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Home Of Eddie Peterson

11 dead

Commuter train, Amtrack collide

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A commuter train carrying Job Corps youths home on a snowy evening was crushed in a collision with an Amtrak train bound for Chicago, leaving at least 11 people dead. Investigators picked through the wreckage for clues.

Nine Job Corps students traveling home for a holiday weekend on the commuter train are unaccounted for, authorities said. Three crew members were also missing, their bodies believed to be in the mangled wreckage of the commuter train, said a federal transportation safety official.

Police said 11 bodies had been recovered, but no identifications have been released.

John Goglia of the National Transportation Safety Board said both trains were moving at the time of the crash. "It was not a

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CLOSE ENOUGH FOR HORSESHOES - Inmates from the Price Daniel Unit have been working this week on horseshoe pitching courts being built adjacent to Scurry County Coliseum. Twelve courts that are sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitching Association will be built. (SDN Staff Photo)

Filing period for council, school boards set to begin

Scurry County citizens interested in running for a seat on Snyder City Council or one of four school trustee boards can file as early as Monday morning.

Candidate filing begins at the open of business at City Hall and the Western Texas College, Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira ISD business offices. The filing period runs through March 20, with the election set for May 4.

Those planning to file for city council or Snyder ISD board must reside in a specific area within the city or school district. Seats up for election on the Ira, Hermleigh and WTC board are all at-large and those filing must reside only within the particular school or junior college district.

Snyder ISD

Up for election are Place 1, Place 4 and Place 5, currently held by Glenn Clarady, Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling, respectively. Because Monday is President's Day and a school holiday, first-day filing hours will be held only from 9 a.m. until noon. During spring break, March 10-15, hours will also be 9 a.m.-noon. Regular hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Snyder City Council

Places up for election are Place 1, 2, 3 and 4, held respectively by Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb, Kenny Gambrell and I.E. Martin. Filing is held at City Hall during business hours.

Western Texas College

Seats up for election are Places 1 and 2, held by Bill Wilson Jr. and Carl Williams, respectively. Filing is held at the administration building during business hours. Special arrangements will be made for spring break.

Ira ISD

Places up for election are Place 1, 2 and 3, held by Sid Wall, Kirby Sterling and Lance Autry, respectively. Filing will be held during regular business hours. During holidays, including spring break, notices will be posted on the administration building door as to how potential candidates may file.

Hermleigh ISD

There are two full terms and one unexpired term up for election. The two full terms are held by Milton Adams and James Rinehart; the one-year unexpired term is held by Jay Roemisch. During holidays, including spring break, notices will be posted on the administration building door as to how potential candidates may file.

UWSA to sponsor candidate forum

Early voting begins Wednesday in the March 12 Republican and Democratic Party primaries and with that in mind, United We Stand, America is hosting a candidate forum Monday evening.

The forum will begin at 7 o'clock in Towle Park Barn and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Six candidates for local office and two for State Representative have confirmed they will attend.

They include Joe Cheyne and Kerry Fritz, candidates for sheriff; Dena Reecer and Michael W. Hartman, candidates for county attorney; Pete Greene, candidate for district attorney; and Max Beasley, candidate for Precinct 1 county commissioner.

Others are Carl Willingham and Scott McLaughlin, candidates for State Representative.

UWSA anticipates that several other candidates may also speak.

Each candidate will be given a short time to state his or her platform. A question and answer period will follow.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's hard to believe there was once a time when clothing and music were handed down to the next generation."

The same day that Congress passed what has been described as landmark legislation, we sat through a related program at the Snyder Rotary Club.

The landmark legislation is a telecommunications bill which is said to be a high tech road map into the 21st Century.

The Rotary Club program had something to do with fiber optics. We listened to the presentation and we read the stories about the new legislation and arrived at one concrete conclusion — we're obsolete.

We can turn on a computer, and we have been known to even get one back up and running. It was an accident, of course. We had a monitor that was doing a horizontal roll.

We called the computer expert in Kansas and changed all the boards and checked all the connections. The horizonal roll continued. In frustration, we pounded the top of the monitor, and the results of the Bubbatech approach is still working.

Just last week we got a call from one of those big advertising places in New York. They wanted to know our E-mail address. We had to admit we knew how to operate the fax machine, but learning to run the VCR is still on our list of things to do.

Now the guy at Rotary Club said Snyder cannot only have internet and E-mail, but we can have, with the right hookup and hardware, a video tele-conference. You have to furnish your own donuts.

One application did make a lot of sense. The speaker told of a specialist in a big city being able to consult on a medical X-ray taken locally.

Schools are looking to hookups that will allow master teachers in specialized fields to lecture and respond to audience questions.

We read recently that one month's developments in computer can put you a year behind in technology. The way we calculate it, using a No. 2 pencil, we're basically a life-time behind the learning curve.

While we have to admit that the computer thing is here to stay, we're discovering that our yearn-to-learn curve may have a flat.

It reminds us of a story about the kid who wanted to buy his buddy a birthday present. The mother suggested a book.

"Naw, that won't work," the kid said. "Johnny already has a book."

Jehovah's Witnesses hold circuit assembly at coliseum

Some 2,500 people were expected to attend the Circuit 18 Assembly of the Jehovah's Witnesses, which opened Saturday morning at Scurry County Coliseum.

The day-long assembly for instruction and worship is open to the public.

Those attending include residents of Coleman, Brownwood, San Angelo, Ballinger, Colorado City, Sweetwater, Abilene, Midland and Snyder.

The assembly began at 10 o'clock. A lunch break was planned and instruction was to conclude about 5 p.m.

A local spokesperson said the event should be a large benefit to the economy as assembly-goers have filled motel rooms and many will be eating in local restaurants.

WTC to stage 'American Primitive'

Western Texas College drama department will present "American Primitive or John & Abigail," a play by William Gibson, on Feb. 28-29 and March 1-2 at the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Curtain time is 8 o'clock each evening. Friday and Saturday performances will be preceded by a dinner in the campus dining hall.

The script for "American Primitive" is based on the writings of John and Abigail Adams and takes place during the Revolutionary War.

The production is under the direction and management of the WTC drama department students. Faculty involvement has been limited to consultation.

Directing the drama is Michael McQuerry, a freshman from Snyder. Cast members are Josh Palmer of Snyder as John Adams, Kari Ferris of Abilene as Abigail Adams, Patsy Dunavant of Early as a young John Quincy Adams and Sally Allen as Nabby Adams.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens. There is no charge for WTC students or faculty. Groups of 10 or more will be admitted for $2 per person.

Dinner reservations are $10 each and must be made by Feb. 23. The meal price does not include admission to the play.

Reservations may be made through the Fine Arts Theatre box office or by calling 573-8511, ext. 233.

Circus Gatti here Tuesday

It's almost show time again as clowns, tigers, elephants and high wire acts will invade Scurry Coliseum Colisum on Tuesday for the "32nd Anniversary Edition" of Circus Gatti.

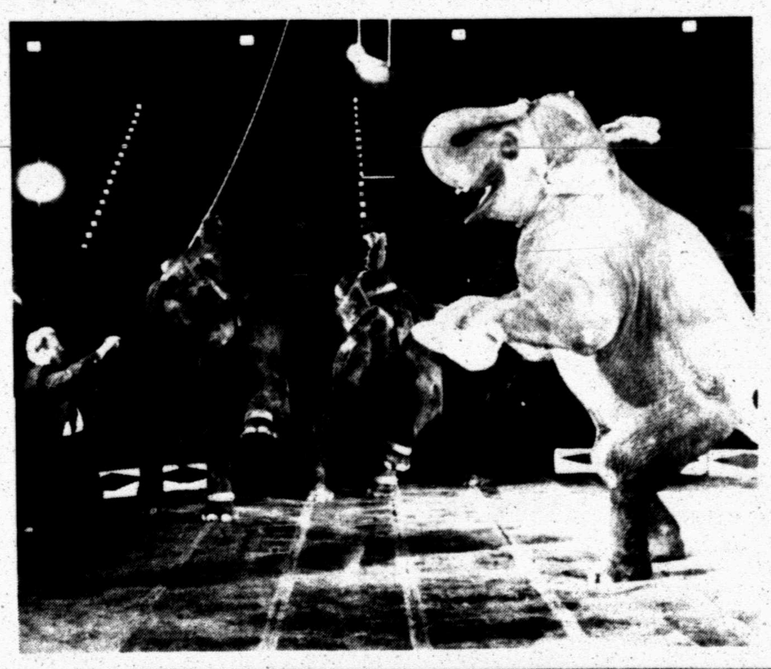
The circus, sponsored by the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse, will perform shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The circus will again feature an elephant show under the guidance of veteran wild animal trainer John Pelton plus a cage full of wild tigers trained by Yaro Hoffman.

Circus Gatti is a family-owned operation that is in its second generation of family involvement.

It was founded by Matthew J. Gatti and is now produced by his daughters, Carole and Patricia Gatti.

Free children's tickets are available at various businesses here.



Tickets are available now for latest Ritz production

Ritz Community Theatre's production of "The Odd Couple" opens its six-day run Friday.

The production is the female version of playwright Neil Simon's highly successful "The Odd Couple" of the 1960s, updated for a more modern audience.

Play dates are Feb. 23-25 and March 1-3. Sunday performances are at 2:30 p.m.; all other performances begin at 8 o'clock.

Tickets to the general public are on sale now. Reservations may be made by calling the Senior Citizens Center between 2 and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Director of the play is Cylathia Daniel, who also plays the part of Olive. Ms. Daniel played Mrs. Yaksalotsky in "A Shakey Tale of Dr. Jakey." Debbie Smith, a newcomer to the Ritz stage, plays Florence.

Olive and Florence are part of a group of friends who gather at Olive's apartment to play Trivial Pursuit.

Members of the group are Vera, played by Monette O'Day, and Sylvie, played by Jackie Carroll.

Others in the cast are Renee, played by Mary Higdon, and Micky, a policewoman played by Teresa Phillips. Ms. Phillips appeared in the Ritz production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Mike Harrison, who appeared in "Barefoot in the Park," plays Manolo Costazuela. Ygnacio Benitez Jr., another Ritz newcomer, plays Jesus Costazuela.

The phone number for reservations is 573-4035.

ASK US

Q—When the state starts working on the widening of 30th Street, will traffic be detoured to another east-west street?

A—Present plans call for two lanes of traffic to be open at all times during the construction phase.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 51 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 35; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday, mostly sunny and warmer. High, mid 70s. S wind 10-20 mph, becoming N 5-15 mph, late afternoon. Sunday, mostly sunny. High around 80. Light wind early, becoming S-SW 10-20 mph, gusty by afternoon.

Sunset:
6:32 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:58 a.m.
Of 47 days in 1996, the sun has shone 44 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A just balance and scales belong to the Lord; All the weights of the bag are His concern.

Proverbs 16:11

Buchanan counting on Christian vote

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Pat Buchanan is counting on conservative Christian voters to help carry him past Sen. Bob Dole in Tuesday's Republican presidential primary, but he is sure to face increased scrutiny about his campaign's alleged links to white supremacists.

Buchanan appears the natural choice for socially conservative, anti-abortion voters now that Phil Gramm has withdrawn from the Republican presidential race.

This group, however, is smaller in New Hampshire than in Iowa, where the Christian right helped Buchanan to a second-place finish behind Dole, the Senate majority leader.

"I will be the most pro-life candidate in the history of this country," Buchanan said Friday night during the New Hampshire Christian Coalition's "God and Country Rally."

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, radio talk show host Alan Keyes and California Rep. Bob Dornan also attended, but commentator Buchanan was the crowd favorite. Dole and publisher Steve Forbes skipped the event for a Republican dinner in Nashua.

"I will never walk away from you," commentator Buchanan told the crowd, which braved heavy snow to attend.

Recent polls have Buchanan, Dole and Alexander running close together in New Hampshire. Buchanan could win if he gets the full support of conservatives and the others split the moderate vote.

"I welcome the Christian Coalition's involvement in politics," Alexander said at the rally, ending a day in which Dole and Alexander attacked one another on taxes and Buchanan faced criticism for his views on trade.

Buchanan rushed out a new TV ad noting five Dole votes for tax increases in the past two decades.

"Now he tells us he'll balance the budget and cut our taxes," the narrator in the Buchanan ad says. "What do you think?"

But Buchanan is sure to face questions himself after the second campaign aide in as many days was pushed aside when questions were raised about ties to white supremacists.

Susan Lamb was acting Duval County (Jacksonville) chairwoman for Buchanan's presidential campaign in Florida and also serves as local leader of the National Association for the Advancement of White People. The campaign fired her when it learned about her NAAWP position.

On Thursday, Buchanan's national campaign co-chairman, Larry Pratt, stepped aside after reports linked him to white supremacists and right-wing militia leaders. Buchanan defended Pratt during the nationally televised debate among the Republican candidates Thursday and said he was certain the charges were untrue.

Dole's campaign has portrayed Buchanan as too extreme in his views and continued the theme with a new ad featuring New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill, his general campaign chairman.

"Pat Buchanan's own statements make him unelectable," Merrill says in the new spot. "And Lamar Alexander's tax-and-spend record is too liberal for New Hampshire."

Merrill told reporters that Alexander in 1985 proposed amending the Tennessee constitution to establish a state income tax.

Another Dole ad, launched Thursday, labels Alexander a liberal on taxes, spending and crime. It cites tax and spending increases during Alexander's tenure as Tennessee governor and his approval of legislation that allowed prisoners to be released after serving less than half of their terms.

In response, Alexander said that when he left office, Tennessee had the nation's fifth-lowest tax rate. Given the federal budget mess, he added, "I think it is absolutely ludicrous to have Senator Dole lecturing me about fiscal discipline."

Forbes, meantime, criticized Buchanan's "isolationism" and, promoting his flat-tax plan, asserted he was "the only real economic conservative in the race."

In an effort to reverse his slide here, Forbes purchased a half-hour of time Sunday night on New Hampshire TV for a call-in program, pre-empting "America's Funniest Home Videos." Aides said their polling showed Forbes battling Alexander for third place.

Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, running far behind the pack, told a reporter, "I think Americans want ... someone who has the vision to understand what needs to be done and has the skills to bring it off."

Dole, who spent part of a snowy day at dog sled races, claimed victory in the debate and predicted victory on Tuesday.

"We took a lot of arrows," he said of being the prime target of debate attacks. "We're still pulling a few out."

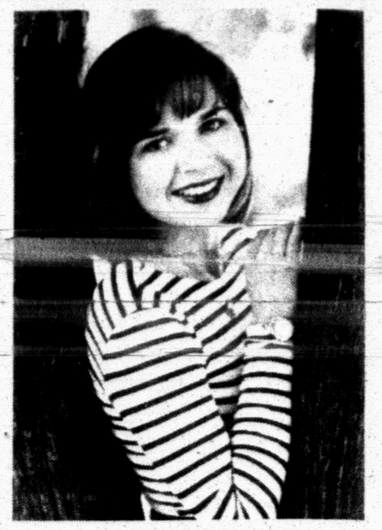
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Sara McDonald

McDonald named to honor roll

DALLAS — Sara Elizabeth McDonald, a junior at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

To be listed on the SMU Honor Roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the 18 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

Spring Bash set March 16

SWEETWATER — The first annual Spring Break Bash is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, with youth ages from 4 to 25 invited to participate and adults welcome as spectators.

The all-day event will begin at 1 p.m. at the former Club Stardust at Interstate 20 and Arizona Street.

No alcohol or tobacco products will be allowed.

The Bash will include a Talent Show, Greek Show (stomps), a Car Show and After Party.

Car/Truck Show: Entry open to males and females age 16-25 who own or co-own their vehicle.No professional car/truck clubs are allowed. There is a $10 entry fee. From 1-3 p.m.

Greek Show: Performance by groups only. This is an exhibition, not a competition. Groups can represent school, social club or organization, or community. From 3-5 p.m.

Talent Show: Ages 4-24 by category; judged on presence, poise, composure, music.

After Party: From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No children under 13 will be allowed. Entertainment includes videos, music, arcade, food and dancing.

Admission to the After Party is $3 for ages 13-25 and $5 to above-25 adults who have attended the Car Show, Greek Show or Talent Show. Admission to the Car Show only (adults over 25) is $2.

For children age 12 and under, admission is free for the Car Show, Greek Show and Talent Show.

For entry and ticket information, contact Rod Amos at 915 235-8354 or 235-4262.



Michelle Acosta Candanoza

Acosta graduates

LUBBOCK — Michelle Candanoza Acosta received a bachelor's degree in Social Welfare from Texas Tech University in December.

She is the daughter of Nancy and Andres Candanoza of Snyder.

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Charles Dickens maintained that a good night's sleep was only possible if one's bed pointed due north. He thought that in that position, the earth's magnetic currents would flow through the sleeper in a straight line.

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The Snyder Daily News is guaranteeing results. A three-inch rain in the next 45 days means Snyder National Bank will pay double for the ad. If it doesn't rain, the ad is free.

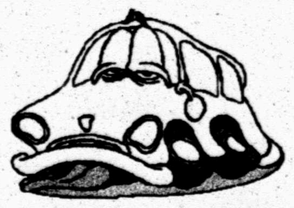
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EASIER WAY TO CHANGE OIL - The city of Snyder is offering oil catch pans free of charge to individuals who change their own oil and use the city's oil collection containers located at the city barn and at the landfill. Ron Wilson, center, holds one of the pans while Carolyn House and Bobby Kenner look on. The pans are available on a first-come, first serve basis at the city barn. (SDN Staff Photo)

McLean Stevenson, original star of 'M-A-S-H' dies at 66

LOS ANGELES (AP) — McLean Stevenson, who played the womanizing, goof-off Lt. Col. Henry Blake on TV's "M-A-S-H," has died at age 66.

Stevenson died of a heart attack late Thursday at a hospital, his agent, Robert Malcolm, said.

Stevenson played the commanding officer of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, for the first three seasons of "M-A-S-H." The role won him a 1973 Golden Globe Award and a 1974 Emmy nomination.

In the series, Blake died when his plane was lost at sea as he returned to the United States.

"McLean Stevenson was one of the kindest, most sensitive people I've worked with or known," said Gary Burghoff, who played Blake's clerk, Radar O'Reilly. "My personal sense of loss is magnified a thousand times by what this kind, funny gentleman has meant to all those who knew him."

Jamie Farr, who played Cpl. Maxwell Klinger on "M-A-S-H," praised Stevenson's comic sense.

"Mac had a tickle inside of him. Everything he said was funny — on and off the set," Farr said Friday. "He always had a smile, always had good things to say."

Stevenson quit the series, "to see what I can do on my own," he told The Associated Press in 1975. "For five years I've been playing second banana in filmed comedy series, first on 'The Doris Day Show' and then 'M-A-S-H,'" he said.

"Sure, I'll be losing a lot of money," he said. "But so what? How many Jaguars can I drive? My needs are very small."

Stevenson later said leaving the series was the mistake of his career.

After "M-A-S-H," he appeared in a handful of short-lived series, even his own, "The McLean Stevenson Show." He also appeared in "Hello, Larry" and "Condo."

Born in Bloomington, Ill., Stevenson was the son of a cardiologist. He worked on the losing presidential campaign of his cousin and next-door neighbor, Adlai Stevenson.

He was 31 before he broke into acting after careers as a medical supplies salesman, insurance clerk, seaman and assistant director of athletics at Northwestern University, where he earned a theater arts degree.

"I had nine jobs in eight years and I didn't like any of them," he told the AP. He was walking across a football field when he decided to go into show business.

"I watched those poor slobs practicing like crazy, knowing that if they didn't block they wouldn't get paid," he recalled. "It was crazy to stay in college athletics unless you were a coach. I decided to go to New York and become an actor."



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City giveaway plan to benefit residents who change own oil

If you are a "do-it-yourself- oil changer," the city of Snyder has a gift for you courtesy of the West Central Council of Governments and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The city has received a supply of oil catch pans to be given away to citizens who change their own oil and use the oil collection containers at the city barn on 37th Street or at the city's landfill.

They will be given away on a first-come/first serve basis beginning Tuesday as long as the supply lasts, said Bobby Kenner, the city's sanitation superintendent.

Kenner reminds everyone that the free oil catch containers and the use of the collection containers are for the use of individuals who change their own oil.

The pans were obtained through a grant from the WTCOG and TNRCC. With the same grant, the city was able to locate an additional used oil collection container at the city landfill.

Used oil filters may be disposed of inside the city yard on 37th Street.

"If you are unsure of how to use the containers or need any kind of help with the containers, let one of the employees at the yard know and we'll be glad to help," said Kenner.

Citizens are urged not to leave containers full of used oil sitting by the oil collection containers. The TNRCC requires that only used motor oil can be disposed of through the program and it must be placed inthe collection container provided.

If individuals have any questions on the program, please contact Carolyn House at city hall or call 573-4960.

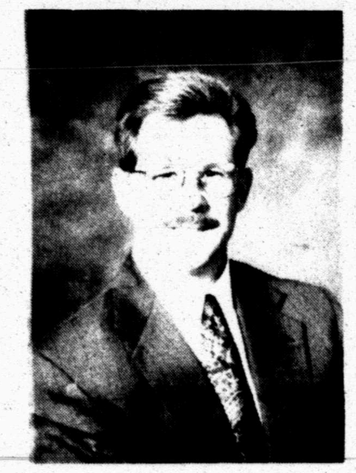
Woman charged with trying to solicit ex-husband's murder

BEDFORD (AP) — A Euless woman faces charges that she offered a teen-age boy money to kill her ex-husband.

At first, the teen thought the woman was joking, but went to police after she kept repeating the request.

Brenda Morris, 29, of Euless was arrested late Thursday at the convenience store where she worked. She was arraigned Friday on a charge of solicitation of capital murder. She was in the Bedford Jail with bail set at $100,000.

Elect MICHAEL HARTMAN County Attorney
Republican Primary, March 12th



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- Over 4 years experience representing local governmental entities
- Part-time government instructor at Western Texas College
- Co-owner of Cooley & Hartman P.C. law firm, located in Snyder (formerly Rosser, Armstrong, Cooley & Hartman P.C.)
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Aqua Aerobics Jan 23 - May 2, 28 classes, 28 hrs
Tues & Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm, $54,
Instructor: Mike Harrison

Bridge: Duplicate Bridge for Beginners
May 2 - 30, 5 classes, 10 hrs, Thurs, 7-9 pm,
$20 + text
Instructor: Jane Hinton

Business: From Start-Up to Stability Mar 23,
1 class, 6 hrs, Sat, 9am-4pm, No Charge
Instructor: Ann Hulett

Childcare: Basic Childcare & Development, Pt. 2 Feb 19 - May 20, 13 classes, 40 hrs, Mon, 6:30-9:20 pm, $60 + text
Instructor: Dee Wilson

Computer Courses

Windows Operating System, Post, Texas
Feb 27 - Mar 26, 4 classes, 10 hrs, Tues,
7-9:30 pm, $35 + text
Instructor: Melvena Moore

Windows Operating System
Feb 27 - Mar 5, 2 classes, 10 hrs, Tues, 6-10 pm,
$35 + text
Instructor: Tammy Wesson

Windows Operating System
Apr 18 - Apr 25, 2 classes, 10 hrs, Thurs,
6-10 pm, $35 + text
Instructor: Tammy Wesson

WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows Mar 21 - Mar 28,
3 classes, 10 hrs, Tues & Thurs, 6:30-9:30 pm,
$35 + text
Instructor: Tammy Wesson

Culinary Delights

The Art of Cooking: Baked Goods and Desserts & Soups, Sauces, Side Dishes, and Sandwiches
Feb 27 - Apr 25, 16 classes, 32 hrs,
Tues & Thurs, 7-9 pm, $88
Instructor: Chuck Jarrett

Correctional Officer Training—COT 41A
Apr 15 - May 8, 18 classes, 145 hrs, Mon - Fri,
8am-5pm, $300
Instructor: Leanord Dodgen

Country Western Dancing Mar 18 - May 6,
8 classes, 16 hrs, Mon, 7-9 pm, $35/cpl,
$20/sgl
Instructor: Valerie Moss-Greene

Drama for Kids

Drama for Kids
Session 1— 4-5 pm, (2nd - 4th graders)
Session 2— 5:15-6:15 pm, (5th & 6th graders)
Mar 19 - Apr 25, 12 sessions, 12 hrs,
Tues & Thurs, (see times above), $30
Instructor: Ellie Dryden

Driver Education
Jan 15 - Feb 12, 4-6 pm
Mar 18 - Apr 15, 4-6 pm
May 28 - Jun 25, 1-3 pm
All Driver Ed courses are: 16 classes,
34 hrs, $300, (Instructors vary)

Emergency Medical Services

EMT Basic/Aspermont Jan 3 - May 23,
91 classes, 160.5 hrs, Mon - Fri,
10:30-12 noon, Contract class
Instructor: Dennis Holt

EMT Update—Basic (Snyder)
Feb 19 - April 29, 11 classes, 44 hrs, Mon,
6-10 pm, $75
Instructor: Ralph Hendricks

EMT Intermediate Refresher (Hamlin)
Feb 20 - May 1, 16 classes, 64 hrs,
Tues/Tues & Wed (alternating)
6-10 pm, $108— Instructor: Andy Arnold

EMT Paramedic Refresher (Hamlin)
Feb 20 - May 28, 21 classes, 84 hrs,
Tues/Tues & Wed (alternating)
6-10 pm, $144— Instructor: Andy Arnold

Floral Design Feb 26 - Apr 1, 6 classes, 18 hrs,
Mon, 6:30-9:30 pm, $35
Instructor: Sue Travis

GED Classes Tues/Wed/Thurs, 8-11:30 am,
Tues/Thurs, 6-9 pm, Learning Resource Center
Coordinator: Mrs. Gerri Parker

Home Health Aide Apr 15 - Jun 10, 8 classes,
24 hrs, Mon, 6-9 pm, $60, ***Student must be a certified nurse aide to enroll.***
Instructor: Velma Clay

Image Feb 26 - Mar 29, 8 classes, 24 hrs, Mon &
Fri, 9-11:30 am, No Charge
Instructor: Carolyn Osborn

Lawn Care—Taming the "Beast"
Apr 2 - Apr 23, 4 classes, 12 hrs, Tues,
6:30-9:20 pm, $25
Instructor: Buck Buckland

Nurse Aide Mar 8 - Apr 13, (Testing on Apr 19 & 26), 11 classes, 75 hrs, Days and times vary
(call office), $270
Instructor: Velma Clay

Photography: Beginning Black and White
Apr 3 - May 8, 6 classes, 18 hrs, Wed,
6:30-9:20 pm, $42
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Sign Language

A beginning/intermediate conversational sign language class has been scheduled to begin Feb. 20 and run through May 14. The course will meet on Tuesday evenings in Room 2C-104 on the WTC campus.

The course is designed for workers with the deaf and will focus on American sign language and English idioms and expansion of vocabulary.

Instructor is Cylathia Daniel, the hearing impaired instructor at Northeast Elementary.

Cost for the course is $45.

Substitute Teacher

Training for substitute teachers has been set to begin Monday, March 4. Mrs. Geraldine Parker, retired SISD elementary school principal, will be the instructor for the five week class scheduled to run through April 8th. Classes will meet from 6-9 p.m. Mondays in the GED classroom located in the WTC Learning Resource Center. Cost for the class is $25.

Culinary Delights

The WTC Continuing Education Division has scheduled the ideal introductory course for individuals wanting to enter the food service and restaurant industries at a good wage.

Culinary Delights; The Art of Cooking Baked Goods, Desserts, Soups, Sauces, Sandwiches and Side Dishes, is slated to start Tuesday, Feb. 27. The eight-week course will meet from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the WTC cafeteria through April 25.

Instructor will be Chuck Jarrett, Food Service Director for the Great Western Dining Service. Jarrett, who has trained under numerous nationally and internationally acclaimed chefs has had the opportunity to acquire and enhance procedures and techniques for preparing many different and unique cuisines.

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Cost for the course is $88 which includes tuition and food supplies. A $25 food supply despoit is required (deposit applies to cost of the course).

Man accused of making young Mexicans slaves sentenced to prison

AUSTIN (AP) — A man called an "American nightmare" by prosecutors was sentenced to life in prison after two witnesses describing living in virtual slavery filled with beatings, forced sex and death threats.

Jose Fonseca Najera, 41, must serve at least 30 years before he is eligible for parole. On Thursday, a jury convicted Najera, who is HIV-positive, of exposing himself to a 15-year-old boy in the course of raping 16-year-old Maria Escalante. Days later, the girl died of exposure when Najera locked her out of the house.

Prosecutor Gail Vanwinkle called Najera an "American nightmare." In court Friday, two other illegal immigrants recruited by Najera relived that nightmare.

Authorities say they know of six Mexican nationals, including Miss Escalante, who were physically abused under Najera's roof. Five came from the same rural area in the state of Guanajuato; one remains missing.

A man from San Luis Potosi in north-central Mexico said he was a 16-year-old illegal immigrant when Najera found him and two friends hitchhiking along Interstate 35.

He said Najera took them in, fed them and gave them work in his yard for two weeks before sending his friends on to Dallas, their original destination.

Najera said he could stay because he was a good worker, the man said. But after a few days, "he started changing. He started getting angry. He started threatening me," the man said.

Kidnapped teller joked with robber

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A bank teller who was kidnapped at gunpoint by a robber Friday in Rockport said she tried to calm her nervous abductor by joking with him and asking about his family.

Even after the man had fired a shot through the bank window, the teller, 20-year-old Jennifer Sutton, made small-talk.

"My attitude is just so carefree, if I don't know somebody, I'm going to make conversation with them anyway," Ms. Sutton said a few hours after the robber released her.

After robbing International Bank of Commerce, the man forced Ms. Sutton into her Pontiac Grand Am and demanded that she give him a ride, police said.

"He was just freaking out," Ms. Sutton told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "I was just trying to make small talk I'm a joking-type person. I was just telling him to put the seatbelt on. I asked him if he liked music, and he said, 'Yes, but not at this time.' "

Mooar marker unveiling set

A historical marker honoring famous buffalo hunter J. Wright Mooar will be unveiled Saturday, Feb. 24, some 7.5 miles northwest of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84.

The Scurry County Historical Commission invites the public to the unveiling, set for 10 a.m.

It was on Oct. 7, 1876 that Mooar killed a white buffalo about 10 miles northwest of Snyder on Deep Creek. When his buffalo hunting days ended, Mooar became a Scurry County rancher and businessman. He and his brother, John, partners in the hunting operation, were also partners in the Scurry County ranch and a livery stable in Colorado City.

Mooar died in Snyder in 1940 at the age of 89. The third annual White Buffalo Festival honoring him is planned for Oct. 4-5.

The new marker is a near duplicate of the one on the northwest corner of the courthouse square which has been in place since 1967. Some wording was changed at the suggestion of the Texas Historical Commission to make the text flow more smoothly. It was also necessary to change information describing the distance from the marker to the place on Deep Creek where Mooar had made his first hunting camp in Scurry County.

Visitors can drive 2.8 miles south of the new marker on County Road 253 to see the White Buffalo Park, built on land donated by Mooar's granddaughter, Judy Hayes, and her husband, S.D. Hays Jr.

The park is across the road from the place where the white buffalo was killed.



NEARING COMPLETION — Tony Baugh, left, foreman for Harris Accoustics and Tommy Collum look over the remodeling of the former Munden's building which will soon house the offices of the Texas Department of Human Services. (SDN Staff Photo)

Vaccine program is called success

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The recent air raids on wildlife rabies in South and West Texas is being called a success.

The effort, now in its second year of combating an epidemic of rabies in coyotes in South Texas, also was aimed at an outbreak of the disease in grey foxes in West Texas this year.

The air drops of vaccine ended on Feb. 3.

"The number of rabies cases has almost come to a standstill," said Leon Russell, professor of epidemiology at Texas A&M's veterinary college.

Officials said Friday that about 2.5 million vaccine packets were dropped this year. The drops covered some 40,000 square miles.

The rabies outbreak among South Texas coyotes began moving north from the Rio Grande toward San Antonio several years ago. The rabies strain, which can occur in both domesticated dogs and coyotes, killed two people in South Texas in 1991 and 1994. It had been eliminated from the dog population through vaccination until then.

Planes dropped a fishmeal bait that's tasty to coyotes in a wide band roughly from Corpus Christi to San Antonio to Laredo, and in a narrower band along the Rio Grande.

No signs of sabotage found

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Federal investigators said Friday they have no evidence that sabotage was behind a runaway train wreck this week that left nine railroad workers injured.

"The NTSB is conducting an accident investigation," said Bob Lauby, chief of the National Transportation Safety Board's railroad division. "To my knowledge, there is no criminal investigation ongoing."

The train rammed into parked locomotives in the Canadian Pacific rail yard in St. Paul late Wednesday, sending 44 cars and six locomotives off the tracks. Nine workers were injured.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe said shortly after the derailment that signs of tampering were discovered in the wreckage. The NTSB never suggested that the wreck was deliberate.

Lauby said Burlington Northern asked federal officials to investigate because a closed brake valve was discovered on the train.

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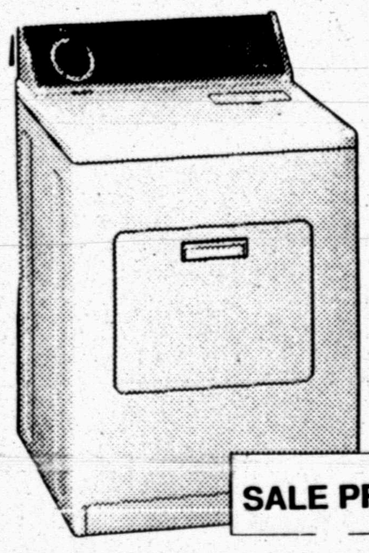
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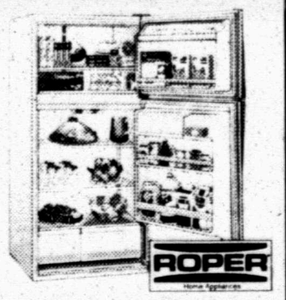
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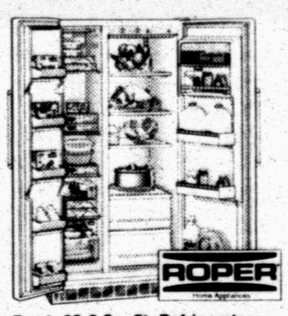
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Attorney general sued in attempt to block tobacco suit

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Gov. Kirk Fordice wants the state Supreme Court to order state Attorney General Mike Moore to drop his lawsuit against the tobacco industry over health costs to taxpayers.

Moore sued Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. and 12 other cigarette makers in 1994 in an attempt to recoup Medicaid money spent on indigents with smoking-related illnesses. He has accused the companies of lying and altering research.

Fordice, in suing Friday to block the lawsuit, accused Moore of overstepping his authority. He said Moore's lawsuit is about "big bucks, big money and big publicity."

Moore responded that he was "appalled" by Fordice's actions, and called the governor an instrument of the tobacco industry, a "new Marlboro man."

"Our governor has chosen to take the side of an industry that has lied and killed 425,000 people a year in the past 30 years," Moore said.

He said the state spends $100 million a year treating poor people with tobacco-related diseases. "We don't have a choice whether to treat them or not," he said.

Fordice, who has pressed for limits on damage lawsuits, said the issue was not whether cigarettes are harmful, but one of jurisdiction.

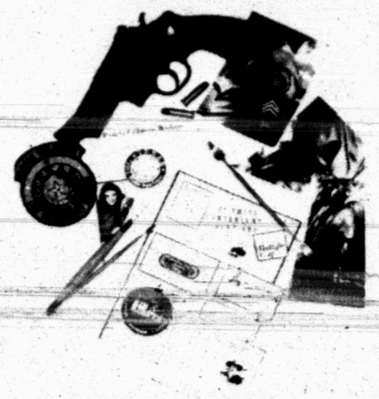
Fordice argued that if Moore is attorney for the Medicaid Division and that division is part of the governor's office, then Fordice is Moore's client.

Moore said the Medicaid division is not a party to the lawsuit. He said the lawsuit was filed on behalf of the state of Mississippi.

Moore said the issue of his authority to file the lawsuit was settled last year when a state judge ruled the attorney general is the state's legal officer and has sole right to initiate lawsuits on the state's behalf. The ruling has not been appealed.

Fordice, a conservative Republican, accepted tobacco industry money during his successful re-election bid in November. Moore, a Democrat who won a third term last fall, received campaign contributions from trial lawyers who have filed product liability lawsuits against tobacco companies.

The chief witness in Moore's lawsuit is Jeffrey Wigand, the former Brown & Williamson executive who, in a controversial interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," accused the company's president of lying to Congress about the addictiveness of nicotine.



ALMOST FINISHED — A montage of objects in the artist's studio includes the tools of dissimilar trades. The sculpture's research photos and delicate wire loops nestle inside the game warden's weapons and insignia. The memorial sculpture itself will not be available for photos or public viewing until its official unveiling next summer. (Contributed Photo)

Bronze by ex-resident almost ready

The life sized bronze sculpture commissioned by the Texas Game Wardens Association to honor game wardens killed in the line of duty is nearing completion at the hands of Buffalo Gap artist Pamela Gilbreath Watkins, former Snyder resident and ex-Western Texas College student.

Underway since August, the preliminary clay model has recently been viewed and approved for casting by the sculpture committee for the Texas Game Wardens Association whose members expressed particular satisfaction with the sculpture's attitude of honor and reverence to the 13 officers who have lost their lives in service to Texas.

They include: Joe Wiliams and Harry Raymond, 1919; Claude R. Murchison, 1938; R.M. Wynne, 1948; Gus A. Engeling, 1951; Claude Keller, 1956; J.D. Murphree, 1963; Joe Evans, 1965; Lloyd Gustin, 1968; Ronnie Germany, 1973; James Daughtrey, 1978; and Barry Decker and Bruce Hill, 1990.

The bronze is scheduled for installation in July of this year.

'Pat' Brown, ex-governor of California, dead at 90

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, the affable former California governor who guided the state government's startling growth in the '60s and whose son followed him as governor in the '70s, died Friday. He was 90.

Brown died at his home of a heart attack, but had been ill for some time, said his granddaughter, Kathleen Kelly. His wife, Bernice, was at his side.

Brown was the father of Jerry Brown, two-term governor and three-time presidential candidate, and one-time state Treasurer Kathleen Brown, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1994.

"Pat Brown was a true California pathfinder who blazed trails through California's history. The legacy he built touches the life of every Californian," Republican Gov. Pete Wilson said in a 1992 tribute.

During Brown's eight years as governor, 1959 to 1967, California's population grew by 32 percent, to nearly 19 million. The growth made California the most-populous state.

Unlike his son, who questioned and sometimes discouraged growth, Pat Brown gloried in it. He launched the country's most ambitious public works program, including 1,000 miles of freeways, 11 university campuses, and the California Water Project, a $3 billion, 475-mile-long network of reservoirs, aqueducts and pumping plants.

In that era when government action enjoyed wide support, Brown also was a major force behind the enactment of state laws outlawing racial discrimination in jobs and housing, created a consumer protection agency and backed legislation creating Medi-Cal, a health-care program for the poor.

In three campaigns for governor, Brown faced the three most formidable California Republicans of his era — including two who later became president — and won twice.

In all, Brown served 23 years in public office, including seven as district attorney of San Francisco and eight years as the state's attorney general.

Edmund Gerald Brown was born April 21, 1905, in San Francisco, a third-generation Californian whose grandfather had driven a stage in Gold Rush days. He got his nickname "Pat" as a child, for "Patrick Henry Brown," honoring a rousing speech he gave in school.

Museum plans 'Independence' celebration

The public is invited to attend a Texas Independence celebration at Scurry County Museum from 1 until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, hosted by the museum and county historical commission.

The museum will feature photographs of Scurry County ranch houses made by former Snyder resident Dudley Cramer as well as a small display of artifacts from its permanent collection.

The commission will show a 30-minute video titled "Historic Homes of Scurry County," which includes on and near the courthouse square and exterior views of 15 houses. The video will be shown at 1:30, 2:15 and 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Admission is free but donations are welcome. Visitors can also tour the permanent exhibit gallery and shop in the museum gift shop.

The museum will host a high school art competition March 2 when the college Fine Arts Division will be holding open house for area high schools.

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Dorfman brushes off new reports of broadened probe

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock reporter Dan Dorfman gave his market commentary on CNBC as usual on Friday and then brushed off a question about a report that federal officials had widened a criminal probe of him.

The Wall Street Journal, in a front-page article, had said the federal investigation of Dorfman has gone beyond his dealings with a specific stock promoter to include whether he personally profited from his reports by trading on them or tipping others in exchange for favors.

This week, it reported, the U.S. attorney's office in Brooklyn issued subpoenas to at least two of Dorfman's former employers seeking information about his work history. The employers were not identified.

The U.S. attorney's office would not confirm or deny the reports of an investigation.

The Journal also charged that Dorfman maintains a brokerage account, inactive for several years, that once was managed by one of his frequent sources. The broker has since left the business after being acquitted of fraud charges, it said.

In a statement on Friday, cable network CNBC stood behind Dorfman.

"The network has no reason to believe he has violated any law or failed to adhere to the policies of the company," CNBC said, noting that it has been conducting an internal review of the published allegations against Dorfman in which he has cooperated fully.

"Dan Dorfman provides our viewers with responsible and substantive information and his role with the network is unchanged," CNBC continued.

Financial Focus

Warning labels don't make best-sellers. Most of us avoid reading them because they can be uninteresting and they seldom say anything we don't already know.

For example, take one of the "warning labels" on mutual funds. Among the disclaimers that appear in every mutual fund prospectus is a warning that no one can foresee the future or guarantee results. This is not news to most people.

But even though people know this fact, they often ignore it. The disclaimers are put in writing to enable investors to make better-informed decisions and perhaps to protect them from sometimes-overenthusiastic salespeople.

One of the typical mutual fund warnings is that there is no assurance the fund will meet its stated objectives. Every fund must clearly state in its prospectus what it is designed to do. If you're looking for regular income, you don't want to invest in an aggressive growth fund - and you won't, if you read the section of the prospectus listing the fund's objectives.

And if you read the warnings, you will also know that there is no guarantee the fund will meet these objectives. Even though the fund's managers are legally bound to their objectives, they can't guarantee they will achieve them. That's a reasonable warning that should encourage investors to examine the fund's history of meeting its objectives.

That brings us to another warning: Past performance is not a promise of future performance. This is possibly the most difficult warning to accept. For many people, past performance is an integral part of investment decisions. Evaluating a fund's long-term historical performance through all market climates is a good practice. A long track record may provide reasonable expectations for the future - but even then, it is not a promise of future results.

Another important warning is that the investment return and principal value of mutual fund shares will fluctuate. With the opportunity for gain also comes the risk of loss. Just like an individual stock, at any time an investor's shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. Additionally, the dividends that a mutual fund shareholder receives will fluctuate depending on the dividends and income that the mutual fund receives from its investments. For example, when interest rates on U.S. Treasury bonds declined, so did the dividends paid by mutual funds that invested in these securities. As older, higher-paying bonds matured, mutual funds replaced them with newer, lower-paying bonds, therefore decreasing the dividends these funds could pay to their shareholders. Investors should not have been surprised, since they were warned this could happen.

Finally, investors are also warned that mutual funds have management fees and expenses. These are fully disclosed in the prospectus. Regardless of what you think, no investment is without cost.

While these warnings can be dry reading, they are for your protection. Read them, and if you have any questions, have your investment representative explain them thoroughly. Understanding warning labels will help you avoid surprises.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Child Safety Training Course Gives Parents Peace of Mind

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, "S.O.S. (Sleepless Over Safety)" expressed concern that her mother-in-law had little knowledge of child safety, and she was fearful of leaving her 2-year-old twins in her care.

You advised "S.O.S." to seek safety training for her mother-in-law and mentioned several sources. I would like to add another — the American Heart Association.

AHA offers a Pediatric Basic Life Support course. It is a combination of child and infant safety, CPR and obstructed airway procedures. In a few hours, anyone can learn to handle a pediatric emergency.

I know a new mother who had just finished the course and excitedly told both sets of grandparents about it. Looking forward to caring for their new grandchild, all four enrolled in the next class. As soon as they had completed the course, the grandparents gave the new mom and dad their first (worry-free) night without the baby.

If your readers call 1-800-242-8721, they will be routed to an American Heart Association division office where trained staff can offer information on training availability, as well as on heart disease and strokes. We spend no money on advertising, so a mention in your column will help spread the word.

PAUL GIGUERE, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER, CONN.

DEAR MR. GIGUERE: I'm happy to mention such a worthwhile organization. Parents, grandparents and anyone involved in child care should take note. AHA also urges persons at high risk for heart attacks and their spouses to learn CPR. It can mean the difference between life and death.

DEAR ABBY: I just returned from the post office after mailing a letter to my aunt in New Zealand. While there, I thanked the two women who work for the postal system. I told them that it never ceases to amaze me how a letter can get across this vast country of ours in one or two days. I thanked them for a postal service that is unmatched by any country in the world. I cannot get letters to France in a timely manner. I pray over letters to Milan, Italy, and Cairo, Egypt.

Most Americans have no idea what it's like to deal with a postal service that is slow and unpredictable. Excuses can be invented to confiscate one's mail in another country — or you may get your mail, but with a few items missing.

Everyone in the U.S.A. should thank our hard workers for doing a grand job. In fact, I think we should designate the day after Christmas as "Thank Your Postal Worker Day."

These men and women work and move like highly trained soldiers in combat. So please be nice to them and say, "Thank you for a job well done." Because it is my real name, you may sign me ...

LIGHTFOOT IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR LIGHTFOOT: Speaking as one who receives bushels of mail daily — I couldn't agree more!

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DEAR READERS: I received many gratifying thank-you letters from those who were a part of Operation Dear Abby '95. Some samples:

DEAR ABBY: I am a chaplain with the Third Battalion, Twelfth Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan. I was very moved a few days ago as numerous letters and packages were delivered for "Any Service Member." I would like to thank all those who participated in that wonderful program.

It is true that the holidays can be difficult when we are away from home, but such an outpouring of affection from the American public makes us realize how important our jobs are. The average age of the Marines I minister to is 19. Most have just graduated from high school within the past year. You can imagine the adjustment that's necessary for teen-agers to spend this time of year away from their families.

All you have done through our Operation Dear Abby/America Remembers campaign is greatly appreciated. Please keep all of your service members around the world in your prayers this year. God bless.

LT. FREDERICK A. MC GUFFIN, CHC, U.S. NAVY

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DEAR ABBY: Once again, Operation Dear Abby has lifted the spirits of those in the military who are far from home during the holidays. This past week almost every soldier in my unit found a card or letter in his or her mailbox.

This is the first time I have received a card through your program. I am from Sioux City, Iowa, and have been in the Army for 17 years.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, Abby, and to all of your fantastic readers who took the time to write.

A THANKFUL SOLDIER, TAEGU, KOREA

DEAR ABBY: Regarding Operation Dear Abby, I want to thank you for giving your readers the APO addresses for our servicemen and women overseas.

Since we live in Annapolis, Md., and are involved with the sponsor program at the Naval Academy, I decided to mail a box of goodies to the South Pacific APO.

Well, today we received a wonderful gift — it was a letter of thanks from the crew of the Submarine Group Seven. It was signed by all the officers and crew, who expressed their appreciation for the Christmas package.

I shall continue to write to them and, in a month or so, I'll mail them another box of goodies.

God bless you, Abby, for allowing civilians to do something nice for the dedicated young men and women who serve our country.

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DEAR LOUISA, SHELDON, CHAPLAIN MC GUFFIN AND "A THANKFUL SOLDIER": Thank you for the kind words, but the credit belongs to my readers who work so diligently every year to make this project such an overwhelming success.

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Jury awards $12.8 million in lawsuit against Chrysler

By RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A man who lost his wife and three children in an accident he blamed on faulty brakes in his Plymouth Voyager minivan was awarded $19.2 million in damages and interest.

Jurors ordered Chrysler Corp. on Friday to pay Paul J. Santos Jr. $12.8 million in compensatory damages plus $6.4 million in interest and about $15,000 in punitive damages — the cost of the 1986 minivan he was driving when the accident happened.

"What I heard very strongly coming from the jury was that 12 citizens felt that it was important to make a corporation understand that they can't cut corners on safety," Santos said. "It does not pay to do that."

Chyrsler's lawyer, Peter M. Durney, said the company may appeal.

The 52-year-old engineer from suburban Belmont was driving the minivan on New Hampshire's Franconia Notch Parkway in 1990 when he braked to avoid rear-ending another car.

Leo V. Boyle, Santos' lawyer, said the rear brakes locked on Santos' vehicle, sending it out of control.

Santos' wife, Robin, 46, and the couple's children, Christina, 16, Paul, 12, and Peter, 8, were killed.

Boyle had argued that Chrysler knowingly built the vehicle with a "deadly defect" that caused the rear brakes to lock before the front brakes.

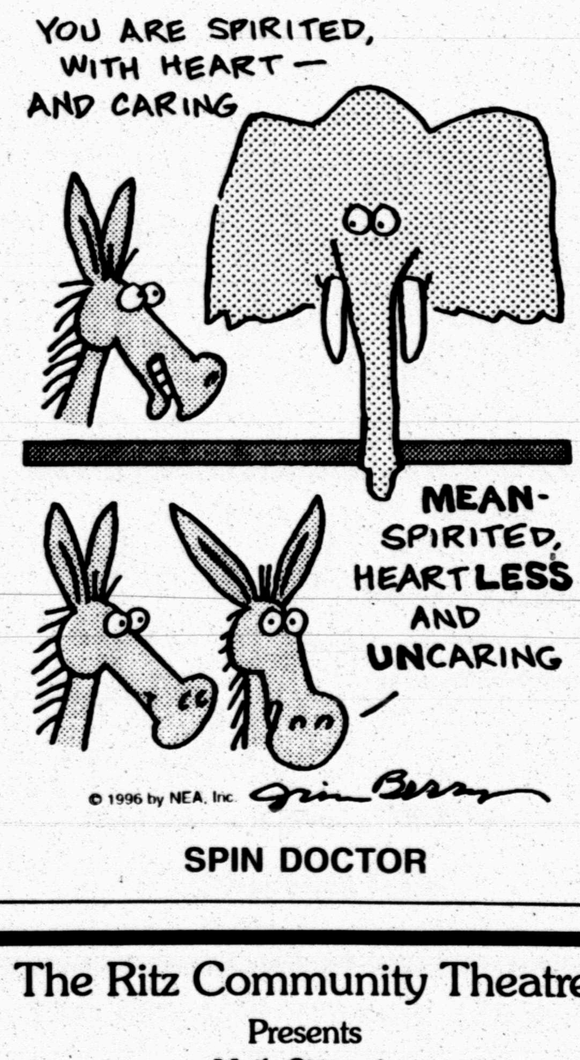
During the trial, Durney had argued that Santos failed to fix a broken windshield washer, then drove 100 miles as sand, salt, ice and snow blurred the windshield. He also said Santos had turned the wheels to the left to avoid the car in front of him, and steered the minivan into oncoming traffic.

Snow causes delay

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The snow couldn't stop baseball's iron man, Cal Ripken Jr. It did make him a half-hour late.

With fanfare and standing ovations, the Maryland General Assembly welcomed Ripken on Friday, showering the Baltimore Orioles shortstop with plaudits and proclamations on "Cal Ripken Day."

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Dry weather hurts farmers, spark fire threats

AUSTIN (AP) — After almost no rain for the past three months, firefighters and farmers are worried, while water districts are considering restrictions.

At least 57 counties have banned outdoor burning because of the dry weather.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Friday warned homeowners to take precautions.

Since Tuesday, wildfires have claimed thousands of acres of farm and ranch land in north and east Texas, leaving one man critically injured and several homes damaged or destroyed, Bomer said.

"With the extremely dry conditions we're experiencing, homeowners should act to safeguard their property against grass or forest fires," he added.

Acting Forest Supervisor Ron Bertsch announced an immediate ban on all fires in the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas except those in designated Forest Service recreation campgrounds.

"We've had numerous wildfires already, with one consuming 1,000 acres on the Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands, north of Decatur," he said.

An affluent suburban Houston neighborhood became the latest victim Friday when a quick-spreading fire gutted three homes and damaged at least three others in the Champions Forest subdivision in northwest Harris County.

No injuries were reported but numerous fire departments were summoned to fight the blaze, which prompted seven alarms and was whipped by gusty winds.

"Right now we're OK, but there was quite a lot of confusion," Karen Moore, the chief deputy for Harris County Constable Precinct 4. Arson investigators were trying to determine a cause for the fire.

Bomer said homeowners should clear a fire-safe space for at least 30 feet around their houses, free of debris, dry grass, underbrush and dead wood. If a lot slopes, this space should be increased to 100 feet. A well-trimmed and watered landscape can be an effective fire break.

There's plenty of tinder for brush fires, authorities said.

"We've got so much fuel. People don't understand that a little controlled burn can end up in a 15-acre grass fire," said Stephen Beran, chief of the Southeast Travis County Fire Department.

Cattle producer Jim Schwertner says he sees no silver lining in the cloudless skies.

Lack of rain has turned his fields to straw and forced him to sell 70 percent of his cattle. He said he has only a 90-day supply of hay left for those that remain on his land north of Georgetown.

The dry weather also is threatening his crops.

"It doesn't look like we'll plant any corn at all," Schwertner said. "If it doesn't rain by April, we'll have to let the land lay dormant for a year."

Many farmers said they haven't seen a dry spell like this since the 1950s.

"It's too dry to plant. The seeds just sit there," said Donald Stolte, who farms 1,500 acres of cotton, milo and corn near Taylor. "If we're not able to plant our cotton, we don't know what we'll do."

The area's peach crop also is being threatened.

Frank Muller, who has 5,600 peach trees in his orchard near Luckenbach, is relying on a drip irrigation system to provide his parched trees with water.

But that won't be enough unless there's some rain, he said.

"If we don't get any rain during the growing season, we won't have any peaches," he said.

In Travis County, only 0.66 inches of rain has fallen in December, January and February, a 66-year record low.

Normal wintertime rainfall in the area is 5.76 inches, and the previous record low — since officials began keeping records in 1930 — was 0.84 inches in 1970-71.

"It's a severe drought for the three-month period," said Steve Pryor, meteorologist for the private forecast company WeatherData Inc. "And it's not just localized ... Throughout the southern Great Plains things are quite dry."

Across Central Texas, local water districts are considering possible restrictions.

Bill Couch, general manager of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District in Travis and Hays counties, said water suppliers were "[illegible] customers to voluntarily cut back 10 percent.

Woman astounds doctors because of speedy recovery

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who had a pair of scissors embedded in her skull during an attack has astounded doctors by returning to work just weeks after the incident.

"I'm living the normal routine," said 24-year-old Tamecka Grate. "People think I'm supposed to be in a wheelchair with an IV sticking out of my arm. But I'm fine, and I'm still me."

Other than a long scar over her left eye and another behind one ear, Ms. Grate she says she has virtually no permanent damage.

Ms. Grate, a secretary at her family's insulation firm, was attacked New Year's Day when she let a casual acquaintance into her apartment to use the phone.

Her attacker left a pair of scissors embedded four inches into her head. They stayed there for 13 hours, until doctors delicately removed them.

Her doctors said the scissors "miraculously" missed her spinal cord, brain and major blood vessels.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 18, 1996

In the year ahead you could be more fortunate than usual in ventures or enterprises conceived independently. You must throw the switch and then let a surrogate take over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This will be a good time to disengage yourself from an unproductive involvement. Cut loose and let go without regrets. Replace it with a new endeavor. Aquarius, 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. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can gain fresh insights into something you have been viewing only from an intellectual level by using your intuition today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be a fortuitous period for you to launch a new endeavor. If you have a particular enterprise in mind, put the wheels in motion today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can achieve career goals that may have seemed impossible before in this new cycle. Do not drag your feet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Useful knowledge can be acquired today through life experiences and dealings with others. This special knowledge can be used later for a specific advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your chart shows that you might achieve success in joint endeavors at this time if you deal with an individual who specializes in a certain areas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A situation will develop and bring you closer to an old friend. Your collective efforts can produce mutual benefits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you've contemplated a diet or exercise program, this will be a good day to start. Your chances of sticking to it are better than usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not despair if your love life hasn't been up-to-par lately. Cupid might have something very special in mind today that could make up for lost time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Constructive changes you've wanted to make in your basic lifestyle can be initiated today. Do not wait for outsiders to give you the go-ahead signal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can enhance your probabilities for success by developing a concise plan. You will see results within the next few weeks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial trends will continue to look favorable. Start to hoe more rows and plant more seed, but don't expect an early harvest. Just keep nurturing the crop.

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Monday, Feb. 19, 1996

In the year ahead you may find several brand-new ways to generate additional earnings. Your treasure hunt might lead you to areas where fortune never existed before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The people who love you may treat you in a very generous manner today. In fact, you might be pleasantly surprised by an individual you thought didn't give a hoot. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Nice things could happen to you today if you get out and circulate. The chances of this occurring should increase with each personal involvement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The harder you try today, the more luck you will have. Do not be afraid to strive for challenging objectives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should have a broad, accurate grasp of both social and commercial situations today. Put your perceptions into practice when handling your affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something profitable may develop today. You can generate income outside your customary channels. Keep searching, and hope to tap into a lucrative vein.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you should be in your element in regard to partnership arrangements. If you do things your way, the alliance could be dynamic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can resurrect an old project and make it meaningful at this time. You will find a way to do it with a dab of ingenuity here and a touch of elbow grease there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Social acceptance will not cause you problems today. Wherever you go, your charismatic personality will function like an appealing magnet and draw others to you.

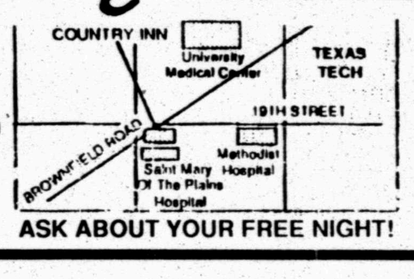
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions that affect your occupation will favor you today. In fact, you might even reap benefits from situations primarily engineered by others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This will be a good day to plan something fun to fulfill the social obligations you have toward others. Develop a plan, and invite everyone!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A favorable upswing in your financial affairs may occur at this time. In fact, there's a strong probability that some worries might end today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Good news pertaining to something of tremendous personal significance may be on the way soon. Keep your lines of communication open.

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IN REVIEW

Bringing you news of what has been happening on and off campus with WTC students, faculty, and staff, and providing you with some upcoming events for your calendar

American Primitive Dinner Theatre
The WTC Drama Department will present "American Primitive", a play based on the correspondence of John and Abigail Adams, on February 28 and 29, and March 1 and 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater. The Friday and Saturday night performances will be preceded by a dinner in the campus dining hall. Reservations for dinner are $10 each and must be made by Friday, February 23. Dinner price of $10 is for all ages and does not include entrance to the play. Tickets to the play are $5 for adults, $3 for students and seniors, and free to WTC faculty, students, and staff. Groups of 10 or more are $2/person. Call the box office at 573-8511 x 233.

Texas Educational Theatre Association (TETA) Convention Results
WTC Student Sally Allen was one of five finalists for the inaugural Founders' Scholarship for Junior College Students. While she did not win the award, she did receive scholarship offers from numerous institutions, including Texas Tech, Angelo State, Midwestern, and Texas A&M. Also at the convention, Drama professor Michael Endy was elected Vice Chair for the Community/Junior College Interest Group. He will take over as Chair in 1998. WTC was recognized as an Institutional Member of TETA during the awards banquet at the close of the convention. This recognition indicates that TETA has examined the theatre facilities and program at WTC and found them to be exemplary of the standards desirable in educational theatre in this state.

Health and Physical Education Classes Really Take Off
- Our new Country and Western Dance Class has been a tremendous success this semester. We were hoping for 15 students for the initial class, and over 30 signed up. We will soon be announcing a "Bring Your Partner" night, when potential members can preview the class. Valerie Greene is the instructor.
- Another 50 students have been enjoying Rhonda Ward's nighttime aerobics class three evenings a week.
- Students in our diet and weight control class have been learning to change their lifestyle through healthy choices in food, exercise, self image, support systems, stress reduction, and other wellness concepts.
- The Tiger Sharks Swim Team is a great way for youngsters to improve their swimming skills, improve their health, and have fun. We've had an excellent turnout for this program, which includes swim meet competitions with other towns.

Please call 573-8511 x 283 or 284 for information on any of the above programs or to find out about using the pool, gym, or weight room facilities, which are open to the public.

Continuing Education Classes Available
The schedule of spring course offerings through the WTC Continuing Education Department is available now, and courses fill up very quickly, so call 573-8511 x 390 for information. These are short courses offered on a non-credit basis, designed for those interested in upgrading their present skills or learning new ones, or for personal enrichment or leisure activity. Courses include:

Bridge	Business	Childcare	Country Western Dancing
Driver Education	Cooking	Drama for Kids	Correctional Officer Training
EMT (4 levels)	Floral Design	GED	Occupational Spanish for Corr. Officers
Home Health Aide	Nurse Aide	Lawn Care	Substitute Teacher Training
Sign Language	Small Engine Repair	Photography	Powder Puff Mechanics (Ladies Only)

- Image - a workshop for women in the process of change who wish to explore their personal and career options. The class will meet on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30 for five weeks, beginning February 26 in the GED classroom. The class is free but is limited in size, so call 573-8511 x 397 to register.
- Windows - two sessions are available, February 27 - March 5 (Tuesdays 6-10 p.m.) or April 18 - 25 (Thursdays 6-10 p.m.) $35 + text
- WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows - March 21 - 28 (Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.) $35 + text

4th Annual West Texas High School Art Competition to be held March 2
Professor Kathie Walker-Millar of McMurray University will judge the entries of area high school art students who participate in the competition, which will also include a slide presentation, drawing and ceramic workshops, and glass blowing demonstrations. Campus tours will be available. The reception and awards ceremony, featuring a critique by Professor Walker-Millar of the winning art works will be held at 4:00 p.m. An exhibition of Larry and Kathie Walker-Millar's recent works is on display in the art gallery of the Fine Arts Theater now through March 2, and may be viewed between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Employment Expo '96
An outstanding career development opportunity for recent graduates and students planning to graduate this spring or summer is scheduled for February 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Abilene Civic Center. An estimated 60 - 70 regional and state employers will be there to meet and receive resumes from prospective employees. The event is sponsored by the West Central Texas Career Consortium, of which WTC is a member. Call the Special Needs Office at the college, 573-8511 x 397 for more information.

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SPORTS

Magic too much for Mavericks

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The Lakers led 115-112 when Magic Johnson kept telling everyone it would be awhile before he got his game legs back and regained his shooting rhythm.

Time's up.

Johnson scored a season-high 30 points, including 18 in the decisive fourth quarter, to help the Los Angeles Lakers win their fifth straight, 119-114 over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

"I knew in time everything would come," he said. "Now my legs are lighter. I lost some of the weight I wanted to lose. It's like I'm a rookie again."

Johnson added 11 assists and eight rebounds as a solid follow-up to the triple-double he got against Atlanta on Wednesday. His points were the most since he had 31 against Utah on April 14, 1991.

"Earvin just took the game over. He was something else," guard Nick Van Exel said. "We knew we needed to get him the ball."

Johnson backed in on George McCloud and sent a hook shot bouncing off the rim, before a teammate controlled the rebound. Johnson got the ball again and kicked it out to Cedric Ceballos, who beat the shot clock with a 3-pointer to put Los Angeles up 117-112 with 16.3 seconds remaining.

Ceballos added 27 points and 11 rebounds, while Van Exel had 22 points and 10 assists.

Lucious Harris scored on a layup to draw Dallas within three, but Jason Kidd fouled Van Exel, who hit two free throws for a 119-114 advantage with 12.1 seconds to go. Kidd missed a jumper from the top of the key and Johnson held the ball until the buzzer expired.

Kidd was held to six points on 2-for-12 shooting, but had 12 assists playing for the first time in an NBA game against Johnson, whom he idolizes.



MORTEN VILDHOJ

Dane golfer paces WTC

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

What in the world is a golfer from Haderslev, Denmark doing playing golf in Snyder for Western Texas College?

That was the question presented to Morten Vildhoj, a WTC freshman who is playing golf for Coach Milton Ham and the Westerner golf team.

"I love golf and in Denmark, you can only play six, maybe seven months out of the year, and that is not enough for me," said Vildhoj. He gave two other reasons as well.

"I wanted to combine education and golf and that is pretty hard in Denmark. We don't have college golf in Denmark; we only play in individual tournaments."

The final reason: "The competition is better over here."

Denmark has a temperate maritime climate with an average summer temperature of 61 degrees and a winter temperature of 32. Vildhoj said it is very rare to see readings in the 80s anytime. "It will get above 85 maybe one day out of the year."

"For the past two months, the temperature has not been above freezing one time and that is unusual. All the seas around Denmark are frozen at the present time."

Vildhoj began playing golf at the age of eight.

"My mother, brother and myself were invited to an open house at a local golf course and I have been playing ever since. My mother married the head golf pro two months later."

Vildhoj's father died when Vildhoj was two.

The major difference in the golf courses from Europe to the United States, according to Vildhoj, is the grass.

"I don't know exactly what kind of grass we have in Europe, but it is different. We don't have bermuda or bent grass. Like with bent grass, you cannot play a chip and run shot. In Europe we play a lot of bump and run shots from 10 to 20 yards outside the green and roll it up there. That kind of shot is impossible here."

Compared to Snyder, Vildhoj said there are a few more trees in Europe. "We just came back from Florida and that is a whole different story."

Europe is known for its links-type courses, but according to Vildhoj, they are mostly in Great Britain. "We do have a few links courses in Denmark, but not a lot." He went on to call the courses in Denmark plantation-type courses with a lot of trees and bushes.

After finishing his two years of eligibility at WTC, Vildhoj hopes to continue to play golf at a Division I school and then turn pro. "My final goal would be to make the PGA tour in America or the European tour.

"I will probably have to start on one of the smaller tours like the Nike tour and work my way up. In Europe they have what is called the Challenge tour and that compares to the Nike tour, and then you have the Scandinavian tour which includes Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland."

Vildhoj is currently a member of the Danish National golf team which is made up of the 10 best amateur golfers in Denmark.

With one semester behind him, Vildhoj has finished six tournaments and has placed in the top five in the medalist race in five of them. He won the medalist compition at the Paris Junior College Invitational with a two-day total 140 (71-69). He has two second-place finishes, one third, one fourth and one 10th-place finish.

"Our practice facilities are not very good, but that's not an excuse, I just have to work harder."

Anyone who has played golf knows it is a mental game. If you make a bad shot, you tend to make more bad shots. By the same token, if you make a good shots, you tend to make more good shots.

One way Vildhoj has overcome the mental aspect is by using a golf psychologist. "I had one for four years and that really helped me out a lot. When I first got introduced to the idea I said, 'I'm not crazy,' I don't need a psychologist, but it really did help.

"You have to get to the point where you are not afraid of the pressure, but thrive on it. Three or four years ago, I would run away everytime I was under a little pressure, but now I see pressure as a challenge. That is what the golf psychologist made me do."

What does his college coach think about Vildhoj?

"He is a different type golfer than what we are accustomed to in West Texas," said Ham. "He comes from a country where everything they do, they do by degrees and by minutes and by hours. It's a commitment on his part to be playing golf in the United States of America and he made that commitment a long time ago.

"He is an outstanding golfer. He will probably be the best Division I junior college golfer this spring and next year in the United States."

Ham added, "Morten is very talented, very smart, very dedicated and very mature and those are things you look for in anything when you start playing athletics. So it speaks well of him; he is committed. He will continue to improve and be a great player next year and with the way recruiting is going right now and with what we have coming back, he is going to be in some awful good company."

The Western Texas golf team will be in action again this coming weekend in the Broncho Invitational Tournament at the New Mexico Military Institute golf course in Roswell, N.M.

Equality will cost Corpus $1.5 million

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The local school district will try to meet federal equality standards by spending $1.5 million to make its girls softball program on par with its boys baseball program.

The U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights had earlier told the district that there were disparities in boys and girls facilities.

The disparities, federal officials said, indicated noncompliance with Title IX, which outlaws gender-based discrimination in athletic programs at schools that receive federal funds.

The Office for Civil Rights has been monitoring situation since November 1993, after complaints that the school district discriminated against girls because it didn't have a softball program.

School trustees approved spending the money Friday.

The plan provides for at least one "game-play" quality field and upgrades to practice fields.

The girls now play on city-owned fields that are not regulation size, and most of their practice fields consist of dirt infields, backstops and benches.

The boys' practice fields are lighted and have enclosed dugouts, batting cages and fencing.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

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GOLF

Thursday - Saturday: Western Texas at Broncho Invitational, NMMI Course, Roswell, N.M.

TENNIS

Thursday: Snyder JHS at Colorado City
Friday: Snyder at Odessa

BASEBALL

Monday: San Angelo Central at Snyder, 4:00
Snyder JV at Odessa High 1:00
Wylie at Snyder 9th, 4:30 (Practice Field)
Thursday - Saturday: Snyder at San Angelo Tournament
Saturday: Andrews at Snyder JV, 4:30
Sweetwater at Snyder 9th

SOFTBALL

Tuesday: Snyder at Andrews, 6:30
Snyder JV at Abilene Wylie, 4:30
Friday - Saturday: Snyder at Austin Tournament
Snyder JV at Abilene ISD JV Tournament

35-24 win, but it wasn't basketball

The Snyder High School girls' junior varsity softball team outlasted San Angelo Lake View, 35-24, Friday night.

The Snyder JV was scheduled to play Abilene High Saturday afternoon and then was to travel to Abilene Monday for a 4:30 p.m. game with Wylie.

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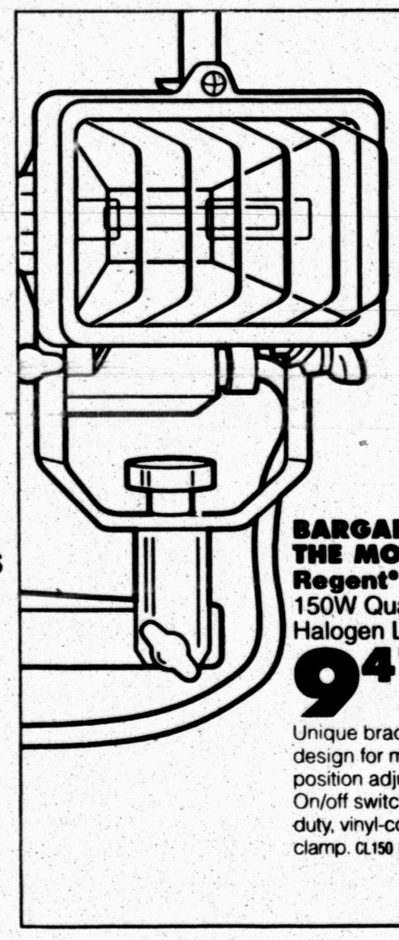


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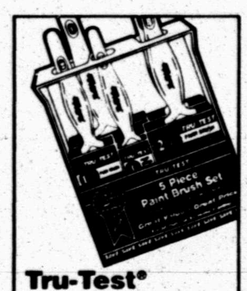


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SPORTS

Lady Tigers rally for 11-10 victory

Snyder High School's Lady Tigers rallied from an 8-0 deficit to edge the Clyde Lady Bulldogs 11-10 in extra innings Friday night at Cates Field.

A shaky defensive start saw the visitors score four runs in the first inning on a grand slam home run by Franchesca Albelice with two outs. The Lady Bulldogs followed with four more runs in the second frame on a trio of Snyder errors.

After 1½ innings, Clyde enjoyed an 8-0 advantage and appeared to be coasting to an easy victory. However, the Snyder defense settled down, only giving up two additional runs over the next six innings.

Snyder's game-tying rally surfaced in the bottom of the seventh when the Lady Tigers sent 10 batters to the plate and scored four runs. Shawn Purcell and Mendy Winter led off with consecutive walks. Jodi White, who went four for five with a home run in the bottom of the second, singled in Purcell and Winter to bring the Lady Tigers within two.

After a fly out, Julie Lang pounded a single which was misplayed in center field, allowing White to score and Lang to advance to second.

After another fly ball, reserve second-sacker Lochie Applin grounded to third but Tracy Tabor's throw was wild to first. Connie Payne then walked to load the bases and Snyder pitcher Amanda Huff was hit by a pitch, scoring Lang as the tying run. Purcell flied out to end the inning.

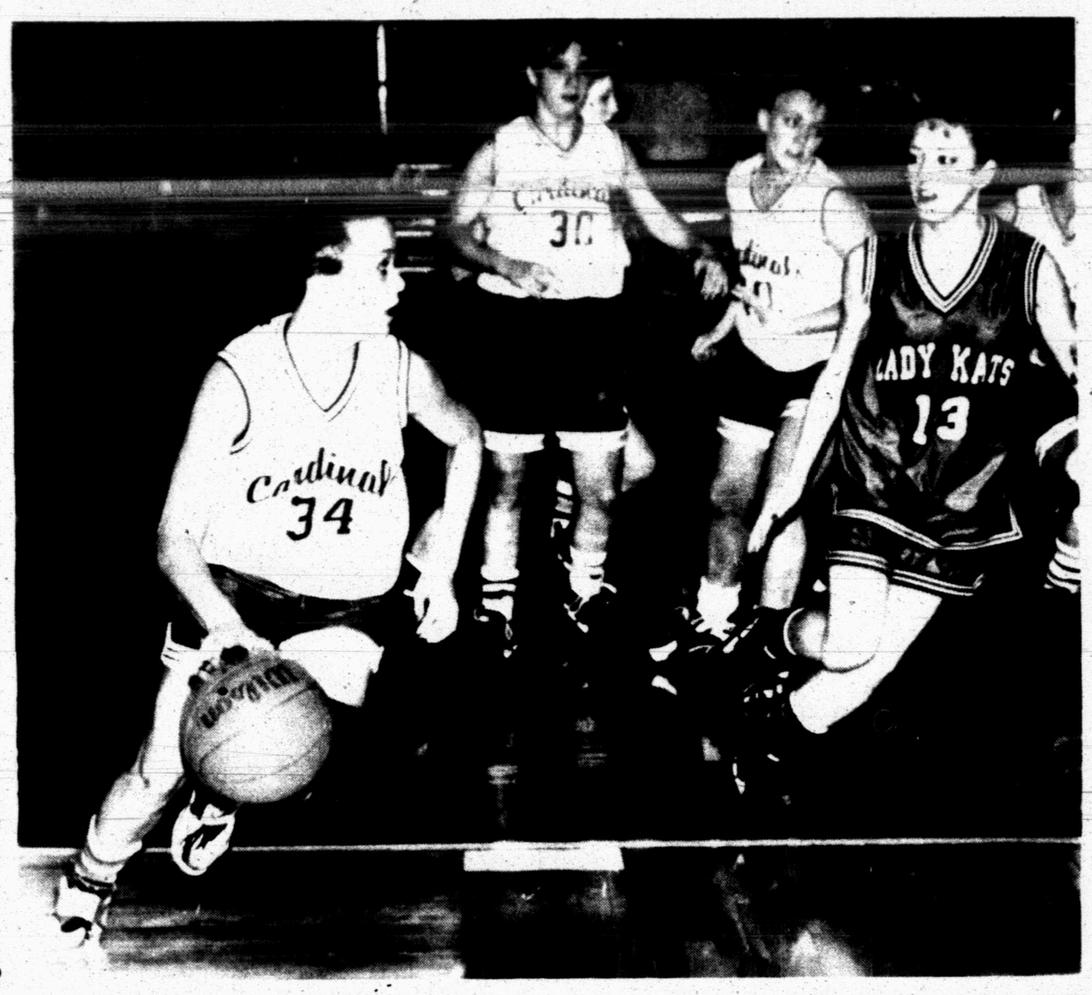
In extra innings, Snyder retired the Lady Bulldogs in order. In the bottom of the eighth, Winter led with a double and then advanced to third on a sacrifice fly by White. On the second pitch to Adrienne Bailey, Jo Ann Knigar's throw was wild to the backstop, allowing Winter to score the winning tally.

Huff went the route for the Lady Tigers in collecting her second mound win of the season. She allowed eight hits, walked four and struck out four.

Knigar, who relieved starter Sally Shireman, was tagged with the loss. Shireman allowed 10 hits while Knigar gave up only one. Shireman walked five and fanned one batter. Knigar walked only one.

Clyde	4	4	0	0	1	0	1	0 -10
Snyder	0	1	0	2	2	1	4	1 -11

WP-Huff, Purcell (2-0); LP-JA Knigar, Cozart (0-1); 2B- Tabor (CHS), Winter (SHS); HR- Albelice (CHS), White (SHS).



GOING FOR THE BASKET - Hermleigh's Kelly Gonzalez drives to the basket Friday night against Garden City's Kim Harp in a girls bi-district playoff game played in Big Spring. Garden City won, 60-26. Other Lady Cardinals shown are Jennifer Roemisch (30) and Donnis McHaney (40). (SDN Staff Photo)

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

Despite not making the playoffs, Snyder High School basketball teams ended the season with a lot of promise.

Our Snyder Daily News sports research department (that's me) spent some extra time and found some interesting records.

For the Tigers, they won 20 games for the first time since 1988. The '88 team won 24 games and made it to the area round of the playoffs before being defeated by Wichita Falls Hirschi in overtime.

This year's Tigers also tied the '88 team for fewest losses in the past 10 years with nine.

Even though a 5-5 district record won't get you into the playoffs, it does represent the most district wins since 1990 when that playoff team won 12 district games.

The five district losses are the fewest since the '90 team lost three.

The '90 team was defeated in the bi-district round of the playoffs by Pampa.

As far as the Lady Tigers go, their 14 wins are the best since the 1990 team that won 16 games. The 15 losses are also the fewest since the 1989 team which lost 14 games.

Their five district wins are the most since 1990. The '90 team found the winning side nine times in league play.

The five district losses represent the fewest loses in loop play in the last 10 years.

By the way, the most wins in a season for the Lady Tigers in the past 10 years were 1987 when they went 18-10. The most district wins were in '87 & '88 with 10.

Congratulations to Coach Bud Birks and the Tigers and to Coach Steve Qualls and the Lady Tigers.

I would still like to see the games played in the coliseum...at least some of them.

Ira, Hermleigh out of playoffs

Two Scurry County teams saw their playoff hopes dashed Friday night in Class A bi-district play.

Heather Hord scored 24 points to pace Rankin to a 74-66 victory over the Ira Lady Bulldogs in a game at Midland Greenwood.

In Big Spring, Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals could never overcome a slow start, and bowed to Garden City, 60-26.

Ira's scouting reports were correct as Hord led the Red Devils to end Ira's season. The Lady Bulldogs kept Hord on the bench much of the second and third quarters as she had quickly drawn three fouls early in the game. In the same time period, however, she had also scored 14 points. She ended the night with 24 points as she hit 10 field goals and was four-for-four from the charity line. Teammate Ana Guadarrama added 22 big points

Ira was led by Jody Rankin with 20 points. Other scoring for the Lady Bulldogs included Terri Robinson with 18, Rikkie Wilkes with 12 while Misty Chance tossed in 11.

Each team was whistled for 21 fouls with Robinson, Wilkes and Melissa Brasuel fouling out for the Lady Bulldogs while the Upton County team's top scorers, Hord and Guadarrama, both fouled out.

Rankin led at halftime, 37-33. Ira ended its season with a 16-7 record.

Coach Tim Mebane said the entire Lady Bulldog team played extremely hard. "When you play as hard as we did against Rankin, there really are no losers," said Mebane. "They gave it all they had," he said.

Mebane said below average free-throw shooting hurt the Lady Bulldogs as they hit only 13 of 26 attempts.

"We normally shoot better than that," said the coach.

Hermleigh's slow start, with only two players ever before in a playoff situation, netted only three points in the opening eight minutes against Garden City.

Jennifer Roemisch led Hermleigh with 11 points and 12 rebounds as the Lady Cardinals ended their season with a record of 7-18.

Hermleigh had a strong second quarter as they outscored the Lady Bearkats early in the quarter to pull within four points, 16-12.

However, the Lady Bearkats came back strong in the second half, scoring a total of 37 points while limiting Hermleigh to only 13.

NBA glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	36	14	.720	-
NewYork	31	17	.646	4
Miami	23	27	.460	13
Washington	22	27	.449	13½
NewJersey	20	29	.408	15½
Boston	19	31	.380	17
Philadelphia	10	38	.208	25

Central Division

Chicago	45	5	.900	-
Indiana	32	18	.640	13
Cleveland	28	20	.583	16
Atlanta	27	22	.551	17½
Detroit	24	23	.511	19½
Charlotte	24	25	.490	20½
Milwaukee	19	29	.396	25
Toronto	14	35	.286	30½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	34	16	.680	-
SanAntonio	32	16	.667	1
Houston	33	18	.647	1½
Denver	20	30	.400	14
Dallas	16	33	.326	17½
Minnesota	14	34	.292	19
Vancouver	11	38	.224	22½

Pacific Division

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Sacramento	24	23	.511	12
Portland	24	26	.480	13½
Phoenix	23	26	.469	14
GoldenState	23	27	.460	14½
L.A.Clippers	16	33	.327	21

Friday's Games

New York 116, Philadelphia 84
Indiana 95, Washington 94
Orlando 121, Milwaukee 91
Charlotte 107, Denver 100
Chicago 103, Minnesota 100
San Antonio 113, Golden State 95
Seattle 117, Phoenix 99
Atlanta 110, Vancouver 100
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Boston 130, Sacramento 102

Saturday's Games

New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.

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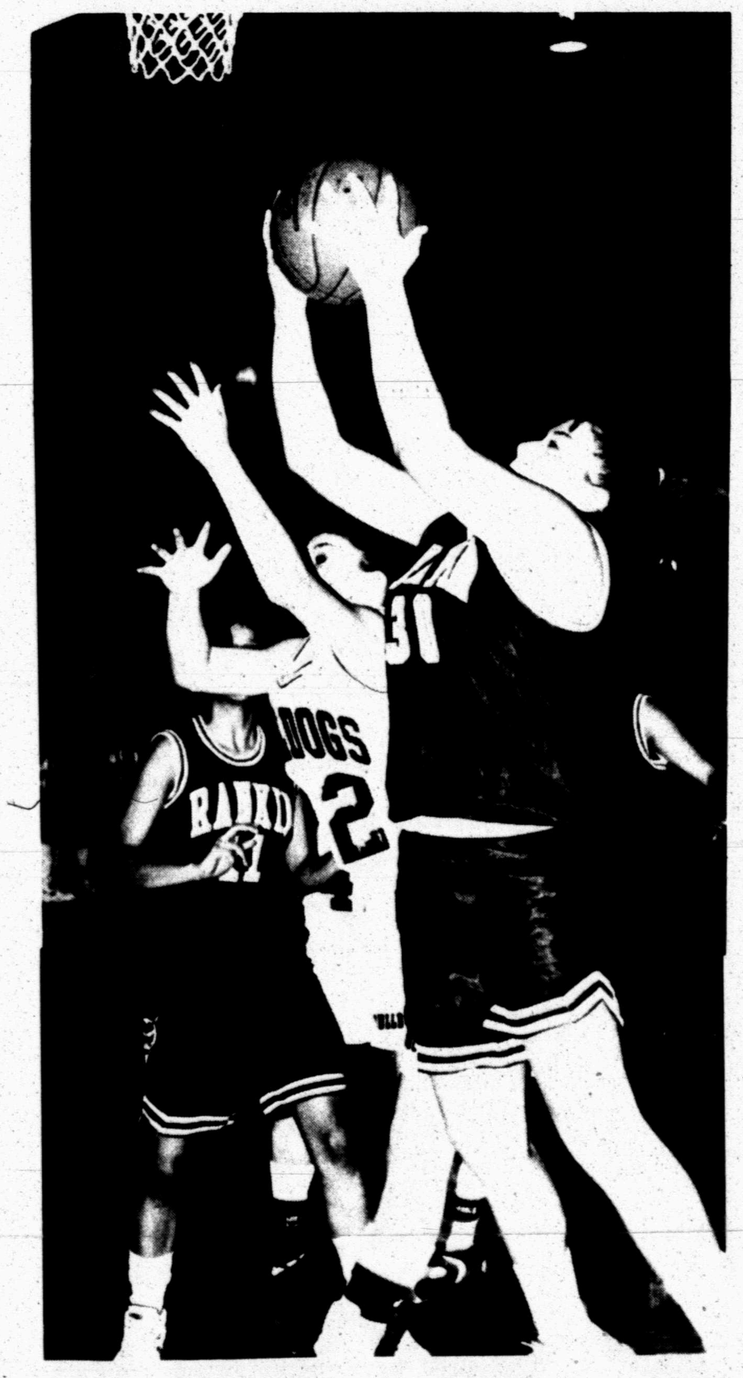
Canyon next Levelland foe

The seventh-ranked Levelland Loboettes, champions of District 5-4A, stayed alive in the state basketball playoffs with a 41-36 victory over Burkburnett Friday night in Abilene.

Three Levelland players were in double figures in helping the Lobottes advance to the Region 1-4A semi-finals. Levelland will now face top-ranked and undefeated Canyon which pounded Andrews, 60-29, Friday night.

Missy Frazier led the Levelland scoring with 12 points while Bandi Bayer and Jennifer Hale each added 10. Burkburnett was ranked ninth going into the playoff game.

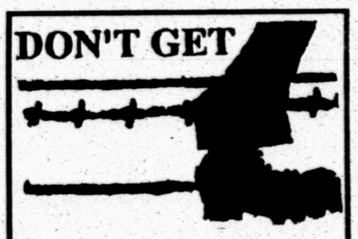
In other girls' playoff action Friday night, Canyon Randall derailed Big Spring, 56-30.



ROUGH AND TOUGH INSIDE - Ira's Misty Chance battles Rankin's Ana Guadarrama for a rebound in Friday night's girls bi-district game played at Midland Greenwood. Rankin won the game 74-66. Guadarrama scored 22 points for the Red Devils who will now play Roscoe in an area playoff game. Jody Rankin led Ira with 20 points. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Simpson, in mail order video, says he expected a hung jury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson says in his mail-order video he feared there would be a hung jury in his double murder trial and tried to control his reaction when the words "not guilty" were spoken in court.

He also says he thought not of his slain ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, when the verdict was announced, but of his children.

"I was just trying to tell myself that I had gotten through this. I tried to do it with some kind of dignity and I didn't want to lose it at that moment," Simpson said.

His comments are contained on a portion of his made-for-profit video, obtained by The Associated Press on Friday in advance of its release.

He said he thought one or two jurors might not vote for his acquittal and this worried him because his chief defense lawyer, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., had said he could not handle a second trial for perhaps two years.

Ross Becker, who interviewed Simpson for the two-hour video, asked if the former football star thought about Ms. Simpson when the jury delivered its verdict.

"At that moment, no," Simpson said. "I was thinking I was going to hug Sydney and Justin, I was going to hug Arnelle and Jason."

Becker asked Simpson what Ms. Simpson would have said about the verdict.

"Nicole would have stood by me," Simpson said.

In the incomplete version of the tape acquired by the AP, Simpson painted his ex-wife as a loving but "confrontational" person who often picked fights with neighbors and the household help.

"Nicole didn't take any crap from anyone," he said. "She gave as much as she got from anybody and everybody. She was not a wallflower. She did not stand around."

There are few startling revelations on the tape, but Simpson's words offer a portrait of an acquitted defendant who probably knows the details of his case better than his lawyers do.

Simpson asserted his absolute innocence of the killings, said he suspects he was framed by retired police Detective Mark Fuhrman and said he was at home getting ready for a trip to Chicago during the time the slayings occurred.

In a three-minute excerpt from the tape released to the media earlier in the day, Simpson said he would answer questions from anyone — even his prosecutor — if he gets paid for it.

"Tomorrow, if (chief prosecutor) Marcia Clark would sit down and talk to me, she can film it as long as I can market it," Simpson said.

The videos, which were selling for $29.95 apiece, were mailed to buyers Friday. Producer Tony Hoffman said he wouldn't show the video to anyone until those who paid had received their copies.

Hoffman gave the fragments to television with the condition they publicize the telephone number viewers can call to order the tape.

The first excerpt showed the former football star casually attired in a white sweater discussing recouping the money he spent defending himself on murder charges. He was acquitted on Oct. 3 of charges he killed his ex-wife and Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994.

In another excerpt, Simpson answered claims there were no lights on in his home the night Ms. Simpson and Goldman were killed at her home a few miles away.

Limousine driver Allan Park, a key prosecution witness, said he encountered a dark house when he arrived to pick Simpson up for a ride to the airport the night of the killings. He said no lights were visible until a shadowy figure entered the house just before 11 p.m. and turned on the bedroom lights.

Prosecutors claimed Simpson was at his ex-wife's condominium committing murder about 10:30 that night.

Meanwhile, transcripts obtained by the AP show Ms. Simpson refused to take Simpson's phone calls and hurled an expletive at him just hours before she was killed.

Faye Resnick also testified in her deposition that Simpson may have seen Goldman in the days before he was slain when Simpson confronted his ex-wife in Goldman's presence at a coffee house, the transcripts show.

Simpson has denied ever seeing Goldman.

Resnick spoke frankly about her drug problem, acknowledging she free-based cocaine "once or twice" at Ms. Simpson's house in the weeks prior to the slayings.

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Report: Tyson has another daughter

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Tyson's girlfriend, Monica Turner, gave birth to their 8 pound, 10 ounce daughter Wednesday morning at a Maryland Hospital, the Daily News reported today.

The former heavyweight champion "is very, very proud. He's very excited and very happy," his manager John Horne told the newspaper.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The facts on nephrotic syndrome

DEAR DR. GOTT: A relative has been diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome. Do you have information about protein loss, diet and medication?

DEAR READER: The nephrotic syndrome is not a single disease, rather it has many causes, ranging from diabetes and lupus to severe allergic reactions. The syndrome is marked by excess excretion of protein in the urine with resulting low levels of protein in the blood, increased amounts of fats in the blood, and edema (swelling of tissues).

The primary sign of nephrotic syndrome is edema, which can be quite severe in the legs, but can also affect the face and lungs. Symptoms include fatigue, malaise, loss of appetite, irregular menstruation, and abdominal pain.

The diagnosis is established by demonstrating the protein and fat abnormalities that I mentioned. Treatment is directed to the underlying condition that causes the nephrotic syndrome.

However, dietary protein supplements are also necessary to stem the protein depletion taking place through the kidneys. In addition, salt should be restricted, because it will aggravate edema. Patients with this condition should be monitored by kidney specialists.

Cortisone and other steroids often help reduce protein losses. If the kidneys are severely damaged, renal transplants must be considered.

The outcome of the nephrotic syndrome varies, depending on the cause and the success of treatment.

Because I mentioned lupus and diabetes as two possible causes of nephrotic syndrome, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Lupus: The Great Imitator" and "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandson had a chance for a better job, but for some reason he failed the urine test because it was too weak. He drinks a tremendous amount of water. What can be done to alleviate this problem?

DEAR READER: The more water a person consumes, the more fluid is eliminated in the urine. The more dilute the urine, the less concentrated are the various components — such as metabolic products of drugs — in it.

Therefore, during routine testing for drugs, such as marijuana and cocaine, many labs check to see how dilute the urine samples are. If a specimen is too dilute, the drug test is considered inconclusive — or may not be passed, as was your grandson's predicament.

The easiest way to solve the problem is to urge your grandson to avoid unnecessary fluid consumption. If he drinks only when he is thirsty, the urine will become more concentrated and the lab will prove that he is drug-free — if, indeed, he is.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For six years following a mastectomy, I've been taking Tamoxifen. Because it is an estrogen blocker, I'm concerned about a higher risk of heart disease. Should I discontinue the medicine or remain on it, taking my chances as far as heart disease is concerned?

DEAR READER: Most authorities recommend the drug Tamoxifen for women whose breast cancers are shown to be particularly sensitive to the effects of estrogen. Tamoxifen blocks the effects of estrogen, thereby reducing the risk of recurrence or spread.

As you imply, estrogen seems to protect women against heart disease; thus, Tamoxifen could — in theory at least — neutralize that benefit.

However, the effects on the cancer are so enormous compared to the slight additional risk of heart disease that I cannot conceive of a woman choosing to stop Tamoxifen therapy for this reason alone.

I advise you to discuss this issue with your oncologist or gynecologist and to follow the advice given by these competent professionals.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 46-year-old sister is an alcoholic in denial. We've tried every possible way to help her, including talking with her doctor, attending AA and consulting a psychiatrist. She's been known to drink an entire bottle of vodka at a time, and this has been going on for years. How long can the human body take this kind of abuse? What will eventually happen to her organs? Is any of the damage reversible?

DEAR READER: Heavy, chronic alcohol abuse ALWAYS leads to profound mental and physical illness. Although liver failure and scarring (cirrhosis) and pancreatic inflammation are the most common consequences of alcoholism, the drug also affects the heart, brain, endocrine glands, kidneys, muscles — in fact, just about every organ in the body.

Doctors do not understand why some alcoholics seem to be fairly resistant to complications (and can drink for years without serious harm), whereas other heavy drinkers are very sensitive to alcohol's effects (and die relatively young).

I'm sure this is a complicated issue that depends on genetic factors and gender, as well as on drinking patterns, nutritional status, the type and amount of the alcohol, and the presence of other drugs (such as tobacco, cocaine and others) that may adversely interact with the alcohol. One thing is certain: At her current level of consumption, your sister is irreparably damaging herself and most likely will die from her addiction.

On a positive note, your sister could probably restore her health were she to stop drinking, because much of the organ damage from alcohol can be reversed. The only true cure for her disease is abstinence. You know that, I know that. And what responsible, loving human being wouldn't cut off his arm to help your sister overcome her addiction?

The problem is that neither you nor I — nor anyone else — can get her to stop the abuse. Until she wants to get sober — one day at a time — those people around her will be powerless to alter the course of events.

Nonetheless, you can take some action. Attend Al-Anon meetings (12-step programs for the alcoholics' loved ones). Consider an "intervention": Family, friends, doctors and clergy can confront your sister in a formal discussion to try to break her pathological denial and get her to agree to detoxification in a rehab program. Be careful not to "enable" her to keep drinking (for example, by emotionally "supporting" her habit, buying liquor, or having social interaction with her when she's under the influence).

In short, you have to make drinking tough for her and, at the same time, learn ways of coping with this all-too-common tragedy.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Education Board approves six charter schools in state

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education broke new ground Friday by approving its first applications for charter schools that will be free from many state rules.

"We are in unchartered territory," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses, during discussion on the publicly funded schools.

The board approved six of eight applications for charter schools.

It delayed action on one from Corpus Christi to allow for a public hearing. It took no action on another application from the Rio Grande Valley, saying the proposed school had not met all the application requirements. That application can be resubmitted, the board said.

The nearly unanimous votes for the six new schools came after Gov. George W. Bush urged the board to approve all the applications.

"Now is the time to be bold, to encourage creativity we fought so hard for," Bush told the board this week.

"We may not always agree with what communities are trying to do. But Senate Bill 1 (the education overhaul) said they could try new ways. And ladies and gentlemen, we must let them," the governor said.

The so-called open enrollment charter schools will operate independently of school districts and may enroll students regardless of district lines.

The publicly funded schools are separate from campus charters, which may be granted by local school boards.

Only 20 open-enrollment charters are allowed under the education law.

The largest number of applications so far have come from the Houston area, with three. All of those were approved.

Other charters were approved for campuses in Irving, Austin and East Texas.

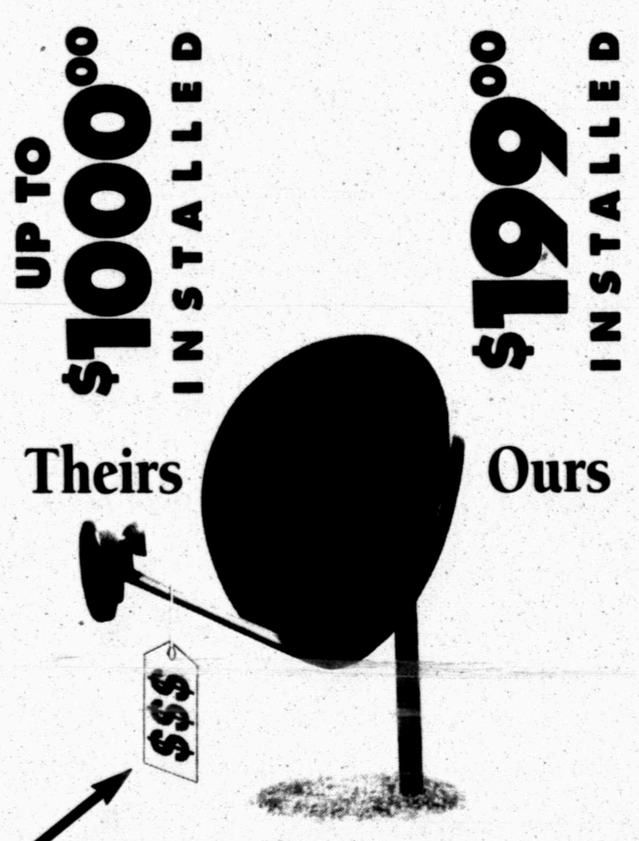
A number of the nonprofit organizations that submitted applications say they will serve students who are at risk for dropping out and economically disadvantaged.

Request denied

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors in Snoop Doggy Dogg's murder trial won't be visiting the crime scene, at least for now.

Superior Court Judge Paul Flynn tentatively denied the jury's request on Friday and said he would rule definitively when court resumes Tuesday.

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Today is the 48th day of 1996 and the 58th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1909, the Apache Indian leader Geronimo died at Fort Sill, Okla.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Malthus (1766-1834), political economist; Marian Anderson (1902-1993), singer; Red Barber (1908-1992), sports broadcaster; Chaim Potok (1929-), novelist, is 67; Jim Brown (1936-), football great-actor, is 60; Michael Jordan (1963-), basketball great-baseball aspirant, is 33; Billie Joe Armstrong (1972-), singer, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, baseball great Ted Williams escaped injury when his fighter jet was shot down during the Korean War.

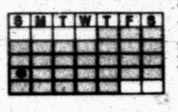
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. Subsistence increases only in an arithmetical ratio. A slight acquaintance with numbers will show the immensity of the first power in comparison of the second." — Thomas Malthus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1926, an avalanche killed 36 when it roared into a Bingham Canyon miner's camp.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

Feb. 18, 1996



Today is the 49th day of 1996 and the 59th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, the planet Pluto was discovered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Peabody (1795-1869), merchant-philanthropist; Jack Palance (1920-), actor, is 76; Helen Gurley Brown (1922-), author-editor, is 74; Toni Morrison (1931-), novelist, is 65; Cybill Shepherd (1950-), actress, is 46; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 42; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Buffalo Braves guard Randy Smith began a 906-games-played streak that spanned 11 years.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "At no point in my life have I ever felt as though I were an American." — Toni Morrison

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, the temperature dropped to minus 52 at Old Forge, N.Y.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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East slapped with another snowstorm

By The Associated Press

Another powerful snowstorm clobbered the East Coast on Friday, causing scores of accidents and snarling traffic at the start of the long President's Day weekend. At least 12 people were killed in a train crash outside Washington.

While the storm didn't pack the punch of January's paralyzing Blizzard of '96, the heavy snow forced flight delays and cancellations at airports in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

Forecasters called for up to 14 inches of snow from Fredericksburg, Va., north to the Washington suburbs. Up to a foot was expected in parts of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey.

Outside Washington, an Amtrak passenger train bound for Chicago and a local commuter train crashed head-on in Silver Spring, Md., in heavy snow. At least 12 people were killed and two dozen others injured.

It wasn't immediately known if the weather was a factor in the crash. Hours after the crash, Warren Monks, a spokesman for the Maryland Transit Administration, would only say, "We were having some switch problems."

Dozens of traffic accidents were reported from Maine to Georgia as the heavy snow left highways slippery and reduced visibility to near zero.

"We're having a large number of accidents," said Clay Stamp, emergency operations director for Ocean City, Md. "People are sliding into each other on the road. The roads are really slick."

Eastbound traffic on the Massachusetts Turnpike during the afternoon rush hour was backed up for two miles in the Westboro area because of a jacknifed tractor-trailer.

In Delaware, state police reported 115 accidents from the morning rush hour until noon. "The roads were passable but snow and low visibility was causing numerous accidents," said Cpl. David Thomas.

In Pennsylvania, traffic on Interstate 95 slowed to a crawl as drivers struggled to keep their vehicles on the road.

"It was hell — zero visibility," said Vic Gatmaitan, whose 45-minute commute to Philadelphia from Newtown, Pa., took two hours. "Four or five cars slipped off the road as I drove by."

Even though the storm wasn't as bad as the blizzard that dumped up to 3 feet of snow on parts of the Northeast last month, it was still too much for some of the winter-weary.

"I hate it! I hate it! I hate it," said Sylvia Pace of New York City, where almost 5 inches of snow had fallen by midday.

"We've had it up to here," her friend Freshda Nazzar added, motioning high above her 5-foot-5 frame.

Still, the new snowfall broke a number of records. By Friday night, Lynchburg, Va., had reported 8.1 inches of snow, bringing its season total to 51.3 inches and breaking a record of 46.7 inches set 100 years ago. Washington's Dulles International Airport reported 7.5 inches, for a total of 52.4 inches, breaking the record of 44.4 inches in 1966-67.

In the South, residents who had been enjoying temperatures as high as 70 degrees were caught off guard when a cold front moved into the region.

Up to 3 inches of snow was reported in some parts of Alabama. Dozens of accidents were reported in the Huntsville area as the storm moved in Friday morning, bringing wind chills between zero and minus 10.

In Guntersville, 64 miles outside of Birmingham, two school buses slid off snowy roads into ditches. No one was injured.

Officer testifies she previously gave Salvi ticket outside clinic

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — The first police officer who responded to a bloody shooting at an abortion clinic later realized she had given the gunman a parking ticket near another clinic months before.

Lawyers for John C. Salvi III have been trying to prove that insanity, not his opposition to abortion, was the reason he shot two receptionists to death and wounded five other people at two clinics a year ago.

But they did not challenge the testimony Friday of officer Judith Hobin, though they previously challenged another witness who said he saw Salvi picketing at one of the clinics weeks before the shootings.

Salvi, 23, of Hampton, N.H., is charged with killing two receptionists, one at the Planned Parenthood clinic, the other at the Preterm clinic, which are a few miles apart in Brookline. Five other people were wounded.

Hobin was the first to arrive at Preterm moments after Salvi fled. She said she was confronted by a bloodied security guard so disoriented that he pointed his gun at them. She disarmed the man while emergency workers rushed inside to treat the shooting victims.

Hobin said fellow officers later pointed out to her that she had given Salvi a ticket for parking his blue Toyota pickup truck at an expired meter near the Planned Parenthood clinic on May 14, 1994. She said she did not remember issuing the ticket, but identified her signature on it.

Prosecutors have said Salvi was among protesters who regularly picketed the buildings.

Salvi's lawyers have repeatedly challenged the suggestion that he attacked the clinics because of his anti-abortion views. But they did not question Hobin about the ticket.

Prosecutors counter that Salvi's actions were the work of a man who was in full control of his senses and had carefully planned his crimes. They say he deliberately targeted the clinics, bought 1,000 hollow-point bullets, stockpiled maps in his truck with the routes to the clinics highlighted, and afterward got a haircut to change his appearance.

An emergency medical technician, Joseph F. O'Connell, testified Friday that in the frantic aftermath of the assault on Preterm, he mistook Salvi's black nylon duffel bag for a medical equipment bag while working to revive receptionist Lee Ann Nichols, inadvertently beginning a chain of events that helped police nab Salvi.

Inside were boxes of ammunition, loose bullets, four banana clips, paper targets and a receipt from Bob's Tactical Shooting Range in Salisbury, Mass., made out to "John."

Border build-up may bring more illegal aliens to state

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Already facing a 45 percent jump in arrests of illegal immigrants, the Rio Grande Valley can expect an additional influx as enforcement is heightened elsewhere along the border, the country's top immigration official said Friday.

"We don't know how quickly these shifts actually occur, but we are prepared for them and we anticipate that there will be significant shifts," said Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner.

Ms. Meissner toured Border Patrol offices here on her last day of a five-day trip to the Southwest border to discuss the impact of a 24 percent increase in her agency's budget.

The increase — from $2.1 billion to $2.6 billion for fiscal year 1996 — will allow an additional 1,000 Border Patrol agents to be assigned to the 2,000-mile border.

Texas will receive 165 agents, 92 of whom are being reassigned from other areas. But the majority, about 700 agents, will go to California and Arizona.

With efforts being concentrated in those two states, Ms. Meissner acknowledged that more immigrants might look to the Rio Grande Valley as their entry way into the country.

Already, the region ranks third in arrests of illegal immigrants behind San Diego and Tucson.

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Hostage escapes Hawaiian inmate after car breaks down in Mexico

LAREDO (AP) — Wilma Parnell's nightmare as the hostage of an fugitive convict ended after a day and a half of captivity.

Mrs. Parnell told authorities Friday that she escaped from her captor, Hawaiian convict Larry Earl Pagan, when her pickup truck broke down Friday afternoon in northern Mexico, somewhere south of Laredo.

Pagan, 32, was one of about 300 inmates from Hawaii being housed for profit at the county-owned but privately operated Newton County Filyaw Correctional Center.

Norm Townsend, an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigations office in Beaumont, said federal authorities believe Pagan might still be in Mexico.

"We're planning to file unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and incarceration charges against him," he said.

Pagan slipped out of a building about 10 p.m. Wednesday while attending a church service and scaled an 8-foot-high, razor wire-topped perimeter fence, warden Lester Beaird said.

He was serving a 30-year sentence for kidnapping, terroristic threats and assault and was housed in a maximum-security facility when he scaled the fence at an unobserved spot while returning from church services, authorities said.

Mrs. Parnell, 51, lives with her husband, Henry Parnell, about a 1½ miles from the prison. Authorities said they believe Pagan waited for the husband to go to work early Thursday, then forced Mrs. Parnell to drive him in her truck.

Authorities tracked Pagan's flight Thursday night as he began using Mrs. Parnell's credit cards for gasoline and other purchases.

"They traveled up into Livingston, then to Goliad, and then to Laredo and into Mexico, based on the credit card use," Newton County Sheriff Wayne Powell said.

Powell said after her vehicle broke down, Mrs. Parnell eluded Pagan, "caught a ride" and made it into Laredo about 3:45 p.m. Thursday. She had no visible injuries but was taken to a hospital for a full medical examination, the sheriff said.

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Louise, Mike, Jamie, Kelly, Kayce & Charley

Thank You

My deepest gratitude to the church family and host of friends who were such a source of comfort and made my loss easier to bear. A special thanks to Sandra & Miller Robinson who have been there for us so many times, to Dr. Kerr, ICU at Codgell, EMS, to "Shots" Masonic Brothers, OES and many others too numerous to mention. You made me feel truly blessed.

Pearl Allen

Thank You

We yould like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone for the many cards, flowers, food, prayers, contributions, love and support to our family in the loss of our loved one. A special Thanks to the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, Mary Strelecki Mickey Baird, Nan Swanson for everything you have done for us. Thanks to the staff of Bell-Cypert-Seale.

The Family of Helen Dillaha
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing the availability of an Environmental Assessment and finding of no significant impact for the Texas Boll weevil Eradication Program. Copies of the documents are available on request from the following office:

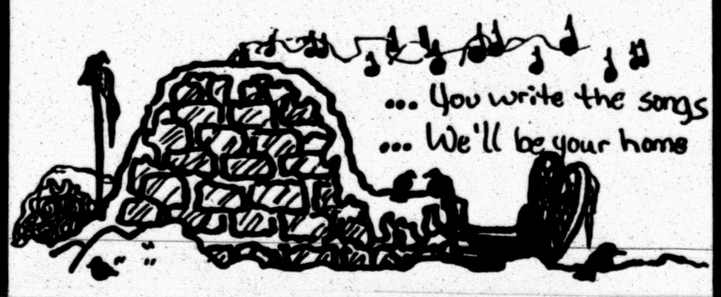
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The boll weevil is a devastating pest of cotton that results in large annual yield losses and expenses for control. The proposed program is a component of the National Cooperative Boll Weevil Control Program, which has successfully eradicated the boll weevil from seven states in the southeast and southwest. In Texas, the program is a cooperative effort among the APHIS, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Extension Service, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc., and local cotton producers.

The environmental assessment is tiered to, and incorporates by reference, the analyses contained within the "Final Environmental Impact Statement for the National Boll Weevil Cooperative Control Program--1991." The environmental assessment considers the potential impacts of alternatives and specific control methods for boll weevil eradication on human health, the physical environment, and nontarget species. Specific protective measures for this program are contained in the environmental assessment.

APHIS' finding of no significant impact for the program was based on quantitative and qualitative risk assessments, the program's operational characteristics, and site-specific aspects of the proposed program's area.

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The residence of the Executrix is Scurry County, Texas, and her post office address is 2601 34th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate. The attorney's name and address for all claims is: Marvin F. Sentell, 1805 27th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are hereby directed to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 12th day of February, 1996.
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To Keith William Jordan, Respondent,

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Becky Charlene Stewart, Petitioner, was filed in the 132nd Judicial District Court of Scurry County, Texas, on the 12th day of February, 1996, against Keith William Jordan, Respondent, numbered 19377 and entitled "In the interest of Aaryn Brooke Jordan and Elizabeth Renee Jordan, minor children." The suit requests that your parent-child relationship be terminated with these children. The date and place of birth of the children is; Aaryn Brooke Jordan, October 22, 1984, Rotan, Texas; Elizabeth Renee Jordan, March 28, 1986, Rotan, Texas.

"The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the children's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the apointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

"Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Judicial District Court of Scurry County, Texas, this the 13th day of February, 1996.
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Children of moms who ate fish daily had no bad effects

BOSTON (AP) — Pregnant women who eat fish containing low levels of mercury every day apparently do not harm their babies, as many had feared, according to a major new study.

The 15-year study conducted in the Seychelles Islands comes after years of warnings about eating fish during pregnancy. It's expected to sharpen debate in the United States, where 37 states advise people to limit consumption of freshwater fish because of mercury.

"It is a pivotal study, no doubt about it," said Michael Bolger, an international mercury poisoning expert and toxicologist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. "It's not the whole story, but it's a good part of it."

University of Rochester researchers tracked the mental and physical development of more than 1,500 children starting at 6 months of age. So far, tests show no link between the children's development over their first 5½ years and the levels of mercury contained in their mothers' hair during pregnancy, which is a measure of the amounts the fetuses were exposed to.

The journal NeuroToxicology published 11 articles on the study in a special issue this month. The results traced the main study group through age 2½, and a pilot group through age 5½.

Begun in the early 1980s, the Seychelles Child Development Study is by far the largest, most comprehensive to date about people who rely on fish as a staple, scientists say.

It was designed to answer questions left open by previous research, which focused mainly on industrial disasters in Japan in the 1950s and Iraq in the late 1970s that left people with permanent disabilities.

In those disasters, people were exposed to large doses of mercury for short periods of time, so scientists were forced to estimate mercury levels during pregnancy.

"We believe this is a step forward. We have actually looked at a population exposed to mercury through fish and examined it very carefully," said Dr. Gary Myers, who oversaw the Seychelles study.

Myers, a University of Rochester professor of pediatrics and neurology, also co-wrote a 1989 study of Iraqi children whose mothers ate mercury-tainted grain while pregnant.

Based on the Iraqi study, the World Health Organization issued a 1990 report that said unborn children were especially vulnerable; women who had mercury levels of 10-20 parts per million in their hair ran a risk of harming their children.

The Seychelles findings appear to contradict the WHO report.

"Specifically, our data do not compel us to conclude that the many benefits of fish consumption during pregnancy are reduced by fetal effects," the main NeuroToxicology article said.

The women in the Seychelles test groups, who ate an average of 12 fish meals a week, averaged about 7 parts per million of mercury in their hair, but some had levels as high as 36 parts per million.

The average mercury level in the United States is believed to be anywhere from 1-2 parts per million, much lower than that of the Seychellois.

The Seychelles were chosen for the study in part because the population there is free of confusing variables: people smoke very little, and pollution from other sources is low.

"The study was designed to address the uncertainty that arose from these other studies. That's why they were so careful," said the FDA's Bolger, who served on the WHO committee. "They went halfway around the world to find this population."

Mercury is found in lakes and rivers around the world. The form found in water, methyl mercury, is the most toxic. It builds up over time in fish and people who eat fish.

Freshwater fish tend to have higher concentrations of mercury than ocean fish. The FDA limits to 1 part per million the amount of mercury allowed in fish sold commercially, including tuna and sharks, which have the highest concentrations among saltwater fish.

The University of Rochester scientists said they could not rule out later developmental damage in the Seychelles children. But they said their results are positive so far.

Lawmaker submits questions to Hillary on firings by 'House'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton has been given until the end of the month to answer written questions under oath as part of a congressional investigation of the White House travel office firings.

The 26 questions were delivered to White House Counsel Jack Quinn, Rep. William Clinger, R-Pa., chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said Friday.

Six weeks ago, a memo by a presidential aide surfaced pointing to Mrs. Clinton as a key figure in the travel office firings in May 1993. Clinger's action came a few days after Congress' General Accounting Office asked the U.S. attorney in Washington to begin a criminal probe of whether the aide lied about the sackings of the seven longtime employees.

"It is unfortunate but necessary for me to pose these questions to Mrs. Clinton because of the uncertainty surrounding her role in this matter and because previous investigations have fallen short," Clinger said in a statement.

"We're now reviewing the questions and we'll respond to them in writing," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. He said he didn't know whether Mrs. Clinton had seen the questions.

The Clinton administration has acknowledged that the firings were handled badly but has insisted the action was taken because of serious financial mismanagement. The office arranges charters for the White House press corps accompanying the president.

At the time, Republican critics accused the White House of fabricating charges of incompetence against the travel office employees so they could be replaced by Clinton cronies.

The ousted director of the travel office, Billy Dale, was acquitted last year of embezzlement charges. Five other employees were given jobs elsewhere in the government. One employee retired.

Clinger said Mrs. Clinton is being asked to answer the questions, under oath and in writing, by Feb. 29 and that additional questions may be submitted.

He said the questions seek to determine the extent of Mrs. Clinton's knowledge of the events surrounding the firings and her role in later investigations of the matter, including one by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm. Clinger did not specify any of the questions.

His action came a few days after the U.S. attorney was asked to begin a criminal investigation of whether former White House aide David Watkins lied about the firings.

The GAO told U.S. Attorney Eric Holder that Watkins may have made false statements to GAO investigators in 1993 when he said the dismissals were prompted by an accounting firm's findings of mismanagement.

According to a copy of a 1993 memo by Watkins — which the White House says was stored in boxed-up files of his former deputy — Mrs. Clinton was behind the purge.

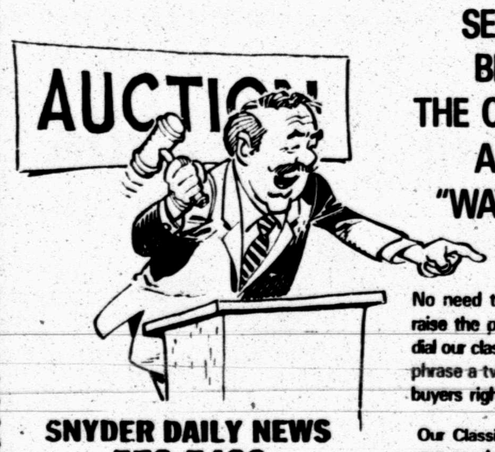
"We ... knew that there would be hell to pay if ... we failed" to remove the travel office employees "in conformity with the first lady's wishes," Watkins wrote in his memo, which he said was a draft that was never sent.

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More states attacking no-fault divorce law

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Nancy Besemer's marriage began well, but within a year, she says, it had become a series of beatings and constant humiliation. It took her 16 years to summon the courage to leave her husband.

"When I would get in the driveway after work, I would think, 'Do I put the car in the garage or out?' Either way, I could be wrong," Besemer said.

She finally overcame her fears, walked out with one box of belongings and her two sons while her husband was gone, and got a divorce.

Besemer hates to think how much harder it would have been under a proposal to dismantle the state's no-fault divorce law and require proof of cruelty or other specific grounds. The idea is part of a new conservative push in several states to make breaking up harder to do.

"It takes so much to be able to say, 'I want out' — and then to have to prove it," said Besemer, 48. "These people in these positions, they have so many hurdles already. This is going to be one more huge hurdle they may not be able to get over."

On Valentine's Day, Republican state Rep. Jessie Dalman renewed an effort she began last year to weaken Michigan's 24-year-old no-fault divorce law. Her bills would require proof of fault — desertion, infidelity, abuse, a more than three-year prison sentence, alcoholism or drug addiction — if one spouse opposes the divorce.

If both the husband and wife want to split, the no-fault system would remain. However, if children still live at home, the couple would first be required to get counseling and a parenting plan.

Iowa lawmakers introduced similar legislation this week. Other serious efforts to change or repeal no-fault divorce are under way in Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington; according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. All 50 states have some form of no-fault divorce.

"People are finally waking up to the fact that no-fault divorce is not all that it was meant to be. In fact, it's been harmful for children and those consequences carry on into adult life," said Dalman, who represents a district in conservative western Michigan.

The speaker of the Michigan House, the state Senate's majority leader and Gov. John Engler — all Republicans — have endorsed her idea. Both Engler and House Speaker Paul Hillegonds have been divorced.

David Blankenhorn, president of the New York-based Institute for American Values, said he believes many Americans are moving away from the idea that individual happiness is more important than staying together.

"Americans are tired of the high-divorce society," he said. "But I don't think that we are clear about what we want to do about it, or even clear that we want to do something about it."

Besemer, who has since remarried, said requiring spouses to prove abuse, though possible in her case, would be such a burden it could keep them from leaving in the first place.

Other critics such as the Children's Rights Council and many divorce attorneys say repealing no-fault laws would do little or nothing to lower the number of divorces. They say it would lead to more bitter feuding between spouses determined to split.

"The end result would be the same, except even more damage would have been inflicted on my daughters," said David Wightman, a substitute teacher who went through a messy divorce eight years ago.

Dalman disagrees with all of the criticisms, and says other laws provide adequate protection to abused spouses.

She and others believe divorce has become too easy. She has drawn support from Christian-based family organizations, some lifelong homemakers and men's activists who say no-fault divorces keep them from their children.

Barbara Kadlec, 52, said her husband left her four years ago after 25 years of marriage. She wonders whether they might have worked things out if it had been harder for her husband to leave.

"It's too easy for people today to say, 'Let's just get out of it and get on with our lives,'" Kadlec said. "No marriage is all bliss."

Some feel a little tinkering with the current law could help. Options such as a longer waiting period and requiring parent education could be more useful than ending no-fault itself, they said.

"There must be some middle ground between having no commitment for all intents and purposes and having a situation where people are literally trapped," said Ira Lurvey, a Los Angeles divorce attorney and incoming head of the American Bar Association's Family Law section.

Airport security secretly increased

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has secretly increased security at Dallas-Fort Worth and other U.S. airports to the high level that was in place in the fall.

Federal and D-FW officials confirmed Friday that the security level was increased in mid-January, with orders from the FAA that airports not report the change to the news media or the public.

The higher security level was not linked to a specific threat against U.S. airports or airlines, FAA officials told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Because the increased security does not include a previous rule that eliminated the almost 1,500 one-hour parking spaces nearest to D-FW terminals, "most travelers won't have noticed any change," airport Executive Director Jeff Fegan said. "It has been pretty transparent."

The most obvious change has been renewed strict enforcement of the rule against leaving unattended vehicles parked at terminal curbsides.

At D-FW, most of the other changes have been behind the scenes, where "extra vigilance" has been the rule, said Len Limmer, the airport's deputy executive director for operations. That includes more frequent and thorough checks of employee identification in secure areas of the airport, such as ramps where aircraft are parked. D-FW officials declined to discuss other changes.

In early October, the FAA ordered the initial increase to Level 3 from Level 2, which had been in effect since August. The change was based on what Transportation Secretary Federico Pena called perceived threats of domestic terrorism because of world events.

The security level was decreased in mid-November, in time for the Thanksgiving travel rush.

The latest step-up was not publicly announced.

"We are instructed not to tell you what security level we are on," said John Clabes, FAA spokesman in Fort Worth. "But we have an increased level in security. We continue to review the threats to domestic civil aviation and our personnel and facilities."

Fegan and others in the industry credit lobbying by the major airports and their trade associations — the Airports Council International and the American Association of Airport Executives — with persuading the FAA to drop the rule banning parking within 300 feet of terminals.

Airports Council International studies showed that the rule cost airports "tens of millions of dollars," Fegan said.

But the financial cost alone was not what persuaded the FAA to forgo the parking rule in the latest security step-up, said Bonnie Wilson, director of airport facilities and services for the Washington, D.C.-based council.

"Money is obviously an issue, but effectiveness and human resource factors were more of the issue," she said. "They thought it was going to work well, but there were so many costs. It was hard on passengers, people who service the airport, airport employees and the air carriers."

Rioting prisoners to remain in Texas

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri inmates who led a fiery riot in a private Texas prison this week will stay behind bars there and may be prosecuted for the uprising, Missouri corrections officials said.

Two Missouri corrections officers were in Texas on Friday investigating the riot at the Crystal City Detention Center, a medium-security prison about 100 miles southwest of San Antonio.

About 45 Missouri prisoners upset over restricted television privileges and the race of their jailers battered down a control-room door and set fires Tuesday evening. No one was injured.

The prisoners are among 308 inmates being held in Texas because of a shortage of space in Missouri cells.

The Missouri Department of Corrections "does not have plans to relocate any of the prisoners" because of the riot, spokesman Tim Kniest said Friday.

The rioting inmates were held in the Zavala County Jail while prosecutors decide whether to file charges against them.

If convicted, Missouri inmates likely would be transferred to a state-run prison in Texas to serve their sentences, Kniest said.

Missouri began shipping prisoners to Texas last summer, and all of them are either new convicts or volunteered to be transferred.

"They were screened, and there was no indication they would be any more prone to this than anyone else," Kniest said. "We don't send troublemakers down there."

Nonetheless, the department plans to review its procedures for sending inmates to Texas once prison officials finish an investigation.

Missouri pays $34.35 per day for each inmate it sends to the Dove Development Corp., the Greenville, Texas-based company that runs the Crystal City prison. But Kniest said the state will not have to pay for the riot damage.

The 467-bed prison also houses inmates from Utah, three of whom escaped last fall by jumping a fence. Three other Utah inmates escaped in January from another Dove prison in Frio County, Texas.

The problems at Dove's prisons and other troubles with out-of-state inmates have prompted the chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to call for state regulation of prisoner importing. Texas has about 3,800 out-of-state inmates being held in 13 jails.

The Texas riot also has spurred some Missouri lawmakers to give greater consideration to barring private prisons in their own state. Missouri has no private prisons. A bill by U.S. Sen. Larry Rohrbach, R-Calif., would prevent them in the future.

"We have no say over where they are placed, what the prisons look like, how secure they are, and absolutely no control over where the prisoners come from," Rohrbach said while presenting his bill last month to a Senate committee.

Missouri state Sen. Danny Staples, D-Eminence, said Friday that the Texas riot gives more reason to consider Rohrbach's bill.

"We have no private prisons in Missouri, and I don't think we want to be building any," said Staples, co-chairman of a joint legislative committee on corrections.

When Harrod's department store in London installed their first escalators in the early 1900s, they kept a large supply of brandy on hand for any of their customers who felt faint after the ride.

AT&T to raise basic rate for long distance dialing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of AT&T's 80 million residential customers will see their basic long-distance rates go up by an average 40 cents a month starting today.

The nation's largest long-distance company said Friday that the 4.3 percent increase — the first for residential customers in more than a year — is needed to bring prices closer to the cost of providing service.

AT&T spokesman Dan Lawler didn't know exactly how many residential customers would be affected by the increase, but said most of the 80 million customers would see their rates rise.

Brian Adamik, an analyst with the Yankee Group in Boston, predicted that the increase would not drive away AT&T customers and that other long-distance companies would follow suit.

Rivals MCI and Sprint had no comment.

Lawler would not say how much revenue the rate increase would generate.

The basic rate is what customers generally pay if they are not part of a discounted calling program.

Discounts offered through various AT&T calling plans would not be affected by the basic rate increase, Lawler said.

AT&T also said it is increasing the service charge on long-distance calls billed to credit cards other than AT&T's by 20 cents a call to reflect higher costs of such transactions. Company officials would not say how much revenue that would generate.

A new telecommunications law signed by President Clinton on Feb. 8 unleashes potential new competition to AT&T and other existing long-distance companies from the local Bell telephone companies.

To date, Bell Atlantic, Nynex, Ameritech and SBC Communications have filed for or announced plans to provide long-distance service to customers other than their own. Those plans are subject to state regulatory approval.

Adamik said he thinks AT&T's rate increases are designed to safeguard margins in anticipation of future competition. "You're seeing price ups going on now in preparation for price downs in the future," he said.

AT&T also decided to renew through at least June 30 two discounted calling plans — AT&T True USA Savings and AT&T True Savings — for existing customers. They were set to expire in March.

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Earthquake, tidal waves hit Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A powerful earthquake struck the Indonesian half of New Guinea Saturday, killing at least 10 people and setting off 20-foot tidal waves that swept more than 600 houses into the sea.

The death toll in remote coastal areas was expected to rise from the quake, which struck at 2:59 p.m. (12:59 a.m. EST) with a preliminary magnitude of 7, the Indonesian government said.

Other monitors, including Japan's Central Meteorological Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Center in Honolulu, put the magnitude at 8.

Tidal wave warnings were issued, then canceled, for the Philippines, Guam and other islands as far north as Japan.

The quake was centered under the ocean floor 68 miles east of Biak island, off New Guinea's northern coast, said Budi Waluyo of the government's meteorology and geophysics agency.

In the town of Sopiori Selatan on Biak island, waves swept 600 houses into the sea, but there was no immediate word on casualties, said Putu Puja, a meteorology official.

Ten people were killed when waves swept them out to sea in the town of Biak on Biak island, a police officer there told The Associated Press by telephone. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity.

Collapsing buildings injured 18 people, said Bambang, a spokesman for Indonesia's meteorological department. Like many Indonesians, he uses only one name.

Body found in collapsed tunnel in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A full week after a commuter bus was buried in a massive tunnel cave-in in northern Japan, workers on Saturday began bringing out the remains of the 19 people who were aboard. There was no sign anyone had survived.

For families of those trapped, most of them from the nearby fishing villages of Furubira and Yoichi, the excavation of the bus marked an end to an agonizing week of waiting.

The Hokkaido Development Agency, which carried out the rescue effort, said the bus interior was completely crushed. Workers were able to cut into both ends of the smashed bus, it said.

The agency's statement confirmed two sets of remains were recovered from the bus Saturday afternoon, and families were being summoned to make identification. The bodies were not immediately brought out from the tunnel.

The bus and a car were trapped inside the tunnel on Feb. 11, when a skyscraper-sized rock slid off a mountainside and crashed through the tunnel roof.

Rescuers have worked since then to remove the massive rock and dig out the victims from the tunnel, which is near a remote seaside village 550 miles north of Tokyo on the northern island of Hokkaido

Workers had pulled out the first body late Friday: Store clerk Tatsushi Umemoto, 20, was crushed to death over the steering wheel of his car as he drove to work.

The crash was so powerful that it pushed his car into the ground, and rescuers struggled for two hours to reach it and the body inside, police said. A doctor examining Umemoto's corpse concluded he had been crushed to death.

Obituaries

Alice Kitchens

1894-1996

SWEETWATER — Graveside service was set for 3 p.m. Saturday for Alice Echols Kitchens, a former Snyder resident. The Rev. Joel McCoy, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater, was to officiate.

Mrs. Kitchens, 101, died Thursday, Feb. 12, at Columbia Hospital Southwest in Dallas.

Born in Chambersville, Tex, she married W.B. Kitchens on Nov. 3, 1911 in Fredonia, Tex. She was a homemaker and had resided in a Dallas nursing home.

She was preceded in death by an infant son and two sons-in-law.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Derasaugh of Dallas and Hazel Kelly of Sweetwater; another daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Homer Hughes of San Angelo; a nephew, J.B. Lynn of Mathis; and a niece, Loyce Reeves of Albuquerque, N.M.; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Treadway

1927-1996

RANGER — Graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Evergreen Cemetery for Mary Sue Strong Treadway, 68, who died Friday, Feb. 16, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born in Ranger, Mrs. Treadway grew up in Ranger and graduated from Ranger High School. She married Lewis Treadway on April 24, 1948 in Komo, Tex.

A homemaker, she had been a resident of Snyder for the past 19 years. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Ranger.

Mrs. Treadway was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Lewis Treadway of Snyder; a daughter, Marilyn Rogers of Odessa; a brother, Tommy Strong of Ranger; a granddaughter, Amy Rogers of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

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Trains

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crawl," he said, though the exact speed has not been determined.

"We don't know who should have stopped and who had the right of way. It's too early to tell," Goglia said at a morning briefing.

He said the Amtrak train was being switched from one track to another at the time of the accident.

"It wasn't quite a head-on but essentially a head-on," Goglia said.

Among those unaccounted for were the three-member crew of the commuter train. Goglia said their bodies are likely in the wreckage.

"Did you see the cab? If you did I don't think you'd ask that question," Goglia said.

He said investigators worked through the night examining the "black boxes" from the trains and now are analyzing the switches and signals operated by CSX Transportation.

The commuter train did apply its brakes but Goglia said he was not sure if the Amtrak train used its brakes.

"I have no idea what they're going to uncover," Goglia said of the 75 investigators being called in.

Goglia said there was no immediate indication of problems with the signals, but "testing of the signal system is under way as I speak."

"We don't know who should have stopped and who had the right of way," Goglia said. "Obviously the whole system needs to be examined. That's what we're doing right now."

At the time of the accident the Amtrak train was being switched back to the right-hand track, Goglia said. It had been moved to the left-hand track to pass a slow-moving freight train. The commuter train was inbound to Washington on the left track.

Transit officials said there were only 17 passengers on the MARC commuter train, operated by the Maryland Mass Transit Administration, and Job Corps officials said all were believed to be trainees from a West Virginia center, returning to the Washington, D.C., area for the weekend.

Balkan leaders face pressure from talks

ROME (AP) — Opening a crisis summit among Balkan leaders, the American architect of the Bosnian peace pact appealed Saturday to the warring sides to overcome disputes and "keep going down the road toward peace."

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke hastily arranged the weekend summit — the first major international conference on Bosnia since the peace pact was signed — in the hope that the same high-pressure tactics that helped forge the accord could douse the smoldering disputes.

The top civilian official overseeing the accord warned the three sides that all aspects of the plan must be followed.

"Non-compliance on the political side, like the military side, would carry its cost," said Carl Bildt.

Before the meeting, Bildt said if no progress is made "then it is a crisis."

Holbrooke called the meeting among Bosnia's President Alija Izetbegovic and his counterparts Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia to try to solve a number of disputes that threaten the plan.

At the center of the rancor are the unification of Sarajevo and Mostar — cities still divided along ethnic lines — and the debate over procedure on arresting accused war criminals.

Holbrooke has called the latest problems "a bump in the road." Still, he was alarmed enough to rally European allies and summon the three Balkan presidents who signed the accord to Rome.

The meetings will begin at the foreign ministry and move to the nearby Villa Madama, a 16th century estate built from designs by the Renaissance master Raphael. Italy is hosting the meet-

Six taken into custody

Snyder area law enforcement officers took six people into custody Friday evening and early Saturday morning for various offenses.

A sheriff's deputy arrested a 22-year-old man at 11:02 p.m. Friday at Willow Park Inn on a capia pro fine and warrants for issuing bad checks.

At 11:54 p.m. Friday, a police officer took three male juveniles into custody at 34th Street and Avenue B for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Two of the youths were released to their parents. The other was transported to the Sweetwater juvenile detention center.

A DPS trooper arrested an 18-year-old male at 3:10 a.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

And at 3:11 a.m. Saturday, a police officer took a 22-year-old male into custody in the 2200 block of Sunset for public intoxication and a warrant for failure to appear.

At 11:33 a.m. Friday, Terry Bowden requested an officer at Snyder Used Cars in reference to a Class B theft.

A woman came to the Law Enforcement Center at 4:06 p.m. Friday to report that she had found a set of keys at Towle Park. The keys were placed into the property room.

A man contacted officers at 6:42 p.m. Friday to report he had found a bicycle on top of Stanfield Elementary. The bicycle was picked up by the police department.

At 2:33 a.m. today, law enforcement officers were notified of a one-vehicle rollover near Hermleigh. The driver, Jason Keith Stearmer, refused an ambulance. Details of the accident were unavailable from the DPS.

FD responds to three calls

Snyder Fire Department responded to three calls Friday, including a vacant house which was destroyed.

Firemen were called to a vacant building on fire at 35th Street and Avenue J at 10:57 a.m., on property owned by Vernest Tippens. The fire destroyed the structure and brush nearby. Cause of the blaze is still under investigation, a fire department spokesman said Saturday morning.

At 11:46 a.m. Saturday, firemen received a report of smoke coming from 1904 Coleman. There was no fire. The smoke was coming from a pan of biscuits which had been left in the oven, according to firefighters.

The fire department was also called to a grass fire six miles north of Snyder on Highway 208 at 1:17 p.m. Friday. The fire was extinguished before volunteers arrived.

What's Up?

Video series continues

The video series "Getting to know God" by Glenn Owen, is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The sixth tape, "Getting to know God's People and Praise," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Report cards upcoming

Due to the school holiday Monday, Snyder ISD will distribute report cards on Thursday.

NAACP announces banquet

Scurry County NAACP will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Rudy's. The speaker will be Anthony Brooks, associate pastor of St. James Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Tickets are on sale from any NAACP member. For information call Floyda Collins at 573-7566 or Sedalie Malone at 573-2285.

SHS Class of 1988

The Snyder High Class of 1988 is seeking addresses of classmates. Send addresses of class members to Meredith Goodwin, 210 32nd St. in Snyder or call (316) 626-8644.

Image workshop

"Image," The Process of Change is the topic for the spring women and self-esteem workshop sponsored by Western Texas College.

The workshop will be held Feb. 26 through March 29 with meeting times from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays in the GED classroom in the Learning Resource Center.

Carolyn Osborn, licensed professional counselor, will conduct the workshop. Admission is free and persons interested should call 573-8511, Ext. 397, to register.

Free tax help available

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, and to low income persons of any age, in preparing their income tax returns. This service is available free at Scurry Senior Citizens Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Monday President's Day

Monday is President's Day and a holiday for local financial institutions and some schools.

Most county buildings will be closed, including the courthouse and library. The Senior Center will be open.

Snyder and Ira ISDs will continue holidays through Monday.

The local post office will not deliver mail; however, mail will be put up in boxes.

Workers' comp meeting

Workers' compensation insurance will be the topic of a town meeting here Tuesday, sponsored by the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund. The public is invited to the meeting, set for 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Willow Park Inn.

Those interested in attending should call 800 859-5995 to register.

Toastmaster workshop set

The Tumbleweed Toastmasters Club of Snyder will conduct a four-session public speaking workshop on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 in the chamber of commerce beginning Feb. 26.

Cost is $25 for all four sessions. For information, contact Pearline Stewart Nolan at 573-7456 during the day or 573-8401 in the evening.

HISD board to convene

Hermleigh ISD board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday to review remodeling plans for the district's $500,000 renovation project.

Chamber board to meet

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the chamber board room.

Pick 3

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

7-8-5

(seven, eight, five)

Cash 5

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

5-8-18-21-35

(five, eight, eighteen, twenty-one, thirty-five)

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Snyder High School

BCA II class tackles 'real world' project

Students redesign spring 'Bulletin'

Hands-on experience is often the best teacher.

For the first time, the Preregistration Bulletin that Snyder High School students receive each spring is being redesigned, proofed and laid out by Business Computer II students in Lynda Patterson's class.

This "real world project" is the brainchild of SHS counselors who asked Patterson if she and her students would be willing to undertake it.

It didn't take long for the students and their mentor to say yes. That was the easy part. Work began around the middle of January and was to be completed by the end of the current six weeks.

A layout and design committee was selected and each student was assigned different areas of the bulletin.

Seventeen BCA II students analyzed the previous Preregistration Bulletin, looking for ways to add more "pizzaz." Our goal, Patterson said, is "to create something students will want to read," through redesign and usage of graphics and color. They also proofread for typos and discussed grammatical changes.

Patterson described her students as "enthusiastic" and "responsible." She complimented their effort, thoroughness, and attention to detail. She also cited

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TALKING IT OVER — Snyder High School BCA II students have undertaken the task of redesigning the Preregistration Bulletin which students receive each spring. Three members of the layout and design committee shown are from left, Julie Lange, Kathryn Robbins and Brooke Cozart. Fourth member, Courtney Anderson, is not pictured. Lynda Patterson is their teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Academy appoints Parker

Senior headed to West Point

Matt Parker will soon follow in his older brother's footsteps, and he couldn't he happier.

Matt, 18 and a senior at Snyder High School, has been appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Older brother J, 20, is currently a junior at the academy.

Matt is looking forward to his freshmen year because it will be just like "having a big brother again." Besides their common interest in football, Matt also thinks it will be great to be able to share things with J.

And even though West Point is co-ed, he doesn't think women on campus pose problems. Rather, he expects the atmosphere to be "similar to high school."

Matt said he was always somewhat interested in West Point, but it wasn't until he began "checking things out" that he realized he wanted to go to school there.



APPOINTED TO WEST POINT — Snyder High School senior Matt Parker has been appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is the son of Bill and Barbara Parker. Parker's older brother, J, is currently a junior at West Point. (SDN Staff Photo)

As far as he is concerned, Matt said the after-graduation benefits alone are too good to pass up. He also likes being part of an elite group.

Another plus, Matt said, is that academically, West Point is considered a higher-level university.

Registration is set for July 1. Basic training will follow. After he completes 31 core academic courses, Matt will be able to choose his major. For now, the future private is interested in aviation and law.

Following West Point graduation, Matt could serve six years in the U.S. Army, or he could "make a deal with the Army," allowing him to attend graduate school for two years and then serve an agreed number of years in military service.

Matt was at West Point the weekend of Feb. 3 for a recruiting visit. His appointment package was waiting for him when he returned home.

Getting the appointment brought a great deal of relief, he said, because "I no longer have to worry about where I am going after (high school) graduation."

While Matt's appointment is a

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Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Fuller
(Recent Picture by Wadleigh Studio)

Fullers will celebrate anniversary Feb. 24

W.J. Fuller and Jerry Pitner were married on Feb. 24, 1946 in Dunn with the Rev. C.J. Smith officiating the ceremony.

Friends and family members are invited to a reception set for Saturday, Feb. 24, at Reta's Restaurant from 2 to 4 p.m. Their golden anniversary celebration will be hosted by their children and their spouses. They are Linda and Edwin Bessent of Brownwood, and Lynn and Sheri Fuller of Willow Park, Tex. Those assisting will be their four grandchildren, Shanna and Brian Bessent, and Justin and Jared Fuller.

The couple asks that no one bring gifts. Their desire is that friends join them in celebrating this memorable event.

Web use up

Survey suggests increase

NEW YORK (AP) — A new survey estimates 17 million U.S. adults, or one in 11, have used the World Wide Web — double the most widely accepted previous estimate of Internet use. Some experts are skeptical.

Counting heads on the Internet is an inexact science. But since it is expensive for companies to maintain attractive and up-to-date Web sites, they are eager to know how many people are seeing their messages or advertisements.

The figure released Thursday came from a collaboration of researchers at the Baruch College School of Public Affairs and the polling company Louis Harris and Associates.

Four Harris polls of a total of 4,022 adults taken from September through January found 9 percent reporting they had accessed the Web. A third of those said they had used it to get information about politics or political candidates.

"The implications are tremendous," said Douglas Muzzio, a professor of public affairs at Baruch who helped design the survey. He maintains that the Internet is "revolutionizing American representative democracy" by changing the way people communicate with each other and the government.

But an Internet marketing expert, Donna L. Hoffman Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, said the 17 million figure results from "a very liberal definition" of what it means to use the Internet.

"If you're not precise in what you mean by access or usage ... then who knows what they interpret that to mean," she said.

ABWA monthly meeting held

The Deep Creek Chapter ABWA met at Rudy's on Feb. 1 for its monthly meeting. President Bonnie Carroll presided.

Eight members were present along with four guests, Jackie and Chelsea Hackfeld and Angie and Amy Reynolds.

Jackie Hackfeld presented a program of beautiful songs. She was accompanied by her daughter on one song.

During the meeting fund raisers were discussed and Secret Pals were revealed. It was voted to renew Secret Pals during the March meeting.

Following discussion of business, benediction was given by all.

The next chapter meeting will be March 7 at Rudy's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. It will be a Business Associate Event. All working ladies are invited to attend.

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MARCH MARRIAGE PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rigby of Nampa, Idaho, Jennifer Fisher of Washington, D.C., and Mr. and Mrs. David Fisher of Snyder, announce the engagement of their daughter and son, Jamie Rigby and Cory Fisher of Washington, D.C. A March 9, 2 p.m. wedding is to be held in Burley, Idaho, and a reception will honor the couple March 16 at 2 p.m. in the multipurpose building of East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Holiday
TUESDAY
Donut
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
THURSDAY
Cinnamon Rolls
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs w/Biscuit
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Holiday
TUESDAY
Hamburger
Chili Dog
Lettuce and Tomato
Tator Tots
Fresh Apples
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy
Sliced Turkey w/Cream Gravy
Green Beans
Whipped Potatoes
Hot Rolls
THURSDAY
Enchilada Casserole
Beef Taco
Lettuce and Tomato
Refried Beans
Cornbread
FRIDAY
Chicken Burger
Corndog
Applesauce
French Fries
Cookie

Ira

MONDAY
Tacos
Shredded Lettuce
Corn
Brownies
Crackers
TUESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Peas
Creamed Potatoes
Strawberry Short Cake
WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Corn
Spinach
Cornbread
Cherry Cobbler
THURSDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Bomb Pops
FRIDAY
Patty Melts
French Fries
Relish Cup
Oranges

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk
TUESDAY
Fruit
Pancake Pups
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk
THURSDAY
Fruit
Cheese Toast
Milk
FRIDAY
Holiday

LUNCH
MONDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Glazed Carrots
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fudge Brownies
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello
Milk
THURSDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Fruit Cup
Milk
FRIDAY
Holiday

Appearance Cancelled

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — They love him, ma-a-a-n! (Sob.) Uh, unless he's going to sell beer.

Charlton Heston's appearance in a Bud Light commercial led an Alabama Christian school to cancel his speech at its annual fund-raiser March 22.

The commercial — which uses the catch phrase "I love you, ma-a-a-n!" and a fake sob — was first shown during the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

"We had some complaints and concerns," said David Vester, president of the Mars Hill Bible School. "We're a Christian school, and part of our purpose for being is to teach against the evils of drinking."

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SHOWER GIVEN — Tana Surratt, bride-elect of Kevin Holt, was the honoree at a wedding shower held Feb. 10 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured are Mya Surratt, sister of the bride; Tana Surratt, bride-elect; Donna Holt, mother of the groom; Ann Davis, grandmother of the groom; and Marion Holt, grandmother of the groom. The couple plans a March 9 wedding in Marfa.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and
Nancy Nash-Cummings



How much is this rare book worth?

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have a hardcover book printed by M.A. Donohue & Co., Chicago, copyright by F.P. Buck in 1910. The title is "The Cherry Mine Disaster." Inside are pictures of people identifying victims and lots of others. A big fire broke out in the St. Paul Mine at Cherry, Ill. It happened Nov. 13, 1909. The book was dedicated to the memory of the 12 glorious martyrs who lost their lives. Do you know of anybody who might have an idea of what the book is worth? It belonged to my grandfather and he worked in the mines. MARY L. HUGHES, Wauconda, Ill.

DEAR MARY: With a book such as yours that provides a record of a local event or disaster, the best place to call for information on the book and its value is the historical society located nearest the site.

In the case of the Cherry Hill Mine disaster, it is the Bureau County Historical Society, 109 Park Avenue West, Princeton, IL 61356. We found the address through the Illinois Historical Society (listed under State Information in Illinois telephone directories).

After a few more phone calls, we ended up talking to the Special Collections Librarian of the Historical Society of Peoria (not THAT far from Cherry — or Princeton, for that matter!) She looked up your book and told us it is worth about $35.

She wondered if perhaps the Bureau County Historical Society might appreciate it as a donation (and a tax deduction for you). You might like to drop them a line.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I am thinking of planting my own sunflower seeds for the birds next year. Could you give me information on how to dry the seeds? Leave them on the head of the sunflower or shell them off? Or, put the seeds in the microwave? I don't have much room around the house. Everything is much, much too expensive these days! GEORGE CAVALCANTE, Merrittstown, Pa.

DEAR GEORGE: You don't need to dry the seeds. If you wish to remove the seeds from the sunflower heads, the easiest way to do this is to rub the heads on a piece of hardware cloth. Store the seeds in a dry place. DON'T put them in the microwave! The only circumstances in which you want to dry sunflower seeds is when you [illegible] for yourself.

In the spring, plant the seeds about 1 inch deep, 2 inches apart, in a sunny spot with well drained soil. If you want large plants with large flowers, thin to a foot apart and provide ample moisture and fertility.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I am trying to find additional score sheets for the game KISMET. I wrote to the address on the box and the letter was returned. I would appreciate any information. MARY FRANTZ, Richmon, Ill.

DEAR MARY: Why not just take a blank score sheet down to your nearest photocopying place and have them run off some copies? If you have no blank sheets left, use "white out" to paint over the scores, they'll copy like new. We couldn't find KISMET either.

STUMPED: WANTED: WINTER HOMEMADE WINDSHIELD WASHER RECIPE. Kathy G. of Lake Zurich, Ill. is looking for this. Any suggestions?

STUMPED: REPLACEMENT HANDLES FOR REVERE WARE. [illegible] taken over Revere Ware. They no longer have handles for saucepans. Does anyone know of a source for these?

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have a NY '[illegible] Dietz Vesta railroad lantern [illegible] been searching for globe [illegible] no avail. It was made in the late [illegible] or early '30s. Can you help?

D. JOYCE, Crystal River, Fla.

DEAR D. JOYCE: Hardware and appliance [illegible] eight different sizes of replacement globes for Dietz lanterns. Since we don't know the dimensions of yours, we can't be sure they have what you want. Why don't you give them a call at 216 857 5757 or write to them with the specifications at P.O. Box 11, Kidron, OH 44636-604[illegible]

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The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice



This is one of the most interesting times of the year for the gardener. Yes, it is the winter months when very little gardening is going on. This is the time to study and order from the various gardening catalogues. I must explain at this time that basically there is two types of catalogues. Even though some have combined the both of them into one. You first have the seed catalogue and then you have the plant catalogue. Each year I receive in excess of one hundred different catalogues. Over the past 40 years I have tried to save certain catalogues for various reasons.

I will try and cover four or five of the best catalogues, in my opinion, and tell you why I think so highly of them. At the end of this article I will list the name and address of each of the catalogues in this article. The way I am listing them is in no way to be considered that I think one is better than the ones following.

First, lets look at the Park Seed Catalogue which is one of the oldest and most complete seed catalogues. After each seed you will find a most complete description of the plant that the seed will produce with the light requirements and weather tolerances. This is one of the catalogues I have collected over the past 35 years.

Second, lets look at the Wayside Garden Catalogue. This is also one of the catalogues that I have collected over the past 40 years and with their description of the various plant items they offer you will find that the descriptions are almost accurate in every case. Also, this company gives you the light requirements and weather tolerance for the various plants that they are offering.

Third, lets look at the Thompson-Morgan Catalogue. Even though this company has a United States address it comes from jolly old England. This catalogue will have plants and seeds that you will not find in many other catalogues as it draws from many years they have been in business in England. In fact, you will find plant and seed material, along with a most accurate description, within this catalogue.

Fourth, lets look at Stark Bros. Nursery Catalogue. This is one of the plant catalogues I referred to at the beginning of this article. It is the oldest commercial nurseries in the United States. Stark Bros. acquired all the patents of the most famous hybridizer, Luther Burbank, and still produce many of his plants. The Stark Nursery is most famous for its dwarf fruit trees as well as regular size fruit trees and again, you can depend on their descriptions within their catalogue.

Fifth, lets look at Burpee Seed Catalogue. The Burpee Seed Company is one of the most well respected seed houses in the United States. They are noted for their work with the white marigold as well as many other seed introductions over the years.

The sixth and final catalogue is Hartman Plantation Catalogue. In this catalogue you will find some of the most unusual plants ever offered in the United States. This company explores the far reaches of the world and brings unusual types of plants. I have test grown for most of these companies and I will not say one is better than the other. I will say that you can depend on each description in each catalogue.

The addresses of each catalogue are:

—Park Seed Co., Cookesbury Rd. Greenwood, S.C. 29647.

—Wayside Gardens, Hodges, S.C., 29695-001.

—Thompson & Morgan, Inc., P.O. Box 1308, Jackson, N.J. 08527.

—Stark Brothers, P.O. Box 10, Lousiana, Mo. 63353-0010.

—Burpee, P.O. Box 5114, Warminister, PA. 18974-4818.

—Hartmann's Plantation, Inc. P.O. Box E, Grand Junction, MI. 49056.

Gardeners, if you save these catalogues over the years you could build a good library on gardening.

Astronomers expect comet appearance in early spring

FORT WORTH (AP) — The most recently discovered comet, Hyakutake, is expected to make a spectacular appearance over Texas in early spring, and the director of a Fort Worth museum is trying to get ready for it.

Don Garland, director of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History 's Noble Planetarium, says the comet may outshine the 1986 visit of Halley's Comet.

"If there is any appreciable tail at all, it should be a very spectacular object," Garland said. "It is still questionable what kind of tail it will have, if any at all."

Astronomers expect the comet Hyakutake to be as bright as some of the sky's brightest stars and think it will be visible on some nights without the aid of a telescope.

It will be flying closer to Earth than most recent comets — within 10 million miles. Because this will be its first swing close to the sun, it is expected that there will be plenty of loose ice crystals to melt away to form the tail. And in late March, it will appear higher in the sky than Halley's comet, which is expected to make viewing easier.

Garland predicts that the best viewing will be about March 30, although the comet will probably be visible for a week or two before and after.

The museum has tentatively set up a public viewing session the night of March 30 on the museum's front lawn. The comet is expected to appear 25 to 30 degrees above the horizon in the northwestern sky shortly after the 6:46 p.m. sunset. By 7:30 to 8 p.m., it should be easily visible, Garland said.

Its arrival coincides with the planetarium show "Collisions," which is about comets, asteroids and meteors.

Although it is supposed to be visible to the naked eye, binoculars will improve viewing, he said. Telescopes are not necessary, but some will be set up at the museum session.

Garland said that if the comet lives up to its potential, the coma (the fuzzy-looking cloud around the head of the comet) will appear larger than the moon, although not as bright.

Locals named best overall in rose contest

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Howell of Snyder were selected as the winners in the Best Overall Rose Garden Category for the Spring Hill Nurseries Company.

The Howell's winning ideas and photos will be published in an upcoming issue of the Gardening News.

As a gift for entering the contest, Mr. and Mrs. Howell received a $100 gift certificate that can be applied to their next order from the Spring Hill catalog.

Bride & Groom Registry



Jamie Rigby & Cory Fisher
Lynda Lantz & Casey Peterson
Kristen Grant & Ben Murphy
Lisa Pendleton & Cody Williams
Lori Etchison & David Cozart
Lei Holcomb & Wayne Holloway
Rana Eicke & Shane Meier
Tana Surratt & Kevin Holt
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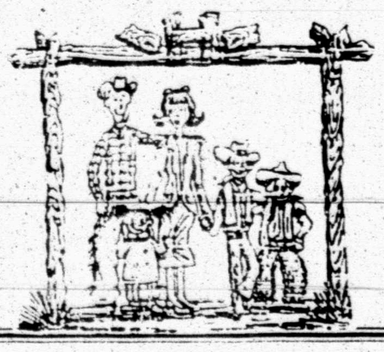


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DONATION MADE — Wenona Evans presents Snyder Neighbors Sharing president Thomas Fogleman with a $200 donation from the Snyder Board of Realtors. The donation was presented at the board's monthly meeting at the Snyder Country Club.(SDN Staff Photo)

Hemp cloth popular with designers

NEW YORK (AP) — An illicit fabric?

Hemp, used to make a linen-like cloth that is becoming more and more popular with designers, is illegal to grow in the United States.

According to Owen Sercus, who teaches in the Fashion Institute of Technology's textile development and marketing program, the hemp plant that produces textiles has no connection with marijuana. But because it can't be grown in this country — largely because of the public perception that it's the same as the hallucinogenic plant — it must be imported, increasing its price.

"Hemp has some unique qualities, it is environmentally friendly, and it looks great," says Sercus, who points out that designers like Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein have been using this ancient fabric in their lines.

Though many consumers are attracted to hemp fabric because of its grainy texture, it can be made into softer and more sophisticated textiles, he says.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Think, don't leap

Brooks Atkinson claimed, "The virtue of the camera — not the power it has to transform the photographer into an artist, but the impulse it gives him to keep on looking."

Bridge players suffer from the opposite problem. They see a good play and go for it. They don't pause momentarily to look for something better.

In today's deal, South was in four hearts. After West had led the spade five, how should East have planned the defense?

Two do trump is the best opening bid with that South hand, despite the five-card major. It is too strong for one heart and unsuitable for a strong two-bid in hearts.

Realizing his partner had led a singleton, East won the first trick with the spade ace and returned the spade nine. True, partner ruffed, but that was the end of the defense. South won West's diamond switch and played a trump. East won with the ace and played another spade, but South ruffed high (he didn't know West was now out of hearts), drew East's last trump and claimed.

East was too impulsive. He should have paused for a moment to wonder where the fourth defensive trick was coming from. If he had, he would have seen the advantage in switching to his singleton club at trick two.

After winning in the dummy, declarer plays a trump, but East rushes in with the ace and leads the spade two, a suit-preference signal asking for a club return. West ruffs and returns the club as requested. East's ruff defeats the contract.

Be calm and thoughtful at the bridge table, not impulsive.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed all games for Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club played at the Snyder Country Club.

Seven tables.

N-S

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Ena Carroll, Sue Mize.
3. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

E-W

1. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
2. Sandra Rhodes, Joan Daniel.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Martha Fagin and Charles Grimes, Joan Lafond.

SUNDAY

Four tables.

1. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
2. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Margaret Presswood, Gwen Sealy.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Jane Hinton, Malven Stevenson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzie Hall.

NORTH 02-17-96
♠ Q J 10 3
♥ J 10 9 5
♦ 8
♣ Q J 8 4

WEST
♠ 5
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 6 5
♣ 10 9 6 5 2

EAST
♠ A 9 8 6 4 2
♥ A 3
♦ K J 4 3
♣ 7

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

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

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Stamp Club sponsors event

The South Plains Stamp Club and the High Plains Regional Philatelic Association will sponsor Soplex/Hiplex '96 on March 2-3.

The event will be held at the Holiday Inn in the Lubbock Plaza. This will be the 35th in a continuing series of annual shows.

Showtimes are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Over 500 pages of exhibits are expected to be on display and will be judged by and accredited panel for show and other special awards.

More than 12 dealers from a three state area will offer stamps, covers and hobby supplies for all ages, interests and budgets. A show cover and special cancel will be available.

For more information contact Mark A. Smith at (806) 745-0549 or Howard "Skip" Medlock at (806) 795-1706.

Activities keep Mr. Spock busy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Spock, there are many enterprises.

Leonard Nimoy, Mr. Spock on "Star Trek," is directing a Broadway-bound play, serving as host of a cable TV show and enjoying his five grandchildren.

"I have a great sense of fulfillment from the work. I have a wonderful personal life. I relish each day," he said in an interview this month.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building, W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Senior Center Menu

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Baked Ham
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Tropical Apples

TUESDAY
Braised Beef on Noodles
Whole Kernel Corn
Chopped Broccoli
Cucumber-Onion Salad
Spicy Bread Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes and Green Beans
Cottage Cheese and Peach Salad
Chocolate Pudding

THURSDAY
Beef Stew
Tossed Salad
Red Applesauce
Cornbread
Gingerbread

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Macaroni Salad
Fresh Fruit Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Lifestyle changes could help prevent and control diabetes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black Americans appear to have a genetic predisposition to diabetes that may be triggered by obesity or other health habits — but simple lifestyle changes could lower the risk, diabetes experts said Monday.

"This is a problem we can beat and it's time to begin," said Dr. James Gavin as he unveiled the American Diabetes Association's African-American Program.

The $500,000 education campaign will cover how to prevent and control diabetes, a disease where the body either doesn't produce enough insulin or can't use the hormone properly.

Insulin carries sugar from digested food into cells. Without it, sugar overloads the bloodstream before being excreted, thus depleting the patient's main energy source.

Black Americans are twice as likely as whites to get diabetes. At least 3 million blacks have it, although many more are thought to be undiagnosed. Black women particularly are vulnerable — one in four over age 55 has diabetes.

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

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BCA II class redesigns 'Bulletin' for SHS

the school's English Department.

Members of the layout and design committee include Kathryn Robbins, Julie Lang, Brooke Cozart and Courtney Anderson.

Others working on the bulletin include Laura Collins, Patrick Cumbie, Lindsey Griffin, Sylvia Herrera, Greg Jones, Page Patterson, Gene Pollard, Tami Tucker and Michelle Wood.

All are seniors, except Collins and Cumbie who are juniors.

During a recent class period, several students commented on this project. All expressed universal approval for this opportunity which has allowed them to utilize computer and creative skills. They also value the longterm benefits such as college attendance and the future job market.

One student is already utilizing her computer training, at a part-time job she started in January. Brooke Cozart, who now works for Ben Murphy, appreciates the "good experience" this project has provided.

Another level II student, Kathryn Robbins, values the "realistic" aspect of the project.

Last school year, she won district in the then newly formed BCA UIL contest. She plans to compete again this year.

For the contest, students must produce a specified document within 50 minutes.

Lindsey Griffin, assigned to course descriptions, likes the bulletin because "it lets us use our skills rather than going step by step in a book assignment."

Michelle Wood, business class descriptions, said the bulletin "will look good on a future resume."

Page Patterson, electives in computer science and speech, said this job "is helping me to prepare for college."

Patrick Cumbie, fine arts section, said it is "helping me to learn to use word processor programs, skills I will need for college."

Courtney Anderson is working with the introduction and graduation requirements. She said the work she is doing is "really beneficial." She likes being able "to apply what I have learned to a real project."

Tami Tucker, journalism section, recommends at least one year of BCA to students.

Gene Pollard, physical education, likes utilizing his computer skills as well as "taking some of the pressure off of the office" by having the class complete the bulletin this year.

Sylvia Herrera, human sciences, believes this experience will "help me get a job in the future." She also said she has learned the "benefits of proofreading.

Greg Jones, who worked on the math section, likes the class and the "opportunity to work on an interesting project." He added, "I also enjoy getting to make something better."

When the students have finished, the bulletin will be taken to the printer.

BCA II is a "Tech Prep" class which helps prepare students for jobs which require computer knowledge. They use IBM compatibles and the main program is Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows.

Under the block schedule format, adopted by SHS this school year, students attend the BCA II class 2-3 days a week, 90-minute sessions.

Patterson is "sold on the program" and enjoys "working with this group." She is also looking forward to her next level two class.

This is her eighth year at SHS, first as an English teacher and now one of the BCA instructors.

Parker appointed

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congressional one, he could have entered the academy on an athletic appointment, since he has been recruited to play football. In spite of that, Matt said he will have "to make the varsity team." Another option is to be selected for the JV squad.

Matt is no stranger to football. He has been a varsity Tiger for the past three years. As a sophomore, he served as the place kicker. The following year, he added punting and quarterback duties. As a senior, he continued to fill all three positions.

Besides football, Matt has also played varisty golf at SHS for four years. He has also participated in Student Council and is an honor students as well as National Honor Society member.

Last summer, he attended Boys State.

Matt has lived in Snyder since the third grade. He is the son of Bill and Barbara Parker. He also has a brother, Andy, who is a freshman at SHS.

Before being considered by West Point, applications must be obtained from a congressman or representative. Once all of the applications and paper work have been completed, the waiting period begins. Each district is allowed a limited number of appointments.

Matt began the process last fall.

Networks said seeking advice on ratings plan

NEW YORK (AP) — The TV industry has turned to the chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America to broker its negotiations for a rating system just like the movies.

Jack Valenti, once a White House aide for President Johnson, is an adept and influential lobbyist as well as a respected industry leader who can command respect from the owners and operators of multi-billion dollar networks.

"Valenti is a key to this," said one Hollywood source, speaking on condition of anonymity. "So are the MPAA ratings, which everybody knows and everybody understands."

Valenti was in meetings Thursday and could not be reached for comment, said an aide at his Washington, D.C., office. The MPAA rates movies released in the United States.

A deal among the TV networks, the syndicators, and the Hollywood studios for an industry-wide standard is near, sources said Thursday, after the talks were revealed by The New York Times and The Washington Post.

"We have decided to implement an MPAA-like ratings system for the television programs on Fox," News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch said in a brief statement. "We are prepared to act unilaterally if necessary."

NBC also confirmed it was in discussions regarding a rating system.

The talks represent an abrupt and unexpected reversal by the TV industry, which vehemently opposed the so-called v-chip

Research council: calories greater risk than chemicals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Naturally occurring cancer-causing chemicals are more common in foods than synthetic carcinogens, and both are consumed at such low levels they appear to pose little threat to human health, a committee of the National Research Council said.

A bigger threat of cancer for humans is posed by diets that are too rich in calories and fats or alcohol than by minor amounts of chemicals in their food, the report said Thursday.

But the report, "Carcinogens and Anti-Carcinogens in the Human Diet: A Comparison of Naturally Occurring and Synthetic Substances," called for better research on the relationship between diet and cancer.

"While some chemicals in the diet do have the ability to cause cancer, they appear to be a threat only when they are present in foods that form an unusually large part of the diet," said Ronald Estabrook, of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, chairman of the committee.

"The varied and balanced diet needed for good nutrition — including fruits and vegetables — seems to provide significant protection from the natural toxicants in our foods," he said.

After assessing data on more than 200 known carcinogens in food, including 65 that occur naturally, the committee determined that natural and synthetic chemicals appear to cause cancer in similar ways and can be evaluated in the laboratory with the same methods, but screening and research must be dramatically improved.

The report said more sophisticated methods than testing chemicals on rodents are needed to understand the link between dietary chemicals and cancer.

More naturally occurring chemicals should be individually tested for their ability to cause cancer, starting with those that have no nutritional value but are found in high concentrations in commonly consumed foods, it said.

The report noted that some naturally occurring food chemicals have been shown to help prevent cancer.

More is known about the way excess calories, including their fat component, and excess alcohol contribute to cancer than about naturally occurring carcinogens and cancer-reducing anti-carcinogens, it said.

Cancers caused by excess calories and alcohol may account for as many as one-third of all U.S. cancer deaths, the report said.

To improve understanding of the relationship between dietary chemicals and cancer, the report advocated:

—Exploring mechanisms by which major dietary components like fat and calories cause cancer.

—Better defining which foods protect against cancer and how.

—Improving methods of testing chemicals to see whether they are carcinogens.

—Gathering better data on the concentrations of natural and synthetic compounds in food.

—Improving population-based studies by including better cellular and molecular markers to chronicle the damage done to cells by dietary chemicals.

The private, nonprofit National Research Council is the principal operating agency of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. It was chartered by Congress to provide independent advice on science and technology issues.

Supreme Court upholds City of Parker annexation

AUSTIN (AP) — A divided Supreme Court has upheld a 1988 annexation by the city of Parker.

In a 5-3 ruling Friday, the court said the city of Murphy waited too long to challenge Parker's move to annex 27.6 acres of land between the two Collin County towns located northeast of Dallas.

"The Legislature has recognized the need for certainty in municipal boundaries," Justice John Cornyn wrote for the majority. "After annexing land, a municipality must provide services to the area ... To invalidate a municipal annexation long after a city establishes these services would create confusion and hardship for the residents."

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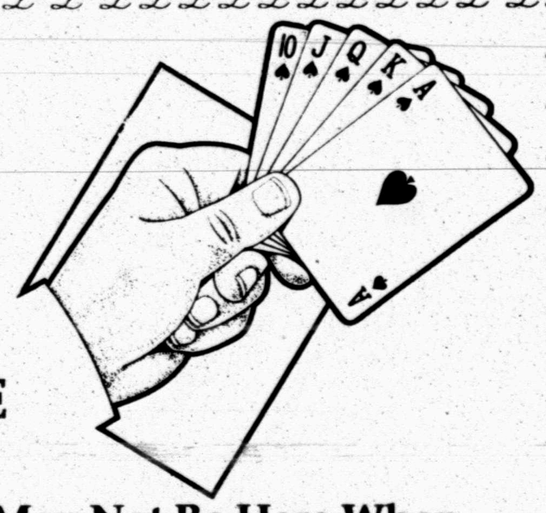
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Keep 'em eater-friendly



BILL MCCLELLAN

There are a lot of things to be said about pot-luck lunches, not the least of which is you can always find something good to eat. The trick, of course, is guessing which dish is most palatable to your taste.

Tuna sandwiches are a frequent offering at these functions. They are simple to make and appeal to a lot of people.

For the past several years though, I've noticed a growing trend. The plain old tuna sandwich is not so plain anymore. It's getting dressed up, or saladized. And I am here to protest.

I like plain tuna fish sandwiches. I define a plain tuna fish sandwich as tuna fish with some dressing, a touch of onion and maybe a little pickle mixed in, on bread.

A lot of people though, put tuna *salad* on a tuna fish sandwich.

I believe that a sandwich ought to be resemble what it's called. If it is a ham sandwich, ham should be dominate. There ought to be more turkey in a turkey sandwich than tomatoes, lettuce or whatever.

It's the same with tuna fish. There ought to be more tuna fish in a tuna fish sandwich than anything else.

Not everyone agrees. Some folks see a tuna fish sandwich as an opportunity to empty the refrigerator.

I was invited to a pot-luck lunch the other day. Maybe a half-dozen varieties of so-called tuna sandwiches were offered, along with some casseroles, potato salads and Jello-type desserts.

These were tuna *salad* connoisseurs, I'm here to tell you.

Now don't get me wrong. I like apples. I like celery. Pecans are good. Almond slivers, too. Grapes are OK.

Throw them together with oranges and pineapples, stir in some whipping cream and you've got a heck of a fruit salad.

I can handle black olives, green peppers and pimentos, too. Good on hogies, even better in Mexican food.

But put all these ingredients together between two pieces of bread and what do you have? I don't know, but it is NOT a tuna sandwich.

Said another way, if you put more than four ingredients in your tuna sandwiches, you need to ask yourself if you truly like tuna in the first place.

And when did people start putting lettuce on tuna fish sandwiches? That's disgusting. These are the same people that make mayonnaise potato salad.

Which brings us to another pot-luck staple. Everyone knows really good potato salad has mustard in it.

And sweet pickles, and a little bit of onion.

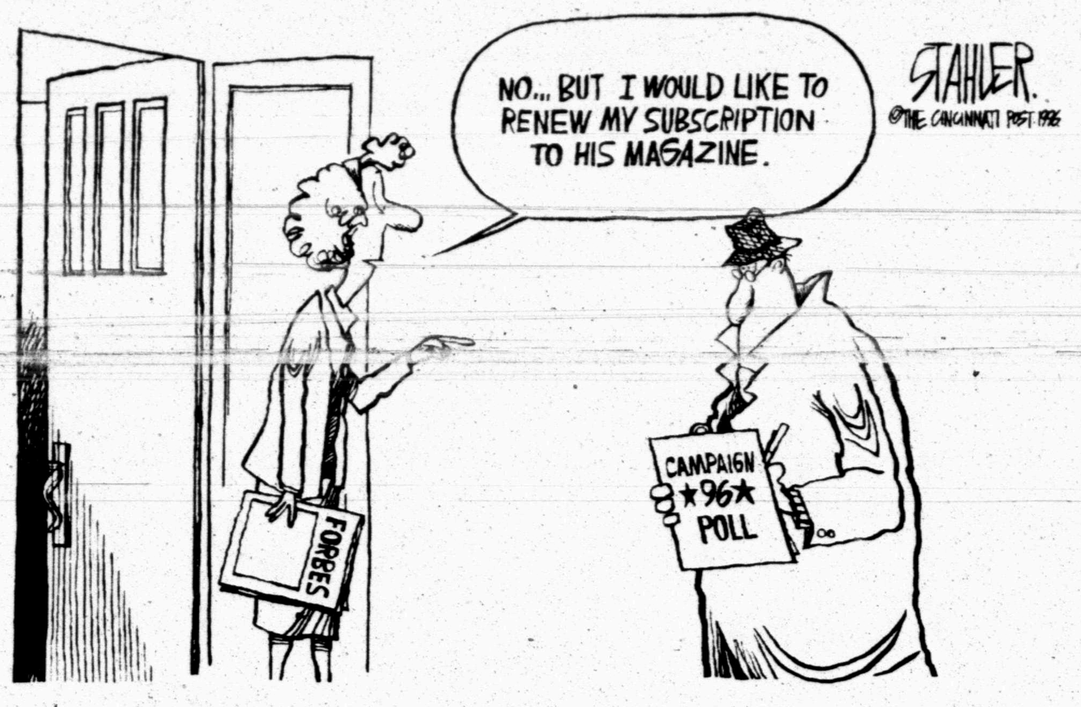
Leave out the apples and celery. No nuts.

If you just have to put a hardboiled egg in it — if you really, really, must put that egg in it — go easy. Remember. It's p-o-t-a-t-o salad, not egg salad.

And one more thing. Unless you're cooking for someone with no teeth, cut up the potatoes, don't squash them. I can't figure out what delights some people about creamy potato salad. It's obvious the stuff was concocted by someone with a lot of left over mashed potatoes.

The potatoes should be chopped up into small- to medium-sized pieces — not fine like shaved ice, and not giant chunks that you have to cut with a fork, either.

Just remember, potato salad — like tuna sandwiches — should be eater-friendly.



Letters to the Editor

Get serious

To the Editor:

This is in response to the unidentified woman who called my home Sunday evening and verbally harassed my young daughter.

Please call back or write to me personally so we can get together and rationally discuss the facts and the law of the federal case against me.

I am confident you will feel different about me when you see the truth about how the government officers lied about me, created fictitious charges against me, and totally ignored important laws which are supposed to protect liberty and justice for all American citizens.

It's time to get serious, lady...this same type thing could happen to you or someone you love! I am ready and willing to address your concerns, but please leave my daughters alone.

Thank you!
Arlie Eicke
Snyder

Just say no

Dear Editor:

According to the February Reader's Digest, Washington Bureau Senior Editor Daniel R. Levine conducted a nationwide survey into use of drugs in the United States. I will make several quotes from this article.

He states: "During the 1980s the most effective anti-drug message was First Lady Nancy Reagan's advice, 'Just Say No.'"

He states also that where 14,000 fans were gathered in Austin for a music festival "The smell of marijuana permeates the air, and a cloud of smoke hangs thick near the stage. Pipes and joints are passed around freely."

'Just Say No.' "The teens began hearing fewer messages," says Susan Acorn, 17 of Omaha. "Nobody talks about it any more. It's like the subject of drugs is taboo." Meanwhile, popular culture, especially music, has portrayed marijuana as a normal, even glamorous aspect of teen life. As the Washington Post commented last May, "Pot is hip." Drug use began to climb.

"Legalized marijuana in the United States would be a disaster," says Columbia's Kleber. "It would create a pediatric epidemic for which we would pay a dreadful price in terms of more damaged children and more damaged adults when they grow up."

Switzerland has one of the highest HIV infection rates in Europe and the highest per-capita rate of drug addiciton.

The truly smart person is one who can control his own body. All you who would think about drugs of any kind, including beer and hard liquor, please say no. This makes you an outstanding individual. Anyone can say yes and go along with the crowd.

Those of you who have used drugs, liquor, or beer and who have quit are to be admired. It is hard to admit you are doing wrong and repent and quit. This takes great personal strength.

Dads and mothers, we know you love and want the best for your children. If you take that social drink, do you expect your children not to use use drugs and drink?

Let's all encourage everyone to say no.

Yours truly,
Surry Gillum

Fast service

Dear Editor:

Occasionally we have unpleasant experiences with those we pay for services. More often than not these professionals perform above and beyond.

Friday, Feb. 9, I came home early from work battling the bug that had a lot of us sneezing, coughing and generally feeling less than on top of our game. I took a cold pill and turned on the television, the golf tournament was blurred, fuzzy and out of focus, I don't think it was caused by the bug! I called TCA Cablevision and told them about my problem. I was told that someone would look into the problem.

Ten minutes later a service representative called and said he would be out to solve the problem. I'm sorry I didn't get his name as he deserves an at-a-boy, job well done and a gold star on his time card.

No stone was left unturned and the culprit, (a former canine resident) was found to have chewed through a cable and caused a loss of signal. The repair was expedient, the service was outstanding and the repairman was more than professional.

If he is not TCA's employee of the month I want to know why!

Thank you,
Tim Fleming
Snyder

Thanks again!

To the Editor:

The Scurry County Health Unit would like once again to thank all of the organizations that became a very important part of our "Be An Adopted Grandparent" to the babies born at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for the year 1995.

These people not only sent cards to all the babies reminding them of due dates for immunizations through the first year of their life, but some went the extra mile and sent Valentine, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to their adopted children.

The Golden K Kiwanas were the first to adopt all babies born in January 1995 and they are the first to contact us and ask if they could be the adopted grandparents to all the babies born in January 1996.

We want to thank them for their help for a year-long project, not just a one-day venture.

Texas Department of Health in Austin has announced that Scurry County's "Adopted Grandparent" program is the first to be initiated and is used as an example to counties throughout the state. We feel proud that this community endeavor was done on a volunteer basis and cost no one on the local, state or federal level.

Once again, a great big thanks to all of you!

Cindy Nix
Scurry County Health Unit

Name stands for more than an actor



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

Whenever my son, Dustin, was a little boy and would ask me how he got his name, I would always reply, "You were named after the actor, Dustin Hoffman."

This never seemed to satisfy him, however, and it eventually occurred to me that Dustin just didn't realize who this Academy Award-winning star of such movies as "The Graduate," "Midnight Cowboy," "Little Big Man," and "Marathon Man" was. Those movies had all been made before he was born. Then one day, while Kent and I were watching "Tootsie," Dustin came traipsing through the living room, glanced at the TV, came to a screeching halt and, his face twisted with horror, cried, "You named me after HIM?"

After that, it took a few years before I could get this kid to sit down and watch another Dustin Hoffman movie. Actually, it happened by accident. Once again, he was meandering through the living room while we were watching a movie. This time, his attention was completely arrested. He sat down and watched the whole thing through, not once, but twice, and once again later on. The name of the movie was, "Rainman."

While the film credits were running, Dustin asked thoughtfully, "Dustin Hoffman won the Academy Award for this movie, didn't he?"

"Yes," I said. "And it was his second Oscar. He has also won Broadway's prestigious Tony Award, and television's coveted Emmy, for his performance in 'Death of a Salesman.'"

"Wow."

"NOW do you understand why you were named after this guy?" I prompted. "Watch any two Dustin Hoffman movies in a row, and chances are you won't recognize the man. He doesn't play a character, he BECOMES a character."

"So...you want me to become an actor?"

"No, no no. Not unless it's your heart's desire."

He shook his head vehemently.

"Okay. I named you after this actor because he represents, to me, absolute excellence. Hoffman is no film god. He's short and has a big nose and an unprepossessing presence. In the world of John Wayne and Clark Gable and Clint Eastwood, this little Jewish guy from the Bronx didn't stand a chance. But when he sets his mind on a goal, be it a part in a movie or whatever, he works harder than anyone else in the business, and he never quits until he has done his absolute personal best. Yet, other actors say he's generous and funny and a pleasure to work with. You can learn a lot from a man like that."

"Plus," I added with a grin, "I thought the name had a pretty sound to it and, back in 1977, it was somewhat unusual."

That was several years ago, and sometimes we still laugh about the "Tootsie" story. But I've been thinking about that conversation lately. This week, the Academy Award nominations were announced. I know that on the night of the ceremony, (March 25), I will make the same ritual out of it that I always have: curl up on the loveseat with the remote in one hand a bowl of popcorn in the other, and watch every minute — from the cornball opening musical extravaganza to the dramatic midnight disclosure of "Best Picture."

I even have my favorite moments: Tom Hanks thanking his high school drama teacher, who happened to be gay, as Hanks accepted the Oscar for "Philadelphia Story;" Marlee Matlin saying her thanks in sign language as she accepted the Best Actress award for "Children of a Lesser God;" Kevin Costner holding out the Best Picture Oscar for "Dances With Wolves" toward his parents and saying, "I'm so glad you lived long enough to see this;" Billy Crystal being pushed out on stage on a dolly, all gagged up as Hannibal Lector from "Silence of the Lambs;" crusty old Jack Palance doing his one-armed push-ups as he accepted the Oscar for "City Slickers."

Those of us who love movies, and who love the Academy Awards, know that there is far more to it than the glitz and glamour and gossip that is Hollywood. We know that those who walk across that stage have each overcome almost unspeakable odds to get where they are.

The occasional child actor or surprise hit notwithstanding, most Oscar winners have been in that impossible business for more years than they would ever admit. Some smash movies, like "Rocky," "Platoon," and "Forrest Gump" made the rejection rounds for ten years or more before finally scraping together enough financial backing to get made.

Some actors, like this year's nominee for Best Actress, Sharon Stone, had to fight and claw to be taken seriously after being disastrously typecast early in their careers. Others, like Best Actor in a Supporting Role nominees Kevin Spacey and that underappreciated sweetheart, Ed Harris, worked quietly for years and years as "character actors" in indistinguishable parts. And who can fail to cheer when a gifted actress like Mare Winningham, who slogs along in underpaid TV-land for years, finally gets her just recognition as a Best Actress in a Supporting Role nominee?

All of them — even the biggest egos and most difficult temperaments — are absolutely humbled in their moment of triumph, astonished to actually be there, no matter how badly they wanted to win. They remind the millions of us all around the world who are watching that, no matter what you choose to do for a living or what goals you've set for yourself, there is something to be said for just hanging in there, for never giving up no matter what the odds, for always giving your absolute personal best — even if you have to do it through 24 takes.

My son may find it amusing that he was named after something so frivolus as a movie star.

He's young, yet. Give him a few more years, and one day it will all start to make perfect sense.

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Editorial Comment

The governors and Medicare

The Waco Tribune-Herald

The nation's governors went to Washington for a meeting and within two days developed and approved plans that revamp the multibillion-dollar Medicaid and welfare programs.

Reforming these two major programs has gotten nowhere by the politicians Americans sent to Washington. Sort of makes a person wonder if the country wouldn't be better off if the governors ran Washington as well as their home states.

With budget talks stalled to the point that the federal government suffered two partial shutdowns, members of the National Governors Association came to town and in short order put together a proposal that won praise even from the congressional and administration ideologues who put partisan politics ahead of sensible solutions.

Like the Washington politicians, the governors also represented both major political parties. But the 26 Republican and Democratic governors didn't let politics prevent them from compromising their differences and arriving at a Medicaid proposal that would save an amount between the $59 billion that President Clinton wanted and the $85 billion in savings advocated by the Republicans.

The Medicaid proposal by the governors gave the states the flexibility demanded by the Washington Republicans and still maintained the federal guarantee of health benefits demanded by Clinton and the Democrats. Likewise, the governors' welfare plan added the funds for child care called for by the Democrats and gave states the final authority to limit benefits for additional children born into welfare families, which the Republicans required.

The governors did not attempt to demonize governors representing opposing parties, nor did they publicly belittle opposing ideas, which has become business as usual in Washington where decades of partisan gridlock has stalemated needed reforms.

The governors tackled Medicaid and welfare because those two programs are the most expensive budget items faced by states, not to mention the federal government.

Clinton praised the governors' plan as did Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Now two sides need to avoid the temptation to get into a petulant food fight over which side should take credit for the governors' proposals.

A grateful nation would appreciate it if the governors could extend their winter meeting in Washington long enough to balance the federal budget and solve health care. That should take a day or two.

Back to Basics By Ellen Baker

The Texas State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (TSOICC) has produced a publication entitled "The Texas Economy: A New Wave of Employment Opportunity." The committee studied recent trends in the Texas economy of the 1990s and analyzed how those trends affect the Texas job market.

Throughout the study, there is an emphasis on the need for education and training to prepare the work force to handle the jobs which will be needed in the year 2000 and beyond. In their book "From One Job to the Next," researchers J. Zornitsky and A. Seitchik note the growth of service area jobs in white-collar work (requiring post-secondary training), and identify the gap in education and training which keeps high wage, but medium- and low-educated workers who are laid off from moving into jobs of comparable pay in growing industries.

According to the TSOICC report, the importance of technology is evident in the workplace, and employees will need even greater basic education and cognitive, knowledge-based skills, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently concluded that the more educational preparation a worker had, the higher the earnings potential. If a worker's education was at minimal level for their occupation, they would likely earn less than a co-worker who had greater education or training. Research has also indicated that the training requirements are changing, as evidenced by a TSOICC study which looked at the 35 lowest-paying occupations and concluded that more training was required for those jobs in 1992 than had been in 1986.

Consider these important factors in the job search process:

1. The TSOICC publication states "The major factor that will dictate the course of a person's work life is their individual vision. Personal success without a vision of what one wants to be will become increasingly difficult." One of the habits in Stephen Covey's "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People" is "begin with the end in mind." This is especially true here. Being able to identify career options and then to explore them while keeping your goals in mind is essential to a successful job search.

2. Getting ahead in the workplace will require both education, good work ethics, and initiative.

3. Technology will play an ever-increasing role in the workforce. Workers with computer skills and other technical knowledge will have the advantage in securing and keep a job.

4. The average worker is likely to change careers seven times and jobs ten times. If your background includes good education and training, you will be more likely to view change as an opportunity rather than a setbask.

5. The trend appears to be toward new, smaller firms which will be seeking workers with specific skills.

6. Keep in mind the need to constantly update your skills and further your education. Expect the need to participate in both formal and informal educational opportunities throughout your work life.

7. The trend toward more service-related jobs will require workers to deal more with people. This means that interpersonal skills which show your ability to get along well with people, demonstrate your leadership qualities, and emphasize your communication techniques will be especially important.

Are you ready to be a part of the workforce in the year 2000 and beyond? You can be. Come out and talk with one of the counselors at Western Texas College about your career goals. A trained professional can help you analyze the interests, skills and training you already have and point you toward the jobs which would utilize those to your best advantage. It's not too early to be planning for summer enrollment, which begins May 28. Come and make 1996 the year you change your future.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is in the Learning Resource Center. The phone number is 573-8511, ext 394.

Couple recalls meeting 23 years ago

By KEELY COGHLAN
Bryan-College Station Eagle

BRYAN (AP) — Beverly Joy first noticed Steve Ogden when he was standing in right field during a Naval Academy baseball game around Valentine's Day 23 years ago.

He never had a chance.

Within 10 months, they were married.

"I thought he was awfully cute," she recalled. "They used to call him 'Orbs' for orbit. He used to be out there just thinking things over."

Eighteen-year-old Beverly used to think up things to say to Steve, but he was oblivious.

"I thought she was cute, but she came to see a freshman pitcher," Steve said. "He made it sound like they were almost engaged."

She claims she was only casually dating her boyfriend at the time, then-freshman Lou Repucci.

"I remember asking Lou, 'Who is that guy in right field?' He said, 'Don't think about Steve Ogden. He's a senior. You're too young.'"

But she kept talking about Steve at the dinner table, telling so many stories about him that her mother once stopped her.

"Who are you going there to see? Steve or Lou?' I had to think before I answered, 'Both, I guess.'"

Steve concedes his wife tried to give him hints. "But I wasn't smart enough to pick up on them," he said.

The only one he really remembers is when he came to buy friends' wedding presents in the Midshipmen's Store, where Beverly was helping her mother out.

"She was very kind and helpful, and she wrapped my packages," even though store employees were not supposed to do gift wrapping on Graduation Day, Steve said.

Beverly invited Steve to dinner during the conversation, shocking her mother.

"Her mother scolded her for it," Steve recalled.

But Steve continued to remain oblivious until Beverly's boyfriend Lou, on a Navy sea cruise that summer, told her to go talk to Steve — who was assigned as an assistant baseball coach.

"He wanted to check out the competition," she said. "He was talking about the new pitchers, but it turns out his competition was Steve. I don't think we ever did discuss the new pitchers."

He, however, claimed he was still naive that June.

"I was innocent, minding my own business," he said. "She just walked up to me. But I knew a good deal when I saw it. We got married six months later."

Beverly laughed at that version.

"He was a little more calculating than that," she said. "He told me later he didn't want to seem too eager."

Nor was the first date quite that much of a sure thing. Beverly recalled driving up to his house, because his car had been wrecked, and seeing a little boy outside playing catch.

"He asked, 'Are you the one Steve is waiting for?' I told him yes," she recalled. "He said, 'You're not going to like it.'"

She can still see the outfit the boy alluded to: cranberry pants and two-tone shoes. It was, after all, 1973.

"Probably our sense of humor is what has kept us together," she said.

They dated that summer, and Steve asked her to marry him — sort of — after about three weeks.

"We were taking a walk, really. It was romantic," Beverly said. "There were huge lilac bushes and the smell was all over. I remember he said, 'I'd ask you to marry me if you were older.'

"And I said, 'I'll be older next month.' That's how he knew it was OK to ask me. I think it was a sly way to ask me."

The couple intended to wait at least a year, while Steve was in nuclear engineering school and she started college. But they married in December — partly to cut down on the long-distance phone bills, he said.

But then there was the rehearsal dinner at a restaurant Steve selected, "The Wagon Wheel."

He describes it as a honky-tonk, his wife as what looked like a Mafia hangout. Inside, the room was strung with Christmas lights and water leaking into a bucket at the next table.

"I still remember her father telling her mother, 'I never thought I would bring you to a place like this,'" Steve said.

Ogden, now a state representative from Bryan and a father of three, agrees with his wife on one thing about their whirlwind romance: Their daughters are going to college first.

"We'll never let our daughters do the same thing," he said, slamming his fist on the table and laughing.

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Speech cancelled over beer ad

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — They love him, ma-a-a-n! (Sob.) Uh, unless he's going to sell beer.

Charlton Heston's appearance in a Bud Light commercial led an Alabama Christian school to cancel his speech at its annual fund-raiser March 22.

The commercial — which uses the catch phrase "I love you, ma-a-a-n!" and a fake sob — was first shown during the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

"We had some complaints and concerns," said David Vester, president of the Mars Hill Bible School. "We're a Christian school, and part of our purpose for being is to teach against the evils of drinking."

Heston's screen roles have included Moses and Ben-Hur.

"If my lighthearted commercial broadcast during the Super Bowl offended anyone, I respect their beliefs," Heston said Thursday in a statement released through an aide.

"I would not dream of holding the organization to their commitment if they would prefer I would not appear," he said. "I respect them and I wish them well."

Foster listed on honor roll

LEVELLAND — Marci Foster from Snyder has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1995 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA While carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.

Mitchell named to honor list

GEORGETOWN — Two hundred and ninety-seven Southwestern University students have been named to the 1995 Fall Distinction List for academic excellence.

To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale and be in good standing with the university.

Kimberly A Mitchell, daughter of Janice Mitchell of Snyder, was named to the Fall Distinction List.

WTC, 2 staffers are recognized

Sally Allen was one of five finalists for the innaugural Founders' Scholarship for Jr. College Students at TETA. While Allen did not win the award, she did receive scholarship offers from numerous institutions including Texas Tech, Angelo State, Midwestern and Texas A&M.

Michael Endy was elected Vice Chair for the Community/Junior College Interest Group for the Texas Educational Theatre Association. Endy will take over as chair in 1998.

WTC was recognized as an Institutional Member of the TETA during an awards banquet at the close of the convention. This recognition indicates that the TETA has examined the theatre facilities and program at WTC and found them to be exemplary of the standards desirable in educational theatre in this state.

Senior Center News

Chance Birdsall will present a program of country/western music at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Birdsall is a part-time student at Western Texas College and is studying music with Bill Lyon, director of the college's Community Choir, and Jerald Garner, music director at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He plans to pursue a professional singing career.

Bridge will be the featured game on Monday morning, with play beginning at 9:30 a.m. A Nine Ball tourney is also planned Monday morning. Forty-two is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Skip Bo at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and bridge again at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Quilting is a year-around activity and anyone who would like to join the quilters is welcome. Quilts made are sold in an auction during the center's major fund-raiser, May Day, each year. Senior citizens will be donating craft items and baked goods for sale and the community is invited to attend the event to shop and eat before the auction begins.

Senior citizens who would like to give volunteer time as score keepers and announcers during the Senior League's baseball season are invited to contact Joel Hook at 573-8307. The Senior League season opens at the end of April and continues through July 1.

Virginia firm reportedly subject of federal probe

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — The tobacco industry for years has paid a Virginia firm to study the effects of other people's cigarette smoke on nonsmokers and report the findings to Congress and the public.

Now, a federal grand jury is reportedly investigating whether the firm concealed its ties to tobacco makers or doctored its findings to suit the industry.

"That is an offensive suggestion. It is not something that we do," said Walker Merryman, vice president of the Tobacco Institute.

Since 1985, the tobacco industry trade group has paid Healthy Buildings International of Fairfax to test air in smoking and nonsmoking buildings nationwide, Merryman said.

HBI representatives have testified repeatedly that poor ventilation, not secondhand smoke itself, is to blame for indoor air pollution.

Prosecutors are examining whether HBI violated the law by failing to tell legislators and regulators that it was paid by the Tobacco Institute, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday.

The newspaper quoted unidentified sources who said a grand jury in Alexandria also is looking at whether HBI falsified data and gave false testimony based on it, which could constitute perjury.

On 129 occasions between August 1985 and September 1994, HBI appeared before various government groups on behalf of the Tobacco Institute, according to data the industry provided to Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Waxman, a leading critic of the tobacco industry, questioned industry executives as chairman of the House subcommittee on health and the environment.

Merryman contends the industry group's long relationship with HBI was never any secret, and employees of the firm sat alongside Tobacco Institute officials at Waxman's subcommittee hearings in March 1994.

"They made it perfectly clear there as they did elsewhere that they were testifying at our request," Merryman said.

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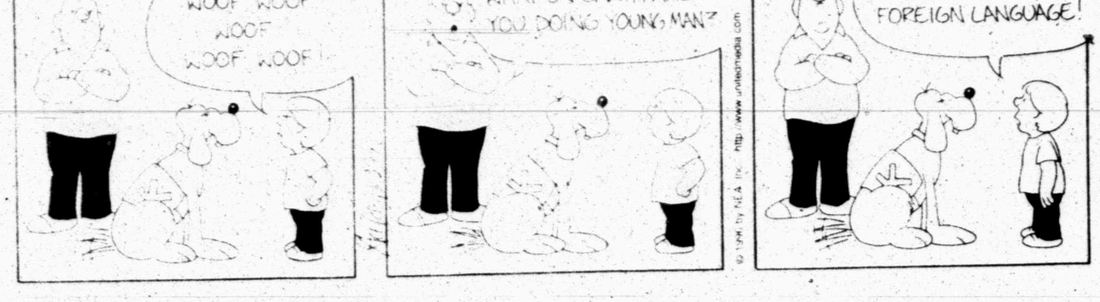
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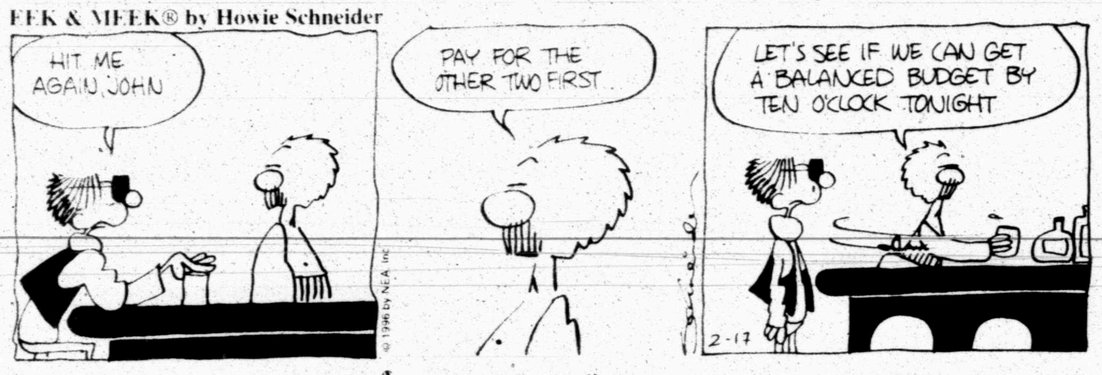
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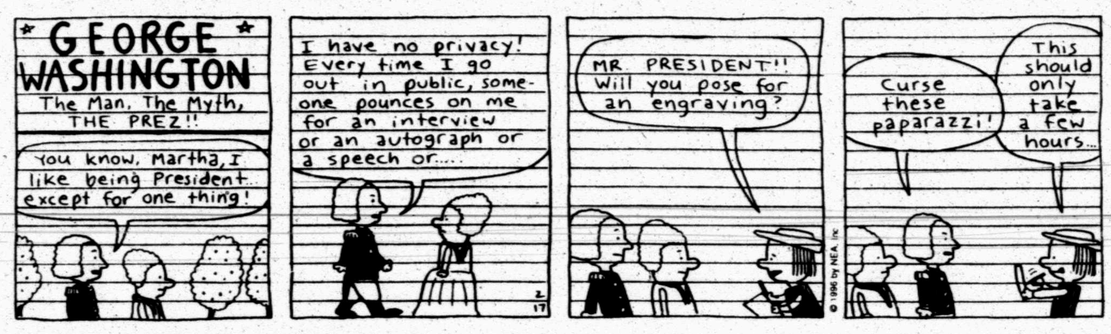
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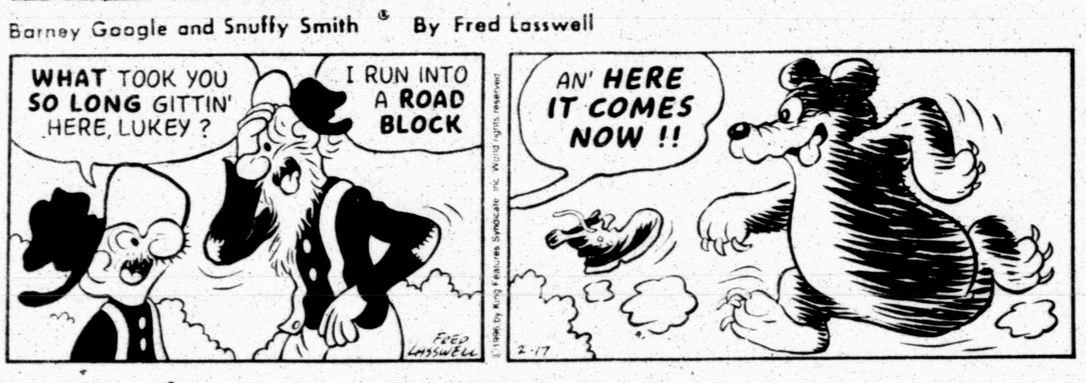
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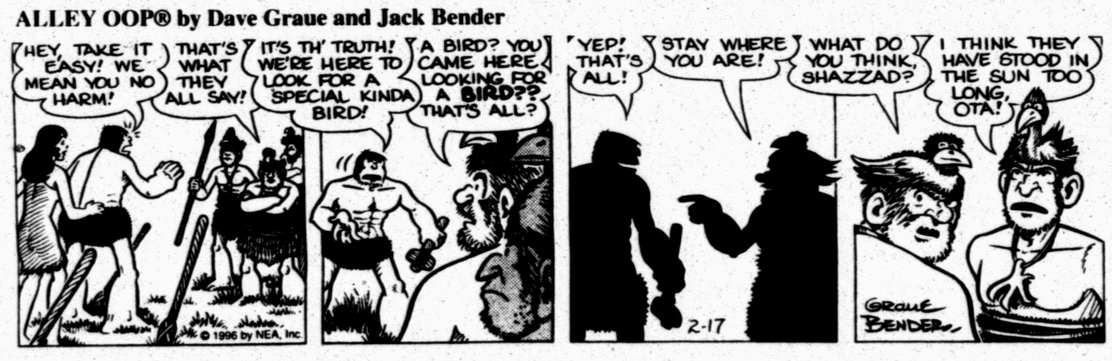
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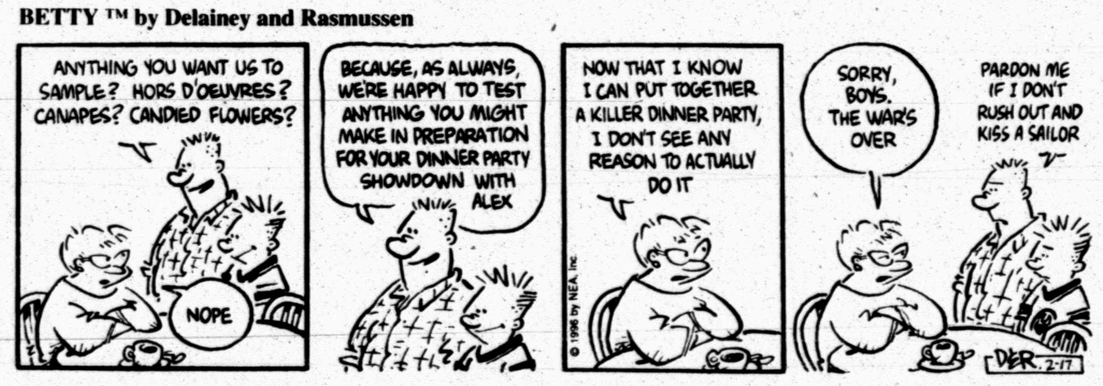
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10 Distinctive air
12 — Khayyam
14 — out (stretch)
15 Attention-getting sound
16 Car
17 — Tin Tin
18 Position
20 Reflection
22 Word of opposite meaning
24 Skater Eric —
26 Pull
30 Italian woman's title
31 Luau food
32 Joke anthology
33 Conjectured
37 Betting factor
39 Is jealous of
40 Police weapon (2 wds.)
43 Perfect
45 Slovenly
49 Cape —
50 Marathon
52 Hosiery color
53 — — loss
54 Fishing reel
55 Authentic
56 Take care of the bills
57 Negative word
58 Change the color of

DOWN

1 Barks shrilly
2 Expel
3 — Major (constellation)
4 Kitchen appliance
5 Baking pit
6 Have dinner at home (2 wds.)
7 Icy mass
8 Migrant worker
9 Actor Kingsley
11 Reach
13 Actress — Schneider
19 Take apart
21 Poet — Lowell
23 Wild donkey
24 Type of sight?
25 Mild oath
27 Church part
28 Negatives
29 Baby goat
30 — Paulo
34 Ointment
35 Novelist Hunter
36 Female relative
38 Sault — Marie
41 Wyatt —
42 Actor — Delon
43 Infinitesimal amount
44 WWII event
46 Chilled
47 Hauling wagon
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49 Head covering
51 — -Magnon

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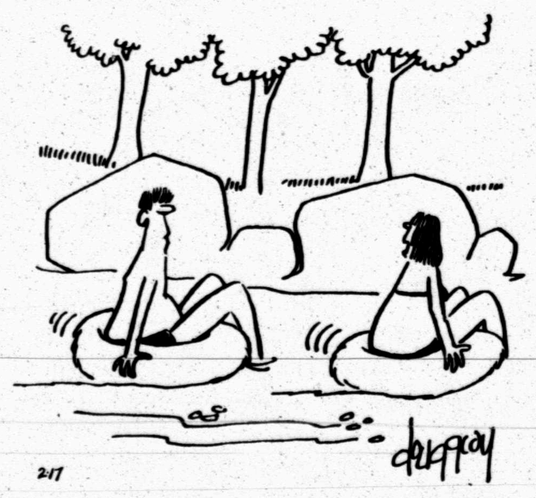


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Several South Texas candidates are facing some legal troubles

By Pauline Arrillaga
Associated Press Writer

HARLINGEN (AP) — A county commissioner is indicted on charges of defrauding his constituents. A state representative awaits trial on DWI charges, while another is fined for illegally obtaining a document. A district attorney is accused of misusing his powers.

These politicians have more in common than the taint of legal troubles — all are Democrats, all are incumbents and all are running for re-election in the Rio Grande Valley.

And if some political analysts are right, almost all will have a tough time winning.

"Whenever you have negative publicity, it puts you on the defensive. This creates in the minds of voters a notion that there is something wrong," said Dr. Joseph Binder, a political science professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

"That tends to reinforce a growing attitude among people that politicians are dishonest, and it justifies a vote for a different candidate," Binder said. "They'll say, 'Well, it's time for a change.'"

Political corruption is nothing new in the Rio Grande Valley, but the number of candidates running this year who either directly or indirectly are linked to alleged wrongdoings is unusual, analysts said.

Here's a rundown:

— Hidalgo County Commissioner Samuel Sanchez is indicted along with five other county officials in an alleged bid-rigging scheme.

Federal prosecutors contend the officials awarded $1.1 million in county business to favored companies in return for cash and airline tickets. Their first trial ended in a hung jury in December. The retrial is scheduled to begin April 1. Sanchez is charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, bribery, money laundering and extortion.

— State Rep. Sergio Munoz, D-Mission, is awaiting trial on driving while intoxicated charges Munoz was arrested Dec. 17, 1994, in Austin after leaving a topless bar.

This isn't the first time Munoz has faced legal troubles. In July 1993, six months after he first was elected to the House, Munoz was acquitted of federal drug conspiracy charges following a weeklong trial.

— State Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, was charged in December with obtaining a criminal history record for an unauthorized purpose. Oliveira pleaded no contest to the charge, a Class B misdemeanor, and was fined $250 and sentenced to 30 days deferred adjudication, meaning the charge did not remain on his permanent record.

The charge stemmed from a tape-recorded conversation turned over to a grand jury investigating the Cameron County district attorney's office. DA's investigator George Gavito is recorded saying he planned to get a rap sheet for Oliveira. Gavito also was fined and sentenced to 30 days deferred adjudication. A one-time candidate for Cameron County sheriff, Gavito dropped out of the race last year after the grand jury's probe heated up.

— Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz also has come under fire by the grand jury, which in February 1995 began looking into allegations that he sexually harassed a former receptionist.

The panel cleared Saenz of the harassment charge but found other problems. It indicted Saenz's longtime secretary for allegedly taking bribes to use her influence to have DWI cases dropped or reduced. Saenz denied any wrongdoing, but the grand jury this month issued a scathing report saying he permitted the pleas and dismissals "for no suitable reason." The report accused Saenz of misusing his powers and repeatedly failing to prosecute cases, including two DWI cases against former assistant district attorneys.

— While not charged himself, Hidalgo County sheriff's candidate Genevevo "Bevo" Quintanilla's sons are named in a five-count federal indictment charging them with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, use of weapons in a drug-trafficking crime and witness tampering. The brothers, who maintain their innocence, are awaiting trial.

Except for Oliveira and Munoz, the candidates did not return telephone messages left at their offices by The Associated Press.

Oliveira said he was a victim in the investigation into Saenz's office. "I felt I was singled out because of who I was, and I was dragged into this net," he said.

"The only thing I did was obtain my client's criminal record so that he could report it to the United States' Treasury. It was his own criminal record, and I don't believe that's a violation of (the law)," he said.

Munoz, who faces two opponents in the March 12 primary, called his DWI charge a mistake.

"It's not something that I'm proud of. It means that I am just as vulnerable and as human as everyone else," he said, adding that voters should make their decision based on his legislative background, not personal problems.

For now, the most visible effect of the allegations is an increase in the number of candidates running for office, analysts said. For example, Sanchez had three opponents in the 1992 Democratic primary. This year, he faces six challengers.

In fact, all of the candidates except Oliveira have opponents in the Democratic primary. Predictions are that most will make it to runoffs but no further, according to Dann Rivera, director of Victory Data, a political research group in Brownsville.

Rivera forecasts that Sanchez, for example, will be in a runoff but then lose, primarily because he'll be busy with his trial while his opponent is campaigning.

"He will lose simply because he doesn't have the luxury of making personal contact with his constituents because he'll be tied up in the courts, as will his money and other resources," Rivera said.

Saenz also will have trouble making it past a runoff, Rivera predicted, citing a study of Cameron County residents in which 15 percent said they would rather vote for a Republican than for Saenz.

While it's an unusual response in this Democratic-dominated region, others acknowledged that voters might take their frustrations out on the party, not the politician.

"If people associate these actions with a political party, that's negative and that's hard to overcome," Binder said.

Rosalie Weisfeld, executive director of the Hidalgo County Democratic Party, disagreed.

"The allegations of wrongdoing are not against the party, they are against individuals who happen to have been elected on a Democratic slate and should not be indicative of the entire party," she said.

Some said the upcoming elections will serve as a statement not on a particular party or candidate, but on the voters.

"The whole election will be a judgment on us as well as on these candidates," said Dr. Gary Mounce, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. "Can we clean up our own act?"

Family Focus

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



Q. Nothing bothers me as much as the fighting and bickering that occurs from morning until night between my two boys. Do all parents struggle with sibling conflict, or does it result from our failure?

A. If mothers were asked to indicate the most irritating feature of child rearing, I'm convinced sibling rivalry would receive their unanimous vote. Little children (and older ones, too) are not content just to dislike each other in private. They attack one another like miniature warriors, mobilizing their troops and probing for a weakness in the defensive line.

Children argue, hit, kick, scream, grab toys, taunt, tattle and sabotage the opposing forces. I knew one child who deeply resented being sick with a cold while his older sibling was healthy, so he secretly blew his nose on the mouthpiece of his brother's musical instrument!

The big loser from such combat, of course, is the harassed mother, who must listen to the noise of the battlefield and then patch up the wounded. If she requires peace and tranquillity (and most women do), she may suffer under the barrage of cannonfire.

Columnist Ann Landers once asked her readers to respond to the question, "If you had known then what you know now, would you have had children?" Of the 10,000 women who answered, 70 percent said "No"! A subsequent survey by Good Housekeeping magazine posed the same question, and 95 percent of the respondents answered "Yes."

It's impossible to explain the contradictory results from these two surveys, although the accompanying comments were enlightening. One woman wrote, "Would I have children again? A thousand times no! My children have completely destroyed my life, my marriage and my identity as a person. There are no joys. Prayers don't help--nothing stops a screaming kid."

It's my contention that something will stop a screaming child, or even a dozen of them. It is not necessary--or healthy--to allow children to destroy each other and make life miserable for the adults around them. Sibling rivalry is difficult to "cure," but it can certainly be treated by a parent who wants to make a difference.

Q. How can I teach my children the right attitudes toward possessions and money?

A. This is accomplished not only with words, but also by the way you handle your own resources. It is my belief that excessive materialism in parents has the power to inflict enormous damage on our sons and daughters. If they see that we care more about things than people . . . if they perceive that we have sought to buy their love as a guilt reducer . . . the result is often cynicism and disbelief.

And more important, when they observe Dad working 15 hours a day to capture ever more of this world's goods, they know where his treasure is. Seeing is believing.

Q. At times I feel I am overreacting to insignificant issues, and at other times I fail to respond to an act of deliberate defiance. How can I know when to ignore a misbehavior and when to confront my child?

A. The ability to "read" your child's thoughts and feelings is a skill that can be learned by parents who take the time to study the behavior of their kids. Ultimately, the key to competent parenthood is in being able to get behind the eyes of your child, seeing what he sees and feeling what he feels.

When he is lonely, he needs your company. When he is defiant, he needs your help in controlling his impulses. When he is afraid, he needs the security of your embrace. When he is curious, he needs your patient instruction. When he is happy, he needs to share his joy with those he loves.

Thus, the parent who learns to comprehend his child's feelings is in a position to respond appropriately and meet the needs that are apparent.

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Area cattle industry hopeful of committee

AMARILLO (AP) — Feed yard operators in the Texas Panhandle are hoping that a new committee can clarify how the nation's mega-meatpackers do business.

The committee's 21 members include Amarillo grain merchant Ed Laur and Phil Weaver of Fort Worth, vice president for agricultural commodities for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Wednesday announced that the panel will look at whether the dwindling number of companies that buy and slaughter livestock poses a threat to the livelihood of ranchers and independent farmers.



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New Vehicle Registrations

Wade Hatter, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dennis Havlak, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Petroleum, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lorenzo and Eusevia Alvarez, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Charles R. McEntire, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Orvis Kay Burr, 1996 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Winnie A. Vaughn, 1996 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Una Vay Orms, 1996 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Robert and June Nichols, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Charley D. Stone and Stone Welding, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Florencio Valadez, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lease Equipment Service Co., 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Alan and Deana Floyd, 1996 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Joe A. Medrano, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jay Hart, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Beall Farms Inc, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Pat O. Carstensen, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rachel C. Wilson, 1996 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Gearld Wayne Holloway of Dallas and Leigh Allison Holcomb of Snyder.

Rick Heath Gale and Brandi Dawn Gilbreth, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jesusita Ortiz Guzman and Isaisa Martinez Guzman, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jose Martinez Martinez and Stephanie Ann Martinez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Katherine Lynn Jones and Audie Kyle Jones, divorce granted.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Paul C. Teas Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Snyder National Bank vs. Andrea Hamilton Kight and Carol Hamilton, suit on debt.

Deed Records

Ted Smithee, Gary Digby, Jimmy Digby, Joe Digby and Elizabeth Reeves to Becky Crain, all of Lot 36 in Block E of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Rosa Nell Clement, independent executrix of the estate of Billy Allen Clement, to Rosa Nell Clement, tract one being a 0.172-acre tract in Tracts 45 and 46 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being a 1.2090-acre tract, part in Tract 45 and part in Tract 46 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Donald D. West to Dan R. and Debbie A. Hicks, all of Lots 1-6 in Block 3 of the C.M. Payne Subdivision, a part of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Johnny S. McDonald and Don D. McDonald to David and Esmerald Rascon, all of Section 35, Lot 6, and the north 36 feet of Lot 7, Block 4 of the Martin Addition, Section 3.

Gabriel Montoya Lujan, Norman Alonzo and Avelino Alonzo to Thomas Stern, a tract out of the east one-half of Section 123 Block 3, H&GN survey.

Merle L. Griffin to Betty Donn Griffin, all of Lot 1 and the east 40 feet of Lot 3 in Block 34 of the Blankenship Addition.

Joseph E. and Norma Ruth Wirsching to Joseph John Wirsching, tract one being the north 191.5 acres of the east 383 acres of Section 100 in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the west 160 acres of the east 191 acres of the south one-half of survey 100, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being the north 120 acres of Survey 77 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Derrick Industries Inc. to Mid Continent Crude Marketing Inc., 5.8 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 338, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Milton Dwain Sturdivant, independent executor of the estate of Elsa Juanita Sturdivant, to Javier Alfonso and April Ann Hernandez, all of Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Morning Side Addition.

Jackie W. Beane and Bryan L. Beane to Jose L. and Yodira A. Larrea, tract one being 1.274 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Juan Estrada to Terry Collins, all of Lot 11 in Block 6 of the Bootheland Addition.

Mike L. Babb to Russell Jones Jr., all of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 7 of the Bootheland Addition.

Emily M. Roberts, surviving widow of Edgar R. Roberts, to Emily M. Roberts, all of Lot 5, Block 33 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Marlene L. Richburg to John and Lori Williamson, a 58-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey.

250 attend auction to raise funds for troubled trail boss

FORT WORTH (AP) — An Oklahoma man was among those at a fund-raiser for the trail boss of last year's Great American Cattle Drive — even though he says James "Bud" McCasland still owes him $600 in back pay and a $3,000 bonus he promised him.

Will Miltimore, who was hired as a cowboy to help drive a herd of 250 longhorn steers from Fort Worth to Miles City, Mont., drove in from Ardmore, Okla., to attend the benefit Thursday night in the Stockyards' Cowtown Coliseum.

"I want him to make enough to pay what he owes me," Miltimore told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

So it was that admirers and sworn enemies alike made up the 250 people who paid $5 apiece and then participated in an auction whose proceeds were for a fund to help keep McCasland out of jail.

Organizers had said it would take $12,000 to cover bad checks written by McCasland, the drive's boss.

At live and silent auctions in the rodeo arena, items included a longhorn calf, assorted artwork, McCasland's old bedroll and a gold-plated rifle, knife and six-shooter set as well as a joke "wanted" poster of McCasland — "guilty of the crime of having a dream."

Although McCasland completed the cattle drive, the six-month undertaking was a financial disaster, leaving him $200,000 in debt and destroying his second marriage, said McCasland, who is now employed building fences.

And a Wyoming county attorney is seeking his extradition because of a $2,500 bad check written for county fairground rent. Sheridan County Attorney Matt Redle has made it clear he intends to prosecute McCasland even if the fairground's bill is paid.

"We want to pay the check, then we'll go up there and face the music — get on our knees and beg for mercy," said City Councilman Jim Lane, who is McCasland's unpaid attorney.

"I know they're taking a hard-nosed stance" in Wyoming, Lane said. "But we did bring a lot of money into their economy. Bud McCasland didn't have all those steers driven to Montana so that he could write bad checks along the way."

Convicted killer free on bond

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A woman convicted of plotting the murder of her daughter's ex-boyfriend, whose conviction was overturned last month, may be released on bond, an appeals court has ruled.

The Corpus Christi-based 13th Court of Appeals Thursday ordered Dora Cisneros freed on $50,000 bond, but when she'll actually be released is uncertain.

"She's not walking out of that prison until that warden gets the paperwork," said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald. He said the process could take a couple of days.

Mrs. Cisneros, the wife of a Brownsville surgeon, was convicted in 1994 of hiring two Mexican hitmen to kill Joey Fischer because he had broken up with her daughter.

The scheme allegedly was carried out through a fortuneteller whom Mrs. Cisneros had been seeing. According to prosecutors, the fortuneteller enlisted the help of another client who hired the two men to kill Fischer.

A jury convicted Mrs. Cisneros and sentenced her to life in prison. But last month, the 13th Court of Appeals reversed the conviction and ordered her acquittal.

The court ruled that the charge given to the jury omitted key wording that forced the panel to find Mrs. Cisneros guilty of hiring the gunmen herself, something the court said prosecutors did not prove. Prosecutors should have asked that the jury be instructed it could find Mrs. Cisneros guilty if she directed others to hire the killers.

Congress said considering future of U.S. spy agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Congress prepares to debate what future role the nation's spy agencies should fill, an intelligence official acknowledges the CIA occasionally waived a rule barring agents from posing as journalists.

On Capitol Hill the House and Senate Intelligence committees are expected to quickly take up measures looking at the post-Cold War mission of the CIA and related agencies and at the possibility of making the billions these organizations spend more visible to the public.

Already the preliminary work is beginning to surface.

On Thursday the Council on Foreign Relations made public its study of the U.S. intelligence systems. Among the group's recommendations: make the overall intelligence budget figure public; broaden the authority of the director of Central Intelligence; don't count on an "intelligence dividend" due to the end of the Cold War — these agencies still have much to do.

The council also recommended taking "a fresh look" at a 1977 regulation that bars CIA agents from posing as American journalists, priests and Peace Corps volunteers, or recruiting people in those posts to serve as spies.

But The Washington Post, quoting an unnamed intelligence source in today's edition, reported that the CIA has occasionally waived the regulation over the last 19 years.

"Exceptions have been made in extraordinarily rare circumstances," the official told the Post. The official did not discuss specific cases.

While most government budgets are open to inspection line by line, even the bottom-line budgets of agencies such as the CIA and the National Reconnaissance Office remain classified — a point of ongoing controversy.

"Annual funding for the intelligence community should be declassified, as should information on basic elements of the intelligence program," the council concluded.

The recommendation by the council, which publishes the magazine Foreign Affairs, comes as lawmakers consider a similar proposal amid frustration over funds mismanagement by the reconnaissance office.

A member of a commission examining declassification of secrets disagreed with the proposal to make the intelligence budget public.

In a speech Thursday before the American Bar Association, Martin Faga, former head of the NRO now serving on the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, defended continued concealment of the reconnaissance office's budget.

Adversaries who know how much an intelligence agency spends, and how spending changes, gain important insights, said Faga, senior vice president of MITRE Corp.'s intelligence systems division. He headed the NRO, the agency that operates the nation's spy satellites, from 1989 to 1993.

"How big that activity is, whether it's actually going up or down, can yield valuable information to others," Faga said at a bar association breakfast.

Faga conceded "there is excessive classification" throughout the intelligence community. But he said: "If other people know what it is we can do and know how we can do it, its value will be very transitory."

The NRO's very existence was secret until 1992, when Faga urged that the veil be lifted. It has come under close scrutiny on Capitol Hill since lawmakers complained that a huge NRO headquarters building in Northern Virginia was obscured from House and Senate Intelligence Committee members. In addition, the NRO was sharply criticized over the past year for carrying over as much as $2 billion of its spy satellite budget from year to year — far more than federal agencies typically are allowed.

Station, bank bring Doppler Radar to area

ABILENE — First American Bank and KTXS-TV have joined in a partnership to bring an advanced live Doppler Radar system to the area. The system is in operation today.

Chief Meteorlogist Steve Kersh said the system "will give us the ability to actually peer into a storm system, since it can predict severe weather up to 10 times faster than conventional tracking methods." He added, "Standard weather radar can only detect rain, sleet or snow, but the Doppler can show us the unually far more dangerous aspect of violent wind. It can detect a tornado 20 minutes before it strikes and can identify the presence and size of possibly damaging hail."

William C. Atkinson, president and chief operating office of First American Bank, said "Threatening weather affects everyone. The live Doppler Radar provides advanced warning of such situations... We are very pleased to be a part of this program."

Teen charged with taking teddy bear

VICTORIA (AP) — A teen-ager has been charged with heisting a Teddy bear at gunpoint from a gift shop on Valentine's Day.

The object of 17-year-old Johnny Garcia Solis' affection remained unknown to police Thursday, but the $120 stuffed animal he's accused of taking was recovered hours after it was stolen Wednesday morning.

Sgt. Mike Williams said the incident began about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday when a car was reported stolen from the parking lot at Stroman High School, where Solis is a student. About 30 minutes later, a robbery was reported at the mall.

"It started out as a shoplifting," Williams said. "During the commission of the theft, a weapon was produced by one of the individuals — a small pistol."

Solis was charged Thursday with aggravated robbery.

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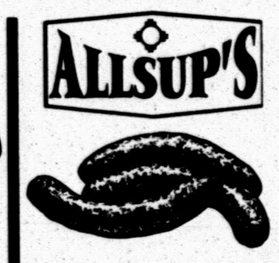
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