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Home Of Vanessa Day

Fire victims get some assistance

Families displaced as a result of Wednesday's fire at the California Apartments are being assisted by the West Texas Area American Red Cross, according to Janet Cross, emergency services director in Midland.

"We began assisting the families on Thursday afternoon," Cross said.

Cross said the agency's assistance will continue through the next several weeks, as displaced residents are eligible for emergency food, shelter and clothing.

It is estimated that relief efforts will total some $14,000.

"If you, or someone you know was a victim of the fire and assistance is needed, please call our office at 1-800-378-6614," said Cross.

The fire, reported at 2 p.m., was well underway when firefighters arrived. It had spread rapidly through a common attic of two attached apartment complexes, affecting 11 apartments. Four were destroyed.

Sixteen families were forced to evacuate their apartments. Six were able to move back in when electricity was restored.



QUALIFIERS — Snyder's Callie Bane and Lamesa's Crista Barron both qualified for the finals in the 300 hurdles during Friday's field events at the District 2-4A track meet held at Tiger Stadium. Finals were scheduled Saturday, along with finals in tennis and the Little Dribbers Tournament. Those events and start-up of the High Plains Junior Rodeo were making for a busy weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

Morales plans trip for Triad ceremony

An effort to reduce the criminal victimization of older citizens brings Attorney General Dan Morales to Snyder on Thursday for a Triad signing ceremony.

The ceremony is planned for 3 p.m. at Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

A Triad combines a sheriff, chief of police and senior leadership in a community who agree to work together to reduce crime against older persons. Nationally, there is an agreement between the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

Morales signed a statewide Triad agreement in 1993.

Triads can help to implement crime prevention, education and volunteer programs for older community members. Activities focus on preventive as well as victim and witness assistance programs.

Sheriff Darren Jackson will give the welcome Thursday. Cindy Nix will provide entertainment and County Judge Ricky Fritz will make the introductions.

Among those participating will be Police Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner, Mayor David Holt, District Attorney Dana Cooley and County Attorney Michael Hartman.

Others will include Mrs. M.J. Merritt with Scurry County AARP and Mrs. Jeannie Williams with the Area Agency on Aging.

County court meets Monday

Scurry County Commissioners Court has two items of new business to consider when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

County Treasurer Charlie Bell will present the first quarter treasurer's report, while Snyder Chamber of Commerce will request the use of Towle Park for the annual 4th of July celebration.

Also on the agenda are line-item transfers and budget amendments.

St. Elizabeth...

Annual festival serves up spicy sausage plates

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church's 11th annual Sausage Festival takes place Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, located at 30th Street and Avenue A.

The festival includes an all-you-can-eat-meal, featuring homemade German sausage and sauerkraut, potato salad, beans, peach cobbler and German chocolate cake.

Parishioners have made 5,000 pounds of sausage and 380 pounds of sauerkraut.

Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under; and $6 for all take-outs. Sausage is also sold at $2.75 per pound uncooked and $3.75 per pound cooked.

Besides the meal, the festival will feature a country store, game booths and raffle. Prizes to be given away include a set of Cooper Trendsetter Tires, a bicycle, $150 in groceries, a boom box with CD player and a golf bag.



SAUSAGE MAKERS — Mario Herrera and Pete Rios helped make homemade German sausage at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. The 11th annual Sausage Festival is planned Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Contributed Photo)

'Make Snyder Brighter'

City-wide cleanup planned

In a combined city-wide cleanup campaign, the City of Snyder, Snyder Beautification Committee and Snyder Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring "Make Snyder Brighter" beginning Tuesday.

Citizens are encouraged to clean up their property, mow, pick up trash and remove weeds and old appliances. Businesses are asked to do the same.

Dump trucks and drivers will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday to pick up tree limbs, lumber, appliances and items that can be lifted manually. Tires will not be accepted.

The dump truck will be available in the following areas on the days listed:

—Tuesday: west of College Avenue and south of 30th Street;

—Wednesday: east of College Avenue and South of 30th Street;

—Thursday: west of College Avenue and north of 30th Street;

—Friday: east of College and north of 30th.

There is a limit of one load per residence or business.

Those interested in participating need to have the items placed next to the curb, driveway or alley, leaving access for the traffic. City personnel will not be allowed to go on to the property to pick up objects.

Items need to be small enough to be handled by one person; otherwise, plan to provide assistance.

To participate, call the city utility department at 573-4960 or 573-4969.

Committee to target square; schedules merchants' meeting

Snyder Beautification Committee is launching a project to spruce up the city square, and to help prompt interest, the group plans to recognize a merchant and business of the month.

A meeting has been set for 6 p.m. May 7 at City Hall in order to gain input from the merchants.

Appointed to work on the project are Glenna Bane, Mary Beth Vestal, LaVerne Hood and Gertrude League.

"Keeping in mind that merchants aren't able to spend a lot of time and money to make their storefronts more attractive, the committee would like to know the interest of the merchants around the square in a program that would improve the appearance of the square at the same time it offered the public a chance to 'get to know' the merchants and perhaps help keep the buildings at full occupancy," the committee said in a printed statement.

If the project is successful, the committee may expand it to other areas of the city.

The project will be separate from the Most Improved Yard and Business of the Month, which are sponsored by the Beautification Committee, but conducted by the Snyder Garden Club.

Four will have to serve time

Four Scurry County probationers will now serve time in prison following probation revocation hearings Friday in 132nd District Court.

Margarito Barrera Ramos, 38, of 121 Browning will now serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after probation was revoked for leaving a restitution center without approval and for failure to abstain from alcohol.

Ramos was convicted for a Nov. 3, 1990 offense of delivery of a controlled substance. He was originally given a 10-year probated sentence and fined $1,000.

Andrew Amador Perez, 35, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 1A9, was serving an eight-year probated sentence for a 1991 criminal mischief conviction. He must now serve eight years in the TDCJ. The motion to revoke was based on his failure to abstain from alcohol and his failure to report to his probation officer.

Lisa Lee Rodriquez, 30, of 1211 17th Street was serving a four-year prison sentence, probated for six years, for a 1994 offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Because of failure to report and pay court-ordered fines and fees, Rodriquez must now serve four years in the state prison system.

Johnny R. Hicks, 19, of Roswell, N.M saw his probation revoked for failure to report, failure to pay monthly installments and failure to report a change in address.

Hicks was convicted of forgery by passing on May 28, 1997 and was given a two-year sentence in a state jail facility, probated for five years. Hicks, a former Snyder resident, must now serve two years.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney presided in all four hearings.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Lots of peace has been made, but it remains in short supply."

If you've observed the traffic being heavy in Snyder the past few days, you're correct.

Some 140 Little Dribbler teams and their fans hit town Wednesday. Motels were filled and packed local restaurants enjoyed a booming business.

Chamber of commerce Gold Coater Ernest Sears was working one of the games at the junior high when he encountered some visitors from Plains.

After welcoming them to Snyder, one fan complained about the distance to Snyder. Sears, who grew up in Gomez, between Plains and Brownfield, was surprised by the remark and asked what route they took.

The visitors explained that they went through Big Spring — about 100 miles out of the way.

Their game plan was better than their travel plans.

Thanks to caffeine philosopher Bunk Casey, we finally understand what we thought was a giant contradiction in the news last week.

The University of Texas has a new president and has set new goals, called Vision for 2004.

"We will, in the next seven years, position UT among the top five research universities in the country, solidifying our position as a great intellectual center..."

The same week that the university's new president went to work on campus, UT hired a new basketball coach to go along with it's new football coach.

--The Longhorns' new football coach Mack Brown will be paid $750,000.

--The Longhorns' new basketball coach Rick Barnes will make $700,000.

--UT's new president of the Austin campus, Larry Faulkner, will earn $220,000.

But it was coffee-drinking chum Bunk Casey who put the pay situation into the proper perspective.

"Sure they pay him more," Casey said. "They should. Rick Barnes has won more basketball games than Larry Faulkner."

But we already like Barnes who immediately laid down the law to team members — no facial hair, no earrings and no headphones on campus.

Wildflower tours given

Wildflower tours continue at Western Texas College.

The tours coincide with the annual wildflower exhibit on display now at Scurry County Museum.

WTC botany students conduct the tours, and reservations are necessary. A second tour is available on the grounds of the Dodson House, adjacent to Scurry County Coliseum.

This is the 12th annual Texas wildflower exhibit at the museum and features creative art and writing of poetry, narrated by Scurry County school children. The museum is open until 5 p.m. weekdays through Thursday and until 4 p.m. Fridays.

To make wildflower tour reservations or for information about the museum, call 573-6107.

ASK US

Q—Cogdell nurses get on-call pay. Why don't Daniel unit nurses get this?

A—That is one thing being considered in a compensation and benefits study underway at the hospital, said Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer. The firm expects to complete the study by May 31.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday 58 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Saturday, 38; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy; slight chance of storms. Decreasing clouds after midnight. Low, around 40. Variable wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High, lower 70s. Variable wind 5-15 mph.



Brett Bowlin
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:14 p.m.
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Of 107 days in 1998, the sun has shone 105 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You have removed most of the roadblocks to success when you have learned the difference between movement and direction.

Joe L. Griffith

APR 19 1998

2 killed, 1 injured in beach resort melee

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — During their week at a modest beachfront resort, three young Maryland vacationers won over other guests with their friendliness and good manners.

The young men played video games and horsed around in the pool with the children of other guests. They sat on the resort's beachfront deck at night and played cards.

But their friendliness and willingness to help others may have cost one man serious injuries and the other two their lives.

The three came to the aid of a young woman being bothered by a group of young men Thursday night. Hours later, police said, the woman's harassers returned with friends and attacked the three with knives and bats.

Kevans Bradshaw Hall II, 23, and Matthew Wichita, 21, both of Columbia, Md., where killed.

Seth K. Qubeck, 21, also of Columbia, was in serious but stable condition at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, hospital spokeswoman Kate Holcomb said. Police said he had 17 stab wounds.

"I think they were just looking out for the girls," said Peter Maycock, an English tourist staying at the resort with his wife and two children.

The victims were beaten and stabbed when three local men returned to the beach resort to resume an earlier fight, said Lt. Wade Kirby, a detective with New Smyrna Beach police. The beach resort, Ocean Palms Beach Club, is, in this resort town of 18,000 people about 10 miles south of Daytona Beach.

Neil Ryan Kirkland, 20, of Edgewater; Daniel Stephan Osborne, 19, of Edgewater; and Joshua Alan Trull, 17, of New Smyrna Beach had gone to the resort to get back a ring Kirkland gave to a woman he met the night before, Kirby said.

When the men became aggressive with her, the Maryland men stepped in to help her and a fight started, Kirby said.

Police were called, but no one was arrested. Police instead gave out applications to file battery charges with the state attorney's office.

After the fight, one of the local men warned "We'll be back," according to Maycock. "And they were true to their word," Maycock said. "Terrible isn't it?"

Kirkland, Osborne and Trull went home, rounded up some friends and returned to the resort with bats and knives, Kirby said.

Police made four arrests Friday and were searching for up to three other suspects.

Trull, a student at New Smyrna High School, was charged with two counts of being a principal to first-degree murder; Kirkland was charged with aggravated battery; and Osborne was charged with two counts of being a principal to second-degree murder. Kirkland and Osborne are Daytona Beach Community College students, Kirby said.

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Pam Helm receives award

Pam Helm of Ira recently received the 1997 Pearl Goodwin Memorial Secretary of the Year Award at the Texas Water Utilities banquet.

This award is presented annually to a TWUA district secretary who has performed her duties in an exemplary manner over several years.

Helm has served as the Permian Basin District Secretary since 1989. She has a "D" water certification and has 20 years experience in the water industry.



SECRETARY OF YEAR — Pam Helm of Ira recently received the 1997 Pearl Goodwin Memorial Secretary of the Year Award at the Texas Water Utilities banquet. (SDN Staff Photo)

Queen Juliana said recovering

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Queen Juliana, the mother of Queen Beatrix, was recovering in a Hague hospital after successful surgery on a hip fracture, the Royal House announced.

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TORCH RUN FUND-RAISER — Lanette Callaway, left, and Cindy Lee on the right, sell Teresa Seale a chance on a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 pickup with the proceeds going to the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Tickets may be purchased from Debra Chaney at the Price Daniel Unit. The drawing will be May 22. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wall top school at college's cotton, entomology contests

Wall was the top school at the Western Texas College Cotton and Entomology Contests, held this past week.

The annual contests are sponsored by the WTC agriculture and science departments. Dr. David Kattes judged entomology portion; Jim Judah judged the cotton portion. Students with the golf landscape technology department served as group leaders and tabulators.

WTC Cotton Finalists

Top 10 Individual Awards

1. Brooklyn Woehl, Wall, 900; 2. Minday Mahaffey, Roby, 810; 3. Clyde Barbian, Anson, 750; 4. Misty Dobbins, Wylie, 740; 5. Justin Anzaldua, Lamesa, 720; 6. Simon Holik, Wall, 720; 7. Randall Reed, Anson, 710; 8. Chris Cranford, Patton Springs, 710; 9. David Williams, Anson, 710; 10. Eric Kautz, Patton Springs, 700; 11. Collin Howard, Wall, 700; 12. Jimma Chapman, Wylie, 700; 13. Jeff Ellis, Colorado No. 1, 700.

Top 3 Team Awards

1. Wall, 2320; 2. Anson, 2370; 3. Colorado No. 1, 2040.

WTC Entomology Finalists

1. John Kaczyk, Wall, 196; 2. Dink Nichols, Menard, 195; 3. Jennifer Block, Wall, 189; 4. Craig Vogler, Klondike, 188; 5. Jenny Begnaud, Wall, 188; 6. Coby Porter, Menard, 187.5; 7. LaShawn Bearden, Seminole, 182; 8. Dena Carrol, Seminole, 174; 9. Meredith Wooten, Menard, 170.5; 10. Thad Meadows, Klondike, 170.

Top 5 Team Awards

1. Wall, 573; 2. Menard, 553; 3. Klondike, 513; 4. Seminole, 502; 5. Spur, 460.5.

Aldo Moro, one of Italy's most influential politicians, was kidnapped and later murdered in 1978 by left-wing urban guerrillas.

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Swiping firm's Web address said extortion

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dennis Toeppen registered a Web site as www.panavision.com and illustrated it with pictures of the city of Pana, Ill.

When a company named Panavision International complained, Toeppen said the Web address was available for $13,000 and suggested to the company that paying was cheaper than suing him.

After the company refused, Toeppen registered another domain in the name of Panaflex, a Panavision trademark. That Web page read simply, "Hello."

Both actions were a form of extortion and also a violation of trademark laws, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

"Toeppen purposefully registered Panavision's trademarks as his domain names on the Internet to force Panavision to pay him money," Judge David Thompson wrote in the 3-0 ruling.

This "scheme ... to extort money from Panavision by trading on the value of those names" violates federal and California laws against trademark dilution, Thompson said. Dilution is the weakening of a prominent trademark's connection to its owner's products.

It was the first ruling by an appellate court on the practice that its victims call cyber piracy: registering a company's trademark for a small fee as your own Internet domain name, then trying to sell it back to the company for a huge profit.

The ruling "sends a clear signal to would-be pirates that they should find honest work," said William E. Thomson.

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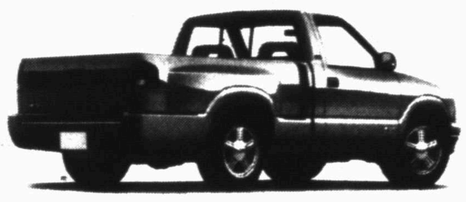
First row, left to right: Ruby Anderson, Elree Baremore, Peggy Fowler, Margie Anderson, Betty Kellum, Clara Tate. Back row, left to right: Faye Mullins, Wyvone Davis, LaRue Williamson, Connie Stom, Lynn Heard, Margaret Weaver, Etta Wilson, JoAnn Peek.



First row, left to right: Juanita Raborn, Una Vay Orms, Opal Lee Noble, Sandra Robinson, Carol Davis, Phil Kelley. Back row, left to right: Joyce Cooper, Norma Lofton, Phyllis McGinnis, Virginia Johnston, Harold Yearwood, Geleska Baze, Thadine Harless, Bill Schiebel, Katherine Ervin, Emogene Sterling, Sue Simpson, Pat Moffett.

Not pictured: Jo Ashley, Ruth Ashley, Claudene Atwood, Polly Autry, Vera Baize, Texa Ball, June Bellamy, Ouida Bruner, Ena Carroll, Cleo Clare, Frances Denman, Kathryn Dodson, Verna Foree, Laurie Haines, Teddie Hatcher, Vera Holsinger, Janette Huddleston, Irene Hudgins, Lois Jackson, Wanda Jones, Lucille Joyce, Mary Langford, Jim Logan, Ann Looney, Alene Martin, Babe Miller, Izora Milliken, Betty Monroney, Faye Moore, Alma Posey, Ramona Reed, Martha Schiebel, Gradine Sterling, Shirley Stewart and Mary Ward.

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EMILY HARDY

Hardy wins VFW contest

Emily Hardy, Ira junior, wears the jacket she received for winning first place in the VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Contest.

She also received $300 to apply to a college fund.

Her speech, "My Voice In Our Democracy," placed third in the Abilene contest.

No more baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't look for Cardinal John O'Connor at the ball park this season.

"I love the Yankees. I love the Mets. I love baseball," he wrote in his weekly column in the archdiocese newspaper Catholic-New York. "But I will not go to a game because major league teams played on Good Friday."

O'Connor's decision is personal and is not a call for Roman Catholics to boycott baseball, archdiocese spokesman Joe Zwilling said.

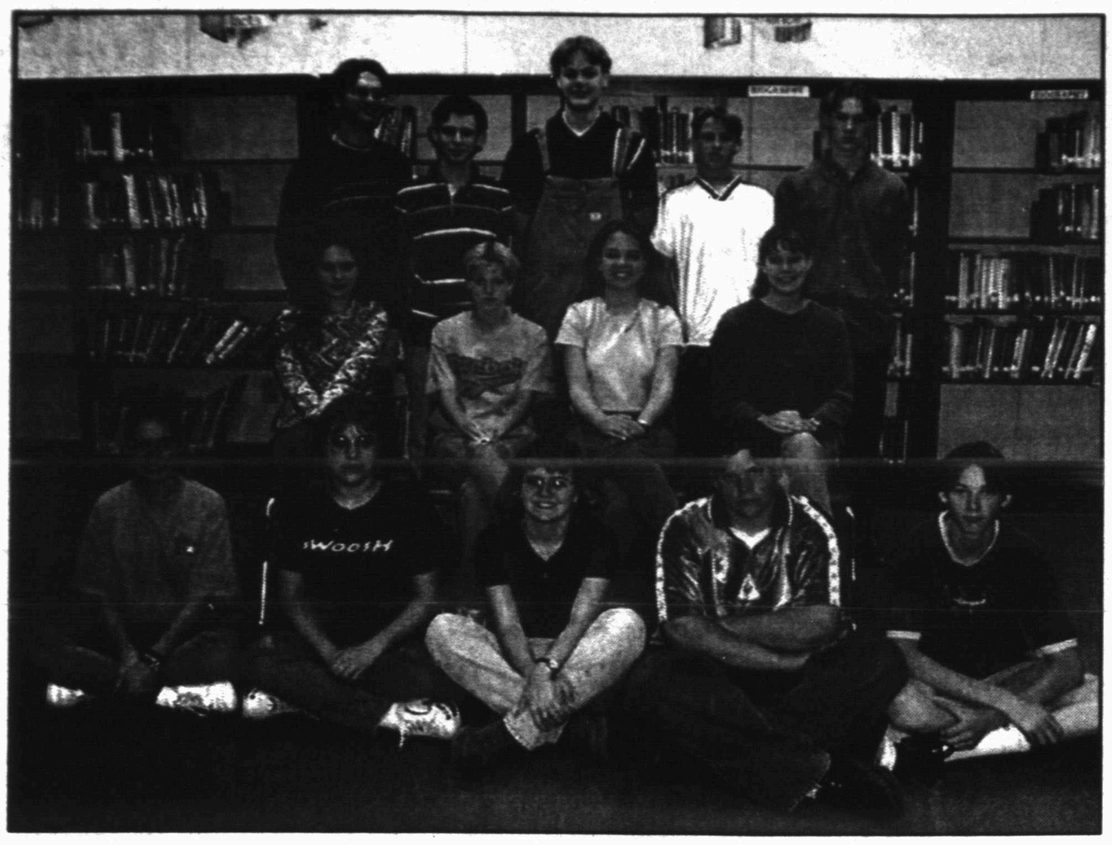
Charles Durant flew a balloon from New York City across the Hudson River to Perth Amboy, N.J., in 1830.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST — Ira High School's one act play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," is bound for regional competition in Abilene next Saturday. From left, back row, B.K. Box, Chris Gee, Tye Shirley, Trey Shirley, Bryce Wilkins; middle row, Emily Hardy, Brook Wilkes, Lindsy Josey, Korby Calley; front row, Katie Howard, Davi Barnes, Tosha Walker, Shade Everton, Brian Coffman. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira one-act play prepares for UIL's regional contest

Ira High School's one-act play entry, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, will advance to the regional contest next Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University.

Previously, the play captured zone, district and area contests, in order to advance.

Ira will be competing with Lometa, Wink, Rankin, Grafford and Midway high schools. Two plays will advance from regional to the state level in May.

There the top eight plays in the state's 1-A conference will compete.

"Our cast has been hard working and unified in their efforts and it has paid off," said Sue Parham, director.

"We have had a few problems including illness, but we hope to overcome all of these and be ready to give a strong performance at the regional competition."

She noted that, "The judges have been very complimentary of our set, costumes and music. Many individual awards have been received by the actors. I'm very proud of these students and their dedication."

At the area contest, Tye Shirley and Lindsy Josey were named to the all-star cast, and Brook Wilkes received honorable mention.

Recapping previous wins, at district competition, Tye Shirley was named best actor and all-star cast honors went to Billy Keith Box and Lindsy Josey. Emily Hardy and Brook Wilkes received honorable mention all star cast.

At the zone level, Tye Shirley received the best actor nod; Billy Keith Box, Lindsey Josey and Emily Hardy were named to the all star cast; and Brook Wilkes received honorable mention.

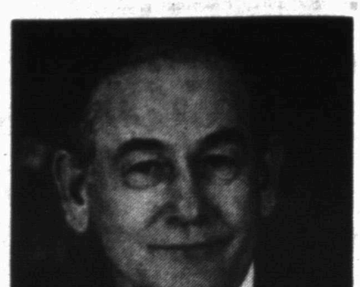
Cast members include Bryce Wilkins as Lane, a manservant; Tye Shirley as Algernon Moncrieff; Billy Keith Box, John Worthing; Lindsey Josey, Lady Bracknell; Emily Hardy, Gwendolen Fairfax, her daughter; Brook Wilkes, Cecily Cardew, John Worthing's ward; Korby Calley, Miss Prism, Cecily's governess; Chris Gee, the Rev. Chasuble, rector; and Trey Shirley, Merriman, a butler.

Crew members include Katie Howard, Davi Barnes, Shade Everton, Brian Coffman; and Tosha Walker, alternate.

In 1997, Ira's "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" advanced from zone and district contests.

"Macbeth," in 1996, advanced from zone and "Arsenic and Old Lace" advanced to area in 1995.

The following individuals have also helped with the one-act play: David Brown, Debra Brown, Phyllis Brown, Carolyn Carter, Mrs. Wade Davis and Tammy Shirley.



Bob Watlington

Attends Roundup

KERRVILLE — Robert H. "Bob" Watlington, CLU, a Snyder life insurance professional, recently attended the TLRT Roundup, an advanced sales and marketing seminar.

Sponsored by the Texas Leaders Round Table (TLRT), an honor organization affiliated with the Texas Association of Life Underwriters. It is designed to draw top professionals in the industry throughout the state.

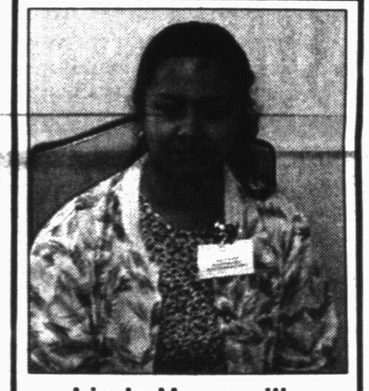
The two-day seminar is an intensive, working session featuring presentations by some of the leading insurance and financial service experts in the country.

Watlington has been a member of the TLRT for 36 years. He is the owner of Robert H. Watlington, CLU, Inc. Agency.

Other industry achievements include being a 28-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an international insurance association made up of less than 10 percent of life agents.

He also continues to receive top production awards with National Farm Life, his primary company.

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Linda has worked at Snyder Healthcare Center for seven and one-half years. She completed her course for dietary food supervisors in Abilene in 1997.

Linda has three children: Amanda-18, Patricia-13, and Victoria-9. She enjoys spending time with her children, softball, and watching TV.

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Prosecutors seek to make public Unabomber crimes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — He's admitted he did it. He faces a certain sentence of life in prison. And still the government wants its day in court against Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

Prosecutors said Friday they planned to file a detailed sentencing memorandum Monday that would detail, once again, the bombings Kaczynski committed.

Although the math prodigy-turned-hermit has agreed to a plea bargain that will send him to prison for the rest of his life, prosecutors are pushing for the memo "so that the public may take full measure of (Kaczynski's) crimes and the harm that they have caused," prosecutors wrote.

Kaczynski, 55, pleaded guilty Jan. 22 to 13 federal counts. His sentencing, originally set for May 15, is now scheduled for May 4.

Prosecutors said its memorandum will note each of the 16 bombings Kaczynski has admitted — attacks that killed three people and injured 29.

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Tobacco firms give generously to House GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the same day tobacco executives were called to Congress to discuss the big settlement proposal, Philip Morris poured $100,000 into the coffers of Republicans who control the House.

Philip Morris' Feb. 24 donation was the largest the National Republican Congressional Committee took in during the first three months of 1998, according to documents filed with the Federal Election Commission.

"They have been supporters of ours for many, many, many years," committee spokeswoman Mary Crawford noted.

The Republican committee wound up raising $227,750 in "soft money" from the tobacco industry during the first three months of 1998, as legislation embodying the proposed settlement began moving through the Congress.

The industry fashioned the outlines of a settlement with state attorneys general last year, but has recently retreated from it.

"Huge contributions from tobacco companies at the same time Congress is considering tobacco regulation shows quite clearly what the tobacco industry is trying to do: use money to protect their special interests," said Ann McBride, president of Common Cause, a private group that advocates changing the way congressional campaigns are financed.

Overall, the committee, which helps to elect House Republicans, raised $8.7 million in regular contributions between Jan. 1 and March 31, plus another $4 million in soft money, which is not subject to federal contribution limits. Senate Republicans and House and Senate Democrats are to report their latest contributions next week.

Soft money is used for party-building activities such as get-out-the-vote drives, and increasingly for issue-oriented advertisements that do not urge a vote for or against a particular candidate. Direct contributions to candidates are subject to federal contribution limits.

Much of the money raised by the committee came from industries affected by legislation moving through Congress at the time.

The Senate Commerce Committee approved legislation April 1 that would require the tobacco companies to pay $506 billion over 25 years and would raise the price of cigarettes by $1.10 a pack by 2003. The industry also would be fined billions more if teen-agers continued to smoke at current levels.

A week later, Steven Goldstone, chief executive officer of No. 2 tobacco maker RJR Nabisco, said his company was abandoning the settlement effort. RJR had contributed $20,000 to the committee in March.

The Republican committee also received $86,750 from the liquor industry during the first three months of 1997, led by $50,250 in soft money from the Distilled Spirits Council and $15,000 from the National Beer Wholesalers' political action committee. On March 31, the House GOP leadership prevented an attempt to amend a six-year, $217 billion transportation spending bill to establish a .08 percent blood alcohol content as the nationwide standard for drunken driving.

Common Cause reported Friday that the alcohol and restaurant interests contributed more than $26 million to the Democratic and Republican parties between 1987 and 1997.

Other big givers in the first quarter included the credit union and banking industries. On April 1, the House voted to override a recent Supreme Court ruling and allow federally chartered credit unions to continue including more than one group in their memberships. The bill had been the subject of a massive lobbying effort by the credit unions and banks. The American Banking Association and the Credit Union Legislative Council each gave $15,000 to the Republican committee.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., whose endorsement of the legislation helped pave the way for its approval, received $2,500 from the American Bankers Association and America's Community Bankers, two groups that lobbied hard against the credit union bill. He also received $1,000 from the credit union PAC.

First American completes acquisition of Austin National

First American Bank, SSB has announced it has completed acquisition of the $66 million Austin National Bank.

The three Austin National Bank branches will open Monday as First American Bank locations. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

First American Bank Texas, SSB is a subsidiary of The Adam Corporation/Group which operates two financial institutions. First American Bank Texas, SSB has assets of $2 billion and 59 branches throughout West and North Central Texas, including Snyder. First American Bank, SSB has assets of $400 million and eight branches serving Bryan, College Station and Caldwell.

Plans for the acquisition were first announced last December and preparations for the sale have been underway since.

"Our new customers have been notified and we are ready to welcome them to the First American family," said Donald A. Adam, chairman and chief executive officer. "We are excited about entering the Austin market and have put together an aggressive expansion plan to better serve our customers."

Boy Scouts set second fish-a-thon on May 9

Boy Scouts of America, Snyder Cub Pack 177, is planning Fish-a-thon '98, the second fishing tournament at Towle Park Pond on Saturday, May 9.

The first fish-a-thon was held in 1995.

"A thousand dollars worth of green sunfish and catfish have been ordered to stock the pond for the tournament, said Warren Wallace, Snyder's Scout district executive.

Fish-a-thon '98 will begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The registration fee is $5 per person.

During the tournament, fishing licenses will be suspended for registered participants. However, to fish at the pond after 4 p.m. will require a license.

Prizes will be awarded for tagged fish. Other categories for prizes are still being determined.

Boy Scout Troop 27 is planning to have campsite set-ups and give outdoor/camping skills demonstrations.

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For more information, contact Rhonda Fletcher at 573-0765 or Chris Smauley at 573-5183.

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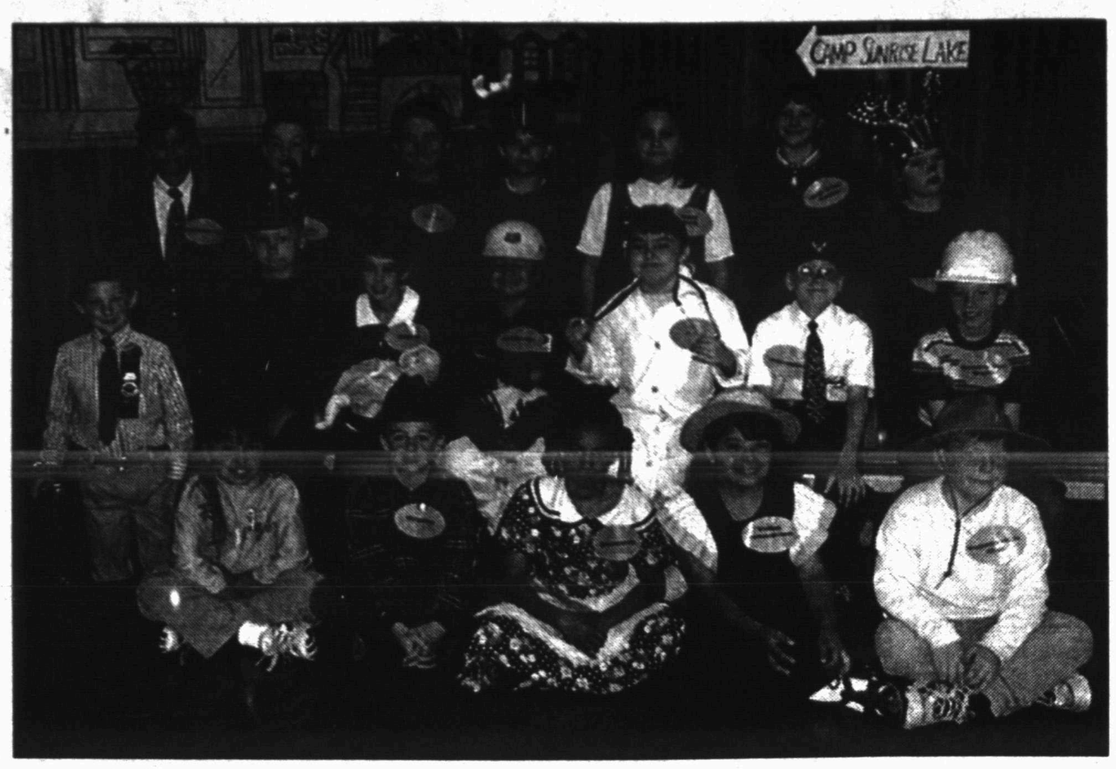
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OH, MY DEER — Central third graders in June Holcomb's and Paula Bowden's classes performed "Oh, My Deer" recently. Holcomb's students (left photo) are from left, back row, Michael Valadez, Candice Lee, William Greenwood, Jaedi Baze, Charone Hill, Willy Bob Greene; middle row, Adrianna Sosa, Shannon Mangis, Lindsey Small, Malcolm Deavers, Amber Loyola, Isaac Benitez, James Hernandez; front row, Joshua Martinez, Roxana Scott, Dustin Hall, Adrian Padron, Jeremy Mills. Bowden's classes (right photo) are from left, back row, Syd Wiggins, Kyle Sanchez, Lucas Munoz, Hank Berkley, Julie Cruz, Candace Chandler, Candace Rice; middle row, T.J. Atwell, Steven Hubanks, Amber Hildreth, Adrian Sosa, Kriston Alarcon, Chris Elder, Kylan Reynolds; front row, Monica Benavidez, Brent Burleson, Teisha McGlouthin, Judith Rodarte, Nolan Grady. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Nashville begins repairing its broken landscape

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Buddy Gibbs always wanted to see a tornado. Not anymore.

"Once is enough," he said Friday while surveying what was left of his outdoor furniture business.

With sawdust on his brow and a chain saw in his hand, he pointed to his car, which was entangled in strands of phone lines, an uprooted tree and a neighbor's portable shed that "rolled like a beach ball" onto his blue Buick Century.

"Ain't that a mess?" he said. "But it's only stuff. Stuff can be replaced."

Gibbs was among hundreds of home owners mopping up from the damage left by 10 tornadoes that left behind a path of smashed buildings, splintered trees, twisted billboards and tilting utility poles.

Two twisters hit Nashville on Thursday and at least eight others touched down elsewhere in the state. Six people were killed and dozens injured. The second round of tornadoes to hit the South in eight days also killed three people in Kentucky and two in Arkansas.

Vice President Al Gore, who worked in Nashville in the 1970s as a reporter for The Tennessean, toured the damage and spoke with residents.

"Seeing places where I spent so much time really does trigger a lot of emotions," he said.

Officials were astonished that the toll in Nashville was not higher. A Vanderbilt University student was critically injured when he was struck by a falling tree in Centennial Park.

Three others died in Wayne County, where a tornado destroyed one neighborhood before heading northeast into Lawrence and Maury counties, where it touched down at least 18 times.

Dale Farmer of Waynesboro had only seconds to gather his family in a basement bedroom. When it was over, his wife and daughters were buried in debris.

"I started digging them out one at a time and I couldn't find my 2-year-old daughter," he said. "When she came crawling out from beneath the bed, I just didn't care about anything else. She was alive. We were alive."

Farmer lost everything: his convenience store, his gas station and his home. He leaned on the hood of his truck and wept, but said he was lucky.

"We're OK," he said. "That's all that matters."

Damage estimates were slow to arrive, but officials said east Nashville was hardest hit, with at least 300 homes damaged significantly. Thirty private planes worth an estimated $3 million were destroyed at Cornelia Fort Airpark.

At a day care center operated by Green Hill Baptist Church, about 85 youngsters — ages 4 months to 12 years — huddled for hours during the storms in a windowless basement without electricity while singing "Jesus Loves Me" and the Barney song.

"I felt kids pulling at my legs and the teachers were unnerved," said Cindy Moore, the director. "Physically, we're fine. Emotionally, we're absolutely worn out."

Senator recalls dad's suicide

RENO, Nev. (AP) — "Your pop shot himself."

U.S. Sen. Harry Reid still vividly remembers the day in 1972 when his mother telephoned with that horrifying news. Like most family members of suicide victims, Reid didn't talk about his father's death publicly for years. His family bore the burden of the tragedy in secret.

Reid, D-Nev., said it's only been in recent years that he has come to understand the importance of talking about suicide, the ninth leading cause of death in the United States.

"I speak from experience when I say there is nothing more devastating than losing a loved one to suicide," Reid said Friday in remarks beamed via satellite to the Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network's National Awareness Day in Washington.

"Thanks to organizations like SPAN, we are lifting the veil of secrecy that has long been associated with suicide," he said.

Reid, 58, was lieutenant governor of Nevada in 1972 when his father, a miner, killed himself at the family's home in Searchlight, Nev.

Reid said his father — who was in his 60s when he put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger — had some health problems and drank heavily, but the family was at a loss to explain why he took his own life.

When Reid got the phone call from his mother, he telephoned his brother and they raced to the house, the two-term senator said in an interview Friday.

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SPORTS

Snyder takes wind out of the Tors, 7-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

With the two squads heading for separate districts next year, the Snyder Tigers gave Lamesa one last parting gift — a lesson on how to play baseball.

After suffering their first district loss to Plainview on Tuesday, the Tigers responded Friday night with an error-free 7-0 shutout of the Golden Tors at Moffett Field.

Returning to the form which won them the Snyder tourney crown, the Tigers scored seven runs on seven hits to remain locked atop the 2-4A standings with Frenship at 5-1.

"After Tuesday, we needed a win to restore our confidence," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "We played much better tonight. We're starting to get back into the groove."

The most noticeable differences between the Tigers' two performances this week were fielding and patience at the plate.

Snyder infielders gobbled up anything hit near them, allowing the ball into the outfield only two times in seven innings.

With solid play behind him, Tiger ace Clay Berryman took care of the other Tors. Berryman fanned 11 batters and walked only one, improving to 10-1 on the season.

With Lamesa shifting its infield — placing the shortstop halfway between second and third and the second baseman only eight feet off the bag — the Tigers patiently waited at the plate for a pitch they could hit.

"Apparently teams are going to start shifting their infields on us," Herrera remarked. "Everyone knows we have quick bats. Plainview shifted and now Lamesa, so I'm sure Levelland will on Tuesday."

The third inning proved to be key, as the Tigers broke open a 2-0 contest with three runs on one hit and three Lamesa errors.

Kyle Beck scored on a miscue, before Matt Rodgers drove in David Smith and Dustin Fish with a single to left field.

Snyder padded the lead with two runs in the fifth. Smith slapped a base hit, followed by a line-drive double to center by Fish. Fish would later score on a passed ball.

"We were much more patient tonight, but I think we could still be a little more selective," Herrera said. We had some key hits. Matt Rodgers' two RBI hit was a good job of clutch hitting."

The Tigers jumped to the early lead in the first inning when John Border walked, then advanced to third on a double by Berryman and scored on a fielder's choice.

Snyder added another run in the second. After Sonny Cumbie reached first base on an error, Chris Hernandez advanced courtesy runner Cheyenne Robinson to second with a sacrifice bunt. Next up, Border singled in Robinson for the 2-0 advantage.

The victory improves the Tigers to 20-4 on the year.

Next on the Tiger schedule is a visit to Levelland. Snyder posted 12-2 win over the Lobos in the teams' first meeting.

Levelland remains in third place after topping Plainview 6-2, while Frenship kept its share of the district lead by edging Estacado, 4-3.

Lamesa	ab	r	h	bi
Fernandez dh	2	0	0	0
Garcia cf	3	0	0	0
Cartwright 2b	3	0	1	0
Sanchez p	2	0	0	0
Brown ph	1	0	0	0
Gonzales c	3	0	1	0
Arredondo 1b	3	0	0	0
Kapler 3b	3	0	1	0
Dimas ss	2	0	0	0
Gonzales rf	2	0	1	0
Totals	24	0	4	0

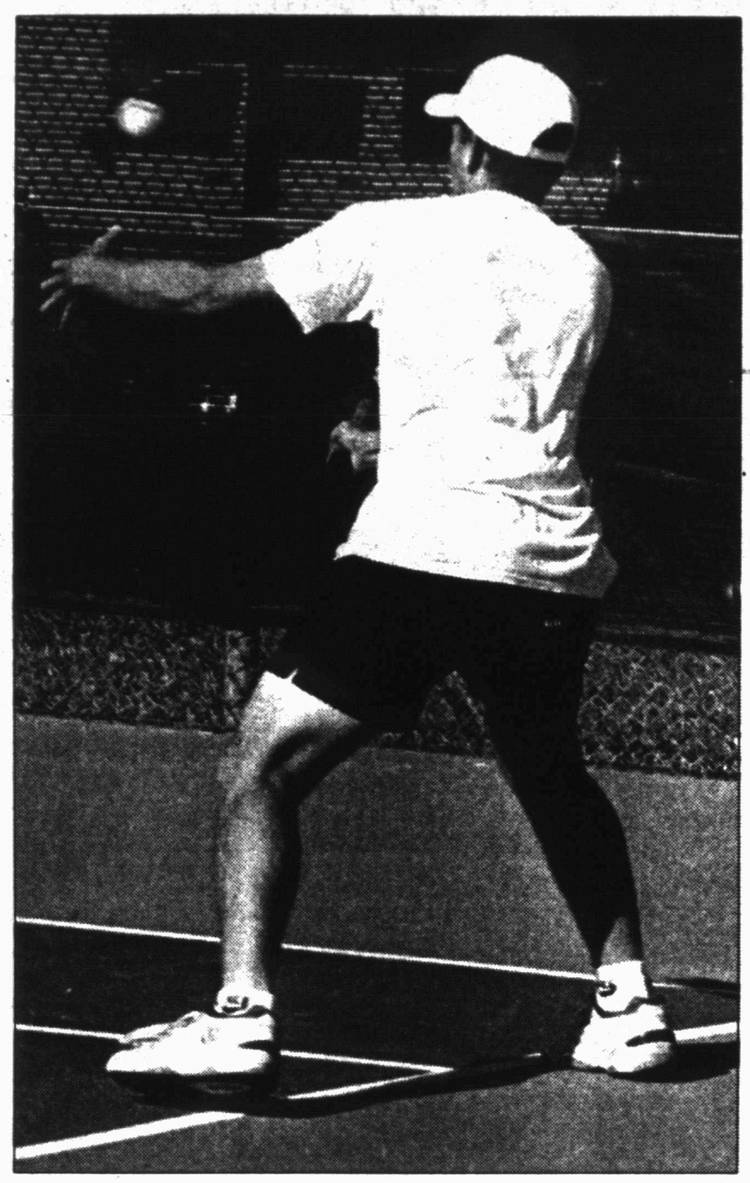
Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	3	1	1	0
Berryman p	4	0	2	0
Beck 3b	3	1	1	1
Smith cf	4	2	1	1
Fish 1b	2	2	1	1
Lang 2b	3	0	0	0
Rodgers ss	2	0	1	2
Cumbie c	3	0	0	0
Robinson cr	0	1	0	0
Hernandez rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	28	7	7	5

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2B — Berryman, Beck and Fish.
LP — Sanchez(2-6), 4 innings, 5 R, 2 ER, 4 H, 3 BB, 6 SO; Garcia, 2 innings, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 H, 1 BB, 3 SO.
WP — Berryman(10-1), 7 innings, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 H, 1 BB, 11 SO.

Team	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Snyder	5	1	.833	20	4	.833
Frenship	5	1	.833	18	6	.750
Levelland	4	2	.667	13	9	.591
Estacado	2	4	.333	13	9	.591
Plainview	2	4	.333	5	14	.263
Lamesa	0	6	.000	5	14	.263

Friday's Results
Snyder 7, Lamesa 0
Frenship 4, Estacado 3
Levelland 6, Plainview 2



HALL RETURNS — Todd Hall returns a serve in Saturday morning's semi-finals doubles match during the District 2-4A tennis meet held on the local courts. Hall, and doubles partner Brett Gibson, were playing Levelland. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS netters head for loop semifinals

Snyder High School sent two boys doubles teams, one girls doubles team and one boys singles player to the semifinals of the District 2-4A Tennis Tournament being held here.

Tourney action began Friday and was to conclude with finals at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Top seeds Jamie Juarez and Adrian Gonzales defeated Bray and McFadden of Frenship, 6-3, 6-1, Friday after receiving a first-round bye. They were to play Levelland's Balch and Montgomery Saturday morning.

Snyder's third-seeded boys doubles team of Todd Hall and Brett Gibson knocked off Strawn and McCord of Frenship, 6-0, 6-1 on Friday. They were to play Gonzales and Lawson of Levelland in the semifinals.

Laura Gonzales and Whitney Graham teamed to reach the semis in girls doubles. They defeated Montgomery and Sorrenson of Levelland, 6-2, 6-1, on Friday and were to play Gammage and Williams of Plainview on Saturday.

Lindsey Ornelas and Claire Cotton won over Hamilton and Vogler of Lamesa, 6-1, 6-2, then lost to Plainview's Dorrity and Mock, 6-3, 6-2.

In singles action, Allan Smith defeated Trent Cardwell of Levelland, 6-2, 6-2, on Friday. He was matched up against Jan Wolfschohl of Frenship in semifinal action Saturday.

Snyder's Ryan Gibson defeated Parker Payne of Levelland, 7-6, 6-0, but lost to Jonathan Strong of Estacado, 7-5, 6-3.

Jordan Hardin won her opener against Sara Farmer of Frenship, 6-3, 6-3, but lost to Laura Vogler of Lamesa, 6-0, 6-3.

Natalie Alexander lost to Lamesa's Ashley Reeves in the opening round, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

The top two individuals and doubles teams will advance to regional competition.

Tigers jump, vault for points in track

Three Snyder athletes garnered points in the field events Friday and three more are headed to the running finals of the District 2-4A track meet at Tiger Stadium.

For the Snyder boys, Jared Thornhill secured third place in the pole vault with an effort of 13'0", while Dusty Ashby finished sixth in the 3,200-meter run.

Ashley Delce nabbed the Lady Tigers' first points after leaping 33-11 in the triple jump, giving her fourth place.

With the running finals slated for Saturday, Snyder still had a chance to add to its point total.

Juan Arizmendi and Gabriel Madrid were to have to competed in the 300 hurdles. Arizmendi posted a time of 41.8 seconds in the preliminaries, with Madrid close behind at 42.32.

For the Snyder girls, Callie Bane was to have run in two final events. The freshman's time of 17.51 in the 100 hurdles was fifth fastest.

Bane also qualified in the 300-meter hurdles, the event in which she set the SHS record a week ago.

In junior varsity action Friday, Snyder captured the first and sixth spots in the boys shot put.

Mark Medley took the title with an effort of 46-6, while Corey Knipe was sixth after posting a distance of 37-10¼.

The top two finishers in each of today's running finals will advance to the regional meet in San Angelo.

DISTRICT 2-4A TRACK MEET
at Tiger Stadium
BOYS
Field Event Final Results

Pole vault: 1. Thames, Frenship, 14-3; 2. Northcutt, Plainview, 13-0; **3. Thornhill, Snyder, 13-0;** 4. Beelby, Plainview, 12-6; 5. Scott, Frenship, 12-0; 6. Castenada, Plainview, 11-6; **7. Grimmett, Snyder, 11-6.**

Discus: 1. Gregory, Lamesa, 146-0; 2. Harkey, Plainview, 139-9; 3. Green, Estacado, 137-8; 4. Ferguson, Levelland, 136-11; 5. Downs, Levelland, 135-6½; 6. Ume, Estacado, 134-9; **9. Esparza, Snyder, 130-0.**

High jump: 1. Brooks, Plainview, 6-1; 2. Rudman, Levelland, 6-0; 3. Thompson, Plainview, 6-0; 4. Worthey, Estacado, 5-10; 5. Owens, Plainview, 5-10; 6. Potts, Frenship, 5-6.

Long jump: 1. Boyd, Estacado, 22-3½; 2. Shepherd, Estacado, 21-5½; 3. Patterson, Estacado, 21-4; 4. Brooks, Plainview, 21-½; 5. Whitaker, Plainview, 20-06¼; 6. Sigala, Plainview, 19-9¼.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Silva, Frenship, 10:10.68; 2. Vega, Levelland, 10:12.40; 3. Salazar, Estacado, 10:30.05; 4. Hendrix, Frenship, 10:49.44; 5. Castro, Estacado, 10:53.72; **6. Ashby, Snyder, 10:55.0.**

Finals' Qualifiers

100: Boyd, Estacado; Grant, Estacado; Miller, Plainview; Hernandez, Lamesa; Thomas, Estacado; R. Sigala, Plainview; Duval, Lamesa; C. Sigala, Plainview.

400: Baker, Frenship; Toler, Estacado; Ortiz, Lamesa; Turner, Levelland; High, Estacado; McGraw, Estacado; Owens, Plainview; Roberts, Levelland.

110 hurdles: Wood, Frenship; Ward, Estacado; Corder, Levelland; Kapler, Lamesa; Spencer, Plainview; Whiting, Lamesa; Runkels, Frenship; Worthey, Estacado.

300 hurdles: Kapler, Lamesa; Hereford, Estacado; Ward, Estacado; **Arizmendi, Snyder;** Thompson, Plainview; Whiting, Lamesa; **Madrid, Snyder;** Spencer, Plainview.

GIRLS
Field Event Final Results

Triple jump: 1. Drone, Lamesa; 35-7; 2. Ross, Estacado; 34-7; 3. Jordon, Estacado; 34-5; **4. Delce, Snyder; 33-11;** 5. Sansom, Plainview; 33-8½; 6. McClendon, Frenship, 33-4. **7. Mackey, Snyder, 32-7½.**

Shot put: 1. Whitfield, Levelland, 34-11¾; 2. Navarro, Lamesa, 34-5½; 3. Hutherson, Estacado, 32-10; 4. Ross, Estacado, 32-5¼; 5. Taylor, Levelland, 32-4½; 6. Robertson, Levelland, 31-1; **8. Brooks, Snyder, 28-10; 14. Garza, Snyder, 20-11¼.**

Running Events

3,200: 1. Temple, Frenship, 12:24.62; 2. Stebbins, Frenship, 12:41.49; 3. Rendon, Levelland, 13:08.79; 4. Escarcega, Levelland, 13:35.88; 5. Pearson, Frenship, 13:38.43; 6. Major, Plainview, 14:06.47.

Finals' Qualifiers

100: High, Estacado; Larris, Levelland; Ross, Estacado; Ivey, Frenship; Fennell, Plainview; Barrioz, Lamesa; Kirkland, Levelland; Thomas, Estacado.

200: Garcia, Plainview; High, Estacado; Barrioz, Lamesa; Jackson, Frenship; Williams, Estacado; Green, Levelland; Jordon, Estacado; Sansom, Plainview.

100 hurdles: Smith, Levelland; **Bane, Snyder;** Phelps, Levelland; Hall, Frenship; Lemons, Estacado; Phipps, Lamesa; Clark, Estacado; Hamilton, Frenship.

300 hurdles: Barron, Lamesa; **Bane, Snyder;** Clark, Estacado; Johnson, Estacado; Jenkins, Levelland; Helmbeck, Levelland; Smith, Lamesa; Phipps, Lamesa.

Rangers claim 5th straight win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mark McLemore's RBI double keyed a six-run third inning Friday night as the Texas Rangers extended their winning streak to five games with a 6-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Roger Pavlik (1-1) pitched 3 1-3 innings of one-hit relief after replacing Rangers starter Darren Oliver in the fourth.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his third save as Texas won for the seventh time in eight games. At 10-4, the Rangers matched the second-best start in franchise history.

Rafael Palmeiro drove in two runs for the Orioles, who dropped their third straight.

Palmeiro's two-run double in the third gave the Orioles a 2-0 lead, but the Rangers chased starter Scott Erickson (3-1) with seven hits in the third.

Orioles shortstop Mike Bordick committed a fielding error on Tom Goodwin's leadoff grounder, and McLemore's double made it 2-1.

Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez, Lee Stevens and Kevin Elster added RBI singles in the inning, and Erickson was done after allowing 10 hits and four earned runs in 3 2-3 innings.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-NewJersey	48	22	11	107	224	164
x-Philadelphia	42	27	11	95	240	189
x-Washington	38	30	12	88	214	197
N.Y.Islanders	29	41	11	69	210	224
N.Y.Rangers	24	39	18	66	195	230
Florida	24	43	14	62	201	254
TampaBay	17	55	9	43	149	267

Northeast Division

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y-Pittsburgh	39	24	18	96	223	186
x-Boston	38	29	13	89	217	188
x-Buffalo	36	28	16	88	207	182
x-Montreal	37	32	12	86	232	205
x-Ottawa	33	33	15	81	191	199
Carolina	33	39	8	74	196	213

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-Dallas	48	22	11	107	239	166
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x-St.Louis	43	29	8	94	246	197
x-Phoenix	35	34	12	82	220	222
Chicago	30	38	13	73	191	196
Toronto	29	42	9	67	189	232

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Colorado	38	26	17	93	227	202
x-LosAngeles	38	32	11	87	226	221
x-Edmonton	34	37	10	78	211	221
x-SanJose	33	38	10	76	206	215
Calgary	26	40	15	67	216	248
Vancouver	25	42	14	64	223	271
Anaheim	25	42	13	63	198	255

x-clinched playoff berth
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Friday's Game
Calgary 4, Vancouver 2

Saturday's Games
Washington at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7:35 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:35 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 10:30 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	55	26	.679	-
y-NewYork	43	38	.531	12
NewJersey	42	39	.519	13
Orlando	*41	40	.506	14
Washington	41	40	.506	14
Boston	36	45	.444	19
Philadelphia	30	51	.370	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	61	20	.753	-
y-Indiana	58	23	.716	3
y-Charlotte	50	31	.617	11
y-Atlanta	49	32	.605	12
y-Cleveland	46	35	.568	15
Detroit	37	44	.457	24
Milwaukee	36	45	.444	25
Toronto	16	65	.198	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	62	19	.765	-
y-SanAntonio	55	26	.679	7
y-Minnesota	44	37	.543	18
y-Houston	41	40	.506	21
Dallas	20	62	.244	42½
Vancouver	18	62	.225	43½
Denver	11	70	.136	51

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	60	21	.741	-
y-L.A.Lakers	60	21	.741	-
y-Phoenix	55	26	.679	5
y-Portland	46	35	.568	14
Sacramento	27	53	.338	32½
GoldenState	18	63	.222	42
L.A.Clippers	16	65	.198	44

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Thursday's Games
New York 108, Toronto 79
Utah 99, Sacramento 86
Portland 99, L.A. Clippers 90
San Antonio 110, Vancouver 97
Golden State 88, Dallas 82

Friday's Games
Boston 78, Cleveland 71
Washington 97, Miami 89
Atlanta 121, Charlotte 104
Chicago 87, Philadelphia 80
Orlando 121, New Jersey 109
Detroit 108, Milwaukee 102
Minnesota 102, Houston 95
Indiana 107, Toronto 98
Denver 109, Portland 101
Utah 102, Phoenix 99
San Antonio 89, Seattle 87
L.A. Lakers 124, Dallas 95

Saturday's Games
Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Sacramento vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 11 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 11 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Hamilton, Ontario, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 6 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Astros top Expos, 5-3

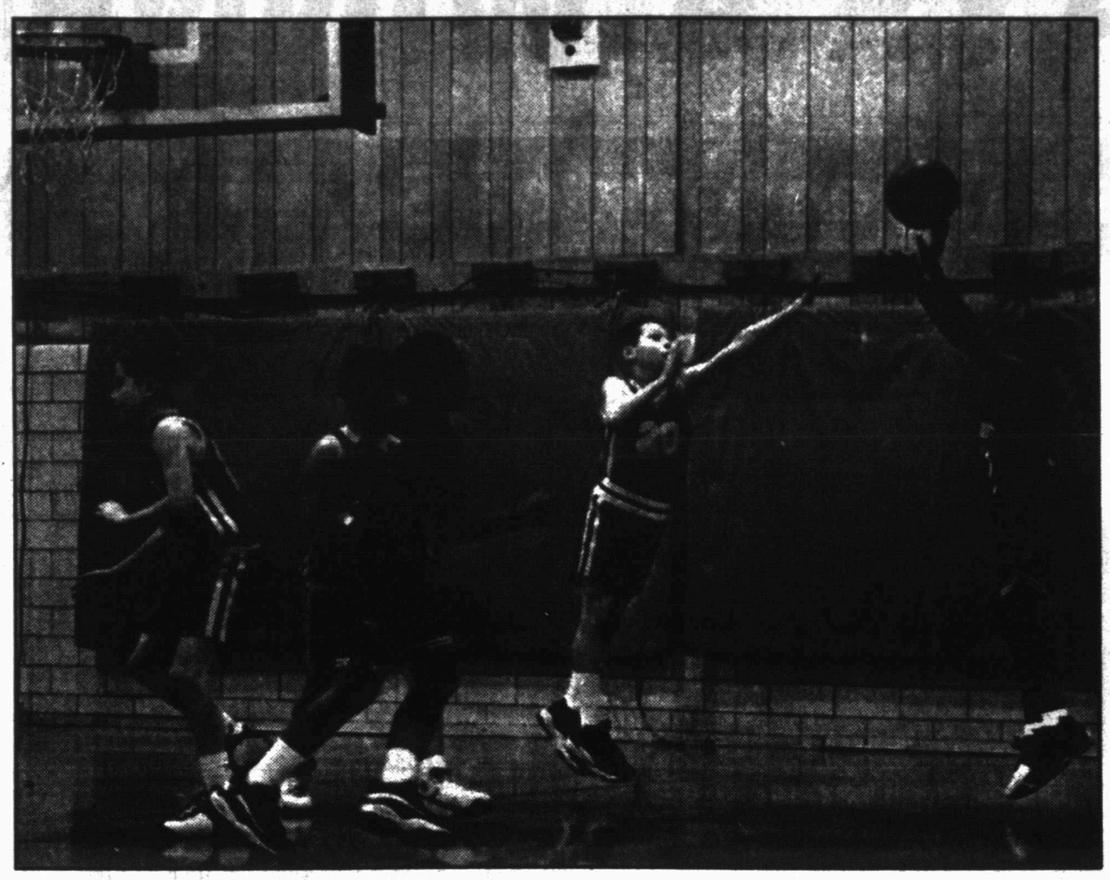
HOUSTON (AP) — John Halama got his first major league victory on his fourth try and Craig Biggio drove in two runs with a homer and a double Friday night, leading the Houston Astros over the Montreal Expos 5-3.

Houston broke a 2-2 tie with two runs in the fifth off Dustin Hermanson (1-2), helping drop Montreal to 4-11. The Expos made three errors — two by third baseman Shane Andrews — leading to two unearned runs.

Halama (1-1), who lowered his ERA from 9.45 to 7.08, allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings with five strikeouts and one walk. He struggled in fourth, allowing both runs, but otherwise pitched with command.

Billy Wagner got three straight outs for his fourth save in five chances.

With the game 2-all in the fourth, Tim Bogar singled, Halama sacrifice and Biggio doubled in a run. Hermanson followed with a wild pitch and Biggio scored on Derek Bell's sacrifice fly.



OVER THE TOP — Malakoff's Bradley Pickens shoots over the top of Tyler Kehrer of New Baden, Ill. during the National Little Dribblers Tournament at Travis gym. Semifinal games were to have been held Saturday morning, with the finals beginning at 5 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Charlotte baseball field is for the birds

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — A Texas Rangers farm team has to play its games with a partly darkened outfield because ospreys are raising babies in a nest atop a stadium light pole and won't let repairmen replace blown light bulbs.

The birds are on a list of "special concern," which means they cannot be disturbed. Until the two babies develop their feathers and fly away, the Rangers staff can't repair about a quarter of the 42 lights blown out on the left field pole at Charlotte Stadium.

"We had a guy checking the lights on the other pole and Mom and Pop osprey swooped down at him," said Jim Herlihy, general manager of operations for the Class A Florida State League team.

Meanwhile, opposing batters and umpires have complained about the dark spots in the outfield.

The nest is nearly six feet wide and the dark, golden birds can be seen flying to the top of the pole carrying fish and other food for their two youngsters.

"The nest has caused so much weight on the pole, it has burned out some light bulbs," Herlihy said.

Generally, it takes six to eight weeks for the baby birds to develop a full set of feathers and fly away. It's not certain how old the babies are.

"Someone suggested that the lights actually kept them warm when it was cold back in February," Herlihy said.

Monica Dorken, of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, said finding ospreys nesting on light poles is not unusual.

"They like the height and the fact a platform is already there for them," she said.

High Plains Rodeo here

Roping, riding and dogging were underway at Scurry County Coliseum Saturday morning in the High Plains Junior Rodeo.

Performances continue at 7 in the evening and at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The youth rodeo features bull riding, steer riding, bareback, barrels, calf roping, goat tying, pole bending and steer wrestling.

Concessions are available at the coliseum.

Tech raps Iowa

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Jason Huth's homer in the fifth inning put No. 19 Texas Tech up for good as the Red Raiders pounded Iowa State 12-2 in the Big 12 Conference Friday.

Shane Wright (9-1) gave up two runs while scattering 13 hits for his ninth win. Huth went 3-for-4, including a leadoff solo home run in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie.

Texas Tech (31-13, 11-7 Big 12) added five runs in the top of the ninth as Cyclone pitchers walked four straight.

Manning first pick in draft by Colts

NEW YORK (AP) — Peyton Manning still was the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

Manning's decision to bypass last year's draft and stay at Tennessee for his senior season didn't hurt his status. The Indianapolis Colts selected him Saturday to lead off the draft.

"Peyton, because of his experience and maturity level in the game of football ... fit best for us," said Colts president Bill Polian. "We're going to throw him in; Game 1 or Game 4, he's going to learn on the job."

The All-America quarterback beat his father Archie by one spot; the elder Manning was the second overall choice in 1971.

Manning became the first quarterback taken atop the draft since Drew Bledsoe in 1993. The biggest difference for him over last year was the team — in 1997, the New York Jets owned the pick before trading it to St. Louis.

As he came forward to display his No. 18 Colts jersey, Manning was booed by the gallery in Madison Square Garden, many of them Jets fans who felt spurned by him a year ago.

San Diego, which traded two players and three picks to Arizona to move up from third overall to second, then took Ryan Leaf of Washington State. That marked the first time since 1993 (Drew Bledsoe and Rick Mirer) and the third time overall (Jim Plunkett and Archie Manning in 1971) that quarterbacks went 1-2.

Leaf was the second leading passer in the nation and expressed a desire to play for the Chargers long before they chose him.

Arizona, as expected, went for Florida State's quick, powerful defensive end Andre Wadsworth. The Cardinals will put him on what should be a formidable defensive line that includes Simeon Rice and Eric Swann.

"We decided some time ago Andre Wadsworth was our man," Cardinals coach Vince Tobin said. "You draft a complete package, and Andre was the complete package. No matter what was offered, we were going to stick with him."

Charles Woodson, the only primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, was next, to Oakland. An All-America cornerback and kick returner, Woodson fits the mold the Raiders like: a big-play, big-name performer.

Chicago used the fifth pick for Penn State running back Curtis Enis, the third junior in the first five selections.

St. Louis went for help on the defensive line by taking end Grant Wistrom of Nebraska. Wistrom won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	9	6	.600	-
NewYork	9	6	.600	-
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	1½
Montreal	4	11	.267	5
Florida	4	12	.250	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	10	5	.667	-
St.Louis	10	6	.625	½
Chicago	9	7	.563	1½
Houston	9	8	.529	2
Cincinnati	8	8	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	7	10	.412	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	13	3	.813	-
SanFrancisco	9	7	.563	4
LosAngeles	8	7	.533	4½
Colorado	6	10	.375	7
Arizona	4	13	.235	9½

Thursday's Games

Florida 12, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 5, Arizona 4, 1st game
Arizona 8, St. Louis 2, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Milwaukee 5, Montreal 3, 14 innings
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3, 10 innings
Houston 7, Cincinnati 4

Friday's Games

Los Angeles 11, Chicago Cubs 3
San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 5
Cincinnati 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Milwaukee 5, San Francisco 2
Houston 5, Montreal 3
St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 5
Atlanta at Colorado, ppd., snow
Arizona 7, Florida 5

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 1-0) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Hershiser 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wagner 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 1-1) at St. Louis (Aybar 1-2), 2:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 1-1) at Colorado (Astacio 1-2), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Larkin 1-0) at Arizona (Anderson 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Valdes 0-2) at Houston (Lima 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 2-1) at Cincinnati (White 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Smith 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 0-2), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 2-1) at Milwaukee (Karl 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 0-0) at St. Louis (Mercker 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 0-2), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 0-2) at Houston (Bergman 1-1), 2:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-0) at Colorado (Thompson 1-0), 3:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	10	5	.667	-
Boston	10	5	.667	-
NewYork	8	4	.667	½
TampaBay	8	6	.571	1½
Toronto	6	9	.400	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	10	4	.714	-
Minnesota	7	8	.467	3½
KansasCity	7	9	.438	4
Chicago	6	8	.429	4
Detroit	3	11	.214	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	10	4	.714	-
Anaheim	7	7	.500	3
Seattle	6	10	.375	5
Oakland	3	11	.214	7

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 2
Seattle 3, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Oakland 12, Kansas City 7
Tampa Bay 6, Anaheim 5

Friday's Games

Boston 3, Cleveland 2, 10 innings
Toronto 6, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 11, Detroit 2
Seattle 11, Minnesota 6
Texas 6, Baltimore 4
Anaheim 5, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 4, Oakland 1, 12 innings

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Navarro 1-1) at Toronto (Hentgen 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 1-1) at Boston (Wakefield 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1) at Detroit (Keagle 0-2), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 1-2) at Oakland (Rogers 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Cloude 1-1) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 1-0) at Texas (Burkett 1-1), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 2-1) at Anaheim (Dickson 0-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland (Burba 2-1) at Boston (Saberhagen 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eyre 0-2) at Toronto (Guzman 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 0-0) at Detroit (Moehler 0-2), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Swift 1-0) at Minnesota (Hawkins 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 2-0) at Texas (Witt 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 0-1) at Oakland (Prieto 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 1-1) at Anaheim (Watson 0-1), 4:05 p.m.

Little Dribblers Tourney Results

GIRLS CONTINENTAL JUNIOR

Wortham 53, Oanalaska 22

Wortham: D'Undrea Smith, 23; Juliann Jarrell, 14.

Oanalaska: Brittney Stephens, 9; Melissa Butts, 5.

Cushing 48, Cross Roads 11

Cushing: Ashley Adkins, 24; Asley Martin, 18.

Cross Roads: Tessie Thomas, 3.

Normangee 46; West Allen, La. 35

Normangee: Crystal Stroleny and Asley Green, 22.

West Allen: Lindsey Monceaux, 19; Stevie Campbell and Cari Maddox, 7.

GIRLS CONTINENTAL SENIOR

Kerens 30, Stanton 21

Kerens: Denise Williams and LaRhonda Washington, 10; Toni Betts, 9.

Stanton: Karyn Cook and Kenzie Williams, 5.

Frankston 34, Centerville 29

Frankston: Paige Phillips, 18; Sutton Williford, 8.

Centerville: Tiffany Scott, 15; Nicole Phillips, 10.

BOYS CONTINENTAL JUNIOR

Goodrich 59, Cushing 29

Goodrich: Darrin Woods, 14; Adrian McGowen, 12.

Cushing: Cezar Herrera, 17; Terrance Tipp, 10.

Southwest Louisiana 40, Hull-Diasetta 35

Southwest: Jeremy James, 26; Cody Walker, 7.

Hull-Diasetta: John Maxwell, 16; Chance Taylor, 9.

Frankston 49, Kerens 39

Frankston: Jonathan Hatton, 17; Luke Lust, 13; Johnathan Campbell, 12.

Kerens: Keltar Williams, 22; Coy Lancaster, 9.

Buffalo 48, Cayuga 44

Buffalo: Justin Jones, 24; Eric Lummus, 12; Byron Dankins, 8.

Cayuga: Clay Yonts, 20; Darrell Walker, 9.

AMERICAN SENIOR

New Baden, Ill. 45, Cleveland 41

New Baden: Jay Wellen, 20; Brad Emig, 8.

Cleveland: Shawn Green, 17; Lamar Hurd, 8.

NATIONAL JUNIOR

Waco Doris 56, Snyder 45

Waco: Darnel Ridge, 16; Joe Sanders, 15; Camden Sanders, 10.

Snyder: Cade Simpson, 14; Garrett Pinson, 10; Eric Martinez and Blake Seale, 7.

Plainview 49, Whitehouse 15

Plainview: Jamar Wall, 12; Chris Chambers, 11.

Whitehouse: Payton Fedell, 12; Luke Shivers, 10.

Athens 63, Lumberton 46

Athens: C.J. Rockmore, 24; Lamont Moore, 17.

Lumberton: Randy Kitchens, 18; Trent Arnold, 15.

Snyder def. El Paso (forfeit)

Edmond, Okla. 54, Lamesa 48

Edmond: Muncolo, 33; Island, 8.

Lamesa: Alan Morales, 18; Clay Roberts, 12; Andy Kilgore, 8.

NATIONAL MAJOR

Mercer Island, Wash. 57; Lamesa 32

Mercer Island: Alan Chirls, 17; Kahlil Mathews, 14.

Lamesa: McCurly, 10.

Waco Doris 46, Snyder 32

Waco: Carl Sims, 13; Jerry Dancer, 12.

Snyder: Jess Wall, 10; Jake Barnes, Kris Hatley, Jed Martin and Lee Scott, 4.

Dallas Cedar Crest def. El Paso (forfeit)

Plainview 58, Edmond, Okla. 40

Plainview: Tabor Minner, 14; John Mull, 9.

Edmond: Ikard, 8; Marcus, 7; Westfall and Nelson, 6.

NATIONAL SENIOR

Whitehouse 54, Snyder 32

Whitehouse: Billy May, 11; Chad Sanchez and Cole Kee, 9.

Snyder: Jase Olvera, 12; Adam Roemisch, 9.

Plainview 61, El Paso 44

Plainview: Bryson Davis, 23; Reggie Williams, 11; Bryant McAdams, 7.

El Paso: Mark Herrera, 23; Pierre Cantu, 8.

Plainview 59, Bryan 57

Plainview: Bryor Bradic, 20; Bryson Davis, 13; Calvin Scholten, 10.

El Paso 43, Rancho Bernardo, Calif. 32

El Paso: Pierre Cantu, 10; Mark Herrera, 9; George Valencia, 8.

Rancho Bernardo: Ryan Hollander, 11; Tim Ferrette, 8.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball tournament

A 4 on 4 volleyball tournament for women's, men's and coed teams will be held next Saturday at the sand pit at WTC.

Entry fee is $40 per team and registration forms may be picked up at the WTC athletic office. Deadline for entry is Tuesday. For more information contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Pro-Am golf tournament

The Snyder Country Club Pro-Am Golf Tournament will be held Monday, with shotgun starts at 9:30 and 2:30.

Format is a four-person one-ball low net. Teams will be comprised of a local PGA professional, one visiting amateur and two SCC members.

Entry fee is $35 per player. For more information contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Lions Club tourney

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held May 2 at Western Texas College. Start times are 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Teams will be comprised of four players and must have a combined handicap of at least 50. Entry fee is $50 per person which includes golf cart and hamburger lunch.

Currently only two spots remain for the 1:30 tee off. Seven spots are still open for the early tee time.

Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and SCC pro shops. For more information call C.A. McCown at 573-7668.

Men's softball

Snyder Men's Softball League will hold a meeting Monday evening at 7 at the chamber of commerce. Coaches and interested players are urged to attend.

Tuesday playday

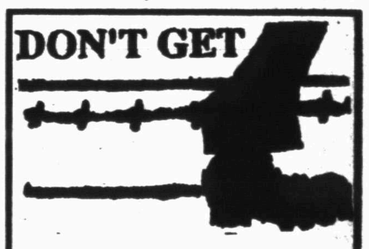
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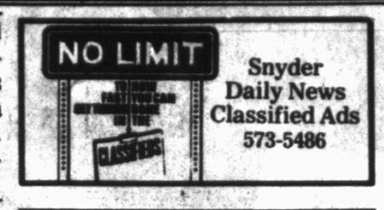
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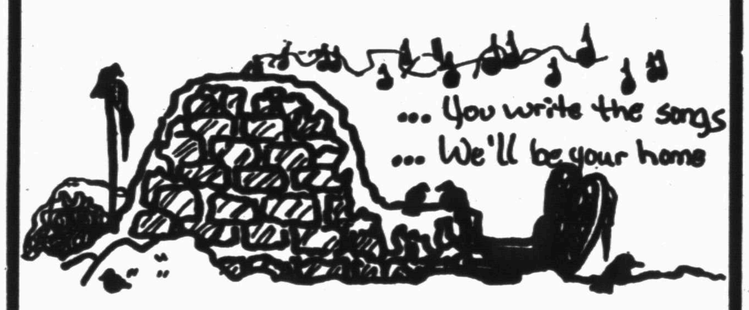
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One dead in post office shooting

DALLAS (AP) — A 15-year postal service veteran was shot to death after an argument in a post office break room Friday, and police arrested an armed co-worker shortly afterward.

A group of postal employees witnessed the shooting of 34-year-old Lavinia Kelley-Shaw, a distribution clerk, around 11:30 a.m.

Several of the victim's relatives — and family members of other postal employees — flocked to the post office in tears to check on loved ones.

"She had a very large family," Dallas police Senior Cpl. Chris Gilliam said.

Investigators interviewed witnesses Friday afternoon and tried to figure out what motivated the attack.

Both Gilliam and Cesta Ayers, U.S. Postal Service manager of corporate relations for the agency's southwest area, said the two were not linked romantically.

"We don't have any information to indicate there was a relationship between the victim and the suspect," said Gilliam.

Dallas police Sgt. Jim Chandler said police arrested 27-year-old Maceo Yarbough III in southwest Dallas shortly after the shooting. Chandler said Yarbough is the only suspect at this time.

Chandler said he expected federal charges to be filed later this week.

Police say the suspect brought a large-caliber gun with him to work Friday. A fight between Mrs. Kelley-Shaw and the suspect, a letter carrier who had worked at the post office almost a year, led to the shooting, Ayers said.

Postal Inspector Linda Kirksey said "several" shots were fired, possibly three to five.

Various calls keep peace officers busy

City officers were kept busy Friday responding to a number of calls from citizens.

A caller reported a van speeding through the schoool zone at West Elementary around 8:20 p.m., while another person reported an unattended baby in a vehicle in the parking lot of a local grocery store at 10 a.m.

One person reported suspicious activity around Snyder Lanes at 10 p.m. and as a result, one male juvenile was taken into custody for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of tobacco. He was later released to the custody of his parents.

An 18-year-old male was booked into jail early Saturday after being arrested in the 3000 block of El Paso for minor in possession.

In other activity Friday, a report of a gas drive-off from Century Fuels Thursday night was cancelled when the person returned and paid for the gas.

Carla Matthews told officers at 4:15 p.m. that her daughter's backpack had been stolen from the pavillion at Towle Park at noon. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 7:42 p.m. as a vehicle belonging to Joann Salazar had a window broken.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 7:51 p.m.

A report of an obscene telephone call was made at 9 p.m.

A report of a person selling items without a permit was made at 2 p.m., while deputies were alerted to possible drag racers on Highway 180 around 10 p.m.

A loud music complaint was made at 12:30 Saturday morning from the 2600 block of Avenue U.

Martinez attends New York meeting

ABILENE — Anthony Martinez of Snyder was one of 19 Hardin-Simmons University students who attended the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City April 7-11.

Martinez, a junior political science major, and over 2,000 students from 194 schools, 30 states and 13 countries on four continents participated in the five-day simulation of the United Nations and other international organizations.

The majority of the simulation was held at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Midtown Manhattan. The final day of debate and closing ceremonies were held inside the U.N. Chamber and General Assembly Hall.

The HSU delegates, representing Slovakia, head from a variety of speakers and attended briefings with the Permanent Missions to the UN of Slovakia.

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Official Notice

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is filing an application with the Texas Water Development Board for grant money not to exceed $20,000 for the development of a Scope of Work detailing future studies and activities required by Senate Bill No. 1. The District has been declared the political subdivision representing Region F, a region located in west Texas which includes Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties.

Public comments on the funding request will be taken at the District's Headquarters located at 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas until May 21, 1998. Comments and questions may be mailed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box. 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720-0869, or taken by telephone at (915) 267-6341. Comments and questions may also be addressed to Mr. Craig Pedersen, Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, or by telephone at (512) 463-7850.

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Thank you for all of the cards, letters, hugs and PRAYERS but most of all thank you for your Love. It was that Love for me and my Family that made all the difference. May God's richest blessings be yours.

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Datebook

April 18, 1998

Today is the 108th day of 1998 and the 30th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, the midnight ride of Paul Revere began, as he rode to warn colonists that the British were coming.

On this day in 1906, an earthquake that registered 8.25 on the Richter scale — the highest rating ever in the United States — struck San Francisco.

On this day in 1956, actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clarence Darrow (1857-1938), lawyer; Leopold Stokowski (1882-1977), conductor; Hayley Mills (1946-), actress, is 52; James Woods (1947-), actor, is 51; Nate Archibald (1948-), basketball great, is 50; Rick Moranis (1953-), actor, is 45; Eric Roberts (1956-), actor, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1923, the first game was played at Yankee Stadium; the Yankees beat the Red Sox, 4-1.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Even after a bad harvest there must be sowing." — Seneca

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1880, a tornado outbreak in the South and the Midwest killed more than 160 people.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter.

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April 19, 1998

Today is the 109th day of 1998 and the 31st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1982, Sally Ride became the first woman to be chosen for a U.S. space mission.

On this day in 1993, cult leader David Koresh and possibly 86 of his followers died in a raging fire at the Branch Davidian headquarters in Waco, Texas.

On this day in 1994, Rodney King was awarded $3.8 million from the city of Los Angeles for his 1991 beating by police.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Roger Sherman (1721-1793), U.S. statesman; Eliot Ness (1903-1957), government agent; Glenn T. Seaborg (1912-), physicist, is 86; Don Adams (1927-), actor, is 71; Hugh O'Brian (1930-), actor, is 68; Jayne Mansfield (1933-1967), actress; Dudley Moore (1935-), actor, is 63; Frank Viola (1960-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, the L.A. Lakers drafted Michigan State guard Magic Johnson.

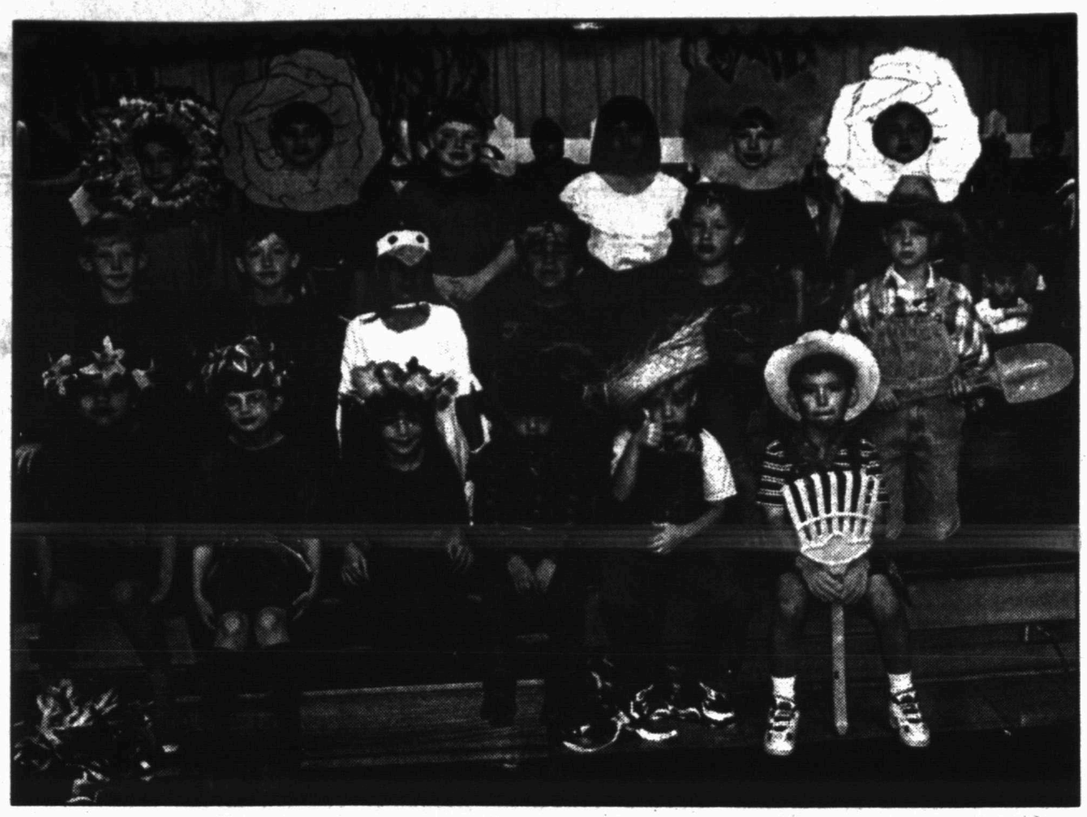
TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is the eye which makes the horizon." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1970, a small tornado picked up a woman in Annabella, Utah, and carried her 30 feet into the air, virtually unharmed.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? Stanfield students in Jean McMillon's, Sheila Collier's and Sherry Patterson's classes recently performed How Does Your Garden Grow? McMillon's students (top photo) from left, front row, Angelica Silva, Kelby Seale, Ashley Casas, Jake Alaniz, Josh Lumpkins, Gerek Preston; second row, Cord Welsh, Layton Westmoreland, Ashley Gonzales, Arthur Martinez, Jacob Scifres, Derek Murphy; third row, Amanda Sanchez, Ashley Maldonado, Preston Munson, Christina Villa, Nicole Means, Angela Almanza; Collier's students (middle photo) first row, from left, Josh Ornelas, Nathaniel Reyna, Joel Rocha, Taylor Groat, Laura Gutierrez, Stacy Elam, Tyler McCormack; second row, Brent Bollinger, James Simmons, Jordan Derryberry, Aaron Realsola, Michael Turner, Justin Jowers; third row, Heather Garza, Devin Davidson, D'Andrew Davis, Christin Willson, Rachel Scott, Tasha Hernandez. Patterson's students (bottom photo) are first row, from left, Jackie Delgado, Taryn Shadden, Marci Pinkerton, Laura Landa, Hena Islam, Jessica Rivera, Becky Juarez; second row, Derek Anderson, Lance Day, Anthony White, Juan Balramma, Lauren Lunsford, Kimberly Harlan, Michael Medrano; third row, Jessica DeLeon, Joe Garza, Marcus Medrano, Bran Dee Harbin, Vallie Foreman, J.W. Wesson. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Survivors recall 1906 Great Quake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They watched as the city crumbled and burned around them, confused, frightened, too young to understand what was happening.

On April 18, 1906, an earthquake measuring magnitude 7.8 devastated San Francisco, touching off fires that roared through the city. Hundreds were killed and it took months to rebuild.

Six-year-old Emma Grapengeter sat on a hill and watched flames consume her city. Her parents lost their home in fires that mesmerized her.

"To me, as a child, I thought it was beautiful," Ms. Grapengeter, now 98, said Friday. "I never wanted to go to sleep. To my parents, it was not beautiful at all."

They and others found beacons of hope amid the devastation. Lotta's Fountain became a rallying point in the hours after the disaster as survivors searched for their loved ones.

Once more, the fountain is drawing survivors. The dwindling group of those who lived through the quake planned to meet there before daybreak to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the tragedy.

The quake struck at 5:12 a.m. and lasted for less than a minute but touched off fires that burned for three days, roaring across nearly 500 city blocks. The official death toll was 478, but historians now say the number may have been as high as 3,000.

Ms. Grapengeter's family lost everything but their lives and survived in the streets in the following days, waiting in long lines for food. Dinner usually consisted of bread and corned beef from cans.

"We had flour sacks and pillow cases. They would just throw things in there and you never knew what you were going to get," she said.

Ena Soldavini also saw her family home crumble. But her parents rebuilt it in less than five years.

"It was quite an experience for my family, I think, and the way they came out of it. By 1910, they were on their feet in the same spot," she said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 19, 1998

Ventures or endeavors that are products of your creativity and resourcefulness have good chances for success in the year ahead. Don't be afraid to give high grades to what you have to offer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your jovial personality will win you popularity points the greater part of the day. However, as evening nears you might tire quickly and become a trifle grumpy. Get to bed early. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today your aims and objectives can be gratified without resorting to tactics you wouldn't be proud to talk about to others. Play by your customary rules of fairness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's reasonably safe for you to open up in front of your close friends today, but talking about confidential matters in front of persons you have just met is a no-no.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A collective endeavor you're involved in is composed of both pluses and minuses. Unfortunately, you're likely to place greater emphasis on the minuses today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a possibility you might misinterpret the motives of an associate today who is doing his/her level best to cooperate. Don't condemn anyone without justification.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Individuals upon whom you can usually rely might not be able to assist you today. To be on the safe side, don't make plans in which their presence is essential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Discrimination is a must today in the selection of companions. Don't get involved with any individual whose questionable behavior could make you look bad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there is something you hope to finish on time today it's important to establish an agenda. Don't coast and then try to do everything at the last minute

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you might have second thoughts about a promise you recently made, it's best to honor your commitments. A failure to do so will puncture your self-esteem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A fun diversion could cost you more than you anticipate today. To be on the safe side, stick a few extra dollars in your wallet. You'll want to be a participant instead of a spectator.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you must be very careful not to establish rules for others that you often violate yourself. The poor examples you've established aren't likely to be followed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If someone does something to you today that causes you to respond in anger, that's bad enough. But what could really be foolish is to rage over an injustice done to you a long time ago.

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Your Birthday

Monday, April 20, 1998

Relationships will become more significant for you in the year ahead. You will be lucky in the alliances you establish and you will bring luck to those with whom you'll be involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you could be extremely effective if you're required to deal with an unconventional project or venture. Let your resourcefulness and experience prevail. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something unorthodox might occur today that could have a positive effect on expanding your outlook. Your enlightenment may come through a strange conduit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Problems that appear to be unresolvable to others are likely to have obvious solutions as far as you're concerned. Speak up today if you know the answers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Allow the little flashes of insight and inspiration you get today to guide you in your decisions. They could prove to be very helpful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A good imagination is your best tool today for furthering your ambitions. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of "what if" questions instead of saying "it can't be done."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something pleasant could develop for you today through a person you recently met socially. It'll make both of you realize how much you have in common with one another

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your focus will shift to lots of little things today that you can do for people you like. You'll enjoy doing what you can and they'll appreciate your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There's a possibility you might run into someone today you least expect to encounter. It will be a person with whom you've been wanting to touch base.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today looks rather encouraging for you where your material or commercial interests are concerned. Be alert at all times, because if something develops, you'll have to move swiftly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you appreciate the traditional, your mind is likely to dwell in futuristic realms today where you will later be spending lots of time and effort.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Things should go well for you today if you're as concerned about the interests of others as you are with your own. Conversely, slowdowns are indicated if you get too self-involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make a point of maintaining a fluid schedule, because today's most exciting developments could be those that aren't planned by you or others.

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Crew member schleps sod seed on first trip

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Some astronauts take family photos, others jewelry. But Jim Pawelczyk is schlepping sod — more specifically, Penn State-developed turfgrass seed — aboard his first flight into space.

The goal? To return to Earth with a patch of authentic Astroturf.

Pawelczyk, a physiologist who teaches at Pennsylvania State University, got the idea after writing an open letter to the student body soliciting suggestions about what to bring on his two-week mission aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

"I got a lot of unusual suggestions, things like Joe Paterno's glasses, a Penn State football and such," Pawelczyk said. "But a number of students wrote in and pointed out to me that Penn State is a leader in the development of turfgrass."

In fact, about 85 percent of the world's golf course greens are grown with Penn State-developed grass, said Steven Fales, head of the university's department of agronomy.

"It's considered the thoroughbred of turfgrass," said Fales, who was in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Friday to watch Pawelczyk and his sod seeds blast off from Kennedy Space Center.

Attorneys general line up against telecom act

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales is arguing against a federal court ruling that struck down part of the country's 1996 telecommunications law. He's also arguing for it.

Morales spokesman Ron Dusek confirmed Friday that the attorney general and several other states' attorneys general will file a court document Monday supporting U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall's decision to wipe out part of the federal law.

The sections ruled unconstitutional are considered barriers to Southwestern Bell and other regional phone companies that want to sell long distance and other services. The sections require so-called Baby Bells to meet a list of conditions, including adequate competition in their local calling areas, before they can sell other services.

The Public Utility Commission, which oversees phone service in Texas, said the sections are needed to ensure that consumers are fairly treated in both local and long distance services.

Kendall's decision, released in January, is being appealed before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Morales last month filed a legal document against the ruling on behalf of the PUC. But Dusek said there is nothing wrong with the attorney general taking two positions.

"We have two different roles. Not only do we have to represent the PUC, we also have to represent other agencies as utility consumers," he said.

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Obituaries

Francisco Fierro

1923-1998

Rosary for Francisco Fierro Sr. is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Other services are pending.

Mr. Fierro, 75, died Friday, April 17, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born March 25, 1923 in Colorado City, he married Eletoria Moralas on June 13, 1957 in Colorado City.

Mr. Fierro was a construction worker and had also been employed with Ezell-Key Grain Co.

A son, William Lorenzo Fierro, died in 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Eletoria Fierro of Snyder; a daughter, Christina Martinez of Snyder; a son, Francisco Fierro Jr. of Marble Falls; two brothers, George Fierro of Fresno, Calif. and Nick Fierro of Pecos; and two sisters, Flora Mora of San Antonio and Janie Rodrigues of Los Angeles.

Sam Etheredge

1907-1998

ROTAN — Willie Samuel "Sam" Etheredge, a stock farmer in the Hobbs Community, died Thursday, April 16, in Rotan's Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Etheredge, 91, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Rotan First Baptist Church. The Revs. Miller Robinson and John Erwin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hobbs Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born April 11, 1907 in Fisher County, he married Roxie Reep on Jan. 10, 1934 at the Baptist parsonage in Roby.

A lifelong resident of Fisher County, he was a stock farmer. He served 22 years as a director of the Federal Land Bank and also served on the board of the Hobbs Gin.

Mr. Etheredge had served as a deacon in the Hobbs Baptist Church and at Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder, where he was a member.

Mr. Etheredge was preceded in death by five brothers; a sister; and a great-grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Roxie Etheredge of Hobbs; a son and daughter-in-law, Jackie W. and LaNelle Etheredge of Rotan; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Windell Barrett of Camp Springs; three brothers, Ernest Etheredge of Tyler, C.C. "Pete" Etheredge of Roscoe and Bob Etheredge of Gorman; three sisters, Edna Ruth Cave and Faye Rinker, both of Snyder, Trula Lou Duke of Boswell, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Oliver Green

1916-1998

WINTERS — Oliver H. Green Jr., the father of Kay Brown of Snyder, died Friday, April 17, at his home in Winters.

Funeral service for Mr. Green, 81, is set for 5 p.m. Sunday in the North Main Church of Christ. Rick Cobb will officiate and burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery.

Born in Winters, he married Ora Ferguson in 1936 in Ballinger. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the North Main Church of Christ.

Mr. Green was a retired oilfield worker and was employed by C.L. Green Mill.

Survivors include his wife, Ora Green of Winters; another daughter, Carolyn Davis of Abilene; two sons, William Green and Wayne Green, both of Winters; a brother, Walter Green of Lake Palestine; a sister, Loretta King of Ballinger; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Billy Clifton

1926-1998

SWEETWATER — Billy Joe Clifton, a former resident of Inadale, died Friday, April 17, at San Antonio Community Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Clifton, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Harland Birdwell will officiate and burial will follow in the Lone Wolf Cemetery.

Born May 22, 1926 in Roscoe, he married Evelyn Schattel on May 10, 1947 in Inadale. Mr. Clifton was a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II, and was wounded twice in Okinawa.

Mr. Clifton farmed in the Inadale area until his retirement when he moved to Kingsland and later to Fredericksburg.

Mr. Clifton was a director of the Central Texas Electric Coop and a member of the St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Sweetwater.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Clifton of Fredericksburg; two daughters, Cynthia Grinslade of Fredericksburg and Lisa Bowman of Inadale; his mother, Eura Clifton of Fredericksburg; and four grandchildren.

William Hallman

1912-1998

ABILENE — William Max Hallman, the brother of Roy Hallman of Inadale, died Thursday, April 16, in an Abilene care center.

Graveside service for Mr. Hallman, 85, was set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Elmwood Memorial Park with the Rev. Mike Hill officiating.

Born in Loraine, he worked for 14 years for San Bernardino County in California and moved to Abilene 10 years ago. He was a Baptist.

Survivors also include a son, James Hallman of Odessa; a daughter, Margie Hawk of Abilene; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Buck Robertson

1906-1998

VERNON — Funeral service for Buck "Buster" Robertson, Scurry County native, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Ron Fox, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Vernon Eastview Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson, 92, died Thursday, April 16, in a nursing home in Chandler.

Born on April 12, 1906 in Dunn to the late Jim and Elizabeth Jorddan Robertson, he married Bennie Newsome on July 25, 1939 in Fredrick, Okla. She preceded him in death in 1975. He later married Inez Turkett on June 12, 1977. She also preceded him in death on June 20, 1996.

Mr. Robertson moved from Snyder in 1935 when he moved to Vernon to work for the W.T. Waggoner Estate. He was a retired U.S. Government hunter and trapper. Mr. Robertson was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon.

Survivors include one son, Glenn Robertson of Larue, Tex.; one daughter, Karen Rhodes of Beaumont; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Bob Sikes

1917-1998

BROWNWOOD — Robert Earl "Bob" Sikes, the brother of Tizzy Hall of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 15, in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Sikes, 80, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Don Scott will officiate and interment will follow at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Eastland Memorial Cemetery in Eastland.

Born Sept. 17, 1917 in Eastland, he married Louise Field on Feb. 9, 1944 in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Sikes was a graduate of Eastland High School and Texas Christian University and was a member of the TCU golf team. He remained an avid golfer.

Mr. Sikes worked for National Supply Co. which later became Armco Steel Co. and he retired after 35 years as head of sales for North America.

Mr. Sikes' family had lived in Dallas, San Antonio, Tulsa, Midland, Houston and Long Beach, Calif., before retiring in Brownwood in 1973 where he was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Iona and Ruel Sikes; and a brother, Jack Sikes.

Other survivors include his wife, Louise Sikes of Brownwood, twin daughters, Judy Goodwin and Jane Morrison, both of Houston; a brother, Bill Sikes of Brownwood; and four grandchildren.

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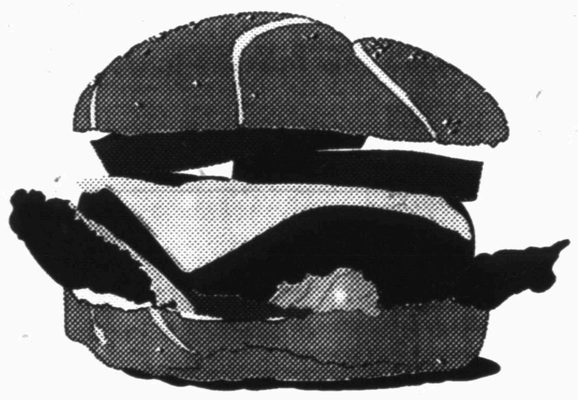
Experiments are underway

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of space shuttle Columbia wasted little time getting started on some of the 26 neurological experiments they will conduct during their two-week mission.

"Time to get those neurons into action," Mission Control told the seven astronauts when they woke up this morning.

About five hours after lifting off Friday, the astronauts assembled their orbiting lab and began tests to study the effect of weightlessness on eye-hand coordination.

Donning a specially designed glove that tracks their movements, crew members traced moving points of light to gauge sensory motor skills in space.



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ONGOINGS

'Scoot-a-Boot' Saturday night

The American Cancer Society's Scoot-a-Boot will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Big Red Barn on Billy Ray and Pam Browning's place. The auction will begin at 9:30 p.m.

Revival underway

Primera Iglesia Bautista, 2007 Ave. R, is holding a revival through Sunday with services by Jose Rodriguez at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited. Libertab will perform.

Planetarium show

WTC Planetarium will present "Through The Eyes of Hubble" at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the WTC science department. Admission is free.

VFW Auxiliary to meet

The VFW Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday for the election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

AARP chapter to meet

AARP chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Dee Wilson, outreach coordinator with Noah Project-West, will be the guest speaker.

Central Parent Council

Central Parent Council will meet at noon Monday in Room 4. All parents are invited.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Four Great Excuses," followed by "Marital Fidelity" will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Children's Day Out

Pre-registration for Children's Day Out Discovery School will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church. For ages 1 through 4, Discovery School teaches social skills, music, science, practical life skills and motor skills and offers Bible lessons, field trips and special events. Call Melissa at 573-4770 for more information.

Ira kindergarten pre-registration

Ira Schools will have kindergarten pre-registration Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Parents need to bring the student's Social Security number, updated immunization record and birth certificate.

Historical Commission

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Dermott School.

'Funding Sources for Geriatrics'

Murphy Watson will address the community on "Funding Sources for Geriatrics" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Healthcare Center.

Butcher reception slated

A reception for Allen Butcher, Democratic candidate for State Board of Education, will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Dermott School. Butcher will face Republican nominee Richard Watson in the November general election.

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church will hold a revival Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bro. Randy Johnson, evangelist, and Bro. Tom Atwell, pastor, will present the services.

Diabetes support group

Elvira Flores, RN, certified diabetic educator, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Diabetic Support Group, 7 p.m. Thursday. Anyone who has been diagnosed with diabetes and their family members are invited. The meeting will be held at the Cogdell Rehab Center, 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Museum rummage sale

Scurry County Museum needs items for its rummage sale, to be held May 15-30. The museum needs to raise $21,000 in order to continue operating at its present level. If you have items to donate, call 573-6107.

Parents of SHS seniors

Parents of SHS seniors are reminded they need to make a $20 donation to help pay for the senior steak supper and all-night graduation party. The funds can be taken to the high school office or mailed to Barbara Eicke at Box 111. Checks should be made out to the Snyder High School Senior Class 1998.

'God With Us'

The adult choir and music ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present "God With Us," a worship experience for all seasons at 7 p.m. next Saturday and at 11 a.m. next Sunday. The public is invited.

Pick 3

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

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First United Methodist to observe 115th year

The First United Methodist Church will observe its 115th anniversary Sunday with Bishop Alfred L. Norris as guest speaker.

The theme, "Building a Legacy of Love," will be illustrated throughout the morning's events. Historical displays of the people who have helped FUMC get to where it is today will line the hallways.

Sunday School will be held at the regular 9:45 a.m. time. The worship service will begin at 10:50, and it will sketch what the congregation believes to be God's hand in helping them get where they are today.

A noon meal in Wesley Hall will follow the worship service.

Snyder area residents are invited to Sunday's celebration.

If not for B.L. (Bishop Lowry) Patterson, the First United Methodist Church might not have been organized in Snyder.

He moved to the Scurry County area with his nine children after 1881. During the journey, his wife, Mattie, died in Sweetwater, so he buried her there and the family continued herding their sheep to Scurry.

They discovered good grazing about 10 miles north of town on Ennis Creek where they made permanent camp. In those days, the land was considered free range.

No fences or deeded property existed and the county had not yet been organized. Therefore the exact location of Patterson's camp was not officially recorded.

In time, Patterson invited the Rev. Robert F. Dunn, a pioneer Methodist preacher and circuit rider, to hold a revival at his Ennis Creek camp site.

Dunn agreed to hold a three-day meeting. Patterson pledged to furnish and cook the meat for the crowd. Neighbors would bring the rest of the food.

A brush arbor was built. Rev. Dunn led the people in prayer meetings, singing and preaching. The Rev. B.J.H. Thomas of Colorado City assisted.

By the end of the revival, held in July of 1883, a Methodist Church had been organized. It was the first church in Scurry County.

Charter members included Patterson and four of his children, Tennie, Houston, Bettie and Mary. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and their daughter, Mrs. Tom Lockwood; Mrs. Bettie Wellborn, Mrs. Florence McDonald and Mrs. H.C. (Arminta Nunn) Clark.

The church members moved to Snyder that fall in order to send their children to school. They arranged to meet in a one-room frame school building located on the corner of 27th Street and Avenue R, then named Faught and Church Streets.

The Methodist Church gained several new members: Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Cornelius, Nancy Cornelius, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Goodwin, Mary Goodwin, T.N. (Tom) Nunn and the J.H. Nunn family.

H.A. Goodwin served as the first Sunday School superintendent of the newly organized Methodist church, and Rev. Nunn continued to serve the church as a part of the Sweetwater circuit, which was in the Abilene District.

The Methodists used the first school building until 1889. The growing congregation needed a larger building so Tom Nunn donated the land and during the pastorate of the Rev. A.K. Miller, 1889-1890, a larger church was constructed at the same site as the one-room school building.

The one-room structure was larger and had a bell tower. The exterior of the building was painted white. The pews consisted of wooden benches composed of boxing planks and two-by-fours with slatted backs.

The next pastors included Rev. R.V. Galloway, W.H. Harris, J.T. Rascoe (who died a month after accepting), and E.R. Wallace, under whose pastorate the first district met with the Snyder church, and an addition was built to the church to care for the conference.

During the pastorate of Rev. A.B. Roberts, 1900-1902, Snyder was made a half station. Snyder became a full station during the pastorate of Rev. M.H. Hudson, 1904-1906. The Colorado District was also formed.

In 1899, under the leadership of Rev. E.R. Wallace, the one-room building was enlarged to an "L" shape, which provided additional space for Sunday School classes.

That building was used until 1910 when the congregation again needed a larger facility. The Rev. J.W. Hunt (later to become president of McMurry College) served as pastor. The wooden church was razed and plans were made for the red brick sanctuary that later became a familiar landmark for some 50 years.

The first dirt on the foundation of the new church was turned on Feb. 12, 1910. While the church was under construction, the Methodists met in the district courtroom.

The red brick church featured a domed roof, easily seen from any part of Snyder.

The building faced northeast, and wide, concrete steps led up to the two sets of very large doors. Glass windows were above the doors. One was donated by a small group of Boy Scouts and the other by the Junior Department of the Sunday School.

The troop was the first Boy Scout troop organized in Scurry County, sponsored by a Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Nancy Caton, at the church in 1913.

The church also had a large basement. A kitchen was added later, and occasionally the classrooms around the center were enlarged and remodeled.

The red brick building was used throughout two world wars, the 1918 flu epidemic, droughts, floods, The Depression and the oil boom days of the 1950s.

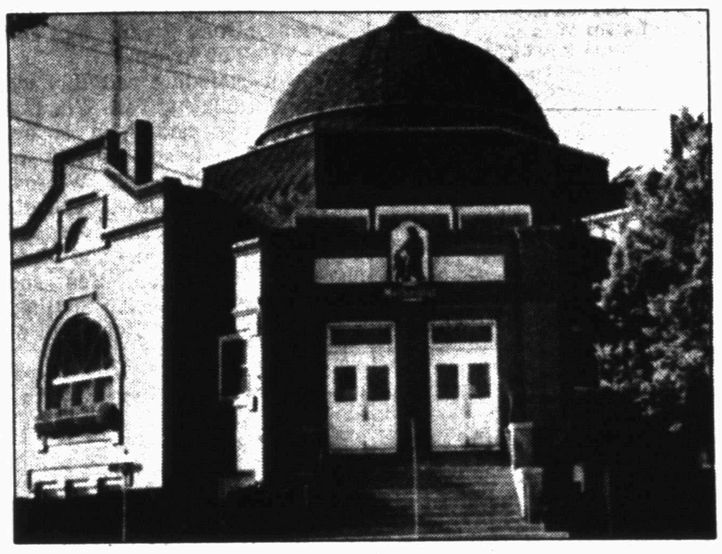
In 1910, the old Northwest Texas annual conference was divided into what is now the Central Texas Conference and the Northwest Texas Conference. Snyder was placed in the Sweetwater District.

Although Snyder's Methodist Church was opened for services in the summer of 1913, under the pastorate of Rev. Hunt, it was not formally dedicated until February

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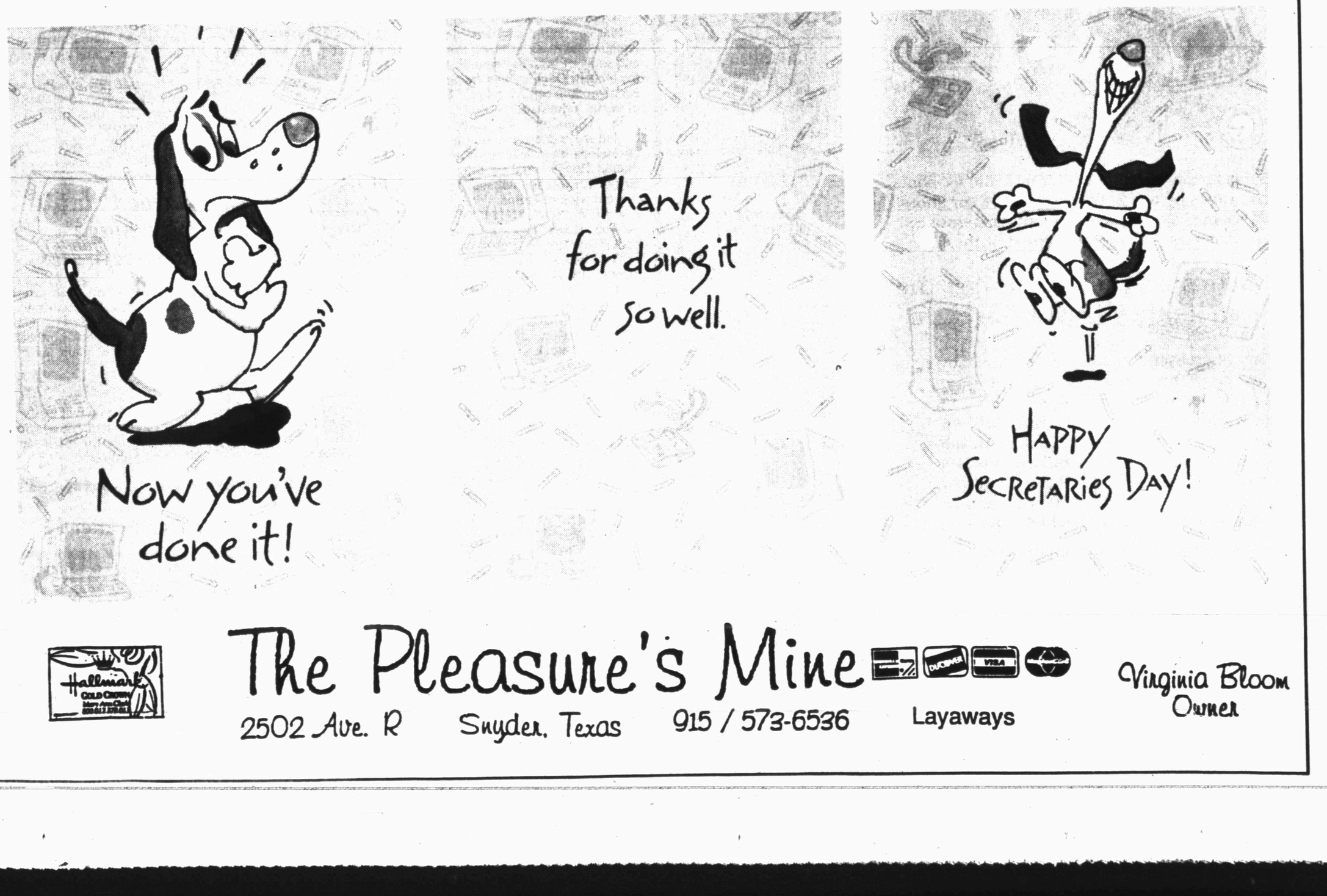


FIRST UNITED METHODIST DISPLAY — One-hundred-and-fifteen years of history are on display at First United Methodist Church. Jessie Scarbrough, left, and Joyce Williamson are shown with part of the display, compiled and arranged by Virginia Clark. FUMC celebrates its anniversary Sunday. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE — The first dirt on the foundation of the red brick church which served the congregation for 50 years, was turned in February of 1910. It featured a domed roof. (Contributed Photo)

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Sorrell cousins' reunion met at the Ira Community center

Descendants of William E. and Amanda Sorrells, early day settlers of Ira, met at the community center in Ira for lunch.

Due to illness the only surviving child, Ava Lopour of Snyder and her husband, Joe, were unable to attend.

Daughters-in-law attending were 100-year-old Agnes Sorrells, widow of Jim Sorrells, and Opal Sorrels, widow of Marvin Sorrells.

Grandchildren, great- grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren attending included Weldon and Jay Watson of Roswell, N.M.; Dale and Kathrine Grant of Grandview; Robert and Pat Carr, Kenneth and daughter, all from Bedford; Gene and Lisa Sorrells, Chase and Christopher and Ted Sorrells, all of Maryneal; Howard Engle and Nona Montgomery of Adrian; Gerald and Sue Sorrells, L.D. and Sue Ely and Justin and Amy McMann, all of San Angelo.

Also attending were Claude and Buck Sorrells of Sweetwater; Tanya Sorrells of Loraine; Todd and Shelia Sorrells, Jimmie and Norma Sorrells of Hermleigh; Jesse and Myradell Sorrells of Abilene; Ricky and DeVelva Sorrells, Don and Margaret Grant, Gary Grant, David, Pat, Alisha and Nathan Wittie, Vollie Sorrells, Doris Byars and Bill Cooper, all of Snyder.

Others attending were Ray and Betty Sorrells and Elza Grant of Ira; Carolyn and John Heare, Dylon, David and Shawn of Rockwall; Ellen and Winfred Tucker of Meadow; Claudia Rogers of Lubbock; Lee and Gloria Griffin, Lane and Dian Griffin, Tom, Dan, Ben and Laura, J.M. and Lucille Sterling, all of Vincent; and June Wall of Ira.

Bridal Registry

SHAUN DEROUEN AND JON DEROUEN
SHELLEY ABENDSCHAN AND PRESTON HUGULEY
ANNIE RAGLAND AND BRANDON MARTIN
LA DONNA TARPLEY AND DAVE HANES
MEGAN HARRIS AND GLENN LEWIS
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HALEY PATTERSON AND CLINT WILSON
JULIE ZECK AND DAVID SMITHEY
WENDI SHARP AND JERROD SHORT
KAYLA DRAIN AND MATTHEW DICKEY
HOLLY SANDERS AND CODY AVANTS
JULIE LANG AND BRANDON LEE
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Bridge
By Phillip Alder

North 04-18-98
♠ K 3
♥ K 5 4
♦ K J 9 2
♣ Q J 8 7

West
♠ Q J 10 9 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ 7 6 3
♣ K 4

East
♠ 8 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 3
♦ A 5 4
♣ 6 5 2

South
♠ A 5
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ Q 10 8
♣ A 10 9 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

One is good, another is bad

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master motioned toward a young woman in the middle of the room.

You remind me (he began) of someone I met at the Bath and Tennis Club in Palm Beach. Constantine Charterhuis was very beautiful, played a wonderful game of tennis, and was a powerful swimmer, yet she found bridge a mystery. Her boyfriend, Crispin Brougham-Billingsgate, wasn't her match on the court or in the pool, but he was the club's best at the green baize table. Although they seemed to be a perfect match, their relationship was being strained by the weekly bridge game. And this deal was the final straw.

West's three-spade overcall put Constantine under pressure. She might have doubled and settled for the 300 penalty on offer, but eyeing the vulnerability, she took a shot at three no-trump.

After West led the spade queen and the dummy appeared, it should have been apparent that if West held both the diamond ace and club king, the contract was hopeless. And if East had the club king, there was no danger. But if West owned the club king, it was vital to remove it from his hand immediately. So, the right line of play was to win the first trick in the dummy and take the club finesse.

However, Constantine won in hand and advanced the diamond queen. With alacrity, East won with his ace and returned his remaining spade. Then, when the club finesse lost a moment later, the contract drowned.

The moral, apart from the debatable wisdom of playing bridge with one's beloved, is to drive out the entry to the long suit first.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
April 10
Five tables.
1. Billisue Stuard, Durelle Gorman.
2. Tizzy Hall, Rube McKinley.
3. Louise Thompson, Margaret Birdwell.

SUNDAY
April 11 — No game.

TUESDAY
April 14
Five Tables.
1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Margaret Presswood.
3. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
Jane Hinton directed all games held at the Snyder Country Club.

In double-ring ceremony

Critz, Colvin marry

SWEETWATER — Jessica Dee Critz of Sweetwater and Ryan McGee Colvin of Snyder pledged nuptial vows in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on March 28 in the Lamar Street Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

Orvel E. Brantley of Sweetwater officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Critz and Sherry Critz, all of Sweetwater, are the bride's parents. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Colvin of Snyder.

Vows were promised at an altar setting of palm leaf plants and candelabras draped with white tulle and decorated with white satin bows.

Organist was Jo McCoy of Sweetwater.

The bride's father gave her in marriage as she was attired in a white bridal satin dress with short puff sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. The bodice was enhanced with a beaded Alencon lace overlay. It also featured a straight skirt topped with a large bow, attached to a cathedral-length train. The dress back and train were covered with lace and beadwork and accented with cutwork.

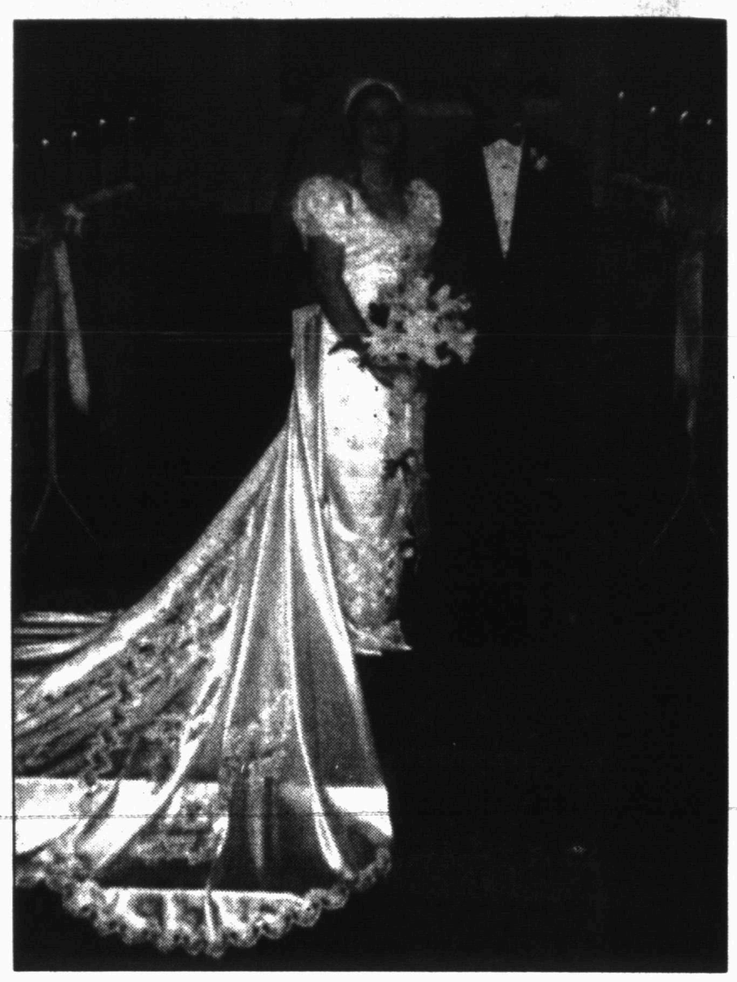
The bride wore a beaded headdress with a short veil and carried a bouquet of fresh casablanca lilies, tineke roses, white stock and Italian ruscus.

Maid of honor Tara Wilkinson of Sweetwater wore a pale yellow gown of silk organza that featured short sleeves and an ankle-length, gored skirt. She carried a bouquet of fresh spring flowers including blue iris, yellow lilies and pink alstromarias.

Best man was Chuck Colvin, father of the groom. Ushers were Cody Critz, brother of the bride, and Brooks Whisenant, the bride's sister's fiance.

The groom wore a classic black tuxedo with tails. Best man and father of the bride also wore classic black tuxes. The ushers wore suits and ties.

Mandi Scott, sister of the groom from Snyder, registered guests at a table in the foyer of the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McGee Colvin
(Contributed Photo)

The table was covered with a white cloth with a tulle overlay.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with white cloths and had a backdrop of a large heart covered with iridescent balloons with white tulle ribbons. The table was centered with a tall crystal vase holding the bridal bouquet. Punch was served from an antique cut glass punch bowl belonging to her grandmother.

Serving the three-tiered white cake topped with fresh spring flowers was Carolyn Critz, sister of the bride from De Soto, and Judy Critz, stepmother of the bride from Sweetwater.

The groom's table was covered with white tablecloths and held a chocolate cake with chocolate covered strawberries and a silver coffee service. Serving was Venne Lawson, grandmother of the bride from De Soto.

The couple made their new home in Lubbock. The bride is a 1995 graduate of Sweetwater High School and received an associate degree from Western Texas College in Snyder. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School.

Scurry County Library
News and Views

The Scurry County Library staff thanks everyone who helped with the book sale. Many people donated books, providing a wide selection of materials; others volunteered their time.

BOOK FEATURE

"Obession," by John Douglas.

Master FBI profiler John Douglas takes us into the minds and souls of both the hunters and the hunted. Douglas was the pioneer of modern behavioral profiling of serial criminals.

In "Obession," he takes us behind the scenes, examining the obsessions that lead to violent crime. This is vital reading for anyone seeking to understand and prevent violent crime.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Heart Disease Sourcebook," by Roger Cicala.

"To Be an Anchor in the Storm," by Susan Brewster.

"Does Jane Compute?" by Roberta Furger.

NEW FICTION

"Presumption of Guilt," by Terri Blackstock.

"Homebody," by Orson Scott Card.

"The Last, Best Hope," by Ed McBain.

"Cache Canyon," by Lauran Paine.

"Lakota Winds," by Janelle Taylor.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

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MAWC game day will include style show

Martha Ann Woman's Club will feature a walk-through style show at their regular fourth Wednesday Game Day and Luncheon.

Styles from Bar H Bar Family Outfitters will show spring and summer fashions throughout the luncheon and games of choice will follow during the afternoon.

Reservations should be made Monday by calling 573-3427. Those who cannot stay for games are welcome to the luncheon and style show. Tickets are $7.50.

Scotts note their golden anniversary

Robert and Jane Scott were honored at a family gathering in the hill country Easter weekend in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosting were their children and spouses — Scotty and Diane Scott of Boerne, Mark and Glynda Scott of Lubbock, Teresa and Bud Pinkerton of Snyder, and Cathy and Richard Balderrama of Alvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were married April 16, 1948 in Sweetwater and moved to Snyder in 1952.

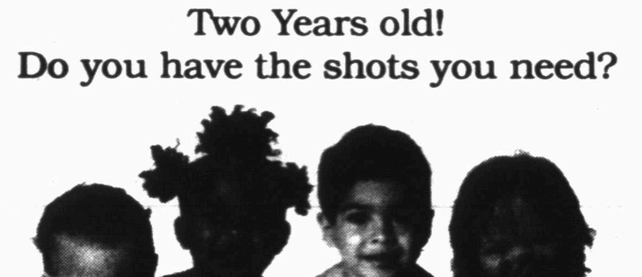
They have nine grandchildren.

Garden club's pilgrimage in Sweetwater

Snyder Garden Club members plan to meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the community room at Golden Terrace Apartments, north of the hospital, for a plant exchange with residents.

Also, on Wednesday, SGC members will meet at the woman's club to travel together to Sweetwater to tour Alton's Southwest Gardens for their annual pilgrimage project.

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK
APRIL 19-25, 1998
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Two Years old!
Do you have the shots you need?



Babies need to visit a doctor or clinic for shots five times by age 2. Without all of their shots, babies can get one or more dangerous diseases, like measles and diphtheria.

Make sure your babies get the shots they need by age 2.

Ten big reasons to make sure your baby gets his/her shots by age 2.

1. Diphtheria
2. Tetanus (lockjaw)
3. Pertussis (whooping cough)
4. Polio
5. Measles
6. Mumps
7. Rubella (German Measles)
8. Hepatitis B
9. Hib meningitis
10. Varicella (chickenpox)

Immunizations can protect against these diseases.

Infants and toddlers need to see the doctor for shots five times by age 2. Without all of their shots, babies can get one or more of the dieases named above.

Protect your children. Talk to your health care provider about their shots.

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Thursday 8:30 to 11:30 & 1:30 to 4:00

Children's Day Out



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Tips for the start-up gardener

If you're one of the millions of Americans toying with the idea of starting a garden this year, here are a few tips from landscaping experts to help you get off to a good start toward a satisfying finish:

—Start small, keep your planting area manageable and easy to maintain.

—Plant away from foot traffic.

—Check for sunlight, locate your plants where they'll get maximum light.

—Choose varieties that fit your locale, check with your local garden center.

—Select plants that you will enjoy, plan for color, fragrance and a pleasing overall design.

—Use Proper tools, they help to get the job done quicker and better. New lightweight tools on the market today are specifically designed for small area gardening, doing everything from soil breaking to finished landscaping.



THINK SMALL — When planning a garden, keep your plan simple and manageable. The right tools can help to both start and finish the job.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Here's a column devoted to questions that have stumped us. We know our Dear Readers will come to our rescue.

WGM EARPLUGS — Linda Buster of McPherson, Kan., has a hard time sleeping because her husband snores. She once had some latex earplugs that came in a red case with the letters "WGM" on the lid. She can't find them, and other earplugs don't work. Snoring spouses... oh groan, we sympathize. Can anyone help Linda out?

CLOTH SCRAPS — Carlene Schmick of Federalsburg, Md., has lots of scraps from her sewing projects. She has even separated them into cottons, flannels, dolls clothes etc. She also has many patterns. She would like to get rid of these items. Ideas?

STUCK STOPPERS — Bonnie Petrakis of Racine, Wis., bought two old cologne bottles with glass stoppers that are stuck. The bottles still have cologne in them. She has tried soaking the bottles in hot water, putting oil and alcohol around the rim, WD-40, strong men, and putting the bottles in the freezer. We're stumped!

HAWAIIAN COCONUT SYRUP — Ann Baasi of Iron, Minn., is looking for this. So are we.

PURSE REPAIR — Mary P. Vignola of Topeka, Kan., has purses that are perfect on the outside. It's the insides that have worn out. She is looking for someone to repair or replace the insides. Do you know of a firm that provides this service?

WHITE ENAMEL DISH PAN — Pearl Blackstone of Clintonwood, Va., is looking for this. The ones she has are 40 to 45 years old and are ready to be replaced. We can find speckled enamel dish pans, but not white ones.

TUBE BRA — Boy, we thought this question would be a piece of cake. Not so. Jan Sunn of DeWitt, Neb., writes, "Our chronic fatigue/fibromyalgia support group dearly needs your help. Years ago, stretchy strapless tube bras were available in discount stores. The members of our group have terrible aching muscles and tendons in our arms, shoulders, necks and upper backs. The tube bras hook in the back and, although they don't provide a lot of support for full-busted women, the bras are greatly missed by those of us with this chronic disease."

BABY GRAND PIANO — Vanessa Stacy of Honaker, Va., finally found one of these for a small child, but the company no longer carries them. We've never seen a child-size grand piano; have any of you?

MALLOW-CUP CANDY — Marlene Olexa of Indian Head, Md., remembers these from her childhood. She says the candy was a combination of coconut and marshmallow, and was covered with chocolate. It sounds yummy! And we wish we could find it.

COCONUT BONBONS — Lynette Kelley of Lancaster, Ohio, remembers these multicolored candies with coconut cream inside. She is longing for these treats.

MEN'S SPORT SHIRTS WITH STRAIGHT BOTTOMS — Doris Oldfield of Floral City, Fla., is looking for these for her husband, who likes to wear his shirts untucked.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP Chapter 2063; Senior Center; Dee Wilson with Noah Project will speak; noon

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

Open AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

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

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma; Martha Ann Woman's Club; hostesses, Durelle Gorman, Janeen Patterson, Carmen Carpenter, Dorothy Rosson, Margie Martinez, Judy Smallwood and Elaine Bragg

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Polly Autry and Maxine Holt; 3 p.m.

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

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

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.

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day, Luncheon and Style Show; serving begins at 11:30 and a walk-around style show by Bar H Bar Family Outfitters; games of choice follow; reservations by Monday by calling 573-3427.

Open AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; trip to OS Museum in Post.

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; hostess, Inez Teaff; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk; all breakfasts are served with assorted cereal and chilled juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Donuts

THURSDAY
French Toast w/Syrup

FRIDAY
Breakfast Burrito

LUNCH

MONDAY
Pizza or Crispy Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn
Spanish Rice
Fruited Gelatin

TUESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Dinner Rolls
Birthday Cake

WEDNESDAY
Hamburger or Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Fruit Cobbler
Dinner Rolls

THURSDAY
Hamburger or Frito Pie
Golden Corn
Lettuce & Tomato
Pineapple Tidbits

FRIDAY
Hamburger or Barbecued Chicken
Tossed Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruit Crisp

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

TUESDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Hot Biscuits

THURSDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger Steak/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Baked Apples

TUESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Chilled Pears

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Potato Wedges
Corn Bread
Pineapple Fruit Bars

THURSDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Black-eyed Peas
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
No Bake Cookies

FRIDAY
Chili
Cheese Sticks
Relish Cup
Crackers
Cardinal Cake

Ira

MONDAY
Sausage Patties w/Gravy
French Fries
Green Beans
Biscuits
Sheath Cake

TUESDAY
Turkey Roast w/Brown Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Rolls
Birthday Cake

WEDNESDAY
Nachos
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Brownies

THURSDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Vegetable Salad
Green Peas
Italian Bread
Apples

FRIDAY
Turkey Sandwiches
Chips
Peanut Butter Chewies

Nielsen findings: top 10

By The Associated Press

Prime time ratings as compiled by Nielsen Media Research for March 30-April 5. Top 10 listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses.

1. (X) "CBS NCAA Basketball Championship: Kentucky vs. Utah," CBS, 17.8, 17.4 million homes.
2. (2) "Seinfeld," NBC, 16.4, 16.0 million homes.
3. (4) "Friends," NBC, 14.9, 14.6 million homes.
4. (3) "Veronica's Closet," NBC 14.3, 14.0 million homes.
5. (6) "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 14.0, 13.7 million homes.
6. (9) "CBS Sunday Movie: The Patron Saint of Liars," CBS, 13.7, 13.4 million homes.
7. (1) "ER," NBC, 13.5, 13.2 million homes.
8. (7) "60 Minutes," CBS, 13.2, 12.9 million homes.
9. "Just Shoot Me," NBC, 12.9, 12.6 million homes.
10. "Prelude to a Championship," CBS, 12.3, 12.0 million homes.



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of 1920, when the indebtedness on the church was paid.

The cornerstone was placed in position with proper ceremonies on Feb. 12, 1920. The church was dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. J.W. Hicks. Bishop W.F. McMurry dedicated the church.

Hicks who had a Ph.D. in the old testament, had returned from Palestine where he did extensive research on Biblical subjects.

Rev. W.P. Garvin served as minister and during his pastorate, a two-story parsonage that faced the east was built on Church Street.

This frame house was used as the parsonage until Rev. O.B. Herring became pastor. He served the church from 1943-1946, and during his tenure, a yellow, brick, three-bedroom house was built.

That parsonage was used until the 1950s, when it was sold and moved and replaced with the new wing of the present educational facilities and sanctuary.

A modern parsonage was built at 3005 33rd St.

In 1919, Snyder's First Methodist Church reported a membership of 444. Seventeen adults were baptized that year. The church building was valued at $30,000 and the parsonage at $4,500.

During the World War I years, the congregation paid off the indebtedness of the church by October of 1920. A dedication service was then held and Bishop W.P. McMurry of St. Louis formally dedicated the church.

Early church records indicate that the pastor's salary in 1921-1922 was $2,222. Two hundred dollars was sent to the orphanage the first quarter.

The pastor's report revealed that the church had a tithing system, the "League" was growing and the Women's Missionary Auxiliary was unanimously re-elected.

The Rev. I.A. Smith was pastor when Pearl Harbor was attacked and war was delcared. He served the church from 1938-1942. Rev. O.B. Herring was the pastor when the war ended. Church attendance and participation was at a record during this time, church reports indicate.

Rev. W.W. Adcock served the church from 1949-1954. An educational building was added to the church plant in 1950. Snyder was placed in the Big Spring District two years later.

In 1958, the climax of the church's 75th anniversary celebration was returning to the location of the brush arbor on Ennis Creek for a non-denominational revival.

Rev. W.H. (Harry) Vanderpool served from 1958-1964. A third sanctuary was constructed in 1961, adding 3,000 square feet of educational facilities.

A new Methodist parsonage was built in 1961. Rev. David Robertson came in 1975, the year the sanctuary and educational facilities were formally dedicated, with Bishop Alsie H. Carleton presiding.

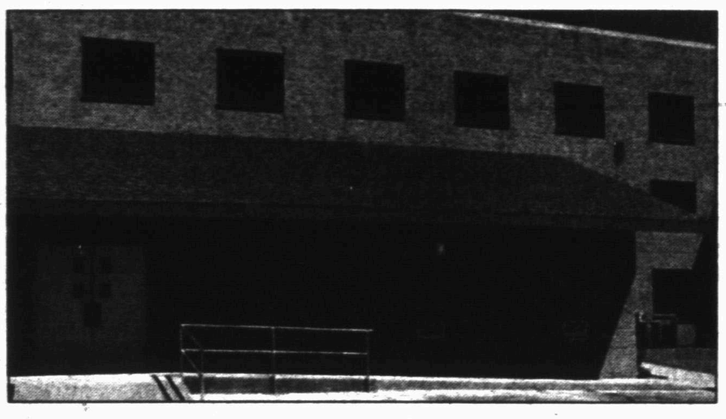
In 1985, Rev. Robert Metzger served the church. The new Odom Chapel was presented to the church by family members. Bishop Louis Schowengerdt conducted the formal dedication.

The official Texas Historical Marker is located on the site of the first two buildings, which is now the northwest corner of the church property, on 27th Street and Avenue R.

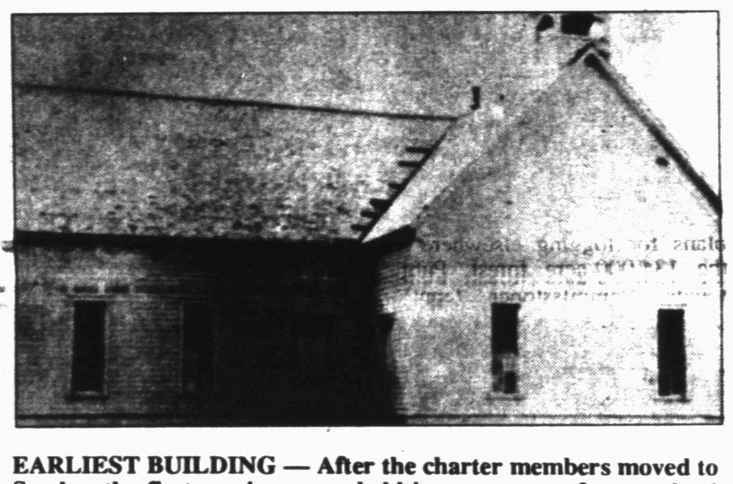
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PRESENT DAY CHURCH — The First United Methodist Church celebrates its 115th anniversary Sunday. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



ODOM CHAPEL — Odom Chapel was presented to the church by family members in 1958. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



EARLIEST BUILDING — After the charter members moved to Snyder, the first services were held in a one-room frame school building. (Contributed Photo)

The 43 pastors following Rev. Dunn are: H.M. Glass, J.T. Ellis, Thomas Duncan, A.K. Miller, R.V. Galloway, W.H. Harris, J.T. Rascoe, E.R. Wallace, A.B. Roberts, C.D. West, M.H. Hudson, J.B. Dodson, W.P. Garvin, J.W. Hunt, J.E. Stephens, Daniel Rees, R.A. Stewart, J.W. Mayne, A.W. Wadill, J.H. Hicks, C.E. Jameson, A.B. Davidson, B.W. Dodson, J.F. Lawlis, G.S. Hardy, Cal C. Wright, Sam H. Young, H.C. Gordon, I.A. Smith, O.B. Herring, H.W. Hanks, W.W. Adcock, Lennol Hester, W.H. (Harry) Vanderpool Jr., James Tidwell, John A. English, Wallace Kirby, David H. Robertson, Robert Ford, Robert T. Metzger, Wylie E. (Buff) Hearn, A. Ernest McGaughey and William Craig Curry, the current pastor.

Sources included "History of First United Methodist Church of Snyder: The Beginning," by Jean Everett and several condensed church histories compiled throughout the years.

Gambling seen on the increase among college students

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Michael Hudspeth started gambling when he was in junior high, shooting craps for lunch money on the cafeteria floor. When he went off to college, he played dice aboard Missouri's riverboat casinos.

His losses grew from the $2 a day his mother gave him for lunch to $2,000 he once borrowed as a student loan — and he lost that in one night.

"I would go to the boat every day," said Hudspeth, 24, who often skipped his classes at Missouri Western College in St. Joseph to gamble five minutes away at the St. Jo Frontier Casino. "I don't know, it's just something about all the people and excitement that keeps me going back."

The spread of casinos around the country may be contributing to problem gambling among college students.

Students who live close to casinos are more prone to gambling addiction, said Michael Frank, a professor of psychology at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey, which has a dozen casinos in Atlantic City. "It seems to be increasing in recent years."

According to a 1997 study by Harvard Medical School's Division on Addictions, about half of the college students surveyed in the United States and Canada said they had gambled at a casino during the previous year.

At Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, with two riverboats less than two miles from campus, a student was accused recently of bilking the school out of about $3,000 in a payroll scheme to support his gambling.

In New Jersey, "gambling is festering in every high school and college in New Jersey," said Edward Looney, director of the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling. "It's absolutely epidemic. Just about any college in the country has students who gamble at racetracks and casinos."

At the University of Kansas in Lawrence, which is within an hour's drive of six casinos, students formed a Gamblers Anonymous chapter last year.

"Given that statistics show there's a tendency for younger people to develop gambling problems, it is of particular concern having casinos so close to college campuses," said Steve Taylor, spokesman for the Missouri-based Casino Watch, an anti-gambling organization.

The legal age to gamble is 21 in most states, and casino operators can face big fines if a minor is caught gambling. But underage students have found ways to get in, just as they've managed to buy alcohol or get into bars. Many use fake or borrowed ID or get through the door without being asked for proof of age.

Many college students have easy access to cash, either from a parent or from a student loan. Students are also flooded with credit card offers and a parent usually is not required to co-sign.

All 11 of Missouri's riverboat casinos have adopted a program called Project 21 to remind minors that it is illegal for them to gamble and to teach staff members how to spot underage gamblers.

Smits leaving 'NYPD Blue'

NEW YORK (AP) — It looks like another detective is leaving the force on "NYPD Blue."

Actor Jimmy Smits, who plays Detective Simone on the ABC drama, told columnist Liz Smith that he plans to leave the show after this season, his fourth. Smits will appear in up to a half-dozen episodes next season to help phase out his character.

Smits joined "NYPD Blue" to replace David Caruso, who left to work in movies but is now starring in the CBS drama "Michael Hayes."

Smits said he wanted to do other things as an actor.

"We are looking at cable movies, feature movies, and we are even talking to ABC about things that might happen in the year 2001,"

Detroit cop sentenced to four to 15 years in beating incident retrial

DETROIT (AP) — A former police officer whose second-degree murder conviction for a 1992 beating death was overturned was sentenced today to four to 15 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter.

Walter Budzyn, who has already spent 4½ years in prison for his first conviction, will be allowed to remain free until the judge decides how to credit the time that he has already served. He was convicted March 19 after a re-trial.

"I'm sorry for all the pain and suffering this case has caused for all involved. Thank you," Budzyn said before he was sentenced.

Before the sentencing, Rose Mary Green, widow of victim Malice Green, said he had "worked hard to provide love, financial and moral support" for his family.

"Malice Green was not rich or famous but indeed was a special man and was deeply loved," she said.

Budzyn was convicted of second-degree murder in 1993 along with his partner, Larry Nevers, for the beating outside a Detroit crack house.

In overturning Budzyn's conviction last year, the Michigan Supreme Court cited outside influences on the jury, including their viewing of "Malcolm X" during a break in deliberations.

The Spike Lee film opens with videotape of the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles with a voice-over from Malcolm X charging the white man is "the greatest murderer on Earth."

Although race wasn't cited as a factor in Green's death, the Detroit case was compared with the King beating 20 months earlier because Budzyn and Nevers are white and Green was black.

A federal judge overturned Nevers' conviction in December, and prosecutors are appealing.

The confrontation between the officers and Green began when Budzyn and Nevers stopped the 35-year-old unemployed steel worker because they saw bullet holes in the side of his car.

A fight broke out between Green and the officers when they asked him for his driver's license. Witnesses said Budzyn climbed into Green's car and began hitting him, but expert witnesses for the defense said the scuffle was probably prompted by Green, who was allegedly high on cocaine at the time.


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First hospice volunteers trained in Snyder

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

There was a time when Doyle Chandler did not even know what the word hospice meant. Now he is one of 21 volunteers who recently completed training through Family Hospice.

When his mother, Cleo Chandler, became ill last year she was hospitalized for a month. When the doctor diagnosed her as terminal, Chandler's mother was temporarily placed in a nursing home and then came to live with Chandler and his wife, Peggy. They cared for her for the final 3½ months of her life. She died in November, 1997.

Chandler said that upon the recommendation of his mother's doctor, he arranged for hospice services through Family Hospice's Big Spring office, which serves Snyder.

At the time, Snyder had no hospice volunteers. However, members of First Baptist Church, where the Chandlers worship, volunteered in great numbers.

Between hospice nurses and volunteers from FBC, he said they were able to keep his mother at home.

Chandler said he and Peggy went through a similar experience in 1993 when his dad, D.D. Chandler, had terminal cancer. With no available help except a doctor who occasionally made house calls, he said they closed up their home and moved in with his parents who also lived in Snyder.

The Chandlers cared for his dad for 7½ months before he died.

Chandler noted that help from hospice nurses and aides and FBC church volunteers during his mother's illness helped he and his wife out a great deal.

In Snyder, the number of terminally ill patients fluctuates between eight to 10.

Not everyone who is terminally ill has friends or family to offer support. That's why Chandler said he "felt led" to organize a group of Snyder volunteers.

Through the nurses who visited his mother twice a week, Chandler said he learned about the volunteer programs available through the hospice.

That's why after his mother died, Chandler said he contacted Judy English who has trained hospice volunteers for Family Hospice for the past three years.

Snyder's group was the first time English had a full class to graduate. Usually, only five or six complete the course.

"They (the Snyder group) are the best group of volunteers I have ever trained," English said. "I am looking forward to working with them."

The training included how to care for the dying and their families, pain management, signs and symptoms of approaching death, philosophy of hospice, grief management and how to communicate with the dying.

When the terminally ill lose contact with the outside world, volunteers provide an important link to the community, English said.

Volunteers also bring meals, run errands and do "a zillion different things," English said. They are present for the patients and families whenever they are needed.

Family Hospice provides professional nurses and aides who visit the patients on a regular basis, usually two to three times each week. While nurses handle their medical needs, the aides take care of personal grooming.

They are the first ones to realize when a caregiver needs help. Chandler noted that even though all of the hospice nurses are professionals, he said they still "become personally involved with their patients."

As the patient gets worse and death is eminent, the nurses are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, Chandler said.

Since pain management is so important, Chandler said hospice nurses have easy access to Snyder physicians who must prescribe any medications.

After the patient dies, Family Hospice keeps in touch with the family for a minimum of one year.

Only doctors can refer patients to a hospice. And by federal law, everyone from professional nursing staff to hospice volunteers are sworn to confidentialty, Chandler said.

Snyder's group will meet once a month. Chandler will serve as the volunteer coordinator for six months. That means securing trained local volunteers as needed in Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Colorado City.

Ann Cross is the assistant coordinator and Barbara Vincent is the secretary. Dr. Carl Dillaha is the medical consultant who can assist patients whose doctors are out-of-town.

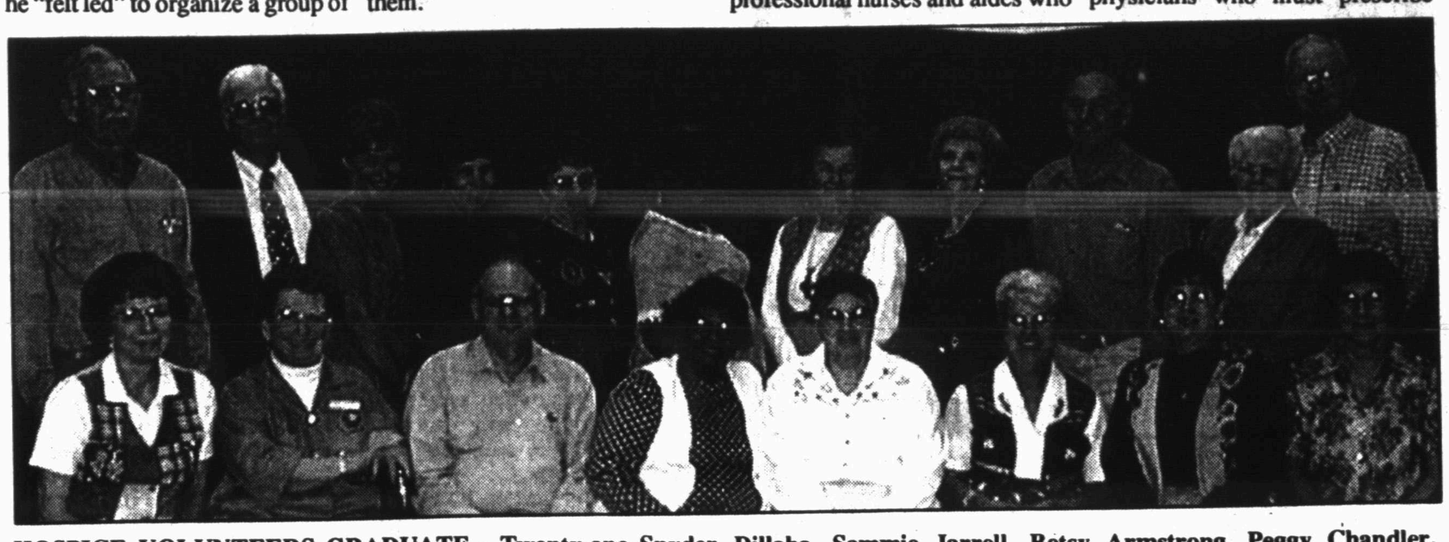
To secure the local volunteers, Chandler began by asking members of his Wednesday prayer group. Several of the 15 members agreed, and before too long he had commitments from some 30 to 40 people.

Since the training was only offered during the day, Chandler said that eliminated about half. Snyder's 21 volunteers represent about six different churches. The group met for 24 hours of instruction, spread out over three weeks in 3½-hour sessions, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In recent months, Chandler has had no difficulty recruiting volunteers for various reasons. He noted that "it is easy to get things done in Snyder."

As word spreads about the newly-trained group, he said he continues to hear from people who want to join.

Graduates of the first local hospice volunteer class include Doyle and Peggy Chandler, Fred and Ann Cross, Barbara Vincent, Martha Schiebel, Vernest Tippens, Harold and Zola Kornegay, Ginny Griffith, Allene Terry, Dr. Carl Dillaha, Sammie Jerrell, Betsy Armstrong, Elizabeth Jenkins, Elizabeth Potts, Laura Jones, James and Edna Merrell, Cary Patrick, Jackie McNew and Laura Jones.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS GRADUATE - Twenty-one Snyder residents have recently completed training to become hospice volunteers. Front row, left to right, Ann Cross, Martha Schiebel, Doyle Chandler, Vernest Tippens, Zola Kornegay, Ginny Griffith, Brabara Vincent, Allene Terry; back row, Fred Cross, Dr. Carl Dillaha, Sammie Jarrell, Betsy Armstrong, Peggy Chandler, Elizabeth Jenkins, Elizabeth Potts, Laura Jones, Harold Kornegay, Edna Merrell, James Merrell. Not pictured are Cary Patrick and Jackie McNew. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Color of money — a call to auction as 'green' activists pay to save land

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Wild hills of pine and larch, snugged up against the Canadian border. Sparkling streams and snowy peaks.

Priceless wonders of nature? Hardly. The Loomis State Forest in north-central Washington has a price, all right — and environmentalists have just agreed to pay it.

A coalition of conservation groups struck a deal last week with state officials, agreeing to pay as much as $20 million to keep loggers away from 30,000 acres of the Loomis.

It's not the only place where green activists are reaching for their checkbooks. Across the West, foes of logging and ranching on public lands are showing a newfound enthusiasm for the free market.

After fuming for years that government land managers charge too little for the rights to cut timber and graze cattle, the activists are at the auction block, too, trying to outbid loggers and ranchers.

In New Mexico, a group called Forest Guardians leases grazing rights to more than 2,500 state-owned acres for about $2,500 a year. On the banks of streams once trampled by cattle, the group has planted thousands of willow and cottonwood seedlings to halt erosion.

Such efforts are a new twist on environmentalists' long-standing efforts to preserve land by buying it. The Nature Conservancy, for example, is well known for purchasing private land for wildlife preserves. But state and federal governments rarely sell public land outright, instead peddling special-use permits to miners, loggers, ranchers and developers.

In most Western states, revenue from such uses on state trust lands are dedicated to school construction, and officials are legally bound to seek the greatest financial return from the land.

In the Loomis deal, the Washington Board of Natural Resources was swayed by the prospect of quick money and by environmentalists' agreement to drop a lawsuit challenging state plans for logging elsewhere on the 134,000-acre forest, Public Lands Commissioner Jennifer Belcher said.

She also said the state has trouble attracting buyers for timber from the Loomis, which is on the dry, eastern side of the Cascade Range and has smaller trees than western Washington.

"It's a really good opportunity for us to realize the value of this land for the Common School trust," Belcher said.

Elsewhere in the West, officials have been less receptive.

In Arizona, the Forest Guardians last summer offered up to five times what ranchers pay for state grazing leases, but state lands officials rejected the bids. The group is appealing the decision.

Rates in some states dropping

CHICAGO (AP) — Al Zaccagni was pleasantly surprised when he opened an envelope from his auto insurer. The Springfield, Ill., man had received a rebate check from State Farm.

For decades, auto insurance companies apparently were unaware of the credo that what goes up, must come down.

But now, premiums in at least 43 states and the Distrfict of Columbia are declining for the first time since the late 1970s. Safer cars, better drivers — and competition — are combining to bring rates down.

The average policy is expected to decline 1 percent this year to $642 annually, according to the Insurance Information Institute, a Washington-based company that tracks rates.

State Farm Insurance Co., for example, the nation's largest auto insurer, is cutting prices around the nation and giving a share of its profits to policyholders.

"Health insurance, every insurance goes up, up, up, so it was quite a relief," said Zaccagni, who pays premiums on two Buicks.

In California, rates have fallen 5.5 percent to 10 percent during the past year, depending on the company and the motorist's driving record, said state Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush.

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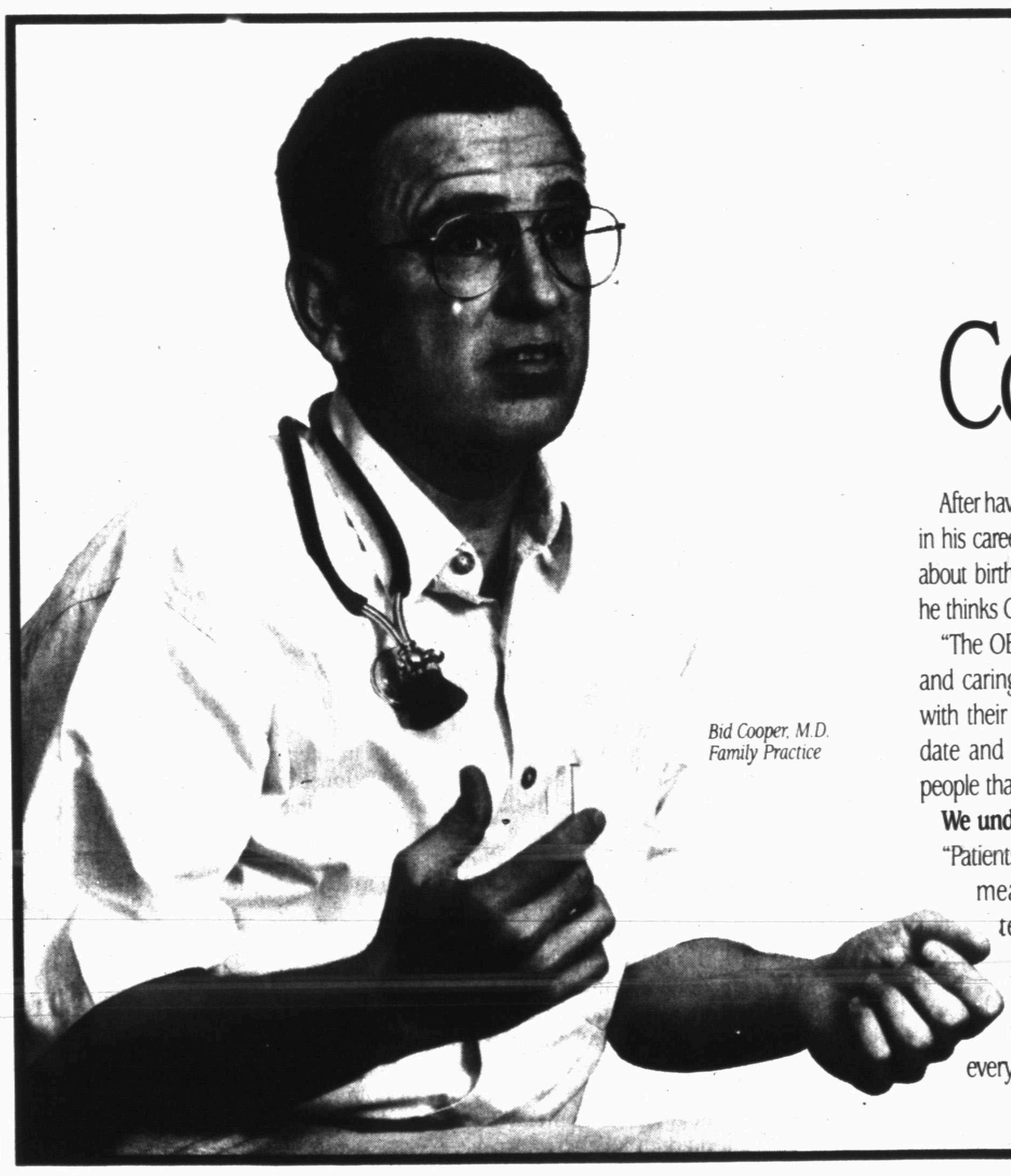
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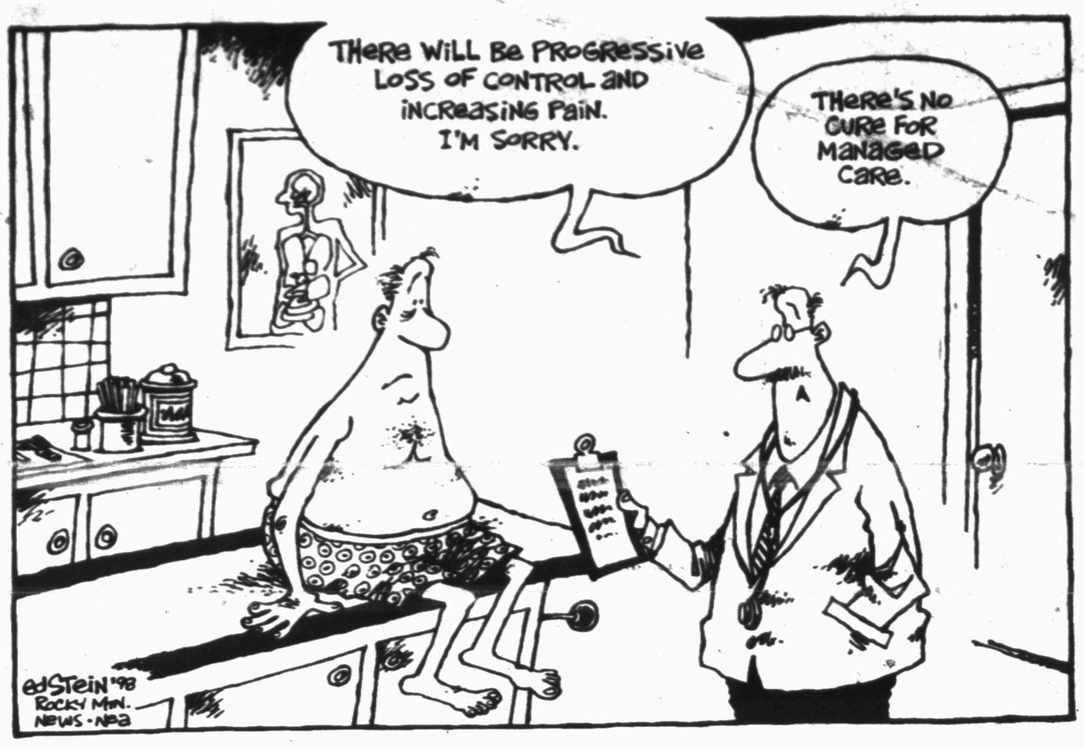
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A scary way to protect public health



Joseph Perkins

"The whole aim of practical politics," H.L. Mencken famously remarked, "is to keep the populace alarmed — and hence clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

The latest hobgoblin? Toothpaste, of all things. The Food and Drug Administration has ordered the makers of flouride pastes to warn parents of the dangers their product poses to children under 6 years of age.

"If you accidentally swallow more than used for brushing," reads the new label on tubes of Colgate, "seek professional assistance or contact a poison control center immediately."

Toothpaste poisonous? Yes, says the FDA. "Flouride is a drug," according to Linda Katz, the agency's deputy director for over the counter drugs, "and has been associated with both acute and chronic toxicity."

Thus, the new government-mandated warning labels on toothpaste tubes have, of course, prompted a rash of calls to fluoride toothpaste makers, including Colgate-Palmolive and Church & Dwight (maker of Arm & Hammer toothpaste).

But does fluoride toothpaste really pose a clear and present danger to public health? Of course not. The New York Times reports that the nation's poison control centers reported 4,453 cases of unintended "fluoride exposure" last year. Of those, 99 percent were minor and not one was life-threatening.

That's how it is with these imaginary hobgoblins. When held up to scientific or statistical scrutiny, they are far less threatening than the populace has been led to believe by either overzealous government regulators or politically motivated advocacy groups or fortune-seeking trial lawyers.

Another recent example that comes to mind is Olestra, the revolutionary food product that Procter & Gamble spent 25 years and more than $200 million developing. No sooner had the zero-calorie fat substitute been approved for use two years ago than the misnamed Center for Science in the Public Interest sought to have it banned, claiming that it produced dangerous side effects.

When Frito-Lay began test-marketing corn chips with Olestra two summers ago, CSPI — perhaps best known for warning Americans about the dangers of movie popcorn and Chinese food — began an advertising campaign in the three test cities (Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Grand Junction, Colo.; Eau Claire, Wis.), direly warning consumers not to buy the chips.

CSPI said that nearly 200 consumers called its toll-free line to complain about the chips — proof, the advocacy group maintained, that Olestra was an unhealthful food product.

But then, as with all politically motivated health scares, CSPI provided the public with an incomplete, and therefore distorted, picture.

For while the advocacy group very well may have logged 200 (solicited) complaints, Frito-Lay sold more than 200,000 bags of chips with Olestra in its three test cities. That means that only one of 1,000 people registered some gastronomic complaint or another.

CSPI considered this a statistically significant proportion of complaints, one-tenth of one percent of those who bought chips with Olestra.

But if the advocacy group were really honest with the public, it would have acknowledged that there are numerous foods and snacks that would generate as many if not more complaints.

Indeed, some people cannot drink milk because of a lactose intolerance. Some can't eat spicy foods because it gives them indigestion. And some can't eat chocolate because it causes an allergic reaction. Yet CSPI does not seek to protect the public from these foods.

If there is anything positive to say about the fluoride and Olestra scares, it's that they really haven't registered very much with the public. Let us take this as an encouraging sign that Americans have grown weary of being constantly menaced by a seemingly endless series of public health hobgoblins.

Some braggin'



Bill McClellan

We Texans have a lot to brag about, ya' know?

Want hot? Monahans, June 28, 1994, one hundred and twenty degrees.

Yep, that'll do.

Want cold? Tulia, Feb. 12, 1899, twenty-three degrees below zero. That's cold.

Del Rio averages 124.2 days a year with temperatures of 90 degrees or more. On the other end of the thermometer, Amarillo averages 110.7 days with freezing or below freezing temperatures.

Want wet?

A day's worth? Albany, Aug. 4, 1978, 29.05 inches.

A month's worth? Alvin, 35.7 inches in July of 1979.

A year's worth? Freeport, 106.44 inches in 1979.

That's wet, isn't it?

The folks in La Tuna, at the western tip of the state, think so. They got just over three and a half inches for all of 1988. Now that's dry.

Texas has more cattle, more sheep and more cotton than any state in the U.S.A. We have a lot of counties that have more cows than people.

Texas has the most farms and the most farm acreage.

But we're not always proud of everything.

Texas has more tornadoes than any other state. We average about 126 a year.

Like some of the state's other claims, the primary reason Texas has the most tornadoes is its size. If you break it down into actual numbers of tornadoes per miles over the years, Texas ranks 11th.

Eleventh is fine with us when it comes to tornadoes. In fact, we'd really rather not be in the running at all.

In 1967, there were 232 tornadoes in Texas. That's a lot of twisters.

There's an interesting story about those 232 tornadoes back in '67. About 124 of them were considered offshoots if you will, of Hurricane Beulah. There were 115 in a five-day period.

You'd likely think that sometime during that rather violent weather there would be a day that produced the most tornadoes ever. You'd be right. On Sept. 20, some 67 tornadoes were recorded in the state.

You don't hear us boasting over tornadoes, though. We don't even like to *talk* about them.

Some things we Texans could brag about we don't. Well, not much, anyway. One thing you don't hear too much bragging about — well, so far, anyway — is that Texas actually had the first Thanksgiving. Of course, it wasn't Texas back then, but we can claim it just the same.

We still celebrate the other Thanksgiving, which commemorates the Pilgrims' big bash at Plymouth back in 1601. But, psssst, hey, we *were* the first, you know.

Twenty-three years before Plymouth, Juan de Onate led more than 500 men, women and children across the Chihuahuan Desert and into what is now El Paso. They arrived on April 30, 1598 and spent 10 days resting and celebrating.

Gaspar Perez de Villagra, a member of the expedition, wrote: "We built a great bonfire and roasted the meat and fish, and then all sat down to a repast the like of which we had never enjoyed before.

"We were happy that our trials were over; as happy as were the passengers in the Ark when they saw the dove returning with the olive branch in his beak, bringing tidings that the deluge had subsided."

Texas may never be officially remembered for the first Thanksgiving. April 20 may never be a holiday.

But it sure beats being remembered for tornadoes.

Mainstream media is chugging off track



Deanie Francis Mills

"Dear Mr. President," begins a scorching essay in the April issue of "Esquire" magazine, on the disastrous consequences of using legitimate media outlets as a front for an attempt to bring down a public figure by investigating his private life.

The essay is written by David Bock, a conservative journalist whose story on "troopergate" (which made reference to a woman named "Paula") in the conservative journal, "American Spectator," set off a legal and media chain of events which could change the course of history — and as most legitimate journalists believe — not for the better.

"Surveying the wreckage my report has wrought four years later," writes Brock, "I've asked myself over and over: What the hell was I doing investigating your private life in the first place?"

He goes on to outline in detail how the story came about, (he was approached by a notorious Clinton-hater who was a major contributor to Newt Gingrich's GOPAC), how they "conspired to damage you and your presidency" and how he was never interested in the story "for the public good," but instead, "I wanted to pop you between the eyes."

His major concern, Brock writes, was how the story would affect his career "No thought was given to ... how baring the most intimate details of your sexual conduct by a politically hostile writer might dramatically alter the way political battles are fought in Washington."

He went on to say that when he expressed his doubts about the trooper's credibility to his editor, because they demanded money and book deals, his editor responded, "How much do they want? I'll write them a check!"

The further he went with his research into the troopers, the more David Brock realized their deeper motives for talking to him: "They were p---d off at you ... when you didn't take care of them when you became president — no jobs, no perks, nothing." It did not, however, keep him from running the story. "The troopers were greedy and their motives slimy, and I knew it. But I wasn't going to let it stand in my way." And adds, "I felt the way Ken Starr must have felt when wiring up Linda Tripp."

When the story hit the stands, the magazine sold out and went into several printings. The story also "penetrated the media culture (and mainstream press)," Brock writes. "It was now open season on you. Anybody could say just about anything they wanted about the president."

Brock cites the Supreme Court decision to allow the Paula Jones case to go forward as "A landmark ruling that has imperiled future presidents by making them vulnerable to character assassination in all manner of civil suits while in office."

The spillover into the mainstream press is another consequence Brock finds alarming about the success of his original "troopergate" piece. "Newsweek has now become The American Spectator."

David Brock is not alone in his fears about the direction the mainstream press seems to have taken in recent years. Just this month, the topic was debated hotly at a conference of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Chief among complaints aired by small-town and big-city papers alike was the growing custom of citing anonymous sources.

Anonymous sources have traditionally not been trusted by reputable journalists because they often hide an agenda, as David Brock discovered in his interviews with the troopers.

All the editors in attendance agreed that longtime journalistic standards have been abandoned by such practices; that there was a time when citing anonymous sources often meant that the stories were later proven wrong, which would seriously damage a journalist's credibility.

CBS news anchor Dan Rather said an even more valid criticism that reporters all chase after the same story "like a flock of turkeys going over a cliff."

Another acknowledged problem seems to be salacious Internet and tabloid TV outlets that continually feed out reports that do not meet any accepted journalistic standards, but the stories are often quickly picked up by mainstream media and circulated before the facts have been checked out.

In various panels and debates at the conference, the editors admitted that, as Sandy Rowe, editor of the Portland Oregonian and outgoing president of the ASNE said, "The notion that readers have created the demand for lowest common denominator journalist is false," And adds, "We are doing that ourselves. We can and must stop." One way to do that, she suggested, was not to allow themselves to be "pulled along" by the salacious tabloid trend.

Jonathan P. Wolman, Chief of the Bureau of the Associated Press, observed that the reason the overall coverage of the Monica Lewinsky case grated on readers is that "the reporting has often been swamped by the commentary."

And that brings us back to the open letter to the president in this month's Esquire magazine. Writer David Brock admits that his motives were far from journalistic objectivity. What worries him — and all other right-thinking journalists — is that such motives might make sense when an article is framed by publication in a personal interest group magazine or newspaper whose readers all share like interests and opinions.

But for such material to be automatically picked up by mainstream "objective" presses and reprinted as fact rather than opinion automatically destroys the very purpose a free press exists to find and expose the truth.

Editorial Comment

Health care

The (Jacksonville) Florida Times-Union

Conservatives are waking up and fleeing from the anti-managed care legislation in Congress. Better late than never.

Several who had sponsored the bill, innocently named the Patient Access to Responsible Care Act, apparently read the bill and realized it would send insurance premiums soaring. They defected. ...

Some misguided doctors cling to the notion that if the government would just make managed care go away, the health care world would return to where it was in 1993. That is, highly profitable to doctors and ruinously expensive to patients. ...

Managed care should not replace traditional medicine where a fee is paid directly to the doctor for service. But it should be allowed to function properly, as a lower-cost alternative. ...

Other options are needed, such as individual medical savings accounts.

This and changes in the tax code would improve the current situation, where only 9 percent of Americans buy their own insurance. Ominously, the government already covers 25 percent and it is trying to grab more of the market every day. ...

Competition will lower costs without sacrificing quality. Government mandates generally will increase costs without improving quality.

On Saddam Hussein

Wheeling (W.Va.) News-Register

We know you don't want to hear this, but it's time someone told you: Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein lied. Again. He's still churning out chemical and biological weapons and there's no reason to believe he doesn't have missiles with which to deliver them.

Don't take our word for it; ask the United Nations. You may remember that U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan just a few weeks ago returned to the United States in triumph, announcing that he had a deal to avert war against Iraq. The deal was that Iraq would allow U.N. inspectors free access to sites where production of illegal weapons was suspected.

U.N. weapons inspectors now have released a report concluding that Iraq continues to conceal chemical and biological weapons and hasn't complied with agreements to disclose their volume and whereabouts. "Bulk BW (biological weapons) agent production appears to be considerably understated," according to the report. Claims that Iraq has destroyed its missile arsenal "cannot be reconciled with physical evidence," the inspectors added.

We suspect the report will be swept under a plush carpet at U.N. headquarters. It may well be misplaced at the White House. Unfortunately, that won't change the facts.

Megamergers

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

... (T)wo huge bank mergers that will create the largest and the fifth-largest banks in the country (were announced) after the largest-ever merger between Citibank and Travelers Insurance. ...

Get used to it. These mergers are part of two major trends. Regulatory barriers to nationwide banking have gradually fallen, so major banks are scrambling to beome truly national in scope. And as international commerce continues to grow, American financial institutions will have to grow also, in order to compete with larger Japanese and European banks and to offer a comprehensive range of services to American businesses that want to survive, grow and prosper in international markets.

Thus Bank of American and NationsBank will get together and create a single, $60 billion institution that lives up to their names and ambitions.

And Banc One and First Chicago will create a $29 billion Midwest giant with the potential to expand to the rest of the country. ...

U.S. businesses went through a period of "merger mania" in the 1980s (and in the 1960s with "diversification through acquisition"). Some of these conglomerates served customers well and thrived, and some found the fit uncomfortable and eventually disassembled themselves. Meantime companies in small niche markets survived and a few of those grew impressively.

These latest mergers may or not prove successful for shareholders and customers. The only way to find out for sure is to let the marketplace do its work.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merritt
Community Coordinator

Our nation's older population has many special needs with respect to victimization and fear of crime, and the sense of being alone and unprotected.

What is TRIAD? A TRIAD consists of the two local officers, the sheriff and the chief of police plus AARP. The IACP, AARP and NSA have worked together to foster a concept to help the senior citizens feel safe and be safe in their homes and community. This concept came into being in 1988. All three expressed a commitment to renewed emphasis on reducing crime aimed at the elderly.

AARP will work with and serve as advisor to the top law enforcement leaders in each community. This group will aid the departments in related needs and concerns of the elderly and suggest services to meet these needs. The advisory group will then be called as SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together).

Some of the things this group will be doing are as follows:

•Educating the elderly on how to combat telemarketing fraud. Although many legitimate businesses use telemarketing in their sales, some unscrupulous telemarketers do use high-pressure and deceptive tactics is soliciting business.

•Discover blind spots on our streets and report them.

•Refrigerator cards with emergency medical information.

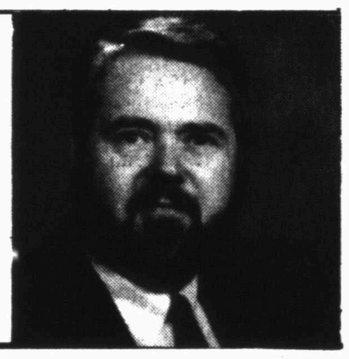
•Home security information and inspections. Replace light bulbs or batteries in fire alarms, etc.

I had a report from Dan Morales just today stating during fiscal year 1997 the office of the Attorney General received 2,258 complaints against telemarketers and direct mail advertisers that required a telephone response. Of these 729 were successfully resolved, resulting in refunds of $90,882 to consumers. During the past three years, the office filed suit against or settled cases with 37 telemarketers and obtained restitution totaling $4,040,274. According to the attorney general, only 24 telemarketing companies are currently registered in Texas.

Dan Morales will be in Snyder Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Senior Center to discuss and sign the TRIAD. Please, make an effort to be there. You may ask him any question concerning this program. All the public is invited ... refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Staying alive — A little driving advice

When it comes to cars, only two varieties of people are possible — cowards and fools.

—Russell Baker

I glanced quickly over my left shoulder. There was the opening I needed to blend in smoothly with the freeway traffic. Then suddenly the driver of the car in front of me slammed on her brakes. She had run out of nerve at the end of the freeway on ramp and was afraid to merge into the rapidly flowing traffic.

I used all of my computer regulated automatic braking system to scrub off speed and avoid a collision. Just as I relaxed, knowing that I'd flirted with disaster, I glanced in my rear-view mirror. There, approaching at speed, was the biggest sports utility vehicle I'd ever seen.

The driver was checking the freeway traffic flow over his left shoulder. He was talking on the phone at the same time. So, there I was between the coward and the fool. I slipped down in the seat and said, "Lord, I'm coming home."

I guess the fact that you're reading about this tells you I survived. Somehow the driver of the SUV jumped the median and avoided hitting us. When I last saw him, he had both hands on the wheel and the phone was no where to be seen. I vowed to write this column right then. I hope it will save a few lives and reduce injuries.

Some bad driving habits

Watch out for these drivers. (And, don't be one of them.)

•**Left-Lane Larry** — Larry loves the left-hand lane of four-lane highways. He drives there all the time. He often runs 45 mph in the 55 mph speed zones, or 60 in the 70 zones. The fact that he impedes smooth traffic flow and frustrates other drivers hasn't occurred to him. Larry needs to learn to drive in the right-hand lane and use the left-hand lane to pass slower traffic.

•**Lane-Jumping Judy** — Judy often runs a little late. To make up time, she darts back and forth between lanes trying to get ahead. She accelerates quickly and drives into an opening in the other lane. Then she hits the brakes because she is going faster than other traffic. Soon she'll dart back to the other lane. She doesn't signal. She just jumps from lane to lane trying to pass other cars. Judy needs to be patient. The price of impatience is often an accident.

•**Rubber-Necking Randy** — Randy is curious about everything. Is that a new house over there? Look at that gal in the white shorts! Is that a '63 Nash? There's a new sign! Randy sees it all. All except the road, that is. Randy needs to pay attnetion to traffic and road conditions. Otherwise, he may get to check out the latest equipment in the emergency room.

•**Telephone-Talking Trisha** — Trisha just got a new car phone. It included 100 free minutes of air-time. She was so excited she couldn't wait to call her friends. In the first 3 minutes she crossed the center line twice and nearly side-swiped the guard rail. At least she can call 9-1-1 if she's still conscious after the car crash. Cellular phones are wonderful tools to use when the car is stopped.

My hope is that if you see yourself in some of these driving situations you will take action to correct bad driving habits. Next week in part two, I'll tell you about some other drivers to watch out for. Don't miss Staying Alive part two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Mike N. Crunk, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Ray and Cleona Fulford, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Connie S. Glasscock, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

C.W. and Helen J. Howell, 1998 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Eddie and Ann Gregory, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. and Dalton Walton, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Randall K. and Holly A. Brewer, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

David A. Kloster, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Wayne Hogan, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Richard D. Watson, Sandra L. Watson and L.T. Hood, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

BJB Co. Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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

BJB Co. Inc., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Freddie's Services and Freddie Everton, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Ruben Whitfill, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Brian Haggard, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Juan Jose Perez and Pedro O. Martinez, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Richard Havlak, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Luis T. Lara and Belinda Jo Benitez, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Melissa Faye Pippin and Craig Allen Pippin, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Scotty Keith Leatherwood and Dolly Annalee Leatherwood, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lydia Margaret Earnest and Regnald Kent Earnest, divorce granted.

E.L. and Mattie Lee Green vs. Dr. Carlos Garza, et al, order of non-suit with prejudice of Teresa Ragland, R.N. only.

Scurry County vs. E.E. Beatly, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Odessa James, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. The EJE Company, a General Partnership, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Golda Kelly, Carlos Ray Preston and Donna Kay Maddux to Christy Lynn Pratt, all of the south 100 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Blankenship Addition.

Geneva McKinley to Tommy Bryan McKinley, parts of Lots 1-4 in Block 6 of the Blankenship Addition.

Myron Fenton to Juan Louis Hernandez, Lot 2 of Fenton's Replat of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Cody Addition.

Kenneth E. Davis to Rent-N-Haul Inc., all of Lots 53-61 of Block 31 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Elena Osorio to Ector M. and Elida B. Rodriguez, all the north 50 feet of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 55 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Ila Jane Clark, Barbara Elizabeth Stock, Amanda Jean Smith and Jessica Grant to Felix and Catalina Orosco, the north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 25 of the Cody Addition.

Troy Lee and Gail Lee Koening to Kenny Gordon, all of Lot 26 in Block K of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Helen Nixon to Daniel T. and Harriett W. Massaro, the south 140 feet of the west 57.5 feet of Lot 4 in Block 10 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Jearld Smith, Trustee of the Jerald and Ione C. Smith Family Trust, to Snyder Builders Inc., all of Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Beetha Idell Moore to Hollis Marion Carleton, part of Lot 15 in Block 4 of the Noble Heights Addition.

James and Keitha Brown to John D. and Kathy A. Rogotzke, all of Lot 7 in Block 3 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Bill Lyon to Linda Salazar, all of the east 49.5 feet of Lot 21 and the west 12.5 feet of Lot 22 in Block 7 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and the Replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

Howard L. and Dolores M. Jones to Billie M. and Avanel Sullenger, all of Lot 6 in Block 15 of the Winston Company Inc. Replat of a portion of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Denise Clark Stufflebeam to Tim Dea, dba Dea Heating and Air, the east 100 feet of the south 130 feet of Lot 1 in Block 26 of the Blankenship Addition.

Aubrey E. Wilson, independent executrix of the estate of Gertie E. Wilson, Billy Jack Wilson, Louise Wilson Woolever and Jean Wilson McCommas to Dan Ramond and Betty Jane Hicks, Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 of the Martin Addition, Section 2.

Janell T. Nanny to Lloyd and Maybelle Ainsworth, the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 96, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Pioneer Oil Company Inc. to B.P.J.C. Inc., all the west 125 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 41 of the Blankenship Addition.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, strawberries & bananas

TUESDAY

Butterbeans & ham, green onions, cottage fried potatoes, chocolate pudding, cornbread

WEDNESDAY

Liver & onions, green beans, parslied potatoes, peaches & cottage cheese, refrigerator cheese dessert

THURSDAY

Barbecued chicken, cream style corn, collard greens, lettuce & tomato salad, bread pudding

FRIDAY

Fried fish, hominy w/cheese sauce, boiled okra, tomato wedges, peanut butter cookies

Senior Center News

The following activities are planned at the Senior Citizens Center.

—Monday: Bridge at 9:30 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.; AARP, noon.

—Tuesday: 42/88 at 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.; Hoss Clayton Band, 11 a.m; Golden K. Kiwanis, noon.

—Wednesday: Birthday party, 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.; Kitchen Band, 11 a.m.; and line dancing at Snyder Oaks, 1 p.m.

—Thursday: Sunshine Choir at Snyder Oaks, 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.; TRIAD reception for attorney general Dan Morales, 3 p.m.

—Friday: Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; blood pressure clinic, 9:30 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.

On Saturday, seniors will be selling BBQ tickets for Mayday at Walmart from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The AARP, police department and the sheriff's department have joined forces to improve safety in the community. This new organization is called TRIAD.

A reception for Dan Morales, attorney general for Texas, will provide more information about TRIAD during a reception at the center beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Mayday is two weeks away and everyone is invited to attend the event to be held in the coliseum beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 2.

Events will include booths, silent auction items donated by local merchants and entertainment. The Mobil Cooking Team will prepare barbecue brisket which will be served beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The quilt auction gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

Drivers and hoppers are needed for the home delivered meals program. This and congregate meals are two of the most important services that is provided for seniors. To volunteer, call 573-4035.

The Dalai Lamas ruled Tibet as a theocracy from 1642 to 1950, when China conquered the country and began to institute Chinese rule.





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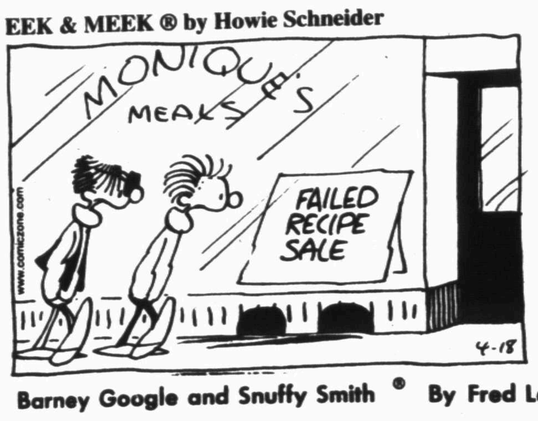
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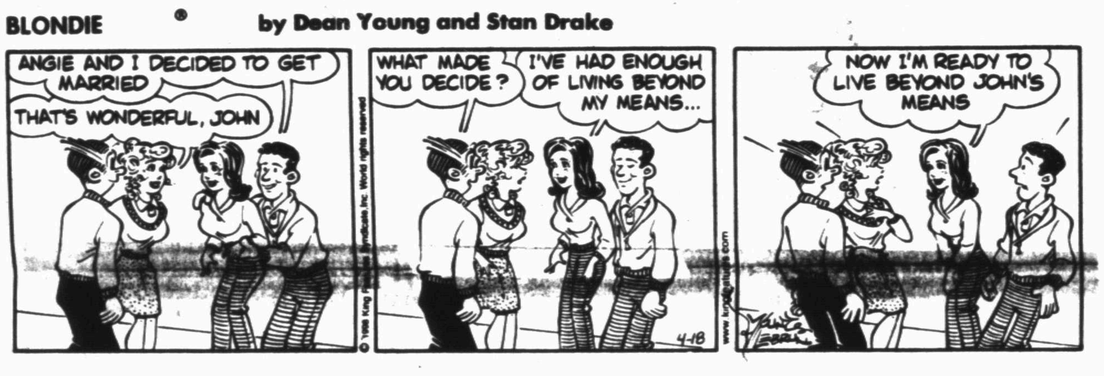


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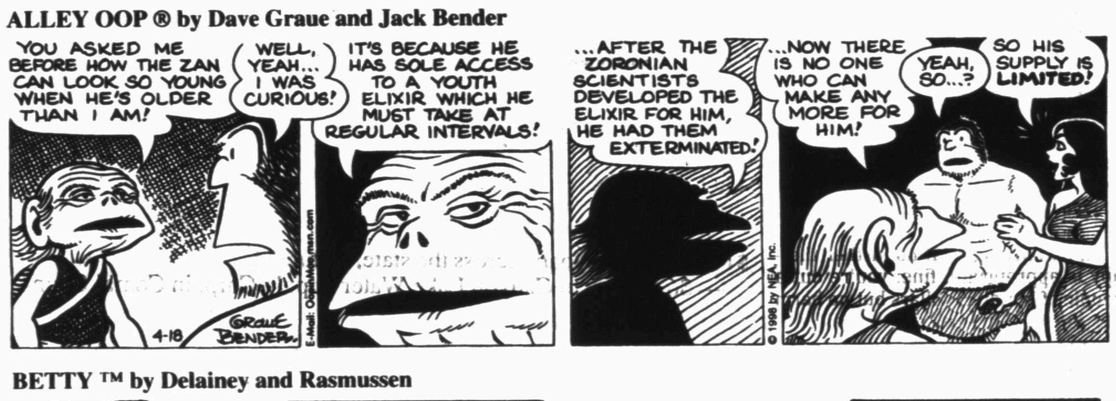
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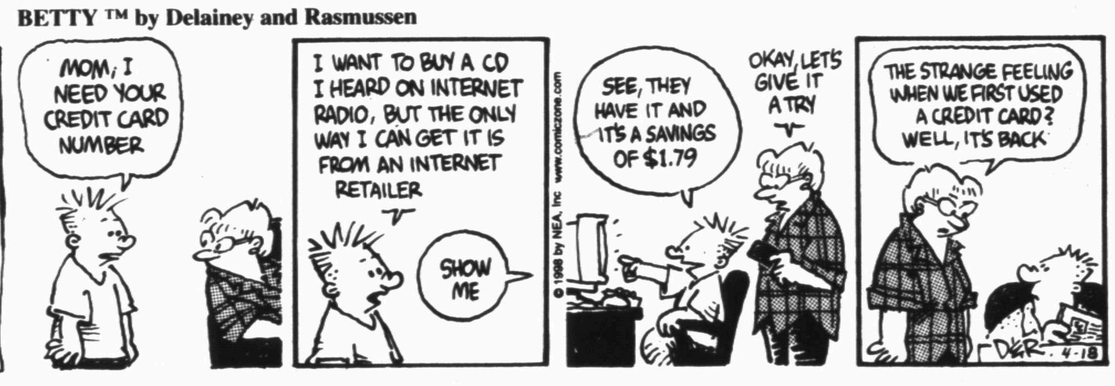
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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13 Begin a day
14 Aviator Earhart
15 Three- — race
16 — Kippur
17 Zodiac sign
18 Container
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23 Investigative agcy.
26 Wild ox
28 Fury
29 Actor Silver
30 Construction beam (2 wds.)
31 Longing (sl.)
33 Mailbox items
36 Likewise
37 Compass pt.
38 Yes, —!
40 Utter loudly
41 Map abbr.
42 Comedian Richard —
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51 Crystalline gem
55 Most competent
56 Brought out
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58 Arab, e.g.

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5 Poet T.S. —
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7 Add sugar to
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10 Victory symbol
11 Conclusion
13 Assert without proof
18 Warden
19 Relaxed
20 Facial growth
22 Deny
23 Extravagances
24 Stunted tree
25 Metal bars
27 Skill
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54 Dutch town

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Second opinion can't hurt

DEAR DR. GOTT: About three months ago, at age 54, I had a mastectomy for breast cancer. The lymph nodes were free of malignancy and my general doctor assured me that no further treatment was necessary. He said that I don't need to see an oncologist. However, my daughter thinks that I need a second opinion. Do I?

DEAR READER: This is a difficult question. Not knowing the details of your case, I hesitate to give an answer that may seem critical of your primary care physician. Nonetheless, the accepted standard of care would include an oncology consultation, in my view.

First of all, breast cancer is a serious disease that can be frustratingly unpredictable. After many years of apparent inactivity, breast malignancies may suddenly reappear.

Here is a personal anecdote that proves my point. Last week, I saw a new patient in the office. She was a middle-aged woman with vertigo who had a breast removed seven years ago because of cancer. At that time, she refused hormone treatment, chemotherapy or radiation. Her exam was normal and she had no other symptoms.

My otolaryngologist colleague and I hospitalized her because her dizziness was so pronounced. As part of her testing, we were horrified to discover that her original breast cancer had spread to her lungs and brain. This was not a single metastasis; there were literally hundreds of lesions. The cancer had attacked like wildfire, unpredictably, after seven years. In hopes of a miracle, we transferred her to a teaching hospital for radiation treatments.

On the other hand, I have several female patients who are free of cancer 10, 12, even 20 years following treatment for breast malignancies.

Consequently, I have a deep respect for breast cancer, because the disease can fool the most astute physician.

You have much to be thankful for. The cancer was removed before it had spread to the lymph nodes. Nonetheless, most experts would recommend continued therapy, either with a course of radiation or hormone treatment with drugs such as tamoxifen.

Therefore, I agree with your daughter that you need a second opinion from an oncologist. If no further therapy is appropriate, fine; you're out a couple of hundred dollars but no harm has been done. However, if additional therapy is warranted, the consultation could well save your life.

Perhaps your primary care physician feels entirely comfortable monitoring your course himself with frequent examinations and periodic mammograms. But in my opinion, this isn't enough. If you were my patient — or my sister — I'd darn well want to be certain that there were no unpleasant surprises months or years down the road. Get that consultation.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it possible that years of alcohol abuse could cause brain damage, even if the person stopped drinking a year ago?

DEAR READER: Without question. Alcohol poisons brain cells, and the damage is permanent. Once a person stops drinking, the damage stops also. However, what occurred before is irreversible.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: If, as you have stated, Synthroid stimulates the metabolism, why can't it be used to lose weight? Are there objective parameters for prescribing the drug? What are the medical consequences of taking a low dose?

DEAR READER: Synthroid is a thyroid supplement. Available by prescription, it is used to supply the missing hormone in patients with hypothyroidism. The need for such a supplement is determined by special blood tests of thyroid function. In addition, the dose of Synthroid is adjusted by periodically repeating one or more of these blood tests. In this manner, the patient is protected from getting too much or too little.

Low doses of medication cause no symptoms or health hazards: The normal thyroid gland simply reduces its production of hormone correspondingly.

This is not true for Synthroid overdose, however. In such a situation, excess supplemental hormone will lead to serious health consequences, including nervousness, heart disease and weight loss.

It was precisely because of this latter feature that thyroid hormone used to be a common product used in weight-reduction schemes. Because the drug accelerated metabolism, it did cause weight loss — but at a terrible price. Once physicians recognized the dangers of thyroid overstimulation, they stopped prescribing the medicine for weight control. Authorities now consider the practice to be unethical. Nonetheless, on occasion, nonprescription foreign-made diet pills with thyroid hormone enter the U.S. market.

Thyroid hormone supplements should be used only under medical supervision in patients who are proven to have thyroid deficiency.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of an underactive thyroid gland, I have been prescribed Synthroid. I took this for years without serious consequences. Now my new doctor says that I have Graves' disease. How is this possible?

DEAR READER: Because you're getting too much medicine. The excessive dosage of Synthroid has speeded up your metabolism, so you now suffer from the consequences of overtreatment: nervousness, rapid pulse, weight loss, sweating and prominent eyes. Your body cannot handle the excess amount of supplemental hormone, so you should immediately stop taking the medicine, wait several weeks, and then have a blood test to measure thyroid function. Once your metabolism has returned to normal, your doctor will monitor your progress. If subsequent blood tests show that your thyroid is truly underactive, he will prescribe lower doses of Synthroid to bring it into line. If, however, the tests remain normal, you no longer need the Synthroid. A third possibility: You stop the drug and continue to be hyperthyroid. This is an unusual scenario, but could occur. In this event, you will need additional testing — such as a thyroid scan — and, perhaps, treatment for an overactive thyroid gland.

Follow your physician's advice. The blood tests should tell the tale.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." 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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Water Development Board sets loans

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Water Development Board has issued $14.7 million in loans across the state, including:

— $6 million to Canyon Lake Water Supply Corp. in Comal County for water system improvements

— $3.9 million to the Dallas County Water and Control Improvement District No. 6 for wastewater system improvements

— $1.5 million to the city of Mount Vernon for improvements to its wastewater treatment plant

— $1.4 million to the Wells Branch Municipal Utility District for construction of a new filtration system.

— $950,000 to the Archer County Municipal Utility District No. 1 for improvements to its water system

— $820,000 to the city of Wortham for water system improvements

— $100,000 to the city of Covington for water system improvements

Publisher tackles corruption, takes Alabama sheriff down

LINDEN, Ala. (AP) — Only a street separates the offices of the Marengo County sheriff and the county's weekly newspaper.

Through the window of The Democrat-Reporter, publisher Goodloe Sutton could watch Sheriff Roger Davis come and go, at times giving him a wave. But not everything was friendly between the two.

For almost four years, Sutton published story after story detailing apparent corruption by Davis and his department, drawing the wrath of local law enforcement officials.

But Sutton, who has run the rural weekly since 1964, and his star reporter — his wife, Jean — eventually prevailed.

The Suttons' constant disclosures, noticed by a federal prosecutor, led to the arrest and conviction of Davis and two of his seven deputies, as well as the largest federal drug bust in southern Alabama.

During a week where the top prizes in journalism — the Pulitzers — were awarded for the 82nd year, Sutton said of his work: "the greatest honor is what the people of this county think."

Among Sutton's reports was that Davis, a former state trooper who took office in 1991, used department funds to buy a truck for his daughter. Davis repaid the money, but claimed Sutton was telling lies.

Then Sutton forced Davis to repay $700 by reporting the sheriff had been cashing checks from a mental health center that were meant for the department. Davis couldn't deny it because Sutton ran copies of every single check — made payable to Davis — across the front page of the newspaper.

Another story, supported by a copy of the department's ledger blown up across the front page, led to an audit that forced Davis to repay $5,000 to the county.

Finally, people started to believe "ol' Goodloe," as many call him. But Marengo County is so small — the population is less than 12,000 — that very few people even today seem willing to stick up for him publicly out of fear of reprisals from those who support Davis.

Threats against the Suttons began after he started running the stories. Sutton said the sheriff "started telling anyone who would listen that my oldest son was involved in drugs, my wife was having affairs and I was drunk all the time."

One of Davis' deputies, Wilmer "Sonny" Breckenridge — Marengo County's chief drug enforcement officer — threatened to plant drugs in Sutton's home, according to Sutton. The couple was randomly pulled over and harassed, as was their oldest son.

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to Sutton, his articles had caught the eye of Assistant U.S. Attorney E.T. Rolison, whose mother received the Democrat-Reporter and showed him what Sutton was reporting.

"Goodloe was taking a lot of heat for the things he was writing, and he was the only one hanging out on the deal," Rolison said. "That's when I started making some calls, saying this guy Goodloe Sutton was making a case for us."

An undercover investigation was launched into the Marengo County Sheriff's Department, but no one could tell Sutton.

"It was safer for Goodloe if he didn't know there was an investigation," Rolison said. "Besides, at the rate he was going, he was giving us an entire historical accounting each week in the paper."

The investigation eventually spread into neighboring Perry County, where Breckenridge and Marengo Deputy Robert Pickens, both 27, were accused of protecting drug dealers.

McDonald's strike settled

MACEDONIA, Ohio (AP) — Twenty McDonald's workers who went on strike claiming mistreatment by their bosses are getting a break from the picket line after reaching a settlement.

"I think this was just something that had to be done, but I can't let it go to my head," said Jamal Nickens, 20, who took part in the five-day strike that is believed to be the first against the restaurant chain in the United States.

As part of the agreement reached Thursday, the bosses at the restaurant about 20 miles south of Cleveland will attend human-relations classes.

The mostly teen-age strikers walked off the job complaining that their managers yelled at them for making mistakes and that new employees were offered higher pay.

Strike organizer Bryan Drapp, 19, slogged with the other pickets through a steady rain Thursday.

"I'm glad it's over. I can go back to school," said Drapp, a University of Akron freshman.

Drapp said he organized Sunday's walkout after a supervisor shouted at an elderly crew member for placing a trash bag in the wrong place, reducing her to tears. The incident was typical of how workers were treated, he said.

As word of the strike spread, local Teamsters lent their support and made the workers associate members.

McDonald's consultant Dwight Bungo said the company was satisfied with the deal.

"This was an isolated incident," he said. "The agreement is to our satisfaction and to theirs. It was not one-sided."

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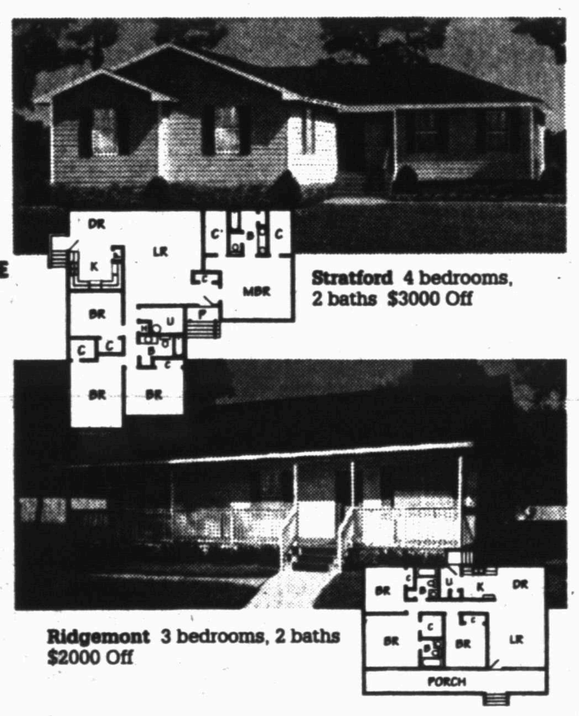
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Sun-powered car said closer to coming true

WASHINGTON (AP) — Run an automobile on only water and sunlight — without pollution? Too good to be true?

It has been a dream of scientists for years. Now, two researchers at a federal laboratory say they have created a device that could bring such a car a step closer to reality and turn the sun and water into a pollution-free substitute for gasoline.

Scientists caution that the process, using solar power to split water into hydrogen and oxygen to create a new energy source, while technologically proven is still too expensive for commercial development.

But the researchers at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., said they developed a one-step process that significantly reduced the cost, while improving energy efficiency.

This could substantially cut the cost of using solar power to produce hydrogen from water through a process known as electrolysis, said John Turner, a chemist at the laboratory, who outlined his research in today's issue of Science magazine.

In an interview, Turner cautioned that the device "isn't the magic bullet that gets us there" but a scientific development that shows great promise that solar power can be used to produce hydrogen at reasonable costs.

A recent string of technological breakthroughs has renewed sharp interest among automakers in hydrogen fuel cells as the eventual replacement for the internal combustion engine. Auto manufacturers are predicting that as many as 100,000 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will be available at competitive prices as early as 2004.

But these cars are expected to use hydrogen taken from fossil sources such as natural gas or methanol. About 90 percent of the hydrogen used for industrial and other purposes currently comes from natural gas.

Eventually the most environmentally beneficial approach would be to get hydrogen from water, using solar power to split the hydrogen and oxygen molecules, Turner contends. This way no fossil energy source would be needed and emissions, including greenhouse gases, would be eliminated.

That already is being done experimentally at the University of California at Riverside under a program that, in part, has been sponsored by the Energy Department.

But until now, the production of an electrical current from photovoltaic panels has been kept distinctly separate from the electrolysis that uses the electric current to separate the hydrogen and oxygen molecules in the water.

Turner, working with an associate, Oscar Khaselev, found a way to combine the two steps in one package, while overcoming problems of incompatibility. This resulted in less loss of energy. The one-step process converts about 12 percent of the solar-produced energy into the hydrogen, or about twice as much as the two-step process, says Turner.

While the one-step process still would be "three or four times as expensive" as the steam method generally now used for getting hydrogen from natural gas, it is about a fourth of what it costs using the two-step process.

"The bottom line is cost," said Sandy Thomas, a vice president of Directed Technologies Inc. of Arlington, Va., which has been a technical consultant on hydrogen fuel cells to both the Energy Department and Ford Motor Co.

New way sought to disarm staph infections

WASHINGTON (AP) — A California scientist has discovered a protein that can be used to disarm dangerous staph bacteria, offering the potential for a vaccine against one of the world's toughest germs.

The research is still in very early stages. But 72 percent of mice vaccinated with the protein were protected against staph infections, University of California, Davis, scientists report today in the journal Science.

If the vaccine approach works, it would offer a much-needed alternative to antibiotics that are rapidly losing their power against bacteria.

"We desperately ... need innovative strategies to deal with staph infections," said Dr. Stephen Heyse of the National Institutes of Health, which awarded a biotechnology company $100,000 last month to begin work on the vaccine. "This approach was quite novel and interesting."

The discovery "shows a lot of promise," added Harvard University microbiologist Jean Lee.

The protein is called RAP. When staph bacteria enter the body, they secrete RAP until enough is produced to set off a chain reaction that creates staph toxins. If the bacteria could not produce enough RAP, the germs would be harmless, said Naomi Balaban, a UC Davis pathologist who discovered the protein.

Her idea: Use RAP as a vaccine. That would prime the immune system to produce antibodies that could sneak up on staph bacteria and neutralize RAP, disarming the germs before they caused a serious infection.

A RAP vaccine would not kill the actual bacteria, as antibiotics do, so it would not spur the bugs to mutate into drug-resistant forms that now threaten to become untreatable, Balaban added.

"The bacterium doesn't realize it's being jeopardized," she explained. "No RAP, no toxins, no disease."

Among bacteria, staphylococcus aureus causes the most disease, giving rise to everything from minor skin infections to life-threatening blood poisoning, pneumonia and wound infections. It is a particular threat in hospitals, infecting up to 500,000 hospitalized Americans every year.

Many strains of staph already have mutated to resist standard antibiotic treatment, and scientists were shocked to discover last summer that the germ is developing resistance to the drug of last resort, vancomycin.

"Antibiotics are our medical miracles. The more we use them, the greater the chance we're going to lose them," Dr. William Jarvis of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned last week.

So scientists furiously are hunting new approaches.

Balaban vaccinated mice with RAP purified from a strain of staph that causes skin lesions, and then exposed the mice to the staph germs.

All of the unvaccinated "control" mice became infected. But only 28 percent of the vaccinated mice did — and they had 76 percent smaller skin lesions than the unvaccinated mice. Three percent of the vaccinated mice died from their infection, vs. 25 percent of untreated mice.

That is not proof that a RAP vaccine would work, Harvard's Lee cautioned. A skin infection is the easiest staph to overcome, so the real challenge is trying RAP against more life-threatening systemic staph infections, something Balaban plans to do.

Even if a vaccine eventually worked, at-risk people like the frequently hospitalized or health care workers would have to get it in advance of infection. So Balaban also is looking for a drug that would disarm staph once someone was sick. Her candidate is a RAP relative.

The biotech company Panorama Research Inc., in Mountain View, Calif., is helping to develop Balaban's research, but experiments in people are several years away.

Still, Balaban says her approach mimics how nature protects against staph: She recently tested cows and found that 80 percent of the animals who have never been sickened by staph naturally harbor antibodies that neutralize RAP — while sick cows didn't have that immune response.

"This approach may not necessarily replace antibiotics," she said. But "it seems like anti-RAP antibodies are really important for protection."

Lewinsky works to defray attorney fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky is paying off some legal bills by working at the office of her attorney, William Ginsburg, her father says.

"She tries to defray the cost by working, and doing work there, filing and getting things together," her father, Bernard Lewinsky, said Thursday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

He said the former White House intern's future in public relations or the law has been jeopardized by a former friend who taped their conversations, a zealous prosecutor and a press corps that has made normal family life a memory.

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is investigating the nature of Lewinsky's relationship with President Clinton, whether she lied about it and whether she asked her former friend, Linda Tripp, to lie. Tripp turned her secret tapes of their conversations over to Starr as evidence.

The ensuing hubbub has made it impossible for Monica Lewinsky to date, see her brother or confide even in her father, Bernard Lewinsky said.

"She's very disturbed that she has no life right now," he said. "She's afraid she'll put all of her friends in jeopardy if she talks to them."

Lewinsky said he has not asked for details of his daughter's relationship with Clinton out of respect for her, but acknowledged steering clear of particulars for fear of being subpoenaed.

"There's no reason for me to get dragged in just because I talked to my daughter," he said.

Lewinsky dodged a question from a young female caller who asked whether his daughter accepts any responsibility for her predicament.

"The crime here is the taping itself," he said.

Lewinsky also used the show's international audience to air the address for his daughter's legal defense fund.

A Los Angeles-area oncologist, Lewinsky said his family has been victimized by the scandal and haunted by the fear that Ms. Lewinsky may go to prison.

"The fear that I fear is exactly what they fear when they get the diagnosis of cancer," Lewinsky said. "We have an unknown, we don't know where it's gonna go, we don't know when it's gonna finish.

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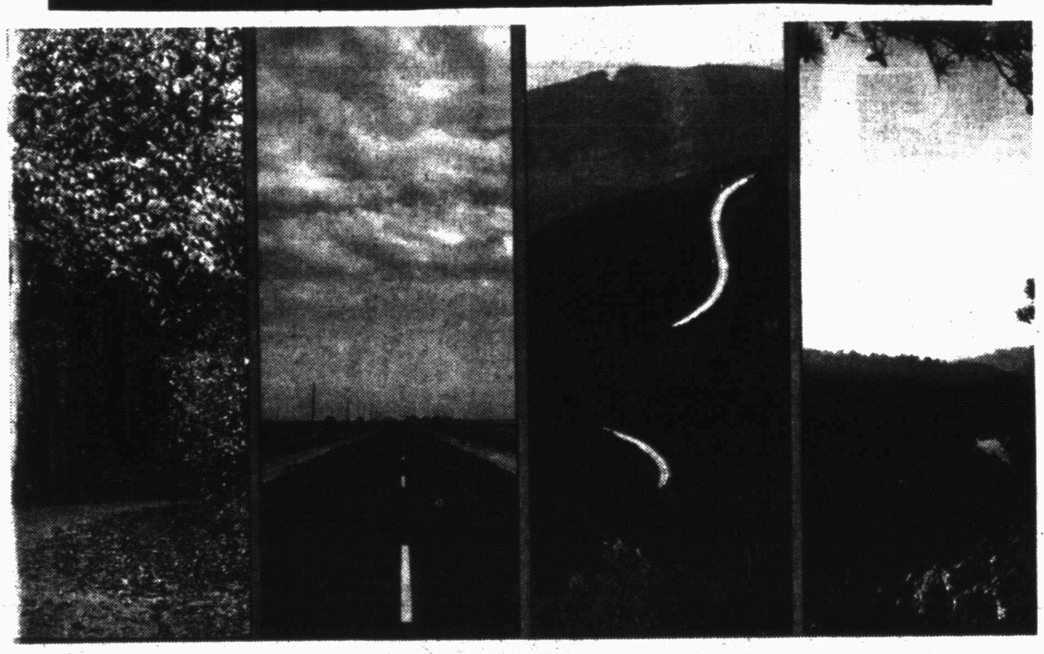
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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

To Those It May Concern, 'Dear Sir or Madam' Will Do

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in a quandary regarding the proper salutation to use in a letter to an organization when there is no specific person to whom to address it.

When I learned to write business letters, I was taught to use "Gentlemen" or "Dear Sir." Nowadays, with so many women in the business world, the chances are that the executive who reads my letter will be a female. Consequently, "Gentlemen" or "Dear Sir" may be inappropriate.

"Dear Sir or Madam" seems a bit risky since most women are not madams. Is there some all-purpose salutation I have not thought of?

IN A QUANDARY IN OLYMPIA

DEAR IN A QUANDARY: For formal letters, my preference is "To Whom it May Concern." "Dear Sir or Madam" remains the preferred salutation for a formal business letter when there is no specific person to whom you are addressing the letter. If you are writing to a particular department, consider addressing that manager: "Dear Sales Department Manager," for example.

Incidentally, I checked my dictionary, and the first definition of "madam" indicates that it is used "without a name as a form of respectful or polite address to a woman."

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to reply to "Not Guilty by Association," the young woman whose father is a racist. "My" racist is not a parent or a grandparent; it's my younger brother.

As children growing up in a racially mixed neighborhood, my brother and I didn't know what racism was. We had a large group of friends of various racial and ethnic backgrounds. Some of the adults became so close to us we called them "aunt" and "uncle." Our parents never made any callous remarks or disparaging judgments.

My younger brother recently visited my husband and me and offered to pick up our 5-year-old son from day care. When they returned, my son was in tears. He said "Uncle Matt" said he shouldn't play with "Amanda" anymore because her skin is a different color.

I was furious with Matt, and we have told him that he is welcome in our home in the future, but only if he leaves the racism outside. I refuse to allow him to impose his views on my innocent children, whom I'm raising to see beyond color, religious beliefs or ethnicity.

I'm sorry this is so long, but I feel it has a message that needs to be repeated until racism is a word that has to be looked up in a very, very old dictionary.

SIBLING OF A BIGOT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR SIBLING: Your children are being raised to become the kind of citizens the world needs. I hope your brother learned something from the steadfast position you took. I, too, hope that racism is on its way to becoming obsolete.

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THINK ABOUT IT: "If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed." (Kate Halverson)

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Donation of Organs Turns Tragic Loss Into New Life

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Our beloved daughter-in-law died following an auto accident two years ago. Bonnie was in terrific condition and had entered the Chicago Marathon. While she was still in high school, Bonnie had made it known that she wished to be an organ donor.

When it became apparent that the only thing keeping her alive were the machines, our son was approached and asked about organ donation. He told the doctors to "take all of them." Thus, our daughter-in-law became an organ donor for five major lifesaving transplants (heart, lungs, two kidneys and liver) in addition to skin, cartilage, etc.

Tim has received letters (with names deleted) from the recipients and their families. All are thankful that their quality of life is now normal; some wouldn't be alive without the new organs. This knowledge is the only thing that has made sense in this tragic loss. It has made our suffering tolerable. The slogan says it all: "Don't take your organs to heaven. Heaven knows we need them here."

Years ago, I had the privilege of cheering for Rod Carew in Minnesota. It was with deep sorrow that I read of his search for a matched donor and the loss of his daughter for the lack of that match. At one time, I was a bone marrow donor, so I take pride in the fact that doctors and scientists learn from each procedure. However, they can do these high-tech procedures only if they have donors.

We are all potential lifesavers. Abby, please continue to urge your readers to tell their families they wish to be organ donors, and to be tissue-typed for bone marrow donation. Blood donations are also needed.

PHIL FAABORG, MIDDLETOWN, IOWA

DEAR PHIL: My condolences on the untimely loss of your beloved daughter-in-law. Your son, Tim, is to be commended for his compassionate and generous response in the face of personal tragedy. Your powerful letter is a timely reminder that April 19-25 is Organ Donor Awareness Week.

Readers, as important as it is to become an organ don r — if you choose to do so — it's equally important to make your wishes known to your doctor and the members of your family. Then if an emergency arises, there will be no surprises.

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DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Retired Military Man," who suggested using our closed military bases for training young people. I am a retired female veteran and have always thought it is a waste to close bases after so much money has been put into them.

Military bases are like small towns. They have everything within walking distance — grocery stores, shopping centers, banks, barber/beauty shop, medical clinics, gyms and much more. I think they would make excellent retirement communities. Retired folks could live in reasonably priced homes and have the services they need close at hand. It would also provide hundreds of jobs for people in the community.

What do you think of this idea, Abby?

KEMA AUSTIN, O'FALLON, ILL.

DEAR KEMA: I think the need for affordable, convenient housing for seniors is critical. Your idea has considerable merit.

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Motion seeks to have mayor jailed

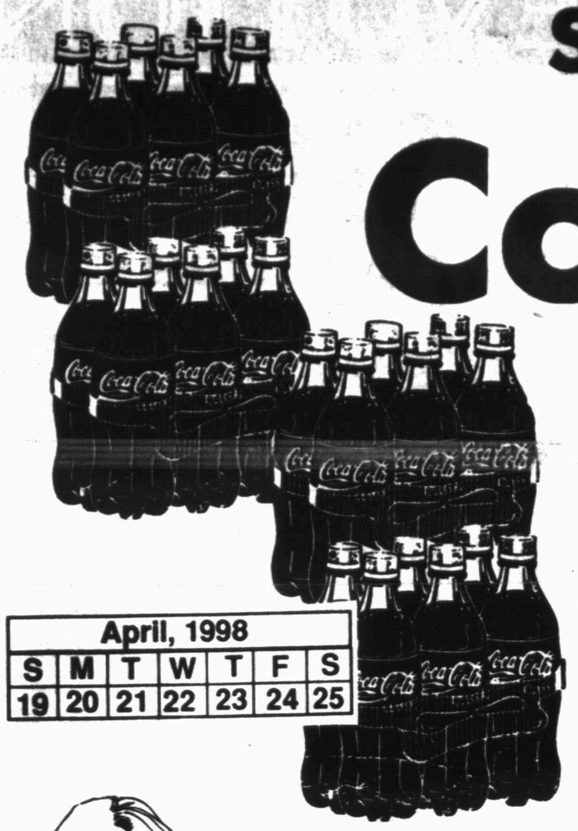
JEFFERSON (AP) — Several restaurant owners are asking a court to jail Mayor Carey B. Heaster Jr. for violating an agreement on alcohol sales during special events, an allegation he denies.

The restaurateurs want a contempt of court ruling against Heaster, who they say tried dictate how an alcohol ordinance would be upheld during a Mardi Gras celebration.

According to a 1996 settlement between the city and the restaurateurs, who sued to have the law struck down, the police chief alone has the power to decide how to enforce the ordinance.

Gary Fant, one of several plaintiffs in the suit, filed the contempt motion Monday, claiming Heaster is in violation of the settlement.

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