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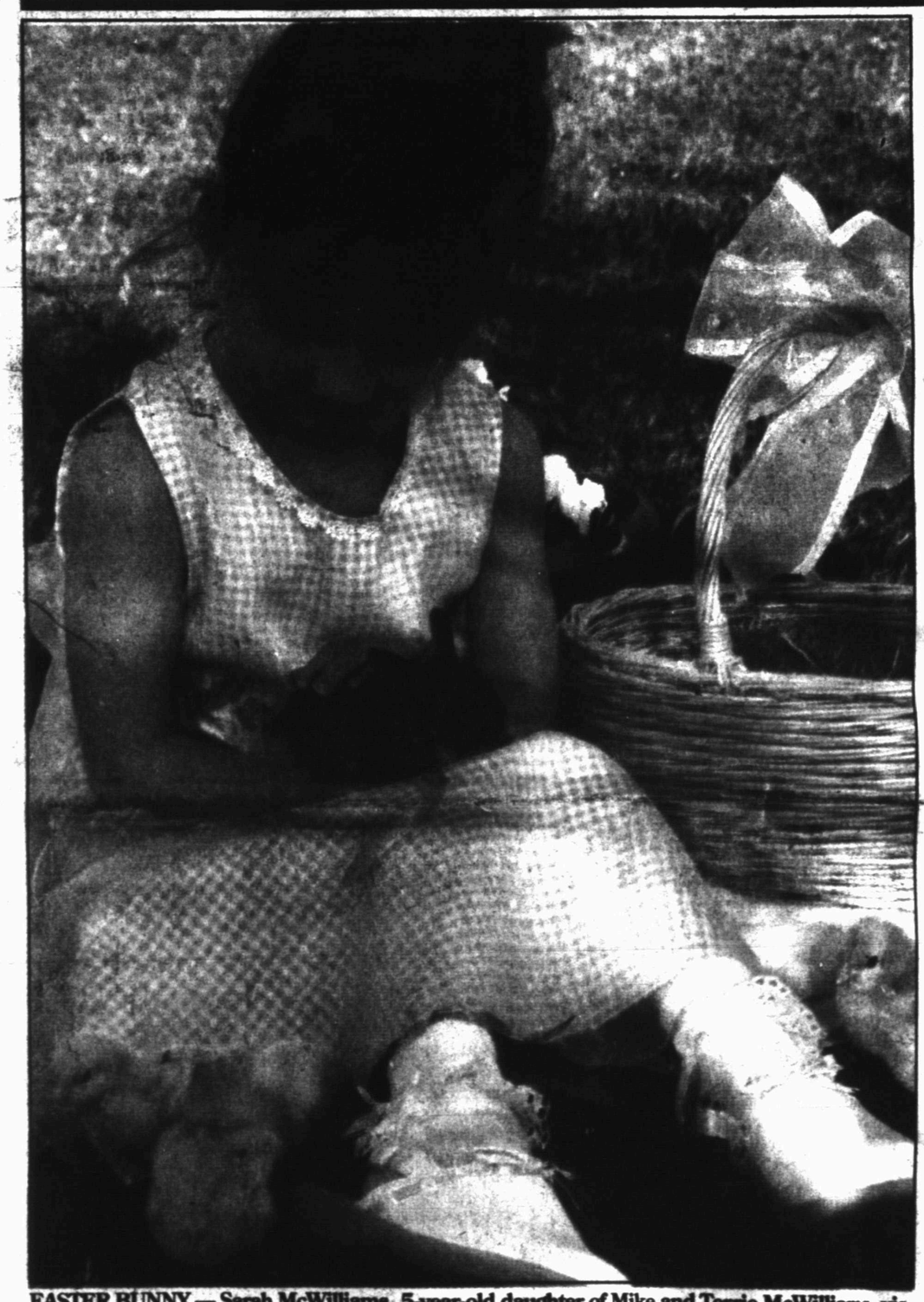
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Home of Faye Blair



EASTER BUNNY — Sarah McWilliams, 5-year-old daughter of Mike and Terrie McWilliams, visits with some Easter friends to celebrate the holiday this weekend. The baby pals were an added bonus, but Sarah was really looking forward to the egg hunt. (SDN Photo by Brian Brisendine.)

## Parks agreement on Monday court agenda

Scurry County commissioners' court will consider an agreement with an Arlington firm to draw up a master plan for the county's parks when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday in special session.

The court, at its March 4 meeting, selected Schrickel Rollins and Associates to formulate the master plan, which will dictate the parks and recreation facilities in the county for as many as ten years.

Acting on the recommendation of parks head Scott Crenwelge the court unanimously approved the Arlington company, then asked the panel which conducted interviews of the finalists to negotiate a fee.

Up to $80,000 has been approved to fund the master plan.

Crenwelge said the firm "brings more to the table than the other finalists" and added that it has strong ties to the area.

Monday's agenda also includes four items of new business, including a resolution to waive taxation of travel trailers, which has been a hot topic among taxing entities recently.

Legislation mistakenly passed in the last session allows travel trailers to be taxed, but after considerable public outcry, most governmental bodies are choosing not to enforce the tax which is expected to be repealed in the next legislative session.

C.D. Gray Jr. will address the court on economic development.

Gray is a former commissioner and is a partner in a number of ag-related businesses in the county.

Resolutions will be considered proclaiming April "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

Any line-item transfers or budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

## Early voting starts Monday for runoffs

Early voting begins Monday in the county clerk's office for runoff elections involving both Republican and Democratic parties.

Ron Kirk and Victor Morales are in a runoff for Democratic nominee for U.S. Senator to replace Phil Gramm. On the Republican ballot, there are four runoffs on the ballot.

GOP voters will choose between Dale Wainwright and Elizabeth Ray for Supreme Court Justice, Place 2; while Tim Taft and Tom Price are running for Court of Criminal Appeals Justice, Place 1.

David Richards and Paul Womack are vying for Place 2 Court of Criminal Appeals Justice; and Cathy Cochran and Guy Williams are on the ballot for, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said voting would be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the county clerk's office through Friday.

"Voters need to bring their registration card they used in the primary election," said Bunch. "And remember, whatever party's primary you voted in earlier this month, you must vote in that party's runoff election."

Bunch also said if a person did not vote in the primary, the voter is eligible to vote in either party's runoff election. The election is Tuesday, April 9.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "Just think how bad things would be if more people preached what they practice."**

We ran this, or something similar, a few years ago, but the information is again making the rounds.

It was supplied this time by Snyder's Roy Baze, courtesy of the weekly bulletin of the Snyder Rotary Club.

If the world's population could be shrunk to a village of precisely 100 people, it would look like the following:

—There would be 57 Asians.
—21 Europeans
—14 from the Western Hemisphere, North and South
—There would be eight Africans.
—51 would be female
—49 would be male.
—70 would be non-white
—30 would be white.
—70 would be non-Christian.
—30 would be Christian.
—50 percent of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only six people.
—All six would be citizens of the United States.
—80 would live in substandard housing.
—50 would suffer from malnutrition.
—70 would be unable to read.
—One would be near death.
—One would be near birth.
—One would have a college education.
—No one would own a computer.

This may help us understand why some of the rest of the world doesn't understand, or even like us.

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And here's some more trivia to help you at the next family gathering. Impress your brother-in-law with these little known facts:

—The percentage of Africa that is wilderness is 28 percent, a full 10 percent less than the wilderness total of North America.

—Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. What does that say about people with little or no hair?

—In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured to bed frames by ropes. When the roped was pulled, the mattress tightened, making the bed more firm. Hence the phrase, "Goodnight, sleep tight.'

—Forty percent of all guests at a party snoop to see what's in the hosts' medicine cabinet.

—The number of people airborne over the U.S. at any given hour is 61,000.

—Every day, more money is printed for the board game Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury.

We're convinced that some folks have too much time on their hands, but having 'em sure helps us sometimes.

## Easter services set

Local congregations are planning a variety of special services in celebration of Easter Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church is planning a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at 5505 Mountain View Road in Roundtop Acres.

The adult choir of Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th Street, will present the Easter musical "Lamb of God" Sunday during morning worship service, which begins at 10:50 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and the church's children will present "Amazing Grace" at 6 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Snyder First Church of the Nazarene will have an Easter egg hunt following the Easter Sunday service that begins at 10:45 a.m.

The church also will have a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. For transportation, call 573-5601.

Other congregations will have services at their regular times.

## SISD transfer applications needed

Students who reside outside the Snyder Independent School District but wish to attend local schools during the 2002-2003 school year, must complete an application for transfer.

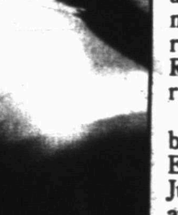
The deadline for submitting the application is May 1.

Parents may come by the school administration building at 2901 37th St. to file for transfers.

## Tech to honor two from Snyder



Cloyce Talbott



Kevin Kerr

Two Snyder residents will be honored by Texas Tech University Friday as one will be named a Tech Distinguished Engineer, and the other, a graduating senior, will receive a special engineering award.

Cloyce Talbott, a 1958 petroleum engineering graduate, will be one of five graduates receiving the elite engineering honor.

Talbott is the chief executive officer of Snyder-based Patterson-UTI, the second largest operator of land-based oil and gas drilling rigs in North America.

Kevin Kerr, a Tech senior and a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, is a mechanical engineering major and he will receive a special award from the department.

Kerr will receive the James McAuley Distinguished Engineering Student Award in the amount of $10,000.

Kerr will graduate in May and plans to pursue a career as an astronaut. While maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, he has served as a Texas Tech Howard Hughes Medical Institute research fellow, and a member of the Raider Pilots Association and other organizations on the campus.

## ASK US

Q—Has the city set the dates for its annual clean-up event?
A—It is set for April 22-25.

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Friday, 80 degrees; low, 53; 7 a.m. Saturday, 53; .42 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 3.19 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Saturday night, 20% chance of rain; some clouds, low 40-45; N winds 5-10 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, warmer, high 65-70; E winds 5-15 mph.



Kassidy Henderson
Partly Cloudy

**Sunset:**
7:02 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
6:32 a.m.
Of 88 days in 2002, the sun has shone 84 days in Snyder.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**—John 3:16**

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**TENTH PLACE — Tyrelle Gilbert, Scurry County 4-H and Ira FFA member, recently exhibited his Hereford steer, "Pee Wee" at the Forth Worth Livestock Show where it placed 10th in the light weight class. The steer was also named the reserve champion British Breed steer at the Scurry County show. The steer was bred by Jack Martin of Snyder. Gilbert is the son of Jeff and La Chana Gilbert of Ira, and the grandson of James and Sue Boucher and Jady Gilbert, all of Snyder; and Clayton and Dot Phillips of Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)**

## Officials pull ads thought offensive

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — City officials pulled advertisements for a clean air event after deciding a cartoon image of a sleeping car wearing a sombrero was offensive.

Posters, brochures and T-shirts advertising the Clean Air Fiesta 2002, were held back and the sombrero has been erased from the city's Web site, officials said Thursday.

The promotion material urges people to "Give Your Car a Siesta" by using buses, bicycles, car pools or telecommuting via computer. A picture showed a green car snoring under a sombrero.

Pima County officials, who jointly promote the event, will distribute brochures and posters.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
*Stop the Miracles*
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
*Bible Inspiration & Authority*
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
Monday, April 1, 7:00 pm

*Spring Special* NAILS 4 U
Located at "SUNTRAX" - 4017 College Ave
DREAMER CANDLES $15 + Tax
Nails (fullset) . . .$25
Fills . . . . . .$20
Pedicure . . . . . .$30
Manicure . . . . . .$10
Donna Bolton
Licensed Manicurist
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**2405 35th Street**
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Monday-Thursday -7 to 10 p.m.
Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
**Instructor: Bill Gothard**
Video presentation
**For more information contact:**
**Patrick and Martha Fairchild at (915) 694-7095**
**Pre-registration is advised**

To register please fill out form completely, include cash or check in the proper amount, and return it to the person or location listed on the left.

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1. FILL OUT this form completely, including birthdays.
2. EACH PERSON should fill out a seperate form. A married couple should use only one form, unless one spouse is registering for the first time and the other is an alumnus.
3. PLEASE ATTACH cash or check, made payable to IBLP.
4. RETURN this form and payment to:
Patrick Fairchild
4209 Ferncliff
Midland, TX 79707
(915)694-7095

**Community Basic Seminar** *Registration Form*
*Please Check Box(es)*
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Please print clearly
NAME: Last _____ First _____ Initial _____
Spouse (if attending) First _____ Initial _____
His Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ Her Birthday: Month _____ Day _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country: ☐ USA ☐ Other
TELEPHONE (___) _____ E-MAIL _____
☐ First-time registrant ☐ Basic Seminar Alumnus - first Basic Seminar attended:
City (his) _____ Year _____ City: (hers) _____ Year _____
I am/We are registering for the Basic Seminar in Snyder, TX on April 22-27, 2002
*This line should be left blank and registration forms should be filled out if one spouse is registering as a first-timer and the other is registering as a Seminar Alumnus

**Registration Fee Enclosed:**
*Please check one below)*
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(includes one Workbook, one Textbook)
☐ Married couple . . . . . $95
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(includes one Workbook, no Textbook)
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(includes no Workbook, or Textbook

# Senior News

The Golden K Kiwanis will serve turkey and dressing at the Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Cost per plate will be $6 per person for anyone six years or older.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from members or in the center office. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The AARP "55 Alive" defensive driving class is scheduled for April 19. The cost of the course is $10 per person. Call 573-4035 to register or for more information.

Transportation is available during the morning hours. Seniors needing assistance are asked to call the center a day ahead of any appointments.

**Monday**

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11. Seniors may also participate in pool and dominoes on a daily basis. Exercise equipment like treadmills and stationary bikes is also available. Seniors may also walk in Travis Gym.

**Tuesday**

Seniors may play eighty-eight from 10 a.m. to noon. Swimnastics for senior citizens is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. at Western Texas College. The Aubrey Wilson band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon for the meal and business.

**Wednesday**

Ladies are invited to play pool at 9 a.m. Beginning at 1 p.m. seniors may participate in line dancing followed by clogging. Pinochle lessons will be offered at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. A volunteer is available to teach this card game. Income tax services are provided by volunteer Bernhard Bartels every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

**Thursday**

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Seniors may participate in swimnastics at 10 a.m. at WTC. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room at 10 a.m. Eight-eight is scheduled for 1 p.m. for those who prefer afternoon activities.

**Friday**

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight begins at 11 a.m.

## Locals' son in annual spring gala

SEARCY, Ark. — James L. Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Snyder, participated in the 29th annual Spring Sing gala at Harding University. The event began Thursday and was to conclude Saturday.

The all-student revue, featuring 750 university students, is an event from the annual Youth Forum, when more than 2,000 teen-agers from across the nation appear on the Searcy campus for a full schedule of activities. About 12,000 guests attend the four Spring Sing production in Benson Auditorium.

Huff, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering, graduated from Haskell High School.

## Senior Menu

**Monday**
Creole steak, rice pilaf, stewed squash, pears & cottage cheese, chocolate chip cookie

**Tuesday**
Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, strawberries & bananas

**Wednesday**
Braised pork chop w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pickled beets & onion, fruited gelatin chiffon

**Thursday**
Chicken & dumplings, green peas, buttered carrots, cucumber-onion salad, apple cobbler

**Friday**
Fried fish, hominy w/cheese sauce, tater tots, jellied vegetable salad, peanut butter chewie

## U.S. landfall of big dust storm not bad

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The West Coast landfall of a large dust storm from Asia was a washout.

The dust was intense as it passed over Korea and Japan, but as U.S. atmospheric scientists predicted, it was greatly diminished by the time it crossed the cloudy Pacific.

"It was diluted pretty much by the time it got here, but it did get here," NOAA spokeswoman Barbara McGehan said Friday from NOAA's Climate Modeling and Diagnostics Laboratory in Boulder, Colo.

"I think if it had been dry and clear you might have seen something," she said.

U.S. landfall had been expected Wednesday or Thursday. Air particulates levels did not rise Friday or in the preceding 24 hours in Los Angeles, according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

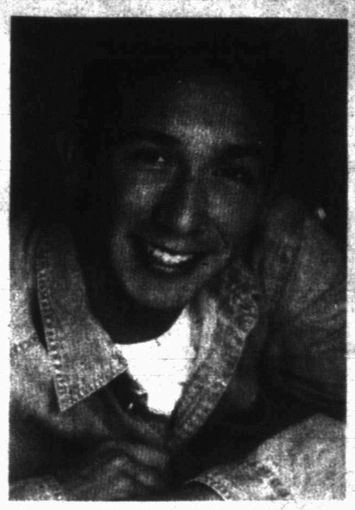
Dust storms from Asia have sometimes made skies hazy over U.S. cities or made sunsets spectacular.

The cloud was dramatically visible over the Yellow Sea and Sea of Japan in a March 25 image made by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellite.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Sausage Dinner Complete
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•Game Booths
•Raffles • Country Store
Sunday, April 7
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center
30th at Ave. A, Snyder, Texas
Meal Tickets Sold At Door
$6.50 Adults
$3.50 Children 12 & Under
$6.50 All Take Outs
Sausage Sold By The Pound



**CHECK DONATION — Jack McGlaun, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club, accepts a $350 donation from V.L. Buchanan, American Legion Post 181 chaplain. The funds were raised by the American Legion Bingo Hall. (SDN Staff Photo)**



**Josh Ortegon**

## Lawsuit complains about flying objects

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston auto dealership is suing a family entertainment center, saying that "flying objects" — mostly multicolored golf balls from a miniature golf course — have caused the dealership thousands of dollars in damage.

"The very real possibility exists that a (dealership) employee or customer looking at cars or picking up a vehicle from the service department will get hit by a flying golf ball or other object, causing severe personal injuries," says the lawsuit, which was filed Thursday in the court of Ancillary Judge Joseph "Tad" Halbach.

Southwest Lincoln-Mercury Inc. filed the lawsuit against Celebration Station, which is adjacent to the dealership on Southwest Freeway. A street separates the properties.

Body shop foreman Bill Kirby, in an affidavit, said that for the past several years he has found "landscaping rocks" as well as golf balls from Celebration Station thrown onto the car dealership property, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Attorney Scott Davenport, who filed the lawsuit, requested a restraining order requiring that security guards patrol the golf course and that surveillance cameras be placed along the side of the golf course. He also asked Celebration Station, owned by Whiteco Industries, to extend a large safety netting.

Halbach encouraged the two parties to work out an agreement rather than to sign a temporary restraining order.

Brad DeLuca, representing Celebration Station and Whiteco, said, "We did reach a tentative agreement." But he declined further comment pending company approval of the agreement.

The lawsuit says the dealership has boarded up a large plate glass window because of several breaks caused by objects originating from the playground grounds of the entertainment center.

Despite repeated requests to Celebration Station to monitor its patrons' conduct and to place a safety net between the properties, no such action has been taken, Davenport said.

"We're also looking at the bigger picture."

## Ortegon named NCA instructor

Josh Ortegon has been chosen to represent the southwest region of NCA (National Cheerleading Association) staff, as one of the instructors at several cheerleading camps this summer.

Ortegon was chosen out of 326 applicants. He earned NCA's All American Cheerleader award four years in a row. He is a senior at Snyder High School and is the son of Cherie Rosas and the grandson of Al and Jolly Rosas, all of Snyder.

## Cody B. Long wins excellence award

Army Spec. Cody B. Long has been named as the winner of the soldier of the quarter board and soldier of the month for the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity in Heidelberg, Germany.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishmens.

The specialist, a military police officer, is the son of Becky Barrett Broken Arrow, Okla., and Blaine Long of Snyder.

His mother-in-law, Ronda Blackwood, resides in Auburn, N.H. Long is a 1996 graduate of Broken Arrow Senior High School.

## Local man to have a poem published

*Imaginary Puns*, written by William E. Johnson of Snyder, will be included in *The Best Poems and Poets of 2002*, which has an anticipated publication date in the fall.

**Imaginary Puns**

The heart of the evening
crackling in the breeze
The light hardens with minute
ease.
Leaves and stems start to
droop in the sun.
Ordinary people sway to imaginary puns.
Scared to think or to create
new horizons.
Turning to the easy way out
like a briggand.
Losing your way again and
sinking in the sand.
The quick and painless way to
oblivion.

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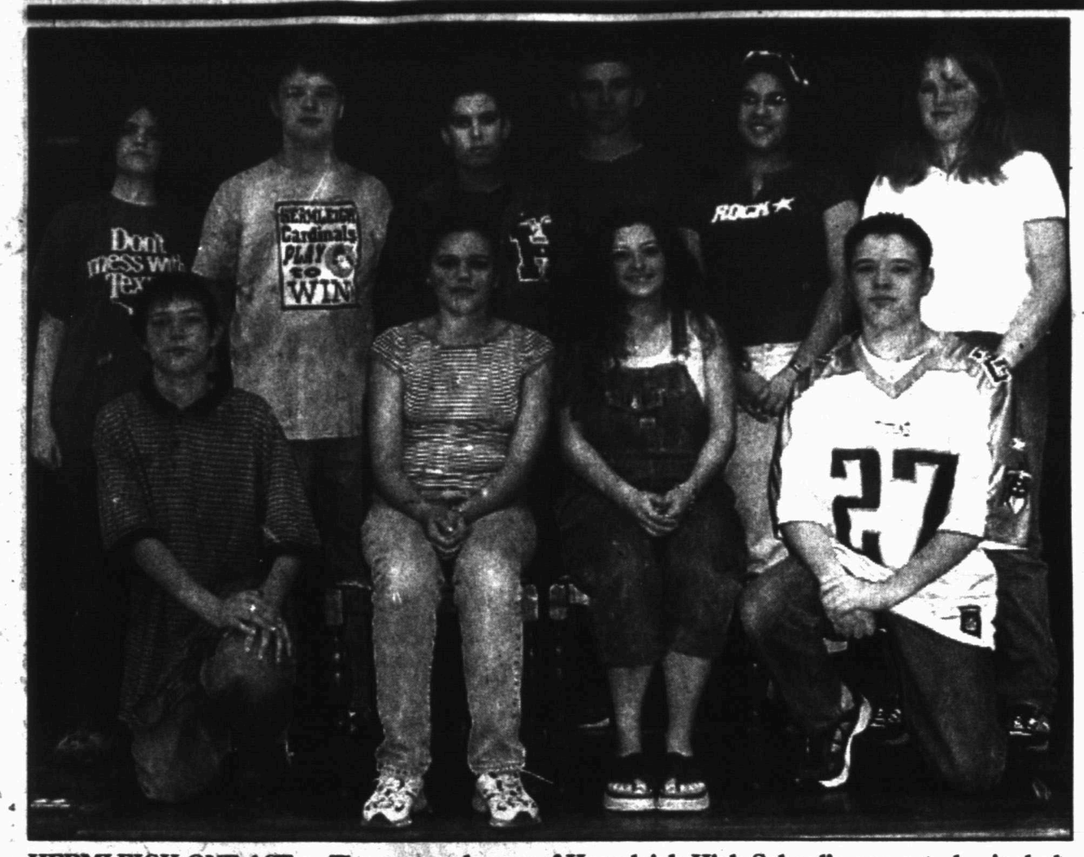
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AUSTIN (AP)
the Texas Lottery
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HERMLEIGH ONE-ACT — The cast and crew of Hermleigh High School's one-act play include back row from left, Shae Rinehart, Dustin Williamson, Sabrina Terry, Terrel Culp, Brittainy Jones, Amy Botts; front row, Karl Smith, Cassie Harbin, Misty McClure, Justin Williamson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Perry, others help Mexican dog to get tumor removed

AUSTIN (AP) — Shelly San Carlos, a beloved Mexican mutt suffering from an abdominal tumor, has received a little help from friends across the border, including Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry, veterinarians, pilots and business executives all pitched in to get the 9-year-old, 30-pound dog to Austin so she could have an operation that was unavailable in her hometown of San Carlos.

The dog was taken across the Rio Grande on a small rowboat Wednesday morning and picked up in Lajitas on Thursday by a corporate aircraft sent to whisk her to Austin. Dr. Greg Biehle, who happens to care for Perry's puppy, Lucy, performed the nearly two-hour surgery Friday to remove a softball-size tumor.

"We will not know whether she will be out of the woods for probably another three or four days," Biehle said after the surgery Friday, adding the dog was in stable condition.

Shortly before the mutt mercy flight landed Thursday, Perry said he was just doing "my part for international diplomacy."

San Carlos is a northern Mexico farming town of about 800 people, most of whom get a visit from Shelly when she makes her morning and evening rounds for bacon or scraps. The dog's fame spread to the United States when Paul Lister, a pilot for the Commemorative Air Force, stayed in San Carlos on vacation

"Shelly was like the mayor of San Carlos. Everybody's in love with her," Lister said. "I got to know her when she came to get some of my chicken mole one night. She looks at you with this funny little grin."

When Lister asked why Shelly's tumor hadn't been removed, the dog's caretaker said no advanced veterinary services were available.

Lister told Biehle, who offered to do the $1,000 operation for free if Shelly could get to Texas.

Even Perry offered to pitch in and by Friday afternoon, he had already called twice, Biehle said.

"He just has a big heart for animals, which is real cool," Biehle said. "He gets down on his hands and knees and gets right in the animals face."

All kinds of people have sent donations to help out, Biehle said.

"It's been a real humanitarian effort on everyone's part," Biehle told the Austin American-Statesman for Friday editions.

Perry arranged for the canine equivalent of diplomatic immunity. He contacted the Texas Animal Health Commission and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to tell them the dog would be crossing the border.

# Dahmer action figure upsets victims' family

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Colorado company's line of dolls depicting serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer and other murderers is in poor taste, an attorney for victims' families said Friday.

Spectre Studios offers hand-painted, posable figurines of Dahmer, Ted Bundy, John Wayne Gacy and Wisconsin killer Ed Gein.

Creator David Johnson declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press, but said in an e-mail that he "was making money doing my artwork. I'm sure that seems a very feeble excuse for a victim's family member watching the news."

In 1991, Dahmer admitted killing 17 young men and boys in Milwaukee, mutilating the victims and cannibalizing some of them. Gein, whose story is echoed in the movies "Psycho" and "Silence of the Lambs," committed his crimes in Plainfield.

Families of the victims go through the horror of Dahmer's crimes every time they hear his name, said Tom Jacobson, a Milwaukee lawyer who represented the families of 11 of Dahmer's victims.

"Do you know how awful it is for these families every time something like this happens?" Jacobson said. "Isn't that sick and disgusting — taking advantage of what this man did? What will people exploit next?"

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

## Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

6-12-20-28

Bonus number 34

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

## Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

3-10-13-27-36

## Pick 3

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

6-9-0

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6:30 a.m. for sunrise at
5505 Mountain View
Round Top
and/or 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
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# HHS wins one-act awards

Hermleigh High School recently presented *The Small World of Millie Melvor* at zone and district one-act play contests.

The HHS thespians advanced from the zone contest held March 19 at Westbrook. The district contest was held Monday at Dawson High School in Welch.

Students receiving zone awards were Terrel Culp and Misty McClure, all-star cast; and Justin Williamson, Brittainy Jones, and Amy Botts, honorable mention all-star cast.

At district, Terrel Culp and Misty McClure were named to the all-star cast and Dustin Williamson and Amy Botts received honorable mention all star cast recognition.

Cast members include Sabrina Terry, Mrs. Hornbuckle; Dustin Williamson, Mr. Hornbuckle; Justin Williamson, Johnathan Crooker; Terrel Culp, Toby Evers; Misty McClure, Millie McIvor; Brittainy Jones, Jennie Gifford; and Amy Botts, Lucy.

Crew members include Cassie Harbin, Shae Rinehart and Karl Smith. Mary Spieker is the direc-

# Pruitt wins subscription

Elois Pruitt of Snyder, is the March winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

# Florida man charged with hate crime

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A man was charged with committing a hate crime for allegedly driving his pickup truck into a mosque and yelling anti-Muslim threats.

In federal court Thursday, Charles D. Franklin also was ordered to undergo a mental health examination. The hate crime charge carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

No one was injured in the crash Monday about 30 minutes before evening prayers at the Islamic Center of Tallahassee.

On a tape played in federal court, Franklin said he "wanted to blow the ... Muslims up," during an interview with Tallahassee police.

Later on the tape, Franklin says he didn't want to kill anyone but wanted Muslims to know "they're not safe here."

Franklin, a 41-year-old carpenter, also said he was diagnosed with depression and social phobia and had recently stopped taking medication.

His lawyer, Timothy Jansen, declined comment on the case after the hearing.

Tallahassee police charged Franklin with burglary and criminal mischief after the incident.

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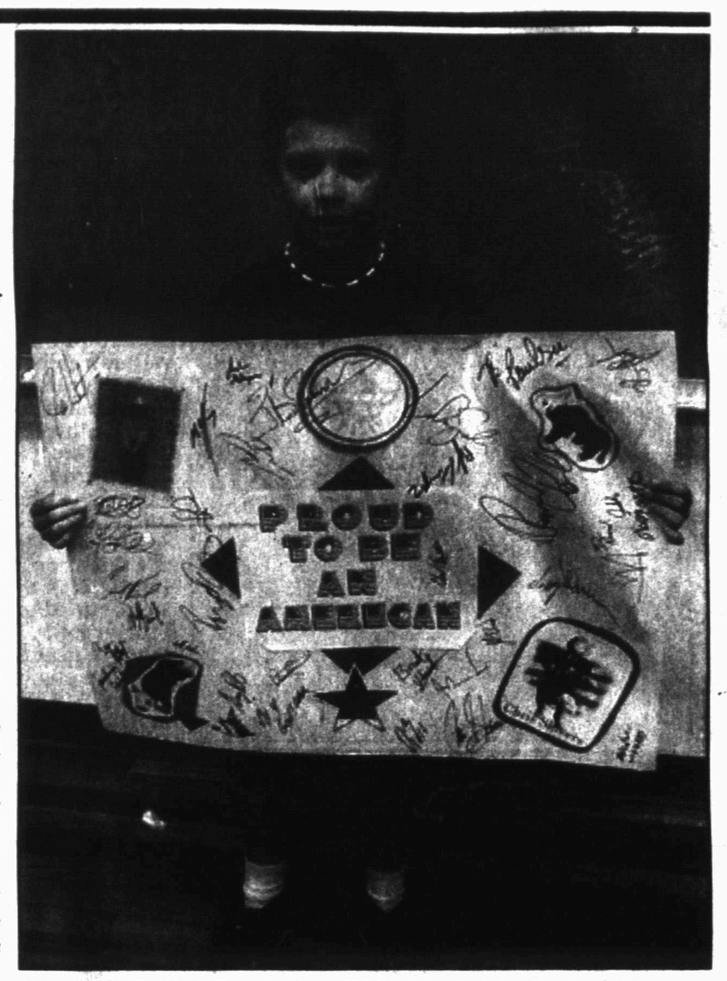
Fire engines are rarely used in La Paz, Bolivia, because the city is at an elevation of about 12,000 feet. At that altitude, it is difficult for fires to get started because there is less oxygen in the atmosphere.

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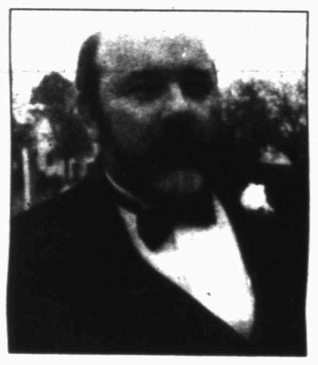
SPECIAL POSTER — Matt Williams holds a special poster signed by bull riders and bull fighters. On March 9, Matt, his parents, Rick and Terri, and first grade brother, Aron, accompanied Jerry and Kathy Gannaway and Billy MacDavidson to the professional bull riding "Tuff Hedeman Challenge" in Fort Worth. After the rides, the family went to the bottom of the arena where all of the bullriders and bullfighters sign autographs. Matt also designed this poster to be shown on TV while at the show. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

## Woman charged with making false claim

PHOENIX (AP) — A Phoenix woman who said her foster son died in the Sept. 11 attack, only to have the man found alive in North Carolina, said Friday she will fight extradition to New York.

Casey O'Shay, 45, is among 22 people accused of lying to receive relief funds totaling more than $759,000.

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The buttercup the Mountain pine, And the fingers of the dawn. The Swallow still will build her nest and there raise her feathered brood... The night will hang her cameos above my walled solitude. The apple tree will bear her fruit, the apricot and the pear, The hills will burst with dogwood blooms, with each hill a petaled stair. The Marshland hen will mate again and sing by the rivers edge... The sun will warm the roads I walked and flower the wayside hedge.

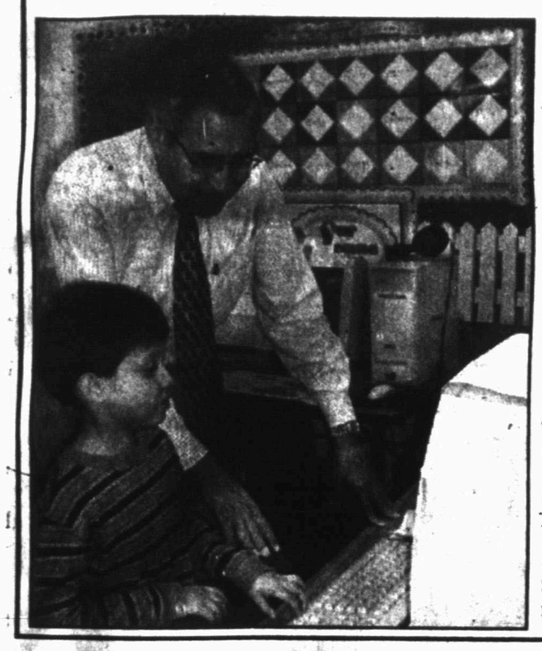
My life is but a vapor here, like the mist upon the hill; But over me, at close of day, the wild rose will blossom still. It will lift up its scarlet horn and pour out distilled perfume, And the wind will drink the nectar there above my silent tomb.
The hunter hawks will fan his wings and then silently will glide to his home in the gnarled green Oak where he will be satisfied. He will not know that down below a man lies beneath the dew...
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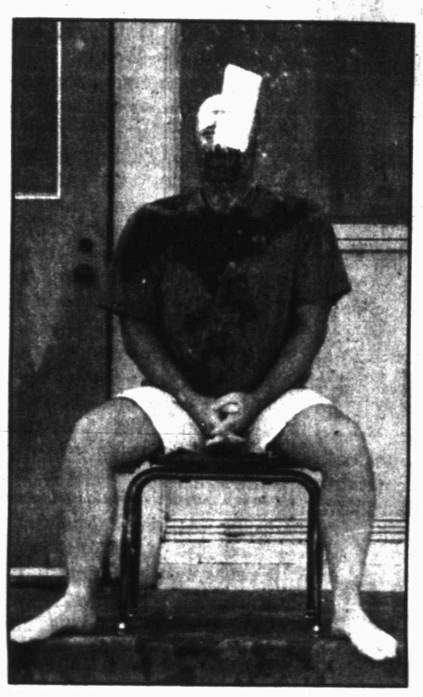
# Visits Stanfield

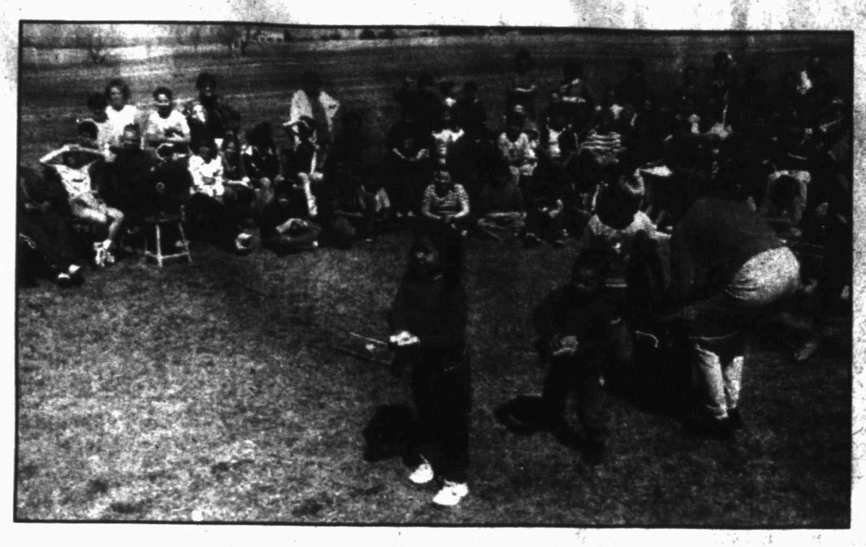


Beto Jaimes, a second grader in Elvira Gonzales bilingual class, shows Ambrosio Melendrez one of the computers in the classroom. Melendrez is the program coordinator for the Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools at the University of Texas' College of Education. Stanfield is the recipient of an Accelerated Schools grant. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

# All for a good cause.....

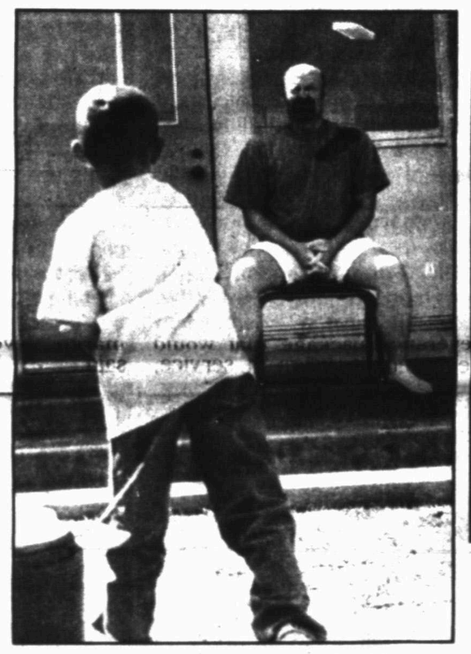
## NE coach Porter gets splashed





Northeast Elementary School students raised $120 for the American Cancer Society Wednesday. Students paid 50 cents for a chance to throw three wet sponges at longtime coach and good sport Chris Porter. The younger students began first followed by the fifth graders.







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# Financial Focus

**New IRA Rules Can Help You — And Your Beneficiaries**

It's a good time to own an IRA. Why" Because now you can put more money in and you won't have to take as much out.

Let's look at both sides of the IRA equation, beginning with "put more in."

You now can contribute up to $3,000 per year to either your traditional or Roth IRA. This figure will gradually rise to $5,000 in 2008, after which the ceiling will be indexed for inflation.

If you are at least 50 years old, you may be able to make catch-up contributions to your IRA. Increasing your contributions means more security during retirement. An eligible married couple could contribute $7,000 in 2002.

The ability to put away more money in your Ira provides you with some significant tax advantages. By contributing to a traditional IRA, your earnings will grow tax-deferred and you may lower your annual taxable income. While you can't make tax-deductible contributions to a Roth IRA, your earnings will grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

These higher contribution limits can help you build your retirement savings. However, at some point, you'll need to start taking money out of your IRA. You can make penalty-free withdrawals as early as 59½, but, once you do, you'll be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate (assuming you took the withdrawals from a traditional IRA. So, if you don't really need the money, you could incur unnecessary taxes by making these Ira withdrawals, and you may opt to delay them.

You will have to start taking mandatory minimum IRA withdrawals on April 1 of the year after you turn 70½. And now, thanks to some recently enacted IRS rules the definition of "minimum" has changed, allowing you to take smaller annual distributions.

Under the old guidelines, you had to follow some complicated formulas to calculate minimum withdrawals. And if you picked the wrong method, you could have ended up taking out larger sums than you wanted and facing an inflated tax bill.

But the new withdrawal rules are less complex. And, more importantly, they may allow you to reduce your taxes and preserve a larger percentage of your IRA for your heirs.

The new guidelines employ the following calculation methods:

**Joint life expectancy**

If your spouse is more than 10 years younger than you are, you can select a joint life expectancy calculation. Spreading out the life expectancy in this way can result in smaller minimum distributions.

**Uniform table**

If you don't qualify for the joint life expectancy calculation, you'll use a uniform table that assumes your beneficiary is 10 years younger than you are. This results in a smaller minimum distribution for married couples who are just a few years apart in age and who name each other as beneficiaries.

# Vaccine for cat AIDS soon to be available

HOUSTON (AP) — The first vaccine for cat AIDS has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and will be available to cat owners through their veterinarians as soon as summer.

The feline immunodeficiency virus, or FIV, devastates the cat's immune system, just like the AIDS virus does in people. Until now, there has been no way to immunize cats against FIV.

"You can't cure this disease," said Cynthia Rigoni, a Houston veterinarian. "You have people with beloved cats who insist they have to be outdoor kitties (where they catch FIV). It will save their lives."

Steve Connell, a veterinarian with vaccine-maker Fort Dodge Animal Health, a division of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, said the cat AIDS vaccine is at least 55 percent effective in preventing infection. Experts consider a 55 percent reduction substantial for a lethal and widespread disease.

This is a first-generation vaccine, and we'd be the first to say we'd like better (effectiveness)," said Connell, adding that rabies vaccines are more than 90 percent effective. But the effectiveness likely will improve with more research, he told the Houston Chronicle.

The USDA, which approves and regulates animal vaccines, estimates that as many as one of every four domestic cats is infected with FIV, which Rigoni said is transmitted from cat to cat by "deep, crunching bite wounds."

Testing cats and isolating the sick ones has been the only way to contain the disease.

The problem is particularly acute in densely populated urban areas such as Houston where cats are popular pets, Rigoni said. Territorial by nature, crowded cats are more likely to get into fights, spreading FIV.

"Cats at risk are those allowed to roam outdoors," said Niels Pedersen, director of the University of California-Davis Center for Companion Animal Health. "Male cats are at greater risk than females, and male unneutered cats are at greater risk than neutered males."

Pedersen and immunologist Janet Yamamoto, a professor in the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, discovered FIV in 1986. Yamamoto worked on the vaccine with researchers at Fort Dodge for a decade.

Infected cats can be carriers for years before showing symptoms. Eventually, they begin losing weight, developing chronic diarrhea and chronic mouth infections, which Rigoni calls "hamburger mouth." As the disease progresses, they may develop lymph node cancer and neurological problems.

"They become somewhat demented and do things that aren't right. They are fearful or hide," said Pedersen.

The cat vaccine uses a killed, or inactivated, feline immunodeficiency virus. Once injected, it fools the cat's immune system into producing antibodies to fight the virus, preparing it for when it encounters the real thing.

Cats initially will need three injections, then one booster shot each year. The vaccine is expected to cost under $20, in line with other vaccines.

## Bruce Springsteen helps wellness center

RED BANK, N.J. (AP) — A Monmouth County charity for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks is creating an educational foundation and a wellness center with help from Bruce Springsteen.

The Alliance of Neighbors of Monmouth County said the educational foundation will provide financial aid and assistance to spouses and children of attack victims.

The wellness center will offer services to meet the emotional needs of families and the community, the group said.

Springsteen asked that the amount of the donation not be disclosed, said Corinda Carford, one of the group's founders.


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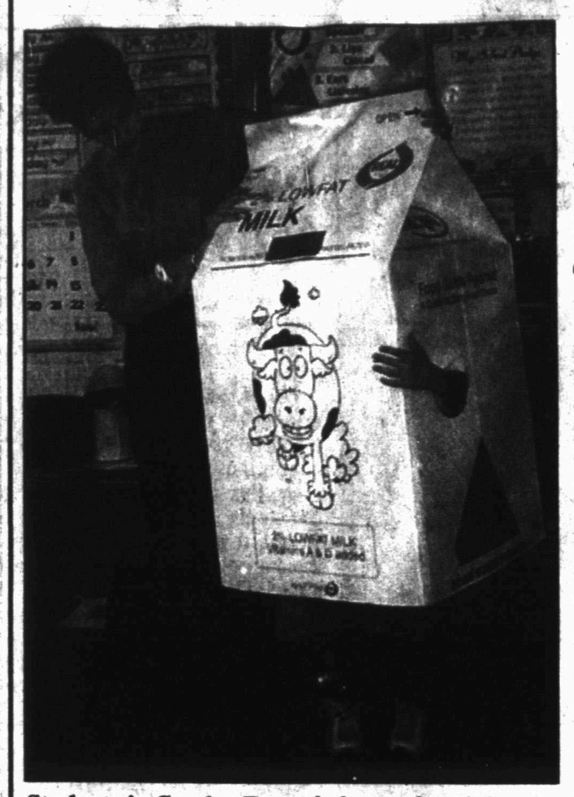
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# National Nutrition Month



Students in Carolyn Torres' class enjoyed the program on Thursday. Beto Arellano is the student in the milk carton.

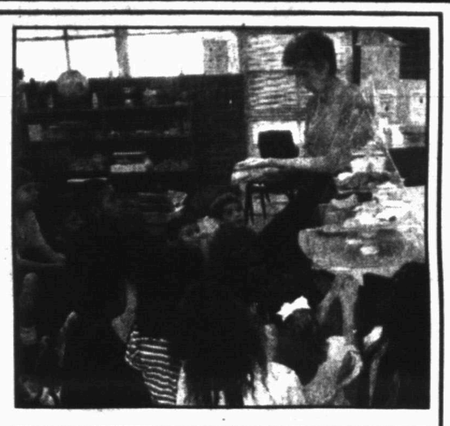
## Program presented at Stanfield

During March, National Nutrition Month, Beth Dannheim, county extension agent, family and consumer sciences, presented food and nutrition programs for all second grade classes at Stanfield Elementary.

The programs were on nutritious snacks using milk and milk products. Following a study of the food pyramid, the students made grilled cheese sandwiches using electric sandwich makers.

Food for the workshop was donated by United Supermarkets and the school furnished the milk to drink.

According to Jean McMillon, principal, the workshops were presented through the Better Living For Texans program. This program, (BLT), is new to Scurry County and initiated by Beth Dannheim by a grant from the Texas Department of Human Resources through Texas Cooperative Extension.





Beth Dannheim, county extention agent, explains the food pyramid to Carolyn Torres' class.

SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

# People cope with loss of historic church building

DALLAS (AP) — Andrea Sanchez clutched the soggy, soot-stained Bible and a fist-sized chunk of orange brick like prized possessions.

In a sense they were: the historic Ross Avenue Baptist Church from which they came was a smoking shell of a building Friday after an overnight electrical short sparked a four-alarm fire, destroying the 85-year-old sanctuary.

"I'm really sad. It's like a dream. I don't know what's going on. I can't believe it," said 11-year-old Andrea.

Her father, Pastor Eddie Sanchez, said parishioners would overcome the Good Friday loss, just as Jesus returned from the cross.

"Friday was a dark day when Jesus was crucified but Sunday was a good day, and here comes Sunday," he said.

Fire erupted about 11:30 p.m. Thursday, quickly spreading and sending tendrils of flame leaping into the night sky above the three-story, brick-faced building that opened in 1917, said Lt. Doug Dickerson of the Dallas Fire Department.

Four hours after they arrived, the four-alarm blaze was brought under control.

Dickerson said the building, despite its sturdy, foot-thick exterior masonry walls, would have to be razed. Damage to the building — listed on the state's register of historic buildings — and the contents was estimated at $1 million.

"It is a total loss inside," Dickerson said.

One firefighter injured his shoulder when he collapsed through the first floor and into the basement. He was treated and released from Baylor Medical Center, Dickerson said. There were no other injuries.

Fire crews spent Friday cleaning out some books salvaged from the building's theological library of Bibles, concordances and lexicons.

An education building behind the church was not damaged, and Sanchez said he expected a full congregation to attend Easter services there.

His theme? "God doesn't work ... the way we expect," he said. "We don't know what the plan is right now, but we're going to let God guide us."

Robert Williams choked up with tears as he gazed at the remains of the church where he worked as inner-city outreach minister for eight years.

"It's a great sense of sadness and tragedy. We did have a sense of permanence and mission. I imagine it will continue," Williams said.

# Enron asks court to OK retention bonuses

NEW YORK (AP) — Enron is seeking the right to pay many of its employees lucrative retention bonuses and severance packages, saying such spending is "critical" to its plan to rebuild.

Enron asked a bankruptcy court Friday to approve the payments as part of an effort to recruit new employees and keep current ones from leaving. It also sought payment for the legal expenses of current executives and board members.

Each component requires bankruptcy court approval.

Part of the plan would allow the company to pay up to $90 million in bonuses to hundreds of senior managers and employees working on asset sales. The payments would be funded with a small portion of the cash they collect from those sales.

Additional retention bonuses of up to $40 million would be paid to others involved in day-to-day operations.

"Clearly, some security must be afforded to these employees," the company said in its filing with U.S Bankruptcy Court. "Otherwise, they have little or no reason to defer finding new jobs."

For people now working at Enron but who might be laid off, the company is proposing a new severance package that would be based on years of service, with a maximum of eight weeks base pay and a minimum of $4,500. Total severance would not exceed $7 million.

Enron has cut about 4,500 workers since Dec. 2, when it filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy law.

In its filing, the company said compensation opportunities at Enron have greatly diminished since the loss in value of its 401(k) plan, other stock-incentive programs and the depletion of previous retirement plans.

"Key employees are not being compensated at competitive market levels," the company said.

In addition to the retention and severance proposals, Enron also requested authorization to pay certain legal expenses for directors and officers still with the company.

It said its insurance policies, which are supposed to cover the legal expenses of current and former directors and officers, "may be inadequate." Several insurers have balked at honoring those policies, saying they were misled by Enron.

The payments proposed Friday would not cover legal costs of Enron's former top executives and directors, who are named in a multitude of employee and shareholder lawsuits.

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# SPORTS

## Baseball game halted with Tigers leading, 5-2

The Snyder Tigers had put themselves in position to notch their sixth consecutive district victory when Mother Nature intervened.

Lightning and heavy rain suspended Friday's District 4-4A baseball game at Moffett Field with Snyder leading Estacado, 5-2, in the top of the third inning.

Play will resume where it left off at 6 p.m. Monday. With Andrews' 6-0 loss to Frenship on Friday, a Snyder victory would give the Tigers sole possession of the district lead.

Snyder looked shaky early on as Estacado scored a run in the top of the first on no hits, two errors and two hit batters. The Matadors added another run in the second before the Tigers stormed back in the bottom of the frame.

Isaac Ramon led off with a double then scored on a Shay Franks single.

Billy Pena slapped a base hit to put two men aboard before Brandon McGuire cleared the bases with a shot over the right-field fence.

Snyder capped the second inning when Stephen Ortegon walked and courtesy runner Marcus Villarreal later scored on an error.

Snyder junior Logan Hill was on the mound when play was suspended. Hill had surrendered four hits and a walk, and had hit two batters through two and a third innings.

The Matadors had runners at second and third with one out when play was called.

### District 4-4A Baseball

| Team | District W | District L | Season W | Season L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder | 5 | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| Frenship | 5 | 1 | 15 | 5 |
| Andrews | 5 | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| Levelland | 2 | 4 | 6 | 13 |
| Big Spring | 2 | 4 | 5 | 13 |
| Lake View | 1 | 4 | 6 | 11 |
| Estacado | 1 | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| Plainview | 1 | 4 | 8 | 11 |

**Friday's results:** Estacado at Snyder, susp.; Frenship 6, Andrews 0; Levelland 6, Big Spring 5.

**Saturday's game:** Lake View at Plainview.

**Monday's game:** Estacado at Snyder.

**Tuesday's games:** Snyder at Andrews; Estacado at Levelland; Frenship at Lake View; Plainview at Big Spring.

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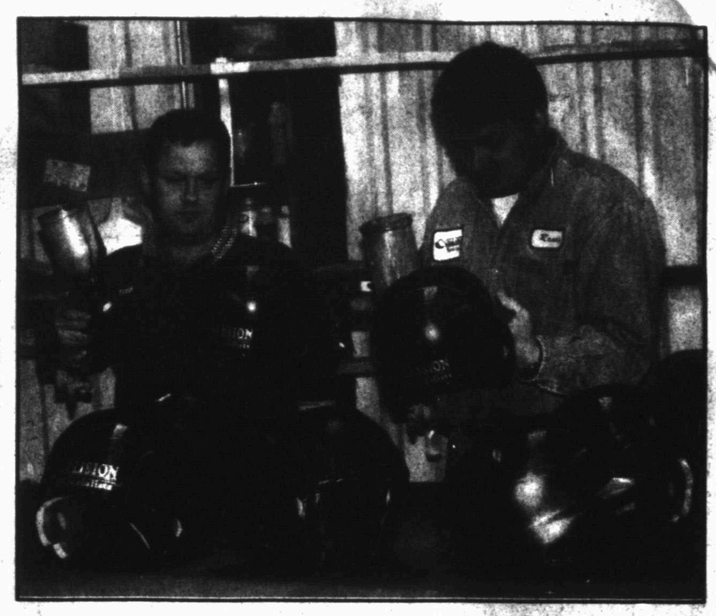
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## Snyder eyes basketball tourney title

Snyder I still has a shot at the title, and a couple of other local teams aren't out of the running yet.

In the major division, Snyder I edged Plainview I, 37-34, to advance to Saturday afternoon's championship game.

Snyder dropped its contest in the senior division, 62-31, to Plainview, but still had a chance to earn the runner-up crown with a couple of victories on Saturday.

Snyder also survived the first two days in the junior bracket, with more games set for Saturday.

In the 37-34 win over Plainview, Lance Day poured in 11 points to pace Snyder.

Brent Bollinger and Brooks Gafford added seven points apiece. Ryan Claxton drained six points. Brandon Jones and Travis Hatfield posted two points each, and Dustin Murdock and Colton Brewster chipped in one points apiece.

## Both Williams coaches set for showdown

ATLANTA (AP) — Like any coach at the Final Four who hasn't won a national championship, Kansas' Roy Williams and Maryland's Gary Williams were asked about what the first title would mean.

"How much do I want to win it?" Roy Williams asked back Friday. "As much as I want to breathe."

When Gary Williams was told his counterpart's answer, he replied: "Personally, I'd rather keep breathing."

Roy Williams helped lead Kansas to the Final Four for the third time. The other trips came in 1991 and 1993, two of his first four seasons in Lawrence.

In the nine years in between, he has often been referred to as "the best coach not to win a national championship," a title he can handle.

"If we went 0-25 one year at Kansas, they're not going to call me 'the best coach to have never won,'" he said. "At least that means they're winning a lot of games if they put me in any 'best-coach' category."

Gary Williams has Maryland in the Final Four for the second straight season. The Terrapins lost to Duke in the semifinals last year.

"It's great to get to the Final Four for a lot of things, especially for the players, to let them have that experience," he said. "Those guys that were just here, to get to two Final Fours, not many college players ever do that.

"But for me as a coach, it took me 23 years to get to the Final Four. I certainly hope I was a good coach before I got to the Final Four."

Saturday night's game shouldn't leave much time for thinking about much else. Both teams like to run and can score.

Kansas leads the nation at 91 points a game, while Maryland is a couple of spots behind at 85.3.

The Jayhawks (33-3) got to the Final Four with a 104-86 victory over Oregon. It was the second-most points scored in this year's tournament, but Kansas topped that total seven times this season.

The Jayhawks use size and speed to pour in the points, strengths the Terrapins surely know about from the Oregon game.

"That was a track meet," Kansas All-American forward Drew Gooden said. "That was an up-and-down game. We could run with the best of them."

The Terrapins (30-4) are more than ready for the challenge.

"We don't mind getting in a track meet," Maryland All-American guard Juan Dixon said. "We like to run. That's part of our game."

Despite some similarities, there are also big differences between the teams.

Kansas plays three guards, and its big men — 6-foot-10 Gooden and 6-9 Nick Collison — are extremely mobile and fill the lanes on the break.

Maryland has a more traditional lineup with two guards, two forwards and a post player, although Dixon thinks center Lonny Baxter can handle himself in the open court.

"We're a very fortunate team because we can inside-out," said Dixon, averaging 26 points in the four NCAA tournament games. "Our game plan is by starting the ball inside to Lonny and Chris Wilcox and work our way out. We don't mind running the transition. Lonny is 6-8, 265 pounds, and he might be one of the most agile players on our team. He gets up and down the court just like a guard would. Chris does the same."

Kansas coach Roy Williams said Gooden and Collison made it easy to turn the Jayhawks into a running team.

"We looked at those two guys and felt they would be able to at least run as well as most of the other teams' big men. In fact, they would be able to run better than a lot of them," Roy Williams said.

Gooden and Collison aren't just speedsters. The Jayhawks are outrebounding their opponents by almost 14 a game, with Gooden averaging 13.0 and Collison 11.5. Kansas outrebounded Oregon 63-34.

"We play probably what I see is the best rebounding team so far, especially on the offensive glass," Gary Williams said.

Baxter has averaged 7.5 rebounds in the tournament, while forwards Byron Mouton is at 5.0 and Wilcox 4.3.

There is one more difference between the teams. Maryland was in the Final Four last season, although the Terrapins blew a 22-point lead in losing to Duke.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Philadelphia | 40 | 21 | 9 | 3 | 92 | 219 | 189 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 36 | 26 | 7 | 4 | 83 | 213 | 202 |
| New Jersey | 34 | 27 | 9 | 4 | 81 | 181 | 172 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 31 | 36 | 4 | 4 | 70 | 201 | 235 |
| Pittsburgh | 28 | 34 | 7 | 4 | 67 | 183 | 215 |
| **Northeast Division** | | | | | | | |
| x-Boston | 41 | 21 | 5 | 7 | 94 | 216 | 179 |
| Toronto | 38 | 23 | 9 | 4 | 89 | 218 | 187 |
| Ottawa | 36 | 24 | 8 | 7 | 87 | 226 | 192 |
| Montreal | 30 | 29 | 12 | 3 | 75 | 186 | 194 |
| Buffalo | 30 | 34 | 9 | 1 | 70 | 190 | 186 |
| **Southeast Division** | | | | | | | |
| Carolina | 31 | 24 | 14 | 5 | 81 | 198 | 203 |
| Washington | 32 | 32 | 10 | 1 | 75 | 207 | 226 |
| Tampa Bay | 25 | 34 | 10 | 4 | 64 | 157 | 188 |
| Florida | 21 | 41 | 7 | 5 | 54 | 161 | 225 |
| Atlanta | 19 | 43 | 8 | 4 | 50 | 172 | 259 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Central Division | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Detroit | 50 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 110 | 231 | 160 |
| Chicago | 38 | 23 | 12 | 1 | 89 | 202 | 187 |
| St. Louis | 36 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 84 | 196 | 167 |
| Nashville | 26 | 35 | 13 | 0 | 65 | 178 | 209 |
| Columbus | 20 | 41 | 8 | 5 | 53 | 149 | 222 |
| **Northwest Division** | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 41 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 90 | 187 | 153 |
| Edmonton | 34 | 26 | 12 | 3 | 83 | 190 | 170 |
| Vancouver | 36 | 30 | 6 | 3 | 81 | 226 | 195 |
| Calgary | 28 | 31 | 12 | 3 | 71 | 180 | 198 |
| Minnesota | 25 | 31 | 11 | 7 | 68 | 176 | 209 |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | | | | |
| San Jose | 38 | 25 | 8 | 3 | 87 | 214 | 180 |
| Los Angeles | 36 | 24 | 10 | 4 | 86 | 193 | 170 |
| Phoenix | 35 | 24 | 9 | 6 | 85 | 196 | 165 |
| Dallas | 33 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 81 | 197 | 192 |
| Anaheim | 27 | 38 | 7 | 3 | 64 | 165 | 185 |

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**Thursday's Games**
Florida 4, Ottawa 3
Carolina 4, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 4, Buffalo 1
Nashville 3, Detroit 3, tie
Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, Toronto 4
Dallas 2, Calgary 2, tie
Los Angeles 2, Edmonton 2, tie
Anaheim 2, Phoenix 1, OT
Vancouver 4, Columbus 3, OT
Colorado 3, San Jose 2

**Friday's Games**
Washington 3, New Jersey 1
Chicago 3, Minnesota 1

**Saturday's Games**
Carolina at Boston, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Game**
Minnesota at Chicago, 3 p.m.

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### Sports Briefs

#### Teenage baseball sign-ups

Players interested in registering for teenage league baseball can do so through Wednesday by calling 573-8048. Boys who will be 13 by July 31 and not 17 by Aug. 1 are eligible.

#### WGA play day begins

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its first play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. A business meeting and luncheon is also scheduled. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

#### Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

#### Top college cagers named

ATLANTA (AP) — Duke's Jason Williams and Pittsburgh's Ben Howland were honored as The Associated Press college basketball player and coach of the year.

Howland led the Panthers (29-6) to the most victories in school history, their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in nine years and their first berth in the round of 16 since 1974.

Williams, a 6-foot-2 guard, received more than double the votes (38) than the runner-up, Drew Gooden of Kansas (18), in balloting by the 72-member national panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25. Howland received 16 votes, followed by Bob Knight of Texas Tech (11).

#### MLB made $75 million last season

NEW YORK (AP) — The 30 major league baseball teams had an operating profit of $75 million last season according to a study by Forbes Magazine, about $300 million more than commissioner Bud Selig testified to Congress in December.

Forbes reported in its April 15 issue that 20 of the 30 teams were profitable last season — more than double what Selig said.

According to the study, the Selig family's Milwaukee Brewers had an operating profit of $18.8 million after revenue sharing last season, the most in baseball.

#### Players' suspensions reduced

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball reduced suspensions by one game for San Diego's Ryan Klesko and Anaheim's Scott Spiezio for their roles in a spring-training brawl, and rescinded Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa's one-game suspension for arguing with an umpire.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's new chief operating officer, let stand Padres pitcher Bobby Jones' seven-game suspension and Angels third baseman Troy Glaus' two-game ban in his ruling.

The original punishments were imposed by Bob Watson, baseball's new disciplinarian, for the players' role in a pair of brawls March 9.

#### Sweeney gets $55 million from Royals

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Mike Sweeney, the power-hitting first baseman the Kansas City Royals hope to make the cornerstone of their future, agreed to a $55 million, five-year extension through the 2007 season.

Last year he batted .304 with 29 homers and 99 RBIs.

#### Agassi advances to final at Key Biscayne

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andre Agassi won one set, enough to make him a finalist at Key Biscayne for the seventh time.

The four-time champion advanced when Marcelo Rios retired because of recurrent knee tendinitis with their semifinal match tied after two sets at the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Agassi lost the first set 7-6 (7) and won the second 6-4. The ninth-seeded Agassi's opponent Sunday will be No. 12 Roger Federer, who upset No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-4.

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# SPORTS

## SHS tops Loboettes

LEVELLAND — The Snyder Lady Tigers stayed in the playoff hunt Friday with an 11-3 victory over the Levelland Loboettes.

Snyder pounded out 13 hits to remain tied for third place in the district standings. The Lady Tigers are locked with Lake View at 6-2 heading into Tuesday's meeting with the Maidens at Cates Field.

Pitcher Kelsi Johnson limited Levelland to only five hits and didn't issue a walk while striking out six.

The Lady Tigers led, 5-0, before Levelland finally broke onto the board with a pair of runs in the fourth. Snyder added three runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth. The Loboettes capped the scoring with a run in the seventh.

Vanessa Freeman and Shelley Fisk paced the Lady Tigers at the plate with three hits each. Fisk and Ashley Martinez both belted doubles.

"We believe if we play like we have been lately, then Tuesday's game with Lake View won't be anything like the first one," said SHS coach Shelly Hayes. "It's going to be a big game and our girls are ready to play."

Tuesday's match-up with the Maidens gets underway at 7 p.m.

## Singh leads Houston Open

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — Vijay Singh's victory drought on the PGA Tour is becoming an irritation.

"It's kind of playing with my head a little bit, but I'm trying not to get that too much into my game," Singh said.

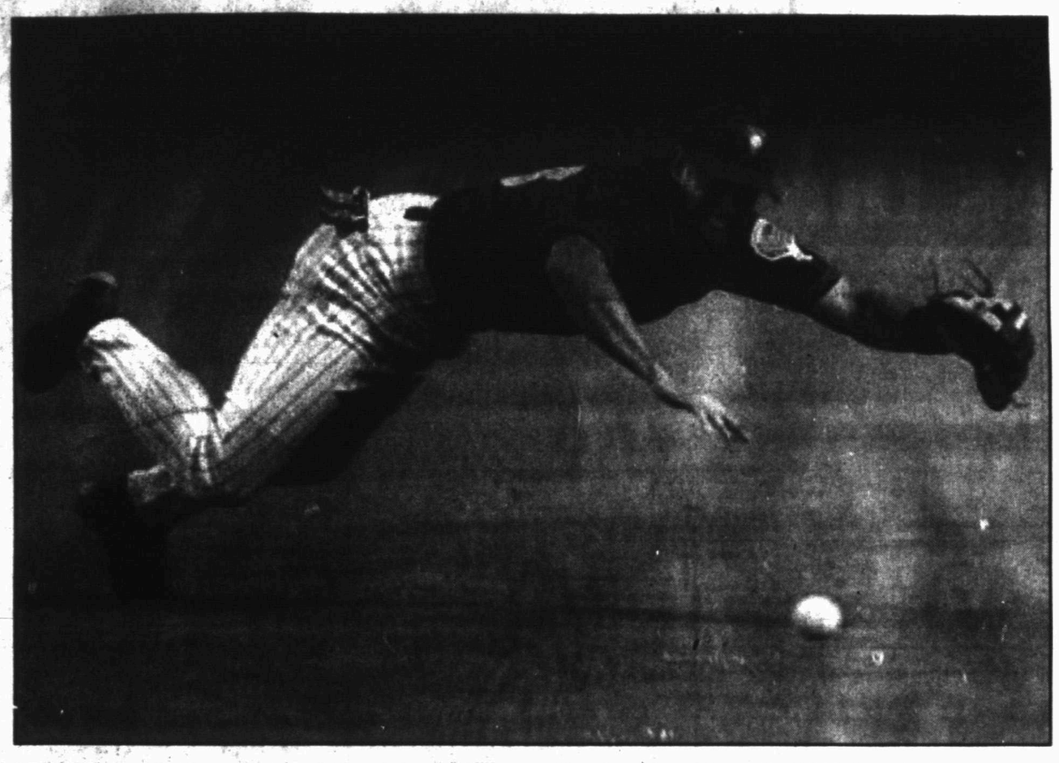
Singh, who took a two-shot lead into Saturday's third round of the Shell Houston Open, is winless on the U.S. tour since the 2000 Masters.

But he hasn't been playing badly.

He won twice last year on the European tour, captured consecutive events in Asia, had a PGA Tour-best 14 top-10 finishes and was No. 4 on the money list with $3.4 million. When he missed a cut last week, it was the first time this year he failed to collect a check.

"If I can win, it will be a little bit of a monkey off my back," he said after his 7-under 65 Friday left him at 12-under 132.

That was two shots better than Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, who also had a 65 Friday.



LUNGE — Matthew Kata of the Arizona Diamondbacks dives for a ball Friday during a game with the Chicago Cubs. The Major League Baseball season opens Monday. (AP Photo)

## UConn, OU to square off for women's basketball crown

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One by one, they've fallen, the mighty as well as the meek, all swept aside by the white and blue blur known as Connecticut.

Now, only Oklahoma, a program once on the verge of extinction, stands between Connecticut and a second perfect season.

Connecticut, unbeaten and for the most part unchallenged, will play the resurgent Sooners in the women's national championship game on Sunday night, a pairing that would have seemed inconceivable just a few years ago.

It's also a pairing that worries Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, despite his team's 38-0 record, despite how the Huskies overwhelmed Tennessee 79-56 in the semifinals Friday night.

"It kind of bothers me," Auriemma said. "Sherri Coale has them thinking they can beat us."

Coale is the intense, energetic coach who was hired out of Norman, Okla., High School six years ago to put some life into the Sooners. She has succeeded beyond what anyone could have imagined.

Oklahoma (32-3) reached the championship game for the first time with an 86-71 victory over Duke on Friday night.

In Coale's first season, Oklahoma went 5-22. Twelve years ago, administrators at the school announced they were dropping women's basketball, only to reinstate it after a public outcry.

"This is the moment we've all been waiting for — to get to the Final Four and now we're in the championship game," Oklahoma's Rosalind Ross said in the locker room. "When I came in here, I wanted to cry."

Connecticut has been through all of this before. The Huskies went 35-0 in winning the 1995 national title and won another championship in 2000 with a team that lost only once.

This bunch, though, is something else. The Huskies' blend of teamwork, slick passing, shooting and tough defense sets them apart. With a victory, they'll make their claim as the best women's team ever.

They certainly looked it Friday night. Tennessee has won six national titles and is the most successful program in the country. Against Connecticut, the Lady Vols were in over their heads.

"Just the way we took the game to a very good team, a very good team, I'm really, really proud of my team right now," Auriemma said. "They're a pretty special group and we played a pretty special kind of game."

Because of its dominance this season — UConn's average victory margin is nearly 37 points — the national championship was practically conceded to the Huskies when the NCAA tournament started.

Oklahoma, though, isn't conceding anything.

"I don't think anybody has shipped the trophy to Storrs yet," Coale said. "If it's all right with the rest of you guys, we're going to go ahead and play and see what happens. So we'll be there Sunday night."

Connecticut hit Tennessee (29-5) from every direction. Player of the year Sue Bird and Asjha Jones each scored 18 points, with Jones grabbing 10 rebounds and Bird adding five assists and four steals.

Diana Taurasi had 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Swin Cash had 13 points, five assists and four blocks. Connecticut blocked 10 shots in all and held Tennessee to 31 percent shooting.

"It was very shocking to see how we played," Tennessee's Loree Moore said. "We didn't get going into our rhythm and they took advantage of that. They just steamrolled."

No Tennessee player scored in double figures. Kara Lawson and Courtney McDaniel led the Lady Vols with nine points each.

Oklahoma broke Duke's 22-game winning streak by building a 14-point lead and then answering when the Blue Devils (31-4) made a run in the second half.

Out of synch and taking poor shots in the first half, Duke started getting the ball inside and drew to 64-62 when Alana Beard fed Michele Matyasovsky for a layup with 7:49 left.

Forward Caton Hill, usually overshadowed by the Sooners' perimeter players, countered with a 3-pointer just 11 seconds later, and the run was over. Oklahoma went on to outscore Duke 22-5 in building an 86-67 lead with less than two minutes to play.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-New Jersey | 46 | 26 | .639 | — |
| Boston | 41 | 32 | .562 | 5½ |
| Orlando | 39 | 33 | .542 | 7 |
| Philadelphia | 38 | 33 | .535 | 7½ |
| Washington | 34 | 38 | .472 | 12 |
| Miami | 32 | 39 | .451 | 13½ |
| New York | 27 | 44 | .380 | 18½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 43 | 29 | .597 | — |
| Milwaukee | 38 | 33 | .535 | 4½ |
| Charlotte | 37 | 34 | .521 | 5½ |
| Indiana | 35 | 36 | .493 | 7½ |
| Toronto | 34 | 38 | .472 | 9 |
| Atlanta | 29 | 43 | .403 | 14 |
| Cleveland | 25 | 47 | .347 | 18 |
| Chicago | 17 | 55 | .236 | 26 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Dallas | 50 | 22 | .694 | — |
| x-San Antonio | 49 | 23 | .681 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 44 | 28 | .611 | 6 |
| Utah | 40 | 32 | .556 | 10 |
| Houston | 26 | 46 | .361 | 23½ |
| Denver | 21 | 49 | .300 | 28 |
| Memphis | 18 | 53 | .254 | 31½ |

Pacific Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Sacramento | 52 | 19 | .732 | — |
| x-L.A. Lakers | 51 | 21 | .708 | 1½ |
| Portland | 44 | 28 | .611 | 8½ |
| Seattle | 42 | 31 | .575 | 11 |
| L.A. Clippers | 37 | 36 | .507 | 16 |
| Phoenix | 33 | 39 | .458 | 19½ |
| Golden State | 18 | 54 | .250 | 34½ |

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Thursday's Games
Toronto 85, Atlanta 83
Milwaukee 95, Denver 88
Minnesota 113, Dallas 111
Philadelphia 99, Chicago 79
Utah 112, Cleveland 91
Sacramento 101, Houston 74

Friday's Games
Washington 107, Milwaukee 96
Dallas 108, Boston 82
Miami 92, Atlanta 80
Orlando 114, Indiana 106
Sacramento 92, Charlotte 87
Minnesota 98, New York 77
Detroit 110, Golden State 103
L.A. Clippers 96, Phoenix 94
Seattle 79, San Antonio 76
L.A. Lakers 91, Portland 79

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 3 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 3 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 8 p.m.

## Women's Final Four

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## Mavericks hammer Celtics by 26 points

BOSTON (AP) — The third quarter was 29 seconds old when Michael Finley hit a layup for the first points of the period and a 14-point Dallas lead.

By the time it was over, the Mavericks had a 38-point lead and the Boston Celtics had no chance.

"We haven't played a quarter like that in a long time," Dallas coach Don Nelson said after the Mavericks' 108-82 win Friday night. "I don't know if there was a defense that could have stopped it."

Boston certainly couldn't as it was outscored 37-11 in the third quarter when Dallas made 16 of 25 shots. And Dallas' defense was outstanding, allowing a total of only 28 points in the second and third quarters.

"I don't think it was their defense," Boston's Tony Delk said. "We just didn't take care of the ball."

The Celtics did commit 21 turnovers and they couldn't stop Finley, who hit seven of 11 shots in the third quarter after going 1-for-7 in the first half. Finley led Dallas with 24 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 18 and three Mavericks had at least 10 rebounds.

"Most of my shots were in rhythm," Finley said. "My teammates kept feeding me the ball and I just made the most of the opportunity."

His last basket was a 3-pointer that put Dallas ahead 98-57 with 9:49 left. He left the game for good 59 seconds later and the Mavericks led by at least 30 until the final minute.

Few Celtics played well as they managed just 28 fields goals for the game. Paul Pierce scored 19 points, six below his average and Delk had 17, but Antoine Walker matched his season low of five.

"They wouldn't let me get the ball in the position that I wanted," Walker said. "It's a bad night, one of those nights you want to forget."

Boston took it's biggest lead at 14-6 but trailed 52-40 at halftime. With the score 61-46, Steve Nash's 3-pointer on an assist from Finley began a 25-2 run that made it 86-64.

Despite having played in Minnesota one night earlier, a 113-111 loss to the Timberwolves, the Mavericks were much more aggressive than the Celtics and showed few signs of fatigue.

"Regardless of how many tough shots they hit, we didn't go after loose balls, take the charge, do the little things," Pierce said.

As a result, Boston suffered its worst loss of the season. The previous biggest deficit was 23 points, 89-66 against Miami on Jan. 4.

Dallas (50-22) reached the 50-win mark at the earliest point in its history. It won at least 50 games three other times, but the earliest was in its 74th game.

"This is probably our best performance especially against a good playoff team" in the 17 games since he was part of a trade with Denver, guard Nick Van Exel said. "That's the way we want to play every night. Make it an uptempo game, shoot wild and crazy shots."

And play defense.

Boston committed 21 turnovers, four fewer than its season high. And its defense was no match for the NBA's highest scoring team.

"They flat out whupped us in every phase of the game," O'Brien said. "We didn't have an answer for anything they did, and it was like an avalanche in the third quarter."

## Payton leads Sonics past Spurs

SEATTLE (AP) — Gary Payton was under a doctor's care for a severe back strain on Wednesday. On Thursday, he was too sore to practice.

On Friday, Payton led the Seattle SuperSonics to a 79-76 victory over San Antonio with eight assists and 19 points, including the game winner, a spinning, driving layup past two Spurs defenders that put Seattle up by two with 6.7 seconds left.

"His back is still hurting, but he came up big," Sonics forward Vin Baker said. "He's an incredible player. We've been riding him all season."

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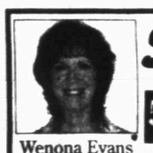
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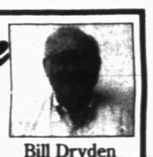
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**6194 CR 4131** 3-2, Brick 40-160 A's $95T
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**2306 25th** Comm. RV Parking + Shop $19T
**511 34th** 3-1-2cp, CH/A, Nice . . $27.5T
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2904 37th St.
**CLEAN & NEAT** describes this brick home with 2 large bedrooms, 1 oversized bath, 1 car garage and a 2 car carport. There are hardwood floors, two separate living & dining areas and a nice cozy FP. The buyer can't go wrong with an asking price of only **$55,000.**

**1509 39th** . . . . . .$20,000 . . . . . .2-1-2cp, Brick **(LEASED)**
**2208 45th St.** . . . . . .$45,900 . . . . . 4-2-3 w/shop & large backyard **(SOLD)**
**1901 KSNY Drive** . . .$1,500 . . . . . .Corner Lot with Utilities
**1283 N. Ave. P** . . . . . .$75,000 . . . 3-2-2 w/fenced city blk. **(CONTRACT PENDING)**
**308 33rd St.** . . . . . .$36,500 . . . . . .3-2-1, Clean & Neat **(SOLD)**
**2510 Towle Park** . . . . .$85,000 . . . . . .3-2-2cp, FP, fenced w/pool
**1129 FM 1229 C. City** .$60,000 . . . 3-2-2cp on about 4.5 A's **(CONTRACT PENDING)**
**2803 47th St.** . . . . . .$80,000 3-2-FP, New carpet/Vinyl Floor, Paint **(UNDER CONTRACT)**



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# The warrior's creed: Leave no one behind

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether they are soldiers fighting in the frozen tundra of Afghanistan, teams searching the Laos jungle for remains of Vietnam War pilots, or firefighters digging into the debris at ground zero, they are driven by a single idea.

No one will be left behind.

A creed among warriors since Roman centurions were carried home on their shields, it has been redefined since Sept. 11 — especially by the New York Fire Department, which has stationed workers at the site around the clock. The department lost 343 members in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

The recent discovery of a lode of remains in the wreckage-filled pit where the south tower once stood has given new hope that most of the firefighters — and the 23 city and 37 Port Authority police officers lost that day — may ultimately be found and identified. This month alone, 3,000 body parts were found.

"We always bring our members out," said Tom Manley, health and safety officer for the firefighters union. "Talk to anyone, from the chiefs to the probies (probationary firefighters) and they all say the same thing — you bring everybody home. ... And that includes all the civilians."

The ritual of retrieval is well practiced at ground zero. The remains of each firefighter or police officer are covered with a flag and ceremonially marched from the scene as comrades and workers stand and salute.

In Afghanistan, the war has already tested a new generation of soldiers in the battlefield tradition of leaving no one behind.

Of the eight Americans lost in combat during Operation Anaconda last month, one, a Navy SEAL, died battling with al-Qaida fighters after he fell from a helicopter. Six others were killed when an Army unit dispatched to recover his body landed on top of an enemy stronghold. Eventually, all the dead were retrieved.

Hollywood focuses on the idea in two current films, "We Were Soldiers," and "Black Hawk Down." While they depict famous battlefield debacles in Vietnam in 1965 and Somalia in 1993, movie promotions stress the theme of bringing everyone back, alive or dead.

That rings true with veterans of such ordeals.

"There's nothing like the feeling when you recover a comrade or his remains," said retired Maj. James T. Newman, a legendary air cavalry commander in Vietnam whose rescue exploits in 1971 earned him a Silver Star, a Distinguished Service Cross and a recommendation for the Medal of Honor.

While under fire, Newman used his helicopter's main rotor to chop down several trees to reach the two-man crew of a crashed Cobra gunship. Seven days later he dodged a storm of hostile fire to save four crewmen of a downed medivac helicopter in Laos.

"It's like a part of you — or your unit — is missing until you recover whatever is left," said Newman, who now lives in Fayetteville, N.C. "And there's more respect, loyalty and comradeship in the unit if they know you are not going to leave them, alive or dead."

But reclaiming the dead, the wounded and the missing is not always an attainable goal, as attested by the bone fragments of 20th Century wars that litter the landscapes of Europe and Asia.

In Korea, some 8,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from the 1950-53 war. Most are in North Korea, with no chance that more than a handful will ever be found. In Indochina, some 1,900 are still missing — nearly 600 of them written off as lost over water, or otherwise unfindable.

Since 1992, the Pentagon's Hawaii-based Joint Task Force-Full Accounting has recovered the remains of 338 Americans from the jungles and fields of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The search units face harsh weather and terrain, unexploded ordnance and travel on aging, creaky Russian helicopters.

While the United States is not unique in its desire to recover its dead, it has more financial and technological resources to pursue the task.

Other nations are able to do this on a more limited basis, said Johnie E. Webb, deputy commander of the Army's Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii, where U.S. remains from Indochina, Korea and even World War II are brought for forensic identification.

"But nobody goes to the effort that we do," Webb said, "to recover, identify and return war remains to the homeland, to the families."

# Storm brings lightning to the area; baseball game is called

**From wire, staff reports**

A sprawling storm system that dumped heavy rain and spawned severe thunderstorms as it lumbered across Texas was expected to move out of the state by Sunday, forecasters said.

A light sprinkle began falling in Snyder around 5 p.m. Friday but the storms that developed later brought the danger of lightning and caused the Snyder-Estacado baseball game to be called at the top of the third inning and re-set for Saturday.

By then, the rain had gotten heavier and subsequent rainfall Saturday morning caused the game to be postponed again until Monday.

The official rain gauge at the Snyder water plant recorded .42 inches, but other totals ranged from 1.5 inches east of Snyder and at Union, to .8 at Dunn and Loyd Mountain.

The area from Colorado City to Sweetwater was under a severe thunderstorm warning Friday night, and at one time, Blackwell was under a tornado warning.

Tony Wofford, supervisor of BP Pipeline, said Saturday morning that he had been notified of some utility poles blown down near Lake Champion south of Colorado City, and near the Colorado City golf course.

Wofford said he was notified because his company has pipelines in that area.

Also, the National Weather Service had issued flash-flood watches until Saturday evening for nearly three dozen North Texas counties, including Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Collin, Cooke, Ellis and Rockwall counties. As much as 2 inches of rain was forecast.

Temperatures in North Texas will drop into the upper 40s Saturday night, and showers Sunday morning should give way to clearing skies by afternoon. Highs will be in the upper 60s.

Conditions in South Texas were expected to clear up by Saturday evening, with lows ranging from the middle 40s in the Hill Country to the middle 50s farther south.

Sunny skies are on tap Sunday. Highs will reach the lower 70s to near 80 degrees.

Clearing skies were expected for West Texas as the storm pulled eastward Saturday evening. Lows should drop into the 30s before rebounding into the middle 60s to around 70 degrees on Sunday.

# Gov. Perry releases tax returns

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry and his wife, Anita, earned $106,888 in 2001 and paid $23,833 in taxes, according to federal income tax returns released Friday by his campaign.

Perry received $42 from the Texas Senate, where he presided as lieutenant governor until 2000, when he become governor because George W. Bush resigned to become president. Perry earned $99,289 last year as governor.

Mrs. Perry earned $5,500 for work done for Perryman Consultants and $2,000 for appearing last year in an episode of the Chuck Norris television show "Walker, Texas Ranger."

The rest of the couple's income came from various investments managed in a blind trust and from the J.R. Perry Co., a farming, oil and gas business the governor runs with his father.

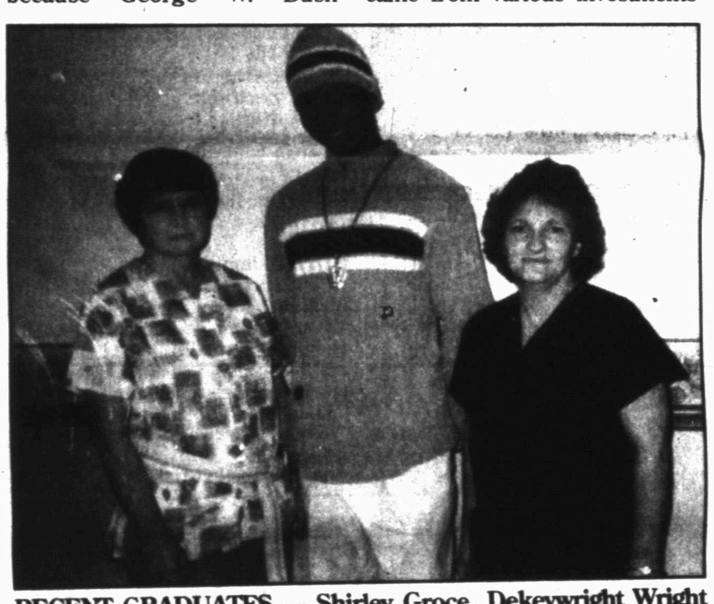
Perry is running against Democrat Tony Sanchez in the 2003 gubernatorial election.

Sanchez, a Laredo multimillionaire businessman, is still having his 2001 tax return prepared, said spokeswoman Michelle Kucera.

The Perrys donated $2,166 in cash to charity: $1,200 to Greater Calvary Baptist Church, $687 to the Helping Hand Home for Children and $279 to Les Amis de Hospice Austin. They donated another $6,918 in noncash contributions, mostly to the Settlement Home, a residential treatment center and foster home agency.

Also Friday, Perry's campaign released the governor's returns from the past 10 years, saying they prove the governor has made sound financial judgments that should impress voters.

"As a public official, he has adhered to the highest ethical standards. His tax records show that he's made sound business decisions, honest investments, and like many Texans, has benefited from the trends in real estate and the stock market," said Deirdre Delisi, Perry's campaign manager.

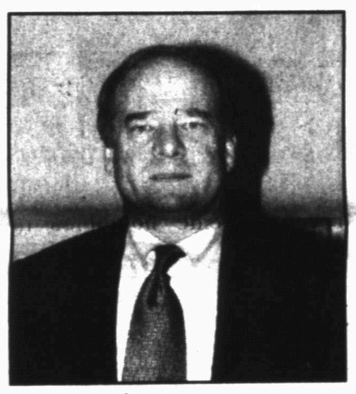


RECENT GRADUATES — Shirley Groce, Dekeywright Wright and Sandra Groce (from left) recently graduated from Snyder Oaks Care Center's Certified Nurses Aide School. Instructor Maggie Barns, RNCBSN, is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

# Attorney Mike Brown relocates practice here

Attorney Mike Brown has relocated his practice here after being away from the community for about six years.

Brown, a graduate of Austin College and the University of Texas Law School, first practiced here from 1991-1996.



Mike Brown

"My wife, Susan, and I were looking for a good place to raise our son, Timothy, and Snyder just seems like home," said Brown.

Brown is not far from where he was raised, as he is a graduate of Odessa High School where he attended school from grade one.

"My father, Joe M. Brown, was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Odessa for 30 years," said Brown.

After law school graduation, Brown served as an FBI agent in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Springfield, Ill. He has also served as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the Houston area.

He and his family are moving here from Ozona where he served as a prosecuting attorney for the 112th Judicial District consisting of Upton, Sutton, Crockett and Reagan counties.

He is board certified in criminal law and his office is located at 1823 25th St.

# WTC press conference on Monday will wrap up campaign kickoff for fundraising drive

Western Texas College will wrap up its kickoff fundraising campaign with an 11 a.m. press conference Monday.

WTC Development Officer Dennis Noblett said the college will receive "a sizeable donation that will help us to complete our first campaign" at the press conference.

The campaign received a heftyboost in February when local businessman Albert DeLoera pledged a $10,000 challenge gift.

That gift and the matching funds raised by the college will be used to purchase home-game and away-game jerseys for the new baseball and softball programs.

Noblett said the gift to be announced Monday is in excess of $3,000 and will bring the kickoff campaign's total to more than $40,000.

"We are very pleased with our kickoff campaign and appreciate every contribution that was made," he said.

The press conference will be held in the boardroom in the administration building and is open to the public.

# Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



# *What is 'carbohydrate addiction'?*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I think I am addicted to carbohydrates. I've been told that this could be a problem if a person craves baked goods, sweets, pizza, bread and the like. What can I do to combat this?

**DEAR READER:** Carbohydrate "addiction" is an old concept that periodically re-surfaces in the media. According to the theory, some people are fat because they hunger after starchy foods, much as an alcoholic "needs" alcohol. Proponents argue that carbohydrate "addiction" has a physical basis, perhaps due to an errant gene, while other authorities believe that the condition is mere habit.

All of us, at one time or another, hanker for carbohydrates: Some people can't resist pizza, others crave sweets. This is OK for slim individuals who otherwise consume a healthful, balanced diet.

Difficulties arise when people are overweight, want to cut down on calories, but cannot; the carb compulsion is just too great. Such people need to address their habit with behavioral modification and/or support groups. Often their "addiction" is, in reality, merely a habit; after all, sweets do taste good, and it's no accident that Mom and apple pie are quintessentially American. Being told they shouldn't eat carbohydrates is, to some folks, about as comforting as the news that they need root canal surgery.

Nonetheless, simple carbohydrates (high-sugar foods) are unhealthful when eaten in quantity by obese people, who know better but are unable to control themselves. Complex carbohydrates, such as flour-based products, are also important sources of calories, even though they are nutritious substances.

Unquestionably, people needing to lose weight should avoid carbohydrates, substituting in their place sugar-free products, protein and fruit. Here's where the behavioral modification and support groups come in handy: They help folks give up bad dietary habits.

Since there is no safe medicine or drug to treat carbohydrate over-indulgence, the issue of whether it is a real addiction is a moot point. Therapy still consists of reducing or eliminating high-carb foods and altering eating habits to reduce calories.

Because I have had such spectacular success in my practice using my "no flour, no sugar" diet, I am sending you my rewritten and completely updated health report "Losing Weight."

**A NOTE TO READERS:** For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly Winning the Battle of the Bulge) to include my No Flour, No Sugar diet send $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** You have stated that you have never heard of constipation-induced migraine headaches. As someone who has experienced them, let me tell you they are for real. I've also discovered that milk and dairy products worsen the condition. Perhaps a suggestion for avoidance might help your readers.

**DEAR READER:** OK, I take you at your word, although the relation between milk products/constipation and migraine suggests to me that your "migraine" may actually be due to a sensitivity to the milk sugar lactose. Food allergies often trigger vascular headaches, including migraines. Is it possible that the milk, not the constipation, is the cause of your problem? Why not try eliminating milk and diary products to see if the headaches stop?

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Please tell me about allergic reactions to sulfites, specifically abdominal cramps, diarrhea and intestinal bleeding. How serious are these reactions and what can be done to prevent them?

**DEAR READER:** Sulfites are chemical compounds that are often sprayed on fresh market produce to retard spoilage and maintain freshness. As with any additive, some people are highly allergic to sulfites and will suffer symptoms (headache, hives, asthma, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rapid pulse and nervousness) when they eat food treated with this chemical. For this reason, most supermarkets routinely post warnings if they are using sulfite sprays. Sulfites and other contaminants of fresh produce are easily washed off; therefore, people should routinely rinse fresh vegetables and fruit before consuming them.

Sulfite reactions are true allergies; hence, avoidance is the best treatment. People who unknowingly ingest sulfites (and experience symptoms) can be helped by treatment with steroids, such as prednisone.

I am not aware that sulfite allergy causes intestinal bleeding. Ask your doctor about this.

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**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have right and left bundle branch block and wonder if the condition could trigger a heart attack. One doctor prescribed Cardizem and another told me not to take it. I'm confused.

**DEAR READER:** Bilateral (both right-and left-sided) bundle branch block means that both the major electrical pathways to your heart muscle are malfunctioning. In essence, there is a marked delay in the speed with which electrical impulses reach the cardiac muscle to initiate a heartbeat.

The cause of this condition is often coronary arteriosclerosis, the age-related, progressive narrowing of the arteries that supply oxygen to heart muscle. When the nerve pathways are deprived of oxygen, they do not transmit electricity efficiently. This is one consequence of arteriosclerotic blockage.

The other consequence is heart attack. If a blood clot forms in a diseased coronary artery, the nerves and muscles fed by that artery will be severely damaged. If the affected area is large, the heart may stop beating.

Therefore, your bundle branch block is a likely reflection of the general state of your heart. While the branch block will not itself lead to a heart attack, I suspect that the poor circulation could.

Cardizem, a calcium-channel blocker, will lower blood pressure, reduce the work of the heart and improve blood flow to cardiac muscle. However, it must be used cautiously in patients with bundle branch block, such as yours, because it can further slow electrical impulses; this could lead to inefficient heartbeats and inappropriately slow pulse.

To resolve the issue of whether or not to take Cardizem, you should be examined by a cardiologist. Ask your doctor to make the referral. Such a specialist will test you further to determine the degree of cardiac malfunction and will suggest additional treatment that could include angioplasty (unblocking your coronary arteries with a balloon) or possible bypass surgery. At the very least, the cardiologist should be able to sort out the Cardizem dilemma.

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# Israeli troops keep Arafat confined

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli soldiers rounded up hundreds of Palestinians on Saturday in a sweep for militants, while Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was effectively penned in a few rooms of his office building with water cut off and food dwindling, surrounded by Israeli tanks and troops.

Israeli forces clamped down on this West Bank town, seized in the first stage of a major military offensive, rocketing a high-rise building to force out gunmen and exchanging sporadic fire as they imposed a curfew. Soldiers roamed the streets with loudspeakers, ordering Palestinian men to gather in schoolyards, where some were blindfolded and handcuffed.

The bodies of five armed Palestinians, some in police uniform, were found on the top floor of a Ramallah building. The Israeli army said they were killed in a firefight Friday that also wounded two Israeli soldiers. A guard at Arafat's compound died of wounds suffered Friday.

# U.S. joins SC vote calling for all Israeli troops to withdraw

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States joined other U.N. Security Council members Saturday in adopting a resolution that calls on Israel to withdraw its troops from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah, where Yasser Arafat's headquarters is under siege

The 14-0 vote, at 4:30 a.m. EST, capped a marathon emergency session called at the request of the Palestinians. It came a day after Israel declared the Palestinian leader an enemy and, vowing to isolate him, launched an extensive military campaign in response to a series of attacks on Israeli civilians.

It was the second time in a month that the United States, Israel's closest ally, approved a Mideast resolution, after years of abstaining and vetoing Council measures critical of Israel. On March 13, the United States voted with the council to approve a resolution calling for a Palestinian state.

Saturday's vote was boycotted by Syria, Israel's most hardline neighbor, which sought a resolution making no reference to Palestinian suicide bombings. The resolution adopted by the council expresses "grave concern" at the recent suicide bombings in Israel.

It was the first boycott of a council vote in 42 years, dating back to 1960 when the Soviet Union stayed away from a session that created a peacekeeping mission in the Congo.

Syria's U.N. ambassador Mikhail Wehbe said he stayed away because the resolution did not condemn Israeli attacks against Palestinians. He also said that it did not note the initiative of this week's Arab summit in Lebanon to achieve "a global, comprehensive peace, a just peace, a permanent peace in the area."

# Attempted break-in of home reported in Snyder

• ***Attempted burglary***

Faustino Lopez told officers Friday morning that someone had tried to break into his house in the 1300 block of 19th Street around midnight Thursday, and again around 1:30 a.m.

Mr. Lopez reported that it was a male subject who had tried to get into his residence through a window.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Hortensia Mendoza reported the windshield of her pickup was damaged Friday while it had been parked at Moffett Field.

A person told officers at 9 a.m. Friday that someone had been shooting out street lights in the vicinity of Winston Park. The person stated he had found numerous CO2 cartridges used for air rifles in the area.

• ***Arrests***

Officers arrested a 49-year-old male at 11:30 p.m. Friday for felony driving while intoxicated. Taken into custody was Juan Armando Hernandez of 128 20th Place. He was arrested in the 900 block of 24th Street.

At 3:48 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 29-year-old female for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the 2600 block of College Avenue.

At 1:30 Friday afternoon, a 42-year-old male was arrested on Hwy. 180 on an outstanding warrant to revoke his probation for possession of a controlled substance. DPS troopers took him into custody.

• ***Dog bite***

Santos Ybarra, 100 37th St., told officers at 11:57 a.m. Friday that he had been bitten by a dog. Officers submitted a report for dog bite and its owner took the dog to the shelter.

• ***Theft***

Joe Rodriguez of Hermleigh notified deputies at 8:20 p.m. Friday that someone had stolen his wife's senior ring while she was at Hermleigh High School.

• ***Assault***

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 9:20 p.m. Friday.

• ***Gas drive offs***

Two drive offs were reported Friday from the Town & Country convenience stores.

## Births

John and Lisa Bowden of The Woodlands announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elise, born March 25, weighing eight pounds.

Claire is the granddaughter of Norma Thompson, niece of David and Sherry Thompson, and cousin of Trevor, Tate and Robyn Thompson, all of Snyder.

Paid Notice

Brady Cobb and Lindsey Ornales of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Madelynn Claire Cobb, at 2:40 a.m. on March 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Donald and Paula Bond and Brady Sr. and Teena Cobb, all of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Matt and Sara Ornelas of Snyder.

## Obituaries

### Mildred Baze

**1927-2002**

Mildred Elinor Baze of Ira died Thursday, March 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Baze, 75, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the DeLeon Cemetery with the Rev. Wallace Bennett of Cross Plains, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mildred Baze

Born on March 3, 1927 in Cottonwood, Tex., she graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1944 and Texas Tech University in 1949. She was a dietician at the old Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Comanche County Extension Service, Battenfield-Jones and Cogdell Memorial Hospitals in Snyder. She was a member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club, Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 450, East Side Church of Christ and the Pathfinders Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charley and Kate Coats, and two brothers, Jim and Charles Coats.

Survivors include a stepson and his wife, Darvin and Nelda Baze of Ira; a sister, Pauline Lawson of Cottonwood; four grandchildren, Jay Baze, Ward Baze, Katrina Humphrey and Laura Baze; 13 grandchidren, Tyler, Jaeda, Tass, Brennen, R.J., Samantha, James, Audy, Vivian, T.J., Sabrina, Zachary and Chase; one niece and many nephews.

Visitation will be Monday from 7-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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### Irvil Ham

**1937-2002**

Irvil Ham of Big Spring, formerly of Snyder, died Thursday, March 28, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Ham, 64, is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Cemetery, near Stephenville.

Born Sept. 23, 1937 in Austin, Mr. Ham had been a resident of Snyder since 1961. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1961, returning to work in the oil industry in the Snyder area.

Survivors include three daughters, Deborah Hodnett of Big Spring, Katherine Greene of Austin and Samantha Ham of Garland; a brother, Milton Ham of Snyder; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

### Loyd O. Webb

**1912-2002**

Loyd Ottis Webb of Snyder, lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Friday, March 29, in Marcy House Retirement Center in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Webb, 88, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Ira Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born April 9, 1912 in the China Grove Community and married Ina Mae Lloyd on Sept. 22, 1934 in Snyder. A lifelong resident of Snyder, Mr. Webb worked for Amerada Hess Oil Co. for 14 years. He had worked for the Ira and Snyder schools in the maintenance department for a number of years. Mr. Webb, an avid supporter of all sports in the community, was a member of Ira Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ina Mae Webb of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Terry Webb of Snyder; and two granddaughters, Whitney Webb of Midland and Britney Webb of Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a son and a brother.

### Mildred Smith

**1911-2002**

Mildred Smith of Abilene, former Snyder resident, died Friday, March 29, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Smith, 90, has been set for 10 a.m. Monday in Elmwood Memorial Park with Chaplain Joe Welsh officiating. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Born on May 27, 1911 in Cantara, N.M., she moved from Snyder to Abilene in 1945. She was employed by the West Texas Fair Association for 17 years, retiring in 1972. She had previously worked for Abilene Typewriter Exchange and Pender Office Supply.

She married Eugene A. Smith in Cisco on Oct. 5, 1929. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Smith of Abilene; two daughters, Patsy Eady of Benton, Ark., and Marcia Johnson of San Antonio; a sister, Virginia Moser of Houston; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, 79604.

### Elizabeth Duncan

**1925-2002**

Emma Elizabeth Duncan, 76, of Snyder died Saturday, March 30, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services for Mrs. Duncan are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 19, 1925 in Denton County, she married William Floyd Duncan on Oct. 12, 1942 in Carlsbad, N.M. Mrs. Duncan worked as deputy district clerk in Garza County for 19 years.



Mrs. Duncan

A homemaker, Mrs. Duncan was a member of the 37th St. Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, William Floyd Duncan of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Ronald Simpson of Denver City; a son and daughter-in-law, Wendall and Linalyn Duncan of San Antonio; and five grandchildren.

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# WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

### Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to hear eight felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

### Ira homecoming

There will be an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ira Church of God annex for the three-year Ira homecoming set for Oct. 12.

### VFW Auxiliary meeting

The VFW Auxiliary meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. All members are encouraged to attend.

### Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Stop the Miracles," followed by "Bible Inspiration and Authority."

### Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

### Snyder FFA Booster Club

Snyder FFA's Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the SHS ag building. All officers are to meet at 6:30 p.m.

### Hermleigh Cemetery

The Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh Community Center. Anyone interested is welcome.

### Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

### Relay for Life lunch

The Scurry County Courthouse team that is entered in the Relay for Life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society will have lunch available for the public at 11:30 every Wednesday on the first floor of the courthouse.

### Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located at 2603 Ave. M.

### Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for the fall semester will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Thursday at 201 31st St. Registration fee is $40. For more information, call 573-3554.

### FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

### Relay for Life fundraisers

There will be a fundraiser Saturday, April 6, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Texas Savings Bank back parking lot. Also, Relay for Life team members will be selling kettle popcorn at Wal-Mart beginning at 9 a.m. For advance orders, call Zelph Franklin, 573-2789 or Ann Everett, 573-3270 and leave a message.

### Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth's annual all-you-can-eat sausage festival will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Tickets will be sold at the door and adult tickets are $6.50, children 12 and under are $3.50, and all take-outs are $6.50. Sausage by the pound is $4 cooked and $3 uncooked.

### Alzheimer's meeting

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association of Midland will speak at a 6 p.m. meeting Tuesday, April 9, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Please use the northeast entrance.

### SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

### Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

### Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

### WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

### FBC support groups

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

### ESL, GED classes

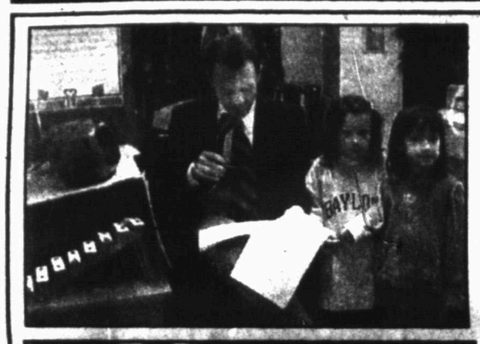
Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

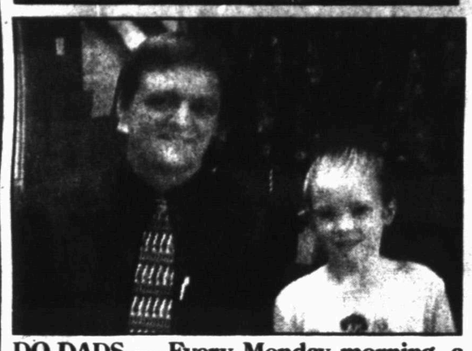
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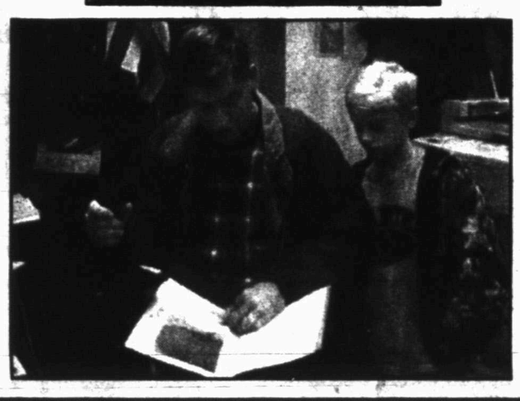


# Stanfield 'Doo-dads'









DO-DADS — Every Monday morning, a Stanfield dad reads a poem or short piece over the school's intercom. Recent dads include:
Top left: Dennis Noblett and daughters Jessie and Abigail.

Bottom left: Trent Driggers and daughter Jentri.

Top right: David Miller and daughter Audrey.

Bottom right: Michael Head and son, Regan. (Contributed Photos)

# Ex-Enron executive's family wants suicide note private

HOUSTON (AP) — A note that a former Enron Corp. executive left for his wife before he committed suicide in January contains personal, intimate family information and should remain private, the family's lawyer said.

The Texas Attorney General's office has until April 12 to rule on whether it will release a suicide note written by J. Clifford Baxter, 43, shortly before he left his home in suburban Houston early Jan. 25 and shot himself in his locked Mercedes-Benz.

"The matter is pending," Mike Viesca, spokesman for Attorney General John Cornyn, said Friday.

Pike Powers, an Austin attorney representing Baxter's widow, Carol, and other members of the family, told the agency in a 26-page letter that the note contains "highly personal intimate facts regarding the family interactions between Mr. Baxter, Mrs. Baxter and their children."

Powers said the family wants a hearing on the issue before Cornyn's office issues a ruling on disclosure. Viesca declined comment on the request.

Baxter quit as a vice chairman at Enron in May 2001, five months before revelations of questionable financial partnerships and alleged accounting abuses fueled the company's descent into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

He was identified by name in an explosive warning that Enron executive Sherron Watkins wrote last August to then-chairman Kenneth Lay of possibly fatal accounting problems. It also noted Baxter's concerns about a partnership called LJM that Enron used to conceal debt.

"Cliff Baxter complained mightily to (then-CEO Jeff) Skilling and with all who would listen about the inappropriateness of our transactions with LJM," Watkins wrote in the memo, which was released the week before Baxter's death.

Baxter also had been named in several lawsuits, including a federal action in Houston accusing him and other Enron executives of reaping huge profits from Enron stock before its collapse. Many have since been amended to name his estate as a defendant.

Records show he sold 577,436 shares for $35.2 million.

Powers said in the letter dated March 22 that Baxter wrote the note shortly before his death and left it on the console of his wife's car in the garage of their Sugar Land home.

She found it and turned it over to police after his body was found at about 2:30 a.m. Jan. 25 in his car about a half-mile from the home. Baxter shot himself in the head.

# No agreement in settlement talks for Andersen, Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — Settlement talks between Arthur Andersen LLP, Enron Corp. and lawyers for employees and shareholders suing both entities have yet to produce an agreement after nearly a week, their court-appointed mediator said Friday.

Eric D. Green, a mediation professor at the Boston University College of Law, took a break from what he described as "intensive" talks on Friday to issue a statement about the status of the discussions.

"While some progress has been made, in nearly a week of intensive negotiations in Dallas and Chicago, serious issues remain and there can be no assurance that an agreement will be reached," Green said.

Former Federal Reserve chief Paul Volcker said at a news conference in New York Friday morning that he was optimistic that the claims would be settled.

Green said he issued a spontaneous statement Friday afternoon "in part to correct any other releases that may have been made by anybody else." When asked if he was referring to Volcker's comments, he declined to elaborate.

Green was appointed last week by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez in New York and U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon in Houston. Gonzalez is presiding over Enron's bankruptcy case and Harmon is presiding over the lawsuits and the Justice Department's criminal case against Andersen.

Green, who has been facilitating talks since Sunday, declined to say whether negotiations would continue. He said he would announce it and when they end.

He said "there is no agreement" among the parties regarding how much money is available to settle claims from Arthur Andersen, the auditing firm's insurers, members of its network and its partners.

"Serious issues also remain regarding the total allocation among various parties of whatever total sum Arthur Andersen is capable of making available to settle this dispute," Green said.

Enron spokesman Mark Palmer, Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton and Steve Berman, the lead lawyer representing employees in 401(k)-related lawsuits, declined comment.

# Appeals court reinstates charges

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — An appeals court Friday reinstated involuntary manslaughter charges against a homeless couple who allegedly sparked a fire in a warehouse that killed six firefighters.

The decision overturned a lower court's ruling that dismissed the charges.

The city's fire chief said he never gave up hope the couple would be brought to trial.

"I've got six dead guys with parents and wives who cannot enjoy being with the people they love," Fire Chief Gerard Dio said. "There are kids who cry every night because they don't have a father. So why should I let this go?"

Julie Ann Barnes, 21, and Thomas S. Levesque, 39, were indicted two months after the Dec. 3, 1999, blaze. Authorities said they accidentally sparked the fire, then fled the warehouse without reporting the fire.

As the fire grew, firefighters responded. Six were killed trying to rescue homeless people they thought might still be inside.

Superior Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman dismissed charges against the couple in September 2000, ruling that prosecutors hadn't shown sufficient evidence. But the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the grand jury did have enough evidence for an indictment.

"The Commonwealth has presented sufficient evidence to allow a grand jury to conclude that the defendants' choice not to report the fire was intentional and reckless," the appeals court said.

The court noted they had a cellular phone and passed several stores after they fled from which they could have called for help.




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# Senior Center volunteers recognized at banquet

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Senior Center volunteers were recognized last Friday night during the 23rd annual Recognition Banquet.

Volunteers worked 43,082 hours during the past year. The Top 15 were recognized and each was presented with a rose. Thadine Harless and Gloria Browning top the Top 15 list with over 3,000 each. Harless is first with 3,177, followed closely behind is Browning with 3,154.

Cary Patrick is third with 2,790; Marie Armstrong fourth with 1,353; Juanita Ellington, fifth with 1,308; Peggy Fowler, sixth with 1,051; and Veida Gage, seventh, with 1,029 hours.

Others include Margaret Clevenger, eighth, 1,000 hours; Dorothy Duncan, ninth, 974; Nate Thomas Pyburn, tenth, 926; Texa Ball, eleventh, 731.

Others include Ruby Gregory, twelfth, 703; Edna Laster, thirteenth, 689; Billie Holladay, fourteenth, 650; and Viola Stone, fifteenth, 635.

Volunteers were also recognized for their cumulative hours. Star awards were presented to four volunteers. Cary Patrick received a plaque for volunteering more than 10,000 hours. Her name will be placed on the 10,000 or more hours' board. She actually has more than 11,500 cumulative hours.

Three names will be added to the 5,000 or more hours' board: Marie Armstrong, Juanita Ellington and Peggy Fowler.

Pins are presented for the first 500 hours and then every 500 hours after that. Volunteers eligible for new pins include Peggy Grinslade, Billie Holladay, Anna Sears, Ray Spivey, Alice Underwood, all in the 500-999 category.

Roy Burk, Herb Grover, Juanita Grover, Modine Johnston, James Patrick, Natalie Sallee, and Doris Self received new pins in the 1,000-1,499 hours category.

Others eligible for pins include Don Duncan, Joann Peek, Edna Smith and Viola Stone, 1,500-1,999 hours.

Jackie Adams, Nettie Faye Gardner, Cecil Lankford and Dorothy Lankford, received new pins in the 2,000-2,499 category; and Evalyn Tate earned a new pin in the 2,500-2,999 category.

Others earning pins are Ruby Gregory and Lou Wiman, 3,000-3,499; Bernhard Bartels, Wana Fisher, Veida Gage, 3,500-3,999; Marie Armstrong, Juanita Ellington and Peggy Fowler, 5,000-5,499 hours.

In the 5,500-5,999 category, new pins were presented to Earnest Shifflett and Evelyn Shifflitt. Also qualifying for new pins are Margaret Clevenger and Nate Pyburn, 6,000-6,499; Betty Kellum, 6,500-6,999; Betty Boyd, 7,500-7,999.

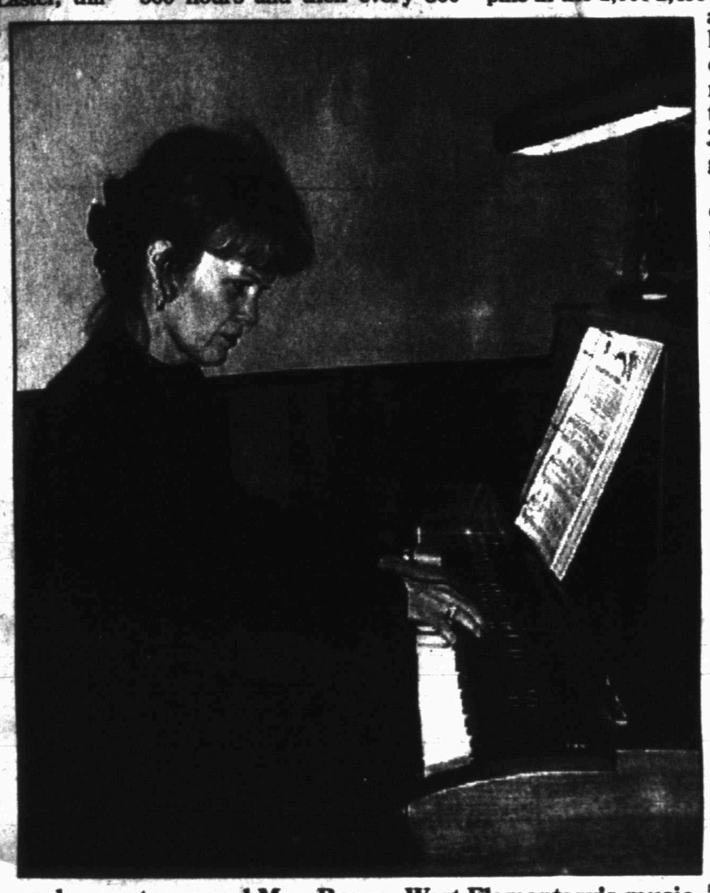
Edna Laster received a new pin in the 8,000-8,499 category.

Others include Dorothy Duncan, 9,500-9,999; Blanche Arnold, 11,000-11,499; Cary Patrick, 11,500-11,999; Thadine Harless, 14,000-14,499; Texa Ball, 1500-15,499; and Gloria Browning, 20,500-20,999 hours.

Carla Thompson, director, gave the welcome and recognized special guests. Scurry County Commissioner Ralph

See Senior Center, Page 4B





ENTERTAINMENT — Carla Thompson, above, and Judy Brown (at right) entertained at the 23rd Annual Recognition Banquet at the Senior Citizens Center. Thompson, who is the center's director, sang Broadway tunes and Mrs. Brown, West Elementary's music teacher, played the piano. (SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)



ADDED TO BOARD — These volunteers have worked more than 5,000 hours, and their names will be added to the Star board. From left are Marie Armstrong, Juanita Ellington; and Peggy Fowler. See Page 4B for Top 15 pictures. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



DOOR PRIZES — Carla Thompson and Valerie Drum presented door prizes. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman).

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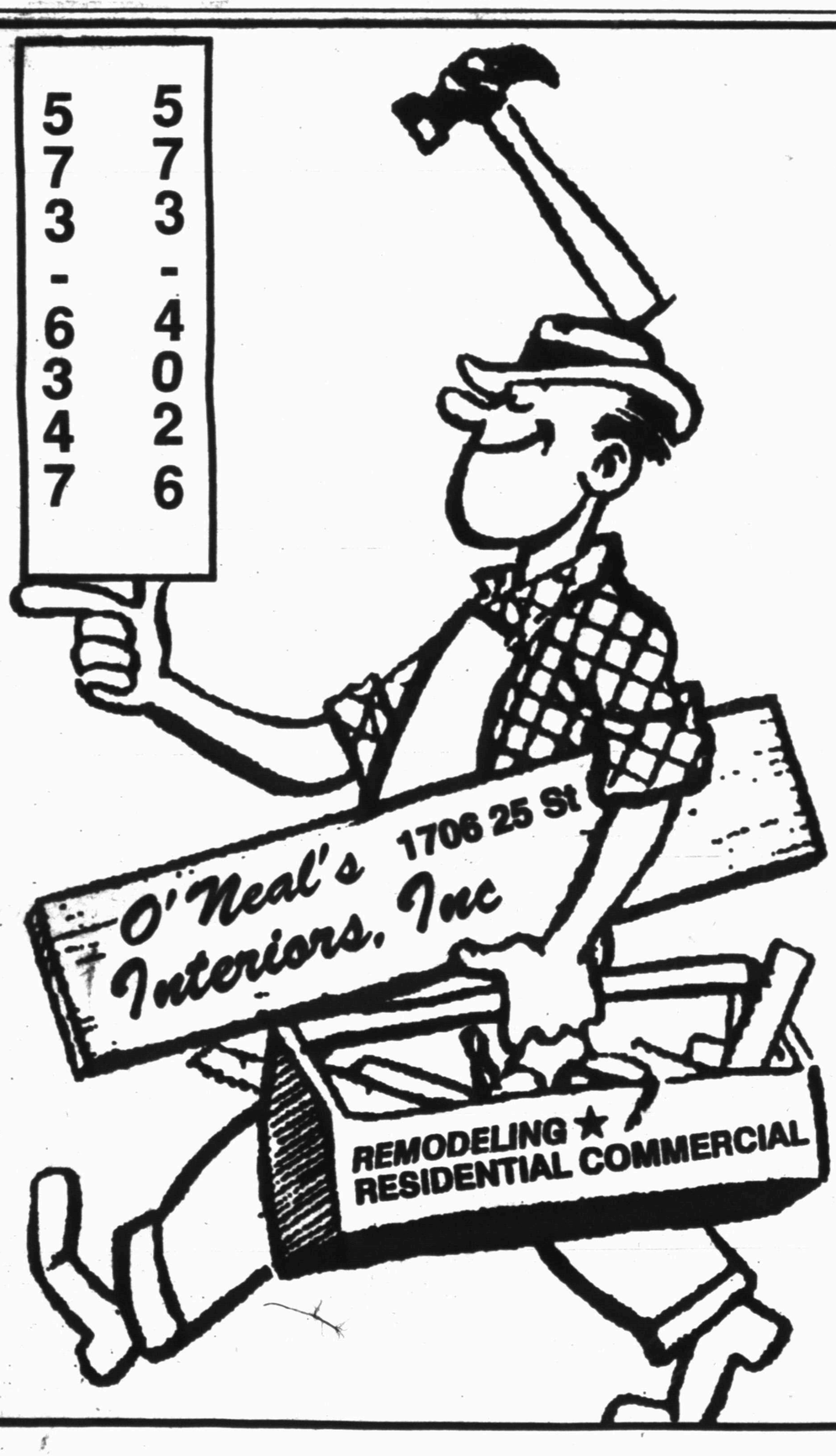
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BABY SHOWER HELD — William Douglas Gaston, son of Doug and Lana Gaston, was honoree at a baby shower held in the home of Todd and Kelli Pollard on March 24. William was born March 18. Other hostesses were Rosalinda Sanchez and Sonia Galyean. (Contributed Photo)

# Community Calendar

**MONDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4-1292 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 73-1822 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.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 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.

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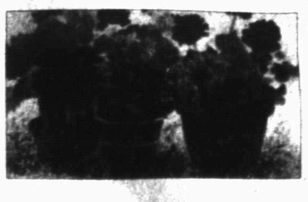


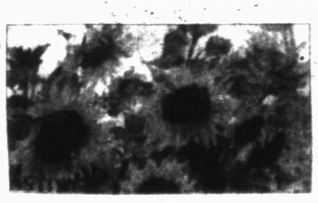
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♣ J 10 3

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## Christmas Competition results, prizewinners

The latest Christmas Competition featured a deal in Pietro Forquet's "Bridge with the Blue Team," in which he credits the play to Guglielmo Siniscalco — as was mentioned by Wiley Holloway, of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Not only was there the biggest entry by far, but most people got the answer right.

The bumper crop had three effects. First, it made me ruthless. Anyone who accidentally wrote East instead of West, or vice versa, was eliminated from consideration — sorry. Also, anyone who didn't make it clear that he would never ruff with the diamond six was marked as wrong — sorry. Then, as Nancy Seeley, of Grass Valley, Calif., claimed, it came down to the minisagas (exactly 50 words to describe the play) that appealed to me.

The top prizewinner is Bill Schadler, from Pennsburg, Penn. Here is his entry:

Play The club Ace, throwing The six. Lead a heart. If covered, ruff high. Play

The diamond six, winning with the eight. Lead another heart. If covered, ruff high. Lead the diamond nine, winning with The Queen. Lead another heart,

Pitching the club eight.

West wins, but you make game.

Other prize winners are William Adams, Albion, Penn.; Hugh Brown Jr., McCormick, S.C.; Colin Campbell, New Haven, Conn.; Bob Chilvers, San Rafael, Calif.; Robert Dauer, Naples, Fla.; Kenneth Kekke, Coralville, Iowa; Robert McCarthy, Columbia, Penn.; Audrey Murray, Brookfield, Wis.; Michael Noyes, Fountain Valley, Calif.; and David Silber, Memphis, Tenn. All their entries, and the names of the others who got it right, can be found at my Web site: http://www.phillipalderbridge.com.

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## Bridge Winners

Games were played at the Snyder Country Club.

**Friday, March 22**

Monte West directed.

A Group

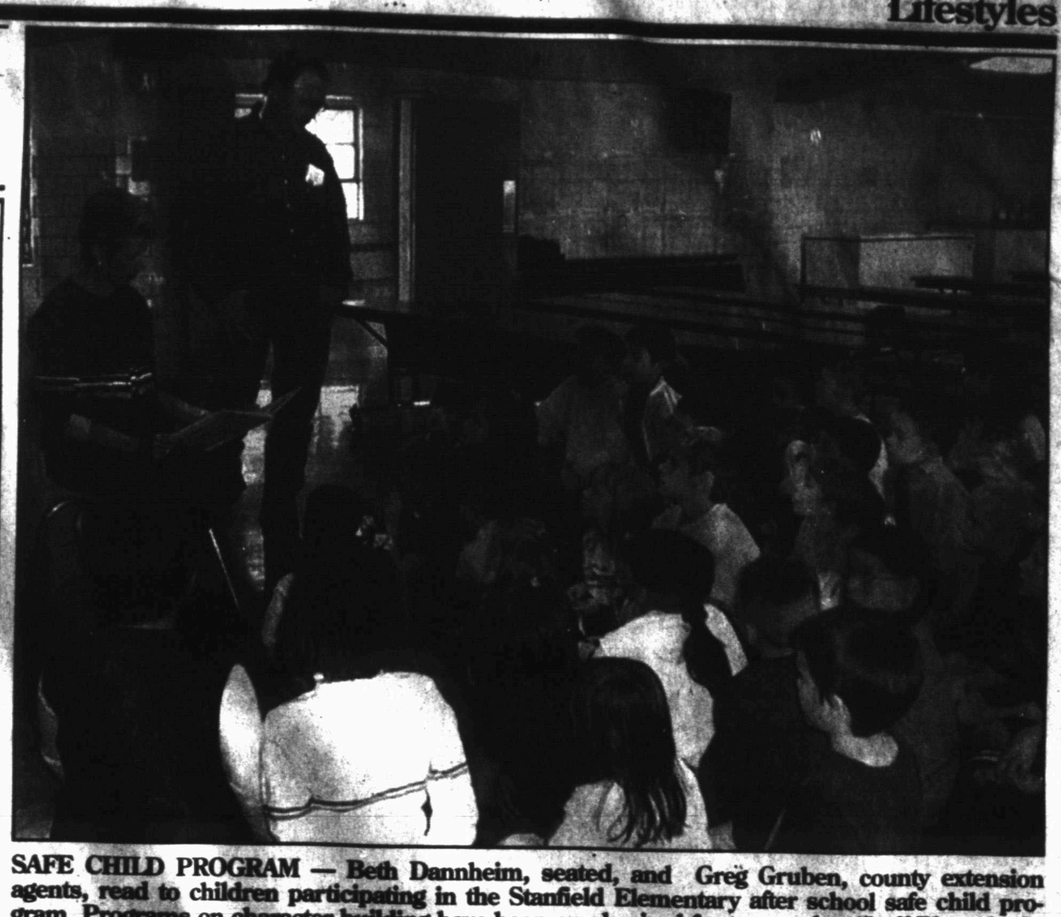
1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Nona Morrison, Betty Courtney.
3. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
4. Billisue Stuard, Margaret Presswood.

B Group

1. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
2. Durelle Gorman, Pat Floyd.
3. Bobbie Taylor, ElWanda Nall tied with LaVerne Hood, Margaret Dillaha.

**Tuesday, March 26**

1. Jane Hinton, Nonnie Ward.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson.



SAFE CHILD PROGRAM — Beth Dannheim, seated, and Greg Gruben, county extension agents, read to children participating in the Stanfield Elementary after school safe child program. Programs on character building have been emphasized for two weeks. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

# Extension agents conduct safe child series

Beth Dannheim and Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agents have conducted Texas Building Character, a six session series for the Safe Child After School Program at Stanfield Elementary the past two weeks.

The series teaches a person of character is trustworthy, treats people with respect, is responsible, fair, caring, and a good citizen.

Cartoon videos followed by discussions were used as teaching tools. Each session ended with the youth dancing the "Six Pillar Shuffle."

"Character Education is an area designated by the State Legislature for special emphasis in our public schools this year. We appreciate the reenforcement of our school program by Ms. D and Mr. G, as called by the students." said Jean McMillon, principal.

# School Menus

## Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

**BREAKFAST**
**Monday**
School Holiday
**Tuesday**
Sausage & Biscuit
Hash Browns
Juice
**Wednesday**
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
**Thursday**
Muffins
Juice
**Friday**
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice

**LUNCH**
**Tuesday**
Chicken Fried Steak on a Bun
Tater Tots
Apple Sauce
**Wednesday**
Beef Nachos
Refried Beams
Corn
**Thursday**
Barbecued Sausage
Fried Okra
Black-eyed Peas
Corn Bread
Pudding
**Friday**
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Bread
Apple Crisp

## Snyder

All meals served with milk; breakfast menu offers juice.

**CLASSROOM BREAKFAST**
**(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)**
**Monday**
Easter Holiday
**Tuesday**
Strawberry Toaster Pastry
**Wednesday**
Sausage in a Biscuit
**Thursday**
Ham & Cheese Wrap
**Friday**
Pigs in a Blanket
**(Other Schools)**
**Tuesday**
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
**Wednesday**
Sausage Topped Muffin or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
**Thursday**
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
**Friday**
Sausage & Egg in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

**LUNCH**
**Tuesday**
Chicken Parmesan on a Bun
or
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chilled Pears
**Wednesday**
Burrito Grande Supreme or
Chicken Soft Taco
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Rice Krispie Bar
**Thursday**
Crunchy Corn Dog or
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
**Friday**
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Pepperoni Pizza
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chocolate Brownie

## Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

**BREAKFAST**
**Monday**
No School
**Tuesday**
Juice
Breakfast Burrito
**Wednesday**
Juice
Oatmeal
Toast
**Thursday**
Juice
Biscuit
Sausage
**Friday**
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

**LUNCH**
**Tuesday**
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
Vegetable Sticks
Tater Tots
No Bake Cookies
**Wednesday**
Cheese Burgers
Potato Wedges
Burger Salad
Apple Cobbler
**Thursday**
Chili Cheese Fries
Pickle Spears
Dorito Chips
Pineapple Cake
**Friday**
Pizza
Chopped Lettuce
Corn
Pink Applesauce

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COSMORAMA PROGRAM — Youth from Tae Kwon Do Academy in Snyder gave some demonstrations of their achievements in the art to members of Cosmorama Study Club Wednesday. From left are, front row, Zachary Gafford, Alex Jaramillo, Cheyene Alvarez, Freddie Lopez, Xaviar Jaramillo; back row, Derek Murphy, Adrian Padron, Larry Jaramillo, Erin Fry, Joseph Benz and Greg Gafford, instructor. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



Kate Wright

## Kate Wright receives award

The Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution announces Kate Wright, Snyder High School senior, the recipient of the 2002 Good Citizenship award and scholarship.

This award is presented to a senior girl or boy in high school who fulfills the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. Teachers and counselors at SHS nominated Kate.

Kate, the daughter of Tommy and Linda Wright, has been on the A honor roll all through high school and has been involved in the Fellowship of Christian Students since her sophomore year.

Kate has played volleyball during her four years at SHS and received the Kathy Armstrong Memorial Award for outstanding volleyball her junior year. Also as a junior, she competed on the UIL accounting team and received second place as an individual at district, third place as an individual at region, and her team placed first at the state competition in Austin. She was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior.

As a senior, Kate was co-captain of the varsity volleyball team. She was one of five girls to be nominated as Miss SHS. Kate serves as National Honor Society president and will also be competing again on the UIL accounting team. Kate is an active member of the First Baptist Church youth group and is planning to attend the University of North Texas this fall.

## SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

The Scurry County Library board and staff thanks all of the volunteers who worked at the book sale this past week. Thank you so much for giving your time to count books and money. Without you, we would never be able to have a sale such as this each year.

Successful fundraisers demand dedicated volunteers, and you have proven that you are up to the task. We now have a good foundation of financial funds to begin planning our summer reading program.

Thanks, also, to all Scurry County residents donating books this past year. The year 2001 was a record year for donations of quality books that could be used in our collection or sold in the book sale.

Many of the purchasers exclaimed surprise that there were so many quality books. Of course, we also want to thank all of the citizens who came to the book sale, and made purchases and gave donations.

We hope your purchases bring you enjoyment and please know that we appreciate your support of our library. This week our periodical fundraiser begins.

In this fundraiser, library supporters donate money to pay for subscriptions to magazines that are provided in the reading area of the library. Unlike many public libraries, the Scurry County Library allows patrons to check out magazines, so our magazines have extensive use.

Those who have donated in the past will be receiving their letters this week, giving them the current cost of the subscription they have funded in previous years.

With subscription prices constantly rising, the library is always in need of sponsors for magazine subscriptions, so if you would like to be a sponsor, contact the library staff with your contribution.

This gift is tax deductible, and if you wish, we will put your name on the magazine cover as the person funding that subscription.

This past year, we have had to cancel some subscriptions because our budget would not cover the rising subscription costs, so we are always happy to accept donations for magazine subscriptions.

This weekend the library is closed for Easter. In addition, the library will be closed Tuesday, April 2, so that the library staff can attend an in-service in Abilene.

**This week's hours are:**
**Mon., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.**
**Mon. Storytime at 10 a.m.**
**Tues.: Closed**
**Thur.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.**
**Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

The Scurry County Library staff wishes you a peaceful and meaningful Easter!

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A tomato is the fruit of the tomato plant. However, in 1887 the U.S. Supreme court ruled that tomatoes are vegetables because they are eaten as a principal part of a meal, rather than for dessert.

## Healthy breakfast can be easy

According to Weight Watchers a healthy breakfast doesn't necessarily have to be costly, include intricate recipes or require a great deal of prep time.

Regardless of the destination, breakfast is an essential element to your day's performance at work or school. In fact, a recent USDA report suggests that breakfast provides one-fourth to one-third of your day's energy nutrient needs. Missing out on this essential morning fuel source creates an energy deficit that's often made up and then exceeded by consuming over the recommended daily amount of calories.

The following quick and easy breakfast ideas to avoid getting caught in the morning rush with an empty stomach by Weight Watchers include:

- Yogurt mixed with cereal and fruit.
- Peanut butter rolled inside a tortilla.
- A cereal or breakfast bar and a glass of orange juice.
- Instant breakfast hot cereal with low-fat milk and fresh fruit.
- A peanut butter sandwich with a glass of milk.
- Cold slice of pizza with milk or juice.
- Low-fat, bran muffin with juice or milk.
- Smoothie made with yogurt and fresh or canned fruit.
- Whole grain bagel with juice.
- English muffin with low-fat cheese.
- Whole grain cereal and milk.
- A tortilla stuffed with cottage cheese and fresh fruit.

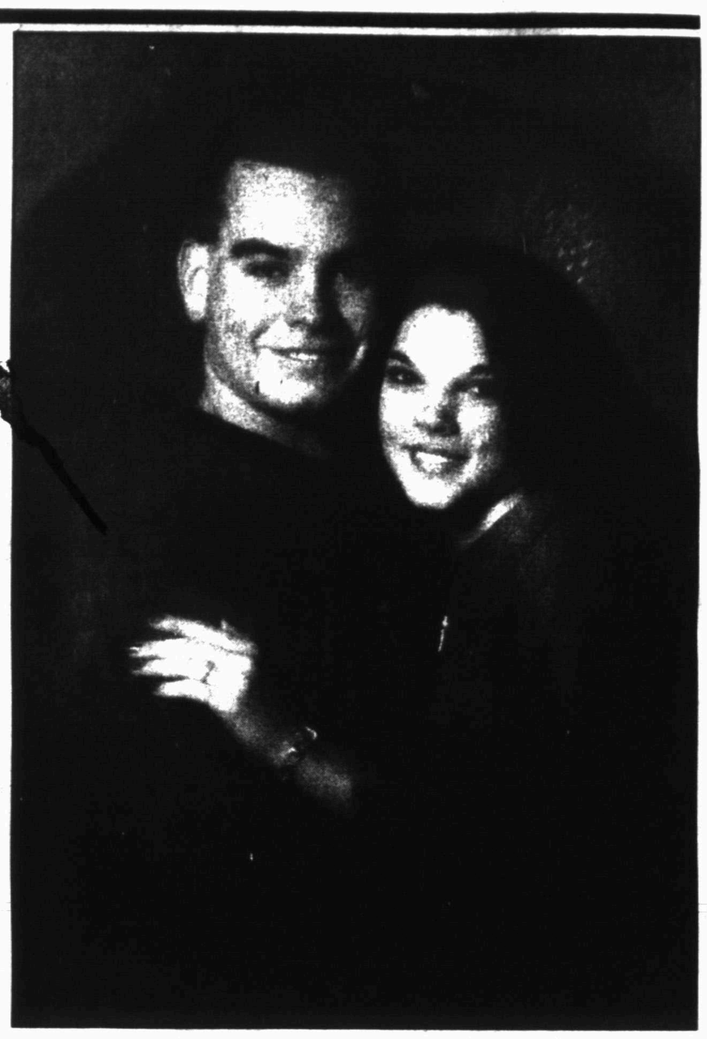
## Big tip is costly

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A man suspected of robbing a bank gave himself away when he tipped a waiter $100 in order to get a seat away from the window.

Chris Ronemus was thrilled to receive the large gratuity on a slow day at DaVinci Ristorante, but he wasn't allowed to keep the money.

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The state bird of Alabama is the yellowhammer.



JULY MARRIAGE PLANNED — Delwyn and Judy Davis of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Davis, to Toby Zalman, son of John and Donna Zalman. A 2 p.m., July 20 wedding ceremony is planned to take place in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Wadleigh Studio Photo)

## Snyder Oaks Care Center's lobby has been refurbished

Lots of activity has been going on at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

The lobby has just been refurbished with new paint, border trim and new tile laid on the floor.

Eventually the whole facility will be remodeled, but it will be done in phases and the dining area is expected to be next.

Snyder Oaks staff announces its new "Country Store," located in the lobby area. Items in the store are donated for the residents to purchase using "Country Bucks."

SOCC is one of the few facilities in West Texas that has a State Certified Alzheimer's Unit. This 24-bed unit is designed to meet the safety needs of residents who suffer from Alzheimer or dementia related illnesses. The staff in this unit is specially trained to care for these residents.

SOCC invites the public to come by and see what's going on.

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# Top 15 Senior Center volunteers, 2001-2002







TOP FIFTEEN — The Top 15 volunteers at the Senior Center, from March 2001-March 2002, include (above photo) Thadine Harless, back row; and seated from left, Peggy Fowler, Veida Gage and Marie Armstrong. Other volunteers (top right photo) include back row from left, Juanita Ellington, Cary Patrick, Gloria Browning; seated fom left, Ruby Gregory and Nate Pyburn. Others (bottom right photo) are back row from left, Billie Holladay and Dorothy Duncan; and seated from left, Viola Stone, Edna Laster and Texa Ball. Not pictured is Margaret Clevenger. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

## Senior Center recognizes Top 15 volunteers

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Trevey gave the invocation and Pamela Fenton presented the volunteer pin awards. Valerie Drum presented the Top 15 awards, while Thompson and Fenton also presented door prizes.

For entertainment, Judy Brown played the piano and Carla Thompson sang Broadway tunes.

Members of the Phi Theta Kappa fraternity at Western Texas College helped serve. The theme for the 23rd annual banquet was Mardi Gras.

## Intense blaze crippled sprinkler systems in WTC

NEW YORK (AP) — The intense fires that erupted when hijacked airliners hit the World Trade Center's twin towers disabled the water supply for hoses, sprinkler systems and other fire-suppression equipment in the buildings, according to a federal report.

The structure of the buildings responded surprisingly well to the impact of the planes on Sept. 11, the report says, but the towers could not withstand the ensuing fires that burned as hot as 2,000 degrees and generated heat equivalent to the output of a nuclear power plant.

## No fed charges to be filed in case of missing ex-Teamster

DETROIT (AP) — The federal probe into Teamsters President James R. Hoffa's 1975 disappearance was active as recently as two months ago, but investigators are now ruling out filing charges and are turning the case over to local prosecutors.

John Bell, special agent in charge of the Detroit bureau, said Thursday the case was stymied because of the amount of time that has passed since Hoffa disappeared from a Detroit-area restaurant parking lot in 1975.

"There is no viable federal prosecution at this time," he said.

Bell said he would refer the case to prosecutors in suburban Oakland County for possible state charges, The Detroit News reported in Friday editions.

On Thursday, the FBI released 1,330 pages from its investigative file into Hoffa's disappearance to the News in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

Many passages were blacked out, but the documents indicate the FBI interviewed more than a dozen people in late 2001 and early this year, pursuing leads in Florida, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

Investigators examined a gun in Pittsburgh and checked out every meatpacking plant in the Detroit area, the documents show. The FBI also tried to link fingerprints to people in its computerized database.

The FBI turned over the entire 3,432 pages from its Hoffa file to U.S. District Judge Victoria A. Roberts. The judge will decide what other material, if any, from the file should be released to the public.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Francis Zebot said Thursday that the government would ask Roberts to delay her decision so investigators could review the material and determine which documents should remain confidential.

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# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## Ever-present mother-in-law is long past being welcome

**DEAR ABBY:** Our oldest daughter, her husband and infant son have been living with us a little over a year. My mother-in-law, "Helen," lives next door.

Helen is retired, does no volunteer work and has no social life to speak of. The problem is that she spends all her free time at our house.

Her excuse is always to see the baby, but if one of us leaves the room, Helen will spend only a few minutes with the baby, then follow us to whatever room we have escaped to.

I work full-time outside the home, so it's only a weekend problem for me. However, my daughter is home with the baby all day, and my mother-in-law is making her crazy! My son-in-law's day off was today. Helen was at the house a total of three hours by 2 p.m.

My husband won't come out and say he is bothered by his mother's frequent, lengthy visits, but the kids and I have noticed that whenever she comes over, he finds a hideout.

We have gone so far as to ignore Helen's presence as much as possible, but she doesn't take the hint. Abby, please remind the older generation that they need to stay active with people their own age and not expect their children to be their life when their own slows down. — **ANNOYED UP TO HERE, SMALL TOWN, TEXAS**

**DEAR ANNOYED:** You haven't mentioned your mother-in-law's age, but she may have a fear of being alone. If she hasn't had a recent medical examination, she should be evaluated physically and mentally to determine if there is a problem.

If Helen is healthy, then you and your husband should make an effort to socialize her with people her own age. Investigate senior centers in your area and low-cost transportation to get her there. We all need activities outside the home.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for eight months, but I still haven't sent out my thank-yous for our wedding gifts. I lost the list of "who got what" for us, and I don't want everyone to know how careless I am.

Some family members have asked if we are still married because they haven't received their thank-yous. Do you have any suggestions on what I can do to fix this awkward situation? — **EMBARRASSED BRIDE IN OHIO**

**DEAR EMBARRASSED BRIDE:** Call the people and level with them. Ask what they gave you and then write those thank-you notes. They don't have to be long, flowery or fancy.

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**DEAR ABBY:** You advised "Mother Under Pressure" to allow her 10-year-old daughter to begin shaving her legs, and I wholeheartedly agree.

I faced the same dilemma with my then 9-year-old girl. She begged me to let her shave her legs. I pitched a fit and fussed and fumed. Each time she pleaded, I refused her.

My daughter is now 22 and has gone from almost dying from anorexia to drug addiction. How I wish I had her precious childhood years back again. My advice to "Mother Under Pressure" is this: **DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF! — REGRETFUL MOM IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR MOM:** Well said. A wise parent knows how to pick her (or his) battles. I hope your daughter is soon on the road to recovery.

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**DEAR READERS:** Much to my delight, pennies-from-heaven letters continue to pour in. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Your letters about "pennies from heaven" have touched my heart more than words can express. At the time that the letters first appeared in your column, my father was losing his battle with cancer. He died peacefully at home last month with his loving family by his side.

The morning of his funeral, I asked the funeral director to place 11 pennies in his pocket. Each penny represents a member of our immediate family. You can be sure that all of us will be looking for those pennies to fall from heaven! — **DIANNE RICHARDSON-CONDA, MOUNT LAUREL, N.J.**

**DEAR DIANNE:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. Keep your eyes peeled for those pennies. They're sure to come back to you.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago my husband had a stroke. The first day I walked out of the hospital, I picked up three pennies and put them in my pocket. His condition was touch-and-go.

Every day walking out of the hospital, I would find a penny or two and add them to the others in my pocket. When I changed clothes, I would transfer the pennies to the pocket of what I was wearing. It seems unbelievable, but every single day I would find more pennies. In a strange way, I found it comforting because I felt reassured my husband would pull through — and he did!

To this day, every time I pick up a penny on the street, I add it to the pennies I saved from the hospital. I will never spend them because they brought my husband and me good luck when we most needed it. — **LENA KATZ, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.**

**DEAR LENA:** Those pennies are a tangible reminder of your good fortune. And that alone makes them priceless.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mother had a favorite penny story from when she was a little girl in Farmville, Va., in the 1890s. She died in 1983 at the age of 93.

Times were tough and there was no money in the house. So my grandmother sent my mother to the store to buy a penny's worth of oil for their lamp — with the promise to pay the stern general store owner "next week."

Sheepishly, she left the house, walked down the front path and opened the gate. Lo and behold! There was a penny lying on the street. Mother always called it a miracle. — **MARTHA IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**DEAR MARTHA:** I don't blame her. That penny saved your mother a world of embarrassment, and that's worth more than money can buy.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Three years ago, my father passed away in upstate New York. We traveled to his funeral from our home in North Carolina. Within two weeks we sold the home and moved Mom back to North Carolina with us. They had been married for 58 years.

My mother passed away last year. Before her casket was closed, one of my relatives approached me and asked if I had put three pennies in my mother's pocket. I was confused and asked what she was talking about. She told me there were three bridges Mother would have to cross to get to heaven.

I immediately placed six pennies in my mother's pocket to pay the toll — I knew my dad was waiting patiently for her at the first bridge. — **MISSING MOM AND DAD IN GODWIN, N.C.**

**DEAR MISSING:** How touching. It's nice to know you can "take it with you."

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Todd and Karrah Iglehart of Amarillo announce the birth of their daughter, Kenadi Alyse Iglehart. She was born March 4, 2002 and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and is 19½" long. Grandparents are Jim and Jill Griswold of Snyder and Marvin and Carol Iglehart of Hermleigh.

# Public Records

**Filed in District Court**

Barry Jackson, Sandra Jackson and Lanette Jackson vs. Sharlyn Finch, administrator of the estate of Loyd Ray Finch, friendly suit.

**Action in District Court**

In the marriage of Kristi Jo Haddox and Wesley Ray Haddox, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Caroline Kay Rodriguez and Valentin Vasquez Rodriguez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Katherine Nevada Odom Tovar and Jonathan Bryan Tovar, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Patrick Neal Kincaid Sr. and Katrina Denese Kincaid, divorce granted.

Kemper Insurance Company vs. Thomas Graham and Pool Company, dba Pool Energy Services, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Jaime Soliz vs. Lang Tire and Appliance Inc., order of dismissal.

**Deed Records**

Leatha Jeane Brice to Mark Dean and Angela Leigh Strickland, all of Lot 2 in Block 7 of the Warren Crest Addition.

David Sands, individually and dba Sands Welding Company, to Gateway Family Services Inc., an 0.43-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Thomas A. Miller to Brookstone Resources Inc., Sections 191 and 206 in Block 97, H&TC survey.

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## On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

# Are natural vitamins better?

**DEAR DR. BLONZ:** I am perplexed about the differences between synthetic and natural vitamins. An article by one scientist, for example, claims that synthetic vitamin E is just as good as the natural kind, and it's cheaper. I read another article by a different scientist who recommends natural vitamin E, which he says is more readily absorbed. They are both university-trained researchers. I have been buying my vitamins from a natural-food store for years, and I have been buying the natural type. Since there are opposing answers to every question, and there is the fact that the synthetic vitamin E can be purchased just about anywhere cheaply, I want to know what the major differences are between the synthetic and natural tablets. — **J.M., Charleston, N.C.**

**Dear J.M.:** There are definite differences between synthetic and natural vitamin E, and two important factors to consider are potency and ease of absorption. First, here are some facts about vitamin E.

The main vitamin E compound is tocopherol (toe-KAH-pher-awl), which comes from the Greek words tokos (offspring) and phere-in (to bear). It was so named because it was first thought to be an essential factor in reproduction. There are a number of different tocopherols in nature, the four most important ones being alpha-, beta-, gamma- and delta-tocopherol. Alpha-tocopherol is the one we hear about most, because it is the form with the greatest vitamin activity in the human body. There are natural and synthetic forms of all the tocopherols. The natural versions start with a "d," as in d-alpha-tocopherol, and synthetics start with "dl," as in dl-alpha-tocopherol.

Natural vitamin E is the most potent of the vitamin E compounds on a weight basis. Vitamin E supplements, however, are not sold by weight. They are typically sold by IU, or international units, which are a measure of biological activity. This means that 200 IU of synthetic vitamin E has the same potency as 200 IU of the natural vitamin. To complicate matters, scientists have stopped using the IU and now talk about vitamin E in terms of a more precise unit of measure, the alpha-tocopherol equivalent (alpha-TE). One alpha-TE equals 1 milligram of natural d-alpha-tocopherol, which equals 1.67 IU.

Absorption is another factor to consider, and some studies have shown that natural vitamin E is more easily absorbed. The differences, however, are not significant.

A final point is that natural vitamin E supplements often contain the beta-, gamma- and delta-tocopherols along with the alpha. A study in the December 2001 American Journal of Clinical Nutrition suggests that gamma-tocopherol, the most prominent form of vitamin E in many plant seeds, has some unique beneficial qualities. And one year earlier, in the December 2000 Journal of the National Cancer Institute, a population study found that those with the highest concentrations of gamma-tocopherol had the lowest risk of developing prostate cancer.

My advice, then, is that if price and convenience are important issues, by all means buy the synthetic. If you feel that natural is the way to go, try to find a supplement that contains mixed tocopherols.

**DEAR DR. BLONZ:** I believe I heard at some point in my schooling that rinsing and draining canned vegetables reduces their sodium content by as much as 25 percent to 30 percent. I have searched through everything I have (old textbooks, lecture notes, etc.) and cannot find a single reference. Do you know how much the sodium content is reduced when canned vegetables are rinsed? Are you aware of any research articles on the subject? — **K.L., Jordan, Minn.**

**Dear J.L.:** Salt, or sodium chloride, dissolves easily in water, so rinsing canned vegetables and beans will certainly reduce salt (sodium) content. As for the exact formula or percent reduction for a particular food, it depends on total sodium in the food, the amount of added salt and the volume of water exchanged. There is no specific data that I am aware of that works for all foods. A reasonable way of expressing it is to say that rinsing canned vegetables can cut sodium content by up to 40 percent. I hope this helps.

**Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.**

**Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).**

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## Arkansas jury rules against Wal-Mart

DE QUEEN, Ark. (AP) — A Sevier County jury awarded $1.27 million to a Texas woman whose husband died after a Wal-Mart pharmacist gave him the wrong preseription medicine.

The court order, based on the jury award against Wal-Mart and the pharmacist and entered Wednesday, was for pain, suffering, and mental anguish sustained by Vivian Tucker of Godley and their daughter.

Tucker's husband, John, died Sept. 4, 1997, after being given the medication Ziac, a high blood-pressure medication, in a prescription bottle labeled for Zaroxolyn, a diuretic. The prescription was filled at a Wal-Mart pharmacy in De Queen.

The medication, which John Tucker took for two and half months, allowed fluid to accumulate in his body and caused severe weight gain. He died of congestive heart failure. A doctor testified at the trial that the mistake contributed to Tucker's death.

# Rep. Stenholm announces the summer interns for year 2002

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Omar Burleson Foundation has selected four individuals and one alternate to serve as Omar Burleson interns in the Washington, D.C. office of Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Leslie McDonald of Winters and Valerie Ramirez of San Angelo will serve as interns in June. McDonald is a graduate of Texas A&M and is currently enrolled in the Advanced International Affairs certificate program at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M. Ramirez is a junior at San Angelo University, majoring in History/Communications.

Serving as July interns will be Cindy Buckner of Chico and Bryan Weber of Blanco. Buckner is an agriculture - science teacher at Chico ISD and Mr. Weber is a junior, majoring in political science, at Abilene Christian University.

Todd Richardson of Stamford, a senior at Texas A&M was named an alternate intern candidate.

Other finalists in the selection process were. Nole Hadaway of Abilene, teacher at Wylie ISD; Jeff Haddox of Bridgeport, senior at University of North Texas majoring in business economics; Shayla Hager of Stamford, an agricultural economics graduate student at Texas A&M; Mrs. Tracy Phillips of Abilene, a part-time government teacher at Cisco Junior College and management assistant to the city manager of Abilene; and Brent Toliver of Sweetwater, a junior finance major at Texas Tech University.

"I am honored to announce the selection of these outstanding recipients as Omar Burleson Foundation Interns and look forward to them being in my Washington office," noted Stenholm.

"This is an opportunity for our future leaders to receive some hands on experience of working in the government and our educators gain firsthand knowledge about the legislative process, so they can convey it to their students. With so many highly qualified applicants, it was difficult for the Selection Committee to select just four interns to come to Washington, D.C."

In addition to assisting Congressman Stenholm and his staff, interns will attend congressional hearings, observe the proceedings of the House of Representatives and the Senate, attend a distinctive speakers series for interns, and tour points of interest in the nation's capital.

The Omar Burleson Intern Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization, which makes internships available to individuals who reside or study in the 17th Congressional District of Texas. The Foundation is named for the late Congressman Omar Burleson who represented the 17th District of Texas in Washington, D.C. for 32 years.

## John Walker Lindh books are distributed

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — About 10,000 copies of a book about John Walker Lindh's road to a Taliban training camp are now on the market, the publisher says.

The books were shipped to retailers Monday, despite a written warning from a member of Lindh's defense team alleging the book contained defamatory material, said publisher Rhawn Joseph of San Jose-based University Press, California.

Nearly 12,000 orders for the 224-page paperback book, "John Walker Lindh: American Taliban," have been received so far, Joseph said Thursday.

Lindh attorney George Harris had warned in his letter, sent March 12 in response to promotional descriptions of the book, that "publication would be at your peril." The letter contended "the book is grossly and outrageously false and defamatory," but did not provide specifics.

# Date Book

**Saturday, March 30, 2002**

Today is the 89th day of 2002 and the 11th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1858, Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia patented the idea of attaching a rubber eraser to the top of a pencil.

On this day in 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward signed a treaty with Russia, purchasing Alaska for $7.2 million. Critics dubbed the deal "Seward's Folly," but the land has proved to be worth much more than that in natural resources and tourism.

On this day in 1981, John Hinckley shot President Ronald Reagan in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel. Reagan recovered from the wound and served not only the rest of that term, but a second one as well.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Francisco Jose de Goya (1746 - 1828), artist; Vincent van Gogh (1853 - 1890), artist; John Astin (1930 - ), actor/director, is 72; Warren Beatty (1938 - ), actor/director, is 64; Eric Clapton (1945 - ), musician, is 57; Paul Reiser (1957 - ), actor, is 45; M.C. Hammer (1962 - ), rap artist, is 40; Celine Dion (1968 - ), singer, is 34.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1889, John T. Reid unveiled the first golf course in the United States — a converted cow pasture in Yonkers, N.Y. The six-hole course was named St. Andrews Golf Club in honor of the famous Scottish links course.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "I like to have a fairly anonymous life by choice. I prefer to be able to go out and about like anybody else, you know?" — Eric Clapton (Larry King interview, Feb. 13, 1998)

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between the full moon (March 28 ) and the last quarter (April 4)

**Sunday, March 31, 2002**

Today is the 90th day of 2002 and the 12th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1870, Thomas Peterson Mundy of New Jersey became the first African-American man to cast a ballot after the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave them the right to vote.

On this day in 1889, a ceremony marked the completion of the Eiffel Tower. At the time, it was the world's largest steel structure.

On this day in 1992, the USS Missouri, the last U.S. battleship in active service, was decommissioned.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Rene Descartes (1596 - 1650), philosopher-mathematician; Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809), composer; Gordie Howe (1928 - ), hockey star, is 74; Shirley Jones (1934 - ), actress, is 68; Christopher Walken (1943 - ), actor, is 59, Gabe Kaplan (1945 - ), actor, is 57; Rhea Perlman (1948 - ), actress, is 54; Al Gore (1948 - ), former Vice-President, is 54; Ewan McGregor (1971 - ), actor, is 31; Pavel Bure (1971 - ), hockey star, is 31.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1975, UCLA defeated Kentucky 92-85 in coach John Wooden's final game at the helm. The win gave Wooden's Bruins their 10th title in 12 years.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Good sense is of all things in the world the most equally distributed, for everybody thinks he is so well supplied with it, that even those most difficult to please in all other matters never desire more of it than they already possess." — Rene Descartes, "Le Discours de la Methode" (1637).

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between the full moon (March 28) and the last quarter (April 4).

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## Clint Black enjoys being new father

NEW YORK (AP) — Clint Black can't stop gushing about the new girl in his life.

The 40-year-old country singer spoke about the joys of being a new father during an interview with The Associated Press. His wife, singer-actress Lisa Hartman Black, gave birth to their daughter, Lily Pearl, 10 months ago.

"Suddenly, it's about falling in love with a brand-new person," said Black. "It's quite an unexpected treat in life."

"The best part about it is when she laughs," he added. "She's at that age now where she's learning to do things, and every little thing she does, she gets so excited that she learned to do it."

Black will be performing Saturday from Nashville, Tenn., on the A&E network's "Live by Request." Black says he plans to perform a duet "When I Said I Do" with his wife.

However, since the birth of their daughter, his wife doesn't travel with him as much. And that makes his trips shorter.

"Where Lisa and I could jump up and run, now, if Lily can't go, Lisa doesn't go, and if Lily and Lisa don't go, I don't go for very long," he said.

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# Letters to the editor

## Time to help farmers

**Dear Editor:**

As economic conditions for farmers in Texas and across the nation remain dismal, a House-Senate conference committee continues work in Washington to deliver a farm bill in time to help farmers who are already planting.

"There is a lot of disappointment in the country about the delay," said Marlin Terrell, president of the Scurry County Farm Bureau. "Farm Bureau asked Congress to complete work on the Farm bill before Christmas, but we could see the end of March without anything being done."

Little progress is being made. Senate Democrats have not agreed on how to divide funding between the commodity and conservation titles due to the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) $6.1 billion underestimation of the Senate bill's cost.

The farm bill negotiations take on special significance because Texas farmers are among the first in the nation to plant.

Financing has been difficult to obtain without knowledge of what the government plans to do.

"Farm Bureau continues to support the House version of the farm bill," Mr. Terrell said. "WE believe it strikes the right balance between providing a food security safety net and founding of other programs."

Rep. John Thune (R-S.D.) a House conferee, said that he is disappointed in the lack of progress in reconciling the Senate and House versions of the bill. Farmers need to know the specifics of the legislation in order to make good planting decisions in the next few weeks, Thune said. "I have serious concerns that we're not going to get the bill completed in time," he added.

**Marlin Terrell, president**
**Scurry County**
**Farm Bureau**

## Good job chamber

**Dear Editor:**

I would like to commend the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for all the hard work and dedication given in the past to the promoting of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Donna Fowler and Sandra Barbosa as well as many others of the chamber staff, worked many, many hours promotion the coliseum, hosting events continually throughout the year.

I had the honor and the pleasure of serving on the chamber board for several years, and would like to acknowledge those who promoted Snyder in so many ways.

**Thank you,**
**Art Feinsod**
**Kissimmee, Fla.**

## King's Highway ex-employees

**Dear Editor:**

I am compiling a history of the Kings' Highway motor home firm, and would like to contact any ex-employees of that firm, once located at 201 N. King's Highway Place, 79549.

If you have any suggestions in regard to locating any of those former employees who may still be living in your area. I would appreciate hearing from you. If you want to review the material already collected, it is at http://rv.laudemon.com/kh/

**Many thanks,**
**Bill Lauderman**
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## Frequent visitor

**Dear Editor:**

I am Welton Bentley and Sarah, my wife of 60 years April 10, were raised in Snyder. I grew up west of Snyder and Sarah grew up east of Snyder. I was raised in the Union Community where my folks attended the Union churches.

My dad was a Baptist and my mother was a Methodist so I was raised in both churches. My wife, Sarah, was a Baptist so now I am a deacon in a Baptist church here in Fort Worth where we have been members for 52 years. I worked for the aircraft industry for 52 years and Sarah was a housing director for several years at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. We have been retired for several years. We come to Snyder pretty often. We attend the Company G reunion every year. We attended the Bentley reunion last year and hope to attend again this year. We're planning a Lemons reunion for Sept. of this year. We attended the Hermleigh reunion last year and had a great time. We have attended the Class of 1939 reunions from Snyder High School for the 50-year and 60 year. Roy Allen Baze organized both reunions. We really had a great time both times.

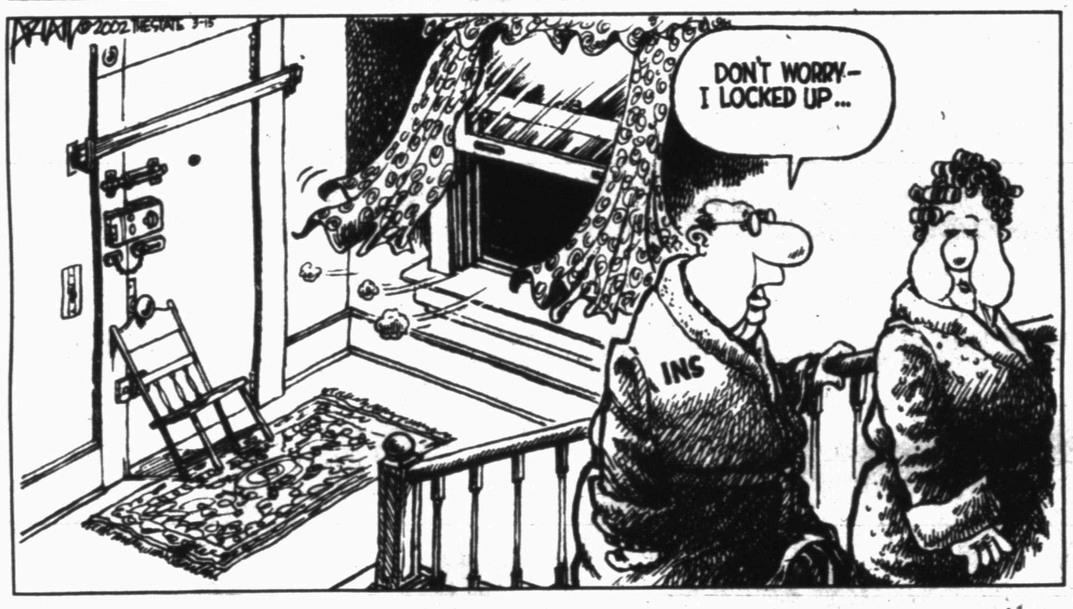
I have a cousin, Buena Shulze that lives out near the Union churches where we all went to church several years ago. I also have a friend, S.D. Hayes, who used to have a 1940 Chevy convertible. The girls seemed to like to ride in it. We had a lot of good times back then. Sarah still has some cousins that live up there, Gaynell Greene, (Gerald), Ted McMillan and Elree Barremore.

We still love Snyder and like to come up that way as much as possible. My granddad, W.B. Lemons, lived out west of Snyder and my dad, Homer Bentley, farmed out west of Snyder.

The farms were really neat back in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, but are in really bad shape now. Thanks for reading this. I just had Snyder on my mind.

**Welton and Sarah Bentley**




## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram**

### School finance

It was one of those full-of-meaning moments earlier this month at a Capitol Building meeting room in Austin.

The co-chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance, Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, looked carefully around the room at his fellow committee members and asked, in his slow drawl yet on-target manner, "What are we going to do?" ...

Bivins asked for answers, or at least a breakdown of issues that must be addressed, from committee members at their meeting scheduled for April 3 in Austin.

At the top of that list should be this simple but far from easy point: Be bold and do as much as you can.

Many of the committee members have said that they do not believe that the 2003 legislative session will see any major action on school finance. With the makeup and leadership of the Legislature likely to change to Republican dominance for the first time since Reconstruction, they doubt that any new sources of revenue — new taxes or shifts in tax burden — will be approved.

And there is no way around it: Major change in public school finance will require more state money. ...

A number of good ideas and the fundamental aspects of needed change have already been laid before the committee.

First is the issue that spurred Ratliff and Laney to name the committee last year: The current finance system is running out of capacity to fund schools and their unceasing need to grow.

More than half (53 percent) of the system's roughly $26 billion in annual revenue comes from local property taxes. The state pays 43.6 percent of the cost and the federal government 3.4 percent.

As the system has grown from $17.3 billion in revenues when the "Robin Hood" plan was adopted in 1993, local property taxes have borne an increasingly larger share of the load. That trend is approaching its breaking point as more school districts are bumping up against a state-set $1.50 cap on maintenance and operations tax rates.

Residents of the state's 100 wealthiest school districts, which together turn over about $600 million a year to help fund poorer districts (the Plano district alone expects to contribute more than $124 million this year), are getting increasingly unhappy. Some are seeing local curriculum cutbacks while their state payments increase.

The clearest need in Texas public school finance is for a broader source of funding. Sooner rather than later, the Legislature will have to devote more state money for schools.

In 1997, then-Gov. George W. Bush proposed changing the state's tax structure in the name of property tax relief. Those proposals should be revisited. Other changes should be considered, including application of the franchise tax to limited partnerships.

It's clear that most people in Austin — and most Texans — want to avoid having a state income tax. The best way to do that is to come up with some better ideas for raising needed money now, before school funding moves from problem to crisis.

Structural changes to the school finance system also are in order.

The committee has heard two proposals for converting the current two-part method of delivering aid to schools into a single-tier system. That would eliminate some of what committee member David Thompson, a Houston attorney, called "the unnecessary complexity, as opposed to the necessary complexity" of the current system.

**Austin American-Statesman**

### Bill Gates' initiative

Once again, Bill and Melinda Gates are helping students to achieve.

This time, they are focusing on disadvantaged students — those who are most at-risk of dropping out of high school.

The couple announced last week their foundation would put up $40 million to help start or redesign high schools to keep low-income students in school by giving them college-level work in their junior and senior years.

Other foundations — Carnegie and Kellogg — also plan to participate but in a more limited way, contributing about $1 million to $2 million each.

We commend the Gateses and other foundations for investing in students whom others have written off. The Gateses want to reclaim these students and prepare them for jobs and careers. If their initiative is successful, these students will benefit their communities rather than drag them down.

The idea is to create a small, personalized high school that combines college-level work with high school courses. Those schools will be in urban and rural areas and in Appalachian communities.

El Centro's Middle College High School in Dallas, which focuses on potential high school dropouts, is likely to benefit from the Gateses' initiative. Austin school officials should explore whether high schools such as Johnston and Reagan with high dropout rates could partner with Austin Community College or Huston-Tillotson College to create an early college high school.

**Houston Chronicle**

### U.S. confrontation with Iraq

Vice President Dick Cheney, completing an 11-country tour of the Middle East, found little Arab support for a U.S. confrontation with Iraq. Americans would be mistaken, however, to assume that the despots of the Arab world sympathize with or support Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Jordan's King Abdullah II told the Los Angeles Times that a U.S. attack on Iraq could produce an "Armageddon" in the Middle East. Considering the chronic instability, regional violence and global terrorism produced by that region, there might be something to be said for a decisive battle of good vs. evil. But as King Abdullah implies, there would be no limit to the casualties, and no guarantee that good would triumph.

King Abdullah's most persuasive point might be the widespread disruptions an attack on Iraq would have on the United States' ongoing war against global terrorism.

Of several Arab nations whose governments oppose U.S. intervention in Iraq, Saudi Arabia's opposition is surely the most troubling for Cheney and the Bush administration. The United States and its closest ally, Great Britain, need access to Saudi bases just to enforce the no-fly zone over northern and southern Iraq. An allied attack on Iraq would be possible without Saudi Arabian cooperation, but the degree of difficulty, already high, would increase dramatically.

Arab leaders say they are leery of such an attack because they fear it would not work. They might also fear that it would.

If the United States succeeded in overthrowing Saddam as decisively as it routed the Taliban in Afghanistan, even if the conflict were longer and costlier, the tenure of dictators in other Middle Eastern countries would begin to look even less durable.

One thing Cheney and the Bush administration must do is distinguish the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the threat of mass destruction posed by Saddam Hussein. The Middle East peace overture by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah is gaining Arab support, and miracles sometimes happen, but the long-running conflict in Palestine is unlikely to be settled before Saddam acquires weapons of mass destruction.



## North of Forty by Red Green

# What's in it for you

There comes a time in the lives of most men when you realize you've treated your cars better than you've treated your own body. You've even treated rental cars better than your own body. But it's not a rental car.

You can't ditch it in the woods and then report it stolen. Are you one of these guys? Is it possible that you haven't kept yourself in showroom condition? There's an easy way to find out. Stand in front of the bathroom mirror. Don't actually look directly into the mirror; you're not ready for that shock yet.

What you do is open up your medicine cabinet and look inside. Remember how when you were young, there'd be some toothpaste and maybe some mouthwash in it? What's in there now?

Antihistamines, anti-inflammatories, antidiarrheals, antidepressants (in case the antidiarrheals don't work). Your medicine cabinet used to be practically empty, now you've had to build on. Antifungals, unguents, ointments, poultices, patches, plasters, salves — all these bottles and tubes spill out onto your sink counter, the top of the toilet tank, every horizontal surface in your bathroom. Decongestants, muscle rubs, eye drops, wart remover, hair restorer, nasal sprays, denture cleaner, antacids. If this sounds like your bathroom, it's time to take stock of your health. And time to buy stock in a drug company.

**URBAN IRONY**

I used to live out in the country with acreage and well water and peace and quiet and all that, but for the last 10 years I've lived right downtown in a medium-sized city. In that time, I've had raccoons in my chimney, mice in my basement and bats in my belfry. I never had any of those problems in the country.

That's because in a rural environment there's room for everybody. Mice and raccoons can have their area; I can have mine. But in the city, we're all sharing the same space. The tree that was the raccoon's home was cut down and turned into a deck.

Mice like dark and dank and my basement is an ideal source of each. If you want to get away from animals, move to the country where they have options. If you live in a congested city, having animals infest your home is as understandable as your adult children moving back in. They have nowhere else to go.

**FREEDOM 85**

Signs that you may not be as ready to retire as you think you are:

— You have 47 years left on your mortgage payments.

— Packard has recalled your car.

— Your daughter has decided to become an artist.

— The doctors can't guarantee that you'll die soon.

— After a two-week vacation, your wife looks forward to you going back to work.

— Your retirement fund relies on a winning lottery ticket.

**IT'S AUTOMATIC**

I was at an antique car show this week and the biggest evolution of cars in the last 50 years is in the area of sleekness. A 1951 Chevy was tall and narrow. The cars of today are low and wide. To explain this, you have to go back a little further to when there were no cars at all. In the days of the horse and buggy, the driver and passengers sat up straight so that the bumps wouldn't throw anyone's back out. The early cars are based on the same principle. You can't make a sleek car if the people inside it need to sit up straight. So some automotive engineers made the decision that people didn't need to sit up straight. That changed everything. That's how they get the cars of today to look so sleek. They've got us all lying down. Lying down in cars. No wonder teen pregnancies are up.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** "You should never lie to your wife, but she may not want to hear all the truth all the time." — Red Green

**Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."**

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# WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

# Head Coaches Busy Recruiting for Newly Installed Baseball and Softball Programs

By Paul Wilson

Western Texas College 6200 College Ave Snyder TX 79549

**A note from the President**
Dr. Gregory D. Williams



Welcome to the Western Texas College page in the Snyder Daily News. We at WTC are quite proud of the opportunity this page represents. The WTC page will allow our college faculty and staff to consistently communicate with the people of Scurry County. We hope to share the many events, opportunities, and life-changing stories that occur at the college on a daily basis.

From time to time, I plan to provide you with insight and information from my perspective of the world of Higher Education. Additionally, I hope to encourage you to take part in the many facets of the institution. I hope that you will partake of the many classes both credit and non-credit offered by our outstanding faculty. I would like for you to visit the campus to play a round of golf or to see a terrific play. I would like for you to see the many displays in the Scurry County museum or simply lose yourself in some of the outstanding work of our many WTC artists. And very soon I will invite you to attend our very first college softball and baseball games, but only after you have attended our latest WTC rodeo. The list of opportunities abounds.

Recently, we began airing the WTC channel on cable 22. This communication avenue has numerous possibilities for communication, instruction, information, and presentation. Our goal is to continue to add as many possibilities and opportunities as possible to you from the world of WTC. Remember, you are our business, our hope, and our future. Together we will continue to make a big difference.



Western Texas College is expanding the athletic department this year by adding baseball and softball programs and began by hiring 2 head coaches. Coach James C. King is head coach for the baseball program, and Coach Rodney K. McNeill is head coach for the softball program. Both men are working hard to get their respective programs up and ready for the fall season.

James C. King has coached college baseball for 14 years, with a record of 244-99. His teams won five Conference Championships and three Tournament Championships, and he has been honored with the "Coach of the Year" award five times. His team made the playoffs 10 times in as many years and he plans for the Westerners to make the playoffs in Division I.

As a player, King was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, then traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He played for three years in AA, AAA and in the major league "B" games. He also played professional baseball in the Mexican league, and has taken the field with the likes of Johnny Sutton, Dan Duran, Rusty Coontz, Tom Needenfurer, Steve Sax, and Ron Kettle, and is still actively affiliated with the majors as a "bird-dog" scout for the Orioles.

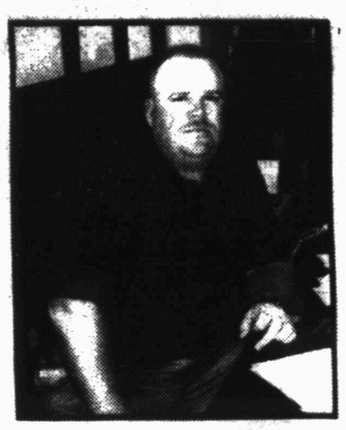
> ***'It all starts on the mound, so we'll look for some good pitchers and go from there. Then we'll fill in the blanks with fielders and hitters, but you really need both to win championships.'***

King spent 9 years as a Texas high school head coach at Seymore, Keller, Athens, and Halton High Schools with teams in the playoffs all nine years and District champions five times, BI-district champions four times, and Regional champions twice. He claimed "Coach of the Year" honors five times at the high school level. In addition, King coaches the Coast to Coast USA All Stars, with teams winning gold medals at international tournaments in France and Germany in 2001, and he will take a team to Puerto Rico this year in hopes of repeating the performance. He also directs the James King Baseball School, conducting camps, clinics, and giving private lessons.

King says he believes the Westerners can be competitive in their first season and make the playoffs. "We want to be one of the top teams in the playoffs," he said, "Once you're in the playoffs, anything can happen. Getting to the regionals and then the World Series is our ultimate goal. He says that his recruiting approach is to recruit players capable of competing at the NCAA division II and I level and giving them a head start both athletically and academically. "Most of the players that graduate will transfer to Division I or Division II schools. Those are the kind of players we're trying to get," he said. "I have kids committed right now that are all in the top half of their class. We want players who will be competitive both athletically and academically."

As for Moffett field, where the team will play home games, King says that it will be both a hitter's and a pitcher's park. "You really need good pitching and good hitting. It all starts on the mound, really, so we'll look for some good pitchers and go from there. Then we'll fill in the blanks with fielders and hitters, but you really need both to win championships." King believes in having fun at the ballpark and wants to have a minor league type atmosphere with giveaways and promotions to entertain the spectators. "We hope that the community will come out and support the team," he said.

King understands that the college is part of the community. In the past, he has had his players involved in the local schools as role models for the children. He and his wife, Sandy, have two, sons, Ryan, 21, and Reyn, 15 and one daughter, Tyler,18.



Head softball coach, Rodney K. McNeill has an impressive women's collegiate softball record. As head coach for Texas Wesleyan University, a NCAA division II School, he compiled a 144-46 win-loss record. McNeill had his charges nationally ranked, in the top 25 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) as head coach.

McNeill also coached Junior Olympic Softball for seven years with teams that made five national tournament appearances with three top ten finishes. Among the athletes he has coached were over 25 athletes who have gone on to be awarded scholarships to NCAA division II and I universities.

McNeill has high expectations for the Dusters this year. " I want to have a winning record the first year and make it to the regional tournament, and I hope when we get there we play our best ball of the season. Who knows what can happen once we get there; we may be able to get to the World Series. Building the team as we are, I don't see any reason why we can't be competing for a spot in the World Series every year."

He has definite ideas about how to go about building a program from scratch. "I've always been a defensive-minded coach," he said. "I try to put together the best pitching staff that I can and the best defense that I can. I've always thought that if we're the best defensive team on the field, we have a really good shot at winning games. On offense, my philosophy has been to be the more athletic team. I like to keep the ball in play on offense; I like to bunt and steal bases with no strikeouts. That's what makes it the most athletic side of the game. We're going to put together the best defensive team we can with good pitching and a strong middle infield. Then we will put five or six left handed people in the lineup who are base stealers and will put the ball in play and try to make the defense guess what we're going to do batter after batter. This way, I feel we can be competitive right off the bat and win softball games."

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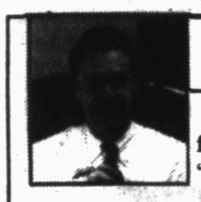
When it comes to recruiting, McNeill is clear on the way he plans to bring in quality softball players. "In order to get people the kind of monetary help they need to go to school, we need to recruit students that can compete for academic scholarships. You can build a stronger club and get a smarter athlete that way. The key to building a junior college program is what happens to the kids after they have been here two years. They need to be able to get into good four-year institutions so they can complete their education. It all ties together; to have a successful softball program the school has to turn out successful students. When you can say we won 40 games and can get you into a quality four-year institution after you graduate, you have a better chance of getting those students you really want to have on your team.

McNeill says that he, his wife, Melissa and daughter, Hannah are enjoying living in Snyder. "The people have been unbelievably nice," he said. "I think the community is going to be very supportive of the program. People are always coming up to me and saying how excited they are about the program and how glad they are to have it. In the city, you don't have that kind of support unless you are winning a national championship. I hope that when we have a home game the support will be there to really give us a home field advantage, and I hope that we can be a positive ambassador for the school and for the community and show the best side of the school with our kids representing us."

## Campus Happenings

April 1-6

**Monday - Movie Night**
8pm - Student Center
**Tuesday - Pool Tournament**
1:30 - Game Room
**Wednesday - ASU Recruiter**
9-noon - Student Center
**Thursday-Sunday**
**Student Government Association State Convention**
Arlington, TX
**Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society International Convention**
Nashville, TN



## Development Notes

By Dennis Noblett, Development Officer

Several years ago, a farmer was called into town for questioning following a scandalous political race. A lawyer questioned the farmer, "Why did you vote for this candidate?"

"Because I liked him," replied the farmer.

The lawyer smiled and said, "Come now, Sir, we have proof that this candidate paid you $50 so that you would vote for him."

The farmer looked at the lawyer incredulously and replied, "Well, if a man gave you $50, wouldn't you like him, too?"

Well, I like the people around here!

And that was BEFORE I started asking for financial support for WTC.

The people in this area are some of the friendliest I've met in my lifetime. This experience all started with Larry Early, who I met last July in a Wendy's restaurant outside of Colorado Springs. It continued in talking with former area residents such as Denise Perry Estes, Rev. Craig Curry, and Dave and Tracy Stewart. Since moving here it has exemplified by people such as Ina at United Supermarkets, Gracie at Taco Bell, Terri at The Shack, and dozens of other men and women at Wal-Mart, several restaurants, both grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, real estate companies, banks, auto dealerships, motels, retail stores, and civic groups. When we first got here, there were people we hardly knew helping us move into our house, bringing food as we unpacked, and taking our children to meet and play with their own.

And it didn't end there. My family and I have been invited to fourteen different churches in Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh, and Colorado City, and at last count, we'd visited nine of them. With the exception of only three, the other invitations started not with the ministers or spouses, but with the laity. Most of them didn't ask, or care, what denomination of which we were a part! These friendly folks enjoy their church families and ministers so much that they didn't hesitate in asking. I've never lived in a place where so many people were caring enough for a stranger's spiritual "well-being".

As new people move into our area, we can continue giving a smile, extending a warm welcome, and asking "What can I do to help you get situated?"

And we won't even have to give them $50.

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As we wind down the current Kickoff Campaign and DeLoera Challenge Gift Campaign this week, we will list on this page next week the area businesses and individuals that made contributions to Western Texas College during this time. Thank you all for your tremendous support of YOUR community college!

## Meats Team Ranks 6th in Nation



*The WTC Meats Judging Team recently competed at the National Championship in Houston and finished the year with a ranking of 6th in the nation. In Houston, the team finished 6th overall, 4th in Lamb Judging, 4th in Beef Judging, and 3rd in Placings.*

*Individually, Tiffany Ramirez, of Rule, placed 1st in the nation in Lamb Judging, 7th in Placings, and 10th in the overall standings. Dana Stribling, of Snyder, was 6th in Beef Judging and 10th in Lamb Judging. Kyle Waltisperger, of San Angelo, placed 4th in Placings. Amber Atkinson, of Dickens, ranked 9th in Placings and 10th in Pork Judging. Other team members were Michael Kermick, of Abilene and Kandace Kimmel, of Gail.*

## *Art of Former WTC Student on Display*

Norma Garcia's BFA exhibition, "Sky Series," is currently on display in the WTC Fine Arts Gallery. A 1999 WTC graduate, she will receive her BFA from Texas Tech University in May.

## Public Safety Career Fair slated April 10



Western Texas College and the West Central Texas Tech Prep are again hosting a "Public Safety Career Fair" on Wednesday, April 10th, from 10:00AM until 1:00PM at the Western Texas College Gymnasium. Last year's event was a tremendous success and even more exhibitors are anticipated this year. Public safety agencies invited to participate in the career fair will include local and area Law Enforcement, Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services, AeroCare, the Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI, ATF, the U. S. Marshall Service, the Border Patrol, TDCJ Correctional Officer Training, the U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Customs.

Helicopters and several field emergency vehicles (ambulances, police cruisers, fire trucks, etc.) from the participating agencies will be on display. The Career Fair will be an excellent opportunity for individuals to be exposed to career options and information regarding educational requirements for careers in Public Safety.

For more information, please call the Vocational Division office at (915) 573-8511 ext. 250, email WTC at VoCareers@wtc.cc.tx.us, or visit the WTC website at http://wtc.cc.tx.us.

## Knipe to serve as District I VP for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



*The Psi Zeta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society was recently elected to serve as District I Vice President for the Texas Region. The announcement was made following elections held during the society's regional convention in Irving, Texas March 3.*

*Following the election, the local chapter chose Psi Zeta Officer of Communication, Corey Knipe to fill the office and represent the District, which is the largest in Texas and includes Amarillo College, El Paso Community College, Frank Phillips College, Howard College, Howard College - San Angelo Campus, Midland College, Odessa College, South Plains College, Texas State Technical College - Sweetwater Campus, Texas State Technical College – Abilene Campus, and the Texas Tech University Alumni Chapter.*

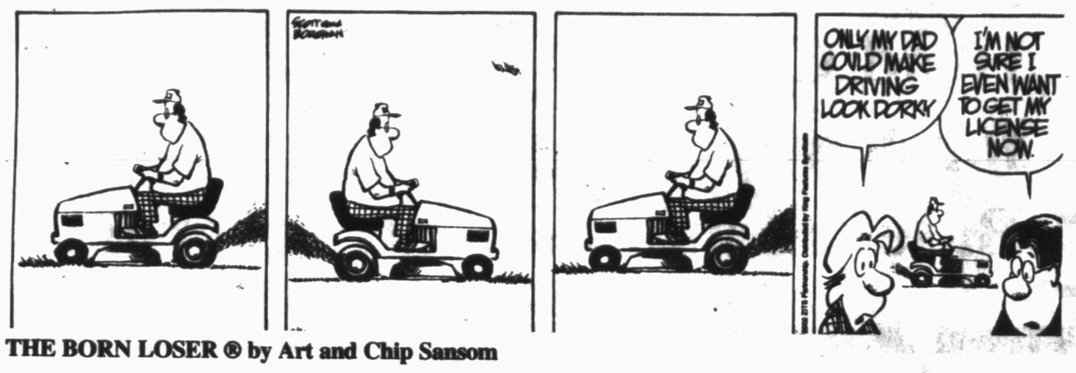
*Pictured is Corey Knipe, right, and outgoing District I Vice President, Richard Houston-Norton, of Amarillo College.*

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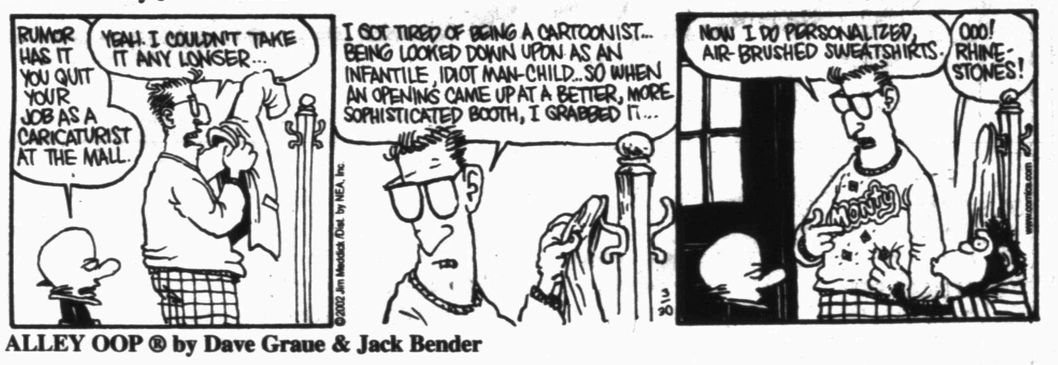

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5 Doctrine
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12 Alley Oop's girl
13 Sultry West
14 Average (hyph.)
15 Go-getter
16 Some mummies
18 Jab
20 Mellow
21 Actress Sandra
22 Package destination
25 Here, for monsieur
28 Equipment
29 Nuisance
33 Without warning
35 Impresses greatly
36 Competent
37 Theater
39 Salt away
40 Skinny
42 Term of respect
43 Grassland
46 Be in debt
49 Fitting
50 Horse's gait
53 Wine
56 Carpenter's need
58 Rain-delay rollout
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60 Famous volcano
61 Fuel cartel
62 Arid
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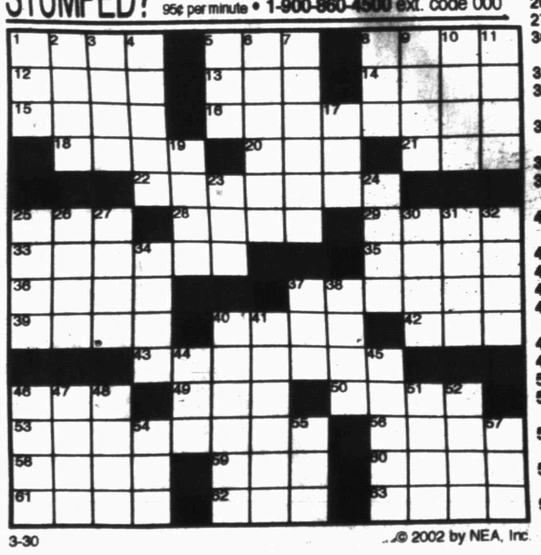
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3 Dairy-case item
4 Goose down jacket
5 Mischief-maker
6 African desert
7 Sparse
8 Hungry — — bear
9 Frame of mind
10 Tennis champ Arthur
11 Gardening aid
17 Legal matter
19 Perimeter
23 Study
24 Reach across
25 Writer Dinesen
26 Sugar lump
27 Slothful
30 Pasture grazers
31 18-wheeler
32 Alexander or Ivan
34 Johnny of films
37 Kind of pool
38 — — for the money
40 Drank like Rover
41 One of two
44 Zodiac sign
45 Coastal filers
46 Director Preminger
47 Enclose
48 Ireland
51 Pledge
52 Magazine editor Brown
54 Merchandise ID
55 Where clouds are
57 Drop behind

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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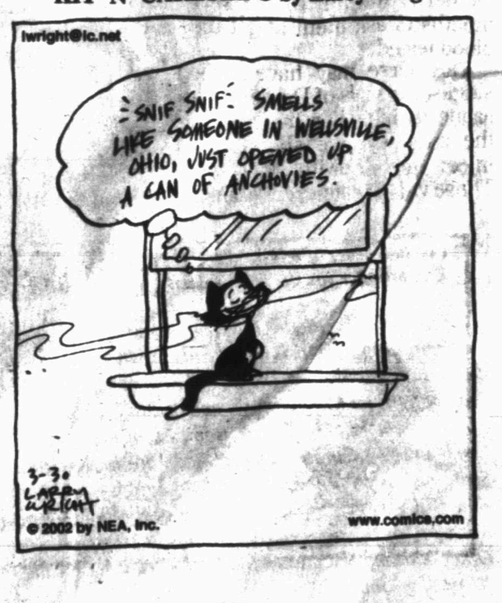
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(ELECCION PRIMARIA SEGUNDO DEL PARTIDO RUPUBLICANO)

APRIL 9, 2002
(9 DE ABRIL DE 2002)

(CONDADO DE)
SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

SAMPLE

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- [ ] David Richards
- [ ] Paul Womack

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(JUEZ, CORTE DE APELACIONES CRIMINALES, LUGAR NUM. 3)

- [ ] Cathy Cochran
- [ ] Guy Williams

# State panel urges steps to lower risk of mold

DALLAS (AP) — A state task force reports that mold claims from homeowners could be reduced if insurance companies responded to water damage within 24 hours.

The task force, which examined the widespread mold problem in Texas, called on insurers to voluntarily streamline their claims handling procedures so they can deal more quickly with water leaks in homes that could result in mold.

The panel said homeowners need to be equally prompt in responding to water damage because mold can begin growing and spreading within 24 to 48 hours of a water event.

"Whether or not your water damage is a covered claim, you should take immediate action to stop the leak and dry the area to prevent mold growth that could cause further damage to your home and affect your family's health," the report said.

Jim Davis, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said the agency staff is finalizing the report and will start distributing it in early April.

"The goal is to distribute these recommendations as widely as possible so that insurance companies and consumers know what to do when a water claim is involved," Davis told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions.

"The idea is to have them follow the best practices available so that a water claim does not become a mold damage claim," he said.

The special Advisory Task Force for Mold-Related Claims was appointed by State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor in January as mold damage losses in Texas soared, costing insurance companies hundreds of millions of dollars.

In response to the increasing losses, insurers have increased their premiums on homeowners' policies by up to 200 percent in recent months. The largest companies also have revised their policies to reduce or eliminate mold coverage.

Representatives of two consumer groups said the recommendations would have more impact if they were mandatory for insurance companies.

"Unless we can enforce these practices and make sure insurance companies are responding quickly to water claims, then the recommendations are just words on paper," said Dan Lambe of Texas Watch.

Industry officials said the recommendations should be optional.

# Patients tested after HIV concerns raised

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 200 patients have been tested for the virus that causes AIDS at a South Texas hospital after it discovered that an ex-nurse, who is HIV-positive, had illegally taken intravenous narcotics from the hospital's drug dispensary.

The nurse, whose identity was not released, worked in the South Texas Regional Medical Center's intensive care and surgical units from June to January, and that she knew her HIV status during her employment, officials in Jourdanton said.

The hospital's chief executive, Allan Smith, has said that fewer than 200 patients were treated in those units while the woman worked there, but that the hospital has sent letters to all 1,100 patients who received the drug Demerol during those seven months to ask them to get their blood tested.

The nurse may have refilled single-dose vials of Demerol with saline to hide her tracks using the same syringe she used to inject herself with the drug. Those vials of saline, containing a small amount of the nurse's blood, may have been inadvertently given to patients.

Demerol, a brand name for the narcotic meperidine, is a potent and widely prescribed painkiller that can be addictive if used for a prolonged period.

Medical experts say the chance of contracting HIV from blood-tainted saline is less than one percent, but that a blood test is still warranted.

The hospital detected a problem with missing Demerol around the end of 2001, and all nurses in the ICU were given blood tests.

The nurse in question admitted Jan. 4 that she took the drugs, and also revealed her HIV status. She was fired the same day, Smith said.

The case has been referred to the state Department of Public Safety and other state and federal agencies. No charges have yet been filed.

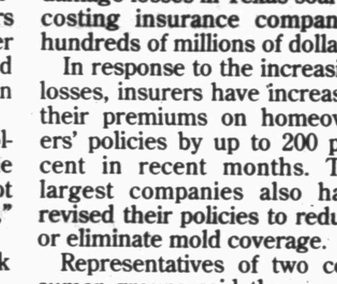
District Attorney Lynn Ellison said in Friday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News that his office hasn't been contacted by the hospital or any law enforcement agency and wondered whether the matter would amount to more than a misdemeanor.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION
*(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)*

*(CONDADO DE)* SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS
April 9, 2002 *(9 de abril de 2002)*

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*(Senador de los Estados Unidos)*

- ◯ Ron Kirk
- ◯ Victor Morales

# South Texas sea dredging recently kills 4 sea turtles

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite precautions, four green sea turtles were killed in dredges under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers near two South Texas ports, agency officials said.

Both dredges — one at the Port Mansfield jetties and the other in the Brownsville ship channel — were fitted with turtle excluders on their underwater intakes, said Marilyn Uhrich, a spokeswoman for the Corps' Galveston district.

"It happens. Those excluder devices work to some extent but it's a pretty strong vacuum, and if the turtle is in the wrong spot apparently it can be pulled up inside," she said in a story in the Houston Chronicle's online editions Thursday night.

The dredges employ powerful pumps to siphon tons of sand from the channel bottom through a large suction pipe.

# Oprah declines Bush invitation

CHICAGO (AP) — Talk show host Oprah Winfrey declined President Bush's offer to join an official U.S. delegation to tour Afghanistan's schools, saying she didn't have the time.

The trip was to celebrate young girls' return to school after the fall of the Taliban regime.

"She was invited and she respectfully declined," a spokeswoman for Winfrey's Chicago-based company said Friday. "Due to her responsibilities to the show, she is not adding anything to her calendar."

Without Winfrey on board, the White House postponed the trip.

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# Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



## Your Birthday

**Sunday, March 31, 2002**
You've taken some hard knocks and in the year ahead, and now you'll know how to avoid many past mistakes. Because of this, you should experience many improvements in a number of areas.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Feelings are good in their proper place. However, there is no room for wishful thinking when dealing with a serious business issue. Only pure logic will suffice. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Your usually placid, agreeable attitude appears to be inoperative. Unless you can get it working again, your frowns could easily rub others the wrong way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Unfortunately, you'll see no fun in getting a disagreeable job over and done with. In fact, you might even resent that the task hasn't been dumped in someone else's lap.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Counting on funds that show no signs of materializing is like betting in the dark. Until they are actually in the palm of your hand, you can't depend on any promises or "if-comes."

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Be on your best behavior when forced to deal with someone who previously gave you problems. Chances are this person hasn't changed, but your politeness could throw him or her off.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Be mindful of your comments or remarks when dealing with co-workers. Kid glove treatment is called for in order to get past their sensitivities.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Unless you keep your eye focused squarely on the management of your resources, losses can easily occur just when you're not looking. Mistakes could be costly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Try saying "please" instead of using intimidation. Shoving your weight around in order to get others to do your bidding won't work. In fact, it'll backfire on you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Unfortunately, it could be very easy to look at things from a negative perspective and be labeled a faultfinder than to search for the positive side to things.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — If you feel that someone is making an unreasonable demand on you, speak up, but do so in a way that won't jeopardize a relationship. Give everybody the benefit of the doubt.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — A situation could arise that might wound your pride in some manner. You may have the right to lick your wounds, but do so without making a big fuss over it.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Attempting to squirm out of your responsibilities could create additional complications for you, plus the possibility of a lot of extra work.

**Monday, April 1, 2002**
Several valuable relationships can be established in the year ahead with people with whom you share common values. This can favorably influence your life socially and materially.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — No matter how much you don't want to pay attention to detail, that's the only way you'll get important things done. Be methodical and practical at all times. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Don't waste needless energy on things that yield sparse returns. If you want to show something for your efforts, focus on substantive issues.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Someone who isn't usually cooperative will be considerate and tolerant. Make the most of it, and you should be able to accomplish much.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — A meaningful matter at the workplace can be resolved to your advantage. However, in order to do so, you must be willing to engage in substantial give-and-take.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You don't have to modify your strong opinions just to placate someone else. Stand by your high standards, and let the chips fall where they may. You'll be the winner.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Keep your intentions to yourself in matters that directly affect your career. The less others know about your business, the better your chances are of succeeding.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Don't get in between friends who are having a disagreement, even if you feel you can arbitrate the issue. Any attempt to help will further antagonize them.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Prudence provides success in your financial affairs. There isn't much of a safety margin available to do anything but handle things with thriftiness.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — No matter how difficult it might be, season your thoughts with reasons why it is just and proper to do things in a mature fashion. Don't take any flyers.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — This is not a day to waste your time on insignificant things. Separate the wheat from the chaff if you want to be successful.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Make an effort to single out those who are worthy of your personal attention. Those who offer little should not be allowed to waste your time.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Although it isn't likely that anything is going to be handed to you, large rewards are possible when won by your own merits.

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# Prescription drug spending surges

NEW YORK (AP) — Spending on prescription drugs surged for the fourth consecutive year, climbing 17.1 percent in 2001, boosted by sales of a relatively small number of expensive drugs.

Outpatient prescription drug spending totaled $154.5 billion in 2001, up from $131.9 billion in 2000, according to a study conducted by the Washington D.C.-based National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation, a nonprofit group that conducts research on health care issues.

The study found that just 50 drugs out of a total of 9,482 on the retail market, were responsible for 62.3 percent of the $22.5 billion increase in spending last year. Sales of those drugs rose 34.3 percent in 2001 compared to a 9.3 increase for all other drugs. The average price of a prescription for one of the 50 best-selling drugs was $71.56 while the average price for other drugs was $40.11.

Leading the list of drugs contributing to the increase were cholesterol treatments Lipitor and Zocor, arthritis drugs Vioxx and Celebrex, pain reliever Oxy-Contin and anti-depressant Celexa.

"Once again we see that the rise in pharmaceutical expenditures is led by the increased use of a relatively small number of expensive drugs," says Nancy Chockley, president of the foundation.

She said many of the drugs were the ones most advertised by their manufacturers to both consumers and doctors.

Chockley said information about the top-selling drugs is concentrated in the hands of the pharmaceutical industry.

"We should be able to be smarter about how we purchase a handful of expensive medicines," she said.

Chockley said also that numerous of the 50 drugs are blockbusters with more than $1 billion in sales so they're vital to manufacturers' profits. She said drug companies must be prevented from extended patenting and introducing new drugs that aren't different from their predecessors.

"Drug companies spend more of an effort these days maintaining blockbuster drugs," she said.

Also contributing to the rise in spending was the increase in cost of a prescription which jumped 10.1 percent to $49.84. Moreover, the number of prescriptions dispensed at retail pharmacies rose 6.8 percent to $3.1 billion.

Antidepressants remained the top-selling category of drug in 2001, with sales up 20.2 percent to $12.5 billion. Anti-ulcer drugs were the second biggest selling category with sales up 14.4 percent to $10.8 billion.

Pharmaceutical industry officials said the study reflects that more people are being treated for diseases, and noted how medicines can help avoid more expensive treatments such as surgery.

Industry executives also noted hat the majority of the top 50 drugs discussed in the study are for diseases and conditions that have large numbers of underdiagnosed patients. In a statement, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the industry trade group, stated that only 6 million of the 17 million people suffering from depression are receiving treatment.

It said that 28.3 million American are not receiving medication for their high cholesterol.

Alan Holmer, president of the trade group, pointed out that 11 of the 12 members of the foundations boards are made up of officials from Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

He said he understands that the foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield want to cut costs and restrict access to medicines, but he believes the increase in spending is a positive.

"It means more people are getting the treatment they need, and in many cases, avoiding more costly and more invasive treatments," Holmer said.

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## Abraham Lincoln's last address auctioned

NEW YORK (AP) — A 12-page handwritten manuscript of President Abraham Lincoln's last address sold at auction for nearly $3.1 million.

Christie's auction house said the sale Wednesday was a world auction record for an American historic document but competing auctioneer Sotheby's disputed the claim.

Lincoln delivered the address, which begins, "We meet this evening not in sorrow but in gladness of heart," from a window of the White House on April 11, 1865. It was two days after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army, ending the Civil War, and three days before Lincoln was shot.

The manuscript had been expected to sell for between $1.5 million and $2 million.

Sotheby's spokeswoman Lauren Gioia said a copy of the Declaration of Independence sold at auction in June 2000 for $8.14 million.

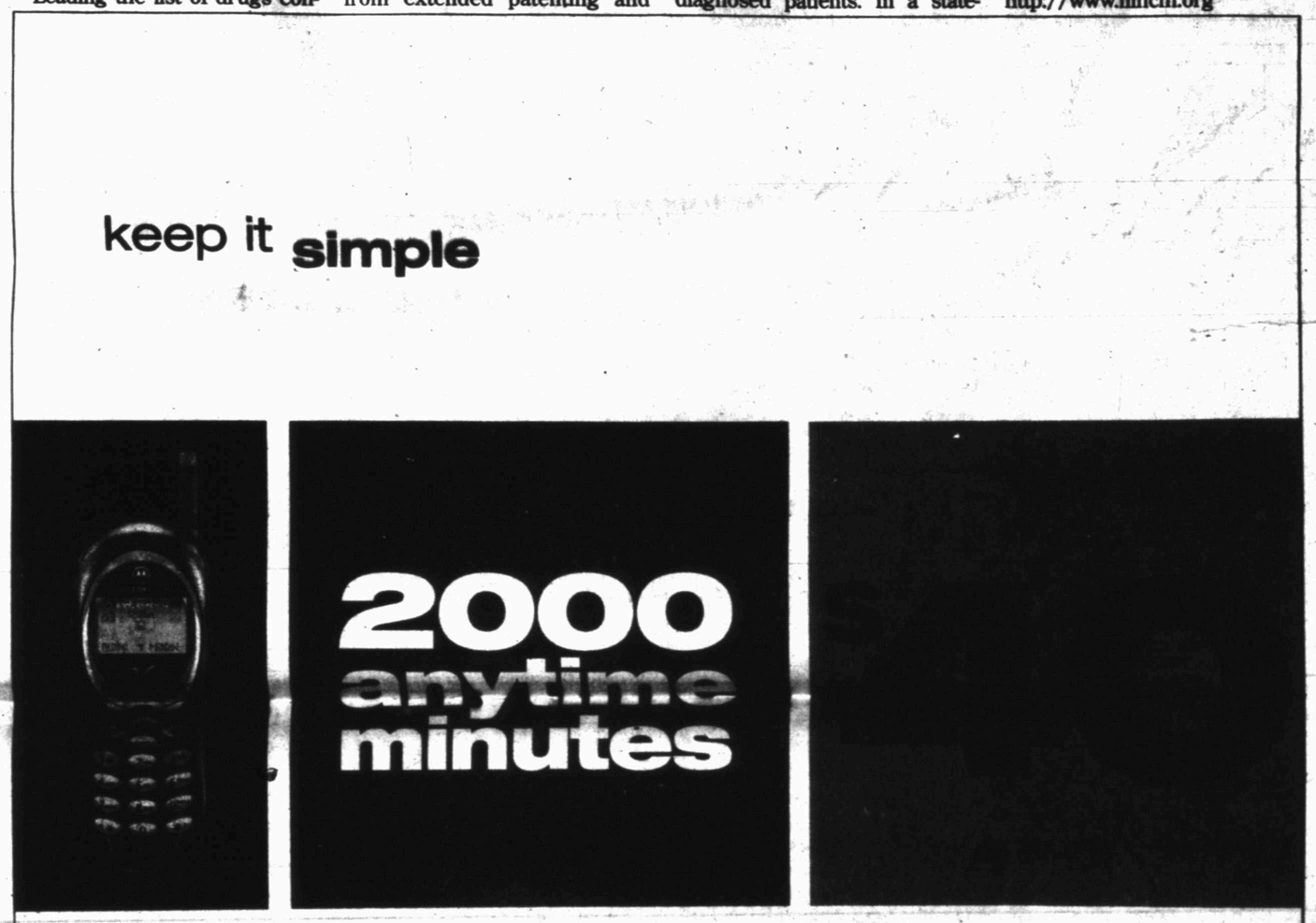
Christie's spokeswoman Bendetta Roux said the auction house considered the Lincoln item to have set a world auction record for an American document because it is a manuscript and was sold at a live auction. The Declaration of Independence was a printed document that was sold in an Internet auction.

Roux said the old record was $1.5 million for another Lincoln document.

A typed letter from Albert Einstein telling President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the atom bomb could be developed sold for nearly $2.1 million Wednesday. Einstein's August 1939 letter was behind Roosevelt's decision to launch the top secret Manhattan Project, which led to the development of the first atomic bomb.

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# 'Home Solutions' Make Spring Cleaning a Breeze

(MS) — Small fixes can produce big results. And what better time to tackle those small projects than during your annual spring cleaning? The Home Solutions Experts at GE Sealants & Adhesives offer the following tips of what look for as you prepare your home projects list this spring.

• **Seal around doors and windows.** Leaks around door and window frames where the frame meets the home's exterior surface can waste energy for cooling and allow moisture to damage the components of your home. Also, with spring comes the bugs, and these small gaps welcome them into your home. Before it gets too hot and bugs get to be a problem, explore these areas to look for places where the caulk is no longer protecting your home and re-seal where necessary.

• **Repair small drywall problems.** Small cracks and dents in drywall, and small holes in plaster walls and ceilings can be repaired easily with a wall patch spackling product. This type of repair before painting will improve the total look of any room!



**SMALL REPAIRS around the house can eliminate big problems in the future.**

• **Re-caulk your tub or shower.** The wet, humid conditions in a bathroom, coupled with the use of cleaning products in tubs and shower stalls can lead to sealant failure. Sealant in jeopardy needs to be replaced before it allows water to seep in. So, if your tub or shower sealant looks worn or dirty, it's time to re-caulk.

• **Seal wallpaper seams.** With longer and lighter days on the way, it's time to check your wallpaper for nagging problems that can easily be fixed to add a more finished look to the room. Look for small pieces of wallcovering that are peeling away from the wall. And don't forget to check the borders, too. Use a wallpaper seam repair product and following the simple instructions.

• **Replace dirty or loose tile grout.** Ceramic floor and wall tile grout can become dirty or loose, detracting from the beauty of your tiles. Now's the time to repair and replace your tile grout to make it look like new.

For each of these spring-cleaning projects, you will find easy, step-by-step instructions at GE's Web site www.AskGESA.com. The Home Solutions Experts recommend GE Home Solutions products, which were created specifically for do-it-yourselfers and offer answers for a multitude of simple home repair and home beautification projects. Home Solutions products come in 5-ounce squeeze tubes making them convenient and easy to use and requiring no caulk gun. And, clean-up is as easy as soap and water to make your spring cleaning a breeze. *SH022221*

# Quick and Easy Driveway Tips for Professional Results

(MS) — Sealing and maintaining your driveway is easy and will increase the beauty and value of your home while protecting your investment. However, preparation is a critical step that should not be overlooked or neglected. You can eliminate more than 90 percent of potential problems by following these simple steps. PREP — Clean, PATCH — Repair, PROTECT — Seal.



**STEP 1 — Rinse driveway.** **STEP 2 — Use driveway cleaner.** **STEP 3 — Treat oil spots with primer.** **STEP 4 — Apply crack/filler patch.** **STEP 5 — Apply sealer.**

**1. Clean and repair all cracks and holes the day before sealcoating.** Neglecting this step promotes further driveway deterioration. Winter freeze and summer heat with prolonged sun exposure, will cause additional damage to an already weakened surface. Look for products like Driveway Essentials, Crack Stopper and RePave to make driveway maintenance easy and long-lasting.

**2. Turn buckets upside down prior to opening, to promote easier mixing (make sure that the lids are securely attached).** Many blacktop sealcoatings require thorough mixing before and during application, to ensure consistent color and coverage. However, recent scientific advancements have developed "gel-like" coatings which require no stirring and apply smoother and faster than their non-gel counterparts. A gel sealer like PRO-GEL by Gardner, provides the technology with a six-year warranty.

**3. Beat the heat.** Applying the sealer in the morning hours of a warm day allows easier spreadability and proper time to dry. If your driveway is more than 85 F, lightly mist the surface to cool down and aid in spreadability of the material.

**4. Use a brush/squeegee applicator to apply sealcoating, not rollers.**

**5. Apply sealer in a side-to-side motion.** Start from your home and work to the street. This will hide imperfections and improve the look of your driveway. Two thin layers are recommended rather than one thick layer. See the manufacturer's label for drying times between layers.

**6. Place empty buckets at the end of the driveway.** This is the easiest and most cost-effective protection for blocking your newly coated surface. When surface has cured, dispose of buckets in an environmentally responsible manner.

For more information on getting the best results for your driveway, visit www.gardnerasphalt.com, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Gardner-Gibson, Inc. P.O. Box 5449, Tampa, FL 33675, Attn: Info Request #GA-1001 *SH022220*


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# High-Quality Options For Historic Home Renovation

(MS) — Everything old is new again, as the saying goes, and many homeowners have purchased historic buildings — 19th century farm houses, elegant brownstones and the like — because of the cozy charm they offer and the solid construction that was popular during this period in history.

However, as you may surmise, the windows on these older homes may not be comparable to those of their newer counterparts which offer the latest in insulation, ultraviolet coatings and ease in cleaning. Yet, how do you update the windows of your historic home without compromising the appeal of its old-world styling? The solution is easier than you might imagine.

Providing customers greater flexibility and superior quality for a variety of window construction projects, Weather Shield Windows & Doors, one of the nation's leading window and door manufacturers offers HR175™ historic renovation windows. These windows easily install to update old, drafty windows. All Weather Shield window solutions are available in a variety of sizes and shapes, with custom colors, interior wood selections, and a choice of exterior claddings, glazing, and grille options. These products give remodelers tools they need to seamlessly complete unique and versatile window retrofits.

"With thousands of sizes, shapes and options, we're able to meet the specific needs of remodelers with precision and speed," says Jim Peterson, director of research and development at Weather Shield Windows & Doors. "All Weather Shield windows are backed by rigorous standards, on-time delivery and attentive support from our engineers. We offer several innovative solutions specifically designed for professional remodelers and the many challenges they face."

The HR175 Historic Renovation Windows are designed especially for retrofitting historic structures and replicated classical architecture while meeting current quality and energy efficiency standards. The windows are custom designed to meet the exact specifications of any renovation project. Classic sash styles are available with single-hung windows, including gothic, eyebrow, square, rounded top and radius in/square out. If you're looking to retain historical accuracy withcut damaging the woodwork on your home, a similar product, the HR175 sash replacement kit, allows remodelers to rebuild a window sash while leaving the details of the original woodwork intact.

The company also provides an extensive line of other windows and doors geared toward a variety of home styles. Custom Shield Replacement Windows are easy to clean and install. A frame-within-a-frame design allows the new windows to slide exactly into the existing frame of previous window openings without disturbing trim or wall materials.

The Weather Shield Legacy Series is the finest wood window product line for custom and luxury homes. These premium products are ideal for upscale renovation projects.

ProShield Windows & Doors feature durable vinyl exteriors and are a great option for high humidity, high moisture areas like waterfront home sites. The windows are virtually maintenance-free and feature energy-efficient glazing options.

Visions 2000 Vinyl Windows & Doors are durable and virtually maintenance-free. They come in a multitude of shapes and sizes that allow builders and remodelers to customize projects to fit their unique design needs.

# 'Take Care' When Fixing Up the Home

Spring home-improvement projects can be exciting, especially when they involve changing the décor of the home. Whether you plan to make a minor change, like hanging new drapes, or you have something extensive in mind, it is important to consider your health and safety in the process.

**FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS**

• Always read manufacturers' operating instructions before using any equipment.

• Make sure that you use any materials or chemicals safely, complying with statutory legislation regulating the use of hazardous substances. Follow advice on labels carefully before making solutions or mixtures.

**USING EQUIPMENT**

• Make sure that ladders and stepladders are in good working order, and platforms have been constructed safely to prevent injury from falling.

**ELECTRICITY**

• Disconnect any electrical equipment when it is not in use, even for a short time.

• Switch off the power supply when decorating around switches or wall outlets and when cleaning them.

• Consider using a ground-fault interrupter to protect against electrocution.

**PROTECTING FAMILY**

• Increase the ventilation in a room to reduce the effects of dust and fumes.

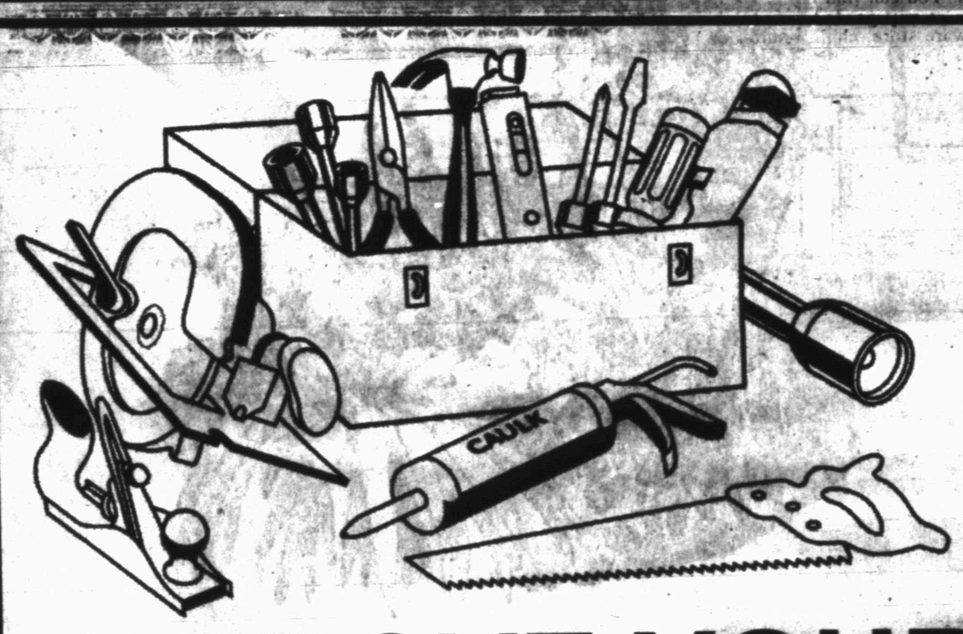
• Wear a mask to minimize the amount of dust and fine particles that you inhale.

• Wear safety glasses to protect eyes from flying debris.

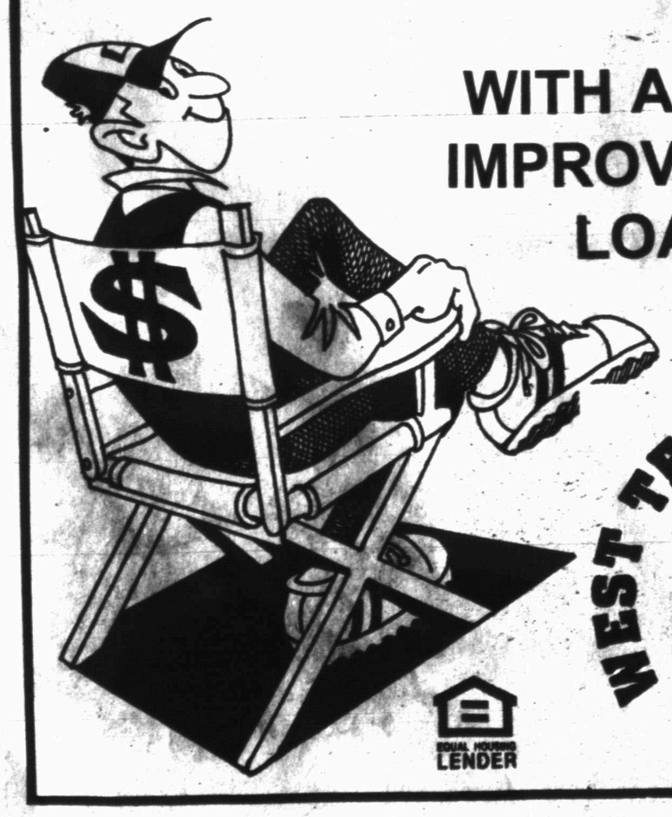
• Wear gloves to protect skin from injury and irritation.

• Keep all chemicals and tools away from children and out of the way of corridors in your work area.

• Keep pets secure in another room so they don't wander in. *SH022241*


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## *The Year of the 'Dragon'—*

(MS) — Planting a garden can be like decorating a house — sometimes you want to express your individuality with something just a little different and exciting. Take a look at "Dragon Wing®", a new one-of-a-kind begonia. Although this is a great garden item that may be missed at the garden center (it may be in a small pot without a lot of color), trust me when I say the Dragon Wing grows into a magnificent monster in a few short weeks after it's planted.

Dragon Wing begonias are more versatile than standard begonias. Put them in hanging baskets, patio containers and window boxes, but don't be afraid to plant them in the ground. These plants make superb garden bed plants! I was amazed by how fast they grow and how much they spread. They're extremely hardy; surviving heat and humidity, plus they grow well in both sun and shade. Ideally, they grow best in locations that offer morning sun and afternoon shade.

These low-maintenance plants produce either red or pink blooms all season long. Dragon Wing begonias are self-cleaning, so forget about pinching off old flowers. Once planted, all you need to do is feed them with an all-purpose fertilizer about every two weeks.

These brilliant and exotic beauties have captured the attention of horticulture industry judges, winning the Greenhouse Growers Medal of Excellence in 2001.

The plants will be easy to spot at garden centers, nurseries and home improvement stores. Just look for the distinctive "white hot" Dragon Wing pot with the "dancing flames" and the dragon logo. Make this your year for the Dragon Wing. To learn more, visit www.Wave-Rave.com. *SH022227*




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## Whimsical Equals Wonderful

(MS) — Your edging should be as unique as your landscape beds.

You've put a lot of thought into choosing the plants and shrubs for your beds. And you've certainly spent hours working on them. Now you can express your creativity with your landscape edging. Add the perfect finishing touch with the Whimsical Garden Border Series.

The product certainly lives up to its name. Your landscape beds will be the center of attention when you choose this unique edging. Made of a very rich-looking copper-coated metal, the Whimsical Series features gazing stones and butterflies built into the borders.

With the Whimsical Loop Border, you'll have butterflies floating around your gardens and walkways year-round. The handsome copper color and glass butterfly accents will add flair to any type of landscape bed. The border may be installed at different heights, allowing you to create a look that's all your own. The durable metal edging is sold in 7½-inch sections, with three sections per package. It is simple to install and it will stay neatly and firmly in place for years.

Just as easy to install is the Whimsical Arch Border. This edging features beautiful colored glass jewel accents paired with a copper finish. The eye-catching border is 6 inches long and 16 inches high and can also be installed at various heights to add even more appeal to your design projects.

This spring, give your landscape beds a truly unique, creative look, like something out of the pages of a gardening magazine when you use edging from the Whimsical Garden Border series. You can find the new edging series at any garden supply store, hardware store, chain retailer or by calling (800) EASY INC. *GT024391*


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# Practice First Aid for Azaleas

(MS) — Do your azaleas exhibit signs of sickly yellow leaves? If so, they are likely suffering from lack of iron due to a high alkaline soil pH. Canadian sphagnum peat moss may be just what the plant doctor ordered.

The ideal pH level for healthy azaleas is 4.5 to 5.5. A soil pH test will determine the acidity of your azalea bed and is a measurement for prescribing treatment.

A quick remedy is an over-the-counter iron product applied to the leaves according to directions. But like most pain relievers, it is only a short-term fix. Other treatments must be done to cure the alkalinity problem.

Sphagnum peat moss applied an inch thick as a top dressing and lightly worked into the soil is ideal. Canadian peat bogs are normally quite acidic ranging 3.5 to 4.5. The acidic nature of this harvested product is a plus when used in combination with acid-loving plants. In plantings with thick shallow roots, mix sphagnum peat with soil at a 50/50 ratio and place on the surface up to 2 inches thick. Covering the peat/soil mix with a shredded hardwood bark better holds the mulch in place. With time the peat helps to lower the soil's pH, allowing the plants to absorb nutrients like iron. If the pH test results are over 6.5 it is advised to mix a soil sulfur product according to directions with the peat moss.

In new plantings, incorporate the sphagnum with the existing soil at a ratio of one part peat to one part soil. Azaleas perform best in moist organic soils that drain well. Sphagnum acts like a sponge keeping the right blend of air and moisture around the plant roots. Likewise, peat loosens clay particles and binds sandy particles providing an ideal blend of organic material.

Rest assured that the Canadian peat industry is taking steps to avoid depletion of this natural resource. Less than .02 percent of all bogs are being harvested — millions of acres are preserved and can never be harvested. On virgin peat bogs, peat is accumulating 50 times the rate of harvest due to the enormity of the bogs. If that isn't comforting enough, there is cutting-edge technology developed for the industry that enables producers to restore harvested bogs back to ecologically balanced wetland systems within 3 to 5 years.

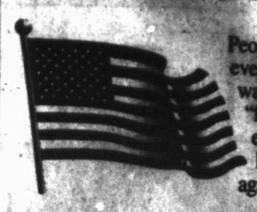
You can't find a better prescription for what's ailing your azaleas than an application of environmentally safe Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss.

If you would like more information on "how to with peat moss," send an unstamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to Peat Moss, Box 385102, Minneapolis, MN, 55438. You can also visit their Web site at www.peat-moss.com or e-mail them at cspma@peatmoss.com.

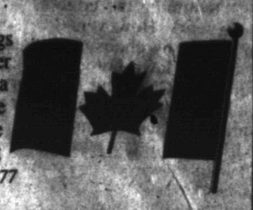


**AZALEAS DO THEIR BEST in acidic soil. Work in some Canadian peat moss around existing plants to ensure the proper soil pH.** GT024343

# Celebrate Patriotism in the Garden



People are feeling very patriotic these days and are displaying flags everywhere, from their houses to their cars to their clothing. Another way to show off your patriotism is in your garden. Decorate with a "flag" of flowers. Use edging to define the pattern. Here are some examples: Stripes of red and white impatiens and a box of blue lobelia can create the American flag; red petunias can be set against sweet alyssum for the Canadian flag. GT024377



# You Can Edge With Style by Using Tile

(MS) — Add a finishing touch to your landscape beds with decorative edging. In addition to adding a nice, clean line to your landscape projects, edging also minimizes maintenance by keeping creeping grasses out and mulches in.

Nowadays, there are many types and grades of edging available. If you're going to add edging to your landscape beds this spring, be creative. Instead of just choosing a plain edging, try a stylish product, like tile.

Tile edging may seem complicated to install, however the look can actually be achieved without a lot of effort or cost if you use the right products. One company, Easy Gardener, Inc., has an edging line called the Villa Garden Tiles series.

The line features several tile edgings made of highly detailed UV-protected plastic. The durable plastic is a lot easier to work with and looks just like real clay or stone tiles. The tiles are all of a unique one-piece design and each piece measures 9¼ inches long by 8 inches high. No additional pieces or connectors are required when using the tiles.

Add an elegant touch to your landscape project with English Stone Tiles. The clean angular lines of the unique tiles are enhanced with a fluted base and texture. The Stone Tiles are easily manipulated, which makes creating distinctive designs easy. English Stone Finials can be used with the tiles to provide a dramatic accent to your landscape beds. The one-piece design is easy enough for even beginning gardeners to install.



**DECORATIVE EDGING, like the Villa Garden Tiles series from Easy Gardener, Inc. can add the perfect finishing touch to your landscape.**

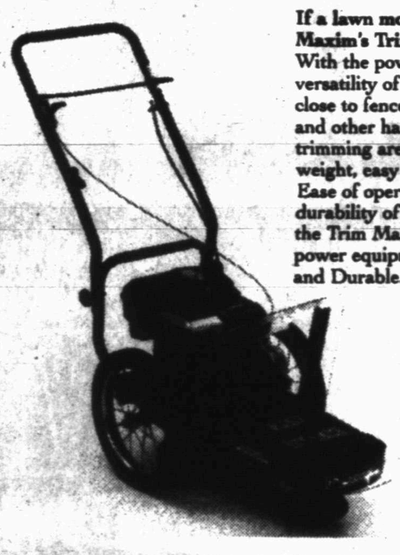
An easy way to achieve a Southwestern look is by using Adobe Tiles. The classic arches and straight lines can be used to create a rustic look no matter where you live. Like all of the other tiles in the Villa Garden Series, the one-piece Adobe Tiles are very easy to install and will last for years.

If you like the terra-cotta look, you'll want to check out the Roma Tiles. This particular tile is patterned after popular terra cotta and features a grapevine motif accented by a hand-applied white wash. When linked together with other tiles, this design forms a wandering grapevine that encompasses your landscape bed.

Of course, if you just like simple terra cotta, choose TerraCotta Tiles®. This handsome edging has been a best seller for years because of its rope design and durability.

Stylish edging will give your yard a professional look. With today's newest edging products, you can achieve that look for a whole lot less — less money and less effort. The new Villa Garden Series will be available this spring at any garden supply store, hardware store, chain retailer or by calling Easy Gardener, Inc., at (800) EASY INC.


MAXIM trim master



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Whether you're pruning to ensure the lushest of blooms or cutting stems to create a stunning fresh floral centerpiece, FISKARS® new Loop Handle Pruner makes the task easier than ever. This elegant tool features a comfortable Softgrip® upper handle combined with a loop-handled bottom to provide the perfect balance of comfort and control. The loop handle not only eliminates having to put the tool down, it also provides knuckle protection when cutting close to the ground. And that's not all. This stylish tool can cut branches up to ¾ inch in diameter and, unlike many tools on the market, allows for left- or right-handed use.

For more information on FISKARS® Loop Handle Pruner or to find a retailer near you, call customer service at (800) 500-4849 or visit www.fiskars.com.



# Is Your Deck Harming Your Family?

(MS) — Arsenic. The dictionary defines it a very poisonous chemical agent used in insecticides and pesticides. This lethal substance may also be residing in materials very close to you and your family — in the treated lumber of your backyard deck. Recently, there have been several news reports about possible health hazards associated with wood products containing arsenic.

Arsenic is a common ingredient of many preservatives used on pressure-treated lumber, along with chromium and copper. And there is potential for this dangerous chemical to seep into the ground around your deck, possibly contaminating your well water, or affecting the health of your family in other ways. Children are possibly most at risk because little hands which come in contact with arsenic-treated lumber often end up in the child's mouth at some point in the day, making it quite easy for your son or daughter to ingest a potentially deadly substance. The situation has the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency researching new compounds that can be used as an alternative on treated wood and mandating that warning labels be placed on lumber that contains the arsenic combination.

So what is the solution for the conscious homeowner who wants to avoid the potential for risk to his or her family? An answer to this predicament may be Durable Deck, a revolutionary product designed by Anchor Decking Systems Inc. This vinyl deck covering screws down over existing wood decks and other concrete surfaces, covering the potentially dangerous wood. This could help prevent further dermal contact with arsenic and other contaminants.

The vinyl deck is also easy to maintain, aesthetically pleasing and protects the existing structure from harsh weathering elements. In addition, the product is constructed with patented air channels that allow the surface underneath to breathe. Special ultraviolet inhibitors keep the surface cool during hot months and a patented slip-resistant surface will prevent slips and falls from a wet deck. Because the deck is virgin vinyl and nonporous, it is easy to rinse clean with just a hose. And, when the cover strips are installed, it looks like a solid board with no chance of nails, screws or wood slivers finding their way into the bottom of your feet.

The Durable Deck provides an immediate solution to the possible adverse health affects of an arsenic-treated wood deck and virtually eliminates routine maintenance. The money saved on stains and sealants and possible medical visits allows the product to pay for itself in no time.

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# A Properly Edged Lawn Can Save Lawn-Care Time

Thanks to inexpensive string trimmers or "weed whips," trimming the edge of a lawn is no longer back-breaking work. However, it is work that homeowners can avoid mostly by choosing maintenance-free edging materials where a lawn borders trees, flower beds, fences and foundations. Choosing the proper edging materials can knock hours off the typical homeowner's yardwork during the spring and summer months.

"Although string trimmers are easier than bending down with grass shears, letting the lawn mower cut that grass is even easier," says Jeremy Powers, a writer for national home and how-to publications. "Meticulous gardeners may spend nearly as much time with a trimmer as they do with the mower."

A distinct edge that can be mowed over without ruining the edging or the mower blade is the easiest way to keep the lawn looking good without extra work. Plastic edging meets these criteria, but requires digging and trenching to install.

"Many plastic lawn edgings eventually work themselves out of the ground. Not only does this look terrible, but mowing over the loose edging becomes virtually impossible," Powers says.

A variety of wood products also offer mower-friendly options for edging if they are installed properly. However, even redwood and cedar lumber will rot over time where there is ground contact unless treated with a preservative.

"Green-treated lumber can look too industrial for some people," Powers says.

Brick or stone can ruin a mower blade or even the mower engine, so if it's used, make sure it is smooth on top and wide enough for the mower wheels to ride on.

"If edging material won't allow you to run the mower over it, choose a product with a shape that minimizes trimming. Any edging with little nooks and crannies, like odd-shaped stones, will make the trimming job much more time-consuming," Powers says.

The base of trees is one of the most common yard areas trimmed with "weed whips." Together, string trimmers and mowers are responsible for most of the trees that die after planting because of damage to the bark. Unfortunately, there aren't many products for edging around individual trees, particularly younger trees that have the most fragile bark.



**PUTTING AN EDGE around trees actually saves yardwork. Arbor Edge, for instance, installs in minutes and eliminates a lifetime of trimming.**

A new product, called Arbor Edge, is a one-piece edging system for trees, shrubs and flagpoles that combines a circular plastic edge with a weedproof basin that holds mulch or decorative rock. The system is designed to enable a mower wheel to ride over the plastic edge, eliminating the need for additional trimming. It is attractive, inexpensive and easy to install without the need for trenching or staking.

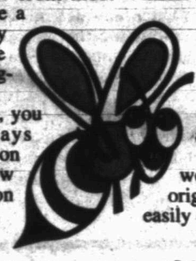
Most edging products are made by numerous manufacturers and are readily available at home and garden centers. For information on the new Arbor Edge, visit www.adoproducts.com.

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# Combat Carpenter Bees Before Spring Thaw

Carpenter bees are prevalent throughout the United States and could be wreaking havoc on your wooden carpentry. Although there are many species, the most common is large and resembles a bumble bee. You may find it foraging around flowers, shrubs, and burrowing into the eaves of buildings. These bees are unique from most because they will bore into wood to make a home. They can cause great damage to any wood part of your property. They also have been known to bother homeowners by dodging low to scare off trespassers.

To keep your home free of carpenter bees, you must know their biology and habits, says www.bugspray.com. The following information will help you take preventative measures now to ensure a reduced carpenter bee population in the future.



### KNOW THE NEST

Carpenter bees drill ½-inch holes in overhangs, fence posts and trees. They also will crawl between cracks of siding and roofing. The cavern they create starts as a straight line for an inch or two and then turns 90 degrees. This new portion of the nest becomes an egg chamber. Eggs are laid at the end of these chambers, and food is placed alongside the egg, then the nest is sealed tight. It is common for an egg chamber to be two or more feet long. It may have numerous egg chambers branching out from the main chamber.

Some homeowners also have discovered that carpenter bees cause an added problem. While larva are maturing in the chambers, birds like woodpeckers become attracted to the the noise they make. They peck the wood to reach the nest and eat the helpless prey inside. Now you have both an insect and a bird destroying your wood.

### KNOW THEIR ACTIONS

The female carpenter bee will stand guard at the nest entry hole. She will defend the nest aggressively. Once the drilling has been completed, she will forage for food. The male bees are very curious and will buzz around people.

Carpenter bees tend to return to nests where they were born. Old nests are used year after year. If the original nest is occupied, other ones will be drilled. You easily can find yourself with hundreds of holes.

### TREAT THE PROBLEM

To control carpenter bees, you need a product that will last in the nest for a long time. If you spray liquid residuals in the hole, you may kill the female, but the larva will emerge six months later unscathed. To ensure complete control, try a dust like Drione. It has a desiccant action and when the larva emerge they will be dehydrated. Treat the holes with the product, then seal them using a special cork. You also must finish all exposed wood with a protective paint. A hard coating will deter new batches of carpenter bees.

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# Planning Is the Key to Home Fix-Ups

Warm spring weather encourages homeowners to get outside and improve their homes. Proper planning will make the job much easier.

No matter who will be doing the work, a contractor or a do-it-yourselfer, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project. Contractors should be notified exactly as to what the homeowner wants accomplished. Homeowners need to meet with professionals, explain the work and get realistic estimates. Do-it-yourselfers also should plan ahead to ensure they have set aside enough time for the project, have the right equipment and materials and understand the work.

Having the proper equipment means having the tools specifically designed for the task at hand, but also having tools that are in good condition. It is a nice idea to check that tools are in working order before beginning a project. All handles should be fixed firmly into the tool's working end, and jaw teeth, cutters and blades should be sharp. Throw away any damaged tools.

If, when planning a project, do-it-yourselfers find that they don't have a tool they need, they can buy, rent or borrow it. Renting or borrowing allows them to see if they like a particular model or brand, making the decision easier when they finally decide to buy the tool. If people want to buy the tool, many home-improvement professionals recommend going to a knowledgeable local dealer.

After getting the proper equipment, homeowners should follow the manufacturer's instructions when using each tool. Tools should be kept clean, dry and away from excessive heat. Instead of rocking a tool, there should be steady pressure on jaws or cutters. Before using the tool near electricity, the current should be shut off.

With the proper planning and right tools and materials, people are well on their way to a successful project and a more beautiful home.

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# Simple Steps for Home Safety

Every 15 seconds a home, condo or apartment is burglarized in this country, says the Burglary Prevention Council. And, one-third of all burglaries are committed because homeowners forgot to lock their doors and windows.

People need to know that burglaries can be prevented by paying attention to the simplest security measures and developing a greater alertness of their surroundings.

To help safeguard the home against intruders, the Burglary Prevention Council recommend the following 10 steps.

1. **Close and lock all doors when leaving, even for short periods of time.** This includes garage or connecting doors. Burglars want easy jobs. That's why they scan homes for the weakest point of entry.

2. **Use automatic timers.** Timers can be set to turn on and turn off lights, radios and televisions at varying times of the day. Also, use them when on vacation or away for an extended period of time to give burglars the impression that someone is home.

3. **Illuminate the yard area.** Darkness is a burglar's best friend. Doorways and the rear of the house should be lit with cost-effective, low-voltage lighting to minimize dark spaces.

4. **Lock up ladders, tools or lawn furniture.** These items could be used by burglars to gain entry into the home.

5. **Trim trees and shrubs surrounding the home.** If overgrown, these areas serve as perfect hiding places for burglars and allow them to work undetected.

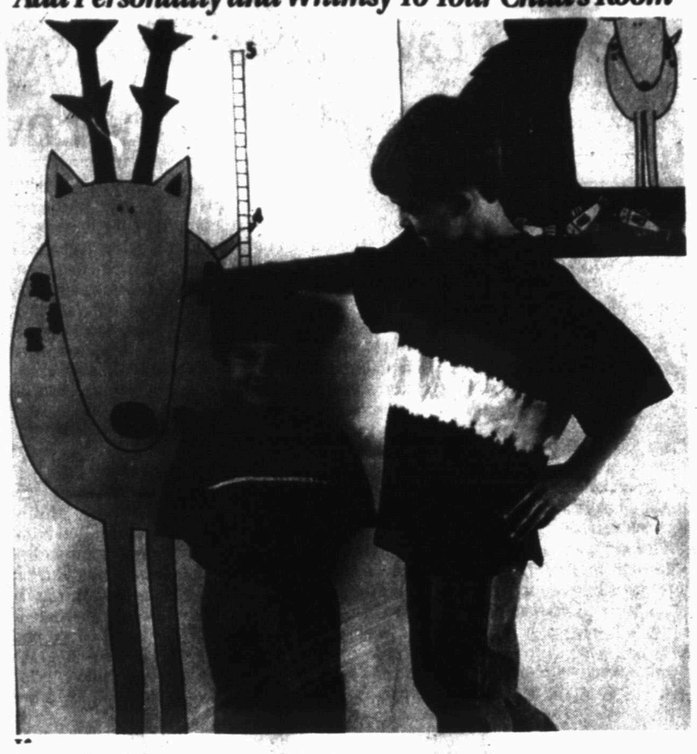
6. **Start a neighborhood watch program.** Local police departments can provide materials and assist in getting a program started. In the meantime, it helps to build a good relationship with your neighbors, so that each one can watch the other's home while away.

7. **Use window and door alarms.** Alarms vary in their degree of sophistication, ranging from a door alarm that makes noise to silent alarms patched into the local police station. Burglars typically will leave when any alarm is sounded. In addition, an inexpensive alarm system also creates valuable piece of mind.

8. **Take a complete inventory of valuables and place valuable jewelry and documents in a safety-deposit box.** Videotape or take photos of all valuable possessions. These also should be marked with an engraving pen to help police trace and recover them if stolen.

9. **Don't allow strangers into the home to use the phone and never leave service technicians or repairmen alone in the house.** These individuals might be casing homes in the neighborhood for possible burglary targets.

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# Today's Lawnmowers — Low on Emissions, High on Helping the Environment

(MS) — Nowadays, the country is more concerned than ever about environmental issues. Like automobiles, lawnmowers must meet strict emissions regulations, but that's where the comparison ends. Past attempts to compare automobile emissions to lawnmower emissions have resulted in published information that has been misstated, outdated, or simply not true.

**ITS TIME TO CLEAR THE AIR ABOUT LAWNMOWER EMISSIONS**

Previously distributed information stated that "one hour of grass cutting equals 100 miles worth of auto pollution." "This is an unrealistic, inaccurate comparison between lawnmowers and automobile emissions," states Bill Harley, President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). "Outdated and incorrect information continues to blur the emissions issue. We want the public to be informed that comparing lawnmower and automobile emissions is just not a reasonable comparison. Consumers also need to be aware of the advances in technology over the last ten years."



According to the OPEI, the industry's trade association, these types of comparisons are misleading for these reasons: an average automobile is driven approximately 14,000 miles in one year, and uses hundreds of gallons of gasoline; while a typical walk behind lawnmower is run on the average of 25 hours per year and uses only a few gallons of gasoline. It is also important to note that the estimated number of lawnmowers in the United States today is approximately 38 million, compared to the 159 million automobiles on the road.

Another inaccurate claim is that after two years the average lawnmower will produce 34 times as many smog-forming emissions as an average passenger car. The fact is that on an annual basis, new automobiles generate 10 times more emissions than a new lawnmower. That is, a new automobile would generate 20 pounds of smog-forming emissions in two years, compared to a new walk behind lawnmower that would generate 2.1 pounds of emissions in two years.

One fact that is often overlooked is that lawn & garden equipment is only a very small part of the EPA's non-road engine category, which includes marine engines, construction and agricultural equipment, industrial engines, airport service equipment and other commercial sources. Actually, the total contribution of smog-forming emissions from all of today's lawn and garden equipment is significantly lower — under two percent. And with walk behind mowers, it's even smaller — less than one percent.

**DEVELOPING NEW PRODUCTS FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT**

Environmentally conscious manufacturers of both small handheld and non-handheld gas engines have invested millions of dollars developing clean, innovative technologies that comply with and frequently exceed federal emission standards. Today's outdoor power equipment runs 70 percent cleaner than those built in 1990. Design improvements have produced an entire new generation of outdoor power equipment with engines that are more fuel efficient, more durable and cleaner running.

In addition, using outdoor power equipment is a time-saving way to be environmentally helpful — like using a lawnmower for mulching grass clippings to lessen the burden on landfills, or recycling yard waste into compost with the help of a chipper-shredder. The industry has also developed new, specially designed fuel cans that help reduce emissions caused by spilled fuel. Consumers should use these new cans and take care when refilling fuel. "Don't spill when you fill" is the phrase to remember when gassing up outdoor power equipment.

For a free helpful guide to Environmentally Helpful Outdoor Power Equipment, write to OPEI at 341 South Patrick Street, Old Town Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information about low-emission engines, visit OPEI's Web site, CyberLawn, at http://opei.mow.org.

# Homeowners Gain 'The Edge' on Comfort

(MS) — Winter's freezing snow and wind. Summer's scorching heat and humidity. Outside noises that you'd rather not hear inside. Adverse weather conditions can bombard your home year-round, physically forcing unwanted air, moisture and noise inside through seams that are routinely formed when exterior sidings are fitted together.

New Fome-Cor® with "The Edge" by International Paper is a foam-filled housewrap for re-siding applications that is designed to reduce unwanted air and water leakage, while providing sound-dampening benefits. Fome-Cor Board helps homeowners gain "The Edge" on creating a comfortable home.

Fome-Cor Board for home improvement applications now features a unique construction design — a 2-inch crushed edge along both the top and bottom of this accordion-folded product to allow for overlapping of horizontal joints during installation. (Vertical joints can be edge-crushed at time of application.) These overlapped joints help to prevent unwanted air and water from entering homes and adversely affecting their structure and energy efficiency.

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style, protects against air leakage and also ensures that water flows down the face of the Fome-Cor board instead of entering the wall. Fome-Cor board helps homeowners gain "The Edge" on comfort while lessening construction problems like dry rot that can result from excess moisture.

Fome-Cor board is ¼-inch thick and consists of extruded polystyrene foam bonded between two tough liners. Fome-Cor board is produced in 4-foot by 50-foot bundles, accordion-folded approximately 22 inches on center for ease in installation. Each bundle totals 200 square feet or two squares.

When installed beneath new siding, Fome-Cor board with "The Edge" helps to level the wall. It also provides an R-1 insulation value and sound-dampening benefits. Water-resistant Fome-Cor board has been tested to hold out water for more than 24 hours (ASTM D779), while allowing interior moisture to escape with an average breathability rating (perm rating) of greater than 5.

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# Don't Let Dry Conditions Stunt Your Growth

(MS) — Whether it is due to an area drought or just your desire to conserve water, you can enjoy a beautiful water-wise landscape with a little planning.

Soil improvement is the easiest and surest place to start. Soil that is well prepared before planting will yield the best results. Healthy soil needs lots of organic matter — like peat moss —for proper drainage, aerating plant roots and retaining moisture and nutrients. You can amend your soil by working one inch of Canadian peat moss and 1 inch of compost into the top 6 inches of soil. This will not only help you create healthy plants, but also a drought-resistant environment in which for them to live. Amended soil also helps control the weed population, which is always in direct competition with your plants for precious water.

Conditioning the soil is good for your lawn as well. By aerating and top dressing your lawn with a ½ inch of peat moss, you will ensure maximum water penetration and promote deeper grass root growth.

"Choose wisely" is another rule of thumb when planning a drought-proof landscape. It is best to talk to your local professionals to see which plants will do well in your area. There are a variety of plants that thrive with little water consumption and they may fit into your plans nicely. Once you decide which plants to use, group together those that require the same amount of watering.

Create a watering schedule that works best for you. Efficiency is the key. You do not necessarily need an elaborate system like an in-ground sprinkler, just deep infrequent waterings to promote root growth. Peat-amended soil helps save water by absorbing and holding moisture, creating ideal growing conditions and a greater tolerance of dry spells. Remember to water early in the day or late in the evening to reduce loss due to evaporation.



**DRY CONDITIONS can damage your garden. Reduce the effects of a drought by amending your soil with Canadian peat moss.**

By planning and following these simple guidelines you will have a drought-defying environment in no time. To obtain more information on "How to with peat moss," send an unstamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to Peat Moss, Box 385102, Minneapolis, MN 55438. You can also visit their Web site at www.peatmoss.com or e-mail them at cspma@peatmoss.com.

# Plant Products Provide TLC

(MS) — Spring is in the air. Soon the garden centers will be packed with people loading up their cars and trucks with plants. However, don't just stop with the plants when you're out shopping. If you really want to be sure that your greenery flourishes, there are a few other items you should add to your shopping list.

You can't just throw a plant or shrub into the ground and expect it to thrive on its own; plants need a bit of tender loving care. Here are a few products to help give your new plants just the right amount of attention.

One of those products is WeedBlock® Landscape Fabric. WeedBlock will keep pesky weeds away from your new plants, and once you lay it down, you'll spend a lot less time weeding.

This tried-and true landscape fabric has been around for years, and for good reason — it works. The fabric is made to block out weeds while allowing a free flow of air, water and nutrients to the soil. WeedBlock takes only a short time to install but will last indefinitely when covered with bark, mulch or stone.

Another important item to pick up on your spring trip to the garden center is Jobe's® Root Stimulant Spikes. New plantings need special attention and nutrients. That's where the Root Stimulant Spikes come in. They promote vigorous root growth, so your plants will thrive. This easy-to-use product is specially formulated to be sure that there's no danger to young growing plants.

Of course, you don't want to forget the Jobe's Fertilizer Spikes for Trees and Shrubs. Another tried-and-true product, the spikes deliver food underground, right to the roots, where the experts say plants need it most.

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A landscape bed is not complete without edging. Edging is important not only for style and design but it will also keep your landscape beds neatly contained. Mulches won't escape and grasses won't find their way in.

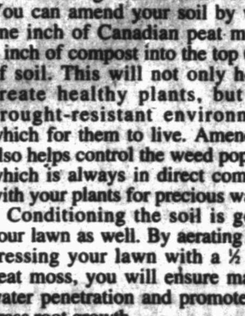
A good edging to try is Emerald Edge®. The popular product's "pound-in" design is easy to install and will give your landscape the finishing touch.



Emerald Edge is made of durable green plastic which makes it flexible enough to create curves and tree rings. It won't rust, rot, crack, chip or fade. The edging is available in lightweight, easy-to-handle sections that are 4 feet long and 5 inches high. The sections connect securely together to form a scallop-design, continuous border.

Spring is a great time for planting and these helpful products will ensure that your plants and shrubs will flourish year-round. To find these products, visit your local garden supply store, hardware store, chain retailer or call (800) EASY INC.


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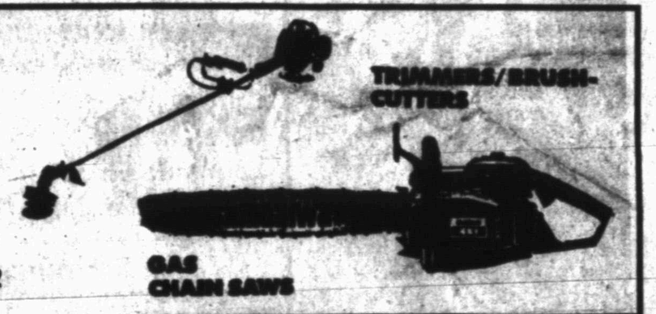
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## Did You Know?

A septic tank is well suited to break down human waste, and a well designed, properly used and maintained system is one of the best choices for waste disposal in certain areas of the country. However, there are many potential problems with septic tanks. One problem is that people put things down the drain that can damage the system. Even simple food items like too much grease, cooking oil or fat may greatly reduce the efficiency of the system. Household cleaners, paints and other toxins are also toxic to the bacteria which make the system operate properly. Also, putting an excess load on the system, when more people are in the house than the system is designed for, can result in materials moving through the system too quickly to be decomposed and contamination problems may result.

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# Landscaping Guide for Potential Home Buyers

If you are considering buying a new home, then you've probably already started your research. According to Mark Whitelaw of the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association, although most prospective home buyers are sure to check out the sizes of rooms, functions of appliances and the quality of the plumbing fixtures of homes they are considering, too few check the landscape for potential costly problems, which can take some of the excitement out of getting a new home.

Before you enter the whirlwind experience of buying a home, consult Whitelaw's checklist for oft-overlooked landscaping problems which may help you negotiate a better buying price, or cause you to pass up a house altogether.



A HOME'S LANDSCAPING can greatly affect its value.

### DRAINAGE

Improper drainage can lead to weakened foundations, loose facing materials, rotted supporting wall studs and base plates, structural damage from insects and poor growing conditions for landscape plants. In short, drainage is one of the most important landscaping concerns you should consider before purchasing a home.

- Be particularly aware of surrounding terrain which may cause rainwater runoff into your landscape.
- Look for cracks on interior and exterior walls and along the foundation's perimeter for clues to drainage problems.
- Check rain gutters for good drainage and adequate size to handle the rainfall in the area.
- Be sure that solid surface areas like driveways, patios and walks are graded away from the house.

### RETAINING WALLS

The main purpose of retaining walls is to prevent unnecessary soil erosion. Replacing a retaining wall can cost you tens of thousands of dollars, so check these items carefully:

- What type of materials are used in the retaining wall and how old are they? Creosote railroad ties last about 15 years; CCA-treated landscape timbers about 20 years. Masonry can last for centuries if properly installed, but missing mortar may mean the wall is structurally weak.
- Walls higher than 4 feet should be engineered by a professional. Are engineering drawings available and certified by an approving authority?
- Is there adequate drainage through the walls? Solid masonry requires "weep" (drainage) holes equally spaced along the base of the wall.

### FENCES

Fences are the ideal tool for security and privacy. Some municipal codes require locking fences for homes with swimming pools. Here are some other questions to keep in mind:

- What is the general repair of the fence? Are posts, rails, pickets and hardware free of rot and rust? Are wood products made from rot-resistant timber?
- Is there a clear space between the bottom of the fence and the soil's surface? Wood fencing will wick moisture into the pickets if they come in contact with the soil and metal fencing may rust more quickly.

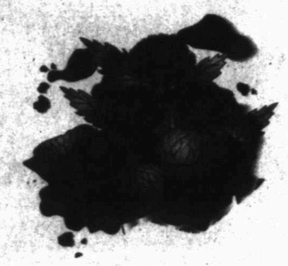
### TREES, SHRUBS, GROUNDCOVERS AND LAWNS

With new homes, many landscape plantings (called softscape) may be too close to the foundation. This can cause future problems when the plants (and roots) mature.

- Full-sized, quality landscape trees should be no closer than 15 feet to the foundation or concrete drives and walks. Fast-growing and shallow-rooted trees should be much further.
- Watch for messy fruit-, nut- or seed-producing trees close to driveways, walkways, pools, ponds and patios, or plants that can outgrow their locations.

### OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- **Water** — Pools, fountains, ponds and bird baths are attractive features for your landscape, but they may also require a lot of maintenance. Check these features carefully to decide whether you want the additional effort and expense.
- **Lighting** — Lighting can provide security and beauty, but some systems can cost a lot of money if repairs are needed.
- **Unwanted landscape visitors** — Some environments are conducive to unwanted visitors from nature. Your potential home could be visited by deer, raccoons, coyotes and other wildlife.



# Easy Formula For Estimating How Much Paint to Buy

Painting is one of the easiest ways to give a room a new look. Yet, before you embark on the project, it's a good idea to learn approximately how much paint you will need for the project. There's nothing more frustrating than running out of paint in the middle of a project and leftover paint can take up a lot of room in the basement or garage.

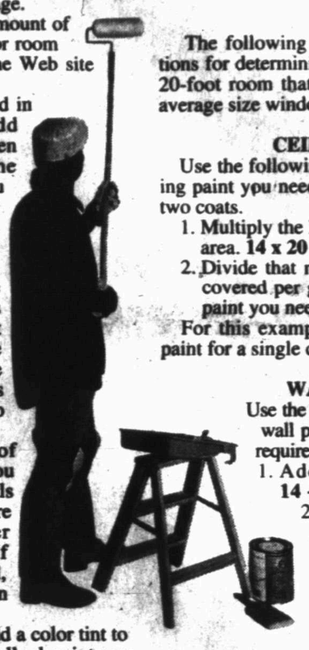
Here is an easy guide to estimating the amount of paint you'll need to purchase for a ceiling or room project, courtesy of www.dummies.com, the Web site of the popular "For Dummies series."

To estimate the amount of paint you need in order to cover the walls of a room, add together the length of all the walls and then multiply the number by the height of the room, from floor to ceiling. The number you get is the room's square footage. Is that math class coming back to you now? Now you have to determine how much of that square footage is paintable surface area. Because you use a different paint on the doors and windows, subtract those areas from the room total. No sweat, just subtract 20 square feet for each door and 15 square feet for each average-sized window in the room. You end up with a number that is close to the actual wall area you have to cover with paint.

In general, you can expect 1 gallon of paint to cover about 350 square feet. You need slightly more than a gallon if the walls are unpainted drywall, which absorbs more of the paint. You also need to consider whether to paint more than one coat. If you're painting walls that are unfinished, heavily patched, or dark in color, plan on applying two coats of paint.

When painting a dark color, pros often add a color tint to the white primer. Tints for both latex or alkyd paints are available at most paint stores. For best results, choose a tint shade that's closest to the top coat color.

Now for the clincher of the math problem. Divide the paintable wall area by 350 (the square-foot coverage in each gallon can) to find the number of gallons of paint you need for the walls. You can round uneven numbers; if the remainder is less than .5, order a couple of quarts of wall paint to go with the gallons; if the remainder is more than .5, order an extra gallon. Of course, buying in bulk is usually more economical, so you may discover that 3 quarts of paint cost as much as a gallon.



### EXAMPLES

The following examples walk you through the calculations for determining how much paint you need for a 14-by-20-foot room that's 8 feet tall and has two doors and two average size windows.

### CEILING PAINT ESTIMATOR

Use the following formula to estimate the amount of ceiling paint you need. Double the result if the ceiling requires two coats.

1. Multiply the length of the ceiling by its width to find its area. **14 x 20 = 280 square feet**
2. Divide that number by 350 (the estimated square feet covered per gallon) to figure out how many gallons of paint you need. **280 ÷ 350 = .8**

For this example, you want to buy 1 gallon of ceiling paint for a single coat.

### WALL PAINT ESTIMATOR

Use the following formula to estimate the amount of wall paint you need. Double the result if the walls require two coats.

1. Add together the length of each wall. **14 + 20 + 14 + 20 = 68 feet**
2. Multiply the sum by the wall height to find the total wall area. **68 x 8 = 544 square feet**
3. Subtract 20 square feet for each door **(20 x 2 = 40)** and 15 square feet for each window **(15 x 2 = 30)** to find the actual amount of wall area you're painting. **544 – 70 = 474 square feet**
4. Divide this figure by the paint coverage (350 square feet per gallon), and the result is the number of gallons to purchase. **474 ÷ 350 = 1.4**

For this example, you want to buy 1 gallon and 2 quarts of paint for a single coat.

# Deliver Extra Power With Titanium

When you are standing in the aisle of your favorite local home center contemplating the purchase of another tool to add to your collection, you may want to choose one that will handle a variety of tasks. After all, if you'll go through the trouble of making room in your garage or workshop for another item shouldn't you be sure it will pull its weight around the house. And with the multitude of spring renovations and home projects that need to be completed, you'll also want a tool that puts less strain on you and makes your work easier to accomplish.

Faster hammering with less pain, plus the option to change striking faces is offered in an innovative, lightweight titanium framing hammer being introduced by Vaughan & Bushnell.

The ergonomically-designed Vaughan Ti-Tech™ titanium hammer has been engineered to combine the lightness of titanium with the toughness of steel, utilizing interchangeable steel striking caps which fit onto the titanium head. The forged steel caps provide the option of a milled or smooth-finished striking face and attach with a free-floating pin that minimizes shock at impact.

According to Vaughan, the lighter weight, 16-ounce Ti-Tech™ hammer produces a faster, more powerful swing with less recoil. In addition to the free-floating pin, an anti-vibration pad within the steel caps and a high density handle further reduce handle sting.

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For information contact Vaughan Manufacturing Company, P.O. Box 390 Hebron, IL 60034-0390 or visit them on the Internet at www.vaughanmfg.com, or www.hammernet.com.

## Did You Know?

Many homeowners consider their lawns to be reflections of themselves, and therefore strive to have beautiful green carpets surrounding their properties. Here are two tips to help you achieve a remarkable lawn:

1. For the healthiest grass and most uniform cut, it is best to mow the lawn when it is completely dry. Not only will this prevent unsightly clumps of damp grass clippings across your lawn, it can help ensure fungal disease does not spread to areas of healthy lawn.

2. Warm soil, adequate moisture and minimal weed growth help make autumn the ideal time to plant grass seed.

## Checklist For Spring Repairs



Spring is the time when most people tackle cleaning and maintenance chores. Make sure you are prepared for your spring cleaning by making a list of the items that will probably need your attention. Here are some areas to consider first, courtesy of www.howtocleananything.com.

- Chimneys — clean and inspect flues.
- Siding and trim — Wash siding, touch-up damaged paint and repair loose siding.
- Eaves, downspouts and drains — Clean gutters, straighten and repair damaged downspouts and gutters. Flush downspouts.
- Roofing — Repair damaged shingles and flashing.
- Windows — Clean windows and screens. Inspect them for damage and repair.
- Pests and birds — Check vents, chimneys and other crannies for bird and insect nests.


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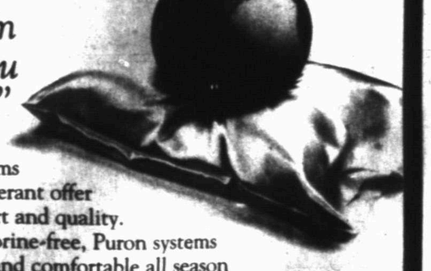
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# Alternative: All-Natural Pest Prevention

Sometimes the joy of a home garden can quickly turn to aggravation when insects and other pests damage all of your hard work. But pesticides and chemicals used to rid your garden of bugs might damage your plants and your health in the process.

One solution is to consider mixing plants into your garden that naturally repel pests. These plants have their own chemical defense systems against pests in the wild — the following is a list of some of Mother Nature's best. *GT024348*

| PEST | PLANT |
|---|---|
| • Ants : | mint, tansy, pennyroyal |
| • Aphids : | mint, garlic, chives, coriander |
| • Bean Leaf Beetles : | potato, onion, turnip |
| • Codling Moths : | common oleander |
| • Colorado Potato Bugs : | green beans, coriander |
| • Cucumber Beetles : | radish, tansy |
| • Flea Beetles : | garlic, onion, mint |
| • Imported Cabbage Worms : | mint, sage, rosemary, hyssop |
| • Japanese Beetles : | garlic, larkspur, rue, geranium |
| • Leaf Hoppers : | geranium, petunia |
| • Mexican Bean Beetles : | potato, onion, garlic, radish |
| • Mice : | onion |
| • Root Knot Nematodes : | French marigolds |
| • Slugs : | rosemary, wormwood |
| • Spider Mites : | onion, garlic, cloves, chives |
| • Squash Bugs : | marigolds, nasturtium |
| • Stink Busg : | radish |
| • Thrips : | marigolds |
| • Tomato Hornworms : | marigolds, sage, borage |
| • Whiteflies : | marigolds, nasturtium |

# Flowers Can Speak Louder Than Words

How do you express your emotions to a friend, a lover, a special family member? Some spend hours searching for the right sentiments in a greeting card while others type up a quick message and zap it through cyberspace. Yet flowers can speak louder than any voice when it comes to sharing a message.

Victorians knew how to express their emotions through the delicate messages of flowers. Each small bouquet, known as a tussie-mussie, symbolized something different. Why not borrow from this classic tradition and share some blooms with someone close to you.

Here are some examples of flower meanings and how they change with color, according to "Tussie-Mussies" (Workman Publishing), by Geraldine Adamich Laufer.

**CARNATION**
- **Pink:** Maternal love, lively and pure affection, beauty, pride
- **Red:** Admiration, betrothal, deep pure love, passion, fascination
- **White:** Democracy, living for love
- **Yellow:** Admiration, fascination, disdain, disbelief, rejection

**CHRYSANTHEMUM**
- **Red:** "I love you."
- **White:** Truth
- **Yellow:** Cheerfulness, slighted love

**POPPY**
- **Orange:** Vanity
- **Red:** Forgetfulness
- **Scarlet:** Fantastic extravagance
- **White:** "My antidote," sleep

**ROSE**
- **Cherry red:** Merriment, sweetness of character derived from good works
- **Coral:** Good fortune, longevity, beauty, admiration of accomplishments
- **Cream:** Richness, perfection
- **Lavender:** Rarity, dignity
- **Pink:** Grace, beauty
- **Red:** "I love you," passion, desire, beauty, victory, harmony, joy, charm, luck, pride, martyrdom
- **White:** Unity, silence, respect
- **Yellow:** Friendship, highest mark of distinction, jealousy, unfaithful. *GT024379*

## Did You Know?

A shed is often a place to store tools, lawnmowers, paints and the like to keep them in an orderly fashion. Yet sometimes a shed can look out of place in a backyard, or possibly even like an eyesore. If you want to enhance your shed, plant a fast-growing grapevine. String green wire in the direction in which you want the vine to go and shortly you'll have an attractive, natural focal point. Grapevines grow quickly and provide a dense summer ceiling for many dwellings, like sheds. Plus, you have the added bonus of collecting the ripened grapes in early autumn, which can be transformed into homemade wine. *SH022234*

# Ten Fast Interior and Exterior Upgrade Projects

(MS) — With hectic schedules and work demands, many homeowners don't have much time or energy to plan extensive home upgrade projects. That's why Style Solutions™ Inc., has developed a list of quick, one-hour interior and exterior home improvement projects.

"There are lots of quick, easy projects that people can do to personalize their homes," says Mike Reed of Style Solutions. "Boring rooms can be turned into showpiece marvels. Curb appeal on the outside of the home can be enhanced with the addition of simple pieces. Best of all, even the novice do-it-yourselfer can tackle these projects easily."

- **Upgrade #1 — Add texture with mouldings.** Install decorative urethane mouldings effortlessly with the Miterless Corner System. No mitering is required — just easy straight cuts of moulding. Elegant corner pieces go up quickly followed by long lengths of lightweight mouldings.
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- **Upgrade #3 — Draw attention to ceilings.** Install decorative urethane medallions to the top of ceiling fan and light fixtures. Available in a range of styles from simplistic to ornate, medallions help make the ceiling an elegant "fifth wall" in a room.
- **Upgrade #4 — Dress up the garage.** You enter through this door every day, so why not make arrivals more welcoming? Install insect- and weather-resistant fluted pilasters on the sides of the door and a long crosshead with center keystone over the top. If the garage faces the street, this is an essential way to add curb appeal to the home.
- **Upgrade #5 — Break up your walls.** Offset windows and doors in a room with vertical pilasters and horizontal crossheads. Usually installed on the outside of a home surrounding an entranceway, these decorative pieces add instant elegance to any room.
- **Upgrade #6 — Contrast with metals.** Metal accents can provide a cool and welcome contrast to warm colors found in furnishings and wall coverings. Add metal accessories, like wire racks and storage units or specify real metal METALLON™ finishes in copper, brass, bronze or nickel on Style Solutions brackets, mouldings and medallions to complement your décor.
- **Upgrade #7 — Look up and trim down.** Add classic crown or fascia dentil moulding beneath gutters and eaves to heighten the exterior appearance of your home. These pieces add a subtle accent to the roofline.
- **Upgrade #8 — Surround your tub.** Enhance a bathtub with a combination of urethane window panels and mouldings. Because urethane does not absorb water, the panels and trim are ideal for upgrading a bath area.
- **Upgrade #9 — Trim out focal features.** Try adding millwork trim around a favorite mirror or picture to make it truly stand out on the wall. Faux finishing the trim to coordinate or contrast with wall coverings will make the piece even more special.
- **Upgrade #10 — Replace wooden louvers.** Located high up in the attic portion of the house, louvers take excessive weather abuse. Hard rains, strong winds and insect infestations increase the risk of peeling paint and damage on these pieces. Replace your louvers with one-piece urethane louvers that resist moisture, rotting, decay, warping and insect infestations.

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Operable acrylic block windows allow natural sunlight into any room in your home while offering you privacy through their translucent acrylic blocks. And, when you're ready for fresh air, simply open the casement, awning or basement window with the easy hand crank — just like other similar window styles made of clear glass.

"People thrive on light and air," according to Mike Shon, vice president and general manager of Hy-Lite Products. "Connecting with the outdoors is one of the primary reasons homeowners want lots of windows in their houses. Yet there are those situations, like over bathtubs and kitchen sinks, when privacy is also a primary factor in window selection. These are ideal locations for acrylic block windows that open."

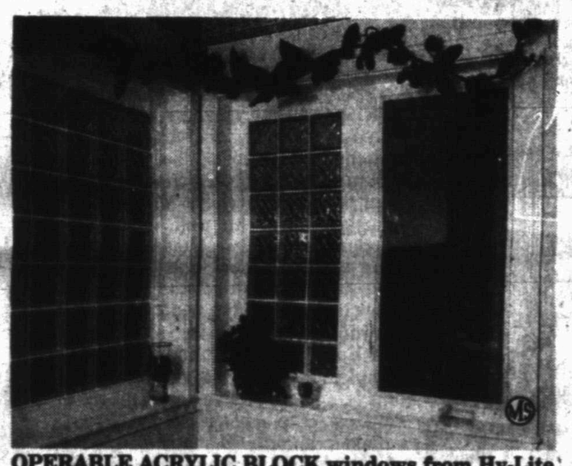
Available for both new home construction and retrofit applications, operable acrylic block windows come with durable, low maintenance vinyl frames. Special custom options include real metal METALLON™ finishes on the frames in copper, brass, bronze and nickel, along with diamond block design styles and eight decorative muntin finishes.

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# Tips for a Clean and Clutter-Free Kitchen

(MS) — With spring right around the corner, it's time to think about cleaning, organizing and improving your home. Although getting organized can seem like an overwhelming chore you dread all winter, having the right tools and using a systematic approach will help you get started. Following are a few tips for getting your spring cleaning project underway and, most important, for keeping organized all year long.

- **Plan ahead:** Devise a plan of action to tackle the important projects in your home. If you know what you need to accomplish before you begin, the overall project will not seem so overwhelming.
- **Take one room at a time:** According to Tupperware Consultant and Organization Expert Nellie O'Brien, you should start in the most cluttered area of the home first, and get the hardest job done right away.

"The kitchen always seems to be a big hassle for many people, but the right tools can help you gain a sense of order and control," says O'Brien. "Tupperware® Modular Mates® storage containers are the perfect system for cabinet organization. They allow you to maximize cabinet space, feature a clear window so you can see what you have on hand and help you stay organized."

- **Use the kitchen as a model:** Once you've got your kitchen organized and in good working order, move on to the next room in your house."



# What Kind of Soil Do You Have?

(MS) — Does your soil have too much clay or sand and not enough organic material? The Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association recommends a simple test to help you determine your soil type.

Put a 3-inch deep handful of garden soil into a 6-inch high jar. Fill with water, seal, shake vigorously and let settle overnight. The resulting layers will be sand at the bottom, silt and clay at the top. Organic matter will float on the water or settle on the clay. If your soil does not match the ideal soil mixture shown above, the important ingredient to add is organic material. Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss is one of the most effective organic soil conditioners available.




For more information on how to properly condition and prepare your soil, or other ways to use peat moss, send an unstamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to Peat Moss, Box 385102, Minneapolis, MN 55438. You can also visit their Web site at www.peatmoss.com or e-mail them at cspma@peatmoss.com.

# Spring Deck Prep Tips

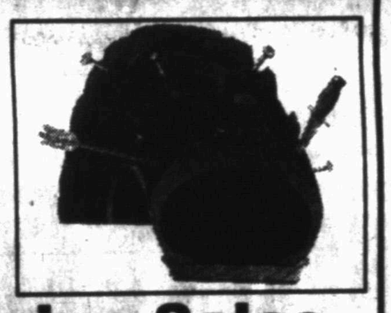
(MS) — It's finally spring! Time to move out the patio furniture and get ready to enjoy the great outdoors. But, before you do, make sure you clean, restore and protect your deck so you can get the most out of it during the spring and summer months ahead. Here are some deck prep tips from the experts at Wolman Wood Care Products:

- Clean the deck thoroughly to remove embedded dirt, fungus stains and gray surface wood with a formulated deck cleaner like Wolman® Deck & Fence Brightener. The weathered gray wood left behind from last year's sun exposure, black or green stains from mildew, moss and algae, or brown-black tannin bleed common on new Cedar can ruin the look of your deck. Even newly built decks can require cleaning to remove invisible surface barriers like mill glaze on new Cedar or excess wax on pressure-treated wood. These invisible barriers can prevent the adhesion of protective coatings, including colored stains and clear sealers. Wolman® Deck & Fence Brightener, removes surface barriers, gray wood surfaces and even the toughest of stains and restores the wood to its natural beauty without bleaching or yellowing, like chlorine bleach can.
- Strip any deteriorating or unwanted finish. If the colored stain on your deck has seen better days — or if you want a different look — now is the time to strip your deck's finish. Products like Wolman® DeckStrip® Stain & Finish Remover remove both oil and latex solid or semi-transparent stains and clear finishes and prepares the wood for the reapplication of protective finishes and stains. For really stubborn, hard-to-strip acrylic or latex stains and paints, Wolman makes a product called DeckStrip A&L, which can strip multiple layers in 15 minutes.
- Once the wood is restored and your deck is rid of any surface barriers or unwanted finishes, it should be sealed with a protective water repellent finish. You may want to apply a semi-transparent stain to enhance your deck's appeal, or a transparent finish to let the natural wood color and texture show through. But, even if you are undecided on whether or not to stain — or on the deck color — it's important, at minimum, to protect it with a clear water repellent. Water repellents stop spring showers from penetrating the wood surface, which can cause swelling, shrinking, warping and cracking. Many water repellents, including products like Wolman® RainCoat®, also contain a mildewcide that will impede the growth of mildew on your deck during the warm months ahead. Look for products like Wolman RainCoat, that offer a guarantee on water-repellent longevity, as they will provide longer lasting protection so you won't have to apply a new coat every year.

Preparing your deck for spring will protect your investment in it and enhance the enjoyment of your outdoor living space. For more information on Wolman wood cleaners, strippers and water repellent finishes, call the company's technical service department at (800) 556-7737. Or, visit the Wolman Web site at www.wolman.com for more helpful deck-care tips.

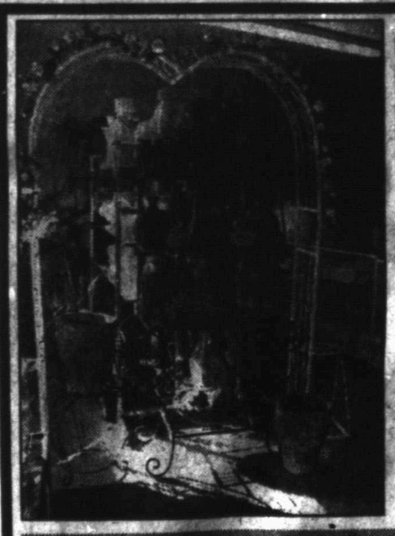


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