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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The wisdom of life is to endure what we must and to change what we can."

We don't expect the movement to improve church attendance, but a lawyer willing to bare it all can probably get the guy off in Iowa Park.

We had just read where a guy near Wichita Falls went shopping for a dress. Finding one to his liking, he asked the clerk if he could try it on in a dressing room.

When he called the clerk for assistance, she found the man modeling his birthday suit instead of the dress. She summoned local police, but at best was only able to give a weak description.

The next day, we read about the Christian Nudist Conference held in North Carolina attended by some 40 persons who described themselves as "fundamentalists who see nudity as a path to the divine."

The editor of the group's newsletter, The Fig Leaf Forum, said, "I think as Christians, the redeemed, the new creation, should be able to recapture some of that original goodness."

Trying to recapture "original goodness" should be good for wrinkle cream sales, face-lifts and various other lifts.

Started in 1994, the Christian nudist group says they are trying to become more visible. One participant says he's seen people in $400 suits that he wouldn't trust.

That may be so, but it's a poor argument against the Bible's admonition for modest apparel. In other words, there are some places that's better if the light doesn't shine.

Most would have a hard time with all natural song leader directing such hymns as "I Surrender All."

One may wonder what this has to do with the guy who surprised the clothing clerk in Iowa Park.

He can clothe himself in the perfect defense — pleading that he was merely following one of his constitutional rights, the freedom to worship freely (of clothes).

While on the ridiculous, we're reminded of the story about two nudists who were being shown around the colony. One thing puzzled them...an old man with an ankle-length beard.

They wanted to know why he wore such a long beard.

"Somebody's got to go out for coffee," he answered.



HIGH JUMP - Snyder senior Jina Miller finished third in the girls high jump event Saturday morning as the Canyon Reef Relays got underway with temperatures hovering around thirty degrees. Fifteen teams are participating in the annual event at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Early balloting light

Represents 7.7 percent of registered voters

Early voting in the March 12 Democratic and Republican Party ended Friday with less than eight percent of the county's 10,091 registered voters casting a ballot.

Anyone planning to vote will get one more chance on election day, Tuesday.

According to the county clerk's office, 778 people took advantage of the early balloting period, with 411 voting Democrat and 367 voting Republican.

On Tuesday, there will be 13 voting locations in the county. Voters planning to cast a ballot in the Democratic Primary need to know the location of their voting box. For Republicans, it's simple. All boxes for the GOP Primary will be located at City Hall.

Democrats who need to determine their voting box number can do so by checking their voter registration certificate under Prec. No. Match that number with the numbers and locations listed in the article titled "Where you should vote" on this page.

Voters are reminded that they may cast a ballot in either primary, but not in both.

Tuesday, voters in both major parties will be choosing nominees for county and judicial districts as well as for president, U.S. Senate, Congress, half the state Senate, all 150 Texas House members, a seat on the Railroad Commission, four places on the Texas Supreme Court, three places on the Court of Criminal Appeals, and half the members of the State Board of Education.

Each of the party primaries features at least two locally contested races, including nomination for sheriff.

In the Democratic Party primary, deputies Darren Jackson and Joe Cheyne are seeking nomination for sheriff. The Republican primary features sheriff candidates Kerry Fritz, also a deputy, and Gorman police chief Joe Simpson.

The other contested race in the Democratic primary is for Precinct 1 commissioner, pitting incumbent Ralph Trevey against local businessman Max Beasley.

In the Republican Party primary election, Michael W. Hartman and Dena Reecer are seeking the nomination for county attorney. Both are in private practice.

In one other contested race of local note, Aspermont rancher Carl Willingham is opposing Big Spring businessman Scott McLaughlin in the Republican Party bid for State Representative of District 70.

Candidates who are unopposed in the primaries but who face an opponent in November include Democratic Pct. 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. and Republican challenger Howard Limmer; Republican District Attorney Dana Cooley and Democratic challenger Lealand W. "Pete" Greene; and U.S. Rep. Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) who will be contested by Rudy Izzard (R-San Angelo).

Republican county attorney candidate Marvin Sentell will face either Hartman or Reecer in November and State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) will be challenged by Willingham or McLaughlin.



WHEN?
Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE?
Republican Primary: ***All boxes are at City Hall.***
Democratic Primary: ***One of 11 locations, depending on residency. To determine your voting box number, look under Prec. No. in the center of your voter registration certificate. Match that number with the number below.***

Box	Voting Location
5	Fluvanna Community Cntr
6	Union Community Cntr
7	County Library
8	SISD Ad. Building
9	Ira Community Cntr
10	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn Community Cntr
12	South Side of Coliseum
13	Hermleigh Community Cntr
14	Northeast Community Cntr
15	North Side of Coliseum

Spring break has arrived!

Spring break is officially underway for Snyder and Ira public schools and Western Texas College.

Classes dismissed Friday in those school districts and won't resume until Monday, March 18.

With the exception of some provisions a few business offices are making to allow for candidate filing in the May 4 elections, all buildings will also be closed on each campus.

For potential school board trustee candidates interested in filing during spring break, Western Texas College will have a filing clerk in the business office from 8-11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Snyder ISD administration building will be open from 9 a.m. until noon all week for candidate filing only. Ira ISD will post notices on the office door, directing potential office-seekers to a filing clerk.

Hermleigh ISD doesn't take part in the traditional spring break and will hold classes all week.

Government heads to attend 'summit of the peacemakers'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher plans a busy weekend on the telephone, soliciting Arab and European leaders to attend the "summit of the peacemakers" in Egypt and condemn terrorist attacks on Israel.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, French President Jacques Chirac and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien already are among the 25 to 30 government leaders expected to join President Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and PLO chief Yasser Arafat at Wednesday's meeting at Sharm el-Sheik.

The summit, in the scuba-diving resort Israel built and turned over to Egypt under their 1979 peace treaty, was called to stand with Israel in a difficult period and also explore, but not necessarily settle on, measures to stem terrorism.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, an Egyptian diplomat who played a role in arranging the 1979 treaty, also is expected to attend. The administration's hope is to enlist such countries as Syria and Saudi Arabia, which have not come to terms with Israel, to join in condemning terrorism.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Christopher would work the telephones over the weekend, as he did Friday with calls to Arafat, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov and others.

Israel and the Peres government were badly shaken by a wave of bombings that has killed 61 people since Feb. 25.

All-night standoff ends; inspectors enter building

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. weapons inspectors seeking information about Iraq's banned weapons programs entered a government building in Baghdad Saturday after an all-night standoff with Iraqi authorities.

The inspectors were allowed into the building housing the Irrigation Ministry after chief inspector Rolf Ekeus "negotiated a deal" by telephone from New York with Iraqi deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz, a U.N. official said.

"It seems that it worked," said Charles Harper, an American with the U.N. Special Commission charged with dismantling Iraq's weapons programs.

Harper had no other details. He said the inspectors entered the building at 3.50 p.m. (7:50 a.m. EST), nearly 16 hours after Iraqi authorities first refused to allow them in.

There was no immediate word on whether they found any weapons-related documents and U.N. officials gave no details of the negotiations between Ekeus and Aziz.

But Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the Special Commission, told CNN he doubted anything on value was left in the building.

"Undoubtedly, since it took us so long to gain access to that building, the value of the inspection is diminished because if there had been any prohibited items — which we believe that there were — they would have been removed in the interim time," Duelfer said.

The 43-member U.N. team had stood guard around the building in central Baghdad all night to monitor Iraqis going in and out of the ministry compound.

The U.N. Security Council imposed crippling trade sanctions on Iraq after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, refusing to lift them unless Baghdad agrees to destroy its chemical and biological weapons programs, among other conditions. The Iraqis claimed that government ministries are not subject to inspection under the terms of the resolution.

The standoff followed an announcement by U.N. officials in Baghdad that they found documents and parts of chemical or biological rockets at another site.

Iraqi Oil Minister Amir Mohammed Rashid said in Ankara, Turkey, Saturday that the inspectors would find no evidence that Iraq had violated Security Council resolutions.

"I assure you there is absolutely nothing in this building or any other building in Iraq which comes into contradiction with Council Resolution 687," Rashid said.

The U.N. Security Council met late Friday and demanded its inspectors be given access to the building.

Brief agenda facing county

A brief agenda awaits Scurry County Commissioners Court when it convenes Monday at 10 a.m.

The court will reconsider bids on sealcoating gravel as the firm the court initially awarded the bid to has been unable to keep up with the demand.

In the other item of new business, the court will consider a resolution for matching funds through the West Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force.

In one item of old business, the court is expected to again pass a resolution banning open fires within the county.

ASK US

Q—Who were the members of the original board of trustees at Western Texas College?

A—M.L. Broman, Dr. Robert Hargrove, George Patterson, Bill Jones, Edwin Parks, R.C. Patton and Bill Wilson Jr.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 38 degrees; low, 17; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 20; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low 25-30. SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, sunny. High, 65-70. S wind 10-20 mph.



Warm, Windy!

Sunset: 6:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:35 a.m.

Of 68 days in 1996, the sun has shone 65 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man of violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good.

Proverbs 16:29

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Judge reduces bail in child-custody case

DALLAS (AP) — A judge in Denton reduced bail Friday for Mark and Pat Hall, the international fugitives recently returned to Texas on child custody interference charges.

They had been jailed on $100,000 bail each, but state District Judge John Narsutis reduced his bail to $3,500 and hers to $35,000.

Hall, a former Carrollton City Council member, posted bond and went free after a hearing in the judge's court; Mrs. Hall remained behind bars overnight but will get out soon, said her lawyer, [illegible] Trantham.

Judge Narsutis also ordered Mrs. Hall to wear an electronic monitoring device and scheduled her trial for April 3. No trial date has been set for Mr. Hall.

Denton County District Attorney Bruce Isaacks had asked for $500,000 bail each on the Halls when they were extradited from the Dominican Republic last month.

"I can't imagine why her bond was reduced," he said in an interview early Saturday. "I'm concerned about the little girl"

Mrs. Hall's 10-year-old daughter, Alicia, whom the couple spirited away in 1993.

"If this lady's not a flight risk, I've never seen one," he said. "It took the FBI 2½ years to track her down."

The Halls are accused of fleeing to the Caribbean island in violation of a custody order won by her father, Pete Connell, who has sole custody of the 10-year-old.

Connell said Friday evening that he was not concerned about Hall's release but would take extra precautions if Mrs. Hall is set free.

"It's just being smart about how I handle Alicia and not having her in a position where they can readily put their hands on her," he said.

Mrs. Hall, who also fled with the child in 1990, testified Friday that she had promised attorneys representing Connell not to flee with Alicia again if she is released on bond. She testified that she fled in 1993 because Connell had not been taking the child to court-ordered therapy sessions.

The Halls have accused the girl's father of sexually abusing her, a charge Connell and courts have rejected.

Mr. Connell said he didn't have much confidence in Mrs. Hall's promise.

On Feb. 23, an apparent paperwork delay led to the Halls' accidental release four hours after they were booked into the Denton County jail. After being free about eight hours, they were rearrested following a clothes-shopping spree.

FBI agents, armed with federal fugitive warrants, arrested the couple on Feb. 7 in the Dominican Republic.

The Halls had been operating a Christian school and living under assumed identities with Alicia and with Jonathan, Mr. Hall's son by a previous marriage.

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'Beary Good Bears' named for February

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Others were Claudia Puente, Destinee Naegel, Daniel Fist, Eldon Jones, Brandon Robbins, Aspen Mann, Stephanie Castenada, Roman Romero, John Yoder, Michelle Yruegas and Tiffany Gutierrez.

Other inslude Chelsea Hackfeld, Rudy Martinez, Brett Bowlin, Tyler Driggers, Jessica Drury, Lety Marquez, David Martinez, Landry Matthis, Antonio Rivas and Yulianna Arrellano.

Also receiving the recognition were Katherine Johnson, Jeremy Reed, Shawn Kincaid, Tonya Robles, Chad Nickerson, Rudy Ibarra, Nita Swan and Danny Ortegon.

Others include Jordan Lollar, Chris Holloway, Lindsey Morin, Keith Smith, Mark Keller, Trevor Groat, Isaac Rodriguez, Teddi Crenwelge, Bridget Block, Jacobee Martinez, Jackie Hernandez, Ashley Bailey.

Still others are Curtis Hosler, Del Ray Guynes, Toni Townsend, Monica Capetillo, Dezi Delgado, Krysta Burleson, Natasha Schwoerer, Blake Seale, Rachel Hernandez, Claire Pollard, Jay Weaver and Orlando Vasquez.

Also receiving the honor were Tino Hermosillo, Bianca Carrizales, Shaela Vineyard, Joel Lollar, Caliber Vigeau, James Castro and Robert Drury.

3 students indicted in sexual assault of 13-year-old girl

DALLAS (AP) — Three male students who admitted to having sex with a 13-year-old girl at a Dallas school were indicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault.

The cases have prompted debate about the state's age-of-consent law, which makes it illegal for anyone 17 or older to have sex with someone who is under age 14. Authorities have said the girl went along with sex at Seagoville High School and provided a condom to one of the students.

One of the indicted men, Antrone Johnson, 19, already is in prison serving a life sentence on an unrelated rape case involving a minor. The other men, Quincy Burns and Reginald Harper, both 18, are free on bail.

The cases now have been heard by a grand jury three times. In October, grand jurors declined to indict the men. In December, the same grand jury indicted them on misdemeanor charges of public lewdness. A different grand jury heard the case Wednesday.

The public lewdness charges were dropped at the request of the girl's parents, who said they were outraged that the men were not charged with a felony. Aggravated sexual assault is a first-degree felony that carries a maximum punishment of life in prison. Public lewdness is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail.

Kalen Donnelly, Burns' attorney, said that submitting the same charges to the grand jury three times was "demeaning to the system."

Ms. Donnelly submitted a letter to grand jurors urging them not to return an indictment against her client. In it, she says her client comes from a loving home and suggests that the girl's father is pursuing the case because he hopes to pressure Dallas school officials into paying to educate his daughter in a private school.

The incident occurred Sept. 15, 1995. According to prosecution reports released Friday, Johnson admitted to having sex with the girl during the morning in a school bathroom. The girl at first told him she didn't want to have sex, but he said he talked her into it, the records state.

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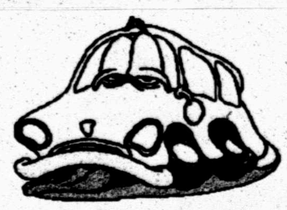
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Kevorkian acquitted of 'assisted' charges

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — It took four notes for a jury to conclude that Dr. Jack Kevorkian's intention was to end the pain and suffering, not cause the deaths, of two people in his suburban Detroit apartment.

For the second time, the nation's foremost advocate of doctor-assisted suicide was acquitted under a law enacted specifically to stop him. Kevorkian had been charged with two counts of assisted suicide.

Supporters in the courtroom cheered when the verdict was read Friday.

"I'd like to tell the jury the magnitude of what they accomplished there," Kevorkian said. "It is not even a right what we're talking about. It is an inherent essence of human existence."

Merian Frederick, 72, and Dr. Ali Khalili, 61, died in 1993 by inhaling carbon monoxide through a mask. Frederick was in the final stages of Lou Gehrig's disease; Khalili had bone cancer.

Jurors admitted being confused both by the judge's instructions and the language contained in the law, which has since expired.

"We had to sit down and dissect it ... sentence by sentence," juror Marcel Jefferson said of the law. "That word 'intent' was tricky."

Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson blamed Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper's instructions for failing to clarify the difference between intent and motive to the jury, which sent out four notes asking questions during nine hours of deliberations.

"A person's motive does not exonerate someone if there is an intent to violate the law," Thompson said. "I understand why the jury got confused."

But he still questioned how the jury could accept the defense contention that Kevorkian's sole aim was to ease pain and suffering, not cause death.

"Ten years from now, as we look back on this case, people will wonder how a jury of 12 could consider carbon monoxide poisoning as some sort of medical procedure," Thompson said.

Carol Poenisch, Frederick's daughter, clutched 27 red, white and blue balloons sent to her by the national Hemlock Society, a group working to legalize doctor-assisted suicide.

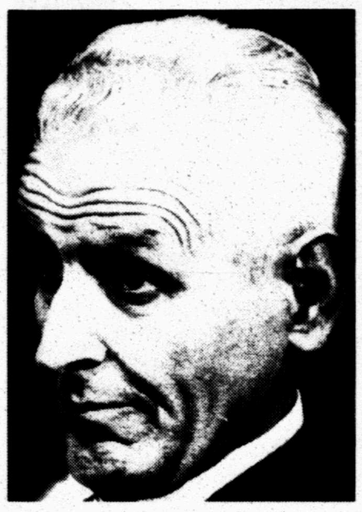
"It closes this case with my mother. My mother believed in causes," she said. "I think she would have been very proud and happy."

The state had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Kevorkian knew Frederick and Khalili intended to commit suicide and that he provided the means or participated in the act that allowed them to kill themselves.

Kevorkian's attorneys argued that his actions fell under a provision of the law that exempted anyone who provided medication or treatment that could have hastened a patient's death, so long as the intent was to relieve pain or discomfort and not to cause death.

That exemption was aimed at health-care workers who, for example, might provide an increased dose of a pain-killer that inadvertently causes the patient to die.

Kevorkian said Frederick and Khalili alone caused their deaths



Jack Kevorkian

by removing a clip on the tubing that allowed carbon monoxide to flow into plastic masks. He insisted that his primary intent was to relieve suffering, and death was the only option available.

"This is not about the right to die. It is about the right not to suffer," said his attorney, Geoffrey Fieger.

If convicted, Kevorkian would have faced up to four years in prison and a $2,000 fine on each count.

Kevorkian has acknowledged attending the deaths of 27 people since 1990, including six in the past nine months.

In 1994, he was acquitted of helping a man take his own life. In that case and the case decided Friday, Kevorkian was charged under a 15-month ban on assisted suicide that was rushed into law by the Legislature in 1992 to stop him.

The ban was meant to give the state time to come up with a position on assisted suicide, but it lapsed without the Legislature enacting something in its place.

Prosecutors said they will try Kevorkian next month on charges that he violated an unwritten, common-law ban against assisted suicide in the deaths of two women in 1991. He could get up to five years in prison on each count.

"No person is above the law," assistant prosecutor Gregory Townsend said. "People who violate the law should be prosecuted."

West Elementary

Sixth graders learn about calligraphy

Jana Martin recently demonstrated the art of calligraphy to sixth graders in the Safe Child After School Program at West Elementary.

Students take part in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, homework tutoring, lessons on personal safety and communication skills, snacks and tetherball.

The program is offered free of charge and space is currently available at most of the five elementaries. For more information, call Sandi Wells at 574-6080.

The Safe Child After School Program is sponsored by the Snyder Independent School District with financial support from Family Pride, an initiative of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas.

Central Texas grows by almost 100 people a day

AUSTIN (AP) — Williamson County, on the north fringe of Austin, had one of the top population growths in the United States last year, leading a growing Central Texas population trend.

The population of Central Texas grew by almost 100 people a day last year, propelling a five-county region past the 1 million mark and into increased national prominence.

Williamson County led the way with a gaudy 6 percent growth rate between July 1994 and July 1995, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Friday.

No other Texas county with at least 100,000 residents grew faster.

But the most intriguing figure was the bureau's estimate for the five-county Central Texas area of Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop and Caldwell Counties — 999,936 people as of July 1 last year.

Given the region's growth rate, the population passed the million mark the very next day.

Topping 1 million people, though largely a psychological benchmark, confers a certain status that can make a region more attractive to firms relying on a large base of customers or employees, local economists said.

"It's going to make companies, mostly on the service or retail end, probably take more notice of Austin," said Darrell Glasco, vice president of economic development for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

In the first half of this decade, the population of Williamson and Travis counties alone jumped almost 133,000, census figures show.

Newcomers attracted by one of the nation's hottest job markets accounted for most of that increase, with 82,000 people moving from outside the counties or other countries.

Other figures show:

Almost 665,000 people were living in Travis County in mid-1995, up 17,750 from the year before — the ninth-fastest increase among Texas counties with at least 100,000 residents.

Nationwide, only three counties of more than a half-million people grew faster than Travis County in the 1990s — those containing Las Vegas; Riverside, Calif.; and suburban Atlanta.

Travis County remained the state's sixth most-populous but inched closer to No. 5 El Paso County, which had 13,500 more people last year but 20,000 more in 1994.

First criminal case pursued in Oil Pollution act

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has imposed a $250,000 fine against a Galveston-based marine services that pleaded guilty to violating the Oil Pollution act.

The plea on Friday by Hornbeck Offshore Services came in the first criminal prosecution in the Southern District of Texas under the 1990 law that was passed after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

It provided additional criminal sanctions for the intentional discharge of large quantities of oil into U.S. waters and extended the criminal provisions of the Clean Water Act.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon also ordered the company to pay $100,000 in restitution to the Gulf Coast Conservation Association to be used for Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson.

Expert would have shut down nuclear plant in S. Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — A former nuclear plant operator testified Friday that he would have shut down the South Texas Project nuclear plant in late 1992 because years of mismanagement had left the plant unsafe.

"I would have shut it down until I got it reorganized," said Joe Williams Jr., a former Navy admiral "I don't think the management of that plant was up to operating a nuclear plant."

Williams was the second expert witness called by the City of Austin in its damages lawsuit against Houston Lighting & Power, which operates the Bay City-area plant.

Austin, which owns 16 percent of STP, is seeking more than $115 million in damages for money it paid for repairs and alternate sources of electricity during a 14-month period in which the $6.2 billion facility was kept shut down by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The city contends the shutdown resulted from HL&P mismanagement.

HL&P denies the allegations, calling the troubled early years of the controversial plant a relatively normal shakedown period for a new nuclear facility. The utility contends the City of Austin simply wants to get out of owning part of the controversy-plagued plant.

The third day of testimony began with continued cross-examination of a former member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who testified that though STP was receiving grades of "good" and "superior" performance, it suffered from numerous maintenance and management problems that made the plant unsafe.

HL&P attorney Greg Copeland repeatedly attacked the credibility of that witness, Victor Gilinsky, noting the former NRC commissioner had never operated a nuclear plant, based his testimony entirely on documents provided by the city and had not even visited the STP until after the lawsuit was filed.

Williams said that up until the shutdown in 1993, STP ranked near the bottom of the 105 nuclear plants in the United States, generating electricity only about half the time since it began commercial operation in 1989.

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Teacher denies making racist comments about her students

ROSENBERG (AP) — One of two teachers accused of making racist statements about their students has told KHOU-TV she never made the comments attributed to her.

Lamar Consolidated High School officials placed the teacher — whose identity has not been released — on administrative leave with pay this week after a Texas Education Agency report said she referred to Hispanics as "animals."

"I totally deny those quotes," said the teacher, whose face was shielded in the interview carried by KHOU-TV on Friday.

The quoted racial slurs, including "They're just animals," and "For Hispanics, it's better to be dumb," appeared in a preliminary TEA report.

An agency spokeswoman has said more than one teacher made disparaging statements to the TEA's peer review accreditation team and local reports have said that two teachers made the disparaging comments.

However, only the one teacher has been placed on administrative leave. She insisted Friday that she was never named in the TEA report and that the school district's accusations had put her life in jeopardy.

"My whole life has been turned topsy-turvy inside a week," she said. She was forced to leave her home because of threats of violence against her, she said.

The school declined to comment on the matter.

Several Rosenberg police officers were on patrol at the school because of threats of retaliatory violence against white students by disgruntled minority students.

More than half of the school's 1,300 students were absent on Friday. However, Friday was also the last full day of school before Spring Break — usually a poor attendance day for the school. It was also the unofficial "Senior Skip Day" designated by the senior class.

No acts of violence were reported.



WINDHAM SCHOOL JOB FAIR — Robert Early, left, an employee of Jack's Roadboring, spoke at a job fair conducted last week at the Price Daniel Unit. Shown with Early are from left, Eddie Williams, an instructor at the the unit, and inmates Juan Placencia and Chad Coffey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

Have you walked down the cereal aisle of your grocery store lately? Today, there are more brands of cereal - and more varieties of each brand - than ever before. It can be difficult to make sure you get what you really want, but if you make a bad selection, you're only out a few dollars.

If you think choosing from 100 different cereals is difficult, try picking from about 6,000 different mutual funds. Not only are there more choices, but if you wind up with one you don't like, you're out much more than a few dollars.

More and more people are trying to select mutual funds on their own. Choosing from more than 2,000 stock funds, plus tax-exempt funds, government funds and money market funds, not only staggers the novice investor but overwhelms the professionals. And simply paying a commission and blindly going along with a salesperson's recommendation is no assurance you'll get the right fund. Ultimately, success in selecting the right fund for your needs depends on you asking the right questions.

What are those questions? Before you begin comparing funds, first decide on a specific investment objective. State in simple terms what the money is for. Then decide how long you plan to invest. Short-term money does not belong in stock mutual funds. In August 1987, for example, the stock market began a downturn that included a one-day 500-point drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average in October of that year. During that period, the average stock fund lost 29 percent. If you had bought a stock fund in August hoping to buy Christmas presents with your profits, you would have been disappointed. Long-term investors, however, have fared much better. In the more than eight years since then, the average stock fund is up 111 percent.

After you answer these two questions, you can begin comparing the wide variety of available mutual funds. What factors should you evaluate in your search? consider what the professionals think is important.

Mutual Funds magazine recently surveyed 100 mutual fund professionals to see what they look for when recommending stock funds for their clients. More than half said they look for "consistently good results over a long period of time." These professionals were not concerned with short-term results, but rather consistent performance over at least a 10 year period.

Another factor considered important is consistent portfolio management style. This quality, listed by 66 percent of the survey participants, is the discipline by the fund's managers to establish specific investment criteria and stick with them rather than trying out whatever is in vogue.

A long-term track record and consistent style mean nothing if the fund manager responsible for those two qualities is no longer there. More than b60 percent of the investment professionals said the longevity of the fund's current manager is a vital concern. Professionals want experience, and the longer, the better.

The survey also uncovered numerous other concerns important to mutual fund professionals:

Risk	48%
Expenses	22%
How soon client will need money	22%
Past performance vs. peers	18%
Portfolio composition	18%
Fund family affiliation	14%
Good performance in down markets	8%

These concerns should guide you in your choice of mutual funds. They require research either by you or the representative who offers the funds. The more information you have, the easier it will be to choose the right fund for you.

More qualify to carry concealed guns

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 23,000 Texans now have permits to carry concealed handguns, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced Friday.

As of Monday, the department had issued 23,615 concealed handgun permits, the agency said in a new report.

Under the state's concealed carry law, information about permit holders is released by postal ZIP Code only. Other information, including age, race and sex, is provided separately by the department.

No names or personal addresses of permit holders are released.

The new report shows that white men continue to lead the pack of Texans who can pack concealed handguns. As of Monday, 19,313 white men had been issued permits.

Overall, whites have been issued 22,662 of the 23,615 permits. That group includes Hispanics, who are not counted as a separate group.

Blacks hold 438 permits, with black men carrying 397 of those.

Sherri Deatherage Green, a DPS spokeswoman, said the agency continues to handle a large number of permit applications. Under the law, applications must be acted upon within 90 days.

The early March figures more than doubled the number of permits issued as of Feb. 13, the last time the agency reported such numbers. At that time, 10,043 permits had been issued.

For the first time, the DPS released information on rejected applications. As of Monday, only 16 people had been turned down for permits.

No reasons were made public for any of them.

Mike Cox, another DPS spokesman, said only permit applicants can release information from their application.

Of those rejected for permits, 13 were white men, one was a black man and two were listed as other. All 16 were male.

Women continue to lag far behind men, carrying 3,444 permits. Men carry 20,171 permits, or more than 85 percent of the total.

Mark Seale, an aide to Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, a sponsor of the law, said the numbers show who is applying for the permits.

"We still encourage everyone to take advantage of the concealed weapons law. And we hope that there will continue to be interest in the minority community. We wrote it for everybody to protect themselves," Seale said.

Patterson was traveling and was not available for comment.

Seale said the number of rejected applications shows that people understand their criminal histories will be reviewed.

"If they have a criminal history they aren't going to put up the $140 to get kicked out of the system," he said. "I think it is indicative of both that people realize their criminal history will come into play and it is indicative of the DPS' thorough research."

Under the law, permit holders may carry concealed guns in most public places. But many places, including churches, school activities and government offices are off limits to guns. Private businesses also may opt to ban concealed guns from their premises.

Last month, permit holder Gordon R. Hale III of Grand Prairie became the first permit holder to be charged with using his gun illegally. Hale is accused of shooting to death Kenny Tavai, 33, after a minor traffic accident in Dallas. He has been charged with murder.

The DPS continues issuing licenses. As of Wednesday, 26,588 concealed handgun permits had been issued. Details about the additional permit holders will not be released until April.

Underweight Heinz ketchup bottles removed from stores

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Consumers can now anticipate finding more Heinz ketchup in its large-sized bottles.

H.J. Heinz Co., in a pickle for selling ketchup bottles with less than the advertised amount inside, is pouring in some extra sauce into its 28-, 40- and 64-ounce bottles, under orders Friday from the federal government.

Fifteen states have returned to the nation's leading ketchup maker 168,987 bottles, including nearly 81,000 in Philadelphia, which were below their advertised weight.

The Pittsburgh-based company could face $15,000 in fines in Philadelphia for underselling consumers by about 2,500 pounds of ketchup, the city's Licenses and Inspections Commissioner Robert S. Barnett said.

"They are getting a little less than they paid for," Barnett said.

Heinz, which has $8 billion in sales of ketchup, tuna, Weight Watchers frozen dinners and pet food, offered Friday to replace any unopened, underweight bottles with fresh ones. It also said it had begun putting more ketchup than normal into the large-sized plastic bottles.

"The average amount of underweight ketchup is approximately half a teaspoon per bottle," spokeswoman Deb Magness said, adding: "We're not tolerating any circumstances that affect the integrity of our products."

Moisture loss from the plastic containers may have caused the weight problem, Magness said.

Heinz, which has made ketchup for more than a century, met federal standards when the plastic bottles were filled at manufacturing plants in Fremont, Ohio, and Tracy, Calif., she said.

A California consumer's complaint last month prompted a nationwide survey by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which so far has found underweight bottles in 20 states. Fifteen of the 20 have removed the ketchup from the shelves.

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Kathy was born and raised in Snyder and attended Snyder Public Schools. She and her family live at Hermleigh. She has a daughter and three sons; Kassie Elder, 16, Danny Elder, 11, Nickolas Eaton, 6, and Jeremy Eaton, 4. Her husband, Dean Eaton, works for Pride Petroleum.

Kathy was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots included: concerned about her job performance and continually strives to improve...dependable and conscientious...willing to accept additional responsibility...a very efficient employee, always follows through with assigned tasks...goes out of her way to help co-workers and is a joy to be around.

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ART SHOW JUDGE — Kathie Walker-Millar, art professor at McMurry University in Abilene, served as the art show judge. (WTC Photo)

Wheat fungus sighted in U.S. first time

WASHINGTON (AP) — State and federal officials are trying to account for all the Arizona wheat seed contaminated with a crop-damaging fungus known in Mexico but found in the United States for the first time.

The Agriculture Department confirmed late Friday that durum wheat seed found during routine testing earlier this week by the Arizona Department of Agriculture was contaminated with karnal bunt.

The discovery has prompted an emergency quarantine and ban on exports from the state, the Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said.

Arizona wheat is shipped to Saudi Arabia and other parts of the Middle East. Twenty-one countries ban the import of tainted wheat.

Although the fungus stunts the crop and affects the taste, it does not cause illness, said Keith Kelly, Arizona's director of agriculture.

The discovery is especially puzzling because durum wheat, used to make pasta, is thought to be resistant. Much of the durum was a special variety being grown on contract for a U.S. miller, which makes it easier to trace the wheat. Kelly declined to identify the miller.

Kelly said the fungus, or smut, was found at a Phoenix seed dealership by a state employee training to be a seed analyst. The employee had a background in plant pathology and recognized the fungus.

Durum is grown mostly in North Dakota, Montana and on north into Canada, planted in the spring and harvested in the summer. The Arizona "desert durum" is planted in the fall and harvested in the spring.

The seeds came from last year's harvest. "The wheat is in the ground, it's sitting there growing," Kelly said. "It will grow a few more inches while we're getting this all sorted out."

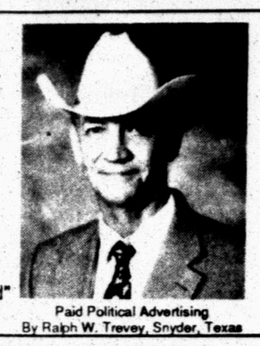
"Because it's a certified seed wheat crop, there's a very good paper trail," he added. Most of the crop was confined to an isolated, southwestern part of the state, "surrounded by a lot of desert."

"It's not one grower, but it's one area of a general farming operation and they have several growers," he said.

Kelly declined to be more specific because of efforts to work with the head of the operation. He also left open the possibility that the seed was sold in New Mexico and to other Arizona farms.

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Winners listed in 4th annual art contest at local college

The 4th annual West Texas Art Competition drew some 216 entries from 15 area high schools last weekend on the campus of Western Texas College.

High school art students competed in either Division 1, grades 9-10, or Division 2, grades 11-12, and monetary prizes were given out for 1st through 3rd place as well as a "best of show" award.

Winner of the "best of show" award was Will Rennels of Jim Ned High School with his entry, "Mother and Child."

In Division 1, winners were Nicole Lovelady, Jim Ned, 1st; Alyssa Finley, Colorado City, 2nd; and Kyle Poss, Lubbock, 3rd.

For Division 2, winners were Allison Smith, Sweetwater, 1st; Dodald Nagy Jr., Hawley, 2nd; and Jose Martinez, Lubbock, 3rd.

In Division 1, honorable mention awards were given to Nicole Lovelady, Jim Ned; and Wess Abbott, Guthrie.

Also, merit awards were presented to Wade Odom, Jim Ned; Kyle Poff, Lubbock; Jennifer Muncy, Highland; Chris Cox, Merkel; and Wess Abbott, Guthrie.

In Division 2, honorable mention went to Dustin Lawless and Jese Wales of Jim Ned; Jennifer Coleman of Permian; Justin Martin and Chad Cunningham of Lubbock; and Cindy Gonzales of Jim Ned.

Merit awards in Division 2 went to Jamie Garcia of Snyder, two awards; Kelly Kohuter, two awards, and Bill Firebaugh of Jim Ned; Chase McCarty of Hawley; Vanessa Woods, Chad Cunningham, Jose Martinez and Justin Martin, Lubbock; Michele Retna, Kathy King and Fred Kauth, Merkel; Tom Turner, Courtney Moses and Brian McDonell, Sweetwater; and Sheralyn Lane of Eula.

Judge for the exhibition was Kathie Walker-Millar, art professor at McMurry University in Abilene.

They day included also art workshops for figure drawing, pottery making and sidewalk chalk drawing.

Feds indict two for selling high-tech taps for cell phones

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The booming industry of cellular phones and pagers has spawned a high-tech underground of eavesdroppers who can tap virtually any transmission, a federal prosecutor said.

Two men who allegedly manufactured cellular-tapping equipment for unidentified Mexican buyers have been targeted for one of the first U.S. prosecutions, Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos Singh said Friday.

The equipment's capacity is startling.

"If you have someone's cell phone number, you can hone in directly on this person's telephone conversation. If they're beeped on their pager, you can get the number. If they get a fax, you can intercept their fax," Singh said.

The eavesdroppers can even call up the victim's voice mail messages, he said.

Such equipment is legal only if made under contract to the federal government or for telecommunications companies, the prosecutor said.

The two men indicted for violating federal wiretap statues were Gilbert Morris Walz, 39, and Jude Daggett, 41, owners of Tech Support Systems and Counter-surveillance Inc. in Menlo Park. Walz was arraigned Thursday and released on $100,000 bail. Daggett has agreed to surrender next Thursday.

If convicted, the two men face maximum penalties of five years in prison and fines of $250,000 each.

The indictment alleged that the two men manufactured and sold equipment under names such as Cellmate, Compu-Cellmate, CellScan, Faxmate and Pagemate.

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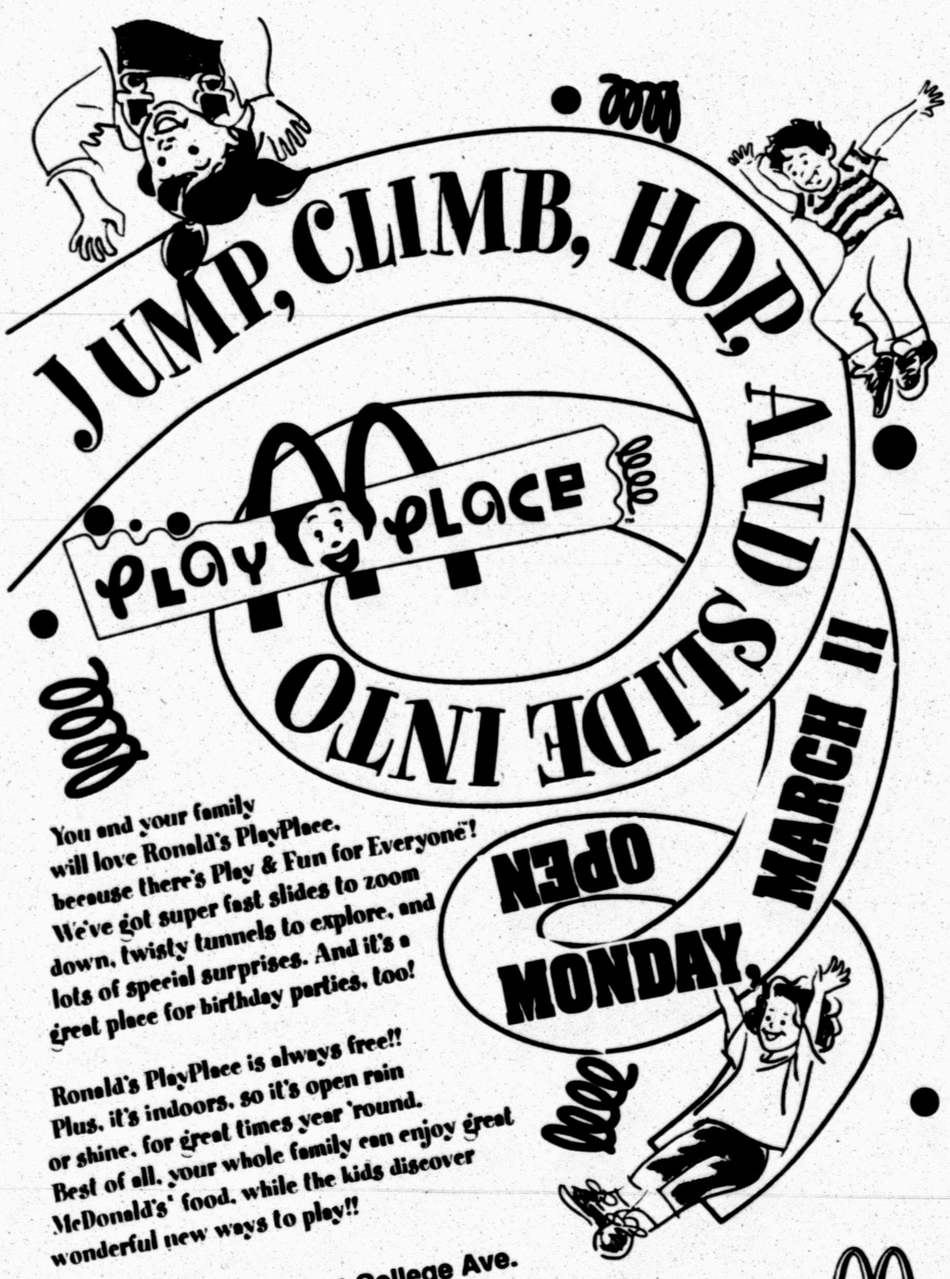
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Your Birthday

Sunday, March 10, 1996

Lingering negative conditions will diminish in the year ahead. This will enable you to enact the significant changes you were afraid to make previously. The advantages will be great.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Sometimes it's essential to disengage ourselves from outside involvements in order to focus on personal interests. You should operate in this mode today. 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. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A business associate who trusts you may come to you today with an interesting commercial arrangement that has two-way benefits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It will be wise not to make any major decisions today without discussing the matter fully with your mate. You may have overlooked something.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can achieve a major accomplishment today, but you may have to exert extra effort. You will have the stuff you need to succeed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can perform a useful role today if you teach a close friend how to look for the positive things in life instead of dwelling on the dark side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone may force a change on you today and you may resent it at first. However, after you analyze it carefully, you will see the advantages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An arrangement made today with a reliable ally should turn out to your satisfaction, even though the benefits may surface a bit slowly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Devote your time and effort to situations that have a high probability for material rewards today. In other words, try to be industrious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your friends will not mind stepping aside today to let you take charge of social arrangements. They will know that you should call the shots.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not let any obstacle in your path intimidate you today. Challenging impediments will inspire you to be a winner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your ability to recognize opportunities that others fail to perceive will be your greatest asset today. You will know how to enhance your rewards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have waited for a debt to be repaid for a long time. If it doesn't happen today, it could happen in the near future.

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Your Birthday

Monday, March 11, 1996

You may have numerous opportunities to achieve financial success in the year ahead. If you handle your funds wisely, you can build up a sizable nest egg by this time next year.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Watch what you say in front of people who can enhance your career. All of your comments will be evaluated and catalogued. Major changes are possible for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A nosy associate who does not have your best interests at heart might try to pry information from you today. Do not give him or her an opening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid taking a friend's investment tips at face value today. He or she may have good intentions, but your chances for financial gratification will be slim.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make sure you can back up the commitments you make to others today. It will be better to lose a deal than to promise something you can't deliver.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your boss assigns a critical task today, make sure you know what he or she is talking about. You will not get fired for asking questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not take small details for granted in your financial ventures today. What appears to be insignificant may be extremely important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to maintain harmony in your household today, emphasize praise and avoid criticism. Tolerance will set the tempo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Instead of merely thinking about what should be done today, roll up your sleeves and swing into action. You cannot wish your work away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Use common sense in regard to your expenditures today, especially small extravagances. The smallest purchases could produce the biggest aftershocks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your attention to detail will be extremely sharp today. You can use this quality to your advantage, provided it doesn't become a nonproductive obsession.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When conversing with a sensitive friend today, weigh your words carefully. A thoughtless comment could leave a scar that a band-aid can't cover up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you will be uncomfortable around penny-pinching people. Try to select companions who extend their generosity freely.

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Bourbon St. luring students after drinking age is lowered

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Word spread quickly on Bourbon Street that Louisiana's drinking age was back to 18.

Bartenders posted signs trying to lure college students hours after the Louisiana Supreme Court on Friday struck down laws making it illegal for anyone under 21 to buy or consume alcohol.

"I'm sure it will make a lot of kids happy," said Martin McHale, 18, of Metairie.

The split decision again makes Louisiana the only state in the nation where the drinking age is under 21 — a distinction Louisiana held until 1985 when the federal government threatened to cut transportation money if the drinking age wasn't raised.

The 1985 law making it illegal for anyone aged 18-to-20 to buy or drink liquor had a loophole: It still was legal to sell it to them.

After 10 years of lobbying by organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, lawmakers voted last August to include criminal penalties for the sale of alcohol to 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds.

But in a 4-3 ruling, which took effect immediately, the justices Friday struck down the 1995 law as unconstitutional age discrimination. The opinion also struck down older laws that made it illegal for anyone aged 18-to-20 to purchase alcohol.

"They threw out the whole prohibition," Loyola Law School Professor William Quigley said.

Catherine Morgan of Louisiana MADD called the ruling a "huge setback."

She said she hoped Louisiana Attorney General Richard Ieyoub would appeal the ruling to the federal courts and she promised MADD would be "right behind him."

Ieyoub declined comment, saying he wanted to give his staff a chance to study the ruling.

In writing the majority opinion, Justice Catherine Kimball said that although 18-year-olds are accorded the "responsibilities and obligations" of adults under other state laws, the 21-year-old drinking law treated them like "children when it comes to the purchase and public consumption of alcoholic beverages."

In dissenting, Justice Harry Lemmon argued that the 21-and-over drinking age helped further "the legitimate government objective of promoting highway safety."

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Cogdell and Howard College accepting nursing applications for accelerated associate degree

Howard College Accelerated Associate Degree in Nursing program and Cogdell Memorial Hospital are now accepting applications from prospective students for the 1996 class.

Prospective students need to have applications and paper work completed and in the ADN office no later than April 1.

Recent developments will allow students enrolling in this class to obtain greater financial aid on an "as needed" basis. These additional funds are the result of a cooperative effort of CMH Auxiliary and the Center for Rural Health Initiatives.

For additional information, please call the ADN office at 574-7348 or 574-7349, Velma Clay, RN, MS, instructor.

The ADN office is located at 5303 Trinity Boulevard, Suite F, Snyder.

Study discovers large quantities of prescription drugs cross border

HARLINGEN (AP) — Large quantities of addictive prescription drugs are being imported legally across the Texas-Mexico border but most are likely destined for illegal markets around the country, according to a study released Friday.

The findings come on the heels of the government's ban earlier this week on the importation of Rohypnol, a sedative popular among teen-agers and young adults that has been associated with date rape.

"Mexico provides easy access to controlled substances that are being diverted into the streets," said Dr. Marvin Shepherd, a professor at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy and author of the study.

Federal law allows individuals to import prescription drugs, including those classified as controlled substances, if they are for personal use and declared with the U.S. Customs Service, agency spokeswoman Judy Turner said.

Controlled substances are drugs that have addictive properties and require close supervision by a physician.

To import controlled substances from Mexico, Customs requires a Mexican or U.S. prescription and limits individuals to a "reasonable supply," usually considered a 90-day supply per drug, Ms. Turner said.

But Shepherd's study found quantities being declared far exceeded that amount.

The study examined prescription drug declarations by U.S. residents at the port of entry linking Laredo with its sister city in Mexico, Nuevo Laredo. Researchers randomly selected 84 days over a 12-month period in which to inspect the declarations.

Of the top 15 prescriptions drugs that were declared, all but one were controlled substances, the study found.

The most common drug coming back into the country was Valium, an anti-anxiety drug and muscle relaxant declared by 70 percent of the people. Rohypnol was the second-most popular drug, declared 42.6 percent of the time.

On average, 11,000 Valium tablets and 4,000 Rohypnol tablets were declared per day, the study found. In one instance an individual declared 540 Rohypnol tablets, three times as many as Customs usually allows.

"I believe in allowing people to go across and get the drugs for legitimate personal use, but my belief is that many of the people are not using them for personal use when they're bringing drugs back in those types of quantities," Shepherd said.

The study also appears to dispute the assumption that the majority of people who purchase pharmaceutical products in Mexico are elderly people looking for bargains.

People 51 and older represented just 9.4 percent of the sample, while people under 40 represented more than half of those declaring drug products. The median age was 24 for males and 35 for females.

The sample included individuals from 39 states, but 64 percent indicated they lived in Texas.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



'Double therapy' battles infection

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife has been diagnosed with mycobaterium avium. She is fatigued, short of breath, and the prognosis is that the symptoms will increase in intensity. She's been placed on Cipro and Biaxin, and we've been told the treatment may be required for a year.

DEAR READER: This lung infection, caused by a distant relative of the tuberculosis micro-organism, produces a form of pneumonia marked by malaise, sweats, fever, deep cough, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, and chest pain. It is spread from person to person, via the respiratory route.

The infection is diagnosed by special tests, such as a sputum culture.

Unlike most pneumonias, infection with M. avium can be resistant to standard antibiotic therapy — and treatment may have to be continued for months.

Your wife's doctor has wisely placed her on "double therapy" using two powerful, new (and expensive) antibiotics. This program should do the trick. It sounds as though she is in good hands.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from gout and wonder what can be done for control.

DEAR READER: Gout is a form of acute arthritis caused by an accumulation of uric acid in the joints. It is inherited — or may be caused by certain prescription diuretic medications, such as the thiazides. Diagnosis depends on blood tests and analysis of the joint fluid.

Therapy for acute attacks includes colchicine, Motrin and other prescription medications. Gout can be prevented by taking daily doses of allopurinol, a prescription drug that lowers the level of uric acid.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "About Gout." 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 noticed in one of your recent columns that quinine is no longer prescribed for leg cramps. Since cramps occur randomly and taking a pill when they occur is too late. I stopped some time ago. What has proved equally effective for me is one or more large glasses of tonic water during the course of an evening, since tonic contains a fair amount of quinine. You may wish to pass this on to your readers.

DEAR READER: Before they were withdrawn from the market (for reasons that escape me), quinine pills effectively prevented nocturnal leg cramps in many older people with this troublesome disorder.

I have been deluged with letters from readers who are desperate for a substitute. I said that I would let them know when one came along.

Thus, it was with great gratitude and relief that I read your letter. Your safe and inexpensive remedy may make a host of readers sleep more soundly. Thank you for writing.

We humans like to think we have arrived, after millions of years, at the pinnacle of the evolutionary process. We congratulate ourselves on having advanced to such a high level of physical and mental prowess.

However, this form of hubris is becoming the mark of the uneducated man. Like the philosopher who finds that answers simply lead to additional questions, the more we learn about our environment, the more we recognize the ways we aren't so special after all.

For example, consider the lungs of birds. These fascinating creatures have less relative lung volume, longer windpipes (resulting in more dead-air space), and less elastic rib cages than do humans. In addition, birds can't sweat. They regulate body heat through respiration.

Yet, birds don't become short of breath. Have you ever seen a bluejay pant? Our feathered friends accomplish their amazing feat because their lungs work in a different way — one that's much more effective than our own.

When we breathe, we exhale stale air in preparation for inhaling fresh air — in and out. Normal people don't ordinarily appreciate the amount of work involved in this process, but patients with emphysema know that expelling used-up air can be a major part of the cycle. They trap old air in worn-out lungs.

Birds don't operate this way. Their respiratory organs function as two-cycle pumps, with the equivalent of a turbo-charger, to boot. As a bird inhales, fresh air bypasses the lungs and is stored in reservoirs called posterior air sacs. During exhalation this oxygen-rich air is literally pumped into the lungs under pressure. As the bird again inhales, stale air is sucked from the lungs into expanding anterior air sacs, to be exhaled through the beak during the next breath.

In essence, birds' lungs are not composed of tiny, blind air pockets; rather, air is forced — bagpipe style — in a steady stream that bathes respiratory tissue.

I'll bet that any serious runner would give his or her eyeteeth (or new color-coded jogging outfit) to be able to mimic the respiration of birds whose lungs are made up of miniature tubules, unlike our own cumbersome system of bags that have to inflate and deflate.

The avian system is so much more efficient than ours in that it permits smaller lungs and slower respiratory rates. Large birds, like ostriches, breathe only six times a minute at rest. Some birds can even breathe through their bones; how they do it remains a mystery.

At oxygen-poor high altitudes, birds can extract enough gaseous nutrition to keep flying, while mammals become comatose. Sea-diving fowl can hold their breaths for long periods because, in part, their lungs are ventilated with constant fresh air, unlike the fresh-stale mixture of the human respiratory system. Birds keep cool by losing body heat to the moisture in their air sacs — a heat-exchange mechanism far more efficacious than our troublesome and inconvenient habit of sweating.

I am sure than when Mother Nature designed human lungs, she had something in mind... but efficiency wasn't it. As I puff up hill on my 10-speed bicycle, I envy the swallows swooping effortlessly around me. And, I wonder, if God had meant us to exercise, why He didn't bless us with better-planned lungs. What we got is for the birds.

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Industry officials like House GOP's health care proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The health insurance industry is praising a House Republican plan for providing health care coverage to more Americans, but the enthusiasm isn't shared elsewhere on Capitol Hill.

"It sounds far superior to the Senate plan. We see in this proposal a number of ways to slow down the rate of increase in insurance costs," said Bill Gradison, president of the Health Insurance Association of America.

But Senate leaders and House Democrats criticized the proposals, unveiled at a news conference Friday, as overly ambitious.

"We need simple, straightforward insurance reform," said House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., sponsor of a simpler health insurance reform bill in the Senate, contended that if her House colleagues aren't cautious, "they could jeopardize the chances that any reform would pass this year."

Her bill would extend coverage to about 25 million Americans who cannot now get health insurance, she said.

President Clinton and 50 senators from both parties support Kassebaum's bill, but provisions added in the House could put a wrinkle in the drive for changes in the health care system.

Nevertheless, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who is coordinating the House GOP effort, insisted Friday: "Our intent is to have a bill to the president, a bill the president can sign."

House committee chairmen, with no Democratic input, got together with Hastert, who is House Republican deputy whip, and agreed on legislation that would:

—Guarantee that workers covered by a group health insurance plan continue coverage uninterrupted when they change or lose their jobs, even if they have pre-existing health problems.

—Allow self-employed workers and small businesses a tax deduction of up to 50 percent of their health insurance costs.

—Allow small businesses to group together to reduce the cost of providing health insurance to their employees.

—Give tax incentives to workers under age 65 who set up medical savings accounts. Money deposited in the account by the worker would be drawn out for routine medical expenses, but the insurance company holding the account would cover catastrophic health care needs.

—Change medical malpractice laws.

It has been two years since Clinton's proposed massive overhaul of the health care system flopped because of opposition from the medical, business and insurance industries and consumers who feared a change in the status quo.

Many of the groups who helped derail the Clinton plan are now backing Kassebaum's bill and say they don't want any changes to it.

Her bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., is limited primarily to guaranteeing that workers who have been covered by group health insurance plans continue to be covered when they change jobs or become self-employed, even with pre-existing health problems.

It is a small bill compared with Clinton's overhaul plans, but the insurance industry opposes the way it would extend insurance to individuals who have left group coverage with pre-existing health problems. That is a very expensive market to insure, Gradison of the insurance industry association said.

He prefers the House approach because it contains provisions that he said would help insurance companies keep costs down.

Some of those proposals, however, have already been rejected in other forms during this Congress, causing Gephardt to suggest they are an effort to sink the bill.

"They plan to load up the bill with controversial, divisive provisions that would doom its chance of becoming law," the Democratic leader said.

He and 170 other House Democrats are co-sponsoring a bill written by Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., that mirrors the Senate bill.

"Let's pass that legislation right away, and then move on to the divisive, and most likely unresolvable debates about malpractice reform and medical savings accounts," said Gephardt.

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Thrift stores providing new source of AIDS fight funding

BOSTON (AP) — With a steady flow of shoppers combing through its brightly colored displays, plus mountains of stock stored in its basement, Boomerangs is a new retail store that looks like it's here to stay.

Its owners would rather go out of business.

"I would be happy to say, 'We don't need the money any more. The epidemic is over,'" said Larry Kessler, who runs the AIDS service group that spent $200,000 to launch Boomerangs last month.

The AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts is the latest to turn to secondhand stores for a steady source of cash to keep pace with the persistent epidemic.

Similar stores exist in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle and Philadelphia. In San Francisco, Under One Roof has raised $2.75 million from gift and card sales since 1990.

"We all had the same idea," said Kessler, the Boston-based committee's executive director. "There are only so many bake sales you can run."

Creative fund raising has become vital for all U.S. charitable groups as corporate giving and private donations flag. It is especially important for groups trying to cope with the effects of the AIDS epidemic, which began in the late 1970s and continues to escalate.

Last year, the United Nations estimates, more than 2 million people were infected with the virus that causes AIDS. Three-quarters of a million died of the disease.

In the United States, between 40,000 and 80,000 people become infected with the AIDS virus each year. One in four is a teen-ager.

And a vaccine is several years off, at best.

AIDS groups say thrift stores, which have been used for a century by churches and charities, satisfy Americans' thirst for bargains, while giving shoppers and donors a sense that they are helping fight the epidemic.

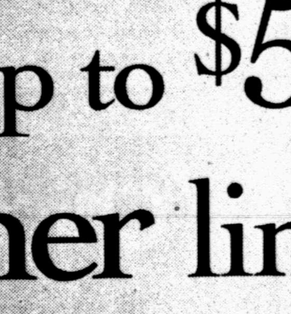
The stores vary in look and feel, but all appear successful.

Housing Works Inc. in New York City opened its Chelsea thrift store in 1992 and outgrew it a year later. It now operates two thrift stores and a two-story used bookstore and cafe in another section of Manhattan known as SoHo. Proceeds help pay for Housing Works programs to provide housing, job training and treatment for AIDS patients.

"Business is great," said Chris Proios, who manages the Chelsea store. "We had to get a warehouse space because of the backlog of donations. We couldn't keep up."

Contrary to popular belief, carrots do not contain vitamin A. Carrots are rich in carotene, however, which is converted to vitamin A in the liver.

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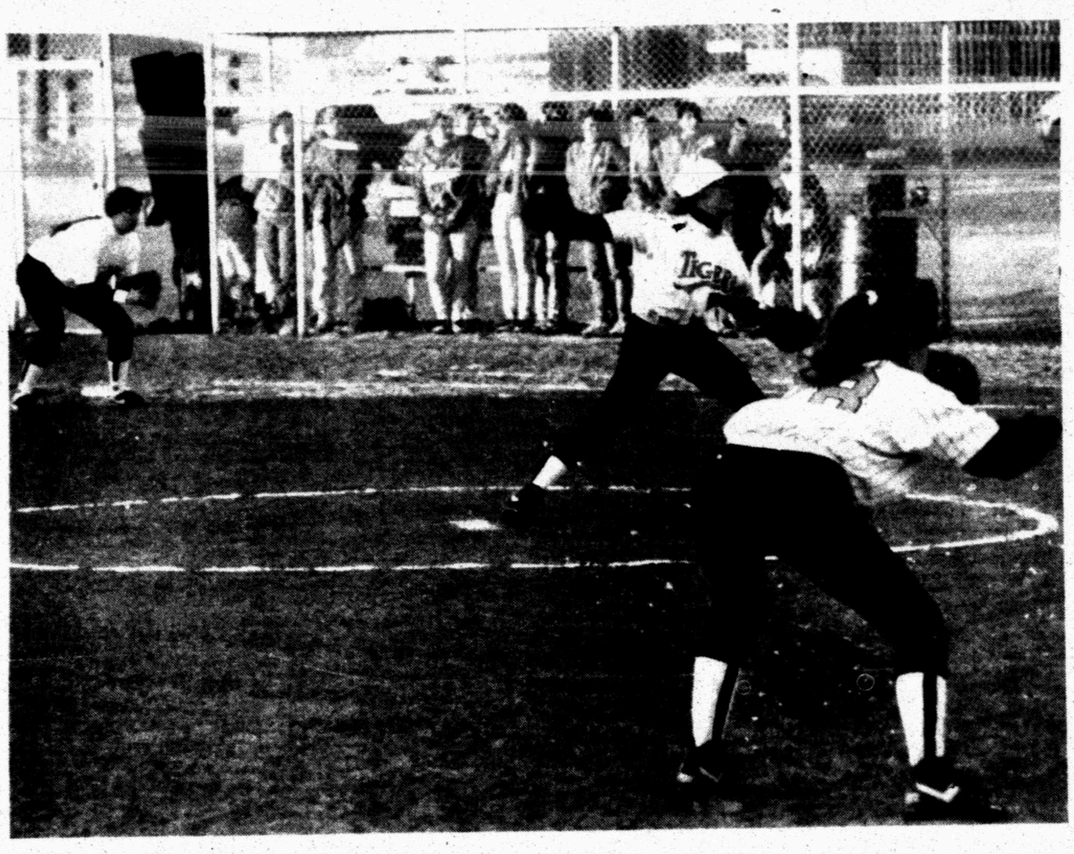
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SPORTS



READY POSITION—Despite cold temperatures Friday night, the Lady Tigers softball team took to the diamond and fell one run short of defeating Lubbock Coronado, 12-11. Joanie Wemken (pitching) went the distance for Snyder. She is shown with first baseman Adrienne Bailey and third baseman Shawn Purcell. (Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Lady Tigers' rally falls one run short, 12-11

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs rallied in the top of the seventh and went on to take a 12-11 win over the Snyder Lady Tigers Friday night in softball action.

Trailing 6-3 going into the bottom of the fifth, Snyder erupted for seven runs to take a 10-6 lead, but it was short lived for the Lady Tigers.

"The weather definitely played a role in the game," said coach Billy Hicks. With temperatures hovering around the freezing mark, "It was just too cold to try to warm up a new pitcher."

Coronado opened the scoring in the top of the first with two runs, but Snyder answered back in the bottom of the third.

Jodi White walked before Joanie Wemken singled to left. Raechele Wemken hit into a fielder's choice, forcing Joanie Wemken out at second. Mendy Winter then doubled to score White. Julie Lang grounded out to second, but still picked up the RBI as Raechele Wemken crossed home plate.

The Lady Tigers got one more run the bottom of the fourth. The third batter for Snyder, Amanda Huff, tripled off the left field fence, and then White singled to center to push in Huff.

Coronado roared back, picking up four runs in the top of the fifth, but Snyder regained the lead in the bottom half of the inning.

Winter singled to start the inning, then Sharon Gulseth walked. Adrienne Bailey and Shawn Purcell both popped out. Lochie Applin then walked before Huff singled to left, scoring Winter. White singled to left to knock in Gulseth.

Joanie Wemken then picked up two RBIs on a single to center, scoring Applin and Huff. Raechele Wemken singled to left-center to score White. Winter got the last two RBIs of the inning with her double to right-center field, allowing the Wemken sisters to add runs.

Joanie Wemken got into pitching trouble in the top half of the seventh, walking the first three batters. The Lady Mustangs would go on and score five runs, taking an 12-10 lead with Snyder coming to bat for the last time.

The Lady Tigers managed a small rally in the bottom of the seventh. White reached base when the Coronado catcher dropped a pop fly. Joanie Wemken walked and then was forced out at second when Raechele hit into a fielder's choice. Winter then singled to score White.

Following a walk by Lang, Snyder had the bases loaded with one out and looked like it was going to pull it out. However, Bailey struck out and Purcell hit into a fielder's choice, forcing Winter out at third to end the game.

Joanie Wemken gave up 12 runs on 10 hits, struck out three and walked 11. Snyder hitters came up with 11 runs on 14 hits.

The Lady Tigers' next game will be Tuesday when they open district play on the road in Lubbock against Estacado. Game time is 6 p.m.

LUBBOCK CORONADO 12, SNYDER 11
Coronado 200 041 5—12 10 3
Snyder 002 170 1—11 14 3
J.Wemken and R.Wemken, LP-J.Wemken (1-3). 2B-Winter 2, 3B-Huff. Records: Coronado 6-7, Snyder 8-7.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	46	15	.754	—
NewYork	34	26	.567	11½
Miami	29	32	.475	17
Washington	27	34	.443	19
NewJersey	24	35	.407	21
Boston	22	39	.361	24
Philadelphia	12	47	.203	33
Central Division				
x-Chicago	54	6	.900	—
Indiana	39	22	.639	15½
Atlanta	34	26	.567	20
Cleveland	34	26	.567	20
Detroit	32	27	.542	21½
Charlotte	29	31	.483	25
Milwaukee	21	38	.356	32½
Toronto	15	44	.254	38½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	42	17	.712	—
SanAntonio	41	18	.695	1
Houston	40	22	.645	3½
Denver	25	34	.424	17
Dallas	21	38	.356	21
Minnesota	19	41	.317	23½
Vancouver	11	47	.190	30½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	47	13	.783	—
L.A.Lakers	38	21	.644	8½
Phoenix	30	30	.500	17
GoldenState	28	32	.467	19
Portland	27	34	.443	20½
Sacramento	25	33	.431	21
L.A.Clippers	21	39	.350	26

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Thursday's Games
Charlotte 119, Dallas 105
Atlanta 83, Cleveland 72
Chicago 102, Detroit 81
Denver 103, Phoenix 92
Golden State 95, Houston 86
L.A. Lakers 102, Sacramento 89

Friday's Games
Cleveland 96, Boston 91
Philadelphia 100, New York 92
L.A. Clippers 92, Washington 89
Orlando 117, Charlotte 112, OT
Miami 109, Toronto 79
Atlanta 94, Milwaukee 91
Seattle 132, Minnesota 112
San Antonio 115, New Jersey 100
Utah 109, Houston 89
L.A. Lakers 119, Phoenix 97
Portland 117, Sacramento 105
Indiana 94, Vancouver 80

Saturday's Games
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 3 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 8 p.m.
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SJHS tennis competes in Lubbock tourney

The Snyder Junior High tennis team competed in the Lubbock tournament recently with positive results.

"The outcome was very pleasant," said coach Dan Pulattie. "We brought back some hardware."

Adrian Gonzales won second place in the eighth grade boys singles while the eighth grade boys doubles team of Josh Levens and Jon Hensley snared first. Kris Casas and Dusty Stone were second in the same division.

Ryan Gibson battled his way to second place in the seventh grade B boys singles and Tim Green took second in the seventh grade C boys singles.

The eighth grade girls doubles team of Cara Best and Andrea Pavlik won second in their class.

"Many exceptional matches were played with several of the kids making it to the semi-finals," Pulattie said. "Allan Smith lost a close match to a Lubbock City Champion who has competed in 14 tournaments this year."

Smith won the first set with the tie-breaker, 7-6, but lost the last two sets, 5-7, 4-6.

Over 600 matches were played with 15 schools represented.

LUBBOCK JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Justin Guy lost to J. Davis in semi-finals 8-6; Whitney Graham lost to Kimberly Opety in the semi-finals 61, 6-0; Natalie Alexander lost in the semi-finals in a split set 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Jordan Hardin lost to S. Robb in quarter-finals, 6-2; Angela Quiros lost to H. Smith in semi-finals 6-3, Pace Milhollen lost to Tim Green in semis, 8-1; Nick Hand lost second match to B.Porter 8-1.
Natalie Hill/Veronica Carrisalez lost in consolation finals to Rios/Martinez 8-2; Lindsey Ornelas/Lisa Hall lost in semi-finals to Williams/McMahon, 7-5, 7-5; Claire Cotton lost to C. Adams in quarter-finals 6-4; Dallas Jones lost in semi-finals 8-5; Dedra Goebel lost in second round to Lsil Yildz, 8-1.
9th Grade Division
Joel Pulattie lost in second round to B. Ford, 8-2; Nick Means lost to B. Ford in second round, 8-2; Tommy Wilson lost in second round to T. Grappe 8-6; Ashely Herrera lost in finals to Emily Rogers, 9-7; Anna Hanan won consolation over L.McKenzie, 8-0.

Tiger golfers fourth at San Angelo

The Snyder High School boys' golf team was in fourth place after the first round of the San Angelo Boys Golf Classic.

The Tigers fired a 344, 14 strokes behind Andrews and Brownwood which are tied for first with a 330. Big Spring is in second with a 333.

Individualy for Snyder, Carl Streicki fired an 83, Page Patterson 85, Matt Parker 90, James Pilgrim 91 and Troy Allen 86.

Snyder played the first round at Bentwood Country Club before moving to Riverside for Saturday's round.

District play begins Monday for the Tiger golfers in Sweetwater.

Lady golfers tied for fifth at Andrews

Lady Tiger golfers fired a team total 372 Friday in the first round of the Andrews Girls Classic being played at the Andrews Country Club.

Snyder was tied with Midland Lee for fifth place, 24 shots behind Andrews A with a 348. Lubbock Coronado was in second with a 364 and Alamogordo, N.M. was third with 365.

Daysha Weaver had the low round for Snyder with an 88. Alissa Wells carded an 89, Julie Doolittle 97, Kaisha Gafford 96 and Kayla Drain 99.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASEBALL
Monday: Snyder at San Angelo Central, 4:00
Abilene Cooper at Snyder JV, Doubleheader, Noon
Thursday-Saturday: Snyder Baseball Tournament
Saturday: Snyder JV at Loraine Var., 3:00
Snyder 9th at Colorado City, 1:00

SOFTBALL
Monday: Snyder JV at Midland Christian Var.
Tuesday: Snyder at Lubbock Estacado, 6:00
Thursday-Saturday: Canyon Reef Softball Tournament Var. & JV

GOLF
Sunday-Tuesday: WTC at Gulf Coast Invitational Tournament Galveston Country Club, Galveston.
Monday: Snyder Var. & JV, B&G, at Sweetwater

WTC heads to short-go in 1st rodeo of semester

ODESSA — Western Texas College continued to ride hard and fast in the Southwest Region's spring debut here at the Odessa College NIRA Rodeo.

The event is the first of the semester, with five more to follow. There were four fall rodeos.

Burleson cowboy Brent Harvey clocked a 3.9 Friday to take over first place in the steer wrestling, while Miles Bell of Plainview moved into second place in the bareback riding with a score of 70.

Todd Loesch roped his calf in 10.2 seconds to take over second place in that event, heading into Saturday morning's slack.

Shawn Minor could only watch as his lead in the bareback and saddle bronc dropped during Friday's show. His 66 in the saddle bronc is now tied for fourth and his 66 in the bareback sits sixth. The top 10 contestants in each event qualify for Saturday evening's short-go.

In one other men's outing for WTC, Ryan Weaver turned in a 7.8-second run in the steer wrestling and is tied for fifth place.

Chasity Rickman's 7.5-seconds in the goat tying held up through Friday's show and she remains in first place in that event. Emily Shaffer clocked in at 8.4, good enough for a tie for second place. KayCee Plugge's 8.8 is splitting eighth and ninth.

San Angelo cowgirl Jamie Stewart moved into second place in the breakaway with a 3.3-second run.

The short-go is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the West Texas Horse Center.

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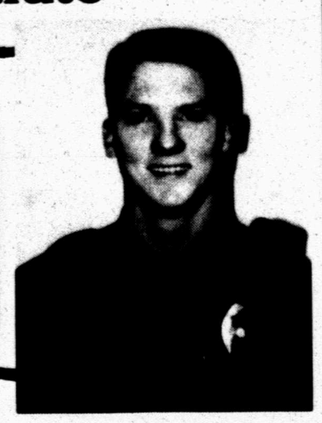
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Signed Kevin Mitchell, outfielder. Released Jeremy Hernandez, pitcher. Assigned Juan Bell, Bo Dodson, Pork Chop Pough, Carlos Rodriguez and Scott Romano, infielders; Trot Nixon and Rick Holifield, outfielders; and Jose Martinez, Randy Tomlin and Ken Grundt, pitchers, to their minor-league camp.
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Jorge Fabregas, catcher, on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Renewed the contract of Jason Bere, pitcher. Agreed to terms with Norberto Martin and Chris Snopek, infielders, and Mike Cameron and Lyle Mouton, outfielders.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Released Travis Buckley and Bill Krueger, pitchers.
CINCINNATI REDS—Released Brian Hunter, outfielder, and Bryan Hickerson, pitcher. Assigned Paul Bako and Justin Towle, catchers, to their minor-league camp.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Renewed the contract of Ron Villone, pitcher.

Snyder Police Department Is Proud To Salute

Terry Snyder
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February 1996



The Officer of the Month for February 1996 is Officer Terry Snyder. Officer Snyder is a Snyder native. His parents are Shirley and Ted McMillan of Snyder.

Officer Snyder grew up in Snyder and is a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School. Officer Snyder was one of the first members of Snyder Law Enforcement Explorer Post #573, sponsored by the Snyder Police Department. He has also attended Odessa College. He attended and graduated from the Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy in 1994. Prior to attending the police academy officer Snyder was employed as a Snyder Police Department dispatcher. He was later employed as a jailer with the Scurry County Sheriff's Office.

After graduating from the police academy Officer Snyder began his employment with the Snyder Police Department as a police officer on April 15, 1994. Officer Snyder is currently assigned to "A" Shift in Patrol Division.

Officer Snyder was selected as the February 1996 Officer of the Month by Police Chief Lannie Lee based on a selected set of criteria that includes exemplary public service and devotion to duty.

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SPORTS

All-time SWC team unavoidably excludes some great players

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — By popular demand, we've been asked to pick an All-Time Southwest Conference basketball team.

Any such list will be automatically nitpicked to death by fans of the soon to be departed league. Complaints will range from not enough oldtimers to such and such from such and such school should be there.

Since picking just five players would automatically leave out some schools, the attempt here will be to select the top 15 all-time players, or three good teams filled with guys who loved the game.

Even then there will be a perceived miscarriage of justice or two. Remember, this is my team of talented men who were also "team players."

Pick your own team should this one miss your tastes. No letters please.

So here goes:

Houston — Two near national champions for Guy V. Lewis and what team would be complete without Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajuwon, who once blocked 16 shots against Arkansas? Drexler, who still has the SWC record for 11 steals in one game, may have been the most athletic of all the league players. And was there a better shooter than Otis Birdsong? Not before these eyes.

Arkansas — Although the traitorous Razorbacks defected to the SEC, they still left a great SWC legacy. Could you have a team without Sidney Moncrief? No way. Remember the duel between him and Larry Bird?

Baylor — Vinnie Johnson, who tied an SWC record with 21 field goals in a game, certainly makes my list along with oldtime Jack Robinson, who played on a team that almost won the NCAA title.

TCU — Dick O'Neal, who once scored 49 points in a game with his sweeping hook shot, makes my team even if he did play in the 1950s.

Texas A&M — Bennie Lennox, who still has the SWC record with 53 points in a game, makes the roster as does John Beasley who averaged 22 points per game.

Texas — Slater Martin, the great guard of the 1940s, makes the team. Like Johnson, he once hit 21 field goals in a game.

Texas Tech — Rick Bullock, a tireless competitor, plays for me any day as does Will Flemons.

Rice — Ricky Pierce, a scoring machine, can't be ignored. He's still going strong in the NBA.

SMU — Gene Phillips of the late 1960s is all over the SWC record book which has just become a collector's keepsake. Jim Krebs was a great one from that era.

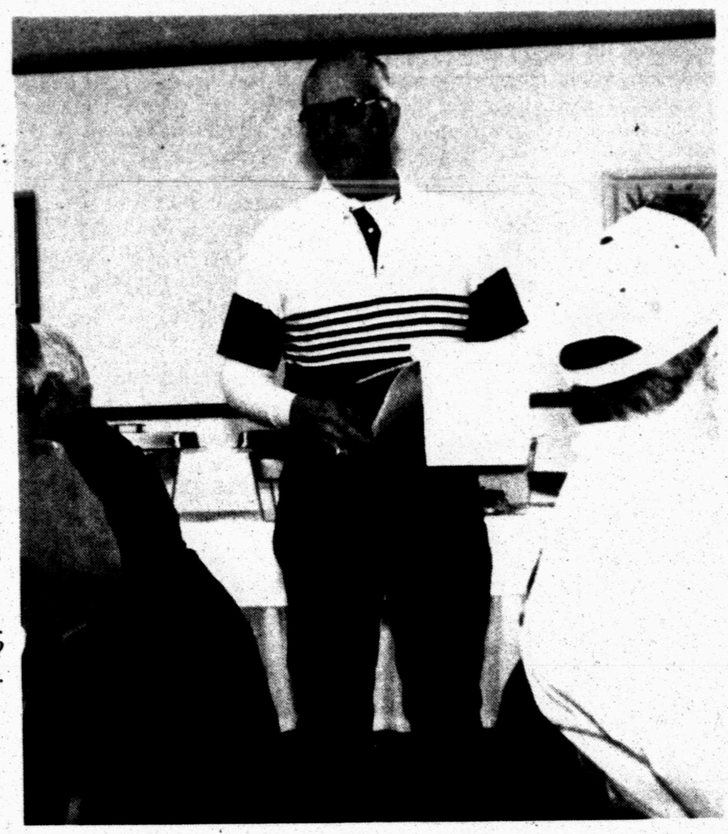
Some honorable mentions include (personal favorites), John Moore and Joey Wright of Texas, Alvin Robertson of Arkansas, Sonny Parker and Carroll Broussard of Texas A&M, Terry Teagle of Baylor, Bubba Jennings of Texas Tech, Ira Terrell of SMU and Clyde Littlefield of the Longhorns. Littlefield? Yeh, he made the first two All-SWC teams in 1915 and 1916 and became one of the best track coaches in the nation.

Coach — The late E.O. (Doc) Hayes of SMU. You would want your son to have played for him from the 1940s to the 1960s. Won six out of every 10 games his teams played and had eight SWC titles.

MVP — Olajuwon. Plays both offense and defense, a specialty lost by many selfish players in this day and time.

Defensive MVP — Olajuwon. Has there ever been any better?

It was a lot of fun for 81 years.



GIVING INSTRUCTIONS—Snyder High School boys track coach Tommy Doyle was giving final instructions Saturday morning at the breakfast for the workers of the Canyon Reef Relays. Fifteen teams were expected for the Saturday track meet. (Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Texas Tech teams reach SWC finals

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Tech men's and women's teams, each ranked No. 7 in the nation, shoot for the final SWC tournament titles to be ever awarded Saturday.

It will be the last day for basketball in SWC history. The league will breakup in July.

The 3-point shooting of Koy Smith and Cory Carr over Rice's tight zone defense carried the Tech men to a 68-53 victory over the Owls Friday night in the semifinals of the Southwest Conference tournament.

Tech, which won the regular season with a 14-0 record, was to play defending tournament champion Texas in the championship game at 1 p.m. The Longhorns bounced Southern Methodist 89-67 to earn the spot across from the Red Raiders.

Texas has won the last two tournaments and beat Tech in overtime last year for the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Reggie Freeman scored 34 points to carry Texas past SMU.

Tech coach James Dickey said defenses like the one Rice played could be commonplace against the Red Raiders in the NCAA tournament..

"This time of year teams start playing games closer to the vest," said Dickey. "Teams know we like an up tempo so they try to take that away from us. But that's OK. We can adjust. A game like this is good for us because we'll face some teams playing that way in the NCAA tournament."

The win was the 20th in a row for the Red Raiders. They have won a school-record 27 games against a lone loss in December to Eastern Michigan in the Sun Bowl tournament. Only Kentucky (26) has a longer winning streak.

Carr and Smith each hit four 3-point shots against the Owls.

"This was the best defense we've played all year," Carr said. "And we kept getting good 3-point looks and knocking down the shots."

The Lady Red Raiders had a much tougher time. Freshman guard Rene Hanebutt took an inbounds pass and hit a driving layup with 1.1 seconds as the Lady Red Raiders escaped with a 77-75 victory over the Houston Lady Cougars.

Tech (25-3) will play Texas A&M in the tournament finals at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Lady Aggies upset the No. 24 ranked Texas Lady Longhorns 75-61 for their first visit to the finals. For the Lady Red Raiders, it's their fifth consecutive appearance.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said the close call could help her team.

"I think this could help us next week (in the NCAA tournament). Our young guards grew up today,." she said.

It will be the Lady Red Raiders 11th appearance in the finals.

A&M overcame an 18-point deficit to beat Texas.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
California	8	0	1.000
KansasCity	6	1	.857
Texas	6	3	.667
Baltimore	4	3	.571
NewYork	4	3	.571
Chicago	6	4	.600
Minnesota	6	5	.545
Cleveland	4	4	.500
Oakland	4	4	.500
Seattle	3	5	.375
Boston	3	5	.325
Toronto	3	5	.325
Detroit	3	5	.325
Milwaukee	1	7	.125

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
LosAngeles	6	1	.857
Colorado	6	3	.667
Montreal	4	2	.667
NewYork	5	3	.625
St.Louis	5	3	.625
Chicago	4	3	.571
Atlanta	4	3	.571
Cincinnati	4	4	.500
Pittsburgh	4	5	.444
SanFrancisco	3	5	.375
SanDiego	3	5	.375
Houston	2	5	.286
Philadelphia	2	6	.250
Florida	0	10	.000

Split-squad games count in standings; games against college teams do not

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 2, Atlanta 0
Minnesota (ss) 11, Boston (ss) 2
Cleveland (ss) 9, Pittsburgh 5
Montreal 5, Florida (ss) 0
Minnesota (ss) 6, Texas 5
Baltimore 14, Toronto 1
Kansas City 6, Detroit 4
Chicago White Sox 9, Philadelphia 8
Cleveland (ss) 12, Florida (ss) 10
Los Angeles 13, Houston 5
N.Y. Yankees 20, Boston 6
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 6
Colorado 5, Seattle 1
California 3, San Francisco 2
Colorado (ss) 10, Milwaukee (ss) 6
Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings
San Diego 6, Oakland 3

Friday's Games

Detroit 11, Cincinnati (ss) 2
Cincinnati (ss) 7, Philadelphia 6
Atlanta 11, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 3
N.Y. Yankees 13, Houston 3
Los Angeles 7, Florida 5
Texas (ss) 10, St. Louis (ss) 7
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4
St. Louis (ss) 18, Toronto 10
Minnesota 10, Boston 7
California 10, Milwaukee 3
Oakland 5, Chicago Cubs 3
San Diego 9, Colorado 5
Seattle 7, San Francisco 4
Chicago White Sox (ss) 7, Texas (ss) 2
Chicago White Sox (ss) 8, Pittsburgh 3

Saturday's Games

Atlanta vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Kansas City (ss) at Baseball City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (ss) vs. Los Angeles (ss) at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (ss) vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. California (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
California (ss) vs. Oakland (ss) at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
California (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Oakland (ss) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
California (ss) vs. Oakland (ss) at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

St. Patrick's Day softball tourney

The 11th annual Merchants Classic St. Patrick's Day weekend men's softball tournament will be held in Andrews March 15-17.

Entry fee will be $125 per team with an 8 p.m. deadline on March 13. There will be a 16 team limit.

For additional information, contact James Senger at (915) 523-4564 or (915) 448-1892.

Tournament of Champions

A men's slow pitch softball tournament benefitting Snyder Girl's Pixies will be held March 22-24 at Winston Field. This will be a division 11 tournament.

Trophies will be presented to the top three teams and T-shirts given to the individuals on the top two teams. A TPS bat will be given to the tournament MVP and T-shirts will be awarded to the all tournament team.

Any USSSA approved ball is allowed. Entry fee is $100. Contact Darrell Robertson at 573-3044 or 573-8151 for additional information.

Fantasy baseball league forming

The West Texas Fantasy Baseball league will be forming with the draft to be held on March 24 at 1 p.m. in the annex room of the Housing Authority, 409 Oak Street in Colorado City.

For more information, contact Keith Cranfill at 728-3591.

Working women's golf

Snyder Country Club women members who would like to play golf, but cannot play in the women's golf association are invited to come and play strictly for fun.

The first night of play will be April 2 at 6 p.m. There will be no planned format and you may play as many holes as time allows or as few as you want to.

For more information, contact Cynthia Jackson at 573-7549 or Vivian Norwood at 573-7839 after 6 p.m.

BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the boys high school state tournament, Thursday-Saturday, on the University of Texas campus:

SEMIFINALS
Thursday, March 7

CLASS 1A
Avinger 61, Nazareth 56
Anderson-Shiro 82, Roby 54
CLASS 3A
Graham 75, Commerce 66
Sinton 54,Hempstead 49
CLASS 4A
Pampa 63,Round Rock McNeil 59
Dallas Madison 64, Santa Fe 63

Friday, March 8

CLASS 2A
Krum 63, Haskell 50
Winnie East Chambers 67, Vanderbilt Industrial 61
CLASS 5A
Dallas Kimball 83, San Antonio Jay 55
Euless Trinity 63, Humble 54

FINALS
Saturday, March 9

9 a.m.—Avinger 51, Anderson-Shiro 48
10:30 a.m.—Graham vs. Sinton
2:30 p.m.—Krum (36-1) vs. Winnie East Chambers (25-8)
4 p.m.—Pampa (32-3) vs. Dallas Madison (26-6)
8 p.m.—Dallas Kimball (37-2) vs. Euless Trinity (31-3)

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Buchanan's positions differ from his church

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pupil of nuns and priests, Pat Buchanan speaks with vigor of his Catholicism. But there is little meeting of the minds between the candidate and the church to which he turns on matters of the soul.

The Roman Catholic church wants "environmental justice," Buchanan says environmentalists "worship dirt."

Illegal immigrants enjoy a tender and "particular pledge of solidarity" with Catholic leaders, not least because so many are Hispanic Catholics. Buchanan sees them as a menace.

The Republican presidential candidate hasn't been called on to prove his independence from the Vatican, as Democrat John Kennedy had to do in the America of the 1950s and 1960s.

Not only have times changed. On most issues other than abortion, where he stands squarely with the church, Buchanan is so plainly far from Rome.

He has been since its 1960s liberalization and what he saw as the attendant squandering of moral authority by U.S. bishops.

"The Church Militant," he moaned in print, "has been superseded by the Church Milquetoast."

Yet it is still inescapably his church, wellspring of his faith, sponsor of his best memories, sparkplug for his intellect and unwitting agent for this political provocateur.

He and his sister, Bay, who runs his campaign, rose up in indignation at a media report they said slandered their family and the church in exploring Buchanan's roots, and touching on anti-Jewish Catholic traditions.

The accusation of bigotry that some critics have made against Buchanan was thrown back in turn by him and his sister, normally a thick-skinned pair. "Catholic baiting, Christian bashing — that's in vogue," a livid Bay Buchanan said.

Others say that among all the fault lines in U.S. politics, the Catholic-Protestant divide is among the faintest, a change from Kennedy's day when many Protestants would not countenance a strong Catholic — or any Catholic — in the White House.

"I like to think that has almost faded away," said the Rev. Robert Drinan, a Georgetown Law Center scholar and former Democratic congressman from Massachusetts. "Even in the South they don't preach that stuff anymore."

Some religious and political analysts say neither Buchanan nor the church hierarchy he has criticized is fully in touch with the flock — some 58 million Catholics who are politically diverse but can muster huge swing votes in presidential campaigns.

For all the leadership's liberal leanings on many economic and some social issues, white Catholics voted in 1994 for the congressional Republicans, whose platform on welfare reform and social spending cuts is at odds with the church.

Buchanan, meanwhile, has had mixed success drawing the support of Catholics he is courting with his "cultural war." Even his base among fundamentalist Christians has eroded in recent weeks.

The Catholic vote has mirrored the overall vote in GOP primaries so far, exit polls indicate. Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole has led among Catholics at about the same rate he has been leading generally — getting about 40 percent of the vote.

The same is true of Buchanan, who has gotten 25 percent of Catholic and general Republican votes.

The 1996 edition of Political Responsibility, a statement of U.S. bishops, shows how far Buchanan stands from church hierarchy on matters other than abortion and certain shared views on pornography, euthanasia and school choice.

The bishops support affirmative action; Buchanan would toss it. They rally for unions, a higher minimum wage, a progressive income tax, ambitious foreign aid and aggressive U.N. peacekeeping — antitheses of the Buchanan agenda.

They are against the death penalty; Buchanan is not.

But in one narrow way, he has come home.

In his 1988 autobiography "Right from the Beginning," recalling an upbringing suffused with the "moral certitude" of the church, he complained about Catholic criticisms of American capitalism.

"While teen-agers give themselves up to drugs and despair," he wrote, "the National Conference of Catholic Bishops labors away on pastoral letters to manifest the American Church's impatience with the most successful economy in human history."

Now he's impatient himself, pitching a "conservatism of the heart" that speaks to people being left behind. He now includes, as does the church, both the unborn child and the struggling worker as the "voiceless."

He cites falling wages, the person working multiple jobs, none of them good, and asserts: "If that's what capitalism means, I can't defend it any more." He quickly adds he is still a capitalist.

Still, the church's internationalism collides with the America First tenets of his campaign.

He rails against the New World Order, multinational corporations, unfair traders and other foreigners he sees as manipulating the hapless American blue-collar workers.

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'Oldest' shown by Queen Noor

WASHINGTON (AP) — American-born Queen Noor of Jordan displayed a piece of what she called the world's oldest statuary Friday — a plaster head with a doll-like face, older than the pyramids.

The head was found in an archaeological trove unearthed in 1985 by a bulldozer leveling a road near the Jordanian capital of Amman. Nearby lay a statue of a chubby young woman 41 inches high and 8,000 years old.

"They're considered to be the oldest known examples of human statuary from the Middle East," she said at the Jordanian Embassy. "In fact, my opinion was, in the world, but in any case definitely from the Middle East."

Not all scholars agree. Statues found at the same site two years earlier and dated by the radiocarbon process may be older.

"To ensure that the fragmentary statues were carefully removed and immediately conserved under laboratory conditions, whole blocks of earth around them were removed from the site and shipped to the laboratory," said the queen, an architect educated at Princeton.

All the finds will be in an exhibit that opens July 28 at Washington's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. Its experts have been analyzing the plaster, piecing the fragments together and restoring them for a decade.

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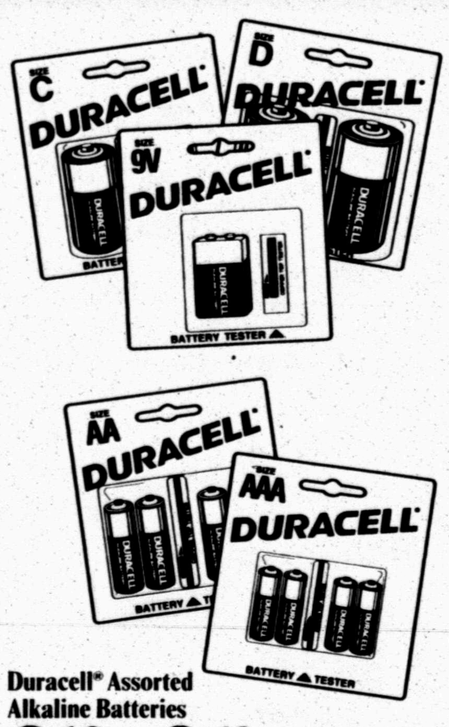
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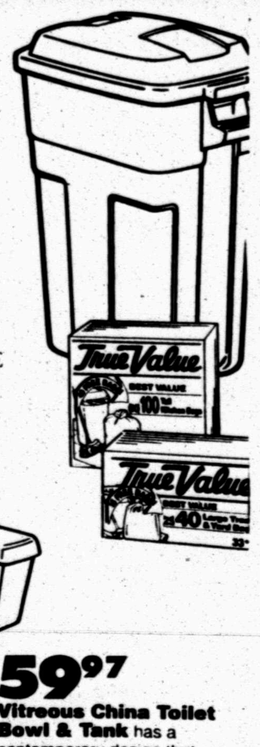
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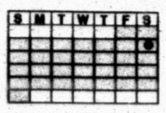
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Today is the 69th day of 1996 and the 79th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1796, Napoleon married Josephine in Paris.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512), Italian navigator; Leland Stanford (1824-1893), financier; Mickey Spillane (1918-), writer, is 78; Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968), cosmonaut; Keely Smith (1935-), singer, is 61; Mickey Gilley (1936-), singer, is 60; Bobby Fischer (1943-), chess player, is 53; Benito Santiago (1965-), baseball player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Tim Witherspoon won the WBC heavyweight boxing title with a 12-round decision over Greg Page.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Those new regions which we found and explored with the fleet... we may rightly call a New World... a continent more densely peopled and abounding in animals than our Europe or Asia or Africa; and, in addition, a climate milder than in any other region known to us." — Amerigo Vespucci

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1995, 10 were killed when a dust storm near Wilcox, Ariz., caused a 23-car accident on Interstate 10.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 5) and last quarter (March 12).

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March 10, 1996



Today is the 70th day of 1996 and the 80th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Ulysses S. Grant assumed command of the Union armies during the Civil War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ferdinand V of Castile (1452-1516), King of Aragon; Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940), social worker-nurse; Barry Fitzgerald (1888-1961), actor; Bix Beiderbecke (1903-1931), musician; James Herriot (1916-), author, is 80; Chuck Norris (1939-), actor, is 57; David Rabe (1940-), dramatist, is 56; Edward Windsor (1964-), English prince, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1896, the first modern marathon was won by Greek runner Charilaos Vasilakos.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works." — Ulysses S. Grant, at Fort Donelson, Tenn., 1862

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1912, the low-pressure record for the city of Los Angeles was set.

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Wall St. reacts to good economic news

NEW YORK (AP) — They've got to be kidding.

Wall Street's brain trust, the loud-tie-and-suspenders crowd that is paid extraordinary sums to make sense of the economy, got some of the best news in years Friday: The nation created a whopping 705,000 jobs last month.

Pop the champagne? Run out and buy that new Mercedes? No way.

Traders instead brandished the topsy-turvy logic that has come to symbolize Wall Street, furiously dumping stocks and bonds. The absurdity was not lost even on those who inhabit that world.

"I'm old-fashioned," says William LeFevre, senior market analyst at the brokerage firm Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum Inc. "I say if the economy is improving, then the companies that make up the economy are also improving."

But in a stunning feat of reasoning, stock traders decided the companies doing all that hiring were actually worth less than the day before. They sold, driving the Dow Jones industrial average, the stock market's most widely watched index, down 171.24 to 5,470.45 for its third-worst point decline ever.

Traders also dumped Treasury bonds, bills and notes, figuring an improving economy makes investments in Uncle Sam less attractive. It was a tough day for securities widely considered the toast of the globe.

Understanding Wall Street these days is like peeling an onion, with the layers alternating between logic and illogic.

Take the stock market. Traders sold shares Friday on the theory that the fresh signs of economic strength would prompt the Federal Reserve to shy away from further cutting interest rates, which it does to help stimulate growth.

When the economy is doing well or inflation is rising, the Fed leaves rates alone or raises them. Traders figure that hurts companies, who depend on lower rates for cheaper borrowing, which allows them to build new factories, produce more goods — and hire more workers.

Of course, if the economy is stronger and companies are hiring more workers — 705,000, for instance — companies are already doing better and have little need to borrow more cheaply. Their stock, it would seem, should be worth more, not less.

"You can say we're a bunch of hysterical, manic depressives, and there's something to be said for that," says Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp., a brokerage firm.

The reality, Johnson explains, is the stock market is a cold-hearted, fickle beast, hoping the economy grows neither too fast nor too slowly.

"It wants things to be just right. This is the world of Goldilocks," he says.

That theory is nothing new. But Friday's sell-off was one of the sharpest examples of the ghoulish phenomenon that good news is bad and bad news is good.

Last year, for example, the stock market was a rocket, with the Dow industrials blasting through first the 4,000 mark, then the 5,000. Meanwhile, economists and politicians were in a lather over the possibility the economy would drop into recession.

"It is weird," allows Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp., a banking company.

Expectations and assumptions are a big part of the picture, he says. For example, the stock market rose to dizzying heights partly on the belief that interest rates would keep coming down.

The market had "built in" steadily lower rates. So whether or not the economy is going gangbusters almost doesn't matter. If it seems like the lower rates won't materialize, Wall Street's dark side will have its way.

As it turned out, the government's February jobs report, which caused all the ruckus, was out of whack with the predictions of Wall Street economists. Employment figures are always watched intently, and analysts had estimated February growth at less than half the number of jobs actually tallied, the biggest gain since 1983.

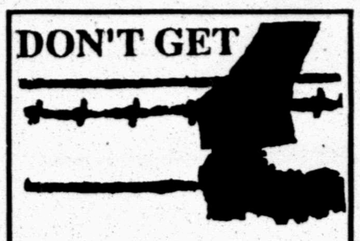
Another irony to come out of Friday's funk is how the stock market generally feels about jobs: Recently, it hasn't seen a layoff it didn't like.

Stephen S. Roach, chief economist at the investment firm Morgan Stanley & Co., notes a divergence between the concerns of Wall Street and Main Street that the sell-off highlighted.

"Hiring raises the possibility that labor costs are going to be higher down the road," he says, "which is terrific for American workers. But it just says that profit expectations for the stock market, which for years have been based on no hiring and stagnant wages, are changing."

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The bellowing of a train whistle was a welcome sound Friday to a state senator and city Chamber of Commerce official working to return passenger rail service to Oklahoma.

"We're about one of only three states that doesn't have Amtrak service and we think that needs to change," said Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Vice President Dean Schirf.

Amtrak officials made a short stop in Oklahoma City on Friday during a railroad track inspection that began in Newton, Kan., and ends in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We lost this service in October 1979. The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce has been trying ever since to get it reinstated," Schirf said.

Spurred by the state Senate-passed Oklahoma Tourism and Passenger Rail Act, the state Department of Transportation requested that Amtrak study the potential for passenger rail service along the Newton, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth proposed line. The department allotted $100,000 for the study.

"For the first time, we've had the opportunity to receive federal dollars," said the measure's author Sen. Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City.

A bill pending in Congress would make $25 million available to Oklahoma over five years to upgrade rail lines.

Rail service in Oklahoma is "necessary because sooner or later the United States is going to have high speed rail service," Herbert said.

He expects Amtrak's report by April 21.

"The number one destination point of Oklahoma City travelers is Dallas. We think this train will be well-utilized," Schirf said as Transportation Department officials and Herbert joined him at the old downtown Santa Fe Depot to greet Amtrak officials Friday afternoon.

The prospective route from Newton through Oklahoma City to the Dallas-Fort Worth area could include a possible stop in Norman.

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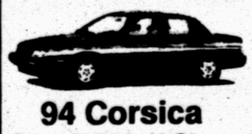
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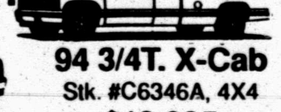
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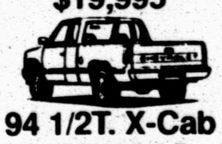
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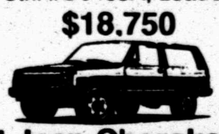
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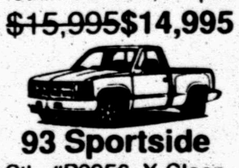
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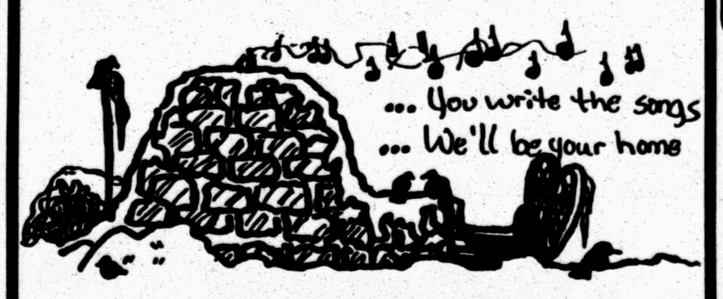
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Shuttle lands safely in Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After a day's delay, space shuttle Columbia and its crew returned to Earth Saturday, ending a 16-day voyage marred by a landing-system failure and the loss of a tethered science satellite.

Columbia glided through high, wispy clouds and landed at Kennedy Space Center just before 9 a.m.

The seven astronauts were thrilled to be back — they cheered and yelled "All right!" after the shuttle rolled to a safe stop.

"We copy your elation," Mission Control said. "Welcome back."

NASA had promised commander Andrew Allen and his crew a touchdown on one coast or the other, after cloudy skies scuttled Friday's landing attempts. The shuttle had a failed computer circuit, dictating a quick return.

Because of that failure, NASA had to break one of its own rules to keep Columbia aloft an extra day. The circuit, which has three identical backups, relays commands to the wing flaps, rudder and brakes.

Even though only one of the four circuits is needed for a safe landing, agency rules require that a flight end as soon as possible after a failure. Yet NASA decided against sending Columbia on Friday to the backup site at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in hopes the Florida weather would improve.

Mission operations director Lee Briscoe said the longtime flight rule is ultraconservative, and officials had considered easing it long before this week. "The rules aren't written to cover every single case," he explained.

Flight directors passed on this morning's first try after thick clouds rolled in. The clouds later scattered and, at the last possible moment, Mission Control gave Allen the go-ahead.

Touchdown on the 15,000-foot concrete runway appeared to go well. It ended a journey of more than 6 million miles that fell far short of its goal — unreeling a satellite on 12 miles of cable, generating electricity with the system for two days and then bringing it all back.

The tether broke without warning, less than five hours into the experiment, and the satellite drifted off.

Columbia was launched Feb. 22 with the half-ton Italian satellite and other, much less dramatic, science experiments.

Scientists hoped to prove that tethered satellites can generate electricity while sweeping through Earth's magnetic field. Astronauts released the satellite on Feb. 25 and nearly had extended the tether its full length when the slender, copper and nylon cord snapped.

The astronauts watched helplessly as the $400-million-plus satellite slipped into the ether as nothing more than space junk. The spherical craft and its 12-mile tail are expected to burn up in Earth's atmosphere in two weeks or less.

Until the split, the tethered satellite had produced up to 3,500 volts of electricity and 1,000 watts of power, confirming, at the very least, scientists' theories.

An investigation board plans to issue a report on the accident after examining what's left of the tether aboard Columbia as well as data compiled before the cord broke. Officials are refusing to speculate on the accident until then.

"I've cautioned the board several times, as I have myself, to not jump to any conclusions," said board chairman Kenneth Szalai. "This is a methodical process that we have to go through to do the right job."

The next shuttle flight, scheduled to begin March 21, is Atlantis' third visit to Russia's Mir space station.

Whether that mission begins on time might depend on a probe into how hot rocket gas singed O-rings in both of Columbia's booster rockets during the ride to orbit.

There was no threat to the crew, but such problems are treated with supreme caution because of the O-ring failure that triggered the 1986 Challenger disaster. National Aeronautics and Space Administration engineers plan to study Columbia's boosters carefully before giving Atlantis the go-ahead.

Senior Center News

A program on "Scottish Clans of Texas" will be presented by Lois Bartels at 11:30 Monday morning. Mrs. Bartels has prepared the program from materials gathered in her genealogical research.

A St. Patrick's Day party is planned at 11 a.m. Friday and visitors are invited to wear green as they observe the day. Senior citizens are reminded that they can show off their fancy hats on March 20, the first day of spring.

Bridge players will get together at 9:30 Monday morning and will have a tournament at 9:30 Friday morning. A 42 "trash" tournament is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday and Skip Bo at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

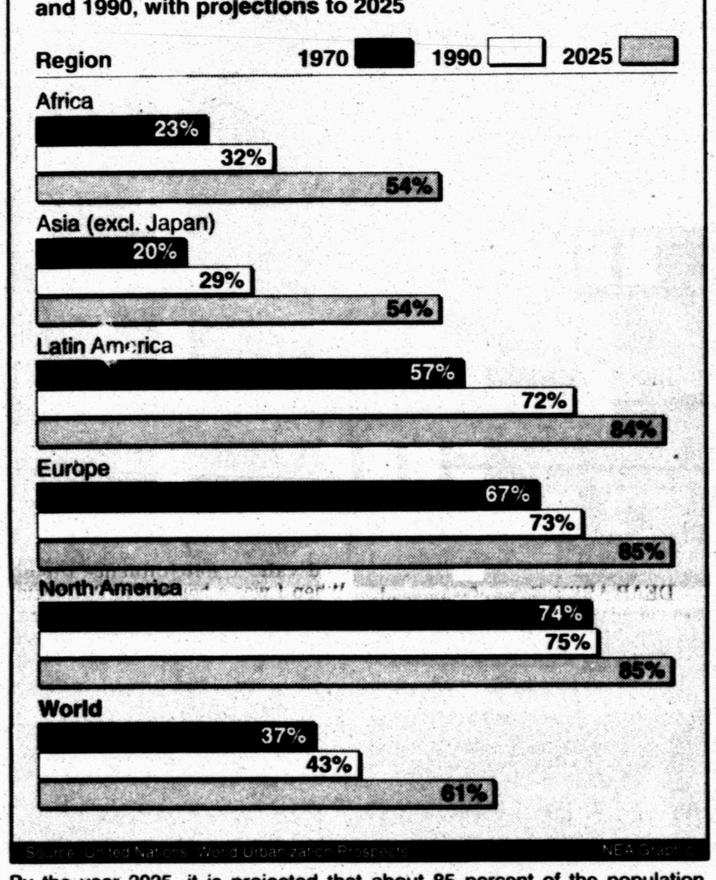
Chance Birdsall will present a musical program at 11:30 Thursday morning.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be in the center Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-2 p.m. The mobile audiology unit from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene will be at the center Wednesday. Appointments for hearing tests for senior citizens can be made by contacting the office of Norma Laywell, center director.

The Golden K. Kiwanis Club will hold its weekly meeting at noon on Tuesday and will be discussing plans for the Fish Fry the club will host in the center on March 31. Tickets are $6 and children under 6 are admitted free. Proceeds go to club projects, many of which benefit the center.

The center is in need of "hoppers" to help deliver meals to senior citizens who are homebound. These volunteers can be any age and can work one or more days per week or per month. They carry meals from the delivery van to the house and need to be at the center by 10:30 a.m. so meal delivery can begin before 11 a.m. Anyone interested in giving time to this program is invited to contact the center for more information. The center is located at 2603 Avenue M and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Urbanization



By the year 2025, it is projected that about 85 percent of the population will be living in urban areas in Latin America, Europe and North America.

Anti-Milosevic protest staged in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Chanting "Go Away Slobo, Go," about 20,000 opposition supporters Saturday demanded the ouster of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Belgrade police turned out in force, fearing riots to protest Milosevic's hard-line policies, but the two-hour demonstration at central Republic Square passed without incident.

The rally marked the anniversary of a 1991 anti-Milosevic protest that ended in bloodshed, with two people killed and dozens injured in street battles with police. The conflict ended only after Milosevic sent tanks.

Saturday, the head of the Serbian Renewal Movement opposition party, Vuk Draskovic, accused Milosevic of wanting to create "Serbian China, Korea or Cuba" with his Communist-style repression.

"Saturday's Serbia is a bleak Serbia," Draskovic told a flag-waving crowd. "We have to get rid of Milosevic's regime now and forever."

The crowd chanted "Red Bandits," and "Slobo Saddam," comparing the Serbian president with Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

The Democratic Party leader, Zoran Djindjic, pointed out that Soviet citizens buried their dictator, Josef Stalin, in March 1953. "When are we going to get rid of our vampire?" Djindjic asked the crowd.

Milosevic's Socialist Party, the renamed communists, earlier said the rally "represents a dangerous adventure." Police said they considered it a "high-risk gathering," and on Friday they blocked organizers from building a speakers' stand at the square.

There were only a few uniformed police watching the rally, but a heavy anti-riot force gathered in a Belgrade park not far away from Republic Square.

Milosevic — while improving his international standing in December by signing a peace deal to end the Bosnian war that he helped start — has continued his communist-style policies at home.

Schooled as a banker and bureaucrat in Communist Yugoslavia, he has restricted freedom of the press and minority rights and is keeping a tight grip on the economy by hindering private enterprise.

Earlier this year, Milosevic took over the only opposition television station, Studio B, and closed the Belgrade offices of the Soros Foundation, which promotes democracy and human rights.

Last week, a U.S. government report on human rights blasted Milosevic's government for resorting to "surveillance, harassment, and even suppression to inhibit the (independent) media from reporting its repressive and violent acts."

The March 3 congress of the Socialist Party marked Milosevic's open return to communist trappings, complete with singing of the socialist revolutionary anthem "The Internationale."

Before that, there was a brief spell of Serbian nationalism that many believe triggered Yugoslavia's violent breakup in 1991, leading to the Bosnian war. Yugoslavia now consists only of Serbia and tiny Montenegro.

"Milosevic, who is portraying himself as a peacemaker, is now testing the West on how far he can go in cracking down against any dissent in Serbia," opposition party leader Draskovic said before the rally.

Draskovic and other organizers said they hoped the protest would open their campaign for federal elections, expected by the end of the year.

Milosevic, who has a slight majority in Serbia's parliament, expects an overwhelming victory over the fragmented opposition.

Homicide suspect escapes

DALLAS (AP) — A murder suspect walked out of the Dallas County jail after he exchanged clothes and identities with a cellmate who had been scheduled for release on bond, authorities said Saturday.

Pablo Lubiano Franco, 28, of Dallas walked out of the Lew Sterrett Justice Center Friday night, disguised as cellmate Carlos Sosa, 30, said Jim Ewell, spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

A typical fingerprint matchup, performed to ensure the right prisoner is being released, was not done, he said.

Births

Rachel and Ward Baze announce the birth of a baby boy. He was born at 8:29 a.m. March 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces.

Phil and Aimee Williams Curry, along with Sara Elizabeth and Matthew Cole, all of Longview, announced the birth of Emily Caroline at 9:51 p.m. Feb. 15. She weighed 7 pounds and 13.7 ounces.

Grandparents are Aubrey G. Williams of Hermleigh; Cathy DuPont Williams of Jennings, La.; and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Curry of Waco. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Williams of Hermleigh and Charlotte DuPont of Jennings, La., and the late J.E. DuPont.

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Weekend gets off to busy start for peace officers

Six people were arrested Friday and early Saturday morning as the weekend got off to a busy start for local law enforcement authorities.

Justin Eugene Casey, 28, Route 3, was arrested at 4:44 p.m. Friday at the adult probation office on a warrant for felony revocation of probation.

At 1:25 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 42-year-old male at the adult probation office on an outstanding warrant out of the justice of the peace office for assault.

Officers were called to the 250 Club at 9:32 p.m. in reference to a possible fight. Officers arrested two males, ages 26 and 44, for public intoxication.

Officers were called to the 100 block of East 37th at 2:29 Saturday morning in reference to a person going into an apartment and refusing to leave. The man later left and while officers were looking for this man, another intoxicated person was found.

Officers arrested two men at the scene, a 27-year-old male for public intoxication and a 20-year-old male for public intoxication, Class B criminal trespass, Class C assault and a warrant for Class B theft.

In other activity Friday, Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom notified deputies at 9:04 a.m. that someone had cut the valve stems on a front-end loader and broken the glass out of the windows. More than $2,000 in damage was done and an offense report for felony criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers responded to a disturbance call at 2:46 Friday afternoon in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue.

At 9:25 p.m. Friday, a case was cleared involving the theft of tires from pickups at Wilson Motors. The thefts occurred on Dec. 11 and the case will now be presented to the Scurry County grand jury.

Forbes, Buchanan slam Dole

MIAMI (AP) — Republican presidential candidates Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan hunted "Super Tuesday" delegates in Florida and Texas Saturday while front-runner Bob Dole ignored their challenge and asserted, "I smell victory!"

Neither rival paid any attention to Dole's urgings that they quit the race so he can start running against President Clinton, joining together instead to chastise him in a debate he sat out.

"You shouldn't vote for a question mark. We should keep this debate and battle going," Buchanan exhorted Friday night, saying Dole hasn't told voters where he stands on key issues.

But Dole, embarking on a four-state weekend tour of Super Tuesday states, told a rally Saturday at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, "I smell victory in the air. Tuesday's going to be a great day."

"And Oklahoma is going to be part of it," added the Kansan. "Remember, I'm your neighbor and treat your neighbors kindly."

Friday night, Buchanan, Forbes and Alan Keyes sat side by side on a Dallas hotel stage to argue their pet issues, signaling they intend to stay in the race against long odds in order to influence the Republican platform.

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Thanks to each of you and all of you for your sincere dedication to caring for Howard during his illness and to me. Thanks to neighbors, friends and family for your prayers, your many acts of kindness and your being there for us. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Howard Gray

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The Jeff Laurens Family

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The Family of Ruby McClain would like to thank all the staff at Snyder Healthcare Center and Doctors Dillaha and Burleson for the care given to Ruby for the years she resided there, especially the extra care during the past month. A special thank you to Family Hospice for the care and compassion during the final three weeks, to Cleo Wolf for the beautiful music at the funeral, and to Rev. Darold Baldwin for the beautiful memorial service.

To Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh and to all the others for the food, flowers, and prayers, we are most appreciative.

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TO: W. C. SKEEN, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said defendant and the unknown heirs of said named defendant, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named defendants are dead;

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 15th day of APRIL, 1996, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, at the Court- House in Snyder, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27th day of February, 1996, the file number of said suit being No. 19388. The names of the parties in said suit are:

R. E. GLASSCOCK, as Plaintiff and

W. C. SKEEN, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Such suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to Execute an Oil and Gas Lease covering the undivided mineral interest owned by defendant in the following-described tract of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, to-wit:

All of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section No. 443, in Block No. 97, of the H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 1964, Scurry County, Texas, containing 160 acres, more or less.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 27th day of February, 1996.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 27th day of February, 1996.

District Clerk, 132nd Judicial District Court of Scurry County, Texas.

Elaine Prince

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Telemarketers Offer These Tips To Sort Good Guys From Bad

DEAR ABBY: It is important to remember that the funds which are raised through legitimate telemarketing are the lifeblood for many major nonprofit organizations. As president of the American Telephone Fundraisers Association, I applaud the FTC rule that helps people fight back against criminals who use telephones to cheat people.

I'd like to offer your readers a few tips to distinguish legitimate telemarketers from scam artists. The following are tips for making telephone donations.

1. Give because you believe in the cause, the charity or organization. Good telemarketers never pressure or threaten those they phone for donations.

2. Be wary of the "too-good-to-be-true" pitches. Legitimate telemarketers do not offer valuable rewards or gifts.

3. If concerned, ask for identification. Legitimate marketing companies welcome verification calls from potential donors.

4. When in doubt, ask for information in writing. Professional telemarketers are sympathetic to questions and won't hesitate to provide written information about the charity they represent.

5. Ask questions. Don't be shy about inquiring how the donation will be used. Professional telemarketers have thorough knowledge of the charity they represent and will provide that information on demand.

6. Ask if the telemarketing firm is a member of any telemarketing trade association. Firms belonging to the American Telephone Fundraisers Association follow the industry's most stringent code of ethics, and their telemarketers will be aware of their company's membership.

RALPH REESE, PITTSBURGH

DEAR MR. REESE: I am sure my readers will appreciate knowing they need not be intimidated by telemarketers. Thank you for a valuable letter — one that's well worth posting near the telephone.

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DEAR ABBY: Some of your readers complain about junk mail and want to know how to stop it. Abby, not everyone is disgusted with junk mail. The complainers should look at the broader picture.

The primary problem today in the United States is unemployment. Think about it — if you eliminate junk mail, how many people will be out of work? Because of this mail, more postal workers are needed. Don't forget clerks, printers, lumberjacks and factory workers to produce products sold by mail, and copywriters, photographers, truckers, computer operators, and on and on. Entire businesses exist only because of this method of marketing. Need I go on?

Many people like me enjoy getting mail and ordering from home. When I receive junk mail I don't want, it goes in the recycle bin (yet another business that exists because of junk mail).

As to the environmental arguments, I believe most mail-order businesses use a great deal of recycled paper.

I vote to keep junk mail coming and more people working.

E.A.T. IN GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR E.A.T.: True optimists like you see the silver lining behind every cloud. You are outnumbered, but some of your arguments make sense.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to address the contention that books, TV and the movies are corrupting today's citizens — especially its youth.

If that is so, please tell me what books Cain read before he murdered his brother Abel. What soap opera did Lot's two daughters watch that influenced them to get their father drunk and commit incest? And what vile movie prompted the woman at the well to take up a life of dissolution?

The media reflect human mores and values, not influence them. When I was a boy of 8 or 9, I knew all the "facts of life," which were given to me crudely by the "big boys" of the village of perhaps 200 souls, who were churchgoing people almost to a man. There were no daily newspapers, movies only occasionally, no TV, and only one radio in the village. So where did we hear of sex, violence and profanity? From our peers! It has always been thus. The media do not set the trends — they follow them.

If no one bought tobacco, apples or potatoes, no farmer would raise them. If there were no demand for smut, no one would go to the expense of providing it, because without profit, there is no incentive. Much of America has come to expect or demand sex, violence and profanity; thus we have it. Trendsetters are usually friends among us.

HOWARD CHILDRESS, MURFREESBORO, TENN.

DEAR MR. CHILDRESS: There is no denying the truth in your observations. Thank you for writing — I appreciate your common sense. You've been contributing to this column almost as long as I have been writing it. Take good care of yourself, Howard. I need you.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter in your column from Polly Schrock, asking about couples who had lived 100 years or longer, I had to write.

Our friends and neighbors, who lived one mile from us for years, lived longer than that.

W.A. Fullingim lived to be 110 years old. He was born July 7, 1855, in Mount Vernon, Texas, and died Aug. 6, 1965, in Lawton, Okla. On his 100th birthday, I baked him a chiffon cake, and I subsequently baked him 10 more until his death.

His wife, Nancy Ellen Fullingim, lived to be 103 years old. She was born Nov. 1, 1860, in Decatur, Texas, and died on April 25, 1964. (I made four cakes for her, starting when she was 100 years old.)

The Fullingims had celebrated their 84th wedding anniversary in August 1963. They lived on their ranch in western Comanche County from 1917 until their deaths. They are buried in Lawton. They had three children and three grandchildren, but no great-grandchildren. The immediate family is gone.

DELORES CALLEN, HOBART, OKLA.

DEAR DELORES: Thank you for the input. I'll be very surprised if anyone can beat the Fullingims' record for longevity or marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: I am getting on in years and have been widowed since 1986. I have many nice things and wonder if I should give them to my children now, so they can enjoy them. I have little use for these lovely things, and there is more chance of them being stolen if I keep them.

What should I do?

WONDERING IN MISSOURI

DEAR WONDERING: I once answered that question this way:

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Rabbi visits sites

DALLAS (AP) — Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman returned Friday from a trip to Israel, where he visited two of the recent bombing sites and talked with frightened American students at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The Dallas rabbi took over as president of Hebrew Union College — which also has campuses in New York, Los Angeles and Cincinnati — on Jan. 1.

The purpose of his trip, Zimmerman told The Dallas Morning News, was to assure students of his support.

Babysitter sues boy, parents

DALLAS (AP) — A babysitter who says she was popped in the throat by a rambunctious 4-year-old has sued the boy and his parents over the alleged incident.

Erica Bailey, 21, claims she was hit in the throat by Connor Schaars while she was squatting to talk to the boy's older brother. She alleges that she suffered a crushed larynx in the April 1994 incident.

The boy's parents, Theo and Mackie Schaars of Carrollton, are flabbergasted by the lawsuit.

"I thought it was too bizarre to be true," said Theo Schaars, a Dallas diamond broker. "It just keeps going and doesn't want to end."

One of Ms. Bailey's lawyers, Steve Muncey, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that his client lost her voice for four months, enrolled in sign language classes and had to drop out of college.

She has regained "some kind of voice, but it's not the same," he said.

The case went largely unnoticed until syndicated columnist Mike Royko wrote about it two weeks ago.

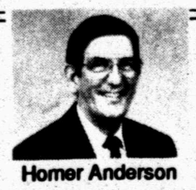
Mackie Schaars wrote to Royko after an earlier column on bizarre lawsuits against children.

Ms. Bailey lowered her request for damages from $2.3 million to $177,000 after Royko's column.

Muncey said that the boy hit Ms. Bailey in the throat in anger when she did not immediately join him in a game of checkers he demanded.

"It's not like the kid just bumped into the girl," Muncey said. "This one ran across the room and popper her. The children are responsible for their acts regardless of age."

The Schaars' attorney, Paige Blackmon, vows a vigorous defense when the case goes to trial later this month.



Homer Anderson

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We have seen two of the possible relationships a responsible person may have with Jesus Christ. Without Christ, one is in a state of sin. In Christ, one is in a state of grace. The third relationship is with Christ, a state of glory.

1) Fall asleep in Jesus. In 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 we learn that those who fall asleep in Jesus will be raised at His coming to take His people back to heaven with Him.

2) Go to be with Christ. Paul expressed a desire to depart this life that he might go to be with Christ (Philippians 1:23).

3) Joint-heirs with Christ. Paul tells us that if we are children of God we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17-18).

4) Partakers of His glory. We may be partakers of the glory that shall be revealed if we are willing to be partakers of His sufferings here (1 Peter 4:13). If we could take our eyes off this world long enough to get a glimpse by faith of this heavenly inheritance, surely we would give more attention to the matter of getting ready for it.

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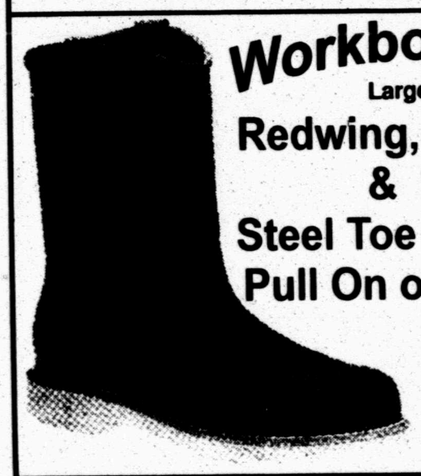
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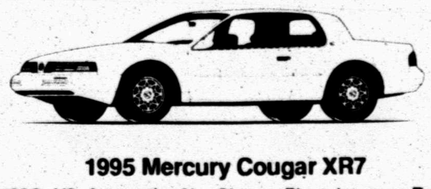
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Hijacker releases hostages, surrenders

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — A Turk who hijacked a commercial jet with a toy pistol released his 109 hostages Saturday morning and surrendered to police, saying he wanted to draw attention to Chechen rebels fighting to secede from Russia.

The 20-year-old hijacker, whose name was not released, commandeered the Turkish Cypriot Airline plane shortly after it took off from northern Cyprus en route to Istanbul, police spokesman Karl-Heinz Spoerl said.

The Boeing 727 landed at Munich Airport at 11:30 p.m. (5:30 p.m. EST) Friday, some 5½ hours after takeoff. It stopped first in Sofia, Bulgaria, but the hijacker demanded the pilot refuel and fly to Germany.

The man, whom police identified as a Turk of Chechen origin, apparently acted alone, although he told the pilot there were three other hijackers on board, Spoerl said.

Passengers and their baggage were being checked early Saturday to make sure a second hijacker hadn't escaped, although police said that was "very unlikely."

The hijacker surrendered quietly after a negotiator agreed to his demands that he be allowed to make a statement to the media and meet with a human rights lawyer.

After surrendering, he told Bavarian Radio he "wanted to make the whole world aware" of the suffering inflicted on "our brothers in Chechnya" by Russia, which sent troops into Chechyna 15 months ago to crush its bid for independence. "We want this violence ended as quickly as possible," he said.

During negotiations, the hijacker had released two small groups of hostages — six passengers, and then two crew members. After his surrender, the remaining passengers descended the mobile stairs to the tarmac. Munich Airport spokesman Hans-Joachim Bues said that all 101 passengers and eight crew were in good health.

Police said the hijacker never threatened the passengers with death or issued an ultimatum. He was carrying only a toy pistol, Spoerl said. And he apparently did not have a bomb, as some freed hostages had told police.

Negotiations were conducted by telephone through a Turkish interpreter, About 500 police and anti-terrorist commandos were on alert at the airport during the negotiations, out of the hijacker's view.

The passengers included 47 Turks, 33 Turkish Cypriots, two Russians and at least five Belgians. Others were identified as American, Japanese, Iranian, Danish, German, Ukrainian and Sudanese.

For a fourth time in as many weeks, bomb disrupts London

LONDON (AP) — Drinkers and diners were emptying the crowded restaurants and bars of trendy west London early this morning when suddenly, there was a loud boom. Some thought it was thunder.

But Ali Khan knew immediately it was a large explosion.

"The room shook and I was very frightened," said the 42-year-old businessman who was in his bedroom. He ran outside into the rain and found that a garbage bin had exploded at the gate to the cemetery across the street.

For the fourth time in as many weeks, a bomb had disrupted the British capital. Although there was no claim of responsibility, suspicion immediately fell on the Irish Republican Army, the source of two recent fatal explosions. A third suspected IRA bomb was defused.

Scotland Yard said Saturday's blast was caused by a "small, improvised explosive device" but investigators had not immediately determined what kind of bomb it was.

This time there were no injuries. Damage was limited to three cars and shattered windows in buildings near a cemetery gate, where the bomb had been placed in a garbage bin. But the explosion added to tensions already heightened by the renewed IRA bombing campaign.

The IRA usually telephones warnings when it plants bombs. But this one went off without any warning at 12:38 a.m. (7:38 p.m. Friday EST), said police superintendent Peter Rice.

Scotland Yard said there was no indication who had placed the device in the trash bin. On Feb. 9, the IRA ended a 17-month cease-fire by killing two people in a London bombing.

Police immediately cordoned off a 2-square-mile area, and brought in bomb-sniffing dogs to search for more bombs.

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Obituaries

George Snowden

1913-1996

George S. Snowden, a resident of Lake Thomas for the past 17 years, died Friday, March 8, at his home.

Graveside service for Mr. Snowden, 82, is set for 4 p.m. Monday in Big Spring's Trinity Memorial Park. Maj. Roy C. Tolcher, pastor of Salvation Army, will officiate. Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Colorado City, Mr. Snowden worked as a mechanic in Howard County for 26 years, retiring in 1981. He was a former member of the Elks Lodge, and he was preceded in death by a son, Paul Wesley Snowden, and two brothers.

Survivors include a son, Gary Snowden of Big Spring; a sister, Claudia Short of Winfield, Iowa; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Albert Perez

1953-1996

BROWNFIELD — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Anthony Catholic Church for Albert Perez, 42. Burial was to follow in Lubbock's Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Perez, the brother of C.R. Perez of Snyder, died Thursday, March 7, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Born in Bartlett, Mr. Perez graduated from Meadow High School and married Irma Ramirez on Oct. 17, 1975 in Brownfield. He was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Mr. Perez was a department manager for United Supermarket and served two terms on the Meadow city council.

Survivors include his wife, Irma Perez of Meadow; a son, James Perez of Meadow; a daughter, Kristin Perez of Meadow; his mother, Senorina Perez of Meadow; nine other brothers, Zeke, Steve, Alfred and Amos, all of Lubbock, Joe, Pete and T.J., all of Meadow, Adam of Fort Worth and Arthur of Brownfield; two sisters, Janie Garcia and Angie Garza, both of Meadow.

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What's Up?

Retired teachers set meeting

Scurry County Retired Teacher's Association will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Joel Wright of the Stillwell Retirement Home in Waco will be the guest speaker.

Ratite meeting planned

The Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at Rudy's. The public is invited.

Chamber banquet tickets

Tickets for the chamber of commerce banquet are $12.50 for adults and $6.50 for children and may be reserved by calling the chamber at 573-3558.

Reservations must be made by March 15 for the event, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 19 in Scurry County Coliseum. Dress is casual.

Free tax help available

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

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

Scurry County Museum

Scurry County Museum continues its membership drive. This month, the museum, in conjunction with the Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank, will be including a membership and memorial form in monthly statements. For convenience, these can be mailed back to the museum.

Bible lessons to air

A series of Bible lessons on video tape is being aired on Snyder's TCA Cable TV channel 2, featuring Mike Tackett as speaker. The third tape, "The Generation That Seeks A Miracle," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Skate Night is March 16

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club is sponsoring another Skate Night from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Scurry County Coliseum. Admission is $2 for skaters and $1 for spectators. Children under age three are admitted free. Concessions will be available.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the lodge building. All Master Masons are welcome.

New system at Food Cupboard

Due to the large amount of people coming to the Food Cupboard on the first Tuesday of the month, an alphabet system will begin in April. Persons with last names starting with A through F should come the first Tuesday of the month; those with names G-L on the second Tuesday; M-R, the third Tuesday, and S-Z, the fourth Tuesday. If there is a fifth Tuesday in any month, anyone who needs help may come. New clients may come on any Tuesday initially.

Golden K Fish Fry scheduled

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will sponsor its annual fish fry on Sunday, March 31, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Tickets are $6 each. Carryouts will be available. Children under age 6 will be admitted free.

Bike-A-Thon slated April 20

The St. Judge Children's Research Hospital has announced that the annual Snyder "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon will be held April 20. Coordinator for the event will be Sheryl McClendon. More information about the event will be released soon.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-0-3
(five, zero, three)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Ira High School students in action

'Parenting' assignment mirrors real life

A real life class assignment has helped six Ira High School students realize something important — they are not yet ready to become parents.

For a short time this semester, Tammy Shirley's child development students, four girls and two boys, experienced a taste of "parenthood" as they took part in an Infant Care Simulated Project using a life-like infant doll containing a computerized program. The exercise, called "Baby Think It Over," is a first for Ira and Mrs. Shirley, who said that the battery-powered doll was donated by the Farm Bureau.

Baby Think It Over is an "infant simulator" designed to help students understand what it is like to be the main caregiver of a baby. It doesn't do everything like a real baby. For instance, it does not wet, soil diapers, laugh, smile or coo.

But it did cry, loudly and for various lengths of times that lasted up to 20 minutes.

Crying was a signal that the baby needed something. Students had to determine the care needed and provide it, day or night.

Students were given a plastic probe for "feeding" and "tending" the baby.

While they never actually fed or changed their baby, they simulated those needs by inserting the plastic probe into the doll's back.

The probe was strapped to each student's wrist with a tamper-proof arm band. Cogdell Memorial Hospital provided the bracelets.

Students received "neglects" if they let their "child" cry too long, left him in a car, or did not have him properly restrained in a car seat.

They would also have been penalized grade wise if they had tried to tamper with the battery-operated program.

Before the life-like doll was added to the program, Mrs. Shirley said previous child development students used other baby substitutes such as an egg or a sack of flour; but she said caring for a doll programmed to act like a real baby is much more realistic.

Unlike an egg or flour sack, the computerized doll cannot be hidden in a locker. By crying, it "tattled" on the "parent."

Mrs. Shirley said she is proud of the way her students handled their responsibilities.

Before students could participate in Baby Think It Over, parents had to sign consent forms. The students also signed a contract stipulating that they would care for their baby.

They took a pre-test at the beginning and a post-test at the conclusion of the program.

Students had to fill out birth certificates and keep daily logs in which they noted the time crying began and stopped as well as the "parent" activity that was interrupted.

Besides caring for the physical needs of the baby, Mrs. Shirley said her students also had to complete worksheets for practical every day realities such as hospital expenses and food costs.

Of the six students, all but two named their babies, with choices ranging from Hunter or Stetson to Jordan. Student reactions varied from "this is cool" to "not ready for motherhood" and "moms need help also."

Students formulated their own opinions about Baby Think It Over and shared them during a recent class meeting.

Amanda Darnell, the first "mother," named her baby Jordan. Since she was the first member of her class to bring him to school, she said she was somewhat embarrassed because none of the other students knew about the baby assignment.

Since Amanda did not know what her baby would do, she said the assignment made her very aware of the "personal cost to myself." Her "parenting role" did not turn out to be as much fun as she had thought.

Marci Avila named her baby Hunter. She cared for him for four days, one day longer than the class assignment required.

During that time, she took Hunter with her where ever she went, including a wedding. And just like a real baby, Hunter cried unexpectedly, once during the reception.

Marci said her boyfriend helped her keep the probe in the baby's back until it stopped crying.

She added that she asked that the bride delay throwing her bouquet until she had finished caring for Hunter.

Hunter's crying woke Marci up several times each night. The first time he cried, she said her reaction was, "this is cool," but later on she decided "it wasn't so funny."

As the reality of her stint at motherhood set it, she said the "joy ride" she had considered it at first changed to "hating it at the end."

Jessica Williams kept "Stetson" for three days, a very long three days, because everywhere she took her "son," he cried, she said, including a concert and a trial. "He just would not be quiet." Sometimes he continued crying for a "long time" after she inserted the probe, she said.

Caring for her "son" meant lost sleep and lugging around a cumbersome load of baby supplies, which Mrs. Shirley had found at various garage sales.

Since he weighed 6½ pounds without batteries, he was a heavy load to carry, she said.

When it was over, Jessica said she wasn't sure that her experience taught her very much about being a parent, but rather had convinced her, "I don't want a baby now."

Marie Mika's five days with her "baby," Christian Tyler, was the longest of any of the classroom parents. When it was over she said she "was stressed out."

Though she started out "excited and enthused," Marie's feelings changed when Christian Tyler kept her from "going out and having fun."

Temporary motherhood was supposed to be "cool" but she soon realized it wasn't always that way, especially when she was awakened at night or had to leave church because he cried too much.

Christian's crying sounded so

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TAKING CARE OF BABY — Ira students recently took turns caring for a "baby" during their child development class. Amanda Darnell is shown washing the baby's face while Marci Avila looks on. The baby in question is actually a computerized model. (SDN Staff Photo)

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Project benefits grounds

Three picnic tables built

Ira juniors, Future Homemakers of America (FHA) and ag structures students are pooling their resources in an effort to beautify the school grounds and provide students with a little comfort and convenience during lunch breaks.

Thanks to their combined efforts, three new picnic tables will be placed on the school grounds before the end of this school year.

Essentially finished except for painting, the tables are being kept in the ag shop while students continue to work on them.

See photo page 4B

Richard Long, ag instructor, said each table consists of 8-inch C perlin and 2 by 2 square tubing. The tables will be painted after spring break, but the color has not been determined yet, Long said.

Work began in November, he added, and has continued "as they (students) had time."

This is not the first time shop students have completed work for the school. Previous contributions included "odds and ends" stadium repairs and items for the baseball field.

In addition, Long said, they have built various things for people in the community as well as for Ira teachers.

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Patchwork Squares TFCEC; 9:30 a.m

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; clubhouse; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan, 27th and College Ave.; no reservations necessary, for more information, call 573-2850; 6-9 p.m.

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

American Legion [illegible] Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Plainview TFCED; for more information, call Nancy Higgins at 573-7770; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910-25th; 7:30 p.m.

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan, 27th and College Ave.; no reservations necessary, for more information, call 573-2850; 6-9 p.m.

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

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club Luncheon; Snyder Country Club; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; $7.50 for lunch, $1 for coffe or tea only. Reservations by noon Tuesday by calling Nan at 573-3440 or Doris at 573-3996.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

In East Side Church of Christ ceremony...

Miss Holcomb, Holloway promise vows

Leigh Allison Holcomb became the bride of Gearld Wayne Holloway as they exchanged wedding vows in the East Side Church of Christ on Feb. 3.

Tom Holcomb, father of the bride and minister of the church, officiated the 2 p.m. ceremony. The bride's mother is June Holcomb.

The groom is the son of Debby Loving of North Richland Hills. Grandparents of the bride are Bill Hewitt of Dallas, and the late Louise Hewitt, and Claude and Edwina Holcomb of Abilene. Mrs. Lavonia Loving is the groom's grandmother.

Marriage vows were exchanged before the church's colorful stained glass window with a large beveled crystal cross in the center. The stained glass window was flanked by two heart-shaped candelabra of votive cups, draped with candlelight tulle, baby's breath and springeria fern. The bridal aisle was marked with candlelight satin and tulle bows, baby's breath and springeria fern.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father as she wore a floor-length candlelight satin gown, fashioned by Bonny. It featured a lace scalloped V-neckline embellished with seed pearls and iridescent sequins. The gown's scalloped neckline was enhanced by the bride's grandmother's pearl necklace featuring a diamond heart pendant. Her grandmother, Louise Hewitt, wore her necklace to her 50th wedding anniversary reception in 1991.

The gown's beaded and sequined bodice front was covered in Venice lace appliques. The center back featured a heart-shaped cut-out and a large pearl flower design at the top, and another at the base of the heart-shaped cut-out. Pearl dangles edged the back neckline.

Large pouf leg of mutton sleeves were decorated with ruching of satin and cut-outs of lace illusion. The illusion had a pearl and sequin design above a small satin bow with pearl dangles. The Basque waist flowed into a bouffant skirt with pearled lace appliques. A wide row of schiffli lace edged the hem for the skirt front. A candy box bow adorned with pearls centered the back waistline. The skirt back had a wedge shape of billowing ruching, alternating with Venice lace stripes, ruching, applique cut-outs, and more ruching. A single satin ruffle finished the edge of the scalloped cathedral train. The gown was bustled to floor-length for the reception.

The bride's fingertip veil of candlelight silk illusion was caught in a pearl adorned pouf. The pouf clustered, tiara style headpiece was made of lace and satin flowers and leaves, with pearl and floral streamers in the back.

The bride carried a garden style bouquet of bridal white roses, stephanotis, springeria fern, white stock and snapdragons, and English ivy with strings of pearls and ribbons. A small Bible and lace trimmed linen handkerchief from Brussels, carried by the bride's mother in her wedding, were tied in the bouquet. The Bible was also carried by Heather Holcomb, the bride's sister-in-law, in her wedding.

Shana Etheredge of Benjamin served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Holcomb of Wolfforth, Terry Sturgill of Abilene and Mande Henry Reeves of Lubbock. The attendants wore long waisted, tea-length dresses of teal crushed panne, accented with a wide light teal satin bow in back. They carried garden style bouquets of stargazer lilies, white stock, baby's breath and springeria fern, all tied with satin burgundy ribbons.

Laney Kate Wells, daughter of Brent and Lori Wells of Plainview, was flower girl and wore a floral print dress adorned with a black velvet collar trimmed with candlelight lace and gold trim. She wore a pouf bow of matching colors, and carried a candlelight puffed tulle and lace basket of flower petals.

The groom wore a black Christian Dior fulldress tuxedo jacket over black Wrangler jeans and black western boots. The tuxedo featured black satin lapels with a white vest and bow tie, accented with a bridal white rose and stephanotis boutonniere.

Best man was Michael Holloway, the groom's brother of North Richland Hills. Groomsmen, Brad Holcomb, the bride's brother of Wolfforth, Rusty Oglesby of Abilene, and Cody Wilson of Albany wore matching tuxedos with regular jackets, black vests and ties with bridal white rose boutonnieres. Heath Moody, cousin of the groom, served as usher along with the other groomsmen.

Ring bearer was J.W. Wesson, son of Jay and Tammy Wesson of Snyder. He wore a tuxedo, vest and tie matching the groom's attire, and carried a heart-shaped satin box containing the bride's ring. It was adorned with pearls and lace, designed by Marcela.

Taped music, "The Man in Love With You," by George Strait, and "Faithful Heart," by Beth Nielson Chapman, was played during the seating of the grandparents and parents. The bride was escorted by her father to music from "The Man from Snowy River." Songs during the ceremony were "Standing Right Next to Me," by Karla Nonoff, and "Grow Old With Me," by Mary Chapin Carpenter. The recessional was "Under the Umbrella," from the motion picture "Little Women."

The registry table, covered with a floor-length white cloth, featured a crocheted topper. The bride's guest book was placed in front of a mirrored antique brass fan, belonging to her grandmother, Louise Hewitt. The fan, draped with pearls, reflected a magnolia blossom with teal ribbon. Behind the registry table on the wall was a large heart-shaped wreath of dried flowers and satin and lace ribbons. Colors of pinks, mauve and white and English ivy were used in the wreath. Jeannifer Barnes of Snyder registered guests.

A reception honoring the couple was held in the fellowship room of the church. The bride's table was draped with a floor-length cloth, lace panel top, and a candlelight net and satin cloth overlay. It was embellished with wide satin borders with puffed felt doves, hearts, flowers and wedding bells and accented with white iridescent sequins, various sized pearls and scalloped satin ribbons.



Mr. and Mrs. Gearld Wayne Holloway
(Photo By Wadleigh Studio)

A large crystal punch bowl on a silver tray and an antique silver candelabrum with votive cups and ivory candles complemented the five-tiered heart-shaped wedding cake. The cake was in a graduating arrangement. Each cake tier was delicately embellished with details of strings of pearls, rosebuds, ruffles and shell designs, all in lacey candlelight confection. The cake tiers stood on individual stands with the top cake reaching 24 inches high and holding a Precious Moments bride and groom. The cake was also decorated with baby's breath, springeria fern, bridal white roses and gardenias.

White chocolate mints made in the shape of hearts, miniature brides and grooms, and bells and roses, were served in a heart-shaped ivory lace-molded dish. The bride placed her bouquet in front of the candelabrum, completing her table setting.

A round table covered with a floor-length white table cloth and a crocheted ecru overlay, held a large brass tray with a crystal punch bowl matching the one on the bride's table for a refill punch table.

Serving at the bride's table was Tobi Thompson, Brenda Logan and Jeannifer Barnes, all of Snyder.

A large copper tray held the groom's double-layered German chocolate cake, frosted with a German chocolate coconut pecan frosting, was decorated with deep chocolate borders of reverse shells. The top layer was a large horseshoe, also decorated with matching border and topped with a mound of chocolate roses and leaves.

The groom's large rectangular table, draped with a floor-length white cloth and a quilt placed diagonally over it, was given to the bride's parents by the East Side church on their 10th anniversary with the church. It was a tea-dyed muslin fabric with the Tree of Life pattern in forest green and peacock blue prints with friend's signatures along the border.

Sitting on an ecru, crocheted circular cloth over the quilt in the center of the table was a large bronze quail sculptor, "The Covey," by Dr. Robert Taylor. Copper and brass appointments complemented this table where coffee and nuts were also served.

Gold flatware and ecru napkins monogrammed in gold completed the groom's table. Serving were Paula Bowden, Jennifer Trevey and Tara Trevey.

A round gift table was covered in a matching floor-length cloth with a deep ecru crocheted cloth overlay and was centered by a heart-shaped wreath. Beside the gift table was a large portrait of the bride displayed on a brass easel.

White tulle rice bags with burgundy and teal ribbons were given to guests by Megan McCormick and Kalli Wesson.

A rehearsal dinner, a barbecue buffet, was given by the groom's mother at Reta's Family Restaurant. The banquet room was decorated with a western flare. Blue bandana placemats and napkins, sunflowers and iron horseshoes decorated the individual tables. A video presentation of the soon-to-be bride and groom as they were growing up was arranged and shown by the bride's father.

Courtesies for the couple included a gift shower at the East Side Church of Christ, a lingerie shower, and a luncheon for the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway have made their home in Abilene following their wedding trip to Las Vegas. The bride is a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School and 1995 graduate of Abilene Christian University, with a degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is currently substitute teaching.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene. He is employed as a sales representative by City Pipe and Supply of Abilene.

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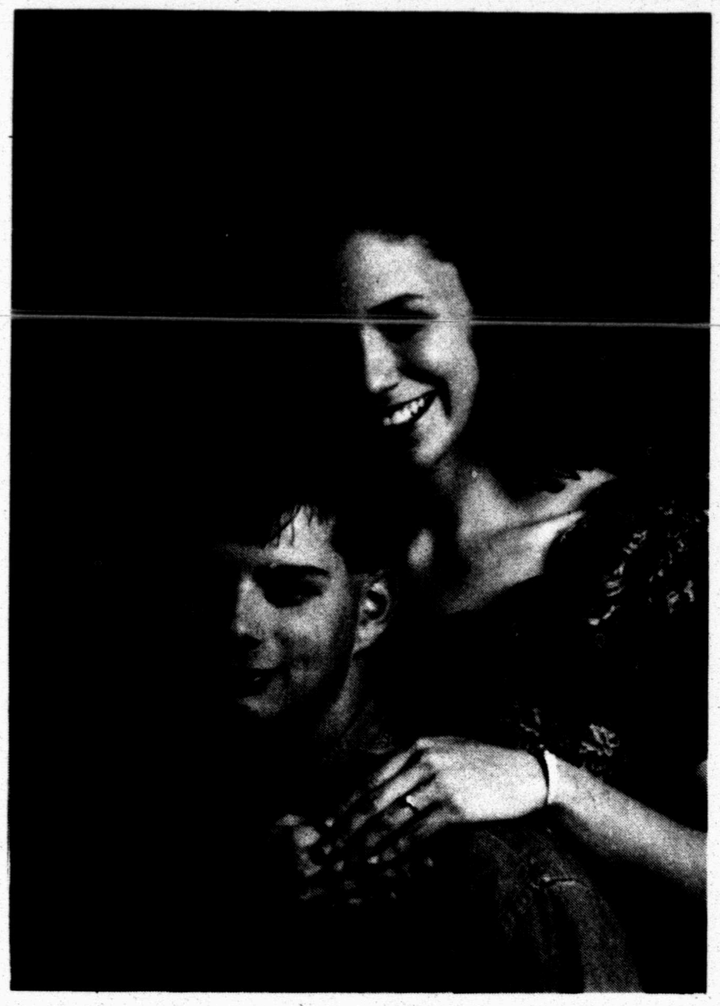
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Martha Reese and Jay Mark Kingston

Reese, Kingston plan wedding

Martha Sue Reese of College Station and Jay Mark Kingston of Bryan are making wedding plans for May 18 in the Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene.

The future bride's parents are Robert Reese of Sheffield and the prospective bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kingston of Petersburg. The future groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kingston of Fluvanna.

Miss Reese is a graduate of Iraan High School and a candidate for August, 1997, graduation at Texas A&M University.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	NORTH	03-09-96
	♠Q J 6	
	♥8 5 3	
	♦Q 2	
	♣K 8 6 5 3	
WEST		EAST
♠7 5 4 3		♠A K 8
♥J 10		♥A Q 9 4 2
♦8 7 6 5 4		♦9 3
♣10 9		♣Q 7 4
	SOUTH	
	♠10 9 2	
	♥K 7 6	
	♦A K J 10	
	♣A J 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥J

Both right, but only one winner

Bridge can be a paradoxical game at times. Look at today's deal, which occurred during last year's Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal match between France and China.

Both Souths opened one no-trump, showing 15-17 points in the modern style. The French North, Philippe Cronier, raised aggressively to three no-trump, giving full value to his five-card suit. The Chinese North, Rong Chang, raised to only two no-trump, which Shao Zi Jian cautiously passed.

Each West, trying to find his partner's long suit, led the heart jack — a good choice!

Both Easts encouraged, allowing South to win the trick with the heart king.

Michel Lebel had to win nine tricks. This required playing on clubs, so he led a diamond to dummy's queen, finessed his club jack and cashed the club ace. When everything split favorably, Lebel claimed 10 tricks: one heart, four diamonds and five clubs.

Shao, though, needed to win only eight tricks. Rather than rely on the club finesse, he played for hearts to be 4-3. So, at trick two, Shao led a spade, aiming at one spade, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs. Here, though, East happily took six tricks (two spades and four hearts) to defeat the contract.

France gained 10 international matchpoints (IMPs) on this deal. Yet as they won the match by just three IMPs, if Shao had brought home 10 tricks, France would have gained only six IMPs here and lost the match by one!

Where's the paradox? Well, both declarers played "correctly" but one won 10 tricks while the other collected only seven. Strange.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Friday, Feb. 23, five tables of Duplicate Bridge Club were directed by Rube McKinley at the Snyder Country Club.

1. LaVerne Hood, Marjorie Brown.
2. Sue Mize, Ena Carroll.
3. Dora Blakey, Mary Ann Key.
4. Pat Floyd, Mary Ann Key.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, five tables were directed by Dot Casey.

TIE: Barbara Yorgesen, Rube McKinley and Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.

2. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
3. LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.

FRIDAY

On March 1 Dot Casey directed seven tables.

N-S

1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbot.
2. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.
3. Ena Carroll, Sue Mize.

E-W

1. LaVerne Hood, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dora Blakey, Verdi Kimbro.
3. Mippie Brownlee, ElWanda Nall.

Sunday

Three tables were directed by Casey.

1. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY

Four tables were directed by Casey.

1. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
3. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. David Baugh of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Lynn, to Jason P. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Greene of Snyder. The wedding is set for 6:30 p.m. on April 13 in the First United Methodist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Chili Con Carne w/Beans
Fried Squash
Lettuce Wedge
Sliced Onion
Strawberries & Banana

TUESDAY
Chicken Patty
Cream Gravy
Savory Potatoes
Boiled Okra
Macaroni Salad
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon

WEDNESDAY
Roast Beef
Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Tomato Wedges
Pecan Pie

THURSDAY
London Broiled Ham
Whole Kernel Corn
Fresh Spinach Salad
Corn Bread
Coconut Pudding

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Scalloped Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Cucumber-Onion Salad
St. Patrick's Cake

Midland Genealogical Society...

Society sets spring seminar

MIDLAND — The Midland Genealogical Society has set a Spring Seminar for Saturday, March 23, from 8 to 4:45 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 800 West Texas.

Six speakers will present programs on genealogy. Judy Riffel of Baton Rouge, La., will explain how to do research in Louisiana. Frank R. Levstik of Lexington, Ky., will present a program on how to do research in Kentucky and Ohio. John and Barbara Wylie of Garland will present a program in computer applications in genealogy. Carl and Allice Williams of Midland will speak during the lunch hour about their family connections with Davy Crockett and William B. Travis.

A pre-registration fee of $20 is due by March 11. After March 11, the fee will be $25 at the door the day of the seminar. The fee includes a pancake breakfast and a sack lunch. Breakfast will start at 7 a.m. and the seminar will be from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. To pre-register, mail your check for $20 to The Midland Genealogical Society (MGS), 301 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701, Attention: Doris Williams, treasurer.

For host hotel information, contact the Plaza Inn at Claydesta, 4108 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79705. When calling for reservations, mention that you are attending the MGS Spring Seminar for a special reduced rate of $39, by calling 915-686-8733 or toll free 1-800-365-3222.

For more information, call David Grimes, Chairman, at 684-698 or 682-5873 or write to David Grimes at P.O. Box 2006, Midland, 79702.

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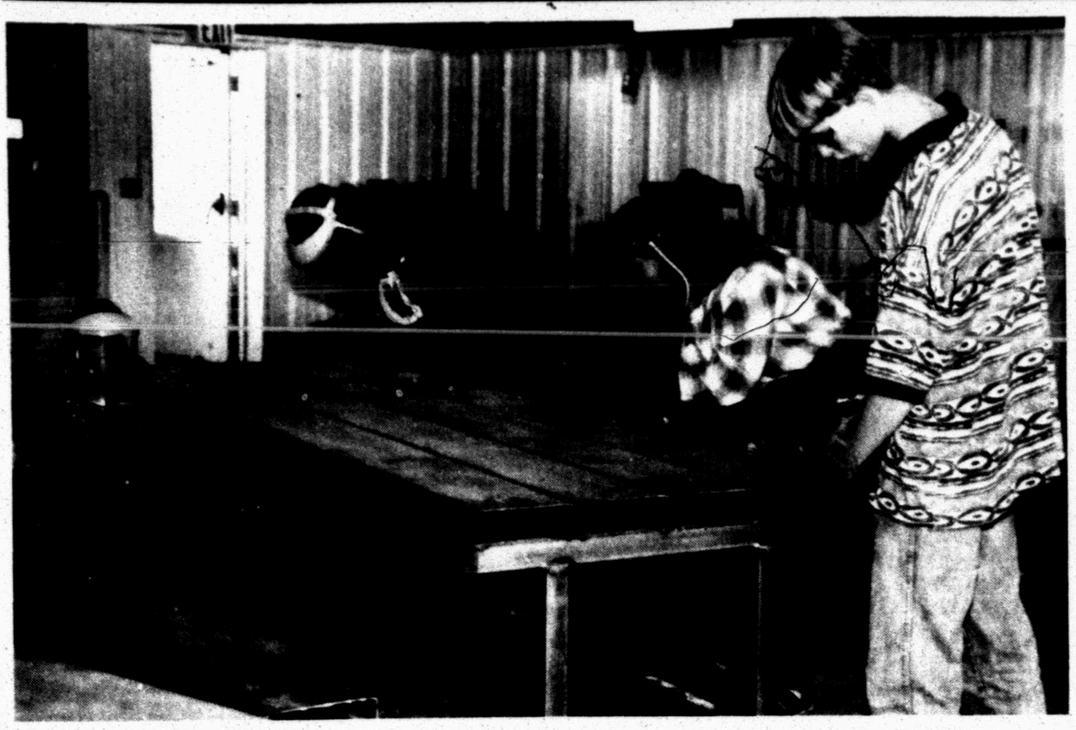
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BUSY WORKERS — Ira students in Richard Long's ag structures class are making three benches to be placed on the school's grounds. (See story on page 1B.) Students shown working are, from left, back row, Jody Rankin, Ociel Castelan, Misty Chance and Wesley Haddox. (SDN Staff Photo)

Scurry County Folks

Continued from 1B

by Shirley A. Gorman

realistic that when Marie was at a local store people thought he was a real baby. She said she received "some strange looks."

Like her counterparts, Marie has realized that she "is not ready for motherhood yet."

Two male students also took their turn at being a parent.

Jeremy Helm said he did not like doing it and in fact did not want to do it, but nonetheless he kept his "baby," which he did not name, for the customary three days,

Night crying kept him awake and, like Marie, he also received strange looks from people, especially at a hospital in Lubbock where his grandmother was having surgery.

He sometimes found himself doing a lot of explaining. He said he was embarrassed when strangers thought his baby was real, but even more embarrassed when they learned it was a doll.

Those may have been the longest three days of Jeremy's life. He couldn't wait to be relieved of his responsibility. In fact, when his tour of duty ended on a Sunday, he said he lost no time in going by Mrs. Shirley's home to return the baby and have the probe taken off his arm.

Another male student, Wesley Haddox, actually said he enjoyed being a temporary parent. "It really wasn't that bad," he said. One thing he liked was missing three days work at his part-time job to care for his baby, whom he also did not name.

During one of his three days, he said he left the baby's carrier in the lunchroom and it was "stolen." That meant he had to carry the baby all by himself for the rest of the day. The carrier was later returned by one of his fellow "parents."

Wesley said he has learned some valuable lessons from this class assignment. Sleepless nights have helped him to realize "I don't want a kid yet." But he learned something else, too: "Mothers need help."

Before Mrs. Shirley began the baby project, she said she had an informational meeting with teachers to solicit their support as the doll was going to be in their classrooms. She said everyone was very supportive, including administrators.

Mrs. Shirley has also learned how much like a real baby the doll was. At the conclusion of the project, she had placed the doll in its carrier in her car and was at a local grocery store when she noticed that police officers were looking into her vehicle.

"As soon as I saw them I knew that someone had thought a real baby had been left in the car," she said. Apparently, they determined that the so-called neglected child was only a doll and left after a few moments, before she returned to her vehicle.

Prior to beginning the Baby Think It Over assignment, Mrs. Shirley said her students also studied about pregnancy and childbirth. To simulate pregnancy, she said they each wore a 20 pound sack and even practiced lying on the floor so they could experience "how cumbersome weight gain during pregnancy can be," she added.

She considers the total assignment more worthwhile than just "reading about it in a book."



GETTING READY TO GO — Ira child development students shown getting "baby" ready to go are from left, Wesley Haddox, Jeremy Helm and Jessica Williams. (SDN Staff Photo)



COMPUTERIZED BABY — Ira's child development students recently cared for a "baby" as they took turns being its "mother." Tammy Shirley, instructor, demonstrates how students cared for the child — by inserting a special probe in its back which simulated routine care such as feeding, changing diapers and others. (SDN Staff Photo)

Picnic tables to be added to IHS grounds

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While Long's students have provided the labor and expertise, juniors have contributed $250 toward the cost of the beautification project. The same amount has also been donated by the FHA.

Junior class fund-raisers include operating the concession stand during junior high school football and basketball games and sponsoring a basketball shooting contest.

Tammie Shirley, junior class sponsor, said the students raise money through various activities throughout the year. All monies are placed in the junior-senior prom fund. Since what is not spent on the prom is applied toward their senior trip the following year, Mrs. Shirley said donating $250 "is a sacrifice for the students."

FHA members also conducted various fund-raisers throughout this school year, including the brisket plate dinner for the Ira Stock Show. They also sold baked goods and auctioned cakes at the stock show.

Ag structures students include Tyrel Sterling, Scott Strong, Heath Mathis, Jody Rankin, Ociel Castelan, Misty Chance and Wesley Haddox.

Members of the junior class are Todd Collom, Lindsey Josey, Judd Rogers, Caleb Wilson, Amber Martinez, Jacey Davis, Chris Gee, Tye Shirley, Olga Juarez, Melissa Brasuel, Shane Krop, Rikki Wilkes, Stacy Taylor, Lisha Leatherwood, Amanda Darnell, Dayna Broker, Thad Davis, Adam Davis, Jeremy Howard, Billy Keith Evans, Jessica Williams, Rebecca Johnston, Marci Avila, Jeremy Helm, Kyle Lomax and Jennifer Rigsby.

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Mrs. Shirley is also the FHA sponsor.

Cold affects some bug more than others

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — It seems some insects are bugged by the cold more than others.

Crop chompers such as boll weevils, soybean loopers and velvet bean caterpillars all are vulnerable to winter's cold, said Don Johnson, an entomologist for the University of Arkansas Extension Service.

"If the temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit for several days, it can have a dramatic impact," he said. "Normally, the boll weevil's winter mortality rate is around 40 to 50 percent statewide. I would guess the cold weather we've already had this year has increased the statewide mortality average to about 80 to 85 percent."

If the mortality rate climbed to 99 percent, which it does in north Arkansas every 20 years or so, farmers could save $15 million to $20 million in pesticide use.

But the story isn't the same when it comes to fleas, ticks and flies.

Bill Jones, an extension entomologist at the University of Arkansas, said those bugs weather the weather better.

"Extremely harsh weather conditions, when they persist for a relatively long time, will kill off some insects," Jones said. "But you won't see any substantial reduction. During the spring breeding season, these insects will make up for lost time.

"They breed in such amazing numbers, they survive no matter what pressure is applied," Jones said.

Registration bill rejected

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Dairy farmers in New Hampshire won't have to formally notify state officials if they inject their cattle with growth hormones.

A bill that would have required registration by farmers and the merchants who sell bovine somatotropin hormone was rejected this week by the state House on a 189-105 vote. Opponents said the measure would have been a burden on farmers.

Supporters said registration would simply give consumers an opportunity to avoid dairy products derived from cows injected with the hormone. Despite federal approval of the hormone, they argued, many consumers are still wary of its safety.

Another use found for soybean oil

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Chalk up another use for the utilitarian soybean.

After a four-year test in central Nebraska, farmers soon will be able to buy soybean oil to lubricate their irrigation pumps.

Milford Hanna of the University of Nebraska industrial agricultural products center said the tests showed soybean oil worked well to lubricate the pumps.

Hanna said the idea came from Ingersol-Dresser Pump Co. of Hastings and Fairbanks Irrigation in Wood River. He said company officials were worried that petroleum-based drip oils one day will be banned because of environmental concerns about spills and leaks.

"If it became an issue, they would be ahead of the curve," Hanna said. "Having something environmentally friendly is to their advantage in the long term."

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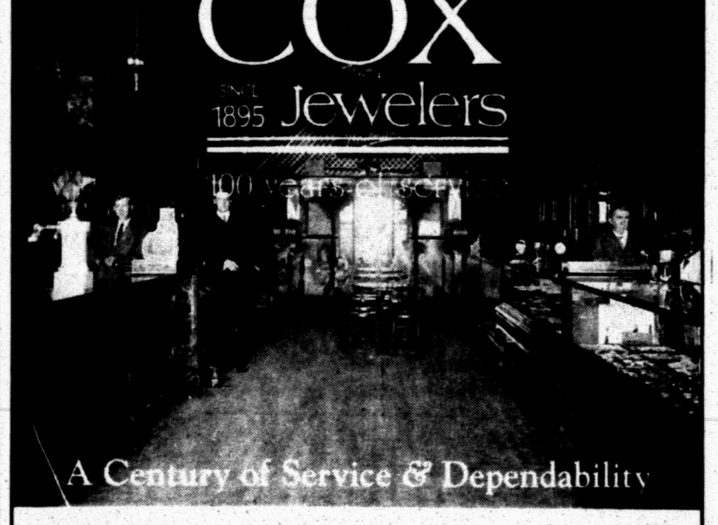
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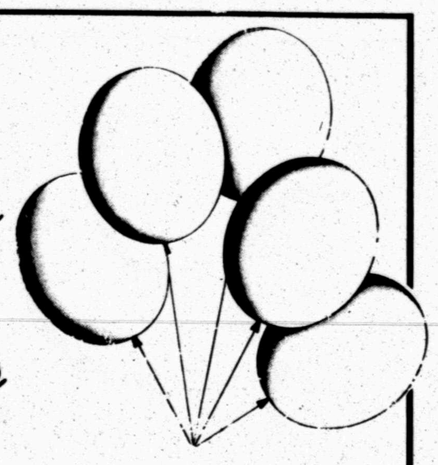
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Hubble captures first surface views of remote planet Pluto

WASHINGTON (AP) — New telescopic images of Pluto show that the distant planet is a place of frozen gases, icy polar caps and clusters of bright and dark features that astronomers can't explain.

The Hubble Space Telescope photos, in which Pluto resembles a fuzzy soccer ball, have excited astronomers who say they show the planet is a place of surprises and mysterious processes.

"We can see from the images that Pluto is the most variegated, contrasty object in the outer solar system," said Alan Stern, an astronomer at the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo.

He said the images confirm the belief of experts that Pluto is one of the strangest of the nine planets orbiting the sun.

Bright patches of white on Pluto, a frozen world 29 times farther from the sun than is the Earth, are probably fields of frozen nitrogen, while the dark patches may be hydrocarbons from the chemical splitting and freezing of methane, Stern said.

"Pluto never fails to surprise," said Bruce Margon, an astronomy professor at the University of Washington.

"It is like an icy little dwarf on the outskirts of the solar system," said Anne L. Kinney of the Space Telescope Institute in Baltimore.

Discovered just 66 years ago, Pluto was the last of the solar system planets to be identified. It's moon, Charon, was found in 1978, and it was not until 1988 that scientists discovered Pluto had an atmosphere.

Pluto is so strange that some astronomers have argued that it isn't really a planet, but some other object, such as an asteroid.

"It is a planet," said Stern. "It is round, it has a satellite (a moon), it has an atmosphere. There's only a minority view that it is not a planet."

Pluto is turned on its side, in relation to its orbit. This is the result, astronomers believe, of a gigantic collision with a comet or an asteroid that caused the small planet to tilt.

The planet is about two-thirds the size of the Earth's moon and is so far from the sun that sunlight on its surface is about as intense as moonlight is on Earth. Temperatures on Pluto drop to about minus 380 degrees Fahrenheit when the planet is at its farthest from the sun. Pluto made its closest approach to the sun in 1989 and temperatures rose to a balmy minus-350.

Stern said the slight thaw caused some nitrogen ice to evaporate into the atmosphere. He said that over the next few years Pluto will again cool and the gases will "snow" back on the surface, perhaps covering some the dark spots seen in the Hubble photos.

Before the photos by the Earth-orbiting Hubble, Pluto had been seen as just a tiny spot of light faintly detected, 4 billion miles from Earth.

The new pictures, which astronomers said pushed the Hubble to the very limit of its ability, aren't good enough to determine if Pluto has mountains and valleys like those on Earth and Mars.

Pluto takes 248 years to circle the sun and during all but 20 of those years it is the farthest out of all the planets. It crossed inside the orbit of Neptune in 1979. In three years, it will again move out to resume its most-distant place.

A robot craft, called the Pluto Express, is scheduled to be launched toward Pluto in the next decade, but it will take 10 to 12 years for the craft to reach the planet.



Julia Hardin-Woolever

Sul Ross staffer to retire

More than 30 years of service to Sul Ross State University comes to an end for Julia Hardin-Woolever, administrative assistant to the president, March 31 when she retires from the university.

Since joining the Sul Ross Staff in 1965 as secretary in the business office under State Auditor Jack Minnox, Woolever has worked under five different presidents.

It was in the business office that she learned "everything about the college. Fran Newsom and Elvie Williams taught me everything I know about the university."

After service as secretary for John Wilson, vice president for fiscal affairs, Woolever moved to the president's office in 1974. That move gave her the opportunity to work for five presidents: Dr. Norman McNeil, Dr. Hugh Meredith, C.R. Richardson, Dr. Jack Humphries and Dr. R. Vic Morgan.

Originally from Snyder, she is married to Stan Woolever and has one son, Chris Hardin. The daughter of Otha and David McIntosh, Woolever attributes her drive and success to her mother. "She always encouraged my sister Sandra, my brother Robert and me to work hard and do our best. It was her belief that if you worked hard, you would be rewarded. Now, I know she was right."

Woolever plans to move back to Snyder where she will remodel her home and spend time with her husband. "Stan and I want to start working on our art and photography and doing some of the things we enjoy," she said.

Her mother still lives in Snyder and is recovering from a stroke. "I am hoping I can get her to take some time off and go fishing with me since she is the one who taught me to love the sport."

She said the hardest part of leaving Alpine will be leaving her son, her granddaughters Lauren and Debbie. "The second hardest thing will be to turn in my keys and leave Sul Ross. It has been part of my life for over 30 years. It has been my home. I can't help but wonder what it will be like not to see everybody everyday and not griping because the weekends were so short and Mondays came too fast."

Woolever said her heart will always be at Sul Ross. "It's true — if you cut me, I would probably bleed red and gray.

Nine-year-old boy accused of stalking one classmate

HASTINGS, Mich. (AP) — Puppy love or a crime?

A 9-year-old boy who left a phone message for a 10-year-old girl, telling her "I want to be your lover," has been accused of violating Michigan's anti-stalking law, his lawyer said Thursday.

The girl's parents told authorities that the boy has called their home 200 times over several months. The final straw apparently was the recording left a few days before Valentine's Day.

"Any sexual interpretation is the problem of the listener," attorney Charles Rominger said. "He wanted her to be his valentine. ... It's a childhood crush. What else could it be?"

Prosecutor Dale Crowley wouldn't discuss the case, but he summoned the boy and his mother to Juvenile Court on March 27. The girl's parents could not be reached; their phone number is unlisted.

The families once lived across the street from each other. Both children attend the same elementary school, but they are not in the same classroom, Rominger said.

Rotarians seek 4 professionals for England exchange program

West Texas Rotarians are seeking four outstanding business and professional people to visit England this fall as part of the Group Study Exchange Program of the Rotary International.

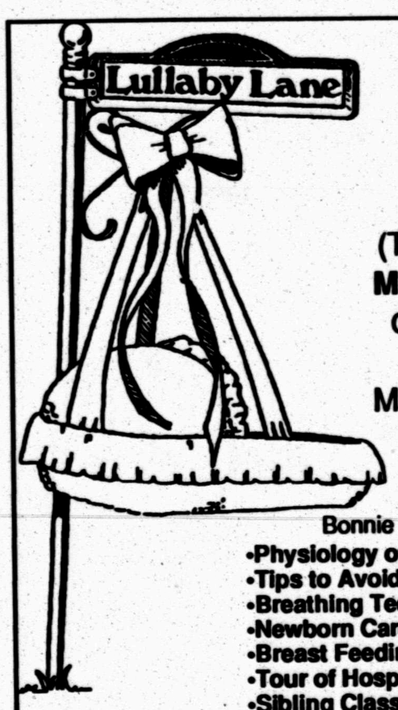
Tentative dates of the exchange program are Sept. 13 through Oct. 27.

The program is designed to improve international understanding by enabling people from different countries to learn from one another. All travel and lodging costs for the six-week visit is provided.

Led by a Rotarian team leader, the group will spend a month with host families in small towns in the Yorkshire area of England. In exchange, a team from England will visit Texas next spring.

Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 35, have at least two years of work experience and be currently active. Team members may not be Rotarians or directly related to Rotarians.

Interested persons should contact Lynn Simpson of Howard College in Big Spring before March 15 to obtain an application. The number is 264-5150 or 263-6949.



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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Frankie and Patricia Grimmett, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Pamela O. Gough, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Phil and Kristie Carruthers, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Don Massingill, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Miroslaba M. and Jesse Gutierrez, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

U.S. Fleet Leasing Inc., two 1996 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

Walter Flowers, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robert Christopher, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Ladd Byars, 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Lewis Rankin, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

James E. Rodgers, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Michelle Castillo, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Farmers Co-Op Gin, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Curtis D. Langham, 1996 Ford from Wilson Motors.

James Williamson, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jack D. Beall, 1996 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Leon G. Hernandez, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

George A. Mullino, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Chester M. and Ruth Callan, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Drew Bullard, 1996 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. and Dalton Walton, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Todd Whiteside, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jose R. Moran, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

John Mark Ford and Mary Lavelle Morris, both of Snyder.

Paul Javier Perez of Dallas and Diana Castillo of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Brenda K.T. Matsler, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Larry Boulware, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Jody Gilbert, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Michael L. Holloway, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Line Systems Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Cheryl Lynn Warr and Tom O'Brian Warr, divorce granted.

In the marriage of John R. Fair and Janet M. Fair, divorce granted.

Archer-Daniel-Midland Co., dba Paymaster Gin, vs. Scott Underwood, dba American Cotton Marketing, agreed judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Billie Fay Brice to Nancy L. and Ronald W. Harris, all of Lot 307 of the Resubdivision of Lot 3, Windridge Addition.

Richard and Sylvia Hernandez to Virginia Escareno, the north 100 feet of Lot 5 and the north 100 feet of the west seven feet of Lot 6 in Block 51 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Dillard E. and Amalia Beth Teal to Malouf Interests Inc., 2.009 acres in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Southern Electric Inc. to David H. and Vickie Reed, the south one-half of Section 20, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John Arley Brock, independent executor of the estate of Donald Ray Brock, all of Lot 7 in Block 6 of the Park Place Addition.

Karen Sue Solis, independent executrix of the estate of Etta Sue Carpenter, to Karen Sue Solis, all of Lot 3 in Block 11 of the Replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highland Addition.

Rayburn and Lyndal L. Burgess to The Rayburn and Lyndal L. Burgess Living Trust, all of Lot 10 and the south one-half of Lot 11, both in Block 11 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Rayburn and Lyndal L. Burgess to The Rayburn and Lyndal L. Burgess Living Trust, all 65 feet of Lots 7 and 8 and the east 65 feet of the south 40 feet of Lot 9 and the west 10 feet of an abandoned alley, all in Block 16 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

John C. Perkins, Trustee under the will of C. Richard Van Etten, to Susan Van Etten Weisenfeld, tracts 9-12 totaling 530.9 acres in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 20, J.P. Smith survey.

James D. Frazier to Jackie R. and Phillis Leatherwood, all of Lot 5 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

Debra Ann Bagwell to Rosario Medina, all of Lots 1-4 in Block 20 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Roy Frederick and Zealtha Moore Trice to Hank Vannon Earnest, 1.524 acres out of the northeast part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Angie L. Tovar to Gomez and Rosalinda Tovar, the west 60 feet of Lot 2 in Block 62 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Martin and Evelyn Murphy to Virginia Pat Murphy, the east one-half of Section 17 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Martin and Evelyn Murphy to Carolyn Derouen, tract one being the west one-half of Section 16, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the southeast one-quarter of Section 16, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Charles E. and Christine Jordan to Steven Ray and Rhonda Gayle McCollum, the south 44 feet of Lot 3 and the north 28 feet of Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Bassridge West Addition.

Schwarzenegger next Batman star?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger may muscle his way into the next "Batman" film, playing villain Mr. Freeze.

The star of the "Terminator" movies was quoted by Daily Variety on Thursday as saying he would try to fit the role in around his commitment to another new film, "Wings of Eagles."

If that's not possible, Bruce Willis is waiting in the wings, the trade newspaper said.

The sequel, titled "Batman and Robin" is scheduled to begin filming this summer, but has had casting difficulties.

Val Kilmer, who succeeded Michael Keaton as the caped crusader in "Batman Forever," reportedly disliked the latest script and was replaced with "ER" TV hunk George Clooney.

Chris O'Donnell will play the sidekick Robin. Other featured actors include Alicia Silverstone as Batgirl and Uma Thurman as Poison Ivy.

Correction

In a recent issue of SDN, a headline incorrectly stated an Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi scholarship recipient. The sorority has not chosen a senior for its scholarship at this time.

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Warning: It's time to get to know the sheep



BILL MCCLELLAN

You knew it was coming to this.

They're cloning sheep in Scotland. Little lambs, all exactly alike.

You probably heard or read about it. If you didn't, listen up. In 20 years, when everyone looks like they were stamped out of a cookie cutter and answers to the name of "K2-920," don't say you weren't forewarned. Don't say there was a media cover-up, because there wasn't. I'm telling you right now, SHEEP ARE BEING CLONED IN SCOTLAND.

A researcher, Ian Wilmut, reported the cloning of sheep at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh. Right now, the technique has only worked a handful of times out of hundreds of tries. But scientists admit that the ultimate goal is mass cloning of sheep which are disease resistant and produce a lot of wool. Cattle would be next, custom tailored genetically for milk and beef.

Sheep. Now why do you think scientists picked sheep to clone instead of dogs, cats or some other animal? I'll tell you why. It's all part of the plot — the slow, quiet introduction of cloning into society.

Imagine this: One day you walk outside and every dog you see looks and acts the same. Has the same markings, the same color, the same bark and the same mannerisms.

Think you'd notice? Sure you would. You'd probably freak out. It would be obvious that someone or something had been tinkering with the dogs.

Ah, but would you notice if all the sheep suddenly looked alike?

See my point? If we hadn't been told, if some researchers hadn't decided to brag about their accomplishment, we might have been caught unaware. Be honest now, how many sheep do you know personally?

I mean, we have a lot of sheep in West Texas, but... well, frankly, they all look pretty much the same to me.

It takes a trained eye to distinguish one sheep from another. Anyone who raises sheep can do this. Oh sure. Take Uncle Elber for instance. Elber knows all of his sheep by name. Calls 'em Betsy and Sue and Mary and Matilda and Becky and Jo and Cindy and Trina. You get the idea. And he never gets confused about which is which. He has a sense about them.

In other words, Elber knows sheep.

So when Elber begins to scratch his head and say, "You know, I'm gettin' to where I can't tell Matilda from Mary. I'm beginnin' to think these dadburned sheep all look alike" — You'll know it's time to start worrying.

We've seen the movies. We all know cloning is one step away from androids, from Robotworld. Then, computers will rule.

Actually, computers have already begun to take over. Check the want ads in a metropolitan newspaper sometime. The only people as much in demand as computer wizards are medical specialists — physicians, cardiologists, RNs, LVNs.

The good news for the rest of us, is those people will be rounded up for cloning first.

Computer freaks will be rounded up so that some hacker out there doesn't muck up the world plan. Nurses all wear the same type uniforms, so they'll be easy to duplicate without anyone noticing. As for doctors, people won't know if they all look alike. Who can get in to see one anyway?

Us media types may not be far down the line. We'll be grouped with police officers and the military. To conquer a nation of people, you've got to have power, then propaganda. Or is it propaganda and then power? I guess it depends on how big your army is.

Lawyers? Politicians? Shoot, they were being cloned before cloning was cool.

Seriously, though, it's scary, the thought of a bunch of researchers and scientists cloning sheep; mass producing identical little woolly animals that go "baaa" all at the same time. Sleep, all at the same time. Deposit manure, all at the same time.

Could do wonders for crops.

That's another quirk that will have to be worked out before scientists can actually clone humans. We go to the bathroom at the same time and sewer systems all over the world will be backed up. That's just a kink in clonedome, I guess.

Okay, maybe you're the sensitive type and I've stepped over the line here, talking about going to the bathroom. Think of it as six billion people all deciding at the same time to water the lawn, turn on the air conditioner, drive to work. Eat.

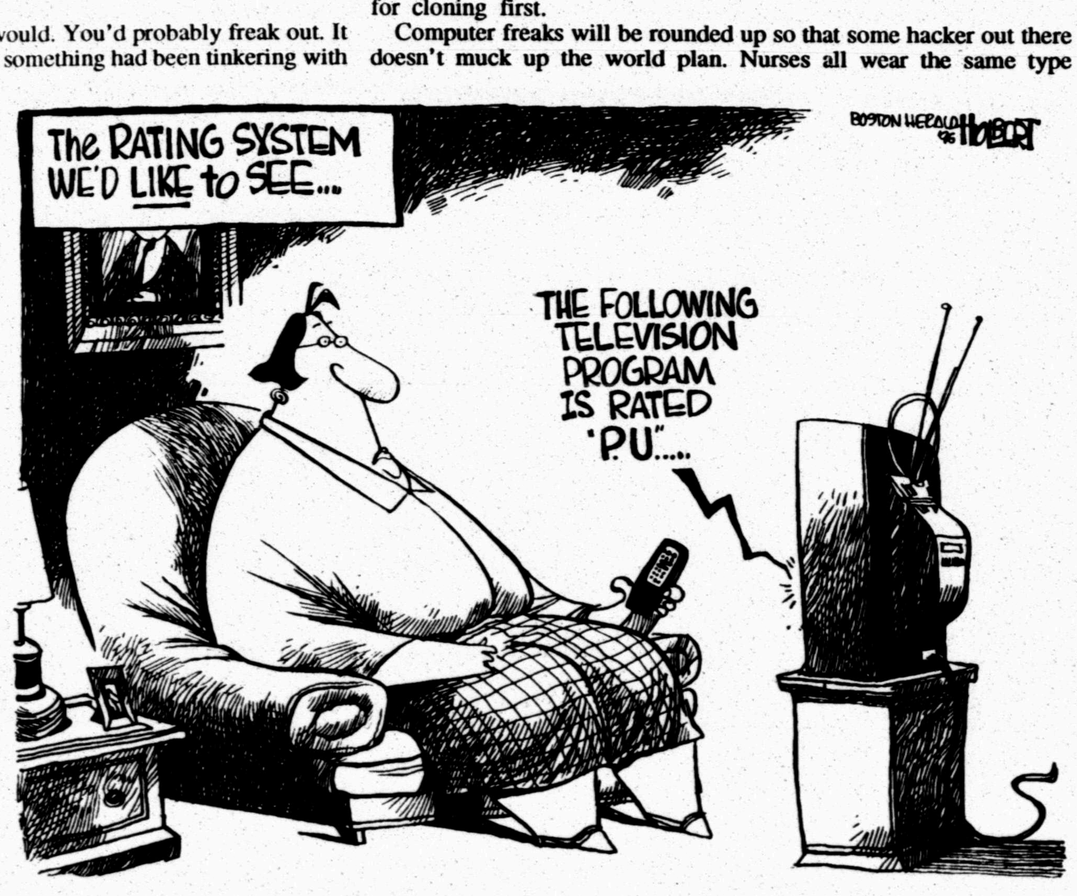
The golden arches just blew a fuse.

Wilmut said he doesn't know if the cloning technique will actually work on people yet. He says that a lot of scientists would consider that "unethical."

Ten years ago, it was unethical to say H-E doublesticks on television, and now look where we are.

I don't know about you, but I say it's time to get to know the sheep.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

Since I placed the ad in the Sunday edition about next Saturday morning's meeting at the Koko Palace in Lubbock at 10 a.m. of the Council of the Republic of Texas where the people get questions answered, the San Antonio article in Monday, March 4 (Page 2) caught my attention.

The title is true — "Common law courts refuge of justice for some activists." They are also a refuge for all citizens of Texas (not corporate State of Texas).

The second sentence the author out of San Antonio has is false. It said "their actions carry no weight and their participants have no judicial power."

According to Republic of Texas reports, lawful documents were filed in the archives of the International court at the Hague, Netherlands. The process was complete on Jan. 2, 1996 at 1:40 p.m. This World Court at the Hague settles disputes between nations. The members of this court do recognize that the Republic of Texas is a nation apart from the jurisdiction of the (corporate) U.S. government. The Republic of Texas is a common law nation.

Does the author of the article know more about law than the members of the World Court?

The author quotes Thomas Halpern, an Anti-Defamation League researcher, "it seems to us that this is another aspect of the anti-governmental actions of recent years."

Well, Abraham Lincoln has been quoted as saying, "We the people are the rightful master of both Congress and the courts — not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it."

The author of the article mentions "unlawful common law" — that is similar to saying black angus cattle are not black.

I have heard that there are a lot of people hired to work full time writing articles twisting the truth to help keep the masses confused.

Thank you,
Lavell Eicke
Snyder

Noah says thanks

Dear Editor,

The Noah Project-West staff and Advisory Committee would like to extend a special thanks to all of those who helped make our annual barbecue fund-raiser at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church a success once again this year. Whether you enjoyed the delicious food, volunteered your time, or contributed a generous donation, all was appreciated.

The continued community support of Noah Project-West, a participating United Way Agency, is greatly appreciated and essential for us to continue to serve victims of family violence and make a positive difference in the lives of those in need. It also enables us to educate the communities we serve by raising awareness of the issues and solutions concerning family violence.

Sincerely,
Dee Wilson
Service Area Director

Coach is first class

Dear Editor,

The Snyder High School basketball program was put under scrutiny last week in a letter to the editor ("Needed: a winning tradition"). The underlying message of that piece was an attempt to crucify Coach Bud Birks in our town newspaper.

I am a former player who participated in the Snyder basketball program from 1990-1993.

During this time period, the basketball program was run by Coach Birks. I was a part of hours and hours of hard practice, played close to 100 games wearing a Snyder jersey, and enjoyed the times where your teammate was your brother and you would do anything for them. On the other hand, I have been witness to the bad times. I have seen how the egos and attitudes of players can literally tear a team apart. From this perspective, I am going to give you my personal views on why our basketball program has suffered over the last few years.

When a team suffers, the first person to come under fire is the coach. It puzzles me that no one has ever put some of the blame on the players. The people on the court are the ones who control whether they win or lose. They are the ones who miss the easy layups, take ill-advised shots and commit the turnovers. There have been numerous times in the games played today and in the past where the difference between winning and losing could be attributed by the number of free throws the players have missed.

There is a way to avoid these problems. The players have to make a year-round commitment to basketball. Coach Birks goes out of his way to make the gym accessible to his players every day of the year. However, when only a couple of players take advantage of this, little help is being done to the team. The team as a whole needs to be dedicated enough to play in the gym year round. The players need to take responsibility in enhancing their skills so that they will be better prepared for the upcoming season.

The coach should not have to spend any time disciplining his players because the players should give him the respect he deserves as a coach and as an adult. Some players and some parents take the attitude that Coach Birks doesn't have a clue. This is the greatest form of disrespect that anyone can show to the Snyder basketball program and Coach Birks. It does nothing but tear a team apart by creating conflicting attitudes that eventually have to be confronted. All this does is strip the team of talent needed for the toughest district in the state of Texas.

Coach Birks has spent all his life in the game of basketball. It amazes me how some people, whose only knowledge of basketball is the previous night's Sportscenter, seem to know more about coaching than him. Coach Birks is nothing less than a benefit to the Snyder basketball program. I wish I had half of the work ethic and professionalism that Coach Birks displays year in and year out. Few people take into account the countless hours that Coach Birks spends watching game films and preparing strategy so that his teams will be prepared for each game.

Also, there is no one who cares more about his players, both past and present, than Coach Birks and his family. The pressure Coach Birks and his family undergo each season is unrelentless. From a former player, Coach Birks and his family have nothing less than all my admiration and respect.

Sincerely,
Chris Stansell
Snyder

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The new childhood killer

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Anywhere in the nation, old cemeteries — especially small country and family cemeteries — tell heartbreaking tales about 19th-century and early 20th-century America. There are often rows of gravestones informing us that several children from a family, or a number of children from a community, all died in the same year, or even in the same month.

The childhood killers of those days are under control today. Families do not have to live in fear of epidemics of diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever and mumps — all of which used to menace entire populations of children.

Through progress and inattention to basic values, however, we have replaced those threats with other menaces.

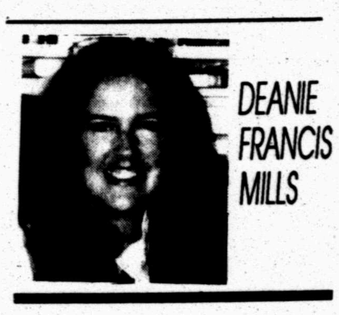
According to a new report from Johns Hopkins University, in this century trauma replaced disease as the big threat to America's children. Motor vehicle accidents are the No. 1 killer of those aged 1 to 19. Firearm deaths are No. 2. Indeed, firearms are the No. 1 cause of death for young men 15-19.

The Johns Hopkins report draws no moral from its figures. It offers no solutions. But is obvious that there is no inoculation against the unwise use of technology (many more young people die in automobiles than died in buggies or on horseback last century) or the societal stresses that lead to rampant violence.

Kid-on-kid violence has grown worse with the availability of firearms among children, and to that degree it is a manmade epidemic — one with no counterpart in American history, not even in the urban slums of the 19th century.

What will history say of a society that conquered age-old childhood diseases but then armed its children so that they could murder one another?

What about that movie deal?



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

Most everytime I stop and visit with anybody in town, they want to know what I've heard about any of my books being made into movies. Most people really have no idea how that process works and everybody seems to be curious, so I'm going to use my space to answer the questions I get asked most often:

Q: I've been watching to see when "Darkroom" is going to be on TV, and it hasn't yet. Why not?

A: There is a difference between having the film rights to your book sold and having them optioned. When a studio or a producer buys the option on a book, they may pay as little as $1,000, or as much as a million bucks to the author against a future purchase of the rights. What this means is that this studio or actor or producer or whoever it is, then has the exclusive right, for one year, to get the movie-making process underway. If nothing happens after that year, he or she may renew that option for more money and one more year, if the author agrees.

Once a studio has backed the project, a star or two is signed on, a screenwriter has been hired to write the screenplay, then the process is indeed underway, but the author does not get paid the **full amount** for the sale of his or her rights until something called **photography** begins. In other words, the day they start shooting the movie on the set, the deal is made final and the author is paid anywhere from, say, as little as $25,000 for a TV movie, (a mini-series gets much more), to several hundred thousand or even more than a million dollars for a feature film.

"Darkroom" was optioned for several thousand bucks against a purchase price of $40,000, for a TV movie. After one year, the producer renewed the option, but after that year, when all the networks and cable channels had passed on the project, he let it drop. It seems that in 1990, the networks were afraid to run a movie which dealt with child pornogrphy. Go figure.

Q: What's the difference between a feature film and a TV or cable movie, and why do you get so much more money for a feature film?

A: A feature film is a movie which is shown in movie theaters around the world, and then rereleased on tape for video rentals or sales. It will also most likely be shown on one of the movie channels and pay-per-view. When a feature film is made of a book, the publisher always republishes the book, with the stars' faces on the cover, which in turn generates more sales for the book and more interest in the movie. There are all sorts of opportunities for money to be made on the project.

A TV-movie, however, is usually only shown once, to the limited audience which will be watching that particular channel on that particular night. The publisher does not re-publish the book, and it doesn't necessarily help the author to get a higher advance on the next book.

A feature film, however, especially one with top box-office stars, can catapult an author to the top immediately. Many people do not realize that John Grisham's "The Firm" was rejected by no less than TWENTY publishers. Then legendary film producer/director Mike Nichols optioned it for $500,000 — which then set off a bidding war between those very same publishers who hadn't wanted it before.

Q: Didn't Sam Elliott read one of your books and want to make a movie out of it? What happened to that?

A: The producer who optioned "Darkroom" is a man by the name of Ronald R. Schwary. His film credits include many fine movies, such as "Tootsie," "A Soldier's Story," "Ordinary People," "Havana," "The Scent of a Woman," and "Sabrina." (The one with Harrison Ford.) Though he couldn't get a movie made of "Darkroom," he fell in love with "Trapdoor," (which was published in the United States as "Love Me Not.") He showed the book to Sam Elliot, the great actor who does many Westerns and Louis L'Amour stories, and the actor was very much interested in working with Mr. Schwary on a small, independent film which would be marketed to, say, the TNT network, or Fox, or HBO.

But in the middle of all the negotiations, producer/director Sidney Pollack called on Mr. Schwary to leave California and help him with "Sabrina," which was filming in New York. Within a week, Mr. Schwary was in New York, and remained there for a full year, working on "Sabrina." Right now, he is back in New York, working on a film called, "The Mirror Has Two Faces," with Barbra Streisand, Jeff Bridges, and Lauren Bacall. He is still very much interested in making "Trapdoor," but has had to shelve the project for the time being. It is my good fortune and my bad luck that he is so highly sought after in the business that he works all the time on locations all over the world.

But I'm patient. It took "Forrest Gump" ten years to get made. Persistence pays.

Q:So whatever happened with the film rights to the book you had auctioned in New York last summer?

A: The book, which was titled, "Mourn Not the Dead," but has been re-titled (so far) "Recoil," dealt with paramilitary right-wing extremists and has already started to attract international attention

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Missing Vietnam vet turns up after 17 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-six years after he disappeared without a trace in Vietnam and 17 years after the Army declared him dead, Master Sgt. Mateo Sabog has turned up alive. And to top it off, the 73-year-old man is still in the Army.

Until several days ago, every sign pointed to Sabog's being a casualty of the Vietnam War. His name is on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial as having died in the war, and just last April the Vietnamese returned human remains they said were his.

Several days ago he proved these reports of his death to have been premature.

Sabog showed up at a Social Security Administration office in Georgia one day in late February to apply for benefits. It's not yet clear how he managed to stay institutionally invisible all those years or why he chose to reappear now.

Unable to produce any personal papers to prove his identity, Sabog referred the Social Security office to his brother, Kenneth, in Hawaii. The brother, who had tried unsuccessfully to find Sabog years earlier, called Army headquarters in Washington on Feb. 26 saying the missing soldier had been spotted in Rossville, Ga.

A fingerprint examination showed Sabog was the missing Vietnam vet.

"This is a shock to us," said his sister-in-law, Kay Sabog, today in Hawaii. "We had no knowledge of his whereabouts or if he were alive. We assumed he was dead and gone."

She said Kenneth Sabog and two other brothers will leave for Georgia on Monday for a reunion with their long-missing brother.

Sabog was undergoing a full medical examination Thursday at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, near Augusta, Ga. The Army said it was trying to reconstruct events and records but so far had no explanation for the bizarre case.

"We are treating Master Sergeant Sabog like a long lost soldier returned," Col. Don Maple, an Army spokesman, said Thursday. He's not only returned, but back in the fold; though in frail health the Army is putting him back on active duty.

Because he was never properly discharged, Army rules require that the paperwork be done to put him on the active duty rolls before he can be let go, Maple said.

"Being in the Army is more than a state of mind," Maple said.

Sabog, a native of the Philippines, entered the Army in Hawaii on Dec. 15, 1945.

He originally was declared a deserter after his disappearance in Saigon in February 1970, but after an unsuccessful FBI search, the Army in September 1979 declared him legally dead, effective March 26, 1970.

Maple said Sabog apparently was living alone in Rossville, Ga., for many years.

Sabog's reappearance was first reported by The Washington Times on Thursday. The newspaper said Sabog, on his return flight to the United States from Vietnam in 1970, got off the plane in California although he was supposed to continue on to a new assignment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Times account said Sabog remained on the West Coast for a number of years before moving to Georgia. Maple said the Army did not know if he was in California.

Asked about the case, the Army released a chronology indicating that Sabog was last seen on Feb. 25, 1970, when he was shipping out from the headquarters of the 507th Transportation Group in Saigon, South Vietnam.

He was not missed by the authorities at Fort Bragg because of an administrative glitch: The post was never informed that Sabog had orders to report there, Maple said.

It was not until 1973, when Sabog's family in Hawaii asked the Army to help find him, that the Army realized he was missing, Maple said. In June 1974, the Army declared him a deserter, but that status was changed to presumed dead in 1979.

In July 1993, the Pentagon's office in charge of POW and MIA affairs told the Army that Sabog's name would be added to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial as having died in the war.

Last April, the POW-MIA office informed Sabog's brother that remains that the Vietnam government had indicated were Sabog's had been recovered.

Housekeeper locks employer in trunk

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Eighty-four-year-old Vernon Laughon lay curled in the trunk of his car without food or water for two days, seeing light only once during his captivity — when his housekeeper lifted the lid to ask him if her forgery of his check looked authentic.

"I said, 'Yeah, sure, and when you gonna ...' and she slammed the door shut tight and went on driving," he recalled Thursday.

Laughon yelled for help until he was hoarse and pleaded with Mitzi Jean Horton to let him out as she drove around town pawning his VCR, ring and watch and spending the $140 she stole from his apartment along with his checkbook.

Finally, after a urine-soaked Laughon had lost hope, police opened the trunk and freed the old man. A woman who had caught a ride with Mrs. Horton and had heard thumps and shouts from the trunk had tipped off police.

On Wednesday, Ms. Horton pleaded guilty to robbery and abduction and could get life plus 20 years in prison.

Laughon, a widower, said he hopes the 31-year-old housekeeper gets a break when she is sentenced in May. "She didn't kill me," he explained in an interview.

Laughon said he still doesn't understand why the housekeeper he befriended "turned on me like that."

He and Ms. Horton had gone out to buy liquor on Nov. 16 when she snatched a $20 bill from his hand, stopped the car and put him in a chokehold that caused him to pass out.

"She's a mighty big woman, mind you — 5-foot-11 and about 180 pounds," Laughon said. When he came to, the skinny, frail man was inside the trunk along with a tool box, wax cans and a few oily rags, "curled up like a chipmunk in a hole."

He pounded on the trunk, telling Ms. Horton: "Mitzi, you're going to get in serious trouble if you don't let me out of here."

"I'd say, 'Mitzi, when are you going to let me out of here?' 'In 15 minutes,' she'd say. 'In 15 minutes,'" he recalled.

But the minutes turned to hours, and the hours turned to days.

"She said, 'I'm afraid to let you out; you might call the police,'" Laughon said.

During the ordeal, she showed him a forged $100 check from his checkbook. But it was unclear if she ever cashed it; she was not charged with doing so.

House Republicans want to add to Senate health insurance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders say they are determined to expand health insurance coverage for working Americans, but are setting up a fight with the White House by proposing more than what President Clinton wants.

Eight committee chairmen, led by Republican deputy whip Rep. Dennis Hastert of Illinois, were unveiling a plan Friday for extending health insurance coverage to workers who can't get it. It is expected to be voted on by the full House before the end of the month.

Similar legislation in the Senate is scheduled for a vote in mid-April. In his State of the Union address in January, Clinton won bipartisan applause when he called for passage of that bill, sponsored by Sens. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The House and Senate both want federal law to guarantee that workers who have been covered by group health insurance plans get continuous, unbroken coverage when they change jobs, even with a pre-existing health problem.

Movie deal

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with a major sale to a German publisher. (They will pay me more than my American publisher, Dutton Signet, paid for it.) So far — knock on wood — the Japanese are also very interested and my British publisher has already bought it.

Ron Schwary read the manuscript just as he was finishing up "Sabrina," and immediately began negotiations with my agent.

However, you have to understand, most producers are not the money-men. Studio heads are the money-men. (Most all of them are men.) The agreement made between Mr. Schwary and my agent, Russell Galen, was that the top Hollywood agency, International Creative Management, would shop the book around the studios — with Ron Schwary already attached as the producer. If a deal is struck, it will not be Mr. Schwary who pays me, but the studio. Mr. Schwary would simply shepherd the production of the movie. This fact excites me a great deal, because every film he has ever been associated with has turned out to be a powerful, wonderful story, with top stars and superb production values.

On a recent trip to New York, I met with Ron Schwary for the first time. We had brunch at a luxury hotel on Central Park West and talked about various actors who could play different parts if a movie were made out of one of my books. Schwary said that if my book were made into a movie, they would hire a top screenwriter to do the screenplay, but they would want me to consult on every step of the movie-making process and oversee script changes.

Was I excited? You bet. Was I thrilled? Of course. Will the Snyder Daily News do an article on it if the film rights are optioned or sold and/or a big star signs on? I'm not the editor, but I imagine so.

How can I stand it all? Easy. I'm an old warhorse in this weird and wacky business of books-and-movies. I have a motto which has served me very well through the years.

My motto is: Never Believe Anything Except, Pay to the Order Of. Until I see THOSE words on a check, well, I won't be doing too many double-back flips. Talk is cheap.

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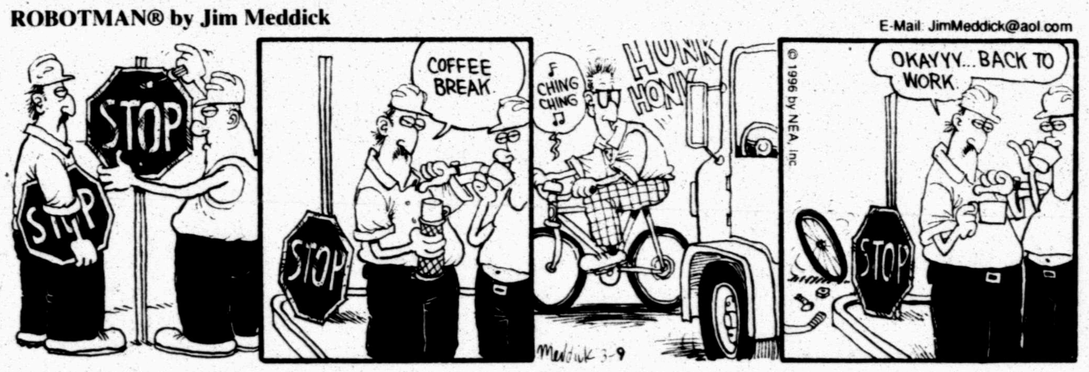


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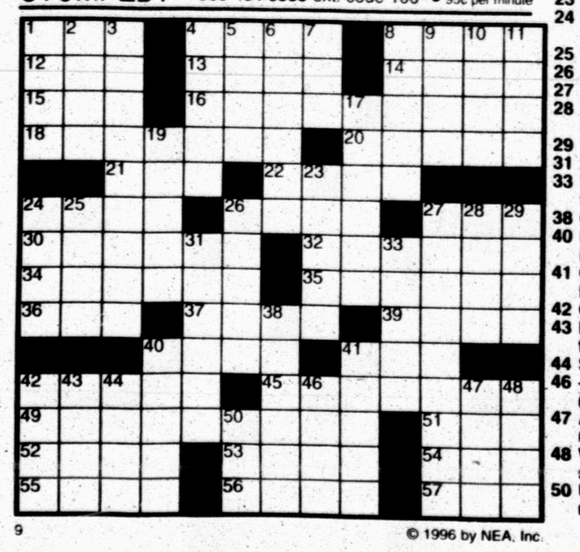
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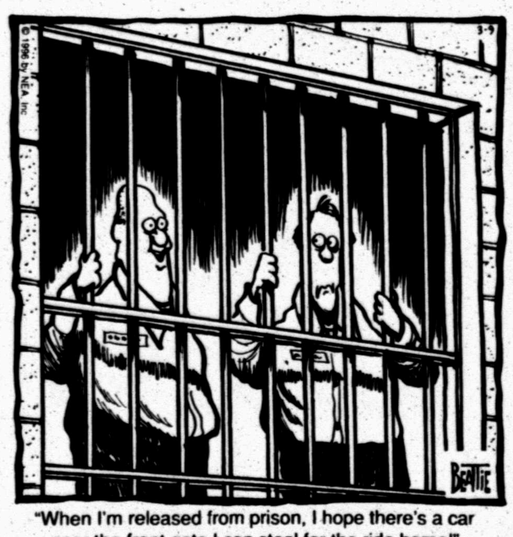
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Douglas County, Colo., is hot. The western Aleutian Islands, Alaska, are not.

The two spots some 3,500 miles apart are at opposite ends of the growth game, according to new Census Bureau figures charting the population changes of the nation's 3,143 counties and similar regions.

The estimates cover population shifts between 1990 and 1995.

In Colorado, minivans and manicured lawns overtook pickup trucks and prairie to make Douglas County the nation's fastest growing.

Douglas County — home to commuters who work in Denver, neighboring Arapahoe County's industrial parks, or Colorado Springs — increased 65 percent over the five years, to a population of 99,577.

Meanwhile, the census area in the western Aleutian Islands, Alaska, lost 45 percent of its population. The decline came as the Navy began shutting down Adak Air Station, a Cold War relic that once kept an eye on Soviet submarines.

The harsh, windswept region's new population: 5,259 and falling.

"Other than some fishing villages out there, it's just islands," said Kathryn Lizik, coordinator of Alaska's Census and Geographic Network.

But Alaskans haven't given up on Adak, about 1,200 miles west of Anchorage. There are all sorts of ideas for using the remote facility after the Navy abandons it.

"They've talked about putting a prison there, or an international trade port, or even tourism," Lizik said. "But it's hard to picture tourists there."

Also listed among the fasted-declining counties was Motley County on the South Plains of West Texas about 60 miles northeast of Lubbock. The mostly agricultural county's population of 1,308 was down 14.6 percent.

According to the 1995 estimates, Los Angeles County was largest, with 9,138,789 people, and Yellowstone National Park was smallest, population 54.

Harris County, metropolitan Houston, was No. 3 with 3,076,867. Its population increase was 9.2 percent, the second biggest increase among the nation's most populous counties after Maricopa County, Ariz., which includes the Phoenix area.

Three of the nation's five fastest-growing counties were in Colorado, which ranks fourth among the fastest-growing states after Nevada, Idaho and Arizona.

Once mostly ranchland, Douglas County has been steadily filling with planned communities for disenchanted city folks since the early 1980s. Two thinly populated counties next door — Elbert and Park — shared its growing spurt, to rank second and fourth among the nation's growth counties.

Elbert increased 51 percent, to 14,565, and Park grew 48 percent, to 10,589.

Job growth in communications and high-tech fields helped Colorado boom, attracting immigrants from California, Texas and the Midwest, said state demographer Jim Westkott.

That's raised worries about traffic, environmental damage and other population problems, but also brought bonuses such as pro baseball and hockey teams, he said.

"Mainly, the attitude of Coloradans is while they are happy to have more jobs, they don't want more people;" Westkott said.

The Census Bureau planned to issue its 1995 statistics in mid-January, but was delayed by a partial shutdown of the federal government. The bureau missed 13 days of work beginning the week before Christmas.

Because they fell behind schedule, Census Bureau officials decided to release the numbers without the normal analysis of why some counties grew and others declined, said demographer Ed Byerly.

The updated estimates are used for planning by local and state governments and businesses, he said. They represent each county's population on July 1, 1995.

Super Tuesday offers lots of delegates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Up next, Super Tuesday may turn out to be Superfluous Tuesday.

Or maybe lock and load Tuesday.

Bob Dole, coming off his strong showing in New York state, could win big enough on Tuesday to make the rest of the primary calendar academic. That would be a gift, allowing him to get out of the dogfight, return to the comfortable, make-things-happen turf of the Senate and start acting leaderly, if not presidential.

The seven Southern and Western states holding primaries on Tuesday — Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Oregon — offer 362 delegates.

Florida alone offers 98 and Texas 123. If Dole wins more than 50 percent of the vote in Texas, he gets all the delegates — the whole enchilada.

In any event, a sweep comparable to that of last Tuesday — when Dole won all eight "Junior Tuesday" primaries, most by convincing margins — could psychologically, if not mathematically, lock up the nomination for Dole.

His remaining two opponents, Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan, could hope then only for a major Dole mistake.

Even if Tuesday doesn't do it for Dole, the following week is full of promise: friendly Midwestern terrain — Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin — with 219 delegates and their Republican governors solidly in Dole's corner.

Texas had been considered incontestable until favorite son Phil Gramm dropped out and endorsed Dole. Buchanan hopes to pick up Gramm's socially and religiously conservative followers in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oregon, which seems to like mavericks of the Ross Perot stripe.

Dole won the endorsements this week of Texas Gov. George Bush and in Florida of Jeb Bush, who narrowly missed being elected governor last year. And he got the blessings of their father, former President Bush.

Forbes' best hope is that his flat tax and tax-cut message catches on with retirees in Florida and Texas. Under his plan, retirement income would be subject to no taxation.

"Texas is a state where people would rather die than pay taxes," says Patricia Hurley, a political scientist at Texas A&M in College Station.

Says Susan MacManus of the University of South Florida in Tampa: "We are one of the most anti-tax states in the country. Last fall a number of counties held local-option sales tax referenda, earmarked for the schools. They were routinely defeated. If Forbes were to dump a lot of money here some people believe he could tap into that anti-tax feeling."

Older people have been voting for Dole. "He shares many of their experiences," notes MacManus. "He shares their historical ups and downs. When he talks, he resonates with this group."

Buchanan's stridency on immigration may work against him in Florida, where the Cuban-background population is heavily Republican, and in Texas, where about a third of the Hispanic population, with Mexican roots, has voted Republican in recent years.

International trade and banking are booming in Florida — not a good omen for Buchanan's anti-free trade message.

Buchanan won in the Republican caucuses in Louisiana and has the backing of Gov. Mike Foster. Dole hasn't campaigned there. Tennessee was thought to be Lamar Alexander's until he dropped out this week.

Air bag safety education proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Automakers want to spend millions to teach Americans about the risks of air bags and to seek tougher state laws requiring the use of seat belts.

The campaign comes as the government's auto safety agency reported Thursday that 15 children were killed by air bags in U.S. crashes, almost double the previously reported figure.

However, air bags also have saved more than 900 lives since 1987, Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration asserted at a Senate hearing.

A recent government investigation showed that 11 of the children who have been killed since air bags began coming into use a decade ago did not wear seat belts or did not use them properly, Martinez said.

The other four were infants in rear-facing child seats who were killed when air bags slammed those seats into the cars' seats. The government has issued multiple warnings against putting a rear-facing infant seat in the front of a car with air bags.

Automakers have responded with a proposal to spend $21 million to lobby states for tougher seat belt laws and to educate the public about the risks of air bags when passengers are not using seat belts.

The automakers want state laws that allow police to ticket passengers not wearing seat belts, said Richard Klimish of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, the lobbying group for American automakers.

Ohio judge vacates convictions

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A judge Thursday threw out the convictions of a couple serving the 11th year of life sentences on child-molestation charges and ordered a new trial.

Judge Richard Parrott said Robert Aldridge, 31, and Jennifer Wilcox, 35, didn't get a fair trial because evidence favorable to them was not disclosed by the government.

The suburban Dayton couple had asked that their convictions be thrown out after three of the six children who testified against them in 1985 recanted their testimony in 1994.

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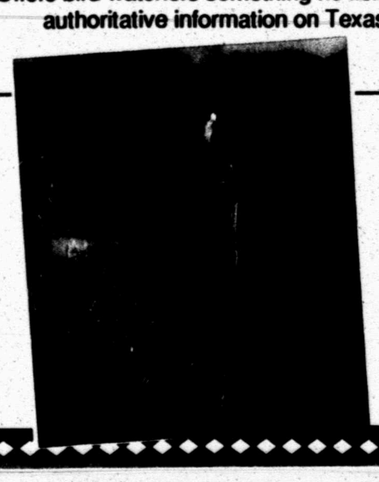
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Ashley Edwards
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Alan Gray
Eric Guadarrama
Jessica Guerrero
Kayla Guerrero
Jerrica Gutierrez
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Justin Hertel
Hadley Hirt
Heather Holmes
Lesli Jackson
Paul Jackson
Patrick Jones
Traci Jordan
Lacey Kincaid
Meggan Minor
Cindy Morin
Marisa Munoz
Cade Owen
Stephanie Parmer
Tony Pena
Emily Pinkston
Heather Polk
Mechelle Renfro
Blake Robertson
Kelsey Shaw
Rusty Smith
Karen Taylor
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Kirlsa Torres
Joshlyn Tovar
Kevin Valdez
Whitney Warner
Kalli Wesson
Logan West
Chelsea Wood
Heather Zajicek
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Kolter Bartels
Jacy Beccue
Lee Ann Benitez
Adam Booker
Eder Borrego
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Briana Burk
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Amanda Covington
Casey Crain
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Abby Foree
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Joshua Hernandez
Sheila Hicks
Jessica Hines
Jason Hook
Matthew Kerr
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Brian Lee
Casey Lozano
Logan Martin
Abel Martinez
Matthew Morris
Casey Newby
Codi Nichols
Raul Olvera
Neel Patel
Cody Pechacek
Brooke Pinkert
Matthew Qualls
Micaela Quiros
Rachel Redman
Phillip Rice
Colton Robertson
Roel Ruiz
Jacob Sargent
Adam Sauceda
Jennifer Schwoerer
Adilene Segura
Christopher Smauley
Jeffrey Stanfield
Courtney Stanley
Jodi Stewart
James Sutton
Carol Tavarez
Brent Tyler
Jose Velasquez
Ryan Ward
Stacey Williamson
Danielle Wright

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Tass Baze
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Mandy Burns
Sarah Crawford
Ashley Darnell
Jordan Dea
Caleb Dickerson
Kelby Drum
Andra Dunham
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Megan Fletcher
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Blake Grimmett
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Rankin Hardin
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Ashley Martinez
Molly Mason
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Tanner Reed
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Jessica Sollis
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Amanda Whitson
Stephanie Williams
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Tiffany Barry
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Shana Blackard
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Zach Cain
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Dustin Bryant
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Kristin Casas
Rachel Cave
Dara Chambers
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Taylor Cotton
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Jacinda Judah
Tyler Kerr
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Trake Lee
Jacob Macias
Veronica Maldonado
Kristina Mayer
Matt McCormick
Josh McGaha
Cindy Nachlinger
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Tyler Pollard
Wendy Proffitt
Hailey Putnam
Brady Reed
Clark Reed
Adam Rodgers
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Bobby Sands
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Matthew Stokes
Afton Sutter
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Tara Trammell
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Patricia Vargas
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Ana Arce
John Bell
Daniel Brown
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Will Davis
Eric Denson
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Michael W. Ashby
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Dannie Webb
Summer White
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Toni Jackson
Fourth Grade
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Josh Hudgins
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Ester Martinez

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T.J. Wood

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Colton Long
Matt Long
Kevin Marshall
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Wesley Kellner
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Justin Taylor

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Tyler Frey
John Gainer
Michelle Nettles

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Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Sixth Grade
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Lecia Knight
Dani White

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Seventh Grade
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Amber Haarmeyer
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Richard Wilkins

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