Early voting over; primaries Tuesday

Early voting turnout for Tuesday's Republican and Democratic primaries was fast paced, according to County Clerk Joan Bunch.

"It's been very, very busy," she said. "We've had a real good turnout." Eight percent of eligible voters took advantage of the early voting period.

A total of 926 votes were cast, with 713 (77 percent) of those being Republican, leaving only 213 cast in the Democratic primary.

"Gov. Bush is pulling a lot of those Republicans in, and I think there is a lot of interest in the Justice of the Peace race," Bunch said.

The first week of early voting in the primaries saw 376 people turn out to cast ballots. Friday was by far the busiest day, as 183 voted.

A total of 11,038 citizens are registered to vote. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voters need to bring their yellow voter registration card.

All Republicans will vote at City Hall while Democrats will vote at their respective voting places.

Voters will be deciding several contested races in the primaries.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey has drawn two opponents in the Democratic Primary.

Bill Baldwin and Cloyce Scarberry are challenging him for the Precinct 1 post.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer is seeking reelection and has drawn one opponent, Joe Bass,in the Republican Primary.

Donna Gray is the third candidate seeking to become Precinct 3 county commissioner. Gray, wife of former commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., is the lone Democratic candidate.

Democratic Primary Voting Places

Voting Pct. #	Precinct Name	Voting Place
5	Fluvanna	Fluvanna Community Center
6	Union	Union Community Center
7	Northwest/West Snyder	Scurry County Library
8	West Central Snyder	School Administration Blg.
9	Ira	Ira Community Center
10	Southwest Snyder	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn	Dunn Community Center
12	Central/Southeast Snyder	South Side of the Coliseum
13	Hermleigh	Hermleigh Community Center
15	North/Northeast Snyder	North Side of the Coliseum

Republican Primary Voting Place
All Republicans will vote at City Hall

(Candidate questionnaire responses can by found on Page 14A)

Four people have filed on the Republican ticket to fill the vacated Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace position - Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey.

Pat Alexander and Kirk Taylor are running on the Republican ticket for Precinct 1 constable.

In Precinct 2, Pam Bryant has filed to run as an independent for the vacant JP post and Travis Brackeen has filed for the position on the Republican ticket.

Jeff Duck is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for Precinct 2 constable.

Others who have filed, and who will be unopposed in the primaries are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman – all Republicans.

Sheriff Darren Jackson is unopposed on the Demo ballot as is Diana Williamson who is running for the tax assessor-collector post.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, is being challenged by Big Spring businessman Tim Blackshear, a Republican.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is unopposed on the Demo ticket, but he has two Republican challengers, Darrell Clements of Dallas and Shane Hunt of Granbury.

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FINAL CHECK — Carla Thompson, left, director of the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center, and Pamela Fenton, activities director, check over the roses for the Top 15 volunteers for 1999-2000 and the pins which volunteers received for 500 hours. The 21st annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held Friday night at the Senior Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Center volunteers honored

Volunteers who serve at the Snyder Senior Center were honored Friday at the center's annual banquet.

Volunteers who had recorded 500 hours of time this year were awarded recognition pins, in addition, the top 15 volunteers were named as well.

Also, new additions were made to plaques recognizing volunteers for 5,000 and 10,000 hours served at the center.

The top 15 volunteers for 1999-2000 in order of number of hours are Cary Patrick, 2,681; Gloria Browning, 2,246; Thadine Harless, 1,577; Edna Laster, 1,467; Margaret Clevenger,1,250; Juanita Ellington, 1,086; Marie Armstrong, 1,035; Peggy Fowler, 934; Treva Quinney, 860; Dessie Harvel, 850; Dorothy Duncan, 731; Nate Thomas Pyburn, 710; Betty Boyd, 708; Texa Ball, 689; Emerson Armstrong, 678.

Volunteers this past year worked a total of 43,142 hours.

Dessie Harvel's name will be added to the 10,000 or more accumulative hours plaque, while four names are

to be added to the 5,000 or more accumulative hours plaque. These are Cary Patrick, Edna Laster, Earnest Shifflett, and Evelyn Shifflett.

B.J. Bartels was recognized for having made both plaques.

Dwaine Merrit received a special plaque for all of the years he has volunteered with the home-delivered meals program.

Volunteers who received new pins for earning 500 volunteer hours include Gloria Browning, whose accumulative hours are in the 15,500-15,999 category; Texa Ball, 13,000-13,500; Dessie Harvel, 10,000-10,499; Thadine Harless, 9,000-9,499; Sue Trice, 7,000-7,499; Cary Patrick, 6,500-6,999; Betty Boyd, Irene Hudgins, Betty Kellum, all 6,000-6,499; Edna Laster, 5,500-5,999; Earnest Shifflett, Evelyn Shifflett, 5,000-5,499; Margaret Clevenger, Dorothy Duncan, Nate Pyburn, all 4,000-4,499.

Others are B.J. Bartels, Wana Fisher, Peggy Fowler, Lorena Gibson, Marie Walton, all 3,000-3,499; Marie Armstrong, Juanita Ellington, Jo Flynn, M.J. Merritt, Martha Schiebel, 2,500-2,999; Treva Quinney, Bill Schiebel, Evalyn Tate, all 2,000-2,499.

Others include Leda Beck, Nettie Faye Gardner, Ruby Gregory, Dorothy Lankford, Rumell Montgomery, all 1,500-1,999; Jackie Adams, Emerson Armstrong, Don Duncan, Veida Gage, Dexter Norwood, Marlene Richburg, Rob Robinson, James "Dutch" Stehley, 1,000-1,499.

And Roy Burk, Arlena Claxton, Verna Foree, Jack Harless, Pearl Schwartz, Viola Stone, Mary Ward, all 500-999.

Theme of the 21st Volunteer Recognition Banquet was "Time To Make a Difference."

Center director Carla Thompson recognized special guests during the banquet, while Dawson Moreland gave the invocation. Valerie Drum presented special awards and

Pamela Fenton and staff handed out volunteer awards pins.

Door prize recipients included Tommy Reynolds, Una Orms, Violet Stone, Gloria Browning, Dutch and Donna Stehley, Verna Foree, Richard and Peggy Hardin, Juanita Ellington, Edna Smith.

Entertainment was provided by the "Old Sore Head Band" of Stanton.

WTC offers students three-week semester

While Western Texas College is just beginning its spring break, the administration has made plans for a three-week, "Maymester."

Students can quickly earn three hours of credit within less than a three-week period in classes such as computer science, speech, government, mathematics and psychology, as well as vocational credit in computer applications.

In addition, the brief semester will offer a one-hour credit for a physical education class as well as a non-credit developmental math class.

Overall, eight classes will be offered.

Most classes will start on May 15 and final exams are scheduled for June 1.

Registration for the mini semester is set for May 15-16.

Morning hours are from 9 a.m. until 12:20 p.m., and evening hours are from 6-9:40 p.m. on a Monday through Friday schedule.

Because of the concentrated time period, students will be allowed to take only one three-hour class during the abbreviated semester.

The single vocational class, POFI 1301, computer applications, will meet from 6 until 10:10 p.m. for a nine-class schedule beginning May 8.

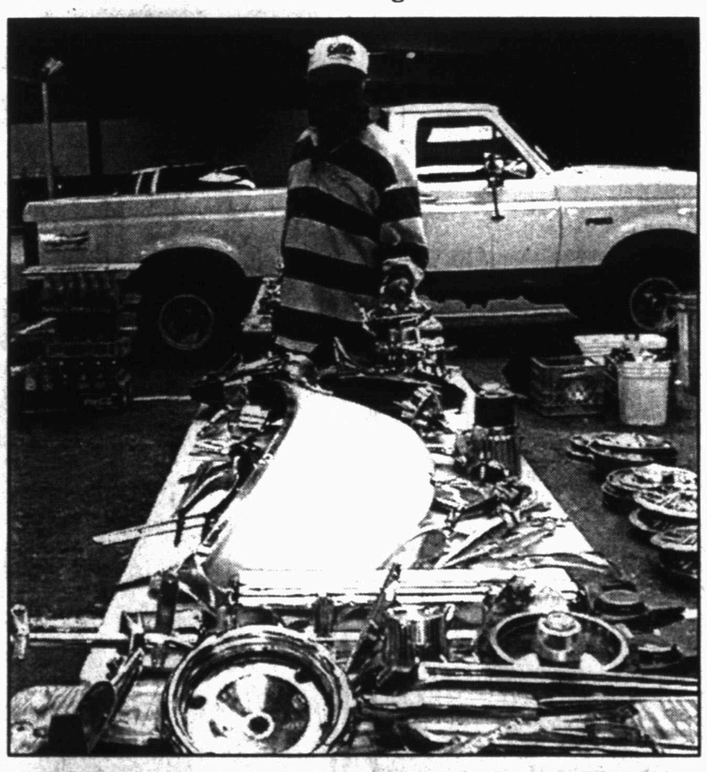
This class is mainly for computerized business technology students, or those interested in computers, according to instructor Tammy Wesson.

Class size will be limited to 16.

Day classes for academic credit will be computer science, government and college algebra.

COSC 131 (introduction to computers) will be taught by Terri Racher. GOVT 2305 (American government) will be taught by Kyle Smith, and MATH 1314 (college algebra) will be taught by Stephanie Ducheneaux.

Night academic classes include PSYC 2301 (general psychology) taught by Dennis Cogan, and SPCH 1321 (business/professional speaking) taught by Helen Cogan.



READY TO SWAP - Joe Benavides of Jayton looks over his wares at the Snyder Wheels swap meet at the Scurry County Coliseum annex. The club's car show will be in the coliseum until 6 p.m. Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek recalls, it was Branch Rickey who said, "Any weather is good as long as you're around for it."

Our friend Flo Joyce up on 33rd Street claims to have seen about every kind of weather, but she would sorely like to see more rain.

Mrs. Joyce wrote:

"In a drought similar, if not worse that we are in now, and coming from a life of ranching, this story seems fitting."

The ranchers were having a terrible time keeping their cattle fed. In fact, many were selling off their cattle.

One guy in the group came into town driving a new Cadillac. His friends jumped on him and asked how he could buy a new car.

"I sold my feed sacks!"

The reason that we know summer is here is 'cause it never left. The winter of 1999-2000 will be remembered as the season that wasn't.

But as real summer approaches, we spied a small item in the respected Wall Street Journal that could cause panic among the sun lovers.

There could be a shortage of ice cream cones.

That's right. It strikes terror into the hearts of the young and young-at-heart.

Ace Baking Co., a cone maker in Green Bay, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, resulting in the shutdown of some plants.

Since the company produces more than half of the ice-cream cones consumed in the U.S., there is rising worries about a summer shortage of cones.

Others believe the shortage will be averted as competitors are rushing in to take up the slack.

The International Ice Cream Association in Washington says it's not worried - but that's the problem. Nobody in Washington frets over the important stuff.

And when swatting those pesky varmits this summer, it's important to be politically correct.

To help you know which bug to smash and which bugs to allow a reprieve, Texans may turn to the Texas Department of Agriculture web page on the Internet.

About $13,000 has been spent for an on-line picture gallery of as many as 5,000 of the most common insects in the state.

The goal is to help residents, especially those in agriculture, understand and control crop-eating pests.

But don't eliminate the good ones. That gnat in your iced tea may have been on a productive mission.

ASK US

Q—When is the SHS Junior-Senior Prom?
A—Saturday, April 1.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 76 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Saturday, 36; no precipitation; total for 2000, 1.83 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear, low, 30-35. S wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, sunny, high near 70. S wind 10-20 mph. gusty.



Charley Stewart
Windy

Sunset:
6:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:58 a.m.
Of 70 days in 2000, the sun has shone 69 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you. Never excuse yourself.
—Henry Ward Beecher

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New Boys and Girls Club program to help elderly

The Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County is in the process of implementing a teen-age program. The program will consist of six core areas designed to teach and train youth responsibility, reliability and respect.

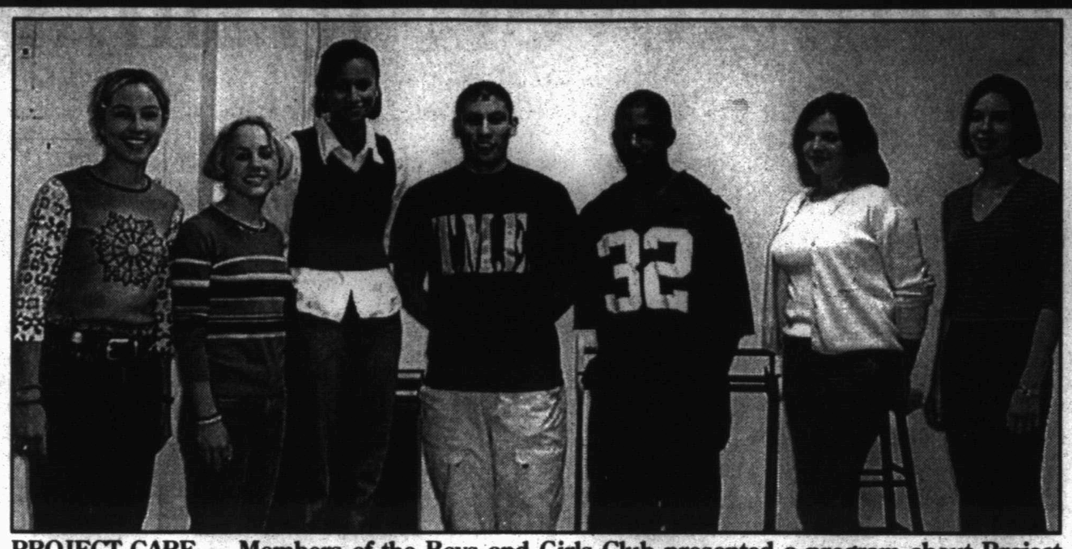
The primary objective of the program is to provide a positive, safe, educational and fun environment while developing leadership skills, character and work ethic within the youth.

Project CARE is one of the core areas of the teen program specifically designed to give teen-age members an opportunity to serve the community.

The program will be centered more on serving the elderly within the community, particularly shutins. The goal of Project CARE is to teach and train teens to give and serve with a good attitude as well as to show compassion for others.

The Boys and Girls Club plans to offer these services: mowing lawns, grocery shopping, housecleaning, board games and book reading, exercising if applicable, just visiting, and whatever else an individual may need.

The youth participating in the Project Care Program are eager to serve. If interested or in need of more information, call Stephanie McKnight at 573-3344. Club hours are from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.



PROJECT CARE — Members of the Boys and Girls Club presented a program about Project Care last week at the Senior Citizens Center. (See story.) From left are Morgan Miller, Bailey Stoker, Zaporah Peoples, Josh Montoya, Josh McGaha, Amanda Rose, Samantha Everett. (Staff Photo by JoAnn Nunley)

Dartmouth College absolves 78 students in cheating case

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Dartmouth College has absolved 78 students accused of cheating in an introductory computer science class.

After reviewing 500 pages of evidence and conducting extensive student interviews, the school's Committee on Standards said Friday the case was so confusing it was impossible to determine who was responsible.

Most students said they were unfairly set up by Rex Dwyer, an unpopular visiting professor from North Carolina State College.

They said they were tempted to cheat when the instructor left the answer to a complicated problem on the class Web site and displayed its Internet address on an overhead projector.

Dwyer did not return an e-mail message from The Boston Globe seeking comment.

Many of the students said they didn't respect the professor and often cracked jokes about him in class. But school officials said they don't believe he was out to get the students.

"I personally don't believe that Dwyer was seeking revenge," said college Dean James Larimore. "And regardless, students don't have any excuse to cheat."

Dwyer has resigned from the two classes he was teaching and school officials believe he has returned to his home in North Carolina.

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In 1985 the University of Alabama spent $8.6 million on its althletic department and $1.1 million on its physics department.

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Municipal Court

Twenty-eight people entered pleas in Snyder's Municipal Court on Monday to Municipal Judge Ben Smith.

The cases include a 16-year-old male who pleaded guilty to speeding. He requested to take defensive driving and his request was granted.

A 16-year-old female pleaded guilty to disregarding a stop sign. She paid fines and court costs totaling $82.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to failing to yield right of way and he was granted defensive driving.

A 15-year-old female was sentenced to three weeks of community service with the STAR Program for driving with no driver's license and disregarding a stop sign.

A 14-year-old pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to 20 hours of community service.

A guilty plea for minor consuming alcohol resulted in a 16-year-old female being ordered to attend an alcohol awareness class. She was also granted time to pay a fine of $149.

A 15-year-old female pleaded guilty to failure to identify and minor consuming alcohol. She was ordered to serve six weeks in the STAR Program.

Pleading guilty to failure to identify netted a 16-year-old female six weeks in the STAR boot camp.

A 19-year-old male was granted time to pay a $79 fine for failing to carry a driver's license.

A 29-year-old male pleaded no contest to speeding and requested deferred adjudication.

A 24-year-old male pleaded guilty to an expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear. He requested time to pay his fine and court costs totaling $213 with one day jail time credited to the amount.

A 41-year-old female pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and failure to appear. She requested community service.

A 67-year-old female pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and failure to appear. Her fine and court costs of $393 were paid in full.

A 27-year-old male pleaded no contest to failing to have liability insurance, no driver's license and failure to appear on both charges. He requested time to pay fines and court costs of $696.

A 36-year-old female pleaded guilty to running a stop sign and she was granted time to pay $191.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. He requested time to pay fines and court costs of $149.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to disregarding a stop sign and minor consuming alcohol. He requested to lay out his fine and court costs totaling $431 in jail.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor consuming alcohol. He requested time to pay $249 and he was sentenced to an alcohol awareness course, and had his driver's license suspended for 60 days.

A 19-year-old female pleaded guilty to minor consuming alcohol and she requested community service in lieu of paying fines and court costs. She was also sentenced to an alcohol awareness course and had her driver's license suspended for 30 days.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and he was given credit for time already served in jail.

An 18-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class C theft. She requested time to pay $174.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class C assault/family violence. He was given credit for one day in jail and he paid the balance of $49 in full.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and he agreed to lay out his fines in jail.

Five not guilty pleas were heard.

These include a 49-yeare-old male for speeding, a 20-year-old male for minor consuming alcohol, a 19-year-old female for minor consuming alcohol and a 21-year-old female for Class C assault.

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Man is arrested for conspiring to smuggle aliens

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has been arrested and charged with conspiring to smuggle undocumented immigrants.

Jim DeLong, 60, was taken into custody and his Coast Guard Auxiliary boat was seized after an investigation into a tip about suspicious activity last October near Port Mansfield.

A four-month investigation led to the discovery of 12 illegal immigrants staying in the boat, which was trailered at DeLong's home at Los Fresnos.

Agent John Trevino, who supervises the Border Patrol's alien smuggling unit in Brownsville, said Friday that DeLong had planned to use the boat to transport the aliens to Corpus Christi.

The Coast Guard itself is not suspected in the activities, and no other members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary are believed involved, Trevino said.

The Auxilary is a volunteer civilian group contracted by the Coast Guard.

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Sixty-three percent of women polled say that they decide what will be for dinner.

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You can purchase paintings created by chimpanzees at the gift shop of the Bronx Zoo in New York City.

Date Books

Saturday, March 11, 2000
Today is the 71st day of 2000 and the 81st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 105, Ts'ai Lun of China invented paper.

On this day in 1302, Romeo Monteveccio and Juliet Cappalleto were wed in Citadela, Italy. Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is based on their lives.

On this day in 1971, the voting age was lowered to 18.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothy Gish (1898-1968), actress; Lawrence Welk (1903-1992), musician; Harold Wilson (1916-1995), British statesman; Ralph Abernathy (1926-1990), civil-rights leader; Sam Donaldson (1934-), broadcast journalist, is 66; Antonin Scalia (1936-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 64; Bobby McFerrin (1950-), singer, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, a National Hockey League player received 67 minutes in penalties during a game between the Los Angeles Kings and the Philadelphia Flyers. The player received more minutes in penalties than there are minutes in a hockey game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The questions don't do the damage. Only the answers do." — Sam Donaldson, on presidential press conferences

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 6) and first quarter (March 13).

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Sunday, March 12, 2000
Today is the 72nd day of 2000 and the 82nd day of winter

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt broadcast the first of his weekly radio addresses to the nation. He called them "fireside chats."

On this day in 1951, the comic strip "Dennis the Menace" appeared in print for the first time.

On this day in 1974, the television action-fantasy "Wonder Woman" premiered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Vaslav Nijinsky (1890-1950), ballet dancer; Jack Kerouac (1922-1969), writer; Edward Albee (1928-), playwright, is 72; Andrew Young (1932-), U.S. politician, is 68; Al Jarreau (1940-), singer, is 60; Liza Minnelli (1946-), singer-actress, is 54; James Taylor (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Susan Butcher won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations." — Faith Baldwin

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (March 13).

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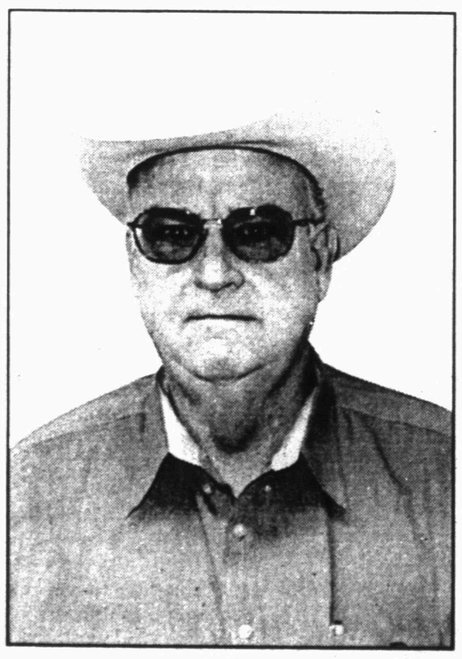
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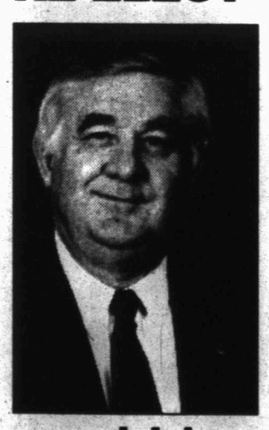
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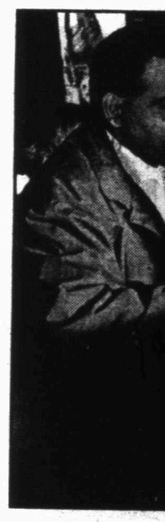
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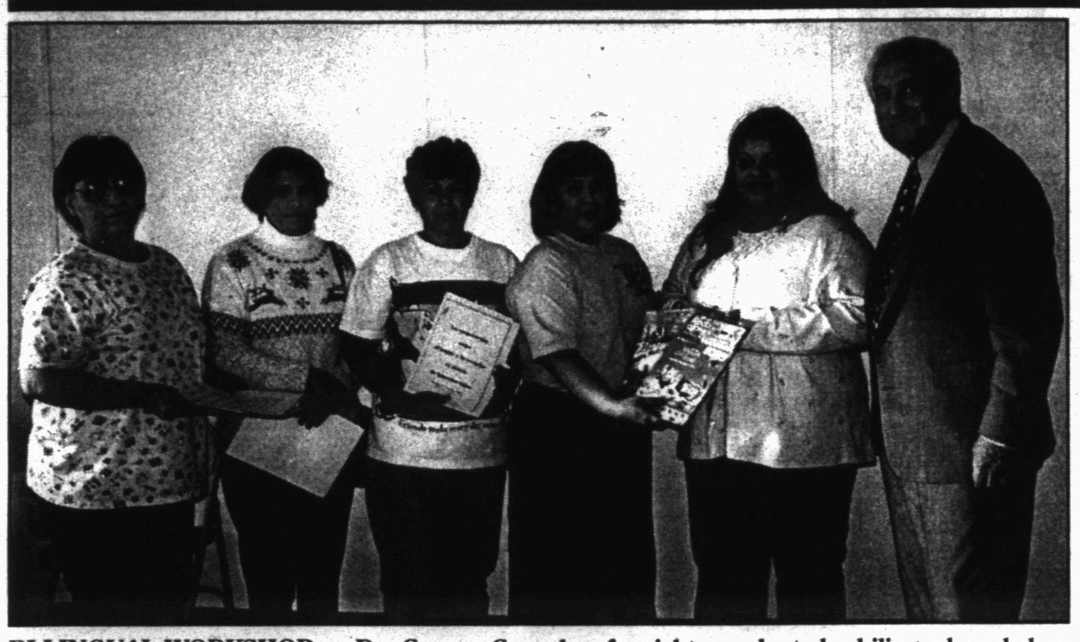
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BI-LINGUAL WORKSHOP — Dr. George Gonzales, far right, conducted a bilingual workshop last week. Some in attendance were from left, parents Margaret Rodriguez, Roxanna Arrellano, Delores Benitez, Central teacher Celia Barrera, and Vicky Martinez, also a parent. The workshop was sponsored by Northeast Elementary School. Parents received activity packets for their children and a book with cassette tape. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Tuesday's vote expected to be Texas-sized Bush victory

AUSTIN (AP) — With the Republican race almost to himself now, Gov. George W. Bush's home state primary will be a Texas-sized victory party Tuesday.

And the most recent opinion polls indicate the nation's second-largest state isn't likely to turn its back on its favorite son in November, either.

"He's coming home, he's got his pillow, he's got his bed and he's got a big win in sight," said Bill Miller, an Austin political consultant who's worked for Republicans and Democrats.

Noting Bush's confessed fondness for the comforts of home, Miller said the nation's second-largest state always has been an anchor in the governor's campaign strategy.

"Texas clearly is Bush country all the way. Top to bottom, left to right, this big state is owned by George W. Bush," Miller said. "In the primary and in November."

While his backers say Vice President Al Gore shouldn't be counted out, a Scripps Howard Texas Poll published March 4 indicates Texas could be an uphill fight for the Democrat.

The telephone survey of 1,000 people, conducted Feb. 9-25 with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, showed Bush leading Gore in a head-to-head matchup, 66 percent to 23 percent. Bush's personal popularity was even higher.

With all major opponents now out of the running, Bush and Gore will breeze through Tuesday's elections, where their races top unusually different primary ballots.

The GOP has one or more candidates in every statewide contest. But for the first time in more than 100 years, Democrats failed to field candidates in a majority of the statewide races. They're sitting out races for two Railroad Commission seats, three Supreme Court seats and one of three Court of Criminal Appeals seats.

Democratic Party officials say they are focusing on something more important — control of the Texas Legislature, which will draw new legislative and congressional district lines next year after the 2000 Census.

Republicans currently control the 31-member Senate, 16-15. Democrats rule the 150-member House, 78-72.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who first was elected in 1993, is unopposed in the Republican primary. Five little-known Democrats are vying for the nomination to challenge her.

Republicans also are voting on a non-binding referendum sparked by recent court rulings that banned student-led prayer before football games at Santa Fe Independent School District near Houston. The question asks: "Shall student-initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"

The Texas election is part of the so-called "Southern Tuesday" primaries, and Bush long had hoped to have the GOP nomination clinched by this time. The decision by Sen. John McCain to suspend campaigning puts him close to that goal.

After his victory over Democratic Gov. Ann Richards in 1994, Bush breezed to re-election in 1998, getting nearly 70 percent of the vote, and remains popular in his home state.

Since the 1960s, Texas has been home for presidents of both parties — Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson and Republican George Bush.



DONUTS WITH DAD — Elias Torres, left, and his son, Marcus Torres, enjoyed a Donuts For Dad breakfast last week at West Elementary. The treat was part of Texas Public School Week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MUFFINS — Katie Henson and her daughter, Courtney, enjoyed Muffins for Mom last week at West Elementary. The occasion helped celebrate Public Schools Week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Happy 13th Birthday Stephanie

Love, Mom & Dad



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 12, 2000

The year ahead could be a very interesting one for you, because events might take you down paths you've never explored previously. You might stumble upon hidden treasure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be sure the entire family is in accord before taking it upon yourself to decide a matter that may affect the other members. There could be heck to pay. Pisces, 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others can't be expected to believe in something of which you're uncertain, so, push aside unwarranted doubts today concerning one of your bright ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you find yourself involved today with someone who doesn't manage his or her resources prudently, don't be tempted to follow suit and spend what you can't afford.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make certain you have all the hatches batted down before getting others involved in a new project you're initiating today. If you're not prepared, they'll jump ship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Several old responsibilities you've sweep under the rug could rear their ugly heads today and threaten to block what you hope to accomplish. Clear them up without hesitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Protocol is just as important with friendships as it is with politics. Be mindful today so that you don't slight an old pal for a new one you've met recently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not have much to boast about at the end of the day if you aren't self-reliant today. You're unlikely to receive much support from others at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sounding out your ideas on people who are usually negative about anything new is a bad idea. Your enthusiasm could be dashed before you even get it off the drawing board.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Examine closely any commercial or business deal you're contemplating today before entering into one. Take nothing for granted and check out all the fine points.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you appreciate the value of compromise for mutual advantages, you usually strive to be very cooperative. However, today your stance could be surprisingly unyielding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be a doer today, but also be aware of your limitations. Otherwise, you could find yourself involved in something beyond your scope or skills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone you meet today may not be all this person pretends to be. If you find him or her appealing, take more time to get to know this individual better.

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Monday, March 13, 2000

Lady Luck will be sending you off to a good start as your annual birthday cycle begins. It behooves you not to dilly-dally your time away; end the coming year as a winner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Face-to-face get-togethers hold the best odds for successful negotiations today. Instead of trying to make important arrangements over the telephone, do so in person. Major changes are ahead for Pisces 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you have something to sell, try to make your pitch today. Buyers are likely to see more value in it now than they will later in the week, when conditions change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though you may not fully appreciate it, people with whom you'll be involved today will instantly recognize your leadership qualities. Utilize these qualities to the fullest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although you're likely to be especially lucky today where your material interests are concerned, you're apt to play the smallest role in what transpires to make this so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The more the merrier will suit you to a "T" today, even in the work place. You'll function best in situations where you can brainstorm with familiar and new associates alike.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Shoot for something big today while lady luck is in your corner. The areas in which you're likely to be the most fortunate will have to do with your ambitions or your career.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be the most successful today when you try to help others reach goals you would want for yourself. Make this your priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone who isn't always generous with you or others may surprise you today by being willing to share what she or he has gained. There's good in everybody.

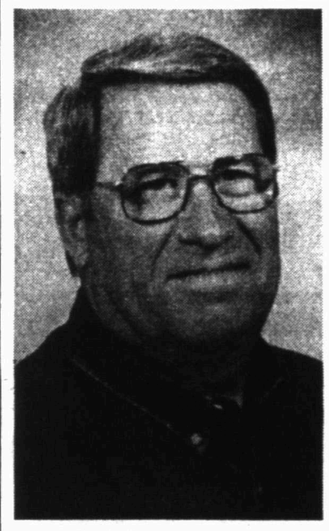
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be afraid to make the hard decisions today, because your ability to fairly evaluate all sides of an issue are especially keen, making your judgments equally so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something in which you are presently involved could yield a greater financial gain than usual today. Analyze and work on this enterprise with greater expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even if you like to do things solo, you might be wise today to develop a few partnership arrangements. There are larger strides to be made in numbers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Delays could diminish some of the advantages you have going for you. Do not postpone putting the finishing touches on important matters that can be finalized today.

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Financial Focus

The recent volatility in the stock market brought out a fact that many people had almost forgotten: stocks can go down as well as up.

For most of the 1990's, we had an almost continuous bull market, which has led to record amounts being invested in stocks. Many of these investors have had little experience with a bear market. Consequently, if they suspect one is coming, they may be tempted to look for "safer" alternatives, such as savings accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), money market funds and Treasury securities.

Are these types of investments completely safe? It's true that they will generally protect your principal, and they do pay a fixed rate of return. But they might not keep pace with inflation, which, although low in recent years, has not disappeared. Over time, you could lose significant purchasing power through these so-called "safe" vehicles.

You can clearly see this risk by reviewing the historical "real" rates of return -- the rate of return after inflation -- for various investments. From 1926 through 1998, the annual average inflation rate was 3.1 percent. Here's how different investments fared during this same period:

* "Cash" instruments, such as short-term U.S. Treasury bills, averaged a 3.9 percent return, producing a "real" rate of return of just .8 percent.

* Long-term corporate bonds returned 5.7 percent, for a real rate of return of 2.6 percent.

*Stocks, as measured by the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index, returned 11.2 percent, resulting in a real rate of return of 8.1 percent.

As you can see, only stocks significantly outpaced inflation. But that gets us back to where we started -- the price fluctuations associated with investing in stocks. The fact is that you simply cannot get the high returns of stocks without taking on some risk. Stock prices will unquestionably jump up and down on a daily, monthly and yearly basis. They always have and they always will.

But keep this in mind: The longer you hold your stocks, the more this volatility will even out. It has been proven that time significantly lessens the effects of the extreme price swings that transpire over the short term. And, over the long term, the stock market has always trended up.

Apart from time, you have one other effective weapon against volatility: diversification. By spreading your investment dollars among many types of stocks, you will lower the risk of being caught in a downturn that affects just one group. And by adding bonds, you can help reduce the volatility of your portfolio. The greater your asset mix, the better off you're likely to be.

Ultimately, when it comes to investing, safety is in the eye of the beholder. In other words, your idea of safety depends somewhat on whether you seek long-term growth or the guaranteed return of your principal. Perhaps the most secure strategy is to build a well-diversified portfolio that contains all types of investments -- from the volatile to the predictable, and everything in between.

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Gore, Bush take Utah and Colorado

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush won uncontested victories in the Colorado and Utah presidential primaries, but their attention is clearly focused on the general election eight months away, rather than the remaining two dozen state contests.

Friday's two primaries and GOP county conventions, plus a straw poll in Wyoming, were elements of a failed effort to set a common voting date for nine Rocky Mountain and Western states and give them a bigger say in the nomination process.

In this case, it might have been moot since Gore's remaining opponent, Bill Bradley, and Bush's main Republican challenger, Sen. John McCain, withdrew from the race after Super Tuesday defeats.

Democratic caucases were being held Saturday in Michigan and Minnesota. A Democratic primary in Arizona was attracting a bit of special interest because for the first time, there was the option of voting over the Internet beginning last Tuesday.

In Colorado and Utah, Gore and Bush won predictable landslides, although McCain and Bradley each stood to gain a handful of delegates since they were awarded in proportion to the popular vote.

—With all Colorado precincts reporting, Bush had 65 percent of the vote, McCain 27 percent and Alan Keyes 7 percent. Bush was leading for 28 delegates, McCain for 12. Gore won 71 percent of the Democratic vote to 23 percent for Bradley. Gore led for 44 Democratic delegates to 7 for Bradley.

—In Utah, with 99 percent of precincts reporting, Bush polled 63 percent, Keyes 20 percent and McCain 15 percent. Even a distant second place would be Keyes' best outing of the season. Bush got all 29 GOP delegates in Utah. For the Democrats, Gore had 81 percent of the vote to Bradley's 19 percent. Gore won 21 delegates to Bradley's three.

The Wyoming GOP county conventions did not bind the 22 delegates, but Bush won 19 of them, McCain two and Keyes one.

After Friday's primaries, Bush had 701 of the 1,034 delegates needed to win the nomination. Gore had 1,587; it takes 2,170 to install the Democratic nominee.

The Western delegates push Bush and Gore closer to majorities by which the national conventions will ratify the primaries that were settled in only six weeks, when both men won overwhelmingly in the 16 contests of Super Tuesday. Gore swept, Bush won all but four GOP contests, and both races were over.

Bush and Gore were evenly matched in a CNN-Time poll released Friday, Gore with the backing of 48 percent of registered voters and Bush with 46 percent. The poll, taken after Tuesday's results, also showed the two candidates closely matched on public perception of their strengths as candidates.

Exit polls from Colorado and Utah showed voters mostly satisfied with a Bush-Gore matchup in November. Fewer than one-fifth said they would consider a third-party candidate. Voters were surveyed as they left the polling places by Voter News Service, a consortium of The Associated Press and television networks.

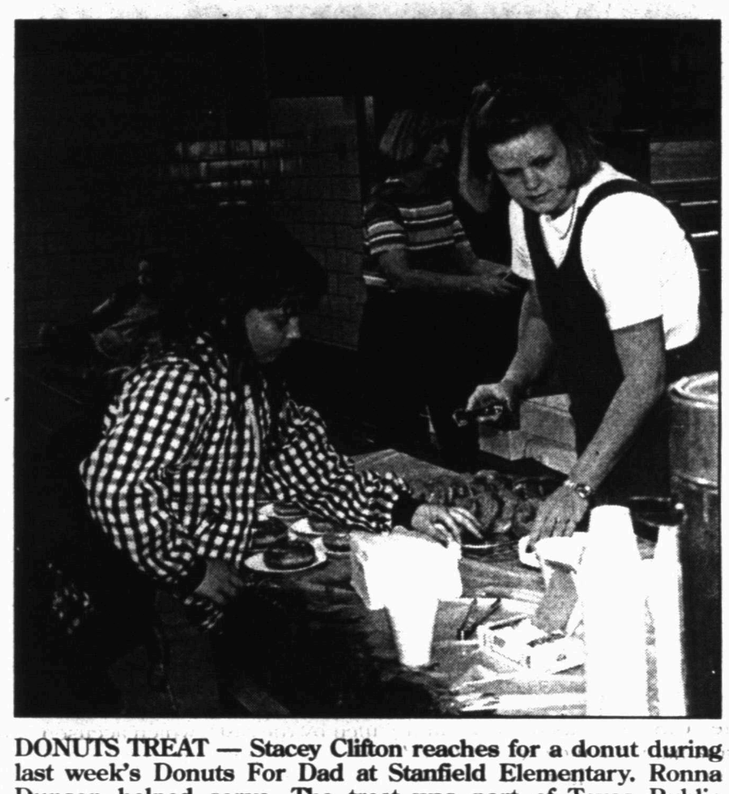
In both states, conservatives made up two-thirds of the Republican primary electorate — a bigger share than in any other GOP contest with exit polls this year except the Iowa caucuses.

The exit poll showed Bush stronger on a question that had nagged in the earlier primary states, with four out of five Colorado and Utah voters saying he knows enough to serve effectively as president. There was more skepticism among people who called themselves independents, the bloc that had boosted McCain. About 30 percent expressed doubts on Bush's ability.

Along with the delegates, the rest of the primary schedule offers something of a framework for the national campaigns.



BUSY SCHEDULE — David Naizer and his daughter, Sadye Naizer, help themselves to donuts at West Elementary. Right afterwards, Naizer enjoyed the same treat at Stanfield with his son, Seth Naizer. The Donuts For Dad breakfast was part of Texas Public Schools week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



DONUTS TREAT — Stacey Clifton reaches for a donut during last week's Donuts For Dad at Stanfield Elementary. Ronna Dunson helped serve. The treat was part of Texas Public School Week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Trial is recessed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police who allowed a bank robber to bleed to death after a wild bank robbery shootout got away with murder, an attorney told a federal court jury.

"You can't let them get away with that. Their conduct was atrocious," attorney Stephen Yagman said in closing arguments Friday.

Yagman represents the family of Emil Matasareanu, 30, who died after being wounded in the 1997 shootout following a North Hollywood bank robbery.

Survivors have sued the city and retired policemen John Futrell and James Vojtecky, claiming that Matasareanu was denied medical treatment in violation of his civil rights. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

The jury is scheduled to begin deliberations Monday.

On Friday, the defense hammered away at what they said was the robbers' responsibility for the violent attack.

Eleven officers and six civilians were wounded as Matasareanu, 30, and Larry Eugene Phillips Jr., 26, both wearing body armor, tried to get away by firing automatic weapons at police. The shootout lasted nearly an hour.

Phillips died when he shot himself and was hit by police gunfire at the same time. Matasareanu was brought down in a firefight in the street where he eventually died.

School board, principal have to pay $1 million judgment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal jury has ordered the Alexandria School Board and a former elementary school principal to pay more than $1 million to a former student who was molested by a teacher for years.

The jury found that the principal and the school board had been "deliberately indifferent" to signs that one of their teachers was a child molester.

The school board was ordered to pay $700,000 to Jackson Baynard, who was abused by the teacher starting in 1990 when he was a sixth-grader at Charles Barrett Elementary School. Catherine Malone, the Barrett principal at the time, was liable for $350,000.

Baynard, now 20, had sued the school system and several administrators, including Malone, saying that they had been warned that teacher Craig Lawson was a child molester and that they should have prevented the abuse. Lawson is serving a 30-year sentence for sex crimes against four students who attended schools where he worked.

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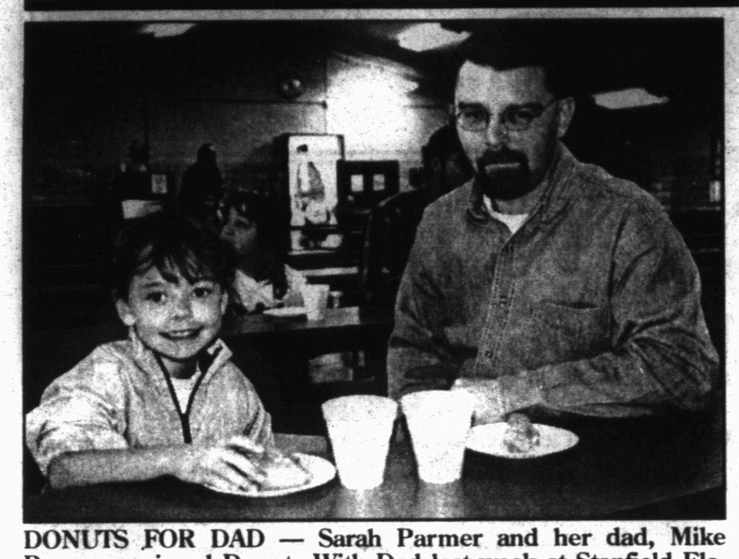
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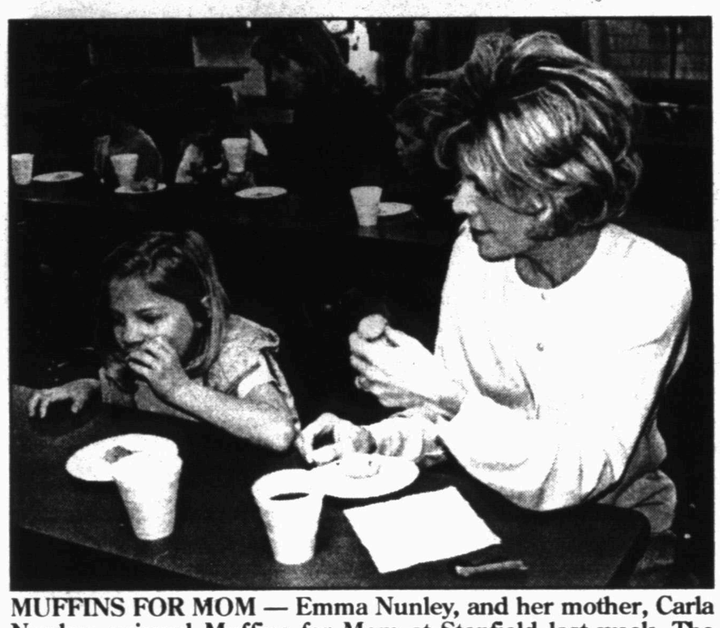
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DONUTS FOR DAD — Sarah Parmer and her dad, Mike Parmer, enjoyed Donuts With Dad last week at Stanfield Elementary. The occasion was held in conjunction with Texas Public School Week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MUFFINS FOR MOM — Emma Nunley, and her mother, Carla Nunley, enjoyed Muffins for Mom at Stanfield last week. The special treat was part of Texas Public School Week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dallas fugitive caught

DALLAS (AP) — A fugitive financier accused of bilking elderly oil-and-gas investors out of millions of dollars was turned over to the FBI Friday by Panamanian authorities.

Brent A. Wagman was taken into custody about noon after the U.S. Embassy, FBI and Panamanian police set a trap for him, a senior law-enforcement official in Panama told The Dallas Morning News.

He was contacted by an unidentified embassy official and invited to lunch at a seaside hotel. When he arrived, he was captured by Panamanian police. He was later taken to Panama's international airport, formally deported and handed over to FBI agents.

In Dallas, Assistant U.S. Attorney Leonard Senerote confirmed to the newspaper that Wagman was in federal custody.

The former Celina, Texas, resident was flown to Miami Friday night, where he was expected to have an initial court hearing on Monday. As a fugitive, Wagman is not eligible for release on bail, U.S. officials said.

In a Dallas lawsuit, Wagman is accused by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission of fraudulently obtaining $30 million from more than 100 elderly oil-and-gas investors across the country. The FBI has had Wagman under investigation since before August.

Authorities said in July that more than 500 people poured the money into Wagman's ventures over three years. His companies include Dallas-based Redbank Petroleum and AmeriTech Petroleum Inc.

Citing the criminal investigation, Wagman refused to testify last summer in the civil action filed by the SEC, which accused him of operating an illegal Ponzi scheme.

In a letter sent to investors less than two weeks before the SEC lawsuit, Wagman said their money would be returned.

Wagman fled with his family to Panama after he was ordered to turn over his records and assets to federal authorities.

In a written statement issued this week, he declined to be interviewed by The Dallas Morning News.

On the day of the arrest, the newspaper reported that the former Dallas area resident was leading the typical life of a well-to-do American executive in Panama, weekending on the Caribbean coast with prominent businessmen.

USDA offices to join

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department announced plans Friday to combine its agencies' state offices in 25 states and Puerto Rico to save about $9 million a year in administrative costs and make it easier for people to get services.

After the consolidation, state offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and rural development programs will all be located at a single site in each state. No jobs are to be cut as a result.

In some states, such as Texas, North Dakota and Wisconsin, the state offices for the various agencies are located in different cities. In other places, such as Des Moines, Iowa, the offices are housed in different buildings in the same city.

Moving the offices together "will help us provide better, more efficient, less costly service to our customers," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

But the announcement immediately raised concerns in Congress. Republican and Democratic leaders of the House Agriculture Committee said they would hold a hearing on the consolidations and also have them reviewed by the General Accounting Office.

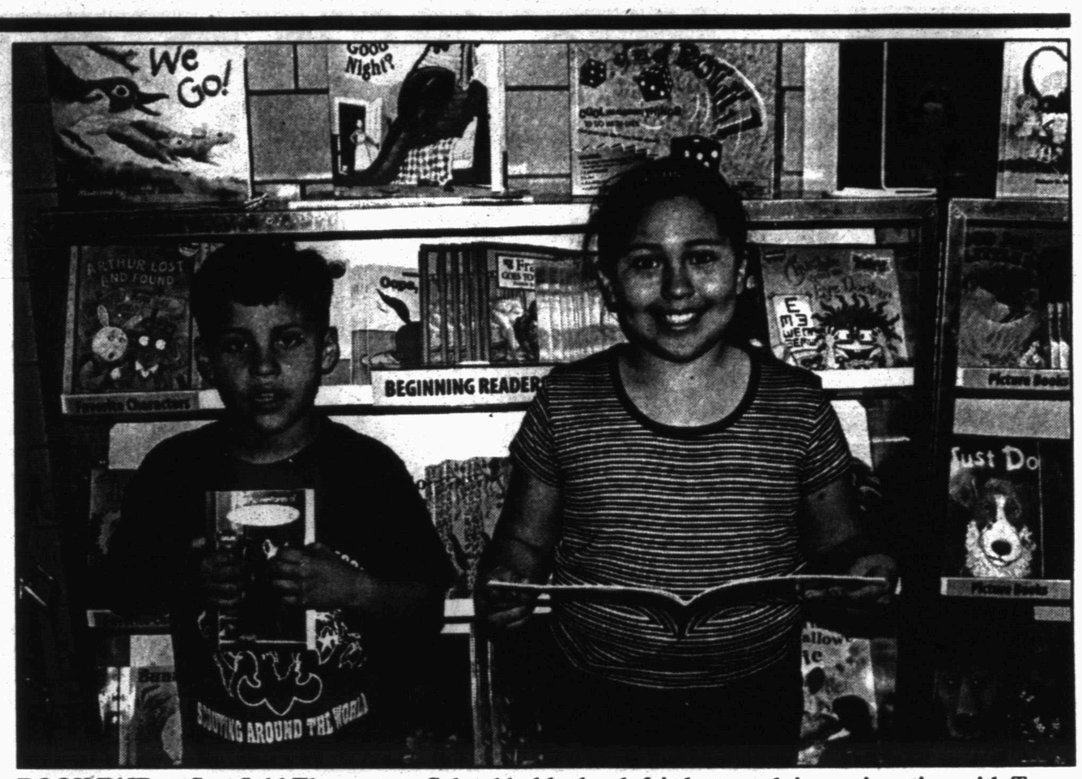
The panel's chairman, Larry Combest, R-Texas, and ranking Democrat, fellow Texan Charles Stenholm, issued a joint statement saying they were concerned "that the process USDA used to select the statewide headquarters did not result in the best use of taxpayer dollars."

In Texas, USDA's state offices are now located in Temple and College Station, neither of which is in Combest's or Stenholm's districts. Under USDA's plan, the offices would be consolidated in Temple two years from now.

Congress required USDA six years ago to start streamlining its field operations. But farm-state lawmakers have criticized job reductions in county offices as excessive.

The consolidations of state offices are to start this year in Palmer, Alaska; Phoenix; Storrs, Conn.; Des Moines; Champaign, Ill.; Jackson, Miss.; Durham, N.H.; Lincoln, Neb.; Portland, Ore.; Hato Rey, Puerto Rico; Nashville, Tenn.; Burlington, Vt.; and Casper, Wyo.

During the 2001 budget year, which starts Oct. 1, state offices will be consolidated in Bismarck, N.D.; Trenton, N.J.; Reno, Nev.; Spokane, Wash.; and Madison, Wis.



BOOK FAIR — Stanfield Elementary School held a book fair last week in conjunction with Texas Public School Week. Edward Yruegas and Alex Yruegas paused to look at books during open house. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Mother defends herself after son found in squalor

DALLAS (AP) — The mother of an invalid who was hospitalized after police said they found him living in horrific squalor said she was overwhelmed with the demands of his care.

Police found Demetrius Northern by happenstance on Wednesday when they were searching a Dallas neighborhood for a car thief. His mother said she spoke with officers and let them in. A few minutes later, they arrested her.

Authorities said the house contained scurrying rats, buzzing flies, and bags of trash and newspaper stacked 5 feet high. Northern, 30 years old and mute, was lying on an old mattress soiled with feces and urine. He weighed only 90 pounds.

His mother, Theresa Northern, was charged with injury to an invalid, with a notation of significant bodily injury, said Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokesman Ed Spencer. The crime is a felony punishable by up to 99 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

"I'm not proud of the kind of house we had," she said in an interview with The Dallas Morning News after she was jailed at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center. "But I did the best I could."

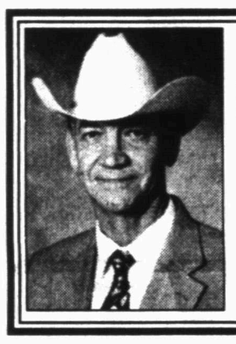
"I want people to know that no matter what, I love my son," she said in comments reported in the newspaper's Saturday editions.

Theresa Northern said her son suffered from seizures so violent that she had to hold him to keep him from breaking things.

She said they had plenty of food but that he often refused to eat. She denied police accounts that he could not walk or talk.

"We'd walk down to the store together. But he doesn't walk anymore. He hasn't walked in three months, I think," she said.

Demetrius Northern was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he has been listed in fair condition.



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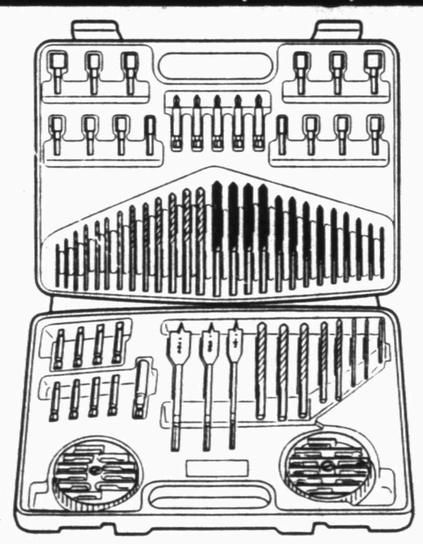


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SPORTS



SWINGING THE BAT — Snyder's Courtney Rinehart puts the ball in play Friday during district action against Andrews at Cates Field. The Lady Tigers mauled the Lady Mustangs, 11-1, in five innings to even their district record at 1-1. Rinehart pitched all five innings for the Lady Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers pummel Lady Mustangs, 11-1

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

After a lackluster performance on Tuesday that cost them a district win, the Snyder Lady Tigers looked like an entirely different team Friday night.

Snyder hammered out eight hits and committed only one error en route to a convincing 11-1 victory over Andrews at Cates Field.

Andrews' Emily Rampone belted the second pitch of the game over left field fence, but after that it was all Lady Tigers. Snyder needed only five innings to take care of the Lady Mustangs, ending the game on the 10-run mercy rule.

"This performance was more indicative of our team," said Snyder coach Robbie Dickenson. "Tonight, the girls were more focused and a lot more aggressive. They didn't let Andrews dictate the action. This is the way we want to play all year, and it's the way you have to play to be successful in district."

The home run was Andrews' only offense of the night, as Snyder pitcher Courtney Rinehart and her defensive mates made short work of the Lady Mustangs' lineup.

Rinehart fanned four batters and never surrender a walk, while Snyder's infield gobbled up anything put into play.

Freshman shortstop Shelley Fisk assisted on six put outs, including a double play in which she snared a line drive then threw out a Lady Mustang before she could make it back to first base.

At the plate, Fisk was equally impressive. The freshman went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBIs.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, Snyder took the lead for good in the bottom of the frame on Fisk's double and a single by Whitney Webb. Andrews committed two errors in the inning to fuel the rally.

The Lady Tigers exploded for five more runs in the fourth on three hits, a pair of walks and two more Lady Mustang miscues.

Holding an 8-1 advantage entering the bottom of the fifth, Snyder needed only three runs to end the game.

Webb drove in the first two when she belted a single to left to score Jennifer Newman and Chaelyn Robinson. Webb finished the night with a pair of hits and scored three runs.

Three batters later, Kristin Martinez ended the game with a single to center field that scored Webb.

The win improves the Lady Tigers to 9-8 on the year and 1-1 in district play.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday at the Arlington tournament.

Andrews	ab	r	h	bi
Rampone 3b	3	1	1	1
Ruiz 2b	2	0	0	0
James lf	2	0	0	0
Acosta c	2	0	2	0
Tarango dh	2	0	0	0
Baeza ss	2	0	1	0
Minatra cf	2	0	0	0
Figueroa rf	2	0	0	0
Rinker 1b	2	0	1	0
Totals	**19**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	3	3	2	2
Rinehart p	4	0	0	0
L.Martinez cr	0	1	0	0
Mackey cf	4	2	2	1
K.Martinez dh	4	2	2	2
Fisk ss	3	0	2	4
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0
Newman 1b	3	1	0	0
Robinson c	1	2	0	0
Harrmeyer 2b	1	0	0	0
Tomlinson 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**11**	**8**	**9**

Andrews	1	0	0	0	0	—	1	5	6
Snyder	3	0	0	5	3	—	11	8	1

One out when winning run scored.
DP - Snyder 1. LOB - Andrews 3, Snyder 4. 2B - Fisk. HR - Rampone.

Andrews	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ruiz	1/3	1	3	2	0	0
Pool	4	7	8	2	3	5
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Rinehart	5	5	1	1	0	4

Marino decides to call it quits

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino, the master of the two-minute drill, is ready to admit the clock has run out.

The future Hall of Famer will announce his retirement Monday, ending a 17-year career with the Miami Dolphins.

Marino, 38, badly wanted to go out like John Elway and retire as a Super Bowl champion. But after parting ways with the Dolphins, Marino reluctantly rejected an offer to play this year for the Minnesota Vikings.

Friends said Marino turned the deal down because of his bad knees, his loyalty to the Dolphins and his unwillingness to be separated from his wife and five children for an extended time.

"We can't pick and choose how we go out,' former Miami quarterback Bob Griese said. "The way John Elway did it would be the ideal way, but lots of others go out on low notes.

"I know what he's going through, and it's tough to walk away. But after he does it, he'll feel better. Everybody will remember the good times."

Minnesota coach Dennis Green, in Tampa for a meeting of the NFL competition committee, said Marino called him Friday.

"He informed me that he plans to announce his retirement, and I wished him the best of luck," Green said. "I still think he has the ability to play, but he made the decision based on what he thought was right, and I respect him for that."

Marino, who hasn't spoken publicly in nearly three weeks, played golf Friday in a private charity event held by Greg Norman in Hobe Sound, Fla.

Receiver Lamar Thomas said the Dolphins will miss Marino.

"We all look up to him," Thomas said. "I'm kind of shocked. I was hoping he'd play another year. It sent chills up my spine playing with him. He's such a competitor."

Marino's place in history will be the subject of endless debates. Some of his records could last for decades, including NFL career marks for touchdowns (420), yardage (61,361) and completions (4,967).

In 1984, his second season, the brash young quarterback threw for 5,084 yards and 48 touchdowns, league records that still stand. But that season ended in disappointment as Miami lost to San Francisco 38-16 in the Super Bowl.

In a TV commercial taped later, Marino took a soda from 49ers quarterback Joe Montana.

"Next time, I buy," Marino said. He spent the next 15 years trying unsuccessfully to return to the title game.

So where does he rank among quarterbacks?

"He should be No. 1, because he's got all the passing records," said Don Shula, his coach for 13 years. "Sure he would have loved to have gone out with a Super Bowl ring similar to Elway. That didn't happen. But you still look at a 17-year career, and he's done things no other quarterbacks have done."

Marino's relationship with the Dolphins soured his final season. He was the target of unprecedented criticism from coach Jimmy Johnson, and they feuded as the team faded.

Marino played poorly in a 62-7 playoff loss at Jacksonville, the most lopsided defeat in franchise history. Johnson retired the next day, and new coach Dave Wannstedt dealt awkwardly with what he termed "the Dan thing."

The Dolphins will stage Marino's retirement news conference, and given the acrimony of recent months, it will be interesting to see how heartily Marino and the organization reconcile.

"All of that stuff will be forgotten," predicted Miami sportscaster Joe Rose, who caught Marino's first touchdown pass in 1983. "It'll be a hug-fest."

Snyder's JV boys card 359 at Sweetwater event

SWEETWATER — Snyder's junior varsity boys found itself up against some stiff competition at the Sweetwater Invitational golf tournament.

One of only three JV squads entered in the 14-team field, Snyder fired a 359 Friday to sit in 12th place after the first round.

Vaughn Wiggins paced the Tigers with an 83, while Tanner Beard carded an 84.

Jason Williams turned in an 88, with Nathan Hines tallying a 104 and James Mills finishing with a 116.

Sweetwater's varsity posted a 291 to take the first-round lead. Midland Lee was second, followed by Merkel.

The final round was scheduled for Saturday morning.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	38	23	.623	—
New York	37	24	.607	1
Philadelphia	34	26	.567	3½
Orlando	29	32	.475	9
Boston	26	35	.426	12
New Jersey	26	36	.419	12½
Washington	20	43	.317	19
Central Division				
Indiana	43	19	.694	—
Toronto	35	26	.574	7½
Charlotte	34	28	.548	9
Detroit	30	30	.500	12
Milwaukee	29	33	.468	14
Cleveland	25	36	.410	17½
Atlanta	23	37	.383	19
Chicago	13	48	.213	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	41	20	.672	—
San Antonio	40	22	.645	1½
Minnesota	36	25	.590	5
Denver	26	35	.426	14½
Dallas	24	37	.393	17
Houston	24	37	.393	17
Vancouver	18	44	.290	23½
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	51	11	.823	—
Portland	46	15	.754	4½
Phoenix	39	22	.639	11½
Seattle	38	25	.603	13½
Sacramento	36	25	.590	14½
Golden State	16	45	.262	34½
L.A. Clippers	12	50	.194	39

x-clinched playoff berth

Friday's Games
Boston 104, Chicago 74
New York 82, Philadelphia 77
San Antonio 106, Washington 99, OT
Indiana 95, Cleveland 92
New Jersey 108, Milwaukee 80
Miami 96, Denver 88
Detroit 111, Vancouver 97
Utah 99, Phoenix 96
Seattle 99, Golden State 85
Charlotte 118, L.A. Clippers 101
Sacramento 103, Toronto 88

Saturday's Games
Vancouver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 6 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Calipari headed to Memphis

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia 76ers assistant coach John Calipari, formerly the head coach of the New Jersey Nets and the University of Massachusetts, will take over as head coach at Memphis. Calipari confirmed the move after the 76ers' loss to the New York Knicks. A press conference was to be held at Memphis today.

Pistons honor Dumars

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons honored Joe Dumars, retiring his No. 4 before their game with the Vancouver Grizzlies. Dumars is the fifth member of the 1989 and 1990 championship teams to be honored, joining Isiah Thomas, Vinnie Johnson, Bill Laimbeer and coach Chuck Daly.

Nuggets' forward fined

NEW YORK (AP) — Denver Nuggets forward Chris Gatling was fined $5,000 by the NBA as a result of his ejection from a game Wednesday night against Detroit for knocking the Pistons' John Crotty to the ground.

K-State coach quits

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas State coach Tom Asbury, who was 0-20 against archrival Kansas and kept insisting he would never resign, quit with two years left on his contract. Asbury's resignation came one day after Kansas State completed a 9-19 campaign by losing 84-60 to the Jayhawks in the Big 12 tournament.

Asbury's firing with two years left on his contract had been expected for at least two months as the Wildcats fell into a school-record 11-game losing streak and home attendance went into a nosedive.

Tyson to fight in Milan

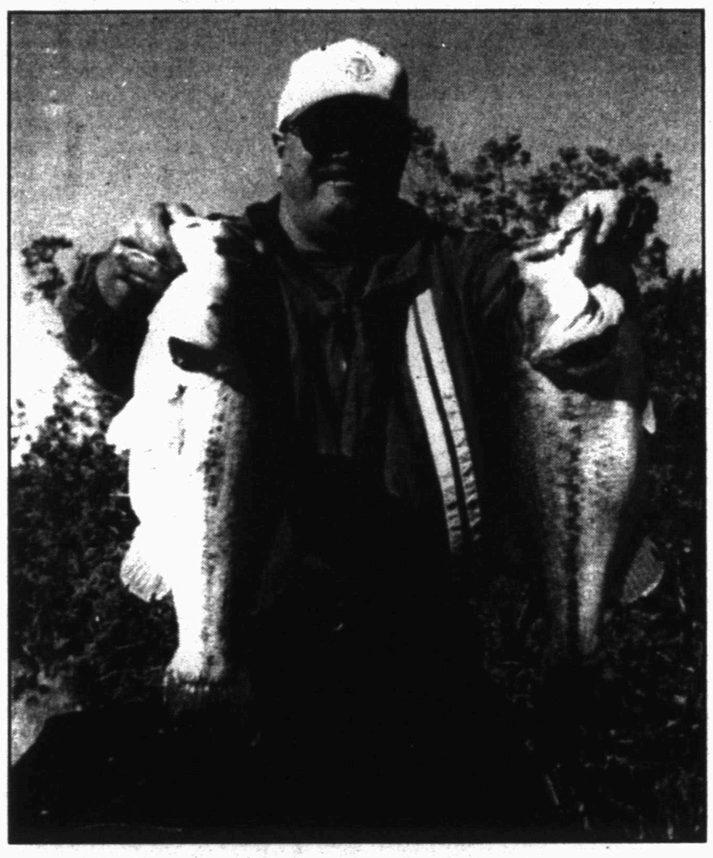
NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson's European tour will resume May 20, when the former heavyweight champion fights Lou Savarese in Milan, Italy. The fight originally was proposed for April 8 in Milan, but the date was moved back because Tyson reportedly wanted more time to prepare.







SPORTS



TOP ANGLER — Lane Martin holds up his two catches that secured him top honors at the Snyder Bass Club tournament. Martin won $150 for catching the two fish that weighed 8.5 pounds and 7.3 pounds. Ronnie Lindsey took second place and won $75 with a fish of 5.65 pounds. The next tourney is scheduled for next Saturday at Lake Alan Henry. (Contributed Photo)

At Snyder Baseball Tournament...

Tigers fall to Permian, top CHS

After dropping their second consecutive game to open the Snyder Baseball Tournament, the Tigers and Head Coach Roland Herrera had long talk about baseball and life in general.

The meeting must have been a success, because the Tigers righted their ship and got back on the winning track in their next outing.

Snyder fell to Odessa Permian, 7-2, before answering with a 10-5 victory over Childress on Friday at Ira's Bulldog Field.

After falling to Perryton and Permian to open the event, Herrera felt the team meeting was in order.

"We have good kids on this team who weren't playing up to the level of their capabilities, and I wanted to know why," said Herrera. "It was a calm discussion. We talked about how there are going to be peaks and valleys all the way through life. You just have to figure out how to get out of the valley when you get there.

"The kids said they were putting a lot of pressure on themselves. I told them. 'Guys, baseball is supposed to be fun. This is a kid's game. No matter what level you're playing at, it's still a child's game. You're supposed to enjoy it, but when you put so much pressure on yourself, it takes all of the fun out of it.'"

The Tigers took the speech to heart, settling down to pound out 12 hits against Childress.

Nine Tigers slapped base hits, with Josh Ward, Jesse Haines and John Ortegon notching two apiece. Both of Ward's hits were doubles.

Snyder jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second inning, then added another run in the fifth and four more in the sixth.

Sophomore Tito Alaniz went the distance on the mound, surrendering eight hits and two walks to go along with 10 strikeouts.

Against Permian, the Tigers still showed the effects of the opening-round setback to Perryton.

Snyder mustered only five hits and didn't score until its final at bat.

"It was like we were still playing the Perryton game," Herrera said. "We couldn't hit the ball and we made too many errors."

Sonny Cumbie worked all six inning on the hill, allowing only four hits, while walking five batters striking out nine.

Four of Permian's seven runs were unearned, due to four Tiger errors in the field.

R.J. Hernandez paced Snyder at the plate with a pair of singles.

The Tigers were to have faced Crane Saturday afternoon in Ira.

In other tournament action, Pampa earned a spot in the title game by knocking off Perryton.

Perryton will now face Dumas or West in the semifinals to decide Pampa's opponent in the championship.

The title tilt was scheduled for Saturday at 4:30 at Moffett Field.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon 3b	2	0	0	0
Hernandez 3b	1	0	1	1
Haines dh	2	0	2	1
Burk dh	2	0	0	0
Cumbie c	4	1	1	0
Jones lf	2	0	0	0
Burleson lf	2	1	1	0
Grimmett cf	2	0	0	0
Alaniz p	2	1	1	1
Ward ss	4	2	2	1
Beck 1b	1	2	0	0
McMillian 1b	1	0	0	0
Gordon rf	2	1	1	1
McGuire rf	2	0	1	1
Ortegon 2b	2	2	2	0
Allred 2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**10**	**12**	**6**

Childress	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	—	5 8 4
Snyder	0	4	0	0	1	4	x	—	10 12 4

2B - Ward (2), Hernandez, McGuire.

Childress	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Timmons	3	5	5	3	2	3
Ramon	3	7	5	5	2	1
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Alaniz	7	8	5	2	2	10

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon c	3	0	1	0
Jones lf	3	0	1	0
Cumbie p	4	0	1	2
Grimmett cf	4	0	0	0
Beck 1b	3	0	0	0
Ward ss	3	0	0	0
Haines dh	2	1	0	0
Hernandez 3b	3	0	2	0
Gordon rf	2	1	0	0
Totals	**27**	**2**	**5**	**2**

Snyder	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—	2 5 4
Permian	1	1	2	0	0	3	x	—	7 4 2

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cumbie	6	4	7	3	5	9
Permian	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Mineo	7	5	2	2	3	8

Cowboys sign unstable free agent Underwood

IRVING (AP) — After successfully rehabilitating Alonzo Spellman's career following a mental illness, the Dallas Cowboys are hoping to do it again with Dimitrius Underwood.

The 6-foot-6, 280-pound defensive end signed a two-year contract Friday with the Cowboys, his third organization in less than a year.

"After looking at everything, Dallas just looked like the right place for Dimitrius," Robert Huebner, Underwood's agent, said. "It was a really good opportunity."

A big lure was the team's player program department, a unit headed by former Cowboys star Calvin Hill. That group helped Spellman become a quality player again after off-field problems knocked him out of the NFL.

"It is common knowledge that he succeeded there. That part is something we took into consideration," Huebner said.

Huebner said other teams were interested, but he focused on Dallas. Asked if Underwood can be ready by opening day, Huebner said: "That is our intent."

Underwood already has had a checkered career and he's yet to play in a real game.

Since Minnesota made him the overall 29th pick in last season's draft, Underwood: left camp the day after signing a lucrative contract; was waived after saying he didn't want football; signed with Miami; got hurt; tried killing himself; checked into a mental health center and escaped that night; then was released again.

The Cowboys seem to be an unlikely match considering owner Jerry Jones' desire to avoid players with troubled reputations. That was why he didn't draft Randy Moss two years ago.

But Jones likely sees this as a low-risk, high-reward gamble. Terms weren't disclosed, but Underwood is likely making the minimum — just like Spellman did last season.

"We have the opportunity to give this young man a chance, and all of our research points to the conclusion that he is deserving of that chance," Jones said in a statement.

"From a big-picture perspective, we have made a long-term commitment — in terms of resources and personnel — to put the organization in a position to explore a situation such as this. We have a support system in place that is showing positive results. Of course, every situation is different, and there are always unique challenges involved."

Hill said counselors work with players before they enter the organization, indicating they've already taken on Underwood's case.

Underwood's potential makes him so desirable.

Longhorns rout Buffs, 78-35

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chris Mihm had 19 points and 15 rebounds, and Texas held Colorado to 18 percent shooting as the Longhorns routed the Buffaloes 78-35 in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament Friday night.

Colorado suffered the worst loss in Big 12 tournament's four-year history, surpassing Nebraska's 91-59 defeat to Kansas in 1998. It was also the fewest points scored by a losing team in tournament history. Oklahoma State fell 53-37 to Kansas last year.

Colorado had 12 field goals, tying the school record for the fewest in a game. The Buffs (18-13) were 12-of-66 from the field, missed all 11 of their 3-point attempts, started the game 0-for-10 and at one point were 1-for-15 in the first half.

The 7-foot Mihm, getting his 18th double-double of the season, helped the Longhorns force the Buffs out of their offense as Texas (23-7) advanced to play either No. 15 Oklahoma or Missouri in the semifinals Saturday.

Mihm finished with five of Texas' 11 blocked shots in the game.

The Longhorns started slowly, leading only 10-7 midway through the first half, but Gabe Muoneke got the offense started with his fluid inside moves and finished with 15 points.

Jaquay Walls had 13 points for the Buffaloes.

Colorado, which frequently failed to hit the rim in the first half, got its first basket with 13 minutes to play in the half when Jamahl Mosley finally hit a jumper.

But then Texas, which has limited opponents to 38.9 percent shooting from the field this season, began to pull away behind Muoneke to win for the sixth time in seven games and for the 12th time in the last 14.

Texas finished the first half with a 16-4 run that included a dunk by Mihm on a breakaway. Mihm then squared up at the top of the key to hit a 3-pointer to make it 30-13 with 2:45 to play before halftime.

Lawrence William' 3-pointer seconds before the buzzer gave Texas a 39-15 lead at the half.

Colorado's first shot of the second half hit the side of the backboard, the Buffs missed their second shot and Walls missed a dunk on the third shot. The fourth shot was an air ball on a turnaround jumper by Mosley.

OU holds off Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kelly Newton hit a 3-pointer with 22.2 seconds left in overtime, and the 3-point shot that deserted Missouri throughout failed again at the end as No. 15 Oklahoma held on for an 84-80 victory in the Big 12 quarterfinals.

Clarence Gilbert, who on Thursday set the Missouri season record for 3-pointers, missed from the corner in the final seconds. Newton then tacked on two free throws for the final margin after he was fouled on the inbounds pass.

The two teams combined to shoot 79 free throws — Missouri making 28 of 32 and Oklahoma 37 of 47.

Missouri (18-12) gave Oklahoma (25-5) — a team the Tigers beat 83-56 on Feb. 26 — everything the Sooners could handle even though the Tigers' primary weapon abandoned them. Missouri was just 4-of-25 on 3-point attempts.

Oklahoma moved into the semifinals to play Texas on Saturday.

Nolan Johnson scored 21 points for the Sooners. Newton and Eduardo Najera had 13 each.

Gilbert, the Tigers' 3-point specialist, was just 2-of-11 on 3-point tries, but finished with 21 points. Keyon Dooling also had 21 for Missouri.

Men's College Basketball Scores

Atlantic 10 Conference
Semifinals
St. Bonaventure 56, Dayton 50
Temple 54, Massachusetts 47
Atlantic Coast Conference
Second Round
Maryland 82, Florida St. 61
N.C. State 76, Virginia 65
Wake Forest 58, North Carolina 52
Big 12 Conference
Quarterfinals
Iowa St. 76, Baylor 64
Oklahoma 84, Missouri 80, OT
Oklahoma St. 77, Kansas 58
Texas 78, Colorado 35
Big East Conference
Semifinals
Connecticut 70, Georgetown 55
St. John's 58, Miami 57
Big Sky Conference
Semifinals
CS Northridge 76, Montana 65
N. Arizona 82, E. Washington 65
Big Ten Conference
Quarterfinals
Illinois 72, Indiana 69
Michigan St. 75, Iowa 65
Penn St. 71, Ohio St. 66
Wisconsin 78, Purdue 66
Big West Conference
Semifinals
New Mexico St. 89, Long Beach St. 84, OT
Utah St. 69, Nevada 64
Conference USA
Semifinals
DePaul 56, N.C. Charlotte 49
Saint Louis 64, Tulane 46
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Semifinals
Coppin St. 64, Hampton 60
S. Carolina St. 88, Bethune-Cookman 66
Mountain West Conference
Semifinals
BYU 58, Utah 54
UNLV 97, Wyoming 92
Patriot League
Championship
Lafayette 87, Navy 61
Southeastern Conference
Quarterfinals
Arkansas 86, Kentucky 72
Auburn 78, Florida 70
LSU 71, Vanderbilt 60
South Carolina 75, Tennessee 68
Southwestern Athletic Conference
Semifinals
Jackson St. 64, Alcorn St. 60
Southern U. 66, Texas Southern 65
Western Athletic Conference
Semifinals
Fresno St. 103, Hawaii 100, 2OT
Tulsa 83, TCU 71

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Daylight Donuts	21	7
The Shack	22	6
State Farm	18	10
Headquarters	17.5	10.5
McLeod Jewelers	12	16
Stephens' Office	15.5	12.5
Rose Barber Shop	13	15
Wal-Mart	5.5	22.5
C&M Roofing	8	20
G&W Trucking	7.5	20.5

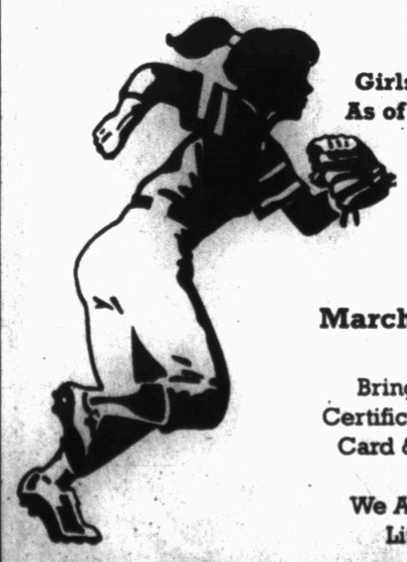
High series: Barney Tate, scratch, 588; Bill Stephens, handicap, 655.
High game: Roger Pavlik, scratch, 222; Toby Roemer, handicap, 248.
Splits and special mentions: Strick Posey, Charles Bennett and Bill Stephens, 3-10; Rick Mammolite and Mark Glasscock, 2-7; Charles Evans, 5-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	22	6
Clayton & Mills	17	11
Countryplace	17	11
Ratliff Insurance	13	15
BCEC	11	17
Alley Kats	4	24

High series: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 528; Cindy Reyes, 524. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 636; Cindy Reyes, 692.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 191; Cindy Reyes, 211. Handicap: Ricky Clayton, 233; Cindy Reyes, 267.







Suspicious drums are found in home

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Investigators said Friday they found thousands of rounds of ammunition hidden under a false floor in the home of a doctor who committed suicide before police could question him about a failed plot to kill his partner.

On Thursday, police and FBI agents found 21 canisters filled with bullets, including machine gun rounds, hidden in the home of Dr. Larry C. Ford, police Lt. Sam Allevato said. Investigators also found six drums planted 7 feet deep in Ford's yard that contained "military-grade" plastic explosives, Allevato said.

Ford's attorney said the doctor worked for the CIA for 20 years, and the Los Angeles Times reported that he had expertise in chemical and biological weapons.

Lawyer Bryan Card said Friday night that police told him the doctor may have had enough bacteria at his disposal "to wipe out a country." He declined to elaborate. A police spokesman could not be reached for comment Friday night.

Forty-nine homes and a school near Ford's home were evacuated before digging started Thursday.

Investigators believe Ford held answers to the attack on his partner at Biofem Pharmaceutical Inc., James Patrick Riley. A masked gunman shot and wounded Riley two weeks ago.

Almost immediately, police focused on Ford. The two men were trying to market a vaginal suppository to combat AIDS transmission and believed the product would make millions of dollars.

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Glendal R. Garvin, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Douglas D. Hill, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richard J. and Peggy Hardin, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Roy Sutton, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Martha Fox, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Laredo Paving, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rebecca S. Hudgins, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Wheels Inc., 2000 Ford pickup from Arlington Heights Ford.

Pearl Nettles, 2000 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Price Construction, two 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Price Construction, three 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

J. Paul Manning, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Niewoehner Inc., 2000 Ford bus from Wilson Motors.

Aldene Riddle, 2000 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Lem Scarbrough Jr., 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Jennifer Jones, 1999 Ford Escort from Wilson Motors.

Gelco Corp, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Keith Matthies Construction, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

J.R. Meadows, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Louis and Isabel Ramirez, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sandra Price, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Abelino Sauceda, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Claud Fryar, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

John Graham, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Stan McMullen, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Niewoehner, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lisa Steadham, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dexter Robbins, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bertha Galarza, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mary Pate McMullen, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bradley M. Gambrell, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Cliff Price, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Richard A. Brown, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Carlton W. Robertson of Rotan and Cordelia Shea Seaton of Snyder.

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Scurry County vs. MPOC, LLC, et al, delinquent tax suit.

State Farm Lloyds vs. Dick and JoAnne Crill, suit on contract.

Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund, as subrogee of Robert Kramer, vs. Brown McKee Inc., Lubbock Electric, and John Doe, suit for injuries.

Action in District Court

Linda Hill, individually and as next friend of Isaac Alcario McVea deNieto, her grandson, and Kenniesha Marie McVea deNeito, her granddaughter, vs. West Texas Energy Services, Sharp Image Energy Inc.; minor Bruce Hatfield and Vincent Bruce Hatfield, judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Sara D. Cole and James Ryan Cole, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Ricky Lee and Vickie Kay Hopper to Adam and Nina L. Madrid, Lot 15 in Block K of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Kathy Harrell Voss to Thomas Monroe and Tonya Y. Patterson, 947.14 acres in Sections 60 and 79, both in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Carla Portis Craig, individually and as executrix of the estate of Ethel Fern Portis and Herbert Don Portis, to Francis J. Hughes, the east 155 feet of Lot 4 in Block 35 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Powell and Joyce Box to James R. Palko, Trustee of the U.W. Adele Luthera Palko Trust, Section 224, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Dougless E. and Neva Suzanne Morrell to Fernando and Donna Ramirez, 4 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 33, Block 3, H&GN survey.

William Clyde Bass to Cloyce A. Talbott, Lot 1 in Block 9 of the Corrected Bassridge Addition.

Billy R. and Janet A. Kenney to Merrill Reid and Arlene V. Martin, the south 59 feet of Lot 7 and the north 11 feet of Lot 8, both in Block 4 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Richard and Janie Villaneuva to Jessie and Juanita Carrisalez, Lot 15 in Block 7 of the 1st Replat of the Parkway Addition, Section 2.

Joseph E. and Norma Ruth Wirsching to Joseph John Wirsching, tract one being 191.5 acres out of the east 383 acres of Survey 100, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the west 160 acres out of the east 191 acres out of the south one-half of Survey 100, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being the north 120 acres out of the west 240 acres of Survey 77, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Gwen Cumbie to Bobby Jack Cumbie, tract one being 217.63 acres in the north one-half of Section 146, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 33.3686 acres out of the south one-half of Section 146, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ellis Wright Huddleston, independent executor of the estate of Kathleen Huddleston, to Ellis Wright Huddleston and Judy Ann Huddleston Shaw, tract one being the northeast one-quarter of Section 117, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the west one-half of Section163, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 122, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Hollis Marion Carleton to John Sherman and Pamela Sallee Fenton, Lot 15 in Block 4 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Howard L. Knipe, independent executor of the estate of Opal Watson, to Rudy O. and Connie Martinez, Lot 1 and the east one-foot of Lot 2, both in Block 1 of the Highlands Addition.

Jane Scott, independent executrix of the estate of Robert C. Scott, to Jane Scott, Lot 3 in Block 6-A of the Highlands Addition.

Phillis Leatherwood, Robby Cearley, Dellene Leatherwood, Jerry Cearley, Raymon Cearley to Ronald Andrew Cearley, Lots 1 and 4, both in Block 89 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Timothy Dale and Sherri Ann Williams to Abraham and Patricia Arellano, the west 30 feet of Lot 10 and the east 30 feet of Lot 9 of the Smith Replat of Block 66 of the Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

S.H. Clements to Clements Ag Properties, tract one being the south 60 acres of the west 120 acres of the south one-half of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all the southeast one-quarter of Section153, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Marcelino and Carmen Medrano to Jeronimo and Cecilia G. Ruiz, the south one-half of Lot 3 in Block 2 of Payne's Subdivision.

Grady Waddell and Geraldine Strain to Strain Family Limited Partnership, tract one being Section 100, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the southwest one-quarter of Section 99, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Man sought for kidnapping

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — He lives in a house with a pool and a privacy fence, drives a sports utility vehicle and is already balding in early middle age.

While that description has given investigators plenty of leads to go on, no one has been arrested in the kidnapping of 10-year-old Jessica Rodriguez.

Authorities — some openly surprised that the abductor let the girl go — said a new composite drawing of the suspect had generated about 25 telephone tips Friday night.

About 15 to 20 of those tips were good enough for an investigator to pay a visit to the person callers were offering up as a match, said Woody Hires, chief of investigations for the Florida of Department of Law Enforcement.

The suspect was described as a balding man between 30 and 40 years old, with a thin face, and a tattoo of a heart with a broken arrow on his left forearm. Police believe he drives a green Jeep Cherokee.

Detectives declined to release further details about the kidnapping. They said they are focusing their search in the area around where Jessica lives, based on information from the girl. She has told investigators she did not know the man.

Jessica was kidnapped Monday afternoon from her family's driveway in rural Trenton, Fla., just after getting off a school bus with her two sisters, ages 4 and 8. On Thursday, her kidnapper dropped her off at a Gainesville Wal-Mart in good condition.

The girl celebrated her return home by playing with her cousins and sisters.

"Jessica is going to do fine," her mother, Jennifer Graham said.

Graham said she had talked to her children about stranger abduction, telling them if it ever happened to them to stay focused and aware of what was going on so they could help police later.

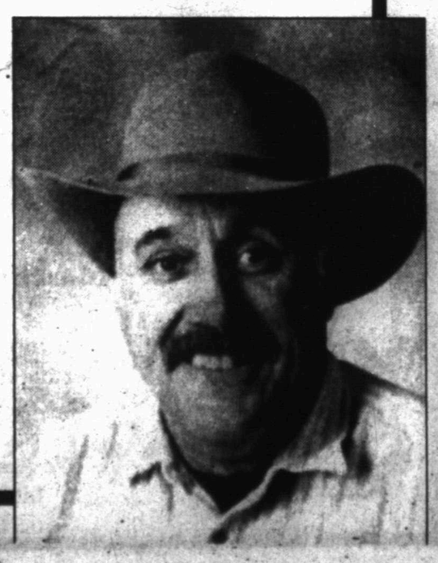
"I am very concerned about my children," Graham said. "I want the best for my kids and I still believe to this day that we live in a very good place to raise children."

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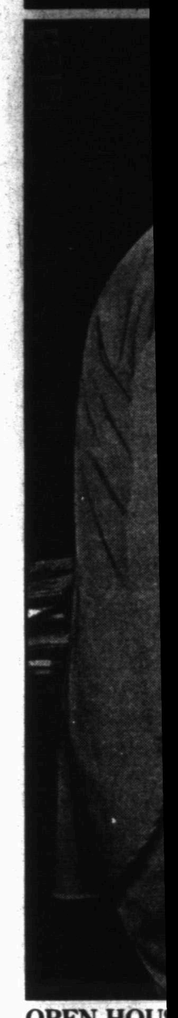
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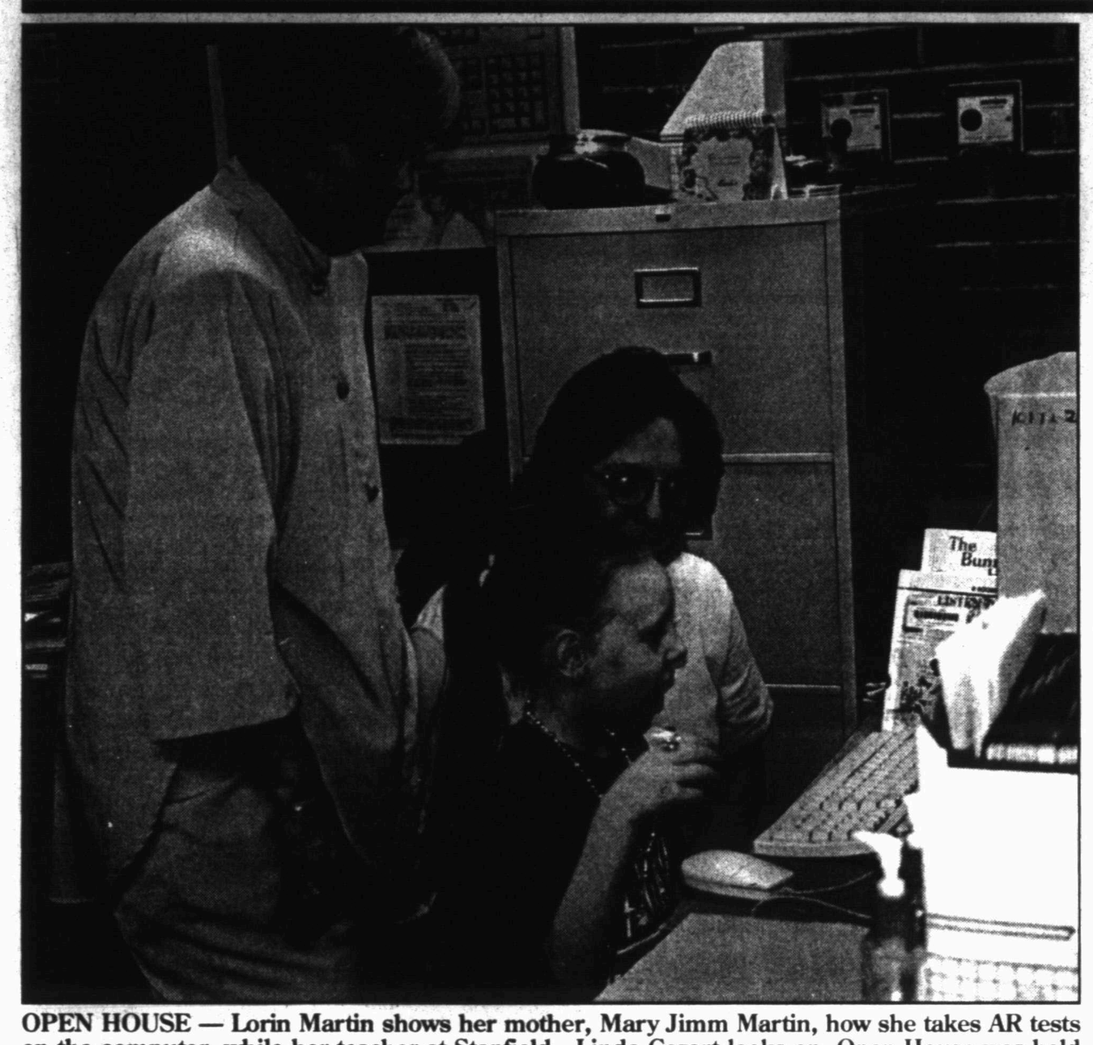


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OPEN HOUSE — Lorin Martin shows her mother, Mary Jimm Martin, how she takes AR tests on the computer, while her teacher at Stanfield, Linda Cozart looks on. Open House was held during Texas Public School Week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sustained oil price hike could ripple through U.S. economy

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rising oil prices may have left their mark at the gas pump and on airline ticket prices, but their climb has yet to ripple through the U.S. economy.

However, analysts say, if oil prices stay high for months, the impact could grow as consumers pay more for basic goods.

"The money spent filling up at the gas tank is money you can't spend at the mall," said David Wyss, chief economist for Standard & Poor's DRI in Lexington, Mass. "We'll start to see that later this year. It takes people a little while to adjust their habits."

Word this week from Procter & Gamble Co. that its profits are suffering due partly to increased prices of raw materials is a good gauge that the rise's impact is widening.

The maker of well-known consumer brands such as Crest toothpaste, Pampers diapers and Tide detergent said Tuesday it will earn less than expected in the next quarter — in part because prices are rising for the petroleum-based materials it needs for manufacturing.

Wall Street punished the company harshly, causing its stock to fall from $87.433/4 on Monday to $53.371/2 late Friday.

Other consumer products companies such as Colgate-Palmolive Co. and Kimberly-Clark Corp. also saw their stocks suffer, although those firms took pains to tell investors their profit picture hasn't changed.

These companies use petrochemical-based products a number of ways, from their plastic bottles to their detergents. They must also pay higher prices for fuel for the trucks that deliver their goods.

Despite high gas prices, the auto industry has yet to suffer. Sales of light trucks increased by more than 10 percent from January to February, for instance. Still, there are some signs of trouble.

Higher fuel costs for transporting products prompted Ford Motor Co. on Monday to raise delivery charges for vehicles by $25. General Motors Corp. is considering raising its destination charge for shipment of products.

Shipper FedEx Corp. said last week it would increase the 3 percent surcharge it began last month to 4 percent.

And on Friday, Continental Airlines attempted to impose a new fare increase of up to $40 per round trip, blaming the rising cost of fuel. The airline led the industry in a $20 boost in January, but had to back off on a second increase of $30 two weeks ago after other airlines wouldn't follow.

So far, economists say, oil prices haven't spurred significantly higher overall inflation because the country is now less oil-dependent.

In 1981, the U.S. oil bill was about 6.5 percent of the gross domestic product. Today, it is about 2 percent.

That's partly because of conservation and also because inflation-adjusted oil prices have increased slower than other consumer prices.

Meanwhile, P&G's chairman Durk Jager spent the better part of the week reassuring major investors that the company will keep on its long-term program of increasing sales and getting new products to market faster.

"The stock will ultimately come back. We hope it will be pretty quickly, to restore investors' confidence," Jager said Thursday.

And demand won't slacken, said company spokeswoman Linda Ulrey.

"People are still going to need diapers and toothpaste and toilet paper," she said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Symptoms suggest liver disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 90 years old and have recently been passing urine that is deep yellow and stools that are light tan. I've lost weight and feel fatigued. My doctor blames bacteria in my intestine and told me to eat more yogurt, which I have been doing for two weeks, without benefit. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: Although it would be presumptuous of me to second-guess your physician, who is more familiar with your health, the brief synopsis you supplied raises serious doubts about his ability to diagnose.

Dark urine, light stools, weight-loss and fatigue suggest the possibility of liver disease. When liver function is disrupted — by gallstones, hepatitis or tumors — bile is unable to reach the intestine (causing tan or clay-colored stools) and backs up into the bloodstream (leading to jaundice and dark urine).

I believe that your doctor can be faulted for not investigating your symptoms further with blood tests, a liver ultrasound and a CT scan of your abdomen.

I recommend that you go to the nearest emergency room or make an appointment with another practitioner in your community. Until proved otherwise, your symptoms could reflect a serious disorder that needs immediate attention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an 86-year-old man who has enjoyed whistling all his life — and I'm darned good at it. I whistle all the time. Often, people (even old ladies) stop me on the street to tell me how beautifully I whistle and they thank me.

However, not everybody is so complimentary. Awhile ago, I was approached on the street by several angry men who shouted: "Ha! The rotten damned whistler!" and tried to confront me, shaming me. Being old and defenseless, I just beat a hasty retreat. What's the matter with some people?

DEAR READER: Beats me. Some folks just seem to ignore the important things in life, such as the pleasure other people can give by acts as mundane as whistling. As I'm sure you've noticed, we are rapidly becoming a rude society, despite our political correctness. People are less likely to exhibit class, an admirable trait that is, like pornography, difficult to define but easy to recognize.

I hope that you will continue to obtain pleasure from whistling, even though you may have to be more cautious when you entertain in public.

Say, something just occurred to me. Why not see if you can turn your expert whistling into something spectacular? Call your local radio station, tell them your story and see if the manager would be willing to interview you in the studio and let you whistle a few tunes. You might thereby turn a novelty into a public interest story. Wouldn't that be a classy way to pay back those bullies who tried to intimidate an elderly musician?

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read with interest your "eat no sugar or flour products" weight-reduction diet. You've been endorsing this for decades, haven't you? However, it does raise some questions.

1. How is it different from the new Atkins diet?
2. What about carbohydrates in the form of potatoes or rice?
3. Does your diet allow for enough grain?
4. Is there a restriction on fats?
5. Are sugar-free, dietetic products allowed?

DEAR READER: You're right. I have been pushing this diet for decades, because it's safe and effective.

1. Dr. Atkins encourages the use of fats, which can themselves lead to health problems. I downplay fats because my diet automatically reduces them. For example, if you don't eat spaghetti, you won't consume fat-rich spaghetti sauce.

2. Potatoes and rice are acceptable, unless you REALLY want to lose weight. In this case, skip them.

3. It allows for an abundance of grain, as long as flour is avoided. For instance, whole grain products are OK, as are rice-based breakfast cereals.

4. There is no specific fat-restriction. This would make the diet difficult to follow and, more important, unappetizing.

5. Sugar-free products — such as diet soda — are allowed, providing they don't contain flour (e.g. sugar-free baked goods).

Bon appetit.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 56-year-old sex partner uses a non-prescription prostate pill containing stinging nettle. Could this be the cause of my repeated yeast infections?

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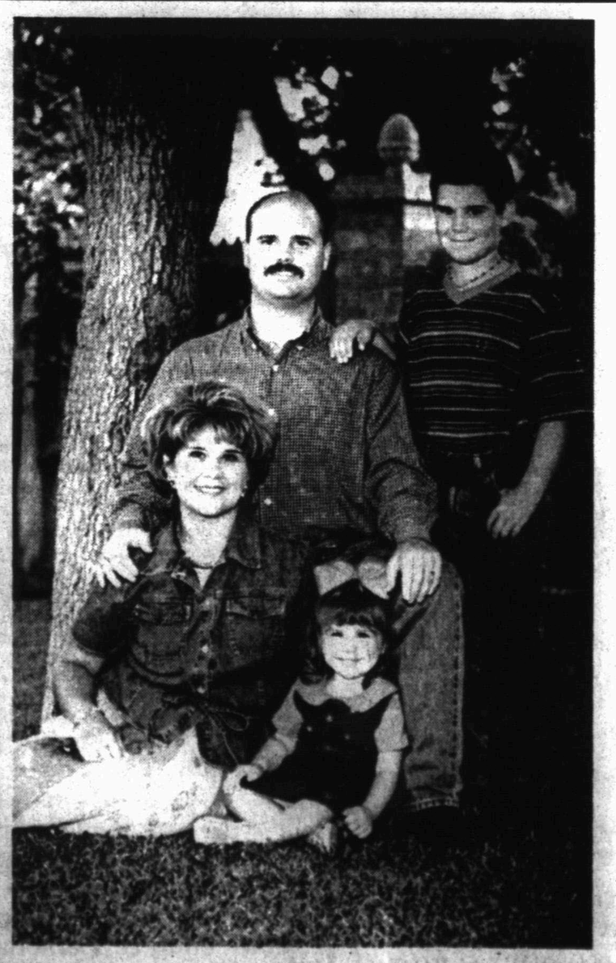
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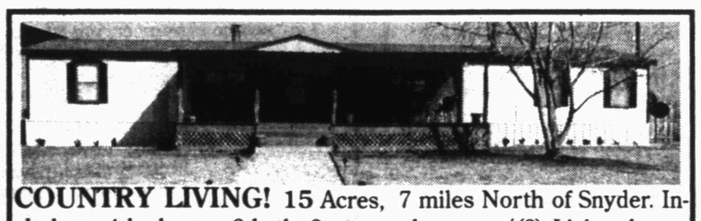
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AUCTIONS

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2000 — 10:00 A.M.

David & R.C. Lunsford Estate

Location: From Snyder, Texas City Limits: 3 3/10 Miles NW on US 84 (Post Hwy.) then North to Blue Barn.

TRACTOR & FARM EQUIPMENT
1- 1985 J.D. 4450, Q.R.
1- 4430 J.D. Tractor, Quad Range, 5500 hrs. SN 41854
1- Mulcher Harrow
1- Bush Hog Offset Disc
1- 14' Krause Tandem Disc
1- 8' Rhino 900 Blade
1- 6' Servis Shredder
1- 8200 Wheat Drill 1610 Press Wheel
1- Continental Belton Co. Highpressure Spray Rig. 100 Gal. tank on 2 wheel Trailer
1- 14' Chisel 21/4 Bar w/Gauge Wheels
1- 3Pt. Dearborn Fresno (Slip)

TANKS:
4- Overhead Fuel Tanks on Stands
500 Gal. Water Tank on 2 Wheel Trailer
150 Gal. Fuel Tank

Shop Equipment:
1- Lincoln SA200 DC Welder on Trailer
1- Hein Werner 2 Ton Floor Jack
1- High Lift Jack
1- Hyd. Floor Jack
Portable Air Tanks
1- Lincoln 225 AC Welder
1- Baldor Shop Grinder
Lots & lots of Hand Tools
1- Lot Tool Boxes
1- Lot Pickup Tool Boxes
1- Oxygen Cart w/Private Bottles
Hoses & Regulators
Hand Trucks
Air Compressor
1- Old Hand Tire Machine
1- 80 Gal. Tank Air Compressor
Work Bench w/Vice
Roll Around Carts
1- Lot Barrel Racks
Chains & Boomers
Grinders
Drills
Electric Wenches
Saws
4- Pipe Shelving for Pallets

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
1- New Idea Wheel Driven Manure Spreader w/Wood Tongue
1- Fisher Anvil Dated 1883
1- Fairbanks Platform Scales
1- Lot Wagon Parts
1- Lot Horse Shoes
1- Round Oak Table

LIVESTOCK:
6- Head Long Horn Cows
1- Long Horn Bull
7- Long Horn Yearlings
(Bull & Cows are Pastured Together)

CATTLE EQUIPMENT:
1- 24' Covered Gooseneck Stock Trailer
1- 7", 3Pt. Danuser Post Hole Digger
1- Donahue Hyd.. 3 Pt. Hay Fork
1- 3 Pt. Hay Fork
1- Old Stock Trailer
1- Lot Round Bale Hay Feeders
1- Lot Poly Feed Buckets
4- Large Stationary Cattle Feeders
Approx. 80 12' Stock Panels & 9 Gates
1- Lot T Post
1- 12'X24', 8' Tall American Port-A-Stall w/1 divider
1- Lot Used Barbwire
1- Mayrath Feeder Auger
1- Lot Water Tanks
1- Lot 4" Corner Post Pipe
1- Lot 5'x24' Welded Wire on 2" Pipe

TRAILERS:
1- 28' Belshe 20,000Lb. Gooseneck Dove Tail w/Ramps, and Tandem Duals
2- Pickup Bed Trailers
1- 1971 Timpte Hopper Bottom Trailer

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:
1- Headache Rack for Pickup w/Siren
1- Set Chrome Side Rails
1- Lot Tarps
1- Moline Starter
1- Lot Steer Horns

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
1- 16' Aluminum Boat w/25 hp Johnson Motor
1- BBQ Pit
1- Portable Basketball Goal
1- File Cabinet
1- Lot Used Tires
1- Punch Bag
Measure Wheel
Wire Baskets
1- Wood Bench
Hat Racks
Saw Horses
Heat Stoves
Picnic Table w/Benches
1- lot Wrought Iron Panels
Round Tub
1- Sure Pull Receiver Hitch
1- Gooseneck Hitch
Lots of Scrap Iron
1- Lot Bricks
Lots of Pipe
1- Lot Tin
1- Lot Garden Tools
1- Lot Carpenter Tools
12 Joints Upset Tubing
Meat Wrapping Table
Old Wood Picket Fence
185 JD Hydro Lawn Mower

REAL ESTATE WILL BE OFFERED AT 12:30 p.m. WITH OWNER APPROVAL.: TRACT 1: Approx. 20 acres, Approx. 3300 Sq. Ft. Brick Home, 4 bedroom, 21/2 bath, 2 car carport, brick fireplace in living room, wood burning stove in master bedroom, has garden tub w/separate shower, dining room, den, kitchen w/large utility room, water well, & cellar. Has detached 2 car garage. Approx. 30'x60' shop, approx. 40'x80' stock barn w/steel pipe corral w/working pens & loading chute & scales and a roping arena w/lights. **TRACT 2:** Fenced approx. 112 acres that joins Tract 1 and US Hwy. 84, has approx. 2640' Hwy. frontage on US 84. **TRACT 3:** Approx. 18 acres in a V shape across Hwy. 84 from Tract 2, water well, grass, & cultivation. Approx. 2376' Hwy. frontage on US Hwy. 84. **TRACT 4:** 8 miles W. of Snyder on US Hwy. 180 to County Rd. 264, then 1 mile North to Southeast corner of approx. 442 acres of grass & cultivation, L shaped. Approx. 320 acres grass & approx. 120 acres in cultivation. Box car, working pens, 2 windmills, 2 water wells, not working. Water supply comes from U & F Water Supply Corp. at a cost of approx. $65.00 per month for stock. Has pavement on 2 sides, good dirt road on one side.

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May the Lord bless each and every one of you for the blessings you bestowed upon our family at the time of Jerry's gain and our loss.

Our solace is your caring hearts and that we will see our husband and father again, when our work here is done.

The family of Jerry Jackson

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Johna, Steve, Seth and Shay Wild
Jana, Dennis, Chelsea, Chance and Cailey Young
Jerra, David, Tye and Tana Holley

LEGAL NOTICE

(Maintenance Project)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

CSJ No. 6055 42 001

Sealed Proposals For:

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UNTIL RESPECTIVE BID OPENING TIME

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2000

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ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE FOR THIS CONTRACT.

Bidding proposals and plan viewing will be available ON AND AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2000, at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office located at:

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Poll supports both theories of evolution

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans think creationism should be taught along with Darwin's theory of evolution, according to a new poll.

Eighty-three percent of Americans generally support the teaching of evolution in public schools, but about 79 percent believe creationism also has a place in the public school curriculum, according to the poll released Friday by the People for the American Way Foundation, a Washington-based civil liberties group.

The nationwide poll of 1,500 people was conducted for the foundation by DYG Inc., a Danbury, Conn.-based polling and research firm. It has a margin of error of 2.6 percent.

Almost half of respondents agreed that the theory of evolution "is far from being proven scientifically." Sixty-eight percent said it was possible to believe in evolution while also believing that God created humans and guided their development.

"You can read the poll as half-empty or half-full," Daniel Yankelovich, chairman of DYG, told The New York Times. He said the poll results indicate that there is a place for both theories in a "pluralistic society and public."

Alternatively, he said the results reflect a postmodern feeling that no single view can provide complete understanding of most issues.

The debate over teaching origin theories dates back to 1925, when John T. Scopes was charged with violating Tennessee law for teaching evolution in high school. Scopes' conviction and $100 fine later were overturned. The debate was rekindled last year when the Kansas school board voted to remove most references to evolution from state education standards.

Most of those surveyed in the new poll took a middle road, saying evolution should be taught as a scientific theory, while creationism should also be discussed as a religious theory, rather than a scientific one.

On the Net:
People for the American Way site at http://www.pfaw.org

Man reassigned

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The director of training for the state prison system, who has accused administrators of ignoring his warnings that prison guards are poorly trained, was reassigned on Friday.

Charles Godwin, who had served as training director since 1994, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that he was given no reason for the change, except that it was in the best interest of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Godwin called the action retaliation for his outspokenness on prison guard safety and what he says is inadequate training for new correctional officers.

"This was designed to send a message to all TDCJ employees that retaliation is alive and well if they choose to speak out," he told the Caller-Times. "The correctional employees of Texas will see through that and not be intimidated."

Godwin has been assigned to the operational support division, where he will help inmates find jobs upon their release from prison. His salary wasn't cut.

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NOTICE OF TAX FOR
THE STATE OF TEXA
COUNTY OF SCURRY
Date and Time of
at 2:00 p.m.

SuitNo: 16,794
SCURRY COUNTY APP
VS.
LUCY FLETCHER WOO
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Date of Judgment:
Date of Levy: Mar

SuitNo: 19,282
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
PETE JALOMOS A/K/
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Date of Judgment:
Date of Levy: Mar

SuitNo: 19,399
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JODY GILBERT, ET
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Block 97, H&TC Ry.
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TRACT #2, 19' X 76
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Date of Judgment:
Date of Levy: Marc

SuitNo: 19,521
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
ABIGAHI SANCHEZ,
TRACT #1, Being a
One Hundred Forty
Sixty-five (65) of
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Date of Judgment:
Date of Levy: Marc

SuitNo: 19,750
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JOHN RODRIGUEZ
TRACT #1, 1.0 acre
208, Block 97, of
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Date of Judgment:
Date of Levy: Marc

SuitNo: 19,943
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
J.E. COMPTON, ET A
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Date of Judgment:
Date of Levy: Marc

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SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
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Date of Levy: Marc

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SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
RABUL B. MALDONADO
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Date of Levy: Marc

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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SCURRY

Date and Time of Sale: The first Tuesday of the month, April 4, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

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SuitNo: 16,794
SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
VS.
LUCY FLETCHER WOOLSEY, ET AL

TRACT #1, All of the West 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 29, Town of Hermleigh, Scurry County, Texas and being more fully described in volume 300, page 901 of the deed records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R1496)

Date of Judgment: February 17, 1994
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,282
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
PETE JALOMOS A/K/A PEDRO JALOMOS, ET AL

TRACT #1, The East seventy-two feet of Lot 4, Block 20, out of the Lundy Park Addition, as described in Volume 305, Page 141, of the Deed Records of Scurry County, (Account No. R2085)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,399
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JODY GILBERT, ET AL

TRACT #1, 4.0 acres, more or less, S1/2 of the S1/2 of Section 293, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, described by metes and bounds in tracts of 3.0 and 1.0 acre in Volume 372, Page 823, Deed Records, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R19680)

TRACT #2, 19' X 76' 1978 Skidmore Carter Mobile Home, TEX052700. (Account No. M5394)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,521
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.

ABIGAHI SANCHEZ, ET AL

TRACT #1, Being all of the East Seventy-three feet (E 73') of the North One Hundred Forty feet (N140') of Lot Number One (1), in Block Number Sixty-five (65) of the Grayum and Nelson's Second Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 333, Page 469, Deed Records of said County. (Account No. R6921)

Date of Judgment: May 15, 1997
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,750
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JOHN RODRIGUEZ

TRACT #1, 1.0 acre, more or less, out of the Southeast 1/4th of Section 208, Block 97, of the H&TC Ry. Survey, being more particularly described in Volume 385, page 735, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R2232)

Date of Judgment: January 6, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,943
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
J.E. COMPTON, ET AL

TRACT #1, Lot 3, and the West 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 76, Grayum and Nelson Second Addition, to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, or as more particularly described in Volume 271, page 95 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R6954)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,080
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
EVA ANDRADE RODRIGUEZ

TRACT #1, The East 100 feet of Lot No. 1 and the South 50' of the West 50' of Lot No. 1, Block No. 38, Original Town of Snyder, or as more particularly described in Volume 379, page 348 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R6069)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1998
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,217
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
RABUL B. MALDONADO, ET AL

TRACT #1, All of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 19, Andress Heights Addition, City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 348, Page 467 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R5572)

Date of Judgment: January 6, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,537
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
LAVELLE EICKE, TRUSTEE OF THE MUMSE TRUST

TRACT #1, Lot 1, Block B, Towle Place Addition, City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 377, Page 97 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R15561)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,536
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
A R T J FARM, COMMON LAW TRUST, LAVELL EICKE, TRUSTEE

TRACT #1, A tract of land containing 1.0 acre, more or less, located in the SE/4 of Section No. 249, Block 97, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, or more fully described in Volume 369, Page 505 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R8790)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,493
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
FREDDIE HULL, ET AL

TRACT #1, Part of Lots 1, 2 and 4, Block 13, Manry Subdivision, more fully described in Volume 334, page 603 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R2587)

TRACT #2, Lots 1 and 4, Block 20, Manry Subdivision, more fully described in Volume 334, page 603 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R2627)

TRACT #3, Personal property consisting of a 28'X71' 1979 Heritage Mobile Home, located in Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. M59755)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 19,791
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
PAUL C. TEAS, III,

TRACT #1, IRA UNIT TR 66: Being North 36 acres of Lot 6 in Northwest (NW/4) of Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N18405)

TRACT #2, TOMLINSON: Being out of Section 122, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N19436) RIU:0.006250 (Account No. N19436)

TRACT #3, SACROC UNIT TR 70: Being the Southeast one-fourth (SE/4) of Section 160, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N123724)

TRACT #4, SACROC UNIT TRACT 214: Being 80.647 Acres, being the W. part of NE 1/4 of Sec. 249, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N24191) RIU=0.000417 (Account No. N24191)

TRACT #5, WALDRIP: Being the East 76 acres of North 456 acres, in Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N25545)

TRACT #6, SACROC UNIT TRACT 217: Being the East 120 acres of SW 1/4 of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N26095) RIU=0.006944 (Account No. N26095)

TRACT #7, SACROC UNIT TR 52: Being West one-half (W/2) of Tract 12 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Sudivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N26353)

TRACT #8, SHARON RIDGE CANYON UNIT TRACT 19-A: Being out of the North One-Half of Southwest One-Fourth of Section No. 179, Block No. 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N27747)

TRACT #9, SHARON RIDGE CANYON UNIT TRACTS 6,18,19,22,32: Being a part of Section No. 163, Section No. 179, Section No. 180, and Section No. 182, Block No. 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N28548)

TRACT #10, SACROC UNIT TR 75: Being the East one-half (E/2) of Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N29592)

TRACT #11, SACROC UNIT TR 176: Being Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of Section 251, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N29816) RIU=0.001042 (Account No. N29816)

TRACT #12, IRA UNIT TR 68: Being South 40 acres of Lot 6, in Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N31375) RIU=0.010995 (Account No. N31375)

TRACT #13, HARDEE: Being out of West one-half (W/2) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of the Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 99, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N33659)

TRACT #14, IRA UNIT TR 66: Being North 36 acres of Lot 6 in Northwest (NW/4) of Section 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N34460) RIU=0.010995 (Account No. N34460)

TRACT #15, IRA UNIT RT 58: Being East one-half of Northeast one-fourth (E/2 of NE/4) and Northeast one-fourth of the Northwest one-fourth of the Northeast one-fourth (NE/4 of NW/4 of NE/4) of Section 103, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N34551)

TRACT #16, SACROC UNIT TR 49: Being Tracts 9 and 10 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N34920)

TRACT #17, Being out of Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of Section 99, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N35693) RIU=0.004427 (Account No. N35693)

TRACT #18, SACROC UNIT TR 85: Being Tracts 21 and 22 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 40, Kirkland & Fields Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N36615)

TRACT #19, SACROC UNIT TR 129: Being East 160 acres out of the North 240 acres of Section 177, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N36783)

TRACT #20, SACROC UNIT TR 203: Being Tract 31, of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N37305)

TRACT #21, SACROC UNIT TR 50= Being Tract 11 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas.) (Account No. N38331)

TRACT #22, SACROC UNIT TR 141: Being out of Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 16, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N39152)

TRACT #23, IRA UNIT 55: Being North one-half of the Southeast one-fourth (N/2 of SE/4) of Section 114, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N39493)

TRACT #24, SACROC UNIT TRACT 213: Being 80.702 acres, being the E part of NE 1/4 of Sec. 249, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N39521)

TRACT #25, SACROC UNIT TR 172: Being East 141.60 acres of West 281.64 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N40965)

TRACT #26, IRA UNIT 55: Being North one-half of Southeast one-fourth (N/2 of SE/4) of Section 114, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N41484)

TRACT #27, TRACT UNIT TR 138: Beings Tracts 27 and 28 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grime Ranch Lands, being out of the Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of Section 16, and the Southeast one-fourth (SE/4) of Section 17, of the J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N41944)

TRACT #28, IRA UNIT TR 67: Being part of North 456 acres of Section 98, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N43877)

TRACT #29, SACROC UNIT TR 143: Being Lot 20, being South part of Section 40 and North part of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N44608)

TRACT #30, SACROC UNIT TR 53: Being East one-half (W/2) of Tract 12 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands, a part of Section 20, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N44735)

TRACT #31, SACROC UNIT TR 68: Being South one-half (S/2) of Section 159, of Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (N47487) RIU=0.000208 (Account No. N47487)

TRACT #32, SACROC UNIT TR 171: Being the west 140.04 acres out of West 281.64 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N49596)

TRACT #33, SACROC UNIT TR 173: Being 10 acres of Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of Section 251, and East 283.58 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N49641)

TRACT #34, DIAMOND-M UNIT TRACT 8: Being all of Section 181, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N51060)

TRACT #35, ROBINSON TRACT 3: Being part of North 456 acres, of Section 98, Block No. 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N4323)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,399
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JOE RAY SHY, ET AL

TRACT #1, Lot 2, Block 6, Marshall Survey of the Scarborough Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in 343, Page 138, Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R4126)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,337
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
JO ANN BENITEZ, ET AL

TRACT #1, Lots 3 and 4 in Block 1 of the Casstevens Subdivision of Block 15 of the Cody Heights Addition, City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 394, Page 923 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R9543)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

SuitNo: 20,332
SCURRY COUNTY
VS.
BENJAMIN G. BROMIT

TRACT #1, Lots 15 and 16, Green Hill Addition, City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R11578)

TRACT #2, Lot 12, Block 9, Green Hill Addition, City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R8796)

TRACT #3, Lots 3, 11, 13 and 14, Block 9 of the Green Hill Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R13884)

TRACT #4, Lots 15 and 16, Block 8, Green Hill Addition, City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 529 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R5867)

TRACT #5, Lots 3-8, Block 8, Green Hill Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R7257)

TRACT #6, Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, Green Hill Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 380, Page 527 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R6514)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1999
Date of Levy: March 10, 2000

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Listed in the caption above are delinquent tax suits in which Judgments of Foreclosure have been rendered and Orders of Sale have been issued. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the Cause Number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants; (4) the date of the Judgment; (5) the date of Levy; and (6) the Property Description. Under the Order of Sale issued pursuant to each Judgment above listed, I did at the time specified for each suit levy upon each Property in such suit as described above as the property of the Defendants named or designated in such suit. On the sale date specified above, which is the first Tuesday of said month, I will offer and sell at public auction, for cash, each property described above, and all the right, title, interest and estate in and to each such property owned or claimed by the Defendants named in connection with each such property; PROVIDED, however, that no property shall be sold directly or indirectly to anyone other than a Tax Unit which is a party to that specific suit for less than the total amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs due against that particular property or any adjudged value decreed, whichever is lower.

The foreclosure sales under this notice will be held on the first Tuesday of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, at the time set out above, by and through the LAW OFFICE OF HENRY GATES STEEN, JR., P.C., 3001 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 306, Austin, Texas 78705, Telephone (512) 476-4688 and Telecopier (512) 476-0325, my authorized representative. The sale of each property shall be subject to the rights of the Defendants named in connection with each particular property, and any successors in title, to redeem such specified property in the time and manner provided by law; and subject also to the rights of any defendants to have each particular property owned or claimed by such defendants divided and sold in less divisions than the whole as provided by law. The sale as to each property is to be made to satisfy the Judgment rendered against that particular property and the Defendants named in connection with that particular property. The proceeds of the Sale of each property are to be applied to the satisfaction of the Judgment against that particular property, and the remainder of the sale proceeds, if any, are to be applied as the law directs.

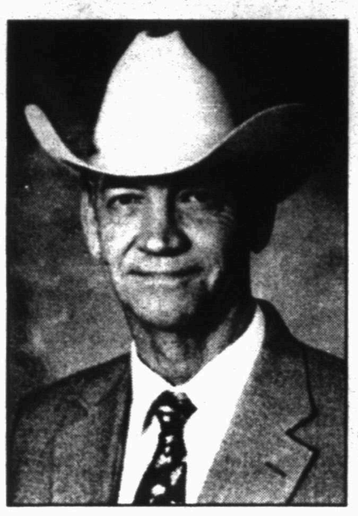
Dated at Snyder, Texas, being the County Seat of Scurry County, Texas, on this the 10th day of March, 2000.

DARREN JACKSON
Sheriff OF Scurry County

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Commissioner, JP candidate forum



Ralph Trevey

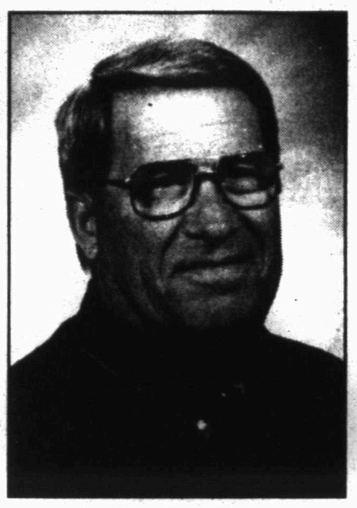
Candidates for Precinct 1 Commissioner:

1.) What are the most pressing problems facing Scurry County in the next eight years?

Ralph Trevey: By far, the most pressing challenges facing Scurry County in the next eight years will be (1) taxes and (2) to keep the hospital a viable, productive part of our community. We, as commissioners court, have discussed, on numerous occasions, the issue of taxes and how to keep or reduce the tax rate in Scurry County. We look at individual offices and department budgets as they are presented to us. Without exception, the end of all discussions has been the total tax valuation in Scurry County, as we have seen an appreciable drop in this figure. This being the greater part of the challenge, it is apparent to me, this is the area needing the most attention. The issue can best be addressed by free enterprise through economic development. It is my persuasion, government has at its disposal the ability to create an environment whereby free enterprise may function. My desire is to create that environment. Free enterprise is what has made this country great and free enterprise will make it great again. I want to be a part of the dream. In order to keep the hospital a viable, productive part of our community, we as commissioners court and the hospital board and management must continue to keep a two-way line of communications that we may creatively think together for the common goal. We, as a court, have before us a proposal, as presented by the hospital board and management, which can be a major part of the solution to the issue.

Cloyce Scarberry: Scurry County tax base decline, Scurry County maintenance of Cogdell Hospital, Coliseum, parks and community centers.

Bill Baldwin: Foremost in everyone's mind is our economy. The past several years has put us on a slide downhill where there seems to be no stopping point. We've lost businesses and families have moved



Cloyce Scarberry

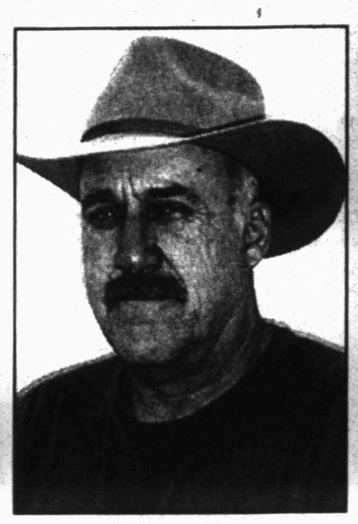
away. As the old saying goes, "It's easy to identify problems, what's the solution?" I believe that solution is right here in Scurry County. Our best assets are the hardworking, goodhearted people who live here. If we all get together and work together we can solve our economic problems. And here's how...we have a college, prison, prison warehouse, Lorber Industries, and soon a brick factory. I think we should focus economic development efforts on these existing industries. As a businessman, I can tell how hard it is to start anything from scratch. It's ten times easier to expand an existing business, so... Let's get behind WTC and help them recruit students, let's figure out ways to help develop new programs, let's get everyone wearing WTC buttons. The same principle applies to all these other industries. Let's make it appealing to the State of Texas to double the size of our prison...these are real possibilities, not pie in the sky. Pray for RAIN.

2.) What do you feel the relationship should be between the county and the county-owned hospital?

Trevey: This issue is stated quite well in the statutes in public health codes, chapter 263 and following. State in the codes is the relationship and responsibility of commissioners court and board of management. The court is to appoint the board members and have oversight in the operations. In addition, the court also has a responsibility to keep in good repair the facility and physical plant. Relationships are based on respect. Each body aforementioned must continue to show respect to each other.

Scarberry: Communication and team work between the commissioners court and the hospital board.

Baldwin: The County Commissioners Court has a responsibility to oversee the operation of our hospital. The court, working with the hospital board, should monitor the functions there and determine whether proper health care is efficiently



Bill Baldwin

administered for citizens of this area. In our case, an administrative service has been contracted to operate our facility. What I see, is this...you hire somebody to do a job, let them do their job, that's why you hired them. If you don't like the way they are doing it, don't fall in there and wrangle over the issues of what they are doing. At some point, you have to make a decision, you live with what they are doing or you look for another way to manage the hospital, either another firm or let the county take over management.

3.) State one specific goal you would like to accomplish in your first, or next, term as a commissioner.

Trevey: While there are many goals I have set forth, the most important is economic development. I can see more of a cause and effect reaction in this area than any other.

Scarberry: To work as a team member to better service the citizens of Scurry County.

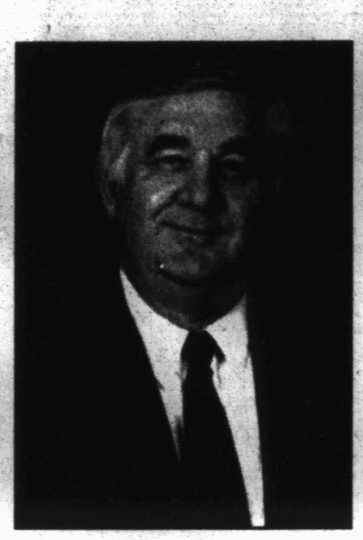
Baldwin: One specific goal: Say what you mean and do what you say.

4.) Define briefly the role of a commissioner.

Trevey: Commissioners are to wear two hats. Commissioners are responsible for their precinct road maintenance outside the city limits. Function competently through commissioners court in administration of county business. Each of these areas accomplishes through statutes as set fourth by the legislature of the State of Texas.

Scarberry: 1.) Financial responsibility to county setting the tax rate, authorize expenditures and bonds, and adoption of budget. 2.) Construct and maintain roads and bridges in Scurry County that are not a part of state highways system. 3.) Responsible for providing public health and welfare.

Baldwin: I see the role of County Commissioner as providing leadership and management in the area of day to day operation of county functions, being responsive to the needs of the community. But also looking ahead to what our needs are five and ten years down the road.



Howard Limmer

Candidates for Precinct 3 Commissioner:

1.) What are the most pressing problems facing Scurry County in the next eight years?

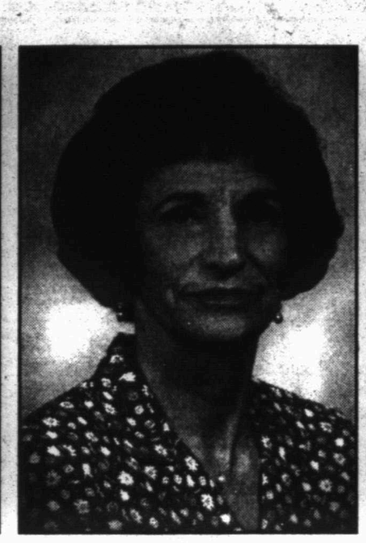
Howard Limmer: I believe during the next eight years the number one concern for Scurry County will be the declining tax base. During the past three years, the taxable value in our county has dropped from $623 million to $533 million. Our county is also faced with plans for replacing some of our deteriorating equipment and infrastructure.

Joe M. Bass: Scurry County government needs more leadership in the area of long term planning and budgeting, and our infrastructure, including our hospital, suffers from it. I believe our county government is hurting hurtling into the next millennium with its eyes firmly fixed on the "rear view mirror." A perfect example of this is our county budget. Today, most elected officials assume that county government's budgetary role is one-dimensional...to collect taxes and deliver services. However, when economic growth slows or a fiscal crisis hits, the picture changes because the voters demand changes and elected officials are left with only two choices...they can either raise taxes or not. Because our commissioners' court develops a budget only one year in advance, they typically have no idea what will happened to spending or revenues beyond one year. In today's world, this is the equivalent of flying an airplane in the fog without any instruments.

Donna Gray: The most pressing problem is correctly budgeting with a declining tax base.

2.) What do you feel the relationship should be between the county and the county-owned hospital?

Limmer: I feel the relationship between the county and the county-owned hospital should be one of open communications, one of understanding, and genuine concern and trust for each entity.



Donna Gray

Bass: The commissioners' court should assist and empower the hospital board and hospital management in whatever way possible. I'm not suggesting giving anyone a blank check, but I do feel the hospital requires more support and less micro-management. Although we can disagree about how best to get to where we want to be, we're all in this together and the best way to achieve our goals is for us to come up with workable solutions through teamwork, not more political gamesmanship and posturing.

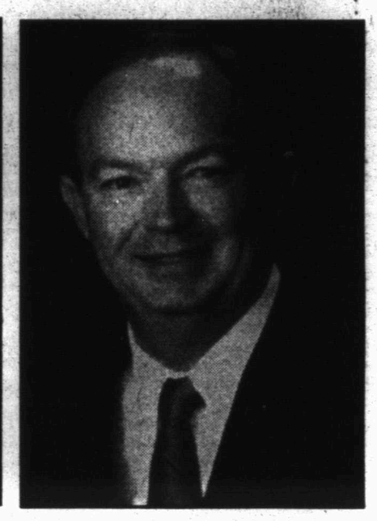
Gray: After appointing the hospital board, the county should be willing to communicate and work with them as a team. Both the county and the county hospital must be accountable to each other. The county should inform the hospital board of any proposed budget changes. The hospital board in turn would allow time for the county to review their proposed budget. This is called communication and teamwork.

3.) State one specific goal you would like to accomplish in your first, or next, term as commissioner.

Limmer: My goal would be to diligently search and find productive and sensible solutions to enhance our tax base and to keep our tax rate as low as possible.

Bass: Implement long-term planning and budgeting. I am keenly aware that one of the best strategies for countering the pressures of dwindling tax revenues and the increasing needs for services is to keep the budget and property tax growth rate below the rate of inflation and also either reduce debt or avoid it altogether. When is the last time you heard your elected officials use the words inflation and property taxes in the same sentence? It is very important that the commissioners' court take the state of the local economy, and how it is affecting the local taxpayer, into consideration before making any financial decisions.

Gray: My goal is for the commissioners' court to communicate, be team players and be accountable to



Joe Bass

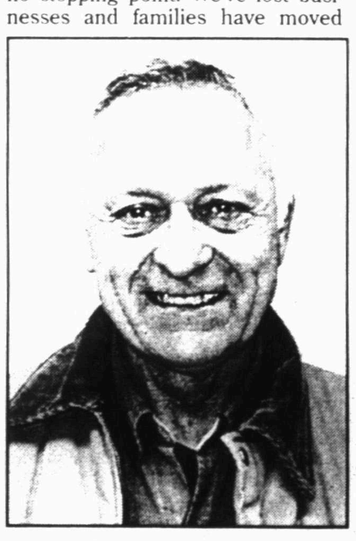
the voters and all the taxing entities of Scurry County. With all the talent and knowledge in Scurry County, we can accomplish anything.

4.) Define briefly the role of a commissioner.

Limmer: The role of a commissioner is to oversee the county budget process, approve the expenditures and the final budget, and to set the tax rate. Another major role of a commissioner is to prepare a Road and Bridge budget for their precinct and to oversee the day to day operations in the precinct. An additional, and dire, responsibility is to abide by and uphold the state and county laws that involve county government. The commissioner has a responsibility to communicate with the taxpayers of Scurry County, specifically in their precinct, and to represent them on the Commissioners' Court.

Bass: Simply stated, caring for the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the county. Though I'm not too fond of cliches, I do believe that people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. If I can accomplish this, then the voters will know my door is always open to them, the hospital will continue to improve, the roads will be in satisfactory condition, and any fiscal decisions I make will be made in the best interest of the people.

Gray: The role of a commissioner as a member of the commissioners' court is to adopt the county budget and set the tax rate, award contracts and authorize payment of all county bills. Maintain and improve county facilities. Establish voting precincts, appoint precinct judges and call county bond elections. Provide for the library, hospital and public welfare. Appoint county officials and hire personnel. Fill elective and appointive vacancies. A commissioner is to be a servant of the people. Each commissioner is responsible for building and maintaining county roads and bridges in their precinct. Also submitting a budget for their precinct to be approved by the commissioners' court.



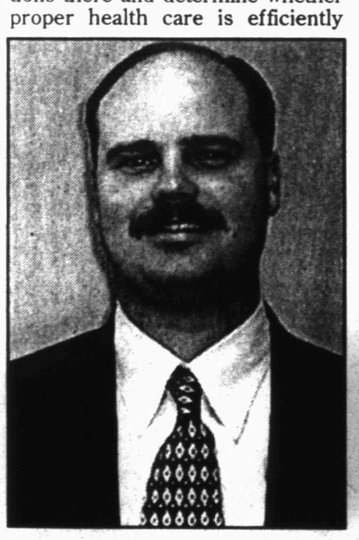
Dwaine Merritt

Candidates for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace:

1.) Define what you think is the role of a Justice of the Peace in Texas.

Dwaine J. Merritt: It is the duty of the Justice of the Peace to preserve the peace within his jurisdiction by the use of all lawful means; to issue all process intended to aid in preventing and suppressing crime.

Ben R. Smith: Primarily, the Justice of the Peace is the judge that presides over cases filed in the Justice Court. Criminal cases filed in the Justice Court would include Class C misdemeanor offenses, which are punishable by a fine of up to $500. Civil cases with amounts in controversy not exceeding $5,000 may be filed in the Justice Court in its capacity as the "small claims court." The Justice Court also has jurisdiction over eviction proceedings, which are referred to in the law as forcible entry and detainer lawsuits. The JP also is the primary magistrate setting the amount of bail bonds of those offenders, both misdemeanor and pre-indictment felony, that are



Ben Smith

arrested and placed in the Scurry County Jail. The JP also has the authority to issue misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants after a probable cause determination. Of course, the JP also makes unattended death pronouncements and conducts inquests to determine the cause of death. These are just a few of the more important duties of the JP; however, it is also important that the JP, as a judge, conduct himself both in court and in the community in a manner that creates respect for the judicial system.

Deborah Boyd: The Justice of the Peace acts as judge for Justice Court and Small Claims Court involving civil cases and forcible detainers. The JP holds court for Class C misdemeanors such as traffic tickets, school truancies and alcohol violations. The JP is also called in the event of an unattended death.

Kirby McCravey: The Justice of the Peace is the judge over Class C misdemeanors, school truancy, civil matters and unattended deaths. The JP should oversee the court in a manner and language of the com-



Deborah Boyd

mon everyday man. A citizen should be able to present his case in a simple, common sense approach and be heard.

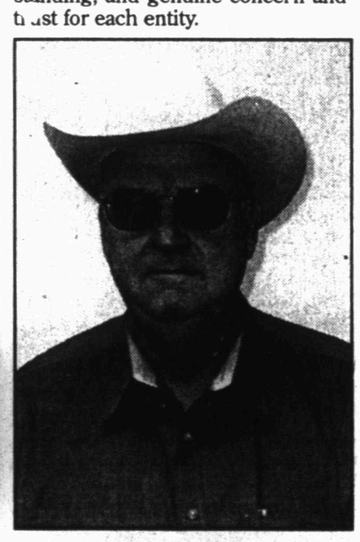
2.) The present budget of the JP's office is $84,669. Do you feel this office can be operated with less money? If so, how?

Merritt: The present budget and future budget must cause an efficient operation.

Smith: I have not reviewed the line items in the JP's budget, so it is very difficult for me to be able to answer this question. If elected, one of my primary goals would be to streamline the workings of the JP court so that cases are handled more efficiently and with less time for both the parties involved in the case and the court. It stands to reason that such streamlining might result in the office requiring a smaller budget.

Boyd: As Justice of the Peace, I will make every effort to cut costs wherever possible. This office, however, is already operating on a very lean budget.

McCravey: Not knowing what is



Kirby McCravey

contained in the JP budget at this time and with the addition of highway patrol sergeant and troopers to Scurry County, I feel the future budget will have to be reevaluated.

3.) A JP is often called out on weekends and during the night. Would you be available?

Merritt: Yes. Commitment must be the primary consideration.

Smith: Yes, I am used to being called out at odd hours. As the Municipal Court Judge, I am called out frequently to make death pronouncements, when the JP is unavailable, and to perform magistrate's warnings on juveniles. I have always been ready and willing to serve in this capacity when called on by our police and sheriff's departments.

Boyd: Yes. I have stated from the beginning that I will be a full-time Justice of the Peace. I will be available and on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

McCravey: I was on call for weekends and nights for 30 years as a trooper. I don't believe this job requirement would be anything different. Yes, I would be available because I realize the importance of being there.

4.) Why did you file for this position?

Merritt: Our community needs to have proven maturity and wisdom for the days ahead.

Smith: The two main reasons I decided to run for JP are that I care about maintaining our outstanding justice system in Scurry County, and I wanted to be working in Scurry County full time for family reasons. Being an Assistant District Attorney covering Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher counties has been a great working experience, but my family and I are ready to have me home more. Obviously, if elected, I would resign as Assistant DA before taking office as JP. Our District Court and County Court are run very effectively and efficiently, and I know from talking with out of town attorneys and many people involved in suits, both criminal and civil, that there is a great respect for our judicial system in Scurry County. You may be surprised to know that many other counties don't have that same respect for their courts. This results in unreasonable delays in resolving cases and a general breakdown of the justice system in both criminal and civil cases. With my knowledge of the law and my practical experience as an attorney, judge and prosecutor, I know I will be able to maintain the respect our courts in Scurry County have earned.

Boyd: I filed because I would like to make a difference in people's lives. People need a judge who will listen as they plead their cases, and who will rule in a fair, just, and compassionate manner. I also have a deep concern for students who are violating the compulsory school attendance law, and I want to be in a position to work with these students, their parents, and educators to keep these kids in school.

McCravey: Several years before retirement, I had developed the thought of pursuing the office of J.P. after retirement. When the opportunity presented itself, I decided to try for the office. I feel that my life experiences in law enforcement gives me great insight in being able to conduct this office as it should be for the people.

Primary Candidates

Pct. 1 Commissioner
Ralph Trevey (D)
Bill Baldwin (D)
Cloyce Scarberry (D)

Pct. 3 Commissioner
Howard Limmer (R)
Joe Bass (R)
Donna Gray (D)

Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace
Deborah Boyd (R)
Ben Smith (R)
Dwaine Merritt (R)
Kirby McCravey (R)

Pct. 1 Constable
Kirk Taylor (R)
Pat Alexander (R)

Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace
Pat Bryant (I)
Travis Brackeen (R)

Pct. 2 Constable
Jeff Duck (D)

132nd District Judge
Ernie Armstrong (R)

132nd District Attorney
Dana Cooley (R)

County Attorney
Mark Hartman (R)

Sheriff
Darren Jackson (D)

Tax Assessor/Collector
Diana Williamson (D)

U.S. Representatives
Charlie Stenholm (D)
Darrell Clements (R)
Shane Hunt (R)

State Representative
David Counts (D)
Tim Blackshear (R)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

GOP budget writers OK spending plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said the Republican-led Congress is steering the country into a "fiscal dead-end" with plans for a $1.8 trillion budget that includes huge tax cuts.

The president urged GOP leaders Saturday "to maintain the fiscal discipline" he said has resulted in the longest economic expansion in American history.

Republicans said the budget agreement reached Friday between leaders of the House and Senate budget committees deserves support because not only will it cut taxes but also will help vital American priorities.

In his weekly radio address, however, Clinton insisted GOP leaders have "hardly given a second thought" to a whole list of priorities including saving Social Security, strengthening Medicare and "continuing to put the education of our children first."

"Before they put a single penny toward educating our children, they've allocated nearly half a trillion dollars to risky tax cuts," Clinton said. "More than half our money already spent — and not a penny on our most pressing priorities.

"They tried to take us down this road before," the president said, referring to past tax-cut proposals he opposed as fiscally irresponsible.

"Just this week we saw the Republican leaders attach special interest tax breaks to what should have been a simple raise in the minimum wage," the president said.

"As the budget process begins, I urge Republican leaders to change their course and steer clear of a fiscal dead end," Clinton said. "It is wrong for America. It was wrong last year, and it is wrong this year."

Once important priorities are addressed, Clinton said a targeted tax cut that "rewards work and families" also is possible.

"I will work with any member of either party to get these things done," Clinton said.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich said in the GOP's weekly radio talk the budget agreement in no way risks national priorities.

"These are the goals we should strive to meet if we are sincere about building a better America," Kasich, R-Ohio, said.

Kasich and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., announced agreement Friday on a framework for a fiscal 2001 budget. They hope to push the measure through their panels later this month and for Congress to complete it by mid-April.

Chile swears in a new socialist president

VALPARAISO, Chile (AP) — The last time a socialist served as Chile's president, he was toppled in a bloody military coup. Ricardo Lagos was sworn in Saturday as the second socialist president, pledging to bring a still-powerful armed forces to heel.

Lagos, who embarks on a six-year term, gained national prominence more than a decade ago by taking a key role in a referendum defeat of former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Saturday, Lagos is equally bold in insisting that Chile's armed forces defer to the elected government.

"This is a fiesta for democracy," said a smiling Lagos, who took his oath in the Congress building in this Chilean port city, Valparaiso, watched by dignitaries from Europe and the Americas.

Wearing a dark suit and red tie, Lagos solemnly received Chile's red, white and blue sash during a ceremonial handover as outgoing President Eduardo Frei looked on. The packed chamber applauded loudly.

Lagos showed his irritation last week when Pinochet returned from 16 months in detention in London and was given a hero's welcome by the armed forces. He was released after a panel of judges said he was too ill to stand trial.

Aid agencies scramble to help...

Waterlogged Mozambique has to cope with more rain

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) — After several days of heavy rain, aid agencies scrambled to make the most of a sunny day Saturday, sending out helicopters, boats and trucks to deliver supplies to the country's flood victims.

The hot, clear weather helped open roads in southern Mozambique that had been impassable in recent days because of repeated downpours.

"We've been able to supply the key areas, and with the good weather we plan to fan out to more remote places," said Lindsey Davies, spokeswoman for the World Food Program, the U.N. food agency.

Much of the aid has been delivered so far by aircraft. However, since many of the helicopters supplied by the militaries of several Western nations and South Africa have a light cargo-carrying capacity, repeated trips are required to deliver adequate amounts of food to the same destination — an expensive and often inefficient exercise.

As the roads open, the aid effort will become much easier, aid groups say. In the largest overland delivery so far, trucks carrying 52 tons of food left the central city of Beira, on the Indian Ocean coast, and headed south to the hard-hit city of Save.

The Mozambican government and aid groups said food and other supplies are now flowing in at a rapid rate. Because of poor weather in recent days, the biggest problem has been distributing the supplies.

A total of 59 aircraft are taking part in the aid operation, and more than 2,200 international personnel are in Mozambique, about half of them from foreign militaries, including the United States, Germany, Britain, Spain and South Africa, government officials said.

There have been sporadic reports of looting, and police in the southern coastal city of Xai-Xai said they arrested a gang that had been navigating the still submerged city in boats to pilfer goods.

Mozambique's Foreign Minister Leonardo Simao said looting was not a serious problem, but he urged police to publicize the names of those caught stealing.

The government says it is still too soon for refugees to return home in the valleys along the Save and Limpopo rivers, where the worst flooding took place. Authorities fear that another round of heavy rain could again trigger flooding in the impoverished nation.

However, the government and aid agencies are starting to look beyond the immediate disaster, and are trying to get seeds and basic farming tools to villagers.

2 dead, 2 hurt in Georgia shooting

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Police arrested a 19-year-old man in the shooting death of a teenager outside a high school where hundreds of students were leaving a dance honoring the girls' basketball team.

Two other youths were wounded in the attack late Friday outside Beach High School.

Authorities said early Saturday that Darrell Ingram, 19, was arrested and charged with murder and two counts of aggravated assault.

Ingram is not a student at the high school, and neither is the victim who died, police said. Beach High School officials said all three victims were students in the district, although it was unclear what schools they attended.

The two injured youths, whose ages and identities were not released, suffered gunshot wounds to the head and body, police spokesman Bucky Burnsed said. One was in critical condition and the other was treated at a hospital and released.

The shootings happened near the school.

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Two-vehicle mishap under investigation

Department of Public Safety troopers are investigating a two-vehicle accident that was reported at 7:48 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Highway 180 and FM 1611.

Involved were a 1992 Toyota driven by former Snyder resident Angel Southern, 25, who now lives in Baltimore, and a 1995 Cadillac driven by Thomas Martin of Snyder.

Southern's vehicle was westbound on Highway 180, while Martin was southbound on FM 1611.

The Jaws of Life were used to free Sherry Betz, 38, also of Baltimore, and a passenger in the Southern vehicle. She was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she is listed in good condition. Southern was also transported by EMS to the hospital where she was treated and released.

No one else was hospitalized.

Four people were taken into custody Friday, and two more were arrested early Saturday after causing a disturbance at the Plaza Restaurant.

Arrested at 2:33 a.m. Saturday were a 23-year-old male and a 30-year-old male. Both were charged with public intoxication.

Arrests Friday include a 27-year-old female for driving with license suspended, a 44-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, and a 19-year-old male for outstanding city traffic warrants.

Deputies also arrested a 37-year-old male shortly before 11 p.m. Friday for public intoxication. He was arrested at the VFW.

In other activity Friday, officers filed a report for a runaway juvenile at 6:04 p.m. However, she was located in town at 7:58 p.m. and returned to her mother.

Deputies were called to the Hermleigh Allsup's at 8:24 p.m. in reference to a juvenile female reporting her father had assaulted her. The girl was transported to a residence in Snyder.

An offense report for Class C theft was filed at 8:33 p.m. as a person failed to pay for $21.28 of gas at the College Avenue Allsup's.

Obituaries

Annie Wasson

1911-2000

Funeral service for Annie Lee Wasson, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Clay Belcher and Mike Matheny will officiate.

Burial will follow at 3 p.m. Monday in the Summerfield Cemetery in Summerfield, La.

Mrs. Wasson, a resident of Snyder since 1985, died Friday, March 11, in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 3, 1911 in Junction City, Ark., she married Robert F. Wasson on July 5, 1931 in Homer, La. He died in 1980.

Mrs. Wasson was a retired nurse and was a member of the First Assembly of God in Snyder.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Charles Ford Wasson; a sister; three brothers; and a grandson, Robert Terry Lewis.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Charles Masters of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, John Wiley and Diana Wasson of Abilene and Jolley Gary and Annetta Wasson of Shreveport, La.; a brother and sister-in-law, J.B. and Thelma Jolley of Eldorado, Ark.; a sister-in-law, Olice Jolley of Burlington, Tex.; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

John Curtis

1924-2000

John D. Curtis, retired Sun Oil Co. employee, died Friday, March 10, in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center following a brief illness.

Services for Mr. Curtis, 75, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 21, 1924 in Rains County, he was married to Faye Curtis who died on Dec. 31, 1991. He married Elnora Ward on June 11, 1993 in Snyder.

An U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he was an utility operator for Sun Oil for 34 years, working in Sun's Snyder Gas Plant. He was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Elnora Curtis of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Wayne Davis and Eugenia and Steve Bates, all of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Betty Curtis of Lubbock and Randall and Sam Curtis of Houston; three stepdaughters, Pamela Nitch of Fort Worth, Becky Lofton of Midland and Marsha Orr of Denver; a brother, Elvin Curtis of Mineral Wells; three sisters, Willie Moore and Natalie Clark, both of Snyder, and Wanda Porter of Sweetwater; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels annual car show and swap meet continues until 6 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Matt Cross will present a program on keeping fit in retirement years.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Why Right is Right," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 4."

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday, March 26, starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

American Diabetes Association Walk

The American Diabetes Association Walk for East Elementary's fourth graders is scheduled March 24. Christi Smith, PE instructor, asks everyone to "help the students with this worthy cause." For more information, contact Smith at 573-1769.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit immunization clinics this month are March 23rd and 30th. Thursdays dates in April are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Parise! Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at East Side Church of Christ. The concert is free and open to the public.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
34-56-76-90

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-6-16-17-19

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-1-4

Russian forces battle Chechen rebels

KOMSOMOLSKOYE, Russia (AP) — Russian planes and artillery Saturday battered the Chechen village of Komsomolskoye, the last major pocket of rebel resistance in southern Chechnya.

Up to 700 rebels are fiercely resisting a weeklong Russian attempt to drive them from the town, despite suffering serious losses, the press service of the North Caucasus command told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

"The guerrillas are suffering losses," Maj. Gen. Vladimir Bulgakov told ITAR-Tass. One of those killed was Khamzat Idigov, deputy commander of the rebels holding out in Komsomolskoye.

Russian artillery and warplanes also were shelling rebel positions in the nearby towns of Selmentauzen, Ulus-Kert and Kuba-Yurt over the past 24 hours, the military command said.

The rebels seized Komsomolskoye last Sunday, embarrassing Russian forces who claimed to have the rebels surrounded and insisted the village would quickly be under Russian control.

The resistance is reportedly being orchestrated by two of Chechnya's most notorious warlords, Shamil Basayev and Khattab, who uses one name only.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Goulash, cottage fries, green peas, fruit salad, apple cutie pie

Tuesday
Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, spice cake

Wednesday
Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, pickled beets & onion, tossed salad, bread pudding

Thursday
Beef stew, fried okra, mixed fruit, Jello w/topping, oatmeal cookie, cornbread

Friday
Fried fish, tater tots, golden carrots, creamy cole slaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

The Senior Center is a service organization that provides meals and activities for senior citizens. Funding is through the county, city and college, nutrition program and fund-raisers.

Although bakes sales, garage sales and raffles are conducted during the year, the main fund-raiser is MayDay. Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendar for May 6 and to make plans to assist in the effort to raise funds for operating expenses.

There are only eight weeks until MayDay, so it is time for volunteers to begin making their crafts for the arts and crafts booth. Quilters are already working toward a goal of 30 large quilts. Several baby quilts and afghans will also be auctioned.

Other MayDay activities include the barbecue meal and the silent auction. MayDay can be successful only through the combined efforts of the staff and an army of volunteers. Many residents have grandparents, aunts or uncles who benefit from the services provided by the center. All assistance is welcome. For more information call 573-4035.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Line dancers will be entertaining at Snyder Healthcare at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday
"88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Senior swimnastics is cancelled due to spring break at Western Texas College.

Wednesday
A volunteer will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. to help citizens with income tax filing. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. Line dancers will be performing at Snyder Oaks at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday
The fabric painting class meets from 9-11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the center at 10 a.m.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 a.m., and the Saint Patrick's sing-a-long at 11:15 a.m., lead by the Sunshine Choir. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 2 and 3 p.m., respectively.

Arizonians vote online in primary

PHOENIX (AP) — Tens of thousands of Arizona Democrats ditched traditional paper ballots and instead went online to point and click on their candidate in the nation's first binding Internet election for public office.

"It was a lot easier for me than going to a polling site because I have computer access at all times," said Jonnie Ann Del Rio, 22, of Phoenix, who voted at the Roosevelt Community Tech Center where she works.

By the time the computer link closed at midnight Friday, 35,765 voters had cast their ballots via the Internet in Arizona's Democratic presidential primary, said Bill Taylor, vice president of Election.com, the company hired to run the election.

Internet voting began Tuesday. Voters were issued personal identification numbers and then could log on at any computer or Democratic Party headquarters to cast their ballot.

Democrats who did not vote by Friday night would still be able to cast their ballot today — the official primary date — at one of 124 polling sites either via computer or traditional paper ballots.

Maria Rhose, a representative of Election.com, said a stream of people had come through the Democratic Party's headquarters, the site of an Internet early voting station. Many voters said they would keep their confirmation certificates as mementos.

"It seems like that's something that makes them very proud," Rhose said.

Dr. Gott, Continued From Page 9A

Infections 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: I am a 25-year-old male with a very personal problem: my penis varies in length from 2 inches to 6 inches.

When I was growing up, my parents nicknamed me "tiny," for obvious reasons. This and other childhood experiences destroyed my self-esteem. I am seriously considering surgery to enlarge my penis so that I can be a good sex partner. What do you think?

DEAR READER: By all means see a urologist to obtain an opinion about augmentation surgery. But I encourage you first to consider the issue in its broadest sense.

Many men have an average-sized penis, as do you. This is, after all, the definition of average. I do not believe that a large penis makes the man; there are many other qualities that are much more important. I am sure you know them, so I won't bore you with a list. I believe that you can regain a great deal of self-esteem and self-confidence if you can get beyond your narrow definition of masculinity, and accentuate the positive aspects of your life, such as intellectual achievement, success in your career, compassion, and the ability to give and accept love.

In the second place, forget the myth that a big penis makes for a desirable partner. In actual fact, the reverse may be the rule. Sex therapists universally agree that of the three body parts that give most satisfactory sex (the hand, the mouth and the penis), the penis is a poor third. I urge you to learn and develop techniques that do not rely on penetration. In this way, you will become a much more desirable lover, that rare and skillful man whose primary satisfaction is pleasuring his partner. Believe me, once you adopt this attitude and refine the mechanics of love-making, your world will open up. Rather than being self-conscious about your supposed anatomical shortcomings, rejoice in your adeptness, relax and enjoy the whole breadth of the sexual experience.

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Fifteen are killed in bomb explosion in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A bomb exploded in the commercial center of the Sri Lankan capital during evening rush hour Saturday, killing 15 people and injuring at least 46, authorities said.

Police believe a suicide bomber set off the explosion prematurely and had intended to target a motorcade of government ministers and political leaders.

Gunfire could be heard from the cordoned-off Borella area, the commercial hub of Colombo, up to an hour after the explosion. At least 50 soldiers took up positions to try to capture the perpetrators. Helicopters circled the area.

Five of the 15 dead were police, and 46 people were hospitalized, said police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

K. Nissanka, a fire department official, said the blast damaged 25 to 30 vehicles in the area. Badly disfigured remains found near the blast site led authorities to theorize that a suicide bomber was responsible.

Police officials said the bomber may have started getting out of the car in order to position himself in front of the expected motorcade when the blast went off.

There were no further details and no claims of responsibility.

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Administration puts out new guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The growing diversity of the American population is prompting the Clinton administration to release new guidelines for federal agencies as the Census Bureau prepares to mail out forms offering people a chance to say if they are of more than one race.

The guidelines, issued Friday by the Office of Management and Budget, allow for more specific racial combinations to be counted when results from the 2000 census are released, changing the way demographic data about the country is kept.

For the first time, this year's census forms allow respondents to mark one or more of 14 boxes representing six races and subcategories or "some other race." For instance, in the last census, someone who was of both black and white ancestry could only check off only one choice.

In all, as many as 63 racial combinations are possible, and the Census Bureau will release data for each of those categories, said Nancy Gordon, the agency's associate director for demographic programs.

The guidelines also revise the way statistics are kept for purposes of civil rights monitoring and enforcement, said Sally Katzen, counselor to the OMB director.

For that purpose, OMB added new multi-race categories in addition to the standard single-race categories of American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White.

The new multi-race categories for purposes of civil rights monitoring and enforcement are: American Indian or Alaska Native and White; Asian and White; Black or African American and White; American Indian or Alaska Native and Black or African American.

"We anticipate that most of the people who check off more than one race will check off one of these categories," Katzen said when asked why those specific combinations were selected.

The guidelines also provide for the collection of information on any multiple race combinations that comprise more than 1 percent of the population of interest, the report said.

If an individual who is white and of one minority race is involved in a civil rights enforcement case, that individual will be allocated to the minority race. A person of two or more minority races and involved in an enforcement case would be allocated to the race that is allegedly discriminated against.

Finally, if a person of two or more minority races is involved in a civil rights case based on a pattern of discrimination, the enforcement agency "will conduct a thorough analysis of effects on each minority group alleged to be affected by the pattern of discrimination," an OMB statement said.

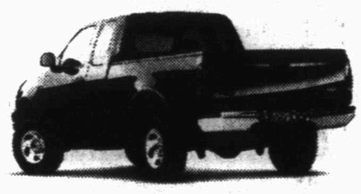


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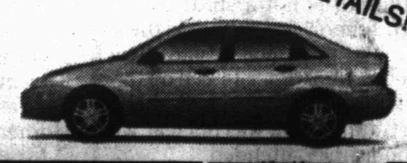


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Scurry County Folks

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Happy Birthday!

Central Elementary turns 50

Central Elementary School celebrated an important milestone last week — 50 years of quality education.

Central is unique in that during its early years, Snyder also had another school with a similar name — Central Primary School.

Central's past and the present came together Tuesday morning when former and current teachers, staffers, students and administrators attended a special program which paid homage to the school's history and some of the people who had worked there over the years.

Jim Rosson, principal, was the master of ceremonies. Pam Hart, June Holcomb and Betty Thompson served as "tour guides," each telling a different part of the school's history. Current events of those years were incorporated with the history.

Fifty students were on the stage, each wearing a yellow star with a different year on it. They and the audience sang "happy birthday" as the program closed. Larissa Blackard and Will Stewart led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

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Several former staffers shared their thoughts and memories.

June McGlaun

June McGlaun taught at Central two different times, 1949-1950 and 1973-1974, after the "fruit basket" reassignment of teachers. When she started teaching in 1949, all of the grades were housed in a single building, located where the jail is now.

That first year, she had about 60 fifth graders, pared down from the 70 who registered with her the first month. "My class had to be divided three times that year," June said. "Drillers would enroll their children on Monday and withdraw them on Friday after they had finished their work."

The state required strict attendance records, and June noted that she had seven categories to mark for each student.

"I remember that I recopied it because the state would not accept any mistakes," she said. She has donated a copy of her 1949-1950 register to the Scurry County Museum.

June said current principal Jim Rosson was one of her students.

Shine Griffin

Shine Griffin now lives in Abilene, but she is a former Central teacher. Her husband, the late Joel Griffin, also served as principal, but they were not assigned to the school at the same time.

She taught at Central Primary during the oil boom. In later years, she was assigned to Central two more times.

A first year teacher in 1951, Shine said she taught second grade and had about 35 students, a large class by today's standards.

"That was my first year to teach or have a job," she recalled. "During orientation, she said she had been warned about how strict O.S. Clark was.

Of course, his school, Central, was the one she was assigned to. "He was strict, but he was an excellent principal," Shine said.

She said she relied heavily on two veteran teachers, Hattie Gatlin and Mae Stanfield. "I beat a trail to their door asking for help. I had big loads of kids and some really rough kids those early years," she continued. "But they were good kids."

She noted that she worked with some very good counselors who could tell her what was wrong with one of her students and what she needed to do to correct the situation.

She recalled the "kindness of the cafeteria people and all of the fun she had at Central. We were blessed to have such good faculties. Principals were enjoyable and optimistic.

Shine retired from Central in 1980.

Mary Jimm Floyd

Mary Jimm Floyd changed to Central because she wanted to teach under Herman Trigg. She said one of the most tragic memories she has is the day Trigg died before school. Teaching some 20 years at Central, she retired six years ago.

"Thank goodness I taught under people who were willing to try 'new' ideas and concepts," she added. Teachers and students were considered of the utmost importance.

Mary Jimm formed lifelong friendships while teaching at Central. Besides Trigg, she also taught under Charles Anderson, L.D. "Sonny" Monroe and Jim Rosson.

JoAnn Littlepage

JoAnn Littlepage remembers her first teaching years with a lot of joy.

"Mr. M.E Stanfield, superintendent, traveled to East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce in the summer of 1952, looking for teachers for the Snyder School System.

"I was graduating that summer and was hired to teach second grade at Central. I taught there until the spring of 1956. Mr. Joe Glass was our principal for four years.

"It was a very enjoyable teaching time. The children were eager to learn. The parents were helpful. I particularly remember Carolyn Reon helping with costumes for a play.

"We did not have a gym. We did our own recess time. We played across the street, north from Central. We also had a music teacher, which we could request once a week. She came to our classroom for 30 minutes.

"We were with the children from the time we got to school until school was dismissed in the afternoon.

"It was a good school for me as I lived nearby. I walked to school and then walked home again in the afternoon."

Charles Anderson

Charles Anderson, who served as principal from 1976 until 1986, shared some of his memories.

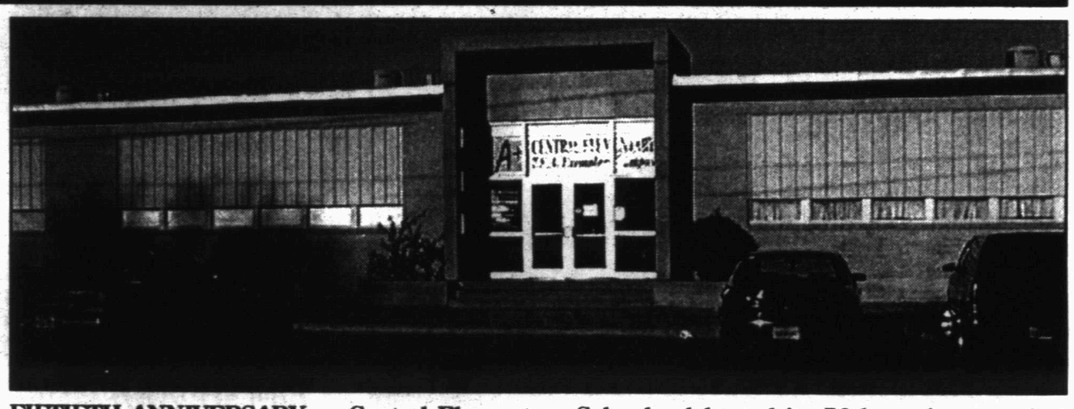
"I remember my first year at Central. Mr. Trigg, who was the previous principal, had died in the spring. I asked to be transferred to Central as I had spent 10 years at Northeast. I loved Northeast, but I felt that 10 years was enough. And I knew that Central would be a challenge."

One year the school project was to set up a birdhouse in the patio. "When I was a kid, my dad had a tree house for Martins. I knew they would come if we put one up and they did," he said.

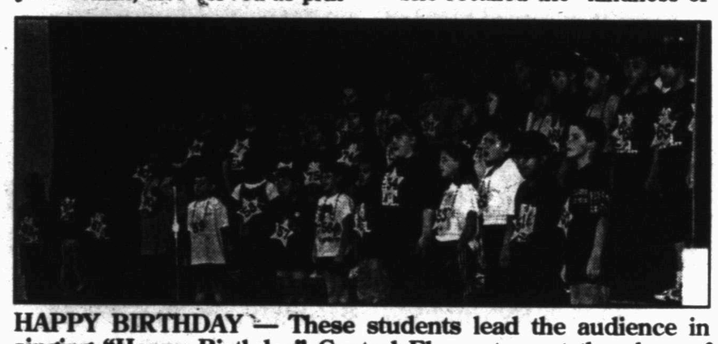
The birds usually arrived around March 15. The room with the correct guess was treated to ice cream or another special party.

"I remember the dedicated teachers and wonderful parents," Anderson recalled. I visited in nearly every home at one time or another. Many of the students came from poor situations and I

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY — Central Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary last week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY — These students lead the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" Central Elementary at the close of Tuesday's 50th anniversary assembly. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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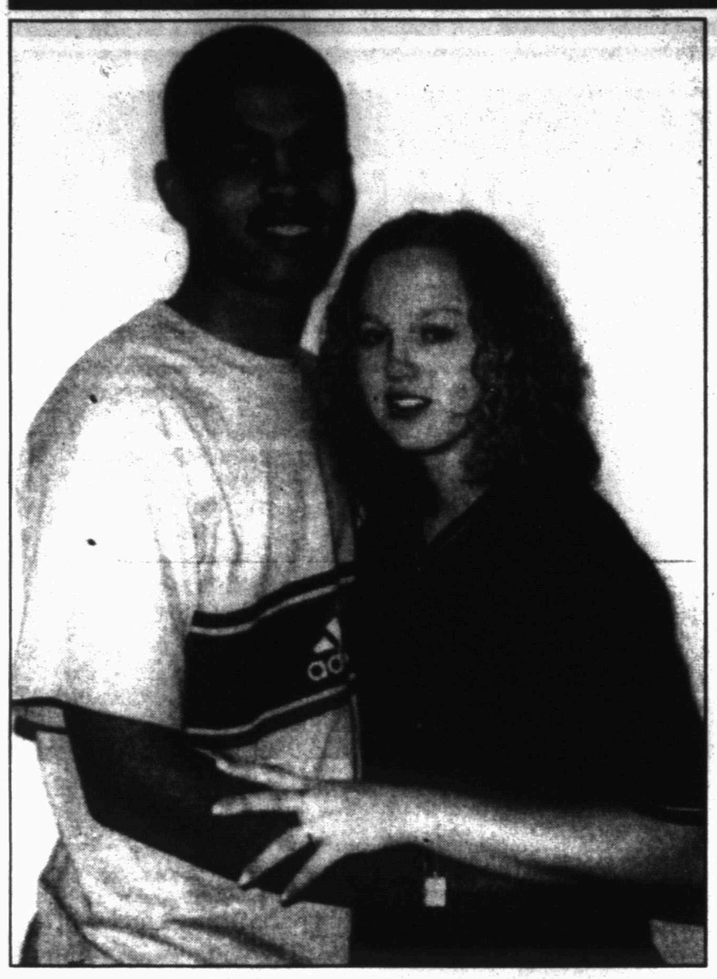
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TUCKER-McCLAIN TO MARRY — Keith and Cynthia McClain of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Marcus, to Tara Tucker of Sherman. The bride-elect is employed by Raythion Inc. in McKinney. She is the daughter of Johnny and Sandy Tucker of Oklahoma. The prospective groom is employed by Bank Leasing of McKinney. The couple plan to marry at 2 p.m. March 18 in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

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Valarie Winkles and Thomas Scull
Rachel Moore and Ralph J. Shanafelt
Stephanie West and Cody Lewis
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Laura Collins and Matthew White
Kelly Gonzalez and Banks Alexander
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Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-11-00
♠ K Q 7
♥ J 10 8 6 5
♦ J 4 3 2
♣ 10

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

East
♠ J 10 9
♥ ---
♦ K 10 8 6 5
♣ K Q 7 5 3

South
♠ A 6 5
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 9 7
♣ J 8 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Saturday, March 11, 2000

Over to you, correspondent

By Phillip Alder

Just for today, I am turning the column over to a correspondent, Carol. She said that she would try, "in excruciating detail" (much of which I have been forced to edit out), to show me how Flight B players think.

Carol was East. Over North's two-diamond transfer bid, showing five-plus hearts, she chimed in with an Unusual No-Trump, showing at least 5-5 in the minors. (A questionable action, but wonderful here.) Against four hearts, West leads the diamond queen. Declarer wins with the ace, then plays three rounds of hearts. After winning with the queen, West leads the club two: 10, queen, four. What now?

"I think to myself, 'Partner has underled an ace! She probably wants a diamond ruff.' Tick tock, tick tock. 'Wait a minute! Maybe declarer made a "practice duck."' Tick tock, tick tock. 'Get real, Carol. South didn't duck the club ace just to torture you.' Tick tock, tick tock. 'OK, so partner underled an ace. Did she do it on purpose?' After a brief review of her previous plays, I conclude, 'Yes, she did it deliberately.' Tick tock. 'Probably.' (Note that I've just spent half my defense time answering questions Real Players don't even ask.) 'Now where was I? Oh yes, which diamond to play back?' The natives are starting to shift in their seats. 'I don't want to play the diamond king and set up dummy's jack.' (No snickering from the peanut gallery, please.) Eventually, I return a low diamond. Partner ruffs with the nine, and declarer cannot get rid of his other diamond loser: one down. Yes, cashing the diamond king before giving the ruff is much easier, but less esthetic."

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge games are held at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed on Friday and Jane Hinton directed Sunday; there were no games on Tuesday.

Friday, March 3

A Group
1. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Pat Floyd, Durelle Gorman.

B Group
1. Pat Floyd, Durelle Gorman.
2. Christine Stuard, LaVerne Hood.
3. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.

Sunday, March 5

1. Betty Courtney, Martha Fagin.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

Golden wedding anniversary is celebrated by the Bosticks

Horrace and Carolyn Bostick celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 3 in Austin with their two sons and their families, Clarke and Paula Bostick and daughter, Erin, and Mark and Tammy Bostick and their daughters, Carly and Summer.

Horrace and Carolyn were married March 3, 1950 in Odessa. They moved to Snyder in 1951. Horrace was a football coach for 16 years, was assistant principal and then was principal of Snyder High School for 13 years, retiring in 1979. Carolyn taught the fourth grade for 25 years. She retired in 1985.

A native of Big Spring, Horrace served in World War II in the South Pacific. He is a TCU graduate. Carolyn, reared in Ranger, is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth.

The couple said they feel fortunate to have lived in Snyder and that they appreciate the many good friends they have had through the years.



MR. AND MRS. HORRACE BOSTICK
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

The food and literature of Ireland

By Marialisa Calta

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Irish Food Board is promoting both the food and literature of Ireland this year. And it's clear from their promotion that a country that gave us George Bernard Shaw, William Butler Yeats, James Joyce and Frank McCourt also has more to offer, food-wise, than corned beef and cabbage.

The Food Board has come out with a lovely little pamphlet featuring seven easy-to-prepare dishes, peppered with quotes from Irish writers. You can get the free pamphlet by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Literary Irish, Literally Delicious, C/O Irish Food Board, 132 West 37th Street (4th Floor), New York, NY 10018. You can also download the recipes from the Internet at www.askireland.com.

The recipes include a Custard with Fruit Sauce that James Joyce wrote about in "The Dead," and the kind of potato dish that Frank ("Angela's Ashes") McCourt says has "aphrodisiac" qualities. Likewise, the "fry," an Irish breakfast that opens Joyce's "Ulysses," is detailed.

The soda bread is in honor of George Bernard Shaw, who was an adamant vegetarian. He wrote frequently and at length about diet, and said of Irish brown bread, "remember that brown bread is a good familiar creature and worth more than his weight in flesh."

The recipe for Irish stew is included in the pamphlet with an unattributed quote: "Irish stew? All honor to the land that has brought it before the world."

And all honor to the land that has given us some of the best English-speaking writers in the world. Perhaps the best way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to pick up an anthology of Yeats or Joyce and read or re-read it. If you accompany your reading with a morsel of food or a pint of Guinness, no one is going to complain.

Note: Most of the ingredients are available in U.S. grocery stores, but all can also be mail-ordered. For Galtee Irish bacon (along with other Irish sausages and meats) call (800) 386-7577. Galtee's Web site is located at www.galteeirishbreakfast.ie on the Internet.

CUSTARD WITH FRUIT

1 cup sugar
3 eggs
3 egg yolks
1-1/4 cups heavy cream
1-1/4 cups whole milk
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup Irish preserves (see note) or fresh sliced fruit

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 1-1/2 quart shallow baking dish or 6 individual 1-cup custard molds.

In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar, eggs and egg yolks, and beat until creamy and pale yellow. Combine cream and milk in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour the hot liquid into the egg mixture, whisking constantly. Pour the egg mixture into the prepared dish. Dust with nutmeg.

Place dish or molds into a baking pan. Fill the pan with boiling water to about halfway up the custard dish. Bake until custard is set, 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until a tester inserted in the custard comes away completely dry. Allow to cool before serving.

If using preserves, heat them gently before serving, and serve with custard. If using sliced fruit, serve on top or alongside of custard. Yield: 6 servings.

Note: Popular brands of Irish preserves include Alexander's, Bewley's, Chivers, Irish Fruits, Fruitfield and Morley's.

— Recipe from "Literary Irish, Literally Delicious," from the Irish Food Board

IRISH OATEY SODA BREAD

4 cups unbleached white flour
1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup quick-cooking Irish oatmeal (see note)
1/3 cup steel-cut oats (see note)
2-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 cup firmly packed sugar
1/4 cup butter or margarine, chilled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1-1/2 to 2 cups buttermilk

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly dust the surface of a baking sheet with flour.

Stir together the flour, oats, sugar and baking soda in a large bowl. Using fingertips, quickly rub in the butter. The mixture should be coarse, but not lumpy.

Make a well in the center and gradually stir in the buttermilk with a wooden spoon until the dough is soft, but manageable.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and knead for about 1 minute.

Shape the dough into a ball and place it in the center of the prepared baking sheet. With the palm of your hand, flatten the dough into a circle that is about 1-1/2 inches thick. Using a sharp knife dipped in flour, make a cross (do not cut too deep) through the center of the bread so that it will easily break into quarters when baked. Bake for approximately 30 minutes, or until well-browned.

Serve with butter, preferably Irish butter. Yield: 1 loaf.

Note: The most easily available brand of Irish oatmeal (and steel-cut oats) is McCann's, sold in most supermarkets.

— Recipe from "Literary Irish, Literally Delicious," from the Irish Food Board

IRISH STEW

8 potatoes — 4 sliced very thin, 4 cut in half
4 medium onions, peeled and thinly sliced
6 carrots, scraped and sliced
salt and pepper, to taste
1 pound of Galtee/Shannon traditional Irish bacon, chopped
3 to 3-1/2 pounds shoulder lamb chops, about 1 inch thick, trimmed and cut into small pieces
2 to 2-1/2 cups of water (about)
finely chopped fresh parsley, to taste

In a medium-size pot put down a thin layer of the thinly sliced potatoes, onion and carrot, using about 1/3 of each. Top with a layer of the bacon and lamb. Sprinkle liberally with pepper and salt. Continue building in this manner until all the ingredients are used. Add the water until it barely covers the ingredients. Arrange the halved potatoes on top of the stew but not in contact with the water, so they steam as the rest is cooking. Simmer over a very low heat for about two hours.

Serve in shallow soup bowls and sprinkle liberally with parsley. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

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A custard dish James Joyce wrote about: Custard with Fruit, from the Irish Food Board's "Literary Irish, Literally Delicious."

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Scurry County Health Unit wants to encourage everyone to support the American Cancer Society's RELAY FOR LIFE. This is to be held April 28 and 29th at the Snyder High School Football Stadium. It takes the efforts of everyone to raise much needed monies for Cancer Research and patient assistance, not to mention public awareness. The RELAY FOR LIFE is a fun way for friends, businesses, and families to get involved and at the same time enhance their own health by walking. So get off the couch, call your friends, then form a teamn for the RELAY FOR LIFE. This is your chance to be an important part for this Community event.

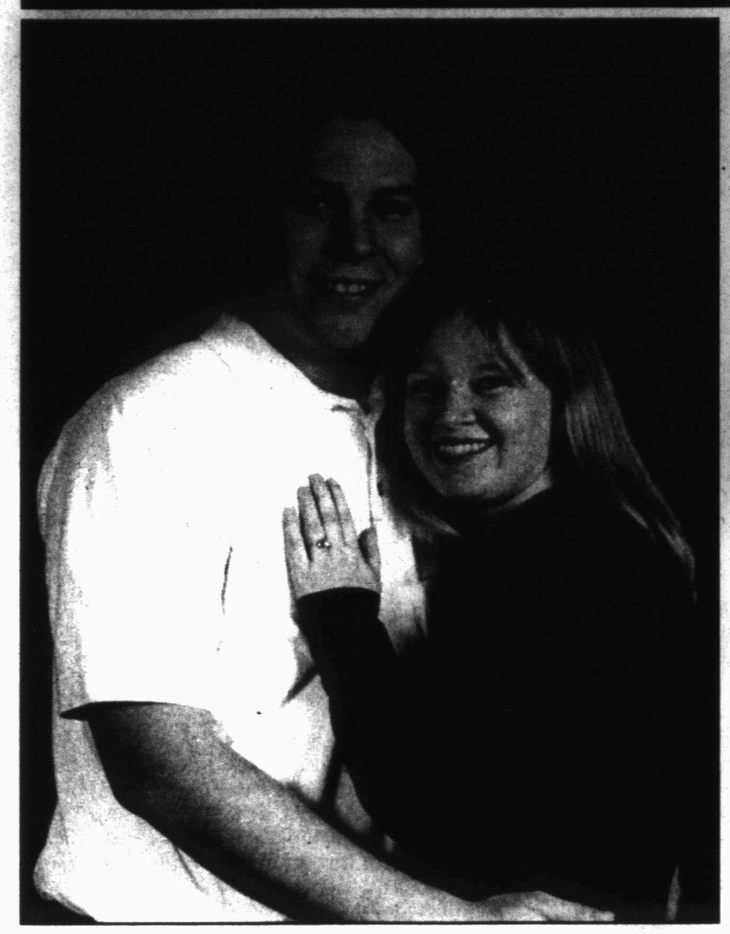
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MARCH WEDDING SET — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullenger announce the engagement of their daughter, Reagan, to Clay Boyd, son of Mrs. Paula Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Boyd of Midland. Reagan is a senior at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock and will graduate in May. Clay is a student at Texas Tech. They have planned a March 18 wedding to be held in the home of Reagan's grandparents, Marion and Juanita Cochran of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



APPROACHING MARRIAGE — Joe and Carolyn Elam of Ira announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Marie Elam, to Larry Jason Gruben. He is the son of Larry and Terrye Gruben of Roby. The couple will marry at 5 p.m. on March 18 in the Roby First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



PLANNING SESSION —Caterer Sandra Brace, left, okays the calendar date of March 26 for a Martha Ann Woman's Club Sunday buffet fundraiser with board members Sandra Robinson, Jane Crenwelge, Anne von Roeder, Francene Noah and Wanda Falls. There will be a choice from two entrees, vegetables, salads, rolls, desserts and a drink served from 11:30 to 1:30. Tickets are $8 for an adult and $4 for a child six and under. Reservations may be made and tickets delivered by calling MAWC, 573-3427; Jan Harrell, 573-6443; or Francene Noah, 573-6717. Proceeds help maintain the woman's club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hermleigh Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Friday
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Juice

LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Peanut Butter Cookies
Tuesday
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Plum Cobbler
Wednesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Soft Bread Sticks
Spice Cake
Thursday
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pineapple
Friday
Irish Stew
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Crackers
Lime Jell-O

Loyola, Martinez plan wedding for May 27 in C-City

Trey and Amber Loyola announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their father, Tracy Loyola, to Geneva Martinez.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Jean Loyola of Snyder and the late John Loyola. The bride-elect is the daughter of Rufino and Sabaz Martinez of Colorado City.

The couple will wed on May 27 in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City.

Geneva is a graduate of Colorado High School and Western Texas College and is employed by the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

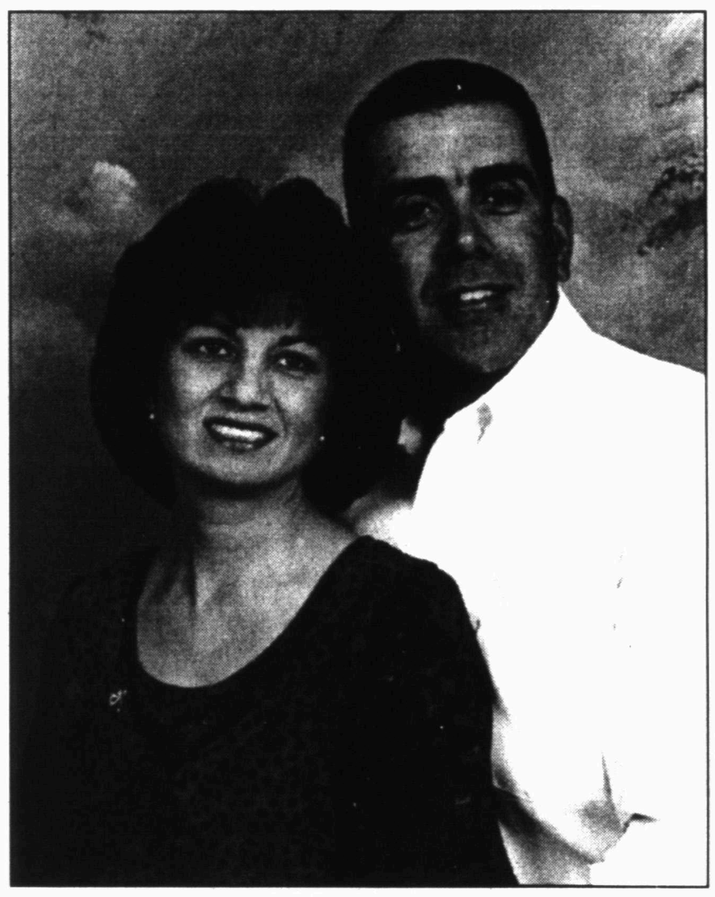
Loyola, a graduate of Snyder High School, attended WTC and is employed by Tuboscope Inc. in Snyder.

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Brain cells begin developing months before the actual birth of the baby. Read and sing to babies before they are born.

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Our brains develop through repeated experiences.



Geneva Martinez and Tracy Loyola
(Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving two-night course; Texas Savings Bank Community Room, 27th and College Ave.; no reservations necessary; $30, and for more information call 573-2850.

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; guest speaker: Reggie Gardner; program: The Star Program; hostesses: Nona Williams and Loy Forbes; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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Central marks 50th year

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credit the teachers and other personnel with having special compassion which helped many overcome their home situations," he said.

During Anderson's tenure, the school held an end-of-the year picnic. Everyone walked to Deep Creek, where they spread their lunch and the children played.

"This was a special time for them to relax and just be kids. Each teacher provided a lot of goodies for the students," Anderson recalled.

He also remembered the "special lady in the lunchroom" who took care of all of us. Maxie McNew and her staff treated the children and everyone else with the utmost care.

"She always had something special for the teachers and for the children. She and her staff were the best cooks in the world, and we all knew it," he said.

Each day, Anderson walked throughout the building. A first grader stopped him one day and asked, "Do you work anywhere?"

Anderson recalled thinking, "You know, that kid is pretty smart."

He said his best memories and greatest satisfaction has been seeing the achievement of the kids that came through Central. Former student Vina Clay was named valedictorian at Snyder High School when she graduated, he said.

Many of Central's students went on to become business people, teachers, doctors and lawyers.

Anderson spoke of one family from Mexico who spoke no English, but told him through an interpreter, "We are Americans now, we want to learn English, and we don't want handouts. We want to work hard and learn how to make a good living."

The children learned English quickly and became top students. The last time Anderson heard from the family, the children were becoming teachers and other professionals.

He also recalled a sad day when one of Central's students was struck and killed by a car as he walked across a street.

A former teacher, Wanda Hudgins, would dress up for special occasions. She especially liked to dress as Mrs. Santa. "The kids loved her," Anderson said.

Elois Davis also dressed as an Easter Bunny and brought the kids Easter eggs or other goodies.

Anderson noted that children "did not have the pressure then as they have now. School was a time to be children, but they learned. We had contests for good attendance and Central had the best attendance nearly every year for the 10 years he served as principal. Prizes were awarded.

"I can't say enough about the staff and parents of the school," he continued. "They were very supportive of me as a principal, and I consider them among my best friends today. We did not use the board often, but the teachers and the principal were allowed to do so. The kids knew it and the parents supported us. Therefore, we had very few problems with children behaving as they should."

He recalled one student who had been paddled by mistake. A teacher had called Anderson to her room, telling him she had a student "who needed to be paddled."

When he got to her door a student stepped out so he told him to "bend over" and gave him three swats.

When the teacher heard it she informed Anderson that he had paddled the wrong student. But since he had been in trouble before, Anderson thought he had the correct student.

At that point, Anderson and the teacher gave the student a card that was the equivalent of Monopoly's "Get Out Of Jail Free" card. It was to be used the next time the student got into trouble.

About a week later he did get into trouble with another teacher. The student went to Anderson's office and presented his card. Anderson remembered the previous incident, hugged the student and walked him back to class.

Anderson recalled another student, a first grader, who had given his teacher a lot of problems. He needed a "couple of swats" so Anderson used a little-ping-pong paddle, which would barely hurt. The boy looked up at him and said, "You know, I am going to have my lawyer sue the socks off of you."

Anderson answered, "Well, that is just fine. Bend over and take your licks and then we'll let our lawyers fight it out."

The boy never caused any more trouble and Anderson said he never heard from his lawyer.

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Editor's Note: The following history was compiled by Jim Rosson, current principal.)

With Snyder's population bursting during the oil boom years (late 1940s to early 1950s), the local school system was hard-pressed to provide enough classrooms for the high-number of students who enrolled.

In 1950, Snyder's census was listed as 12,010. A few years later — 1958 — the census estimate was 17,926.

In 1949, Central Primary School housed the first through third grades, and consisted of a total of 15 classrooms and two portable buildings. The fourth through sixth grades were located at 26th St. and Ave. M., the same as the junior high.

O.S. Clark served as principal from 1949-1952. Joe Glass was principal from 1952-1956.

Within a few years, big changes were being made at Central. Fourteen more classrooms were added in 1956, and library and music rooms were created. In addition, cafeterias were enlarged and speech, arts and PE rooms were added at Central Primary School.

Another school for grades one through six, Central Elementary School, opened at its present location, 28th St. and Ave. K.

First year teachers then received $4,000, much more than state base of $2,800 per year.

Joel Griffin, principal of the old Central Elementary, was assigned to the new school, where 508 students were enrolled.

Herman Trigg was named principal in 1957 and he remained there for 19 years. After his death, a local scholarship was established in his honor.

Central's mothers and students presented "Outer Limits" in 1964, a talent revue for all ages.

After Snyder's school system was totally intergrated in 1965, Lincoln High School was closed. Central and Lincoln Elementary school were placed in a new district and students had the "freedom of choice" as to where they wanted to go.

The next year — 1966 — the Freedoms Foundation Award was presented to Central.

Charles Anderson transferred from Northeast Elementary to become Central's new principal, a position he held for 10 years. He then moved to the junior high as principal and L.D. Monroe became Central's new principal. Previously, he served as Ira's principal.

Monroe is credited with beginning the successful McCullough "I Can" program at the school.

Central's legacy includes continuous operation since 1949. It always served students living in its attendance zone until the 1992-1993 school year when all of the elementary schools were reorganized and North Elementary was closed.

Since then, Central has served the bilingual students in the district, all third graders and all kindergarten

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SHARING MEMORIES — Former Central Elementary teachers and staff members helped celebrate the school's 50th anniversary last week. June McGlaun, Carolyn Cox and Neoma Harlin, from left, visit in the hospitality room following a special assembly Tuesday morning. McGlaun taught from 1949 to 1950 and from 1973-1974. Harlin taught from 1972-1977. Cox was school secretary from 1973-1979. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PARADE OF YEARS — Fifty Central third graders formed a parade of years Tuesday during the special 50th anniversary assembly. Each wore a yellow star with a different year. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MASTER OF CEREMONIES — Jim Rosson, principal at Central Elementary, was the master of ceremonies for Tuesday's special 50th anniversary assembly. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Eight Iranians indicted for espionage

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Eight Iranian Defense Ministry officials are under federal indictment here for trying to obtain military secrets and smuggle them out of the country in 1996, the U.S. Customs Service said.

Special agent Brian Buschini said the indictments, handed up in November 1996 and January 1997, remain sealed.

He said in Friday's Great Falls Tribune that authorities decided to release some information in the hope the public will identify at least one of the eight who is known to travel extensively in the United States and Europe.

Buschini would not say what secrets the Iranians allegedly tried to obtain, but said their success would have significantly compromised U.S. military abilities in the Middle East and enhanced the Iranian military.

He said the Iranians live in Tehran and operate under the name "Engineering Consortium of Iran." They were actively recruiting in the United States and Canada to try to get the military items, Buschini said.

One person they contacted notified authorities, and Buschini then worked undercover posing as a corrupt import/export businessman. He met face-to-face with some of the accused, mostly in Calgary, Alberta, but a few times in Montana. He would not say where.

Agents were about to arrest the Iranians, but they failed to show for one final meeting, Buschini said.

Those named in the indictment are a Gen. Manavi, a Col. Najafi, Col. Hassan Gholizadeh, Dawood Adabi-Harahani, Golamreza Mahrabdollahi, Mohanois Assi, Haj Hamid Alami-Nia and Houshang Amir Bagheri.

It is Bagheri that the agency is seeking. Buschini said Bagheri's position in the Iranian military is not known, but he lived in Washington, D.C., and worked in the Iranian Embassy in the 1970s, when the United States and Iran, under the shah's rule in the pre-revolution days, were on more friendly terms.

Buschini said the eight are charged with violating the Arms Control Export Act, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. They also are charged with criminal conspiracy.

Central marks fiftieth year

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and first graders in its attendance zone. Besides Rosson, the current school's staff includes 24 full-time professional staff, seven full time support staff, three part-time professional personnel and two custodians.

The sign over the front entry, "An education is the privilege of every child, sums up the school's dedication to its students.

For "significant gain in academic performance," Central received the Texas Successful Schools Award from the Texas Education Agency for 1994-1995.

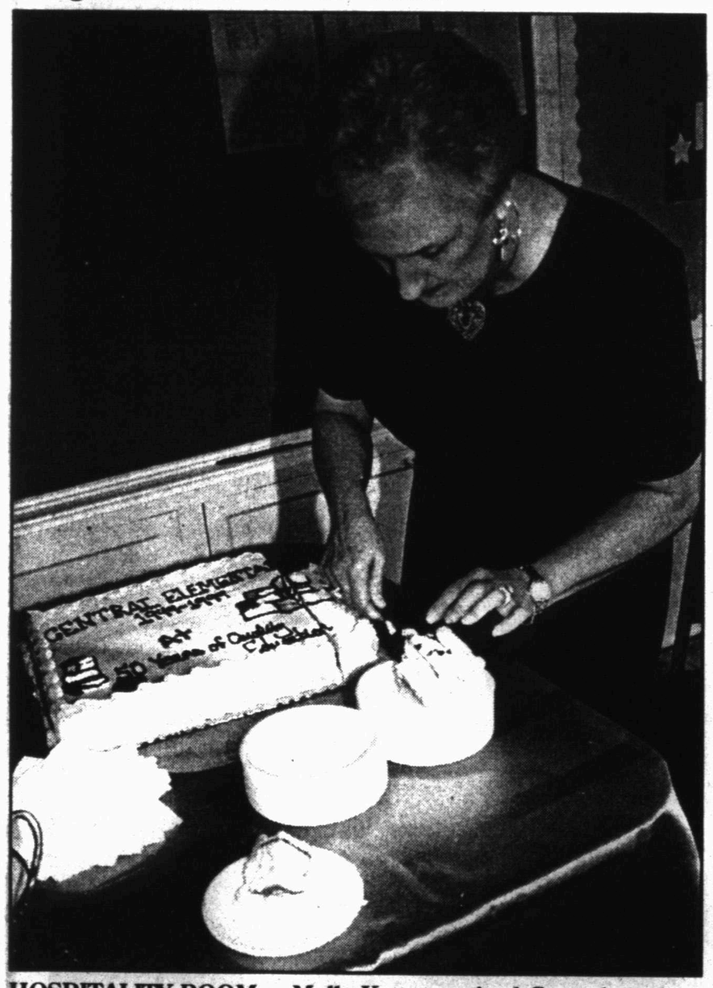
The TEA honored Central as a "recognized school" for the 1997-1998 school year.

TEA and the Department of Accountability and School Accreditation named Central an "Exemplary Campus" for 1998-1999 school year.

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Members of the 50th Anniversary Committee included Debra Alexander, Lorinda Hardin, Betty Thompson, Mickey Carrasco, Kathryn Higgins, Lillian Durst, June Holcomb, Judy Grimmett, Judy Moss, Jim Rosson and Judy Barkowsky who served as the chairperson.

Retired teachers who were hostesses for the hospitality room were Ann Cross and Molly Kattes.

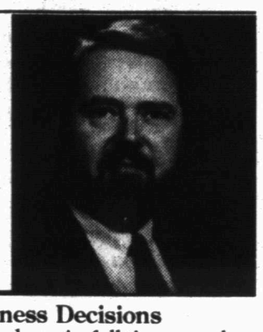


HOSPITALITY ROOM – Molly Kattes, retired Central teacher, cuts the birthday cake marking the school's 50th anniversary. Ann Cross, another former Central teacher, also served as a hostess for the hospitality room. Kattes taught from 1975-1998 and Cross from 1968-1971 and 1993-1995. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

On the Net: Customs Service's Web site: http://www.customs.ustreas.gov

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



I'm Pro Choice...About Business Decisions

Bill owns a small employment agency. He has six full-time employees who all use computers to track client placement, to invoice for services and to do word processing. The newest computer in Bill's firm was five-years-old. The oldest was nearly 8-years- ancient.

In response to staff grumblings, Bill has decided to completely upgrade office technology. He accepts the cheapest bid on the systems offered and two weeks after it is installed, two key employees say they've had enough and quit.

Michelle took over her father's welding shop after his second heart attack. She is a good manager, the employees love her and the business has grown significantly under her leadership.

Five months ago Michelle replaced two older machines with brand new, state-of-the-art welders. Yesterday, as she passed by the break room, she overheard a valued employee say he wished he had his old welder back. Michelle is hurt that the employee isn't grateful for the new equipment.

Jacquelyn's training company is growing rapidly. She was just awarded two new training contracts with a Fortune 500 company. The contracts mean that Jacquelyn's company will have to produce all new manuals, handouts and materials. Jacquelyn knows her old copier won't handle the load. She calls a friend who just bought a new copier complete with document feeder, sorter and stapler and asks for advice. The friend glowingly recommends her brand. Jacquelyn spends nearly $6,000 on a copier with all the bells and whistles.

Macy, Jacquelyn's secretary, can't seem to get the copies right with the new copier. Staples end up in the wrong corner, front to back pages are wrong and Macy suddenly hates her job. Jacquelyn can't figure out why productivity went down.

Freedom to Choose

The common thread among all of these stories is a business owner who makes a decision for the good of the company and finds out the decision was not well received by key employees. This is a classic small business problem. Certainly, owners have every right to make business decisions. After all, they do own the company. However, not involving employees in decisions that directly affect eir job functions and responsibilities is a mistake.

Booker T. Washington said, "Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." Most small-business owners have more work than they can handle. Letting valued employees be involved in key decisions or empowering them to make those decisions with only the advice and direction of the owner can be very beneficial. It accomplishes three things: 1) It increases the employee's self-esteem, 2) It increases his or her sense of ownership, and 3) It frees up the owner's time.

The next time you have a decision to make in areas where your employees should be involved, it might pay to ask these questions. First, who on my staff has experience to help in this decision? Second, who is affected by this decision? Third, what results do we want to achieve? Fourth, can I state the desired outcome of this decision clearly?

Many small-business owners find they reap many benefits from involving the right employees in the decision-making process. When associates participate, they feel a sense of ownership, have more loyalty to the company and often help boost productivity.

There is a fine line between managing results and controlling outcomes. Few of us ever master the abilities to mold individuals into a team. Encouraging employees to take responsibility and giving them a sense of ownership will help. Try it the next time you need to make an important decision.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Experimental cream good for facial hair

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An experimental cream significantly slowed the growth of facial hair on 70 percent of women in the final round of tests before the drug is presented for federal approval.

The cream, called Vaniqa (pronounced VAN-ih-kah), is intended to offer millions of women an alternative to plucking, tweezing, waxing or shaving.

It was developed by Gillette Co., the world's biggest manufacturer of razors, and pharmaceutical maker Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

The cream now awaits Food and Drug Administration approval, which may come as early as summer. If approved, it could hit the market by fall. It would be available by prescription.

In a six-month study of 596 women with excessive facial hair, a significant difference was seen as early as four weeks, and areas where the cream was applied became clear or almost clear of new growth, said Dr. Marty Sawaya, a dermatologist who presented the findings.

Q & A

Brain's Response To Enhalants

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

The Brain's Response to Inhalants

Hi, my name's Sara Bellum. Welcome to my series exploring the brain's response to drugs. In this issue, we'll investigate the fascinating facts about inhalants. Some of this information was only recently discovered by leading scientists.

Maybe you haven't heard of inhalants, but you probably come across them pretty often. Hair spray, gasoline, spray paint — they are all inhalants, and so are lots of other everyday products. Many inhalants have a strong smell. That's why they're called inhalants: Some people inhale the vapors on purpose. Why would anyone do this? Because the chemicals in these vapors can change the way the brain works, and those changes can make people feel very happy for a short time. But inhalants can also do harm.

They Don't Go Away When You Exhale

Inhalant vapors often contain more than one chemical. Some leave the body quickly, but others are absorbed by fatty tissues in the brain and nervous system. They can stay there for a long time. One of these fatty tissues is myelin — a protective cover that surrounds many of the body's nerve cells (neurons). Nerve cells in your brain and spinal cord are sort of like "Command Central" for your body. They send and receive messages that control just about everything you think and do. If you picture nerve cells as your body's electrical wiring, then think of myelin as the rubber insulation that protects an electrical cord.

One problem with inhalant use over the long term is that the chemicals can break down myelin. And if myelin breaks down, nerve cells may not be able to transmit messages.

Beyond the Brain

One reason scientists are so interested in inhalants is that these chemicals affect the body in lots of ways. While some effects are due to changes in the brain, others are direct actions on other parts of the body, such as the circulatory system.

Did you know that some inhalants directly increase the size of blood vessels, allowing more blood to flow through? And some inhalants can make the heart beat faster. This can be a serious problem, especially if someone inhales butane gas.

Butane, found in cigarette lighters and refills, makes the heart extra sensitive to a chemical that carries messages from the nervous system to the heart. This chemical, noradrenalin, tells the heart to beat faster when you're in a stressful situation — like if something suddenly scares you. If the heart becomes too sensitive to noradrenalin, a normal jolt of it may cause the heart to temporarily lose its rhythm and stop pumping blood through the body. Some inhalant users die this way.

Changes in the Brain

Damage from long term use of inhalants can slow or stop nerve cell activity in some parts of the brain. This might happen in the frontal cortex, the part of the brain that solves complex problems and plans ahead. Or if inhalants get into the brain's cerebellum, which controls movement and coordination, they can make someone move slowly or clumsily. Studies show that neurons in a part of the brain called the hippocampus can also be damaged by inhalants. The damage occurs because the cells don't get enough oxygen. Since the hippocampus helps control memory, someone who repeatedly uses inhalants may lose the ability to learn new things, may not recognize familiar things, or may have a hard time keeping track of simple conversations.

The Search Continues

The truth is, there's still a whole lot that scientists do not know about the effects of inhalants on the brain. When scientists learn more about how various inhalants affect the brain, they may be able to develop treatments that prevent the damage inhalants can cause. Maybe someday you'll make the next major breakthrough.

The information was provided by *The National Institute on Drug Abuse.*

Send questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Motorcycle accidents claim at least 12

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — At least 12 people have been killed in motorcycle accidents during Daytona Beach's Bike Week this year, making it the deadliest such gathering in more than a decade.

Some died in wrecks on rural roads on their way to the annual event, which began in 1937 and attracts 500,000 bikers from across the country. Others were killed in collisions after beer-filled nights of carousing."Bike Week gets bigger and bigger each year."

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'Billy Graham the early years' By George R. Plagenz

Billy Graham, family man
By George R. Plagenz

Since contracting Parkinson's disease six years ago, Billy Graham has had to cut back on his vigorous evangelistic schedule. This has brought at least one blessing to the Grahams' family life: Billy is home more often.

Graham was rarely home for supper during his first 50 years of marriage — which is hard for a family man like Graham. (The Grahams will be married 57 years in August.) When asked by a playmate whether she wished her father were home more often, the Grahams' daughter Ann, then 7, replied, "Yes, but think of all the people who would go to hell then."

Billy and his wife, Ruth, have five children. The oldest three are daughters and the other two are sons.

Virginia (nicknamed Gigi), 54, is married to psychologist Stephen Tchividjian and is the mother of seven. Ann, 51, is married to Danny Lotz, a dentist in Raleigh, N.C. Ruth, 49, is married to Richard McIntyre.

William Franklin Jr., 47, appears to be following in his father's footsteps. He has conducted several evangelistic crusades of his own and leads a worldwide relief ministry known as Samaritan's Purse.

Nelson Edman (Ned), 41, is president of East Gates Ministries International, which publishes and distributes Bibles to home-church Christians in China. He met his wife, Carol, after he had a serious fall and was hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic, where she was a nurse.

The Graham children were all "raised on the Bible." Ruth takes seriously the command God gave in Deuteronomy:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

Graham's irregular schedule, plus the raising of five children, made it hard for Ruth to set aside a special time each day for prayer, so she practiced what she called "day-long Bible reading."

"The Bible stayed open in the kitchen all day," she says. "Whenever there was a spare minute, I grabbed that minute and spent it with the Bible."

More likely than not, she says, the "book was open to Proverbs. If I had a problem, I almost always got help there. Proverbs has more practical child help in it than 10 books on child psychology. And its 31 chapters fit the days of the month almost like a glove."

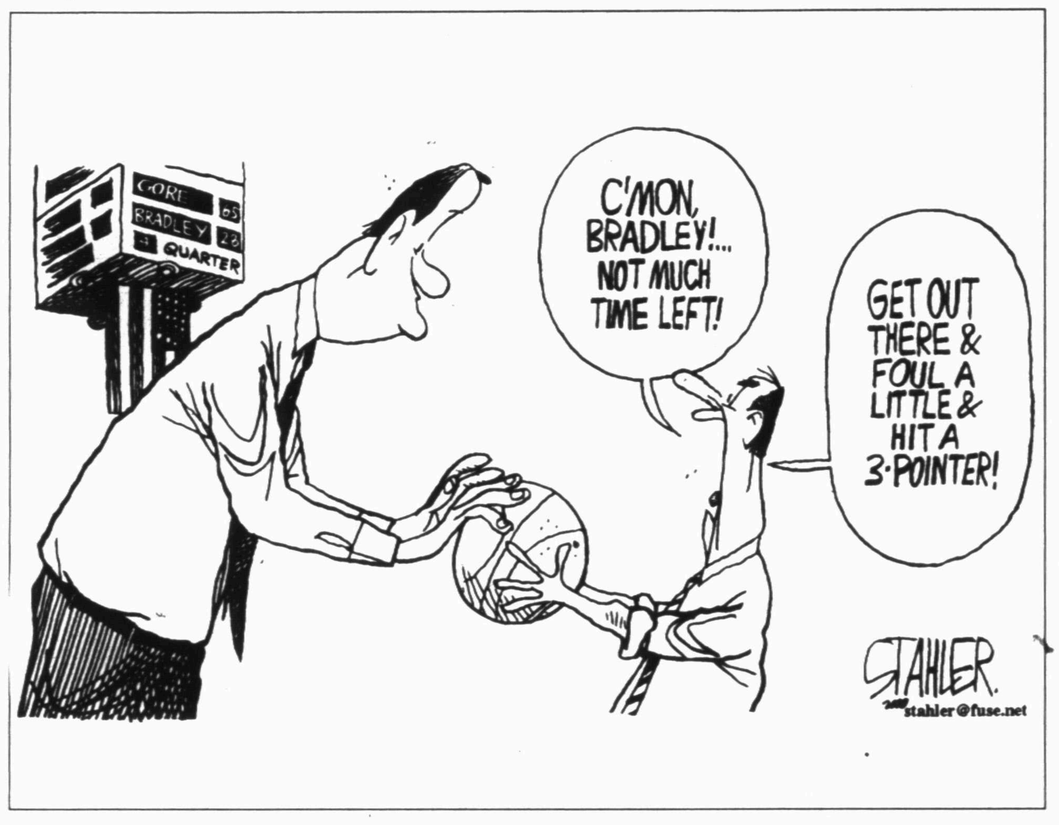
Ruth tells the story of a woman she knew who had six children and a very small house.

"She had no place for privacy," says Ruth, "so whenever life got too hectic and she needed God's help, she just pulled her apron up over her head, and the children knew she was praying and quieted down. I've never done that, but it's a fine idea. When I am dusting, making beds, cooking or sewing, I think of Christ as being there. I talk to him as I would to a visible friend."

The only part about homemaking that Ruth never liked was dishwashing. "I disliked it so much I decided I had better pray about it," she says. The next Christmas her prayers were answered when Billy gave her an electric dishwasher.

The Grahams live on 200 acres of mountaintop property in Montreat, N.C., where they have a priceless view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

You deserve to be pampered

My daughter did her first really grown-uppy thing recently. When her dad and I drove the 450 miles down to Nacogdoches to spend a weekend with her and watch her and her boyfriend, Todd, act in a play, (Tennessee Williams's *Summer and Smoke*), she made joint appointments for us that Saturday morning with a massage therapist—and paid the bill before we even got there.

"Call it early birthday presents," she said. When I protested that it was too expensive, she said, "Mama, you just finished a book after two and a half years' work. Y'all have been under a lot of stress. You and Daddy are both worn out. You deserve to be pampered." She instructed me to pack our bathing suits, for the whirlpool.

Now, Kent has worn a bathing suit exactly once in our 25-year marriage. So though I dug out the suit, I neglected to mention that little part of the visit to him. It was aggravating enough, getting him to quit sputtering about the massage therapist. I just hoped the danged thing still fit.

You see, cowboys think stuff like that is New Agey and silly. Never mind that they whine every day of their lives about their stiff necks and sore backs and various other aches and pains—this is something *new* to them and therefore highly suspect.

Of course, he snorted and giggled under his breath the minute we walked into the door, because the place smelled flowery and there was this harp music in the background, see, and stuff like wind chimes and candles and books on Yoga for sale. And the young lady who greeted us was all smiley and serene while she handed us a form to fill out that included a diagram where we were supposed to show exactly where it hurt.

I was tempted to scribble all over the whole diagram, but instead, put little lightning bolts (the symbol for the worst pain) at the shoulder blades, neck, and mid-back on mine. I had just completed work on a 568-page book manuscript that included several highly intense months' work and numerous recent seven-day weeks. I mean—I had just typed the last page on a Thursday, and we made that 8-hour drive on Friday. I was so exhausted I could hardly speak.

Kent and I changed into our bathing suits and sank into the whirlpool spa in a redwood room with glass walls overlooking a lovely green garden. It was just the two of us, being gently pounded by the water jets, floating in the warmth.

Kent said, "I feel ridiculous."

I rolled my eyes and said, "Oh for heaven's sake! Would you feel better if there were some more cowboys in here?"

He allowed as how if there were a few other pairs of cowboy boots around the spa and maybe a beer or two that, yeah, he might feel better. "I would never have done this if Jessi hadn't already paid for it," he huffed. ("Which is exactly why I did it," she said later.)

"Look," I said, "there's nothing wrong or sinful about relaxing and enjoying yourself once in a while, Mr. Workaholic. In fact, you do better work when you allow yourself to unwind from time to time." Which was, of course, a classic case of the pot calling the kettle black, since I hadn't had a day off in three years.

The spa clicked off and, as instructed, we took off our suits, rinsed off in the nearby shower, and wrapped ourselves in the big terrycloth robes that were provided. Even I hadn't realized that you are supposed to take off all your clothes for a massage—which is the precise reason our devilish daughter had made my appointment with a male massage therapist and Kent's with a female—both of whom turned out to be young and attractive.

My therapist, Andraley, (his mom had made up the name, he told me), sat down and talked to me a while. "I see you just finished a book," he said. "How did you feel about that?" I told him I felt exhausted, and he told me about spending two years on a graduate thesis that was "only" 30 pages long, "But I just felt empty when I was done," he said.

I told him that was true. "It's not how people think it is," I said. "You don't feel excited or elated. You feel anxious and worn out." He likened it to post-partum depression, which sounded fair to me, and then he told me about his newborn baby boy, Harlem Sage, and his two little girls.

Then he instructed me to take off the robe and slip under the sheets while he stepped out of the room. I was to lie face-down, my head resting in a sheepskin-lined donut-shaped brace. He came back into the room and put some heavenly potion or other he said was made of lavendar on his hands, and began working his way down my back.

It wasn't like any kind of backrub my husband had ever given me, and it was not painful in any way, even though the therapist seemed instinctively to know which were the most sensitive spots on my neck and shoulders. It was slow, and quiet, and soothing, and as he worked, we talked about life and love and family and faith. It was one of the most profoundly spiritual experiences of my life.

When our daughter gave us this gift, she was demonstrating a grown-up wisdom—that first time that a child acknowledges her parents as people with problems of their own that have nothing to do with the child herself. It was a sweet gift of love, one that said, "This is one time I'd like to take care of you, instead of the other way around." Like a hug that goes on hugging.

It's been two weeks since then, and 450 miles...but I can still feel her hug, each and every day.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my "heartfelt" Thank You to Canita Rhodes and Cassie at Agra-Vet, for their kind, caring and compassionate assistance with my little mutt puppy.

They went above and beyond their duty and performed magnanimously with what they were presented with. If more people, city to world-wide, had even a fourth of the attitude of these two very, very good ladies, the world would be a much better place in which to be.

Marlene Beasley

What about value?

Dear Editor:

According to official documents from American and foreign sources, in actual combat situations, low-level, high-speed flying is an obsolete and dangerous tactic. Simply put, the technology of surface-to-air defense weapons (many of them small and light enough to be hand carried by a foot soldier) has advanced to the level that makes low-level flying so hazardous that the allies no longer use the tactics.

Certainly, it is not arguable that we must maintain a strong and vigilant military. That necessitates providing our forces with training areas.

But, in light of statements from the U.S. and foreign military specialists and supporting statistics dating back to Vietnam concerning the obsolete and dangerous characteristics of low-level flying, why are the citizens of rural America still being bombarded by ground-skimming jets? Why do the U.S. and NATO forces continue conducting dangerous training that is unlikely to be used in combat?

In the final analysis, I suggest it is probably a simple budget builder.

Think again Snyder.

Susan Spires Ruch
Spires Ranch

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Denton Record-Chronicle

On guns in school:

Kayla Rolland, 6, was shot to death by a classmate, also 6, in an elementary school in Michigan this week.

But she wasn't, our NRA friends are quick to tell us, killed by a gun. She was killed by a 6-year-old boy. Guns don't kill little girls, the NRA preaches, little boys do.

It's getting harder and harder to sell this bull manure to the American people. Of course guns don't get up by themselves, walk to school, and end the lives of children.

But what point does the NRA think it's making by repeating this inane slogan at the slightest provocation? Do NRA members believe the fact that a gun can't shoot itself takes away society's right to protect itself from those who will use a gun improperly if they can get their hands on one?

There are several groups of human beings who don't need to have access to guns. Elementary school children are certainly one of them. But we can't keep children from getting guns if we can't control the way their parents can get and keep guns.

Little Kayla Rolland has died on a tragic altar built to the wrong-thinking of those who still want to play cowboys on the streets of Tombstone or Dodge.

The NRA is wrong to preach that our democratic government will fall if we pass laws that limit Bubba's right to tote pistols everywhere he goes. We live in a far different world than colonial settlers and later frontier families did. Few of us really need to shoot anything to protect or feed ourselves or our families.

Most of us, however, do need to find a way to keep our children from being shot to death in their classrooms. Stringent gun control is part of the solution to this tragic problem and we should move in that direction with all haste.

San Antonio Express-News

On leaving politics out of tobacco war:

Without a doubt, it's fun to see Philip Morris, king of the tobacco cabal, down on its knees, allowing that maybe it will accept some federal regulations.

The humor is only passing, however. Philip Morris, maker of Marlboros, creator of the Marlboro Man (who was killed by lung cancer), has hooked millions of people over the years on a habit that leads to premature death and diminished living.

But, on the other hand, Philip Morris is the No. 1 cigarette maker, and if it falls in line, others will surely follow.

Yes, life is as bad for Big Tobacco as it is for a World War II veteran who got hooked on C-ration cigarettes and now suffers from emphysema.

Tobacco stocks are in the tank. A Miami jury may soon award a huge monetary award to thousands of Florida smokers. The Supreme Court might even, but probably won't, allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco. And the Justice Department is pondering a lawsuit, such as 40 states filed in 1997, to recover Medicare and Medicaid payments for tobacco-related illnesses.

So, said Steve Parris, senior vice president of Philip Morris, last week: "Let's talk." But three days later, Parris began the game-playing, acknowledging that nicotine is a drug, but not as defined by federal law. The distinction is important.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

On Reno's footdragging in Hsia case:

On Thursday, a federal jury in Washington found Maria Hsia, formerly a Democratic Party fund-raiser, guilty of orchestrating more than $100,000 in illegal campaign contributions during the 1996 presidential campaign.

Hsia was one of those involved in, among other events, the celebrated Buddhist temple fund-raising get-together in Hacienda Heights, Calif. Prosecutors produced evidence showing she had played a role in arranging $65,000 in reimbursements to phony "straw donors," who were used as stand-ins for the real contributors.

Hsia's trial will now move into the punishment phase, her culpability having been established. A much larger question remains, however, to be addressed:

Where are the big fish — those who could link some of these contributions directly to the Chinese government?

Attorney General Janet Reno's virtually total lack of interest in pursuing the heavy hitters has long since passed the point where it might be ascribed to ineptitude or inertia. More and more, the Justice Department's performance in this investigation looks like deliberate obstructionism.

The Dallas Morning News

On Texas lottery woes:

After Texans spent the better part of the 1990s locked in a torrid romance with the state's multimillion-dollar game of chance, they obviously have lost that loving feeling.

Sales are down more than 28 percent for the first six months of the fiscal year. And lotto prospects don't show signs of improvement now that state officials probably will have to lower the minimum jackpot by $1 million.

The steady decline in revenue collected from the lottery has been a constant cause of consternation in Austin. The legalized gambling has poured billions of dollars into the state treasury since its inception in 1992. No other financial source brought such immediate and dramatic results.

But those who were convinced this love affair would last forever have ignored the track record in other states. After a few years, public response to a lottery always declines. The thrill of plunking down a buck or two each week fades when the participant seldom if ever wins.

State officials never should have assumed the lottery would be a growing cash cow. If they are determined to boost revenue, they should ask the Texas Lottery Commission to seek new ways to attract buyers, including participation in a multi-state game with bigger prizes.

The Victoria Advocate

On drought is our enemy:

Texans contemplating the vagaries of nature and the drought conditions that have been prevalent throughout the state over most of the past three years surely would not be surprised to learn that drought has affected human history more than floods or heavy rains, according to archeological evidence.

For example, the world's first great empire, the Akkadian in Mesopotamia, was struck down by drought. Students of South American prehistory suggest the major factor in the collapse of several pre-Inca civilizations and empires was drought. The mysterious Anasazi culture in the southwestern United States almost certainly was undone by drought.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Med evacuation helicopter crashes in fog; four killed

DALHART (AP) — A medical evacuation helicopter crashed in fog in the Texas Panhandle this morning, killing four people, including an infant patient.

The helicopter left Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo Friday morning to pick up a 4-month-old baby in respiratory distress in Boise City, Okla., and was returning at the time of the crash, said Moody Chisholm, the hospital's chief executive officer.

A pilot and two crew members also were aboard the twin-engine B105 American Eurocopter, he said.

All four people were killed, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox.

Wreckage of the craft was found at about 10:45 a.m. 20 miles north of Dalhart, which is about 70 miles north of Amarillo, said John Clabes, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

New faces added to one of U.S.' most influential courts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It is the nation's largest federal appellate court, an influential panel with a liberal history whose rulings affect laws and lives in nine Western states.

On Thursday, the U.S. Senate confirmed Richard Paez and Marsha Berzon in a long-delayed move that adds two more of President Clinton's appointees to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Paez, a U.S. District Court judge in Los Angeles, was confirmed to by a 59-39 vote after a record wait of more than four years. Berzon, a San Francisco labor lawyer nominated more than two years ago, was confirmed 64-34. All the negative votes were cast by Republicans.

"Both were forced to wait far too long," Clinton said after the vote.

The confirmations give the court 24 judges out of 28 authorized positions, though there have been at least six vacancies for most of Clinton's administration. Seventeen of the judges were appointed by Democratic presidents, including 11 by Clinton.

Some Republicans have argued for tougher Senate scrutiny of nominees to the appellate court because of its record.

Its reputation as a liberal maverick dates from the late 1970s when a Democratic-controlled Congress authorized more judges, who were appointed by President Carter.

As other federal courts grew more conservative during the Reagan and Bush presidencies, the 9th Circuit became conspicuous for its ideology.

Its rulings were overturned by the Supreme Court at a rate far above the national average for at least a decade. The high court reversed 28 of the 29 rulings it considered in 1996-97, including one that would have established a constitutional right to die.

In recent years, about two-thirds of all circuit court rulings considered by the high court are overturned.

Death penalty cases have been a particular subject of conflict, including a 1992 California case in which the Supreme Court lifted four stays of execution in a single night and essentially told the appeals court to back off.

The circuit's rulings fared better in the Supreme Court's 1998-99 term, with seven rulings upheld and 11 reversed. Some see a moderating trend on the appellate court, reflecting the centrism of many Clinton appointees.

"I don't think they're the rogue court any more," said Rory Little, a professor at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law and a former federal prosecutor.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a liberal University of Southern California law professor, agreed that while many Clinton judges are moderates, Paez and Berzon are "among Clinton's more liberal nominees to the 9th Circuit."

Opponents had objected to the records of both.

They disliked Paez's criticism of ballot measures that attacked affirmative action and benefits for illegal immigrants, and his ruling blocking enforcement of an anti-panhandling ordinance.

They also criticized Berzon's representation of labor unions and her past membership on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

"I think they (Paez and Berzon) are out of the mainstream of American thought and I don't think either one should be on the court," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H.

Vice President Al Gore, interrupting his presidential campaign schedule, was in the Senate to cast a vote in case of a tie.

"We've seen a troubling pattern of the Republican Party standing against qualified judicial nominees who happen to be women and minorities," he said at a news conference. Paez is Mexican-American.

Opponents denied that minority or female candidates are treated differently, and said race was never an issue when many Democrats opposed the Supreme Court nomination of Clarence Thomas, a conservative black.

NASA plans to study Jupiter with 2 spacecraft this year

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA has extended the mission of the Galileo spacecraft and plans to pair it with the Cassini probe for observations of the planet late this year.

The $1.4 billion Galileo, released by the space shuttle Atlantis in 1989, entered Jupiter's orbit in 1995 on a two-year mission. The spacecraft was given a two-year extension that ended Jan. 31.

In addition to the joint observations with Cassini, Galileo's latest mission includes two flybys of Ganymede and possibly other jovian moons through the end of the year.

"This extended travel ticket enables us to continue studying Jupiter and its fascinating moons," Jim Erickson, project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said this week.

The second extended mission, called the Galileo Millennium Mission, will pair the probe with the Cassini spacecraft, which is heading to Saturn in a $3.4 billion program.

Cassini will approach Jupiter this December when it uses the mammoth planet's gravity as a slingshot toward Saturn. The Cassini will observe Jupiter from afar while the Galileo will operate within the planet's radiation belts.

"For the first time ever, two spacecraft will simultaneously explore an outer planet," said Dennis Matson of the Cassini project. "One spacecraft will be inside Jupiter's magnetic envelope, with the other outside where it can observe the powerful solar wind pressing on the envelope."

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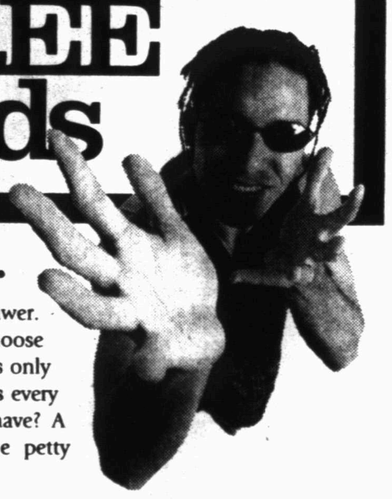
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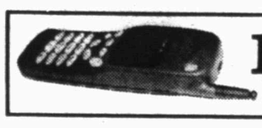
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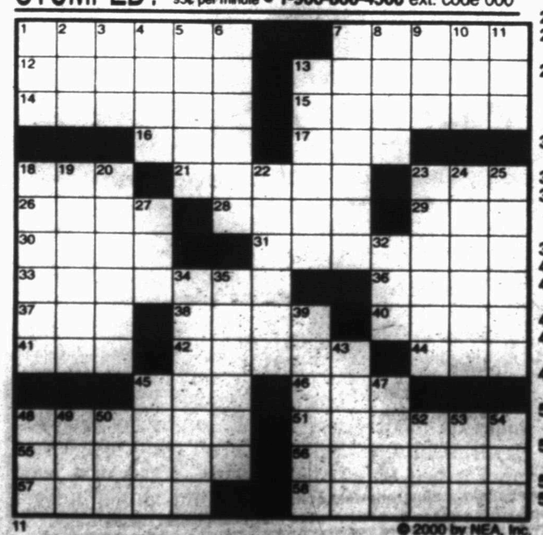
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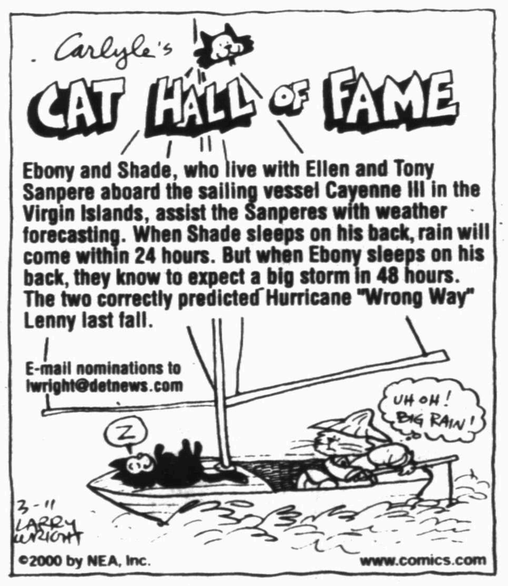
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Boyfriend's family invitation will be opportunity to learn

DEAR ABBY: I am an inexperienced college student in need of relationship advice. I am involved with a wonderful man who attends the same college. We are deeply in love; however, our hometowns are on opposite sides of the country.

This summer, I may have the opportunity to work in his area. His family has graciously invited me to live at their home, which would lower my living expenses considerably. It would also be a wonderful chance to spend time with him and his family. As this relationship is nearly my first, I realize my naivete could get me into trouble.

I feel miserable at the idea of being away from him all summer, so I don't want to turn down the offer. Are there any reasons why living with his family for 10 weeks could threaten or damage our relationship? Let me know if you think I may be getting in over my head. — **OPTIMISTIC IN OLYMPIA, WASH.**

DEAR OPTIMISTIC: If you and this young man are serious about each other, spending the summer with his family will give them a terrific opportunity to get to know you — and you to see the environment in which he was raised. Since you have mentioned no objection from your parents, and it's always wise to "look before you leap," go for it. At the very least, it will be a valuable learning experience.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife works for a small company with fewer than 12 people. We want to have a party, but there is one employee I don't want to invite because she never stops talking, is loud and opinionated on every subject, and says vulgar things in mixed company. We don't consider her a friend.

My wife is afraid it would be wrong not to invite everyone. What do you think? — **PARTY PLANNER IN L.A.**

DEAR PARTY PLANNER: If you were planning a party and inviting social friends, then it would be appropriate to invite only those you wish to attend. However, since you and your wife plan to have an "office party," every employee should be included.

If this opinionated co-worker got wind of the fact that she'd been excluded, your wife would hear about it — loud and clear — for months to come.

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DEAR ABBY: My just-turned-18-year-old daughter wants to go away for a weekend with her 19-year-old boyfriend of six months. His 22-year-old brother and girlfriend are going to a family-owned ski cabin for a weekend and want his brother and my daughter to go along.

We said no; my daughter thinks we're ancient and sees nothing wrong with it. They are not sexually active. What do you say, Abby? Are we ancient? — **DAD**

DEAR DAD: You're not ancient; you're prudent. Your daughter is an adult, but if she is living in your home, you have the right to set the rules. She may not be sexually active, but the most effective way to avoid temptation is to avoid situations that may be tempting.

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DEAR ABBY: I have kept the enclosed column of yours for many years. It is yellowed and frayed at the edges, but it carries a strong message that many people are unable or unwilling to hear. Would you please print it again? — **GERTRUDE IN VERO BEACH**

DEAR GERTRUDE: Here it is. Many people identify with its message. Read on:

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I know your oath requires you to try to keep me alive

So long as my body is warm and there is a breath of life.

But listen, Doc, I've buried my spouse,

My children are grown and on their own.

My friends are all gone, and I want to go, too.

No mortal man should keep me here

When the call from Him is unmistakably clear.

I DESERVE the right to slip quietly away.

My work is done and I am tired.

Your motives are noble, but now I pray,

You can read in my eyes what my lips can't say.

Listen to my heart and you'll hear it cry,

Pardon me, Doc, but may I die?

DEAR READERS: If people (of any age) are enjoying their lives and want to live, fine — keep them comfortable and happy as possible, but those who can no longer find any joy in life should not be forced to go on living.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this month. I am interested in any ideas you might have to make the party unique. I have three small girls ages 7, 5 and 3 who might be able to do a small performance, etc. Any ideas? — **STUCK IN 2000**

DEAR STUCK: Yes. The "girls" could sing, "Happy Anniversary to you" (three times in unison), take a bow, then smile sweetly, and leave the audience begging for more!

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AF officer found guilty of molesting 2 girls

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force helicopter pilot honored for leading a daring rescue off Iceland was found guilty at a court-martial Friday of molesting two underage girls.

Col. James A. Sills, 48, was also found guilty of assaulting his estranged wife, having an unprofessional relationship with his secretary and lying to investigators. He faces up to 63 years in prison.

The officers making up the court-martial panel deliberated for 13 hours. They will hear further testimony before sentencing Sills, who also could lose rank, pay and benefits and be dismissed from the Air Force.

Sills was acclaimed for leading two helicopters through stormy weather to rescue six seamen who had abandoned their ship off Iceland in 1994. Sills and the other airmen were awarded the MacKay Trophy for the year's most meritorious Air Force flight.

One alleged victim testified during the two-week trial that Sills groped and fondled her repeatedly over a 10-year period, starting when she was 10 years old, through 1998. The girl, now 21, also alleged he had oral sex once with her.

Her allegations cover a period when Sills was stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland; and Hurlburt Field, where he was a squadron commander.

The second alleged victim, now 22, accused Sills of groping, fondling and masturbating in front of her on boating trips in 1991, when Sills was stationed at Scott and living in O'Fallon, Ill. She testified the first alleged victim was present at the time.

Defense lawyer Drew Pinkerton had argued Sills could not have committed the acts alleged by the second woman because medical records showed he was in leg cast or brace at the time for a torn tendon.

That made it impossible to operate the clutch on a vehicle he used to tow the boat, Pinkerton contended. Upon being recalled by the court-martial panel, the first woman said a second vehicle with an automatic transmission also was used.

Checks have changed for the **Better.**



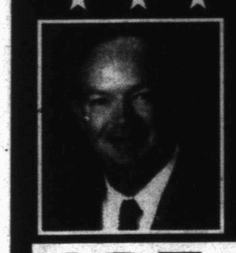
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Future movie tickets might be sold online

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tickets to the latest must-see movie could be just a couple of mouse clicks away under a system being tested by Moviefone.com.

The new system allows customers to bypass the box office by allowing them to buy tickets online with a credit card and print them out. The tickets contain bar codes readable by scanners at the theater door.

Moviefone.com already has an Internet-based ticket ordering system for the movies in several major cities. But while the tickets can be reserved online, they still must be picked up at the box office.

Moviefone.com, operated by AOL Moviefone Inc., and United Artists Theatres began testing the new admission system in Seattle this week and six other leading movie chains announced Wednesday that they have similar Internet ventures in the works.

Entertainment Web site Hollywood.com also plans to join the fray with MovieTickets.com.

The site is scheduled to debut around Memorial Day, in time for "Mission: Impossible 2" and other big summer releases. Theater chains AMC and National Amusements are partners in the site, and CBS on Wednesday announced it bought 5 percent of MovieTickets.com in exchange for $25 million worth of advertising on the networks TV and radio stations.

"When Tom Cruise's 'Mission: Impossible 2' opens, it's going to be very hard to get a ticket," Hollywood.com President Laurie Silvers said Wednesday at ShoWest, a convention for theater owners.

"If you want to see it opening weekend, the last thing you want is to show up and see a line around the block, knowing you're not going to get in."

Meanwhile, a yet-to-be-named Internet service is planned for launch this summer by theater chains General Cinema, Regal Cinemas, Loews, Cinemark, Edwards and Century. The companies operate about 12,000 screens in North America, nearly a third of the industry total.

At first, the services will offer show times and let filmgoers pay for tickets online, but the tickets still would have to be picked up at the theater. The real innovation is emerging technology to allow tickets to be printed at home, which the upcoming services said they hope to add within a year.

"That's the big 'wow,'" said Lawrence Ruisi, Loews chief executive. "That's what's going to get people to push the button."

Ordering the movie tickets online will, in most cases, carry a service fee of a dollar or two, on top of the admission price, though executives say such fees eventually could be reduced or eliminated as the sites gain advertising revenue.

Moviefone and companies such as E-Stamp Corp. and ETM Entertainment Network showed off their versions of barcoding systems at ShoWest, trying to interest theater owners.

Man wants to change donkey's reputation

COLUMBUS, N.M. (AP) — For too long the word "donkey" has been the butt-end of bad jokes.

After the invention of the automobile, the one-time companion of miners, trappers and explorers was unceremoniously dumped out into the desert, where he fell victim to poor forage, interbreeding and old wives' tales.

Because of the donkey's bad reputation, New Mexico's "Donkey Man," Columbus resident Howdy Fowler, said he seldom talks quietly about his donkeys.

"If I didn't speak out, no one would listen to how extraordinary my life has been during the past 27 years I have been training and using saddle donkeys. Despite dictionary definitions, donkeys are very intelligent. In fact, they are smarter than horses.

"Also, people are always amazed when I tell them the donkey is one of the oldest domesticated riding animals on earth," he said.

The donkey was introduced into the American West by Spanish explorers, Fowler said.

"Most folks don't know a standard-size donkey can carry a full-grown man and his saddle 25 to 30 miles a day and never tire, if properly trained and conditioned," he said.

Fowler, who calls himself "Burro Bill," has traveled around with his Wild West show featuring "western singers, Indian dancers, whip crackers, trick ropers, sharp shooters and much, much more."

A big difference with Fowler's Wild West show is an absence of horses.

"My saddle donkeys can do everything a horse can do and do it better," Fowler said.

"Our donkeys round up horses and cattle and drag calves to branding fires. They are used to guide hunters and dudes in the rugged mountains of New Mexico.

"My family and I use our donkeys for just about anything we need to do. We work them in harness and we pack with them, but our mammoth and large standard donkeys are first and foremost saddle animals ridden thousands of miles each year."

Fowler trained Isaac, the world's fastest saddle donkey, who won the prestigious Alamo Pronto World Championship Saddle Donkey Race in 1991.

In April, Fowler will head up the 3rd annual Border Classic World Championship Saddle Donkey Race to be held in Columbus.

Billed as "20 wild and woolly miles," the race will encircle the village so onlookers can watch and cheer for their favorites.

A 30-mile pack burro Yucca Derby race is scheduled for the next day, along with a spring donkey sale featuring southwest select mammoth jack stock and large standard jack stock.

"These events add color to our shows, sell tickets, fill bleachers and justly prove the value, versatility, stamina and usability of these animals," Fowler said.

Fowler said his father was one of the biggest horse traders in southern Oregon, trading thousands of horses and mules.

"One evening he came in with a truckload of horses and he was letting them out to rest, eat and drink before he shipped them off again. One of the last animals off the truck was a small white jack donkey.

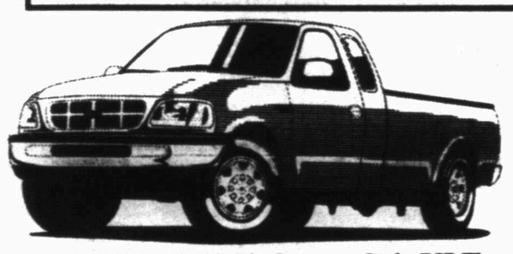
"My father told me I could ride him, thinking I would get tired of it after two or three days. Well, I didn't get tired of him. In fact, he had to shoe him a couple of times before I went back to school that fall.

"The neat thing about this donkey was he was very well trained. He set the standard for me, and in 27 years I have never been able to buy another trained donkey. I've had to train all of them myself.

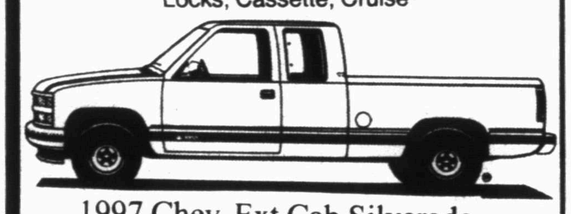
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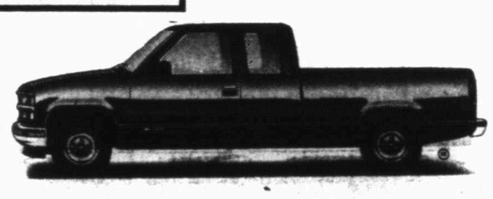
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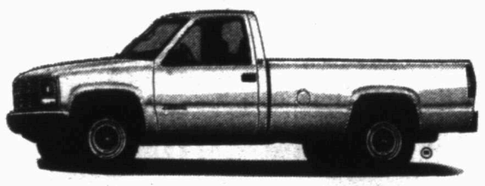
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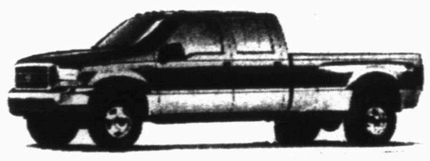
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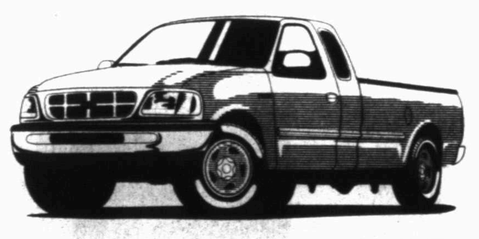
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