as vertically challenged instead of short, cerebrally deprived instead of stupid and even follicularly disadvantaged instead of bald. (Well, actually, I made up that last one, but you get the idea.)

Kinder, gentler substitutions of language trouble me not, so long as the meaning remains reasonably clear. In fact, I wish we hadn't abandoned the Number One and Number Two of my childhood days for some of the more graphic eliminatory terms that have replaced them.

I draw the line, though, at labels that whitewash or hogwash unpleasant matters in an obvious effort to disguise their wrongfulness.

A case in point is the growing tendency to use "undocumented alien" in place of "illegal immigrant," somehow suggesting that people who got into the USA by violating its laws may be no more culpable than kids who snuck (sneaked to you purists) into the ballpark without tickets.

The cited aliens are criminals, rather than visitors who just neglected to apply for visas. To dub them undocumented is somewhat - albeit remotely - akin to characterizing rapists as uninvited lovers.

The word "illegal," last time I checked, still meant "against the law" - nothing else; and between 8 and 11 million miscreants with no legal right to be here are in our midst. They drain our coffers of some $20 billion annually and seriously strain our law enforcement capability.

That said, and before going further, let's recognize two conflicting facts, both representing human values virtually impossible to reconcile:

1. There are billions of men, women and children on this planet who would be better off living here than where they are now - some because they dream of a better life and others because they endure conditions unfit for even the lowest forms of creaturedom.

Every American reading this should thank their God - or, if they prefer, their lucky stars - daily for the blessings of their citizenship. Since there are no lifeguards in the gene pool, all of us are accidental winners of the procreational lottery.

2. We can't share our good fortune with an unlimited number of new neighbors. Were we to do so, there would ultimately be few survivors and almost no winners.

We can and should - and, generally speaking we do - share our wealth with those less fortunate, but a completely open-door policy would be the entrance to a national disaster. The "Marielita" exodus from Cuba in 1980 gave us an unpleasant preview of what that would mean.

Compounding the pressure brought to bear by those trying to get in is the suctioning force of American enterprises seeking low-cost workers for jobs that American citizens are unwilling to fill - a demand that can't be met through the slow process of naturalization.

The interplay of these pressures is abetted by our porous borders and permissive practices and perpetuated in part by political "hispandering" to a significant bloc of voters. Plugging the dike of illegal immigration has become a fourth rail for those seeking to gain or retain public office.

However, what is IS, and illegal is illegal. (Illegal. Period. Case closed!)

How to deal with it? We must first either enforce, revise or revoke the laws that have permitted the present state of affairs.

Draconian measures, like rounding up and deporting all the illegal/undocumented people presently here would be chaotic and inhumane. Some of them, despite the illegitimate birth of their presence here, have become productive residents, mirroring in a sense part of the passenger manifest of the storied "Mayflower" and the later victims of our unconscionable slave trade.

However, any restoration of order must begin with sealing our borders and identifying those who can't validate either a right or privilege of residency.

Ultralibs shriek with horror at the mere mention of a national ID card, but it would seem to be a minimal surrender of freedom in exchange for separating the lambs from the wolves.

Next step would be determining which ones among the latter group are contributory to the best interests of the American public at large and then establishing a temporary "guest worker" status for them that ensures their productivity and, perhaps, paves the way for eventual citizenship status.

This calls for some tough decisions that would be resolutely opposed by special interest groups representing both the illegals and the business people who employ and/or exploit them.

Among the thornier problems is the inexplicable "wet foot/dry foot" policy that has spawned a shadowy industry of smuggling Cubans to asylum while denying this opportunity to others.

How these objectives can be met is beyond my ken, and probably yours as well, but those chosen by us to meet them should either do so or themselves face deportation from their perches of power.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Access to morning-after pills

It was a mistake for the Food and Drug Administration to put off approval for over-the-counter sales of emergency contraceptives. Not to be confused with the controversial abortion pill RU-486, morning-after pills prevent rather than cause abortion.

Except for appeasing foes of abortion, who should welcome morning-after pills, there is little reason to further delay convenient access to this important medication for women.

The FDA is under intense political pressure to maintain prescription status for brand-name emergency contraceptives Plan B and Preven. The agency was set to decide whether to allow over-the-counter sales, but that decision now has been pushed back to May, even though an advisory panel in December overwhelmingly recommended making morning-after pills more widely available as a safe way to reduce unwanted pregnancies and hundreds of thousands of abortions.

Emergency contraceptives have been proved safe and effective at preventing pregnancy over decades of use by women in the United States and in countries where it is available in drugstores. The drug can serve as backup birth control in the event another contraceptive fails or be used after unprotected sex.

Store sales of morning-after pills would help rape victims who are unwilling to seek immediate medical treatment skirt pregnancy and avoid the risk of having to make a painful abortion decision.

This medication must be taken within 120 hours of intercourse and is most effective when taken as quickly as possible after unprotected sex. Finding a doctor to write a prescription in time can be difficult for many women. Offering easier access to emergency contraception will help make every child a wanted child.

San Antonio Express-News

Nuclear proliferation

Do as we say, not as we do.

That seems to be the underlying message in President Bush's speech last week reminding the nation that nuclear weapons are "the greatest threat before humanity today."

As we have noted before, the president is absolutely right about the threat of nuclear proliferation, which makes it hard to understand how he can warn of the danger without offering an adequate response.

The most glaring inadequacy is the administration's refusal to provide sufficient funds for effective programs, already in place, that are designed to curb nuclear proliferation.

The 1992 Nunn-Lugar program, for example, was implemented to destroy Cold War-era Soviet nuclear weapons so they won't end up in the hands of terrorists. The program, however, is scheduled for reduced funding in Bush's 2005 budget, from $450.8 million to $409 million.

What's the sense of that?

Meanwhile, as the president warned the world not to build nuclear weapons, this nation continues constructing its own. The administration is pushing to develop "bunker busters," battlefield nuclear weapons that would lower the threshold for bringing nuclear weapons into play.

Next year's budget also calls for $10.7 billion to go toward a "Star Wars" missile defense system, a system of nuclear defense that, even if it worked, would do nothing to guard against terrorists using nuclear weapons in any other form.

"Every civilized nation has a stake in preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction," President Bush said in his speech last week.

Truer words were never spoken, but they're empty without action.

The Dallas Morning News

Cloning vital to medical research

At one time, the idea of Americans going to South Korea for state-of-the-art medical treatment was unthinkable.

But that was last month, before Korean scientists at Seoul National University made a breakthrough in therapeutic cloning. Their successful production of human embryonic stem cells through cloning is a big step toward treatment of Parkinson's, heart disease or spinal cord injuries.

Of course, American patients won't be flocking to South Korea soon, because clinical trials, much less treatments, still are years away. But the breakthrough gives medical researchers everywhere hope.

Everywhere except the United States, that is. Scientists here have predicted that biomedical research increasingly will migrate overseas because the federal government has discouraged therapeutic cloning denying it funds and even talking of banning it.

It's time to clear up the confusion and come out foursquare behind therapeutic cloning.

Mention "cloning," and people think of Frankenstein. Dolly the sheep gave substance to some of those fears. But that was reproductive cloning a place few reputable scientists want to go, not only because reproductive cloning is akin to playing God but because animal clones too often have been flawed copies.

Therapeutic cloning is completely different. It's about reproducing human cells that have the potential of becoming any kind of tissue — tissue that could be used to heal a human.

Some religious groups oppose therapeutic cloning, too, arguing that a human embryo even an embryo that isn't implanted and wouldn't become a person is the moral equivalent of a human being. But it's important to note that South Korea's cloning didn't actually use embryos; the research was conducted on unfertilized eggs that never would have become embryos.

El Paso Times

Trade inequities hamper growth

America's trade deficit exploded to a record $489.4 billion in 2003, reflecting both good and bad economic news.

The good news is that the deficit indicates a recovering U.S. economy as more Americans spend more money on more imports. And, exports of consumer goods to other countries achieved a record high in 2003.

However, as Bloomberg News pointed out Feb. 13, "The trade deficit is considered a negative when calculating U.S. economic growth."

One huge problem is that America's trade deficit with China continues to grow, in 2003 reaching $124 billion, also a record. There's some suspicion that China is undervaluing the yuan, its currency to give it an advantage when competing with U.S. companies. It's certainly not out of the question, as the United States continues to see business and associated jobs head for China.

Frank Mankiw, the administration's chief economist raised hackles last week when he brushed off the flight of U.S. jobs overseas as "... just a new way of doing international trade." That kind of cavalier approach isn't appreciated, especially in places such as El Paso, where job flight has really hurt.

The administration needs to pressure China to help equalize the trade deficit. The latest trade-deficit news also indicates that the United States is getting the short end of the deal when it comes to the North American Free Trade Agreement. Deficits with its partners, Canada and Mexico, increased to $54.4 billion and $40.6 billion respectively. Both figures are records.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004

A beneficial weeding-out process could take place in the year ahead and be replaced by more favorable methods, tactics and mannerisms. Once you have any negative effects out of the way, positive conditions can begin to prevail.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Financial dealings could be your most vulnerable area today, so lock up those credit cards and spend only the cash you have on hand. You'll thank yourself later when the bills are due.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Sometimes we can bluff our way out of sticky situations, but these tactics aren't apt to work today. If you intend to call the pot, you'd better have those aces in the hole.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A negative attitude always does us in, and today will be no exception. If you allow self-doubts or a defeatist posture to prevail, be prepared to have your thinking fulfilled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There are plenty of ways to have a good time today without robbing Peter to pay Paul. Once you start to waste funds on frivolous items or things, it'll carry you right into the poor house.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could have a tendency today to turn that which should be simple and easy into something quite difficult and complex. Don't be thwarted by obstacles of your own making.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Usually your instincts are pretty good and you can rely on them, but this may not be the case today. Should you have to make a choice between your logic and intuition, choose the former.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A well-meaning friend may try to talk you into something today that she or he believes to be superior, but, in fact, it is a bummer. Your pal is not deliberately misleading you, just wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Chances are when you feel pressured today you're not apt to make too many wise decisions. Should anyone put you in this kind of position, don't crumble under the weight of argument.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Experimenting with labor-saving tools and devices today could end up creating more work for you. You'd be better off sticking to tested procedures and equipment when performing tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's self-defeating to be too possessive of anyone today, but especially of one you love. The harder you grasp onto someone, the harder this person will struggle to get away from you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make it a point to be supportive of your mate when in front of family members, even if you disagree. You can harmlessly reconcile your differences later — when others aren't around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — That old saying "if you don't have anything nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all" should be heeded at all times today. Caustic remarks will come back to haunt you.

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Monday, Feb. 23, 2004

A number of restrictive conditions that have been impeding your progress may begin to tumble one right after another in the year ahead — opening up the ways and means for you to attain goals that you have been denied.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your chances for personal accumulation look particularly good today, both from the efforts you put forth in yielding returns and from others who are offering material tokens of appreciation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your warm, pleasing personality will be exceptionally helpful today should you find yourself in a competitive involvement. Those who you're trying to solicit will trust you over aggressive types.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Kind deeds you do from the heart for others today will serve as seeds for a later harvest. You won't have to be asked to help those in need; you'll come through for them without hesitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Vigorously forge ahead today with a new project or venture that you've fallen in love with. Your enthusiastic interest is keyed to a high level now and you'll have little trouble launching it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Instead of getting you down today, you'll thrive on challenges. You'll know how to utilize people or circumstances that would normally hinder you into helping you facilitate your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hang on to your hopes today, because faith can move mountains. Regardless of what you're up against or what occurs, continue to see everything working out for your ultimate good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An enterprising friend who likes you a lot may point out to you today a potentially profitable project that has come to his or her attention. It'll be well worth your time to investigate it in depth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you are placed in a position today where you have to make an important decision regarding a loved one, let your heart rule your head, even if you're encouraged to do otherwise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll get through all your responsibilities today with greater ease and possibly even yield larger rewards if you treat all of your tasks as labors of love, even those you consider boring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's quite possible that you may hear from someone today who you recently met to whom you were attracted. Don't waste any time playing games or responding to this person's overtures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone may intervene in a matter you thought was going to work out badly and turn it to your advantage today. It proves one should never worry about things that haven't happened.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This could be the day when you will receive the good news for which you've been hoping. The message may be just a start, but its ramifications down the line could be enormous.

Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Drew Barrymore is smitten with walrus

NEW YORK (AP) — Drew Barrymore became smitten with one of her co-stars in the new romantic comedy "50 First Dates," but it wasn't Adam Sandler — it was a gigantic walrus.

"I was obsessed with him. I wouldn't leave his side for a second," Barrymore told reporters in Honolulu recently, according to AP Radio.

In "50 First Dates," Sandler plays a veterinarian at a marine park in Hawaii. (The walrus is his patient.)

Barrymore said she found herself hugging and petting the walrus.

"His mouth is full of gums, there's no teeth, so you can feed him ice and put your whole hand in his mouth," the actress said. "And he painted me this painting (using a pacifer-like brush in his mouth) and I have it up on my wall. It's so cool."

Barrymore plays a young accident victim with short-term memory loss. When she goes to sleep at night, she forgets everything that happened to her the previous day. Sandler's character desperately wants her to remember him, so he tries to win her over each day.

On the Net:
http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/50firstdates/

Simply expecting relief from pain can be beneficial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just thinking a medicine will make you feel better actually may — even if it's fake, according to new research examining the placebo effect.

One region of the brain is activated by the expectation of pain relief, researchers said. This, in turn, leads to a reduction of activity in the portion of the brain that senses pain.

In a second study, researchers showed that some of the brain regions involved in feeling physical pain become activated when someone empathizes with another's pain.

"Very likely the same part of the brain which is affected by empathy for pain, and therefore suffering, is the area that also our mind or our expectation has to deal with if we're going to get control of that pain," said Dr. Jon Levine, a pain specialist at the University of California, San Francisco, who reviewed the research.

Both studies were published in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

In the placebo study, volunteers put inside MRI machines had either electric shocks or heat applied to the arm. The pain activated all the expected neural pathways, researchers from the University of Michigan and Princeton University reported.

Then, researchers smeared on a cream they said would block the pain. In fact, it was a regular skin lotion.

When the volunteers were zapped again, they reported significantly less pain — and pain circuits in the brain showed they really felt better. Those were the same brain regions that respond to painkilling medication.

Then researchers spread on cream again, this time telling the volunteers it was a placebo — and they hurt all over again.

Doctors long have known the placebo effect is real. It is one reason that they talk up the benefits of a drug as they write the prescription. But previously, the effect had been assumed to be psychological, Levine said.

Dr. Kenneth Casey, one of the researchers for the placebo study, said the results should send a message to physicians.

"If you're providing a treatment to a patient, it's important that you realistically provide them with the expectation that it would work, so you enhance the effect," said Casey, a professor at the University of Michigan. "If you gave them a drug or any kind of treatment with the attitude, either explicit or implicit, that this might not be effective, it would be much less likely to be effective."

In the empathy study, British researchers recruited 16 couples. One at a time, the women were put into MRI machines; the men sat nearby. The women could see only their loved one's hand and a computer screen. The women and men got brief electric shocks to the hand.

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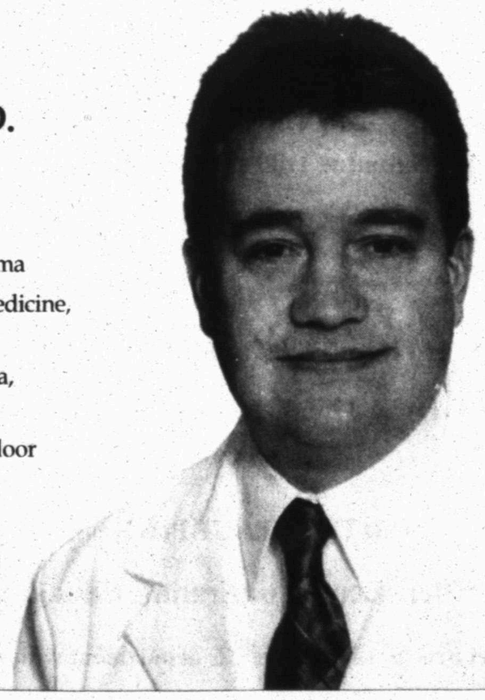

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Sex scandals at two schools very similar

DENVER (AP) — Pete Steinhauer remembers watching the firestorm erupt at the Air Force Academy last year as dozens of women came forward to say they had been raped by fellow cadets.

"I thought, 'That doesn't happen here,'" said Steinhauer, the Board of Regents chairman for the University of Colorado.

But it has. The state's largest school is in the middle of a nightmare involving alleged rapes by football players, binge drinking and officials accused of looking the other way for years.

The parallels between the scandals at the Colorado schools are many — parents of students calling to ask if their children are safe, a committee appointed to investigate, questions about a male-dominated culture, stunning remarks from officials.

At Colorado, football coach Gary Barnett was suspended for criticizing the athletic ability of former player Katie Hnida after she said she had been raped by a teammate, saying she was a "terrible" place kicker.

At the academy, Brig. Gen. Taco Gilbert suggested alleged victims had placed themselves in danger: "If I walk down a dark alley with hundred-dollar bills hanging out of my pockets, it doesn't justify my being attacked or robbed, but I certainly increased the risk."

Col. Laurie Sue Slavec was also criticized for saying she never saw a "true rape" while she was in charge of discipline at the academy. Gilbert, Slavec and other top commanders were ousted last summer and the school near Colorado Springs is undergoing sweeping changes.

"Denial is not part of the game plan of the new leadership," academy spokesman Johnny Whitaker said. "Anybody out there who is denying it just doesn't know the facts. I imagine they are dealing with some of the same issues at the University of Colorado."

So far, no one has been ousted at Colorado, though Barnett's job security depends on the results of an investigation into recruiting practices. Colorado football players or recruits have been implicated in at least seven alleged rapes dating to 1997.

"This is a cultural problem all the country, just like at the Air Force Academy," Steinhauer said. "We would have this problem with or without the football team."

The athletic department has been the center of the controversy at Colorado, but it also has played a role at the academy. The Air Force athletic director stepped down when officials limited his authority amid claims that athletes received preferential treatment in sexual misconduct investigations.

Gordon Gee, a former Colorado president and current chancellor of Vanderbilt University, said so much pressure is put on coaches to win that they cannot stay true to ethical principles.

Gee, who compares college athletics to an arms race, eliminated Vanderbilt's sports department, putting all the teams under the control of regular university staff.

"I want to be able to watch a football game on Saturday afternoon and be able to sleep Saturday night," he said. "There are few presidents of major universities who can do that."

Victims' advocates say sexual assaults are underreported, whether they involve college students or not.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

Alcohol: What You Don't Know Can Harm You

Part 1 of 2

If you are like many Americans, you may drink alcohol occasionally. Or, like others, you may drink moderate amounts of alcohol on a more regular basis. If you are a woman or someone over the age of 65, this means you have no more than one drink per day; if you are a man, this means you have no more than two drinks per day. Drinking at these levels usually is not associated with health risks and may help prevent certain forms of heart disease.

But did you know that even moderate drinking, under certain circumstances, can be risky? If you drink at more than moderate levels, you may be putting yourself at risk for serious problems with your health as well as problems with family, friends, and coworkers. This booklet explains some of the problems that can be caused by drinking that you may not have considered.

WHAT IS A DRINK?

A standard drink is:

- One 12-ounce bottle of beer* or wine cooler
- One 5-ounce glass of wine
- 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.

Different beers have different alcohol content. Malt liquor has a higher alcohol content than most other brewed beverages.

DRINKING AND DRIVING

It may surprise you to learn that you don't need to drink much alcohol before your driving ability is affected. For example, certain driving skills can be impaired by blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) as low as 0.02 percent. (The BAC refers to the amount of alcohol in the blood.)

A 160-pound man will have a BAC of about 0.04 percent 1 hour after drinking two 12-ounce beers or two other standard drinks on an empty stomach (see the box, "What Is a Drink?"). And the more alcohol you drink, the more impaired your driving skills will be. Although most states set the BAC limit for adults who drive after drinking at 0.08 percent, driving skills are affected at much lower levels.

INTERACTIONS WITH MEDICATIONS

Drinking alcohol while taking certain medications can cause problems. In fact, there are more than 150 medications that should not be mixed with alcohol. For example, if you are taking antihistamines for a cold or allergy and drink alcohol, the alcohol will increase the drowsiness that the medicine alone can cause, making driving or operating machinery even more dangerous.

And if you are taking large doses of the painkiller acetaminophen (Tylenol®) and drinking alcohol, you are risking serious liver damage. Check with your doctor or pharmacist before drinking any amount of alcohol if you are taking any over-the-counter or prescription medicines.

SOCIAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS

The more heavily you drink, the greater the potential for problems at home, at work, with friends, and even with strangers. These problems may include:

Arguments with or separation from your spouse and other family members;

Strained relationships with coworkers;

Absence from or lateness to work with increasing frequency;

Loss of employment due to decreased productivity; and

Committing or being the victim of violence.

The above information was provided by The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

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

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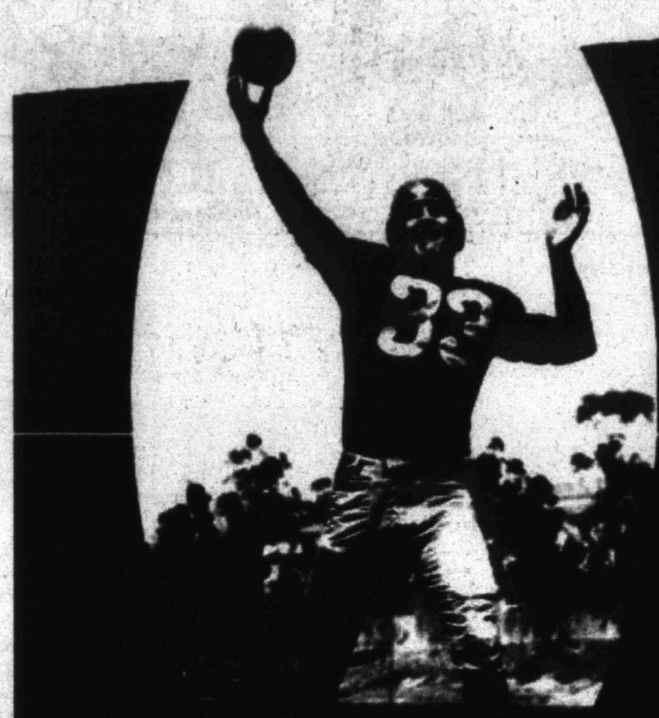

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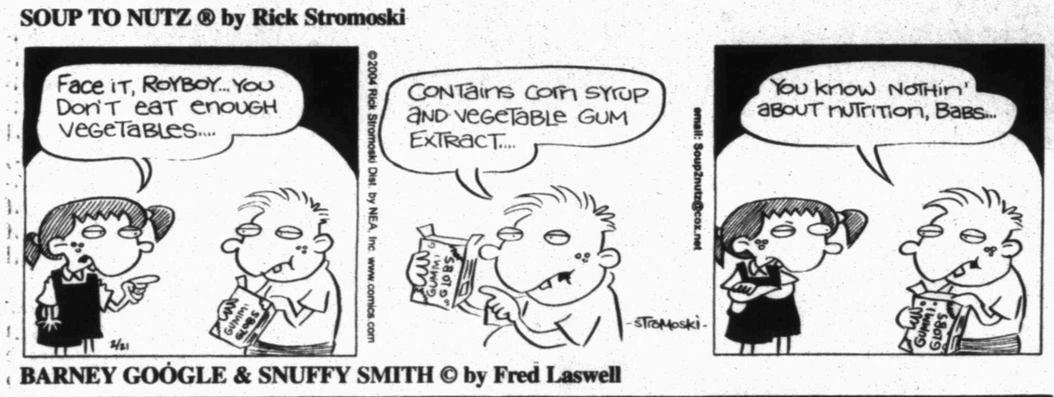

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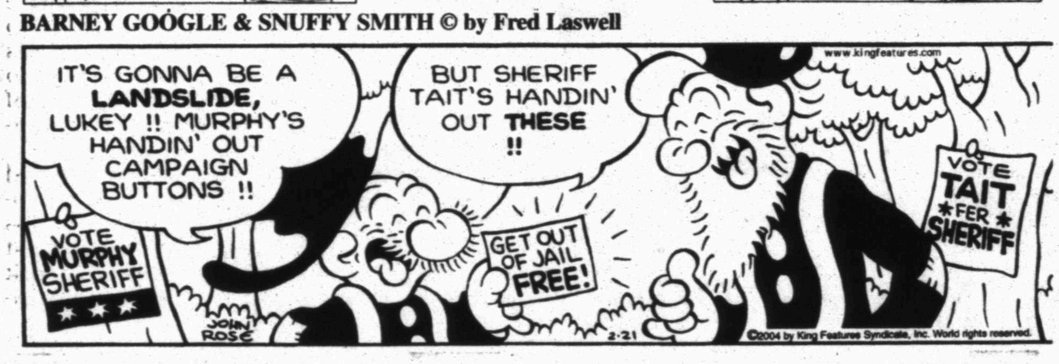

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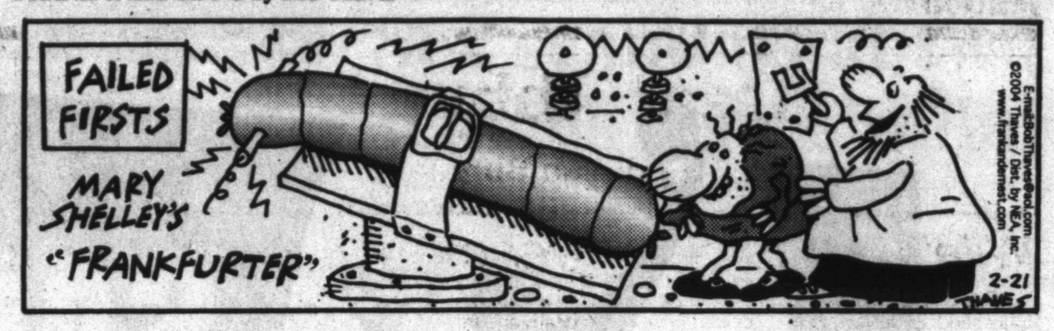

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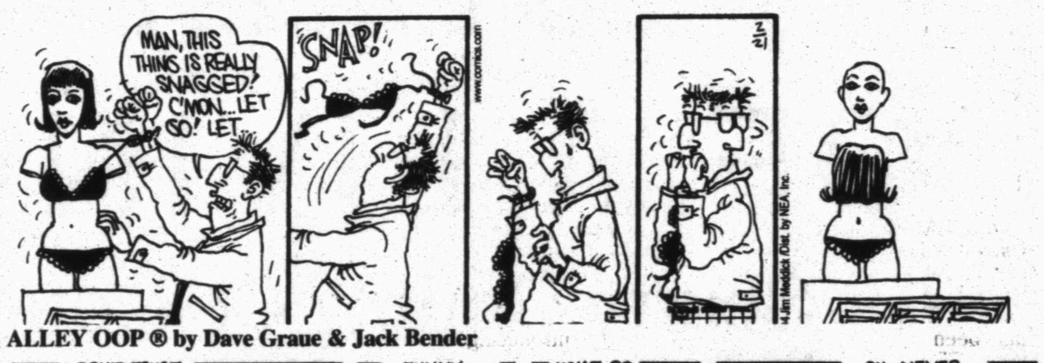

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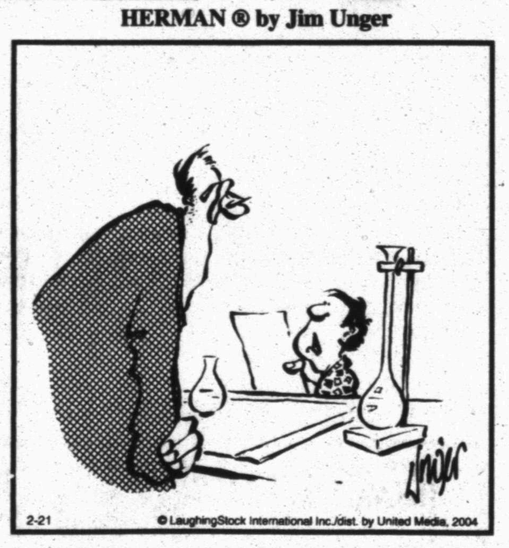

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26 Dear, to Pierre
28 Pretend
29 Cry of dismay
31 Untidy one
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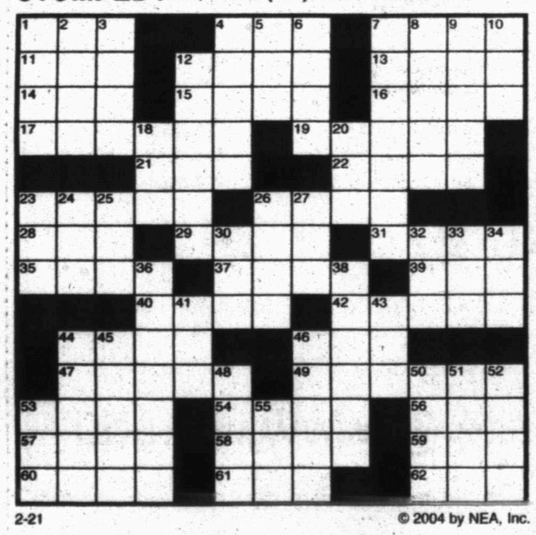

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife's cup runneth over every night after work

DEAR ABBY: I am extremely concerned about my wife, "Jackie's," drinking. She has only two glasses of wine, every night after work, but the glasses are large, and two of them measure out to an entire bottle.

When she drinks, she slurs her words and her mood swings from happy and gentle to confrontational and angry. Some nights are worse than others. She drinks even more on weekends when we go out.

At times, our children are the target of her verbal abuse. (She is never physically abusive.)

I have read that a glass or two of wine is good for your health. I think a bottle is excessive. I have confronted her, but nothing changes. Her drinking continues.

Abby, what is considered a "glass" of wine? Is a bottle a day substance abuse? I'm afraid I'm married to an alcoholic. I want to end this, but I won't for our children's sake. Please help. — **LIVING WITH AN ALCOHOLIC**

DEAR LIVING: Your fears are well-founded. Your wife must be using a water goblet and filling it to the brim. This is not beneficial to anyone's health. A "glass" of wine is 4 ounces.

Before your wife's verbal abuse damages the children any further, give her an ultimatum — get help or get out (and you're keeping the children). This may sound extreme, but immediate action is called for. You and your children may also want to consider seeking support from Al-Anon. It's in the phone book.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old woman in love with a 61-year-old man I'll call Edgar. We have been together for 22 years. We are not married. This entire time, Edgar has been married to another woman I'll call Sherene. He has not lived with or slept with Sherene for 30 years. When I bring up the subject of marriage, Edgar always says he is going to get a divorce. After 22 years with me, it hasn't happened.

Abby, if Edgar dropped dead tomorrow, Sherene would be recognized as his wife — not me. She will be able to draw his Social Security and take anything and everything — our car, house, etc.

I need to know, should I put my foot down and demand marriage or separation? — **SLEEPING BEAUTY IN MIAMI**

DEAR SLEEPING BEAUTY: I'm pleased you finally woke up. Your assessment of the situation is 100 percent correct. If anything happens to Edgar, you will be shafted.

A person who cares about the well-being of another wants to ensure that person will be safe and secure if disaster strikes. The only two things we can be absolutely sure of are death and taxes. Talk to a lawyer!

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Smile and the world smiles with you. Snore and you sleep alone. (Tillie M. Brehl; submitted by her daughter, Ilene R. Bauer)

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DEAR ABBY: At 19, I chose to give up my first child for adoption. "Billy" is now 5, and I have a great relationship with him and his adoptive parents. I've never regretted my decision.

We have been open about his adoption from the beginning. Billy often asks questions, much deeper than one would expect from a 5-year-old, and expresses some confusion. He understands that he came from my tummy but that he has his own parents. He knows that he is part of my family as well as his own, and when he met my mom, he chose to call her "Grandma." What Billy doesn't understand is why all his friends came from their mommy's tummies and he couldn't come from his adoptive mom's tummy. He also often expresses a desire for a brother or sister.

I am now engaged to be married to a wonderful man. We just found out that I am pregnant. I'd like Billy to be the ring bearer at my wedding, but I don't want to mislead anyone by introducing him and his family as "close friends of the family." We also don't want to overwhelm Billy with all this new information when he is struggling with so much confusion already. (Most of my extended family is not aware of Billy's existence.)

Also, since I'll be pregnant at the wedding and Billy knows he came from my tummy, a 5-year-old's deduction would be that he is finally getting a brother or sister. How do we explain that I loved him so much that I gave him to his mommy and daddy but I'll be keeping this baby? — **BIRTH MOTHER IN PHILLY**

DEAR BIRTH MOTHER: I know you are well-intentioned, but I urge you to rethink having Billy be a part of your wedding. Please consider the effect it would have on him to be introduced to your extended family for the first time at your wedding. Also, the question of why you would "give him away" and keep the other child is one that should be dealt with over time — and by his adoptive parents with support from you if necessary.

As he grows older, he will have more questions, and they should be answered honestly and at an age-appropriate level.

For now, however, I think creating some distance would be healthier for all concerned.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl in my last year of high school. Throughout school I have made good grades and participated in the band as well as my sport outside of school.

My problem is this year I coach my sport twice a week in addition to playing on the team, playing in the band, and trying to keep my grades up for university and scholarship applications. On top of that, I have a full course load.

Abby, I can't do it all! When I get home at night, I'm so tired I can barely finish my homework or study for tests. My marks have begun to suffer, I'm having trouble sleeping, and I cry a lot. I have begged my parents to let me drop something, but they won't let me. I really want to do everything, but I can't.

How can I get my parents to understand? — **TOO TIRED TO STUDY**

DEAR TOO TIRED: Since your parents don't seem to be getting the message, find an ally to whom they will listen. Confide in a trusted teacher or school counselor, and ask that person to intervene for you before your stress level gets any higher. No one can do everything, and perhaps your parents need to hear it from an educator.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: May your heart always play a song of joy, and when there are tears, may they nourish the seeds of your dreams so that they grow into reality. (Author unknown)

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Panel says toxic research on humans OK with restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exposing human volunteers to toxic pesticides and pollutants for scientific purposes is justified only under strict conditions and with careful review, a National Academy of Sciences panel said Thursday.

The Environmental Protection Agency should establish a special review board to evaluate any studies that involve intentionally giving people toxic chemicals, the committee said.

"Human studies involving pesticides, air pollutants, or other toxicants — as opposed to therapeutic agents — are particularly controversial, and because of this, EPA should subject these studies to the highest level of scientific and ethical scrutiny," said committee co-chairman James F. Childress, a professor of ethics and medical education at the University of Virginia.

Erik Olson of the Natural Resources Defense Council said he was very troubled by the report. "We find it gravely disturbing," he said, that toxic chemicals could be tested on humans and that the government would use the results of such tests done by industry in the past.

EPA spokeswoman Cynthia Bergman said the agency was still reviewing the report and had no immediate response.

CropLife America, a pesticide industry trade group, welcomed the report, saying it agrees "with the major finding that human testing is ethical, provided there are safeguards and sound science is used.

"Our industry is ethically and legally bound to provide regulators the information they need to determine that products are safe as they set stringent guidelines for their proper use," the group said in a statement.

The panel convened by the National Research Council, the operating arm of the academy, looked at 19 pesticide studies received by EPA since 1991 involving volunteers.

It said any human testing of chemicals must be approached with the utmost caution and care.

Asked about the possibility of testing in children, committee member Ellen Wright Clayton of Vanderbilt University said the panel urged EPA to adopt procedures used by other government agencies that say testing in children must seek to answer a question of enormous importance that can't be done in another way and must be reviewed by both a local and national review board.

"I suppose it is possible to imagine a study that might meet those criteria," she said, but the panel didn't try to come up with an example.

EPA generally assesses human risk by determining the lowest level that is harmful to lab animals and extrapolating from that. But it has sponsored human studies when it considered them necessary to set health-related regulations.

The academy panel said intentional dosing studies in humans should be considered only if all of a set of conditions are met. Those were:

— The work must address important regulatory questions that cannot be answered with animal studies or other studies that do not involve human testing. They must be designed, conducted, and reported in a scientifically rigorous manner to ensure that they answer a specific research question.

— The possible benefits to society from the research must outweigh any anticipated risks to participants.

— Studies to be used only for improving the scientific accuracy of EPA's established reference doses for humans, but which would not provide health benefits otherwise, would be justified only if there were no identifiable risks to participants, or if investigators could show with reasonable certainty that participants would not be harmed.

— All recognized ethical standards and procedures for protecting the interests of study participants must be observed, including equitable selection and recruitment of human subjects, the obtaining of informed consent and independent review of the scientific and ethical merits of the study by an institutional review board.

EPA turned to the academy for advice after a debate over human studies broke out when pesticide manufacturers — seeking to show that a set of 1996 standards for pesticides in food were too strict — conducted a series of studies on humans and submitted them as evidence.

Those studies were challenged by some scientists, environmentalists and public interest groups on ethical grounds, arguing that people should not be put at risk to establish regulatory standards.

Wave of killings spotlight Detroit's violent side

DETROIT (AP) — Just as a steady decline of killings in the Motor City was taking the sting out of the old "Murder City" epithet, a recent spike in homicides — including two police officers this week — seems to indicate that the culture of violence is far from defeated.

The surge in bloodshed took 35 lives in January, nine more than in that period last year, and has continued this month at a pace of about one a day. It has raised fears of a return to the bad old days and prompted law enforcement officials to announce two new high-profile programs for combatting the problem.

The increased violence comes at a time when Detroit is struggling to forge a new image. As the city gears up to host the 2006 Super Bowl, it is trying to shake its reputation as a crime-ridden, poverty-stricken collection of abandoned buildings. While downtown buzzes with development and cleanup campaigns, residents say guns, drugs and unemployment remain facts of life.

The Motor City became known as the "Murder City" after it logged 714 homicides in 1974. But crime in Detroit decreased throughout the 1990s, as it did in the United States as a whole. The number of homicides fell from 615 in 1991 to 396 in 2000. In 2002, the number was 402, but last year it dropped dramatically to 361 — its lowest since 1967.

Still, Detroit had the highest per capita homicide rate of the 10 largest U.S. cities last year — 39 per 100,000 residents. However, some smaller cities had higher rates.

Crime statistics often show fluctuations that have no obvious explanation, and Detroit has not been alone in showing a surge this year. Philadelphia has seen 44 homicides since Jan. 1.

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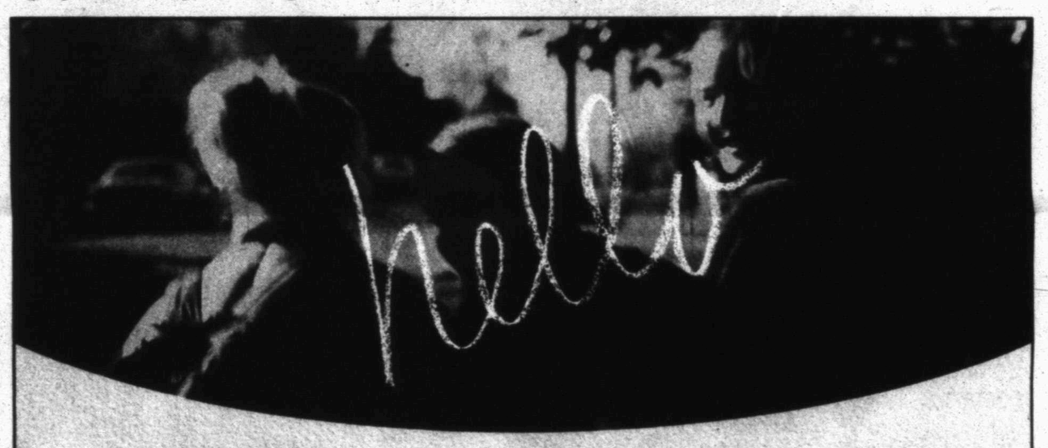

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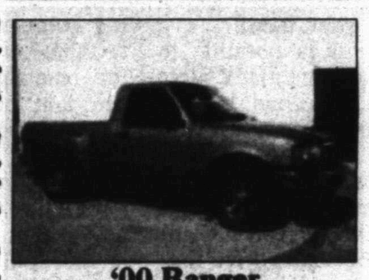

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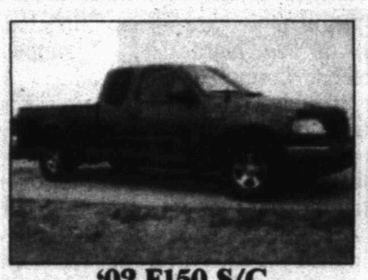

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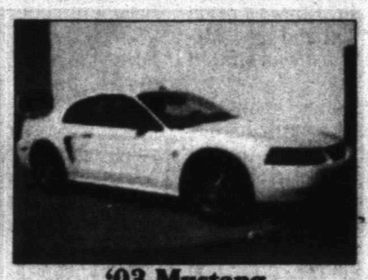

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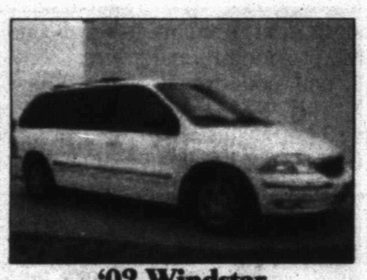

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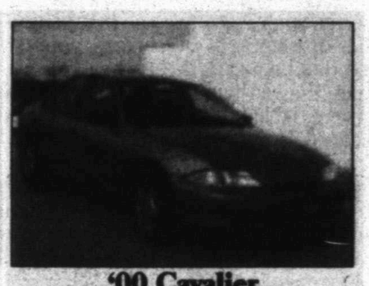

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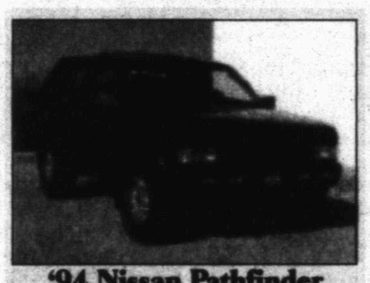

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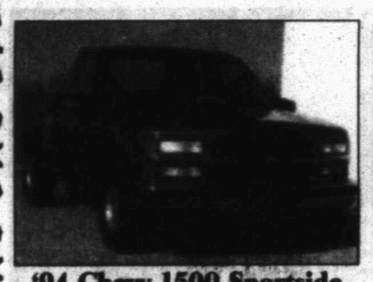

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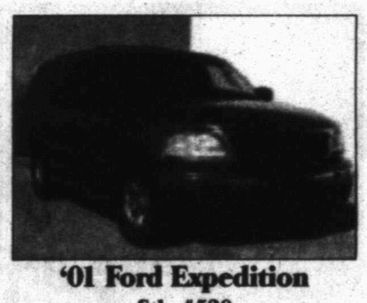

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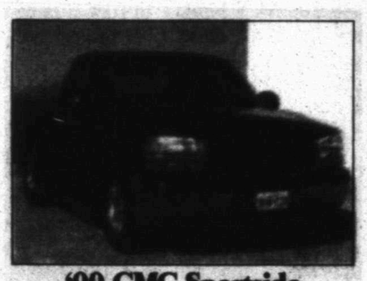

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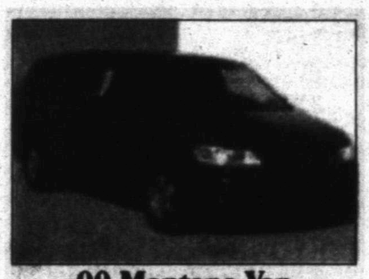

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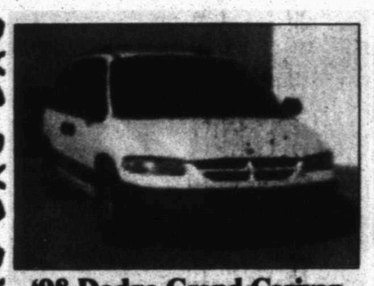

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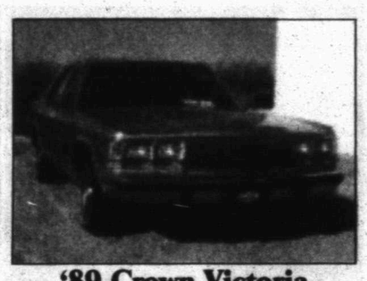

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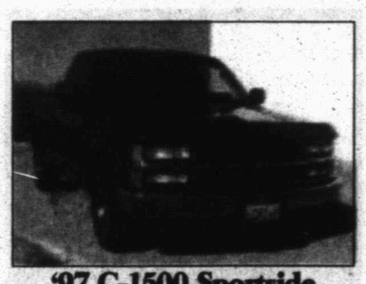

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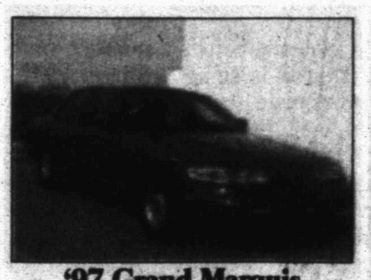

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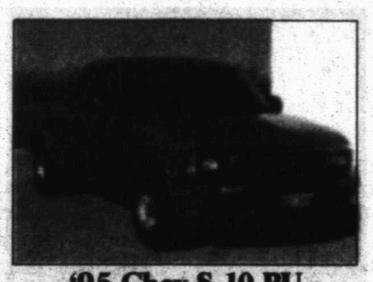

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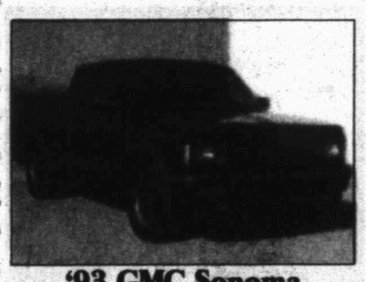

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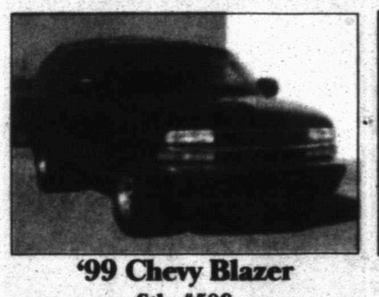

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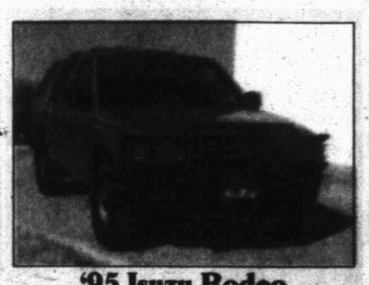

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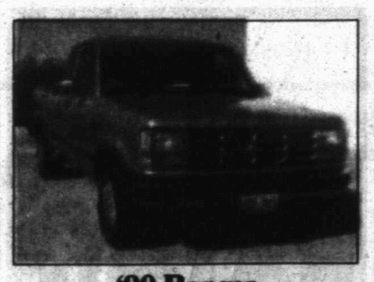

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