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Home Of Josie Hernandez

With respiratory problems...

Cogdell Hospital full of patients

There's a lot of hackers in town, lately, and not just the golfing kind.

If there's two people having a visit, chances are the conversation will be interrupted several times with an "excuse me," as one of the two will probably have a pronounced cough.

Colds, respiratory infections and illnesses with flu-like symptoms are making the rounds across the state, and while Snyder is not listed in the latest flu alert - Lubbock, Haskell and Odessa are.

Dallas has been upgraded to the influenza warning stage due to the large number of cases there.

The Dallas Metro area experienced a 95 percent increase in flu cases being reported over the past week. Lubbock's increase is 92 percent.

Cindy Nix, director of the Scurry County Health Unit, said flu shots are still being given at the unit, but the unit has only a few doses left.

"When they're gone, we can't get anymore," Nix said.

Nix added it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to become effective.

The health unit began giving the flu shots in October. Since that time, the health unit has administered 1,630 doses.

The types of flu the vaccine protects against is A/Beijing, A/Sydney and B/Yamanashi, said Stephanie Knipe, health unit nurse.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room physician, Dr. Marcia Odal, said the illnesses began showing up in patients in the emergency room on Christmas Eve.

"We haven't looked up since," said Dr. Odal.

Dr. Odal said a number of persons have been admitted to the hospital through the emergency room, and that the medical floor is full of patients and "flowing over."

"We have had to put patients in the intensive care unit because we didn't have any other place to put them, plus the second floor had six patients on it Friday afternoon," said the doctor.

Dr. Odal said the duration of the flu-like symptoms is about seven days for adults, and longer for young children.

"It seems the younger kids have symptoms for up to 10 days, although they might not feel desperately ill all that time."

The hospital is urging patients to see a private physician for the symptoms if one is available, but if a patient has serious breathing problems, use the hospital's emergency room.

"This is especially true with youngsters," said Dr. Odal who said the major problem with children now is RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus.

This is the most frequent respiratory infection in infants and children younger than four years of age.

Dr. Odal said RSV causes nasal stuffiness and discharge, cough and sometimes ear infections. It may cause a low-grade fever for several days, respiratory tract symptoms that may last for one to two weeks, and a cough that sometimes persists beyond two weeks.

The illness in older children and adults may be very mild, usually causing cold-like symptoms. A person becomes infected by coming in contact with another infected person, or with the secretions from an infected person.

An infant usually acquires the infection from contact with an older family member who may have only the milder, cold-like symptoms.

RSV occurs throughout the year, but mainly in the winter and because it occurs in wide-scale, sudden outbreaks, it is not feasible to prevent normal exposure to the RSV infection.

"When a member of the family is infected, extra precautions may be taken by washing hands often, and preventing the spread of infectious secretions on tissues and objects," said Dr. Odal.



PREPARING FOR THE WIDENING — TXU Electric employees work to move utility poles in preparation for the widening of the east 37th Street. Once completed, the roadway will have four 12-foot travel lanes and a 14-foot continuous left turn lane. The city council is expected to consider an ordinance Monday prohibiting parking along the roadway. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nothing raises one's temperature like being wrong."

It may make good reading or television viewing, but decisions guided by petty personality differences result in poor public policy.

Using a public forum to vent frustration and attack honorable citizens in the community is not warranted nor professional.

County Judge Ricky Fritz on Tuesday blasted the hospital board for doing what they were appointed to do – to take care of hospital business – without compensation and often without even a thank you.

Perhaps not perfectly, but it appears that this and previous hospital boards have done a better-than-adequate job of maintaining quality medical services while facing difficult business obstacles.

First the federal government clamped down on the length of hospital stays and set caps on what they would pay for a medical procedure.

Hospitals around the state began to close, but Cogdell decided to be innovative and opted to associate itself with a larger institution.

Free-standing hospitals continued to close.

Government funding continues to be reduced, thanks to the Federal Budget Balanced Act and the decision by the commissioners court to reduce its $390,000 tax subsidy while the county put tobacco settlement money earmarked for health care into its general fund.

More hospitals are predicted to close this year.

The commissioners court should not be one of the hospital's obstacles.

Instead of being pleased that Snyder has a well-run medical facility, the Fritz-led commissioners court continues to take cheap shots – accusing the board members of violating the state constitution, ignoring legal advice and violating their oath of office.

That's pretty strong stuff. The rub last Tuesday seems to be the fact that the board did not formally vote to change its method of paying bills.

After the bill-paying procedure was questioned a few months ago, a quiet meeting was held to discuss a solution. By the judge's own account, everyone agreed to running the bills before a finance committee, composed of two hospital board members and the county auditor - prior to sending them to the courthouse for final approval and payment.

What was agreed on is exactly what has been done since that agreement. It's time to let go of hurt feelings over an election to lease the hospital and get on with more important matters such as needed hospital renovations, replacement of aging equipment and doctor recruitment.

Some members of the commissioners court on Tuesday expressed a desire for improved communications. We applaud that desire.

But it is necessary to remember that communication is a two-way street. It not only requires speaking, but listening – both of which require an open mind of what's best for the citizens.

Bickering ain't communicating!

Cong. Charlie Stenholm here Wednesday for townhall meet

To discuss Air Force plans for low-level flights

Congressman Charlie Stenholm will be in Snyder Wednesday morning to conduct a townhall meeting at city hall.

It will get underway at 8:30 and conclude at 10.

Mark Lundgren, staffer in the congressman's Stamford office, said Stenholm had previously scheduled a meeting in Snyder, but word that the Air Force has designated the Snyder area as the site of a new low-level flight training area caused the meeting to be scheduled this week.

"Congressman Stenholm told me we needed to get to Snyder as soon as possible," Lundgren said.



Stenholm

"We will address the Air Force issue, and if we don't have answers to the questions, we will find out what the answers are," Lundgren added.

In-service and registration set for WTC for spring semester

Spring in-service 2000 at Western Texas College will be held Monday through Wednesday, with registration getting underway Thursday.

The opening session of in-service will start at 11:45 a.m. Monday with a lunch buffet for all faculty and staff.

At 1:30 p.m., a meeting on campus security will be held for all staff and faculty in the science lecture hall.

A division chair meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Monday and the scholarship/financial aid committee will convene at 3 p.m. in the college boardroom.

In-service gets underway on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. with new faculty and staff orientation and new hiring training.

Academic faculty will gather at 10:30 a.m. in the science lecture hall followed by all faculty gathering at 11 a.m. for a technology update. At 1:30 p.m., divisional meetings will get underway around campus and vocational faculty will gather in the conference room of the workforce training center.

On Wednesday, in-service continues with an interactive television refresher and update beginning at 9 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center.

A Faculty Association meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in room 2B-110.

An admissions hearing will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the college board room.

In-service will wrap up following a stress management meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the science lecture hall.

Residence halls open at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The registration schedule is as follows.

Sophomores will register from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday using the following schedule.

Persons with last names A-F will register at 8:30 a.m. while students G-O will register at 9:30 a.m. Registration begins at 10:30 for persons with last names P-Z.

Freshman students will register from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Freshmen with last names A-F will begin registering at 1:30 p.m. while those with last names G-O start at 2:30 p.m.

Registration starts at 3:30 p.m. for freshman students with last names P-Z.

Evening students register from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Classes toward an associates degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, along with vocational programs welding, criminal justice, golf and landscape technology, early childhood education and licensed vocational nursing.

For a complete schedule, see pages 6B and 7B in today's edition.

Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The last day to register for classes or to add or change a class is Jan. 24.

Not the best ginning season, but 'better'

Cotton ginning season in Scurry County is coming to a close as two of the three gins have completed their work for this season.

The total number of bales ginned will reach 27,000 when Farmer's Co-Op Gin concludes ginning cotton equal to 500 bales which is on their yard.

The total stands at 26,480 right now, not a banner year by any means, but six times what the gins produced last year.

The total last year was right at 4,000 bales, said gin manager Rob Robinson.

Farmer's Co-Op will gin just over 12,000 bales this year, as compared to 1,200 last year.

The Inadale Co-Op Gin finished with a total of 11,762 bales, as compared to 2,600 the previous year, said manager David Server.

Scurry County Gin produced 3,558 bales, a marked improvement over the 200 last year, said owner Jim Edmondson.

While local ginning totals do not come close to counties to the west, all the ginners are optimistic about the coming year.

And this was before the year's first rainfall on Friday.

Snyder's water plant recorded .67 of an inch of moisture.

Moisture fell Friday afternoon and evening throughout the county and .9 inches were recorded in the Hermleigh area.

Seven-tenths of an inch fell at Dunn.

Additional rainfall totals can be found on Page 13.

ASK US

Q—Is it illegal to hold paintball games?

A—Sheriff Darren Jackson said it is not illegal as long as the people participating have permission to be on the property where the game is occurring.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 45 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Saturday, 38; .62 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, Low, lower 30s, SW wind 5-10 mph; Sunday, partly cloudy, high around 60, W wind 10-20 mph.



Daniel Peterson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:58 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:44 a.m.
Of 7 days in 2000, the sun has shone 7 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Believe that you have it, and you have it.
—Latin Proverb

SEC suing Arizona firm and others in alleged fraud case

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission is accusing a Scottsdale-based oil and gas company and four others of securities fraud in an $8 million oil well scheme.

Petro Resources Corp. of Scottsdale and its president, Samuel McClintock, are named as defendants in a civil suit filed late Thursday in federal district court in Orange County, Calif.

Other defendants are Austral Oil & Exploration Inc. of Sulphur, La., and its president, Myron Palermo, and three alleged "boiler room" operations: ITS Consulting Inc. of Newport Beach, Calif.; Integrity Financial Group of Montreal; and Tritech Investment Group of Laguna Beach, Calif.

Palermo denied any wrongdoing.

"I didn't have anything to do with raising the money. All I did was drill the wells," he said Friday.

The Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix, said McClintock and other principals of Petro Resources and ITS could not be reached for comment.

According to the complaint, Petro Resources and Austral obtained oil leases in Oklahoma and Texas and then contracted with ITS Consulting and its president, Alan B. Baiocchi, to raise money from investors to drill wells on the leases.

Baiocchi and his associates directed the sale of securities from Newport Beach, "through a 'boiler room' involving unsolicited cold calls and high pressure sales techniques," the suit said.

The SEC alleged that Baiocchi directed similar sales through Integrity and Tritech.

About $8 million was raised from about 400 investors contacted nationwide from January 1996 through July 1997, the SEC said.

A few investors received a small amount of their investment money back, and a small amount may have been used for oil production, but investors lost most of their money, said Don Hoerl, associate regional director of the SEC office in Denver, which conducted the investigation.

During the telephone calls, investors were promised "fantastic" returns but were not told of risks in the venture or that most of their money would go to sales commissions, he said.

"Some were told they were buying an interest in two wells, one a new well that was to be drilled and a second well that was already producing," Hoerl said. "If the first well didn't pan out, they were told they could still make a fantastic amount of money from the producing well."

Others were told that if the new well was successful, they would be called back for "completion funds . . . and many were called back a second time," he said.

"All of the defendants misrepresented . . . facts to investors or prospective investors," either orally by sales people or through offering documents, the suit said. It also said none of the securities nor the brokers and dealers were registered with the SEC.

The agency asked the court for an injunction to prevent further sales plus an accounting and return of money to investors and unspecified civil fines.

Palermo said he used about $750,000 raised by Baiocchi and associates to drill two new wells and re-enter two previously drilled wells. Only one of the four projects produced any oil, and it was marginal, he said.

TSU's absentee regent won't quit

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas Southern University regent who has not attended a board meeting since 1998 refuses to resign — even though he does not plan to return.

Gene Moore told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions that he does not want to step down yet because he "doesn't want anybody to think they strong-armed me into quitting.

"They have enough people to do what they need to do," Moore said, referring to other regents. "I am not a problem for them."

But Board of Regents Chairman Willard Jackson and others say they want Moore to resign so Gov. George W. Bush find someone else for the post.

None of the regents or anyone working at TSU has spoken to Moore for more than a year, Jackson said.

"At this point, Gene's commitment to TSU is clear," Jackson said. "It's appropriate for him to step aside. We need all the help we can get."

In July 1998, some TSU board members voted out Jackson in favor of Moore. Weeks later, Jackson was reinstated after he contended the election was not publicly posted before the meeting.

Moore attended a September 1998 board meeting, where Jackson officially was voted chairman again. Moore has skipped all subsequent meetings, TSU records show.

"I kind of took a break," Moore said. "I wanted to let some things heal. I'm contemplating giving an official resignation, but I'm really not sure."

Regents at Texas public universities are unpaid. They are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. They approve university budgets, evaluate presidents and raise funds.

The governor rarely calls for politically appointed regents to quit. It's also rare for regents to oust a peer.

"The governor expects every appointee to live up to their commitment to be as active as possible," Bush spokesman Mike Jones told the Chronicle. "In the past, (Moore) has been contacted and urged to renew his attendance at board meetings."

But TSU regents have complained that Moore's absence slows their efforts to stabilize the school's finances and administration. During last year's legislative session, several regents commuted to Austin to assure lawmakers of the school's turnaround.

"This is really aggravating," said regent Fred Zeidman at the December board meeting. "It's ridiculous how hard we're working and not everyone is here to share the load."

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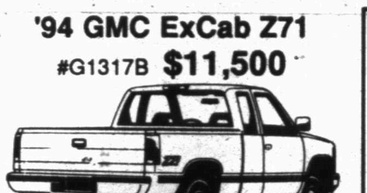
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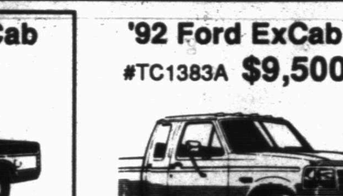
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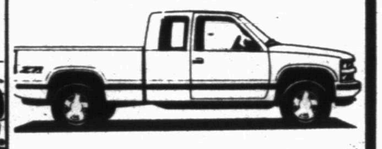
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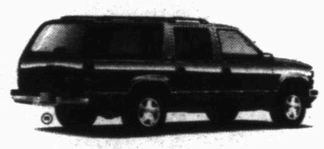
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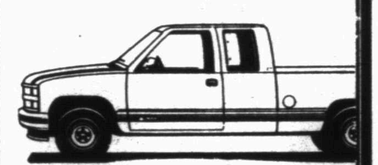
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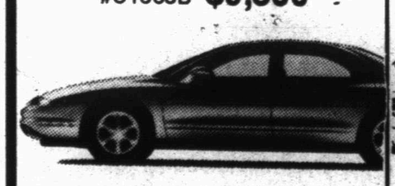
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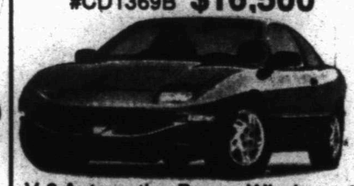
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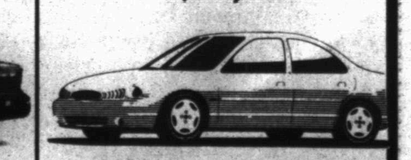
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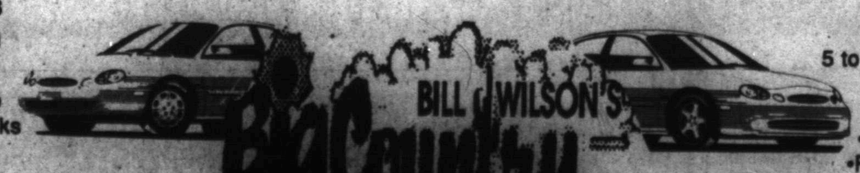
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Judge backs test for Texas schools, rejects challenge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In a ruling that could affect exams across the country, a federal judge has upheld Texas' high school graduation test and rejected claims that it discriminates against blacks and Hispanics.

U.S. District Judge Edward Prado said that while more minorities fail the test, there is no proof that flaws in it are responsible. He also ruled that the state is using the test to identify and fix disparities in education for whites and minorities.

"The system is not perfect, but the court cannot say that it is unconstitutional," Prado wrote in Friday's ruling.

Texas is one of 19 states that require high school students to pass an exit test before graduation. Texas began its exam in 1990, and it is at the heart of the state's education accountability system often cited by Gov. George W. Bush in his GOP presidential bid. Bush took office in 1995.

"I'm really pleased. The federal court made the right decision in confirming our strong accountability system," Bush said while campaigning in Columbia, S.C.

The Texas exam, which measures reading, writing and math proficiency, is first given to high school students in 10th grade. If they do not pass, they have at least seven more chances to take it before graduation and may continue to attempt it after completing all their class work.

Last spring, 60 percent of black sophomores, 64 percent of Hispanic sophomores and 86 percent of white sophomores passed the test.

The test was challenged by two Hispanic rights groups and several minority students who claimed they were harmed by the test. They alleged that 20 percent of Hispanics and blacks end up failing on all of their attempts, compared with 10 percent of white students.

The plaintiffs were considering an appeal, said their lead attorney, Al Kauffman. "Minority students are the ones left holding the bag after this opinion," he said.

One black plaintiff, Rhonda Boozer, 25, of Fort Worth, testified that she completed her high school class work and hoped to go to college. Ms. Boozer said she ended up working as an assistant in a nursing home after failing portions of the test five times and not being allowed to graduate.

The plaintiffs sought to ban the standardized test as a requirement for a diploma. They did not object to letting schools use the test to monitor students' progress.

The plaintiffs alleged the standardized test discriminates because of the way it is put together and because schools attended mostly by minorities tend to be in poor, low-performing districts that don't offer an equal opportunity to learn.



TIGER COUNTRY STONES — Stepping stones with the head of the Snyder High School Tiger mascot shaped on it, along with the words "Tiger Country," are being sold by the sophomore class. The stones are $12.50 and orders will be taken at the next two home basketball games or by calling SHS at 573-6301. From left are Bailey Stoker, sophomore class president; Morgan Miller, secretary; Craig Bowen, who suggested the project; Jay Scott, treasurer; and Andra Lancaster, vice president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Charges may be doubled

NEW YORK (AP) — Credit companies are warning consumers that their credit cards might get charged more than once because some merchants failed to update computer software for the year 2000.

Visa and Mastercard said Friday they have checks in place to catch duplicate charges, but suggested that customers review their credit card statements. They said the majority of transactions are going through without problems.

The culprit is IC Verify software from CyberCash, which makes electronic transaction processing software. About 100,000 merchants use the software, and the glitch affects all types of credit and debit cards. The company offered free fixes last year, but some merchants didn't get them.

As a result, merchants using the outdated software are charging customers over and over for the same purchase. For example, a customer's credit card gets charged $400 Monday for a new TV purchased that day. The card is again charged $400 on Tuesday, another $400 on Wednesday, and so on, until the software is fixed.

The Y2K bug usually stems from a programming practice of using only two digits to represent the year, so "00" might be misread as 1900. In this case, the problem occurs because of the way the software names its files.

The software keeps monthly records using the last digit of the year, "0," followed by the month, "01." However, "001" corresponds with another file that contains charges not yet posted. So when the software adds up payments at the end of each day, it wrongly interprets items in the monthly paid file as outstanding charges.

CyberCash spokeswoman Sydney Rubin said many merchants made the upgrades, but CyberCash received a flood of calls late this week from merchants who still need them.

Trooper wanted party with KKK hoods

HOUSTON (AP) — A fired black state trooper who claims he was hurt by a birthday party in which his white co-workers donned Ku Klux Klan hoods requested the party himself, a former supervisor says.

Sgt. Roy Henry, who managed the Livingston Department of Public Safety office for 16 years, told the Houston Chronicle that Darron Anderson, now 35, requested the birthday party after seeing photographs of a similar party thrown for another black trooper four years earlier.

A spokesman for Anderson called the story "an outright lie."

Anderson came forward Wednesday with a collection of Polaroids apparently snapped at his 24th birthday party, held in a Livingston DPS office in November 1989. He said he was blindfolded, then opened his eyes to find himself surrounded by officers masked in the style of the infamous white supremacy group.

The department is investigating the incident. Two officers in the photos have since retired.

Now 34, Anderson was fired from the agency in late November after being indicted for allegedly burning his own truck, then filing an insurance claim.

The fired trooper contends he suffered a nervous breakdown as a result of the birthday party and other acts of discrimination by co-workers. Anderson made the 10-year-old photographs public just one day before a hearing in a Coldspring, Texas, court.

Anderson has appealed to get his job back. His attorney says he will use an insanity defense against the arson charge.

State District Judge Robert Trapp ordered a psychiatric evaluation of Anderson at Thursday's hearing.

Anderson was one of five black troopers to work in the small Livingston office where he remained until his termination. Three moved on to other DPS bureaus. One was hired recently.

Henry, who acknowledged that such a party would be unacceptable today, said Robert Johnson, the other black trooper who had a Klan-themed birthday party thrown for him in 1984, should have been the one who was upset.

"His party was a total surprise," Henry told the newspaper. "When Darron Anderson came in 1988, he saw an old photograph of that party. He said, 'That's neat. I'd like to have one like that.' So the ladies in the office threw him one like that."

The hoods were actually pieces of copy paper stapled together, said Henry. Workers wore the paper hoods when Anderson walked into the station. They sang Happy Birthday to Anderson and then removed them, he said.

Johnson, who now works for DPS in Tyler, said he was not offended by the 1984 party.

"Looking back at it then, it was just a fun situation. It was just a joke," Johnson said. "Thinking back on it it might not have been in good taste to do something like that, but I knew the guys who did it."

Henry said a party in which white officers dressed as Klansmen probably should never have occurred in the first place. The second party was planned only because Anderson asked for it, he said.

"That's what is upsetting all the troopers around here. They feel like they're being blasted for something they didn't initiate," Henry said. "They didn't start the process."

Farm Bureau faces challenge

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's largest farm organization is facing a challenge to preserve the agricultural economy and a fight for its leadership.

The American Farm Bureau Federation's Houston convention next week includes a bid against the group's long-standing president by a Columbus farmer who is president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Bob Stallman, a Colorado County rice farmer, will challenge longtime AFBF president Dean Kleckner. The Iowa hog farm owner has headed the organization for the past 14 years.

Recently, Stallman was elected to his seventh one-year term as president of the Texas Farm Bureau. He reportedly has emphasized trade in his campaign and criticized his opponent's partisanship.

Collapse of the nation's agricultural economy tops the agenda for the largest U.S. farm organization, with 5 million members.

Harley Savage, a Bay City rice grower, said prices are among the lowest he's seen since he started growing the crop in 1950.

Farmers and ranchers, already reeling from low prices in 1999, have little to look forward to as the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts that net income will decline by nearly $4 billion this year.

"Farmers are usually the most disorganized group in the world, but now everybody is on the same page, they all want more for what they are growing," Savage told the Houston Chronicle.

Savage believes trade barriers have depressed prices. Farmers face political embargoes that block sales to such countries as Cuba, Iraq and Iran and a combination of trade barriers such as tariffs that block them from sales in Europe.

Joe Fields, spokesman for the Farm Bureau, which is based in Park Ridge, Ill., said the bad mood resulting from a "pretty rough year" will surface during discussions on federal farm policy.

"There is a farm price crisis. The market prices are so low, a lot are not even breaking even," said Fields. "The causes are numerous — it is a global problem."

He said some government promises about taking down trade restrictions, made when the federal farm bill was passed, have not been kept.

On Wednesday and Thursday, 385 voting delegates from 50 states will work through a list of resolutions that will become the organization's official policy for the coming year.

About 5,000 farmers and ranchers are expected to attend the conferences, trade show and business meeting in the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Father accused of injury to minor

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — A man has been arrested after police say he let his 2-year-old son take a puff of his cigarette at a restaurant.

Andrew Mason, 36, of Wilton was arrested on a warrant Tuesday afternoon and charged with risk of injury to a minor.

Norwalk police were contacted last October by the state Department of Children and Families after an agency employee witnessed the alleged smoking incident.

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Court-martial ahead for officer over anthrax vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Air Force major said Friday he faces a court-martial for refusing to take the anthrax vaccine because he fears it could jeopardize his health.

Maj. Sonnie Bates, a pilot stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, is believed to be the highest-ranking military officer facing court-martial for refusing to follow a direct order to take the shot.

The Defense Department has ordered the anthrax vaccine to be administered to all 2.4 million active duty and reserve military troops as protection against biological warfare. More than 380,000 service members have started the six-shot regimen.

More than 200 military personnel have refused to take the vaccine because they fear its safety, Pentagon officials say.

Bates could have accepted a so-called Article 15, a nonjudicial punishment provided under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. But he said that would not solve his problem because his commander would simply order him again to take the shots, restarting the disciplinary process.

"I'm facing a court-martial," Bates said in a telephone interview.

His military lawyer, Capt. Bill Burke, said a court-martial was the standard next step in such cases. In refusing the Article 15 on Friday, Bates' only other option was to demand a court-martial even though he has offered since November to resign his commission instead.

"After 13 years of exemplary service to my country, I am willing to give up my job, my rank, and everything I have worked for to avoid taking an unsafe drug," Bates said in a letter to the Air Force explaining his decision.

In testifying before a congressional committee in October, Bates said he became concerned about taking the shot after he found a dozen people in his squadron had "unusual or disabling illnesses that did not exist prior to the anthrax vaccine and the causes are unknown."

He said the conditions included autoimmune disorders, crippling bone or joint pain, memory loss, inability to concentrate, thyroid damage, liver damage and cysts around the heart.

"I can only conclude the vaccine poses an undue risk," Bates said in his letter.

Bates regards the shots as experimental and said a soldier's consent should be required for the vaccine. He cannot afford to get sick because he must provide financially for his wife and three children, including an autistic son, he said.

Maj. Frank Smolinsky, a public affairs officer at Dover, said the Air Force could not comment on Bates' case specifically.



LESSON IN LIFE — Drill Sgt. Terri Kincaid assists S.T.A.R. bootcamp students (from left) Brandon Leatherwood, Benjamin Dominguez and S.L. Davis "purchase" groceries at Lawrence IGA. The trip was an experiment to teach S.T.A.R. recruits budgeting skills and the value of money. (SDN Staff Photo)

Date Books

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000
Today is the eighth day of 2000 and the 18th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, an anarchist uprising took place in Jerez, Spain.

On this day in 1989, the second-longest-running musical on Broadway, "42nd Street" closed. Ten million people saw the show during its eight-year run.

On this day in 1993, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp depicting Elvis Presley.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Carroll (1735-1815), clergyman; Jose Ferrer (1912-1992), actor; Soupy Sales (1926-), comedian, is 74; Bill Graham (1931-1991), rock music entrepreneur; Elvis Presley (1935-1977), singer; Shirley Bassey (1937-), singer, is 63; David Bowie (1947-), musician, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Jack Nicklaus made his first appearance at a professional golf tournament, placing 50th and winning $33.33 at the Los Angeles Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The only obligation to which in advance we may hold a novel, without incurring the accusation of being arbitrary, is that it be interesting." — Henry James

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 6) and first quarter (Jan. 14).

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000
Today is the ninth day of 2000 and the 19th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1793, Jean-Pierre Blanchard made the first successful balloon flight in the United States. President George Washington and other government officials were present to observe the flight.

On this day in 1968, Surveyor 7 landed safely on the moon.

On this day in 1994, Belgian officials gave President Clinton a saxophone from Dinant, Belgium, the birthplace of the instrument's inventor, Adolphe Sax.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), women's rights leader; George Balanchine (1904-1983), choreographer; Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986), writer; Richard Nixon (1913-1994), U.S. president; Judith Krantz (1928-), writer, is 72; Bart Starr (1934-), football great, is 66; Bob Denver (1935-), actor, is 65; Joan Baez (1941-), singer, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 120-104. During the game, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 39 points.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The struggle for the vote was an effort to bring men to feel less superior and women to feel less inferior." — Carrie Chapman Catt

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 6) and first quarter (Jan. 14).

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S.T.A.R. students learn lessons in life

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Six S.T.A.R. bootcamp students learned a lesson in life recently that hopefully will remain with them long after the echoes of a drill sergeant's voice have faded.

The six were divided into two teams in an experiment to learn just how it is to try to make a living on a minimum wage salary.

The two teams were taken to Lawrence IGA to "purchase" groceries.

Drill Sgt. Willard Norman and Drill Sgt. Terri Kincaid were the two team leaders and each team went with the scenario that they were roommates purchasing groceries to last them for the next couple of weeks.

The experiment taught the students the value of teamwork as well as budgeting.

"We are teaching them how to budget money," Kincaid said. "We are also teaching them the importance of money and how hard it to come by and how people work for it."

Both Norman and Kincaid walked around with their respective teams assisting them in making wise choices.

"I helped them with picking out the lowest prices and determining how many meals the meat would prepare," Kincaid said.

Sixteen-year-old Lupe Martinez said the experience was fun, but she learned how expensive it was to try to make it on your own.

Asked if she would consider dropping out of high school to go to work, she replied, "No, because I couldn't live the way I want to live. I wanted to drop out, but now I want to stay in until I graduate."

She said she would also like to go to college if she has enough money to go.

The lesson was a wake-up call for the students, as many never realized what their parents or guardians faced.

"At first, I would try to get money from my parents. I would tell them the bills weren't that expensive," Lupe said. "Now I know that the only reason they don't give me money is they spend too much on the bills and rent."

Ty Runnels, 15, said he learned it isn't easy living on minimum wage.

"I learned you need more than a high school diploma or a GED. You need a college education."

The experiment changed his mind about dropping out.

"I could just quit, but it would be like that. Living on $5.15 an hour is pretty much not possible."

Ty lives with his mother and he said he learned a new respect for her. "I don't ask her for as much money."

Weslee Pharris, 16, agreed the experiment was a learning experience.

"It taught me I need to get an education and it taught me how to budget my money and what to do."

He said he also gained a new respect for his parents.

"I am going to start listening to them more and do everything they tell me. I am going to start doing stuff without them having to tell me."

Fifteen-year-old S.L. Davis said he learned how to take care of bills and other responsibilities.

"I learned how to make money last and to use it wisely. I learned not spend it all at one time because you might need it in the middle of the month to go out, or buy some more food."

He said he never thought about how much it took to make a living. "You have got to have a good job."

S.L. lives with his grandmother, and he said he realized what she goes through. "She's always doing stuff for us and keeping a roof over our head. She still gives us what we need even though we don't have that much money."

He said it had crossed his mind at one time to drop out of school. "But now I want to graduate so I don't have to worry about going back to school. I can go ahead and get it over with."

Brandon Leatherwood, 16, said it was a learning experience. "I learned that it's going to be hard living on a minimum wage job. It takes more than that to make it."

Brandon said he wants to get his diploma and is considering joining the Marines.

He lives with his parents and said the lesson opened his eyes. "I know now it is hard for them to get money and spend it. I'd blow it off for something stupid or I'd just take it from them."

Benjamin Dominguez, 15, also learned how expensive the real world is.

"It's kind of hard to make it on you own. It's better if you have roommates because sometimes you can't pay all the bills and your roommates can help you out."

Dominguez also plans on graduating and going to the Marines.

He lives with his dad and says the lesson taught him a new respect. "When he tells me to do something, I do it because he works for me and stuff."

The students also learned about what is involved in renting an apartment, including the required deposits and budgeting for utilities and other necessary items.



"New Year's resolution! Only ONE drink a day!"

Financial Focus

If you've consistently invested in stocks during this extended bull market, your holdings may have swelled in value. Naturally, you're pleased that you've achieved such strong gains. However, your ballooning portfolio could have some implications you hadn't thought of. Specifically, your holdings may have grown to the point where they no longer accurately reflect your goals and your investment personality.

Here's an example: Suppose you initially determined that, with your particular tolerance for risk and long-term goals, you wanted a portfolio composed of 60 percent stocks, 30 percent bonds and 10 percent cash instruments. Now, several years later, your stocks have gone up so much in price that they make up 70 percent of your portfolio's value.

Are you ready to take on the additional level of investment risk that automatically occurs with increased stock holdings? If you are, then you can choose to leave your portfolio alone. But if you aren't, then you may want to consider "rebalancing" your assets.

You could rebalance your portfolio by selling some stock from the companies that have done well and reinvesting elsewhere, thereby returning your level of stock ownership to the original 60 percent figure. But why not take this opportunity to thoroughly review your financial situation?

You can start by reviewing how your life has changed since you originally established your asset allocation guidelines. Have you switched careers? Do you have a new child? Have you altered your retirement plans? The answers to these and other key questions will help you evaluate your portfolio to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate.

Of equal importance is your tolerance for risk. Although we all have different investment personalities, our risk tolerance can change over time. When you are starting in your career, you may want to put a relatively large percentage of your investment dollars into growth-oriented stocks and mutual funds. At this stage, you have the time to ride out the price fluctuations that will occur in these investments. On the other end of the spectrum, when you are nearing or in retirement, you may want to switch some of your assets into more conservative vehicles such as growth-and-income funds, Treasury securities and other fixed-income investments. (However, even during retirement you will still need elements of growth in your portfolio to counteract the cumulative effects of inflation, which can rob fixed-rate investments of purchasing power.)

So, as you go about rebalancing, look at your current tolerance for risk, as well as any other factors that have changed in your life. Then, work with your financial professional to develop a new investment mix — and one that meets your current needs.

Whatever moves you decide to make, you'll find that just going through the rebalancing process is useful. It's always a good idea to see where you're at — and where you're going.

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Flag, lottery, military gays flavor GOP debate

WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The latest in a series of Republican presidential debates had a distinctly Southern flavor, with the candidates haggling over the Confederate battle flag, the value of state lotteries and the propriety of gays in the military.

At times, the audience of 3,000 appeared to view Friday's event more as an athletic contest than a political debate. It gathered in a former warehouse for chicken and pecan pie at the state GOP's annual "Silver Elephant Banquet."

Boos erupted early, in response to a question posed to the front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, about the Confederate flag. It flies atop the nearby Statehouse, even though some in South Carolina — especially blacks — consider it a racist symbol.

"I believe the people of South Carolina can figure out what to do with this flag issue," Bush replied to a chorus of cheers.

When moderator Brian Williams of MSNBC sought to pursue the issue, the crowd booed louder, and Bush merely repeated that he thought it was an issue for South Carolinians to decide.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona also said it was an issue for the state's residents to decide.

South Carolina, which holds its primary Feb. 19, is critical to McCain's election strategy. He decided to skip the Iowa caucuses on Jan. 24 so he could focus on the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary.

The senator hopes a victory there can be followed with a strong showing here, a state with a large military presence that should be hospitable to the former Vietnam prisoner of war.

With those stakes, McCain again defended the letters he has written to federal agencies on behalf of campaign donors. The issue also came up in the group's debate on Thursday in New Hampshire, and was likely to resurface on Monday when the candidates reassemble in Michigan.

Also participating in the debates are conservative activist Gary Bauer, publisher Steve Forbes, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and radio talk show host Alan Keyes.

"Whenever a constituent of mine or a citizen ... can't get an answer ... I believe that people like me should weigh in," said McCain, who wrote the letters in his capacity as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

The senator was addressing a question about an Associated Press story detailing a letter he wrote last year on behalf of Ameritech, which was seeking permission to merge with another telephone company, SBC.

The letter-writing issue is a troubling one for McCain, whose candidacy has flourished on the basis of his call for a ridding the nation's political system of the influence of big-monied special interests.

Appearing in a state with substantial military facilities and numerous military retirees, the GOP contenders also sharply criticized Democratic presidential candidates for saying they would only appoint to the Joint Chiefs of Staff officers who would permit gays to serve openly in the armed forces.

Keyes led the attack, saying he would renew a ban on gays in the military that was in effect until Bill Clinton won the White House. He challenged McCain to join him, but the senator refused. He said he would stick with the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

They attacked as Vice President Al Gore was backpedaling on comments he had made earlier in the week, declaring he had not meant "to imply that there should ever be any kind of inquiry into the personal political opinions of officers in the U.S. military."

Bush was asked about the Panama Canal by Bauer, who said he opposed the recent turnover of the waterway to Panama under a treaty ratified by the Senate in 1977.

Bush noted that as a young congressional candidate at the time, he had opposed the treaty. If elected president, he said he will uphold the treaty, but added that he would do "whatever it takes to keep the canal open. ... I'll liberate the canal if I have to" to maintain Americans' trade and other strategic interests.

Bush's father, former President George Bush, dispatched troops to Panama while in the White House.

McCain jabbed Bush over taxes as part of a running disagreement between the two men, and Bush returned fire on the subject of campaign finance.

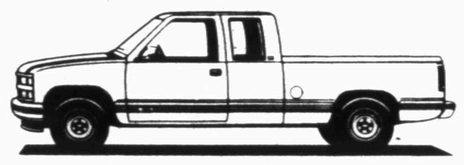
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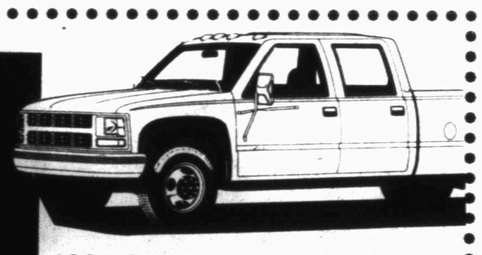


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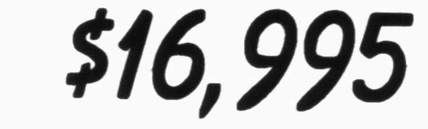


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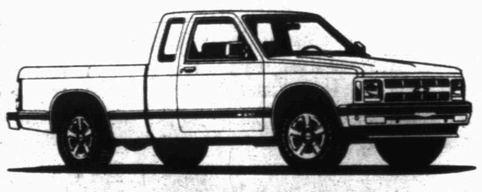
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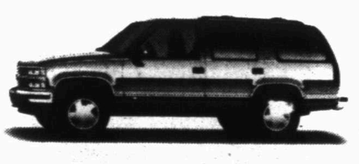
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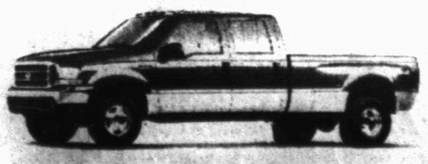


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SPORTS

In District 5-4A opener...

Lady Tigers hold off Andrews, 32-28

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

For the first half of the season, Snyder has relied on its defense to carry it, while getting offensive production in spurts.

On Friday night, the Lady Tigers used that same recipe to chalk up a district win.

Snyder used an offensive spurt in the second quarter to give it the lead, then shut out Andrews in the final period to secure a 32-28 victory in the 5-4A opener at the SHS gym.

The win improves the Lady Tigers' overall mark to 6-12, but more importantly gives them a 1-0 district record heading into Tuesday's battle at Big Spring.

"This was a big win for us," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "Sometimes we forget how much inexperience we have on this team. Some of our girls have varsity experience, but they weren't the ones who had to carry the load. We needed this win to help our team's confidence."

Snyder's defensive effort in the fourth quarter was the difference in the outcome. Clinging to a 29-28 advantage when the final period began, the Lady Tigers maintained their composure on defense, even though their shots weren't falling on the offensive end.

Snyder turned Andrews away on 15 possessions in the final eight minutes, including three key trips in the final minute.

Leading by three points with 48 seconds remaining, Snyder got a boost from the return of Ashley Delce. The junior post, playing for the first time in nine games because of knee surgery, blocked an Andrews lay up to kill one threat.

T'Leah Eicke made one of two free throws on the other end to put the Lady Tigers up by four, before Andrews worked the ball inside again on its next trip.

Delce came up with another block to preserve the cushion, and Kameron Kallemeyn forced a tie-ball situation after an Andrews rebound eight seconds later to secure the win.

"Ashley gave us a boost, not only in the final minutes, but every time she was on the floor," Tipton said. "All of our girls have been playing so much better of late, and with Ashley added to the mix, it makes us that much of a better ballclub."

Delce played only 13 minutes in the contest, in contrast to starting point guard Cameron Mackey who played all 32 minutes.

"Cameron has really improved since the season began," Tipton remarked. "She still struggles at times, but she has come a long way and is playing her smartest basketball right now."

Snyder was forced to dig itself out of a hole in the early going. After Andrews jumped on top, 7-0, the Lady Tigers put together a 10-2 run to claim its first lead, two minutes into the second quarter.

The Lady Tiger rally continued through the rest of the first half, giving Snyder a 22-18 advantage at the break.

Andrews trimmed the deficit to one point in the third quarter, setting up the Lady Tigers' fourth quarter stand.

T'Leah Eicke finished with 10 points to pace Snyder, while Kristen Murray added seven points and grabbed eight rebounds.

In other action around the district, Sweetwater pounded Big Spring, 47-16. Lake View and Fort Stockton were to have squared off Saturday night in San Angelo.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Tuesday at Big Spring. Tip off has been changed to 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring's new junior high gymnasium.

Andrews	09	09	10	00	— 28
Snyder	06	16	07	03	— 32

Andrews
Farris 6 0-0 13, Robins 2 0-0 5, Roberts 1 0-0 3, Martinez 0 3-6 3, Bane 2 0-0 4. **Totals 11 3-6 28.**

Snyder
Eicke 3 3-4 10, Murray 3 0-0 7, Kallemeyn 1 3-4 5, Voss 1 2-2 4, Mackey 1 0-1 2, Delce 2 0-3 4. **Totals 11 8-14 32.**

Three-point goals: Andrews 3 (Roberts, Robins, Farris), Snyder 2 (Eicke, Murray). Rebounds: Andrews 25 (Robins 4, Bane 4), Snyder 30 (Murray 8). Total fouls: Andrews 16, Snyder 7. Fouled out — None.

District 5-4A Girls' Basketball

	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Team				
Snyder	1	0	6	12
Sweetwater	1	0	19	2
Lake View	0	0	7	12
Fort Stockton	0	0	1	14
Andrews	0	1	7	11
Big Spring	0	1	11	9

Friday's results: Snyder 32, Andrews 28; Sweetwater 47, Big Spring 16.

Saturday's game: Fort Stockton at Lake View.

Moss poses threat for Dallas

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Cris Carter and Randy Moss present the classic pick-your-poison dilemma.

They combined for 2,654 yards receiving this season, the fourth-highest total by a tandem in NFL history, and caught 170 passes, 24 of them touchdowns.

"It's like asking which of your kids you love more," Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "I don't have to pick which one of my sons I love the most."

Cowboys safety George Teague said there are no easy answers for the Cowboys (8-8) when they visit the Minnesota Vikings (10-6) Sunday.

"One of the guys will beat you deep and quick and fast, or take the other guy and die slowly," he said.

Safety Darren Woodson said blitzing isn't the answer, either.

"You have to take your chances. I know teams that really get after them take chances every once in a while and put pressure on Jeff George. But sometimes you get burned by that pressure," Woodson said.

Because nobody is better at exploiting 1-on-1 matchups than Moss, and nobody is better at third-down underneath routes than Carter.

The Cowboys have more to worry about than just Moss and Carter, too.

"It's hard to double-team Randy Moss and Cris Carter when you have a healthy Robert Smith because he can take it the distance," Woodson said.

Smith didn't play the last time these teams met, on Nov. 8, because he was out after undergoing a double hernia operation. He still topped 1,000 yards rushing for the third straight year despite missing four games.

Without a healthy Deion Sanders to cover Moss or Carter, the Vikings have had no problem torching the Cowboys' secondary in their last two meetings.

Sanders hopes things will be different Sunday now that he's healthy.

"But even if you had Lester Hayes and Mike Haynes, I don't know if you'd have enough talent to match up with those guys," Sanders said.

Moss caught three touchdown passes totaling 163 yards and Carter had seven catches for 135 yards as Minnesota beat Dallas 46-36 on Thanksgiving 1998. Sanders missed that game with a toe injury.

In November, the NFL's most productive tandem combined for 15 catches, three touchdowns and 207 yards as the Vikings scored the final 27 points after falling behind 17-0. Sanders, the NFL's best cover cornerback, limped through the game with hamstring and groin problems.

While fans would love to see Sanders and Moss go head-to-head on every snap, Dallas coaches will mix up their coverages to avoid being predictable.

"I think we're talking about something that's on everybody's wish list but doesn't really happen," Gailey said of the Sanders-Moss matchup. "I know if I was just a fan out there watching the game, that's one you'd like to see. That's one of those situations if it happens during the course of the game, you'll enjoy watching it. If it doesn't happen, then it'll be one of those things we'd wish we would have seen."

Of the 15 times Sanders lined up against Moss two months ago, Jeff George went that way only twice. The matchup was a draw as Sanders knocked down a long pass and Moss had an 8-yard catch.

"Deion's unbelievable," George said. "When he's not healthy, he's unbelievable. Just his presence on the field is unbelievable.

"But that doesn't mean you shy away from the guy. We have every bit of confidence in our receivers and our running game."

The Cowboys with they could say the same about their banged-up secondary.

"Kevin Mathis looks to be a little closer than Kevin Smith at this point," Gailey said after both cornerbacks practiced Friday. "But we'll wait until game day to make a decision on both guys."

Smith has missed the last two games with a strained right hamstring. Mathis has been out three weeks with a sprained left knee.

Smith would be the first option to start at left cornerback, then Mathis. If neither is available, Charlie Williams would start for the third straight week.

So, what's the answer to containing Moss and Carter?

"I wish our offense would let that clock tick down to the last second before we snap every ball," Sanders said, "because the more you keep them off the field, the less chances they have."

Hermleigh squads knock off Southland

SOUTHLAND — Hermleigh took a break from district competition Friday night, but it certainly didn't take the night off.

The Hermleigh boys dominated action on both ends of the floor to pound Southland, 83-44, while the Lady Cardinals grounded the Lady Eagles, 43-24.

The Hermleigh boys took control early, then continued their stellar play through all four quarters. The Cardinals opened an 18-8 lead in the first period, which it extended to 39-19 by halftime.

Hermleigh put Southland away for good in the third quarter. Led by Joey Garza, who poured in a game-high 33 points on the night, the Cardinals opened the second half with a 26-11 run.

"We showed that we're capable of putting a bunch of points on the board," said Cards coach Juan Rios. "This was probably our best offensive game of the year. After a close loss on Tuesday, a big win like this will really boost our confidence when we go back to district play on Tuesday."

Caleb Callaway dropped in 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Hermleigh, while Andy Luna tallied 16 points and dished out five assists. Billy Lambaren also finished in double figures, posting 10 points and eight rebounds.

In the girls' match-up, the Lady Cardinals never let Southland on track.

The Lady Eagles could manage only seven points in the first half against Hermleigh's stingy defense.

Randi Herrington paced the Lady Cardinals with 18 points, nine rebounds and six steals.

Brandy Wood added 11 points, with Sheena Callaway draining seven. Crystal Jackson and Misty McClure finished with three points apiece, and Samantha Smith chipped in one.

Both Hermleigh squads resume the district race Tuesday when they host Blackwell. The Lady Cards get underway at 6:30, with the boys tipping off at 8 o'clock.

Seahawks looking for NFL respect

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks think they belong in the playoffs. Now, they want to prove it to the rest of the NFL.

"Just because the situation isn't ideal, doesn't mean you shouldn't be happy about the position you're in," tight end Christian Fauria said. "This is my fifth year here and I never thought this would happen."

Despite a 1-5 finish after an 8-2 start, the Seahawks won the franchise's second AFC West championship to get into the playoffs for the first time in 11 seasons.

They'll face the wild-card Miami Dolphins, another 9-7 team, on Sunday in what probably will be the final game in the Kingdome. Like the Seahawks, the Dolphins dropped five of their last six.

If the Seahawks win, they'll play next at AFC East champion Indianapolis (13-3), which has a bye this week.

"It doesn't really matter how you get in," Fauria said. "People talk about getting in the back door. So what? We still got in the house."

Mike Holmgren, Seattle's first-year coach and general manager, and the Seahawks snuck into the house while the rest of the division watched Kansas City.

After the New York Jets beat the Seahawks 19-9 last Sunday, Seattle got into the playoffs when Joe Nedney kicked a field goal in overtime for Oakland to beat the Chiefs.

Ricky Watters, held to 30 yards on nine carries in the loss to the Jets because of a sprained right knee, returned to practice this week for the first time in two weeks. He hopes to give young quarterback Jon Kitna a running game against the Dolphins.

Watters, a six-time 1,000-yard rusher, is confident the Seahawks can rebound and become the same team they were when they were 8-2.

"No one is going to care that we lost to the Jets if we go in here and smack Miami pretty good and we keep on going in the playoffs, especially if we win the whole thing," Watters said. "No one is going to say that we played bad against the Jets."

The Seahawks have played 176 regular-season games and have had two winning seasons since their 1988 team, coached by Chuck Knox and with Dave Krieg at quarterback, lost a playoff game to the Bengals 21-13. The Seahawks got only 22 yards rushing from Curt Warner and John L. Williams in that game, while Krieg passed 50 times.

Sunday's game will be only the franchise's eighth in the postseason, but with Holmgren's acumen and billionaire owner Paul Allen's money the Seahawks are looking for a lot more playoff appearances. Allen will have a new outdoor football stadium in Seattle for the 2002 season, and he's hopeful he will have a team in the Super Bowl by then.

Governor Bush regrets trading Sosa

By The Associated Press

Asked to admit his biggest mistake as an adult, George W. Bush picked baseball, not politics.

"I signed off on that wonderful transaction: Sammy Sosa for Harold Baines," the Texas governor said Friday night.

The question came up during the GOP campaign debate in West Columbia, S.C. Bush reminded the audience of his days as managing general partner of the Texas Rangers and a trade with the Chicago White Sox.

Sosa was a 20-year-old rookie outfielder on July 29, 1989, when Texas traded him, shortstop Scott Fletcher and pitcher Wilson Alvarez to the White Sox for Baines and infielder Fred Manrique.

Sosa has blossomed into one of baseball's most popular players.

National Football League Playoffs

All Times EST
Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Buffalo at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Detroit at Washington, 4:05 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 9
Dallas at Minnesota, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Buffalo, Miami or Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas, Minnesota or Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 16
Dallas, Detroit or Minnesota at St. Louis, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo, Seattle or Tennessee at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
AFC championship, TBA (CBS)
NFC championship, TBA (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu (ABC)

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	21	10	.677	—
New York	20	12	.625	1½
Philadelphia	19	15	.559	3½
Orlando	16	17	.485	6
Boston	14	17	.452	7
New Jersey	12	20	.375	9½
Washington	11	22	.333	11
Central Division				
Indiana	22	9	.710	—
Charlotte	18	14	.563	4½
Detroit	18	14	.563	4½
Toronto	18	14	.563	4½
Milwaukee	18	15	.545	5
Cleveland	13	19	.406	9½
Atlanta	12	20	.375	10½
Chicago	4	26	.133	17½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	21	10	.677	—
San Antonio	22	12	.647	½
Minnesota	15	14	.517	5
Denver	16	15	.516	5
Houston	10	22	.313	11½
Dallas	9	23	.281	12½
Vancouver	8	24	.250	13½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	28	5	.848	—
Portland	24	8	.750	3½
Seattle	20	12	.625	7½
Phoenix	19	12	.613	8
Sacramento	18	12	.600	8½
L.A. Clippers	9	22	.290	18
Golden State	6	26	.188	21½

Thursday's Games
Toronto 101, Sacramento 89
Miami 111, Houston 95
Detroit 101, Milwaukee 95
Cleveland 90, Golden State 75
Utah 105, Dallas 92
Indiana 102, Denver 97

Friday's Games
Boston 101, Sacramento 93
Chicago 110, Washington 103
Vancouver 101, New Jersey 91
Atlanta 105, Toronto 97
New York 94, Orlando 86
San Antonio 102, Phoenix 83
L.A. Lakers 87, Charlotte 83

Saturday's Games
New Jersey vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Vancouver at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 9 p.m.

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Against state-ranked Merkel...

Tigers extend streak with 72-43 rout

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It was the Merkel Badgers, not the Snyder Tigers who came in with a state ranking. But you couldn't tell it from the outcome.

Snyder gave Merkel a lesson in pressure defense and offensive execution Friday night, blowing out the Badgers, 72-43, at the SHS gym.

The rout improves the Tigers to 13-8 on the year and ups their winning streak to five games. Snyder has one non-district contest remaining on its schedule, before opening 5-4A action Friday against Fort Stockton.

"It all starts on the defensive end, and we played good aggressive defense," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Everybody we put on the floor played hard while they were in there. Merkel is a good three-point shooting team, and they didn't make a single one against us. So that shows the effort our guys put forth."

The Tigers dominated every facet of the game. Snyder owned a resounding 44-17 advantage in the rebounding department, limiting the Badgers to only one opportunity on numerous trips.

Merkel struggled against the Tigers' tight man-to-man defense, managing only six points in the opening quarter, and only 18 in the first half.

But Snyder's dominance showed most in the third period, when it outscored the Badgers, 22-10, to take a 50-28 advantage.

The Tigers were 10-of-13 from the floor in the third, and closed out the period with a 14-4 run. Heath Pinkerton did the majority of damage, pouring in nine of his game-high 19 points in the third quarter.

"We ran the court the really well, and got some easy baskets in transition," said Birks. "We also got after it on the boards. I've been telling the guys how important offensive rebounds are, and they did a great job tonight. We had a bunch of guys crashing the boards on both ends of the floor."

Merkel registered its highest output of the night in the final frame, but couldn't cut into the deficit. Snyder outscored, the Badgers, 22-15, in the fourth quarter.

After entering the holiday break with a mark of 8-8, the Tigers seemed to have hits their stride of late. With district competition just around the corner, Birks believes his team is peeking at the right time.

"Right now we're playing really well," Birks stated. "The main reason is because these kids are determined to improve every time they step on the floor. They are intent on correcting mistakes from the game before, and when we teach them something, they do their best to execute it. They're a hungry group of kids."

Snyder closes out non-district play Tuesday at Seminole, before returning home for the district opener on Friday against Fort Stockton.

Merkel	06	12	10	15	—	43
Snyder	12	16	22	22	—	72

Merkel
Gohlke 4 2-5 10, Qualls 1 6-8 8, Gates 2 2-2 6, Darby 2 0-0 4, Stafford 1 0-2 2, Shelby 5 1-1 11, Whitmire 1 0-0 2. **Totals 16 11-18 43.**

Snyder
Pinkerton 7 4-6 19, Cumbie 6 0-2 13, Wofford 5 0-1 10, McAnaw 2 2-2 8, Hester 3 0-0 8, Knirsch 3 0-0 6, Loper 2 0-0 4, Scott 1 1-1 3, Thornhill 0 1-4 1. **Totals 29 8-16 72.**

Three-point goals: Merkel 0, Snyder 6 (McAnaw 2, Hester 2, Cumbie, Pinkerton). Rebounds: Merkel 17 (Stafford 4, Gohlke 4), Snyder 44 (Cumbie 9). Total fouls: Merkel 14, Snyder 18. Fouled out — None.

'Dogs win loop opener; Ira girls fall to Grady

IRA — Considering the four teams' records, Friday night's outcomes were much closer than expected.

The Ira boys held off a pesky Grady squad to claim a district-opening 57-50 win, while the Lady Bulldogs made a run to upset the Lady Wildcats, before falling, 48-42.

The Ira boys, who entered the game with a 17-2 mark, were up by as many as 20 points early in the third quarter, before Grady made its run.

The Wildcats (11-7) rallied to trim the deficit to only two points with 20 seconds left in the contest. But Ira's Richard Wilkins closed the door with a pair of free throws.

"Well, it's a win," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We didn't play that well, and our guys know that. But we did what we had to do to win, even though we weren't playing our best."

The Bulldogs connected on only 1 of 17 shot attempts from outside the paint. As a result, post players Logan Daves and Jerek Brown shouldered the load.

Daves finished with a game-high 20, while Brown added 16. Wilkins finished with 12 points. Drew Wall tallied five, and Jose Juarez chipped in four.

In the girls' match-up, the Lady Wildcats improved to 18-1 on the year, but not without a fight from the Lady Bulldogs.

Grady held a slim two-point advantage at halftime, then held off Ira down the stretch.

Morgan Clements turned in another standout performance for the Lady Bulldogs, pouring in 27 points to lead all scorers. Celeigh Sterling totaled 11 points, with Korby Calley adding three, and Jamie Goolsby chipping in one.

Both Ira squads will continue the district race Tuesday when they visit Westbrook. The Lady Bulldogs tip off at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

Robinson carries San Antonio to much-needed win over Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — When David Robinson scores, the San Antonio Spurs play like NBA champions.

Robinson scored 20 of his 24 points in the first half Friday night as the Spurs routed the Phoenix Suns 102-83, a much-needed victory for a team that had been struggling.

"It was a flashback. It felt like one of those nights I could go out there and get 50," Robinson said.

In the second half, Tim Duncan and the rest of the Spurs took over. Duncan finished with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

"We needed this one. We needed it bad," Duncan said. "Everybody knew it. We knew it coming in here. We wanted to go out there and play a very good game to get our groove back, get our feel back. We haven't been playing well on the road. We haven't been playing well against good teams. To get this under our belt, hopefully it will snowball and we'll really take off."

The Spurs, who had lost two in a row and five of eight to fall out of first in the Midwest Division, built a 22-point lead in a dominating third quarter and coasted in the fourth.

The Spurs were 13-for-13 at the foul line in the third quarter, while the Suns were 0-for-2.

Cliff Robinson scored 22 points for the Suns, who have lost three of four. Jason Kidd struggled through a 2-for-14 shooting night for four points, tying his season-low. Kidd also had 13 assists for Phoenix, which shot 37 percent from the field.

"Avery Johnson was stupendous on Jason tonight," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "He stayed in front of him in transition and played him tough on the glass. Antonio Daniels came in the game and continued on what Avery did, and that was a key, because Jason is the head of the snake."

Tom Gugliotta, in his second game back after a life-threatening seizure sidelined him for seven games, scored 14 — but only four in the second half.

It was the Suns' worst loss in 11 games with Scott Skiles as head coach.

"Every little play went their way because they made it go their way," Skiles said, "and they made the shots at the end of it. We missed a lot of shots at the basket, and once that ball starts rolling, it's hard to get it back."

The Spurs outscored Phoenix 30-16 in the third quarter and led 82-62 entering the final quarter.

"They outworked us. That's the bottom line," Cliff Robinson said. "We can't win consistently doing some of the things we're doing."

The Spurs capped an 18-5 run with consecutive baskets by Johnson to go ahead 68-53 with 1:09 left in the quarter. Daniels' two free throws gave the Spurs their biggest lead of the quarter, 82-60, with 11.1 seconds to go.

In the first half, David Robinson was 8-for-15 from the field, including a soaring one-handed stuff on a lob from Mario Elie. He also had seven of his nine rebounds in the first half.

"When David plays like that, he takes us to a whole different level," Mario Elie said.

Mavs coach suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Nelson was suspended for one game and fined $10,000 by the NBA on Friday for bumping a referee and getting into a shoving match with Utah's Karl Malone.

Malone was fined $10,000 for throwing an elbow at Dallas' Shawn Bradley in Thursday night's game and for getting into the altercation with Nelson.

Nelson was tossed with 6:04 left in the third quarter when he was hit with a double technical for arguing a call by referee Scott Wall.

Bradley was whistled for a foul against Malone, whose knee struck Bradley's midsection as Bradley tried to draw a charge. Bradley was on the floor for several minutes before he was helped to the locker room.

Nelson continued to argue the call after Bradley left the court, and Wall ejected Nelson. The Mavericks coach then confronted Malone, bumping the Utah player before they were separated and Nelson was escorted out of the arena.

Sports Briefs

Jesse Jackson criticizes Packers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jesse Jackson's civil rights group criticized the firing of Green Bay Packers coach Ray Rhodes as a setback in the NFL's efforts toward racial equality.

Rainbow Sports director Charles Farrell, who promotes sports opportunities for minorities for the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, intends to outline his concerns in a letter to the Packers next week. Jackson is the coalition's president.

The coalition also wants to meet with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue to discuss the dismissal of Rhodes, who is black, and the league's work on minority hiring for management and coaching jobs.

Sele, Benes, Guzman sign deals

NEW YORK (AP) — Free agents Aaron Sele, Andy Benes and Juan Guzman have picked the places where they want to pitch in 2000.

Sele, 38-20 for Texas the past two seasons, agreed to a $29 million, four-year contract with the Baltimore Orioles.

Sele, whose deal was subject to him passing a physical calls for salaries of $7 million in each of the first three years and $8 million in the fourth. The Orioles are deferring $2 million a year without interest.

Benes returned to the St. Louis Cardinals after two years with Arizona for an $18 million, three-year deal.

Benes was 18-10 on the Cardinals' NL Central championship team in 1996, but left as a free agent after 1997.

Benes' contract calls for a $2 million signing bonus that's payable from 2003-10, $2.5 million this year and $6 million in the next two seasons. The contract has a $6 million mutual option for 2002 with a $1.5 million buyout.

Guzman got a two-year contract from Tampa Bay.

Utilityman F.P. Santangelo got a $1.6 million, two-year deal from the Los Angeles Dodgers, and right-hander Brian Williams got a $600,000, one-year contract from the Chicago Cubs.

Anaheim signed three second basemen, agreeing to a one-year contract with Scott Spiezio and minor league contracts with Pat Kelly and Jason Bates.

Left-hander Norm Charlton agreed to a minor league contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Nelson suspended, fined

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Woods leads Mercedes Championship

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Tiger Woods drove the green on two par-4s and made the Plantation Course at Kapalua look like a pitch-and-putt on his way to a 7-under 66 at the Mercedes Championship.

Woods is trying to become the first player to win five consecutive tournaments since Ben Hogan in 1953.

Woods finished the second round at 9-under 137 and a four-stroke lead over Ernie Els.

Els had a 3-under 70 and was at 141. Jesper Parnevik finished with a 74, five shots back of Woods. Jeff Sluman had a 72 and was another stroke behind.

Woods' 66 was more than eight shots better than the average score on and only five other players managed to break par.

New Houston team looks for GM

HOUSTON (AP) — NFL franchise owner Bob McNair took a first step toward building his expansion team Friday, interviewing former Washington Redskins general manager Charley Casserly for the top personnel job.

Both men said the meeting went well, and McNair said he hopes to select a director of football operations by the end of the month. However, he said he plans to interview several other candidates whom he did not identify.

"I think (Casserly) certainly is qualified to do what we would want him to do here in Houston," McNair said. "But this is a team, and the chemistry is important. We've gotta make sure that we're comfortable with him and he's comfortable with us and our other executives."

Casserly, who took part in three Super Bowl triumphs with the Redskins in the '80s and early '90s, also has options. He said he has talked with several teams including the New Orleans Saints, who on Wednesday fired general manager Bill Kuharich and coach Mike Ditka.

But molding a new team in Houston has its allure.

"That's certainly one of the attractions of the franchise, because you get a chance to hire people as you go along, build everybody into the same philosophy on the same page," he said.

Casserly, who was forced out by Redskins owner Daniel M. Snyder before the start of this season, had been general manager in Washington since 1989. He started with the team as an unpaid intern in 1977.

Snyder said he decided to restructure the team's front office after becoming convinced that Casserly and coach Norv Turner could not work together. Casserly also absorbed the blame for a series of disappointing first-round draft choices, including Bobby Wilson and Tom Carter.

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Pittsburgh	18	18	3	5	44	129	112
N.Y. Rangers	13	19	7	3	36	98	113
N.Y. Islanders	9	24	5	0	23	79	125

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Ottawa	21	13	6	2	50	110	96
Boston	14	17	10	2	40	107	116
Buffalo	16	20	5	1	38	106	116
Montreal	12	24	5	1	30	89	111

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Nashville	14	22	5	2	35	104	122
Chicago	12	22	6	2	32	111	123

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	16	5	1	46	116	105
Edmonton	14	17	11	5	44	108	112
Calgary	17	19	5	1	40	93	118
Vancouver	13	18	8	3	37	101	116

Pacific Division

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Anaheim	18	18	5	1	42	101	103

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Vancouver 3, Dallas 1
Colorado 4, Montreal 1
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Bush's tax pledge leads to scrutiny by watchdog group

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush's pledge in a debate this week that he would not raise taxes has reignited claims that he has broken such campaign pledges before in Texas. The leader of a tax watchdog group said in a campaign ad that the governor's performance on the question of taxes "is a record of broken promises."

Rival Steve Forbes accused Bush, the Republican presidential front-runner, on Friday of breaking a no-new-taxes pledge. Bush denied it and said his record of cutting Texas taxes by about $3 billion speaks for itself.

"I'm saying I cut the taxes. The implication is I tried to raise taxes. I cut taxes," Bush said.

At the heart of the controversy — and a new television commercial being aired by Forbes — is a 1994 written statement given to the Houston-based group Taxpayers for Accountability during Bush's first race for governor.

That statement, bearing what appears to be Bush's signature, said: "I, George W. Bush, candidate for the position of governor, pledge to oppose any legislation establishing a state personal income tax or increasing the sales tax." Campaign officials have said they don't know where the signature came from, although they believe it was produced by an automated pen.

"We can't determine the exact circumstances" under which Bush responded to the 1994 pledge request, Bush campaign spokesman Scott McClellan said Friday.

Critics say Bush in 1997 did propose some tax increases to the Texas legislature to help fund a $3 billion property tax rollback.

Bush proposed half-cent hikes in the 61/4 percent state sales tax and motor vehicle sales tax; implementing a new business tax that would have extended business levies to sole proprietorships and partnerships for the first time; and spending $1 billion of a budget surplus.

His plan failed, never even receiving a vote.

Instead, legislators approved a $1 billion cut, using the surplus. In 1999, Bush won passage of another tax cut bill — including about $1.35 billion in property tax reductions, $277 million in consumer tax cuts and $229 million in business tax cuts.

"If you go back and look at the history of the tax package, it was a tax cut on day one and it was a tax cut on the day I signed it," Bush said Friday of his 1997 plan.

But in the Forbes ad, the head of Taxpayers for Accountability, Mary C. Williams of Houston, sees it differently, saying: "His record as far as taxes are concerned is a record of broken promises."

That no-tax pledge also sparked controversy during Bush's 1998 re-election campaign. At that time, Bush's chief spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the governor didn't sign the document.

"It's a copy of his signature. It is either a tracing or an auto-pen of his signature," Ms. Hughes said then.

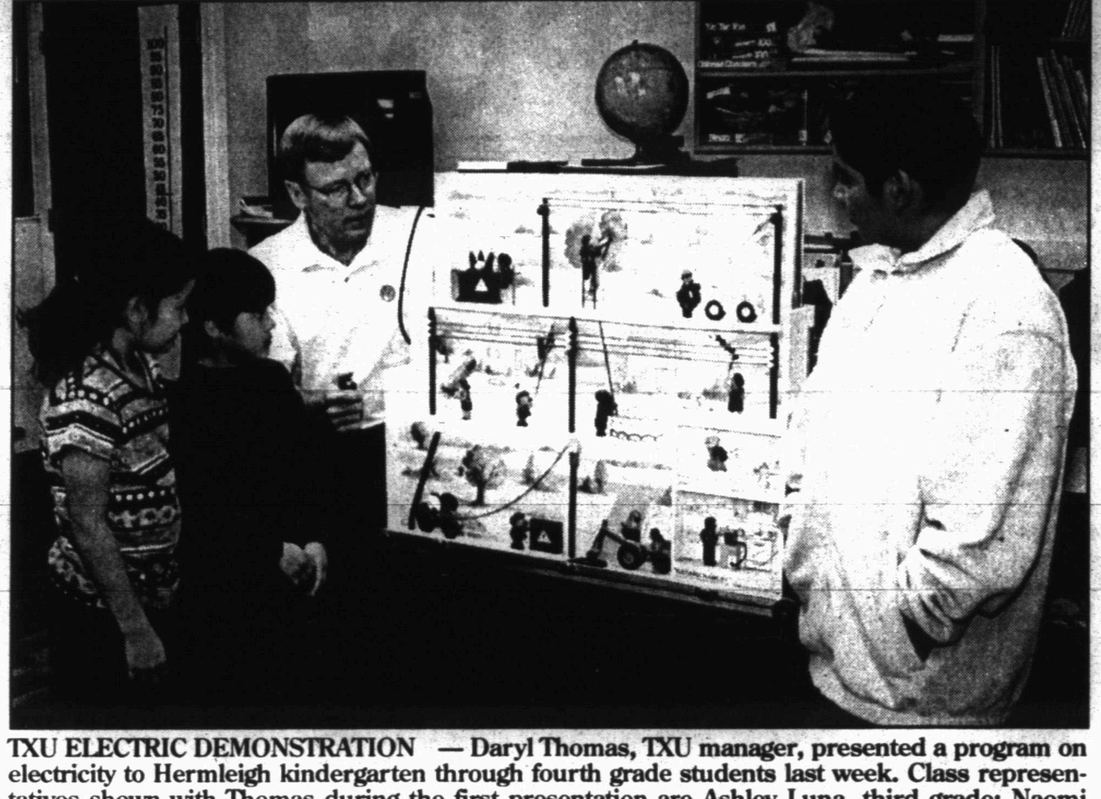
But she acknowledged that Bush's campaign returned the pledge to Ms. Williams. She said whoever in the campaign office returned the questionnaire didn't follow Bush's policy of not signing pledges.

Ms. Hughes also told the Star-Telegram that a separate letter that accompanied the pledge — saying almost the same thing and bearing Bush's signature — wasn't signed by him, either, although he authorized its content.

In a phone interview from Houston on Friday, Ms. Williams said Bush — then making his first run for governor — was asked to sign a blanket no-tax pledge issued by her taxpayers' group. Instead, she says, Bush returned to her a modified written statement, which is posted on the group's Internet site.

"I accepted it but didn't like it. You can read it and judge it for yourself," she said. "He's trying to claim he didn't sign the pledge, but he did."

Setting the pledge controvery aside, critics say many Texas taxpayers never saw extra cash because the property tax cuts were eaten up by rising property values and higher local school tax rates.



TXU ELECTRIC DEMONSTRATION — Daryl Thomas, TXU manager, presented a program on electricity to Hermleigh kindergarten through fourth grade students last week. Class representatives shown with Thomas during the first presentation are Ashley Luna, third grade; Naomi Arellano, second grade; Jonathan Mireles, fourth grade. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hakeem Olajuwon's brother files under bankruptcy law

HOUSTON (AP) — A company owned by the brother of Houston Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon filed for federal bankruptcy protection Friday in a dispute involving ownership of more than 70 Denny's restaurant franchises in 12 states.

An attorney for Akinola Olajuwon, the second-largest owner of Denny's franchises in the country with a total of 85, filed the bankruptcy petition before a hearing scheduled Friday to determine whether an Arizona company he had sued last year should be legally restrained.

Olajuwon, 36, had sued Phoenix Restaurant Group, contending it was trying to defraud him out of 71 franchises he bought from it.

Mike O'Brien, Olajuwon's attorney, said his client decided to file for federal bankruptcy protection, then pursue damages against the Phoenix, Ariz.-based company in state court.

The attorney said the bankruptcy filing will prevent the company from taking over any of Olajuwon's restaurants and allow Olajuwon to pay creditors and employees.

The restaurateur said the company sold him the 71 franchises in spring 1998 for $29 million with the promise that each restaurant was in good condition. But Olajuwon said he found after the sale that 14 of the locations could not be operated without extensive repairs.

Other restaurants, including one in Houston, had been closed and abandoned, he said.

Twenty-two of the restaurants are in Ohio, 14 in Kentucky, eight in Texas, seven in Alabama and the remainder in eight other states.

The Phoenix company moved to take back all 71 restaurants because of late rent payments and to keep the $29 million initial payment.

Company will recall 1.9 million electric heaters

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A company whose electric heaters have been blamed for house fires and three deaths will recall 1.9 million heaters next month and sell replacement units at reduced cost.

Cadet Manufacturing said Friday that the $12 million recall would begin as soon as a federal bankruptcy judge and the Consumer Product Safety Commission approve it, probably by the first week of February.

Cadet, a privately held company in Vancouver, Wash., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last January, citing financial pressure from a 1997 recall and a class-action lawsuit.

The commission had sought the recall of Cadet and Encore brand heaters, saying they caused three deaths, four house fires, two serious burns and more than $1.2 million in property damage.

The heaters are designed to be installed inside walls or baseboards. The safety commission said that design flaws allowed flames, sparks or molten particles to spew through the front grill cover of the heaters.

The company said the safety commission worked to redesign the heaters and make safe.

Customers will have to seek the replacement heaters directly from Cadet, not through retailers, and will have to install the units themselves — or hire a licensed electrician.

EDITOR'S NOTE — The toll-free hotline for the recall is 1-800-567-2613, and its Internet site is www.cadetco.com.

Confederate flag debate rages in S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — As Republican presidential candidates debated a few miles away, Confederate flag supporters began a three-day rally at the only statehouse where the flag still flies.

The event organized by the South Carolina Heritage Coalition shows "it's OK for us to care about and promote our heritage," said the Rev. Bobby Eubanks, a spokesman.

The Confederate flag is seen as a symbol of hate by some opponents. But groups like those gathering at the rally see it as a symbol of Southern heritage.

South Carolina remains the only state that flies the flag above its Statehouse, and the NAACP has called for a tourism boycott of South Carolina until the Legislature brings it down. Many other business, civic and educational groups have joined the chorus, and freshman Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges is groping to find a compromise.

As each name of a fallen Confederate soldier was read Friday, a small, gold-colored bell was rung. By sundown, about 50 people had gathered, some in full battle dress, with bayonets and mess cups at their side. Supporters hoped to draw thousands to the rally.

"We are honoring these men who sacrificed everything they had," said Denise Woods of the Order of the Confederate Rose.

The group planned to spend a full day reading about 18,600 names from the Confederate Book of the Dead — about 7,400 others are illegible.

The reading was expected to be followed by a march Saturday to the Statehouse from a cemetery that has numerous Confederate graves. A prayer service was set for Sunday.

H.K. Edgerton, a former NAACP chapter president from Asheville, N.C., joined in reading the names.

Too many people "can't understand the love black people and white had for each other in the South" he said. "If the NAACP is successful, all you will have done is alienated white people who have been very tolerant."

Sen. John McCain said he had resented it when the NAACP announced a boycott of his state to pressure officials to approve a holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

VP Al Gore "supports the right of the people of South Carolina to remove the Confederate flag," his spokeswoman Laura Quinn said.

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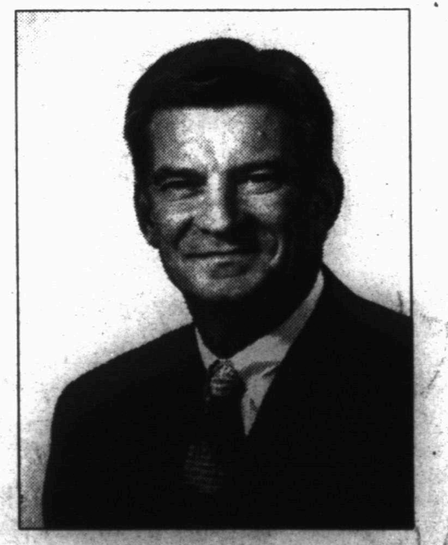
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* Dr. Ken Jones grew up in Cordell, Oklahoma. He married Susan Cox of Cordell in 1971. They have two children, Jennifer and Mitch. He holds B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees in Engineering from Oklahoma State University, where he taught in the Agricultural Engineering Department from 1978-1982. He preached for the North Garland Church of Christ, Enid, Oklahoma, 1982-1988, where they moved into a new facility while he was there. He preached for the Sunset Church of Christ, Lubbock from 1988 to 1993. Sunset is among the 10 largest churches of Christ in America. He has served as President of Lubbock Christian University since 1993. He conducts leadership seminars and retreats for businesses and churches across the United States. He published his first book in 1999 on the subject of leadership, *Leadership: After God's Own Heart.*

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Menopausal symptoms vary

DEAR DR. GOTT: Everyone tells me a different story about the change of life: I will or won't need hormones, I will or won't enjoy sex anymore; I will or won't get osteoporosis. Can you set me straight?

DEAR READER: I'll try.

As women age, their ovaries produce less and less estrogen, the female hormone. Eventually, the level falls to such a degree that women no longer ovulate or menstruate. This is called menopause.

Many menopausal women experience no symptoms whatsoever when their menstrual periods cease. In fact, they may feel a sense of freedom and release because they can no longer become pregnant. They don't need hormone supplements and they continue to enjoy active sex lives.

Unhappily, this is not always the case. Some women's bodies react violently to the decrease in hormone production. They have hot flashes (uncontrollable flushing and sweating), experience extreme emotional instability and generally suffer an unwell feeling. In addition, because calcium-uptake in bones depends on estrogen, these women can develop weak and brittle bones, as the calcium is "washed out" of them during menopause. They may notice that sexual relations are painful or frankly impossible, due to shrinkage and dryness of the birth canal.

Such women can be helped by supplemental hormones in pill, patch or cream form. Each case must be individualized; a woman should work closely with her gynecologist to determine what her needs are and whether hormone therapy is advisable.

In short, menopause need not mean the end of a happy, healthful and sexual life; it is simply the culmination of a woman's fertility. Not all women need hormone therapy, but most are helped by it.

For those women who could be helped by hormone replacement, ample assistance is available. This treatment may improve a woman's health and feeling of well-being, as well as reduce calcium loss from bones. Remember that the use of hormones does carry a small risk of uterine and breast cancer; therefore, check with your gynecologist to see if you are a candidate for hormone replacement. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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: For about a year, I've been taking an antidepressant drug that has worked well. However, my dentist recently discovered several cavities. I haven't had a cavity since I was 12. What gives?

DEAR READER: One of the common consequences of some antidepressants is the inhibition of saliva production, leading to gum infections and dental caries. You may be able to solve the problem by chewing sugar-free gum, using a fluoride mouthwash daily or asking your physician to change your prescription to a different antidepressant that won't cause dry mouth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Not only do I experience constant pain in my lower back and buttocks, but my left leg has become weaker than the right. I've been to an orthopedist ("strained fat pads"), a neurosurgeon ("spondylosis of the spine"), a chiropractor ("you need treatments"), an acupuncturist (same as the chiropractor), and an internist ("osteoarthritis and disc degeneration"). I think that if I went to a podiatrist, he'd say my symptoms were caused by flat feet. Please help me make sense of these conflicting diagnoses.

DEAR READER: I understand your confusion. In a sense, the doctors are like blind men examining an elephant: Each picks a characteristic and generalizes to the whole, without appreciating the entire picture.

First of all, the chiropractor and acupuncturist were correct that you need treatment, but they wisely avoided putting a name on your condition.

I believe that the orthopedic surgeon missed the boat by over-simplifying.

The neurosurgeon said "spondylosis," which means stiffness of a vertebral joint in the back. Not much help there.

In my opinion, the internist gets the gold star for today's quiz, but — as an internist myself — I'm naturally prejudiced. "Osteoarthritis and disc degeneration" says it as it is.

You evidently have developed back pain and stiffness because of osteoarthritis, a form of joint disease that affects us all sooner or later. It is the result of a gradual wearing away of joint surfaces. During this process, the body attempts to compensate by laying down calcium deposits around the joints for the purpose — possibly — of increasing joint surface area and reducing mobility. This is why finger joints in the elderly are swollen and stiff.

The same changes occur in the spine. The edges of the joints between the backbones actually appear to spread and form lips of calcium, which are readily apparent in X-rays.

Unfortunately, these bony protuberances can rub against nerves that exit from the spinal cord. To make matters worse, the intervertebral discs — the doughnut-shaped structures that separate the bones in the back — also wear down with age, becoming "degenerate" and thin. The end result is pressure on nerves, often called sciatica. In your case, the nerves that supply the legs are affected. Therefore, you probably have calcium deposits that are affecting the nerves of your lower body: osteoarthritis, disc degeneration and spondylosis. While this condition initially causes only pain, eventually leg weakness can appear as the nerves become damaged.

You can be helped by treatment. Special exercises will strengthen and stretch your back muscles, thereby enabling you to compensate, to some degree, for the arthritis. Heat, pain medication, acupuncture and chiropractic manipulation may also make you more comfortable. However, if you are developing leg weakness, you will need further testing — such as a myelogram or MRI scan — to document which nerves are being affected and to what degree. This testing will also indicate whether surgery (to remove the calcium deposits and relieve your pain) is an appropriate option.

In summary, I believe that all your doctors — with the exception of the orthopedic specialist — were correct in their evaluations. I suggest that you return to your internist for specific advice; he or she is the person who can best coordinate your therapy. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Adult Mikey will soon begin appearing in Life cereal ads

CHICAGO (AP) — Hey, it's Mikey! He's back!

Actually, it's not the same Mikey. But Life cereal is bringing back the character made famous in the 1970s commercial, updating him from a cute finicky kid to a handsome finicky adult.

"We're excited to bring back a commercial that people have loved for years," said Todd Magazine, a vice president of Quaker Oats Co., which makes Life.

The Mikey ad campaign is being relaunched, 28 years after its debut, with an all-adult cast. The lines are the same, and so is the shtick. Only the actors playing Mikey and his breakfast mates are new.

In the original ad, which aired from 1972-84, two kids share their suspicion of a cereal that's "sposed ta be good for ya." They decide to test it out on their kid brother Mikey, because "he hates everything."

But pudgy-faced Mikey, who never utters a word, takes to it, prompting the famous lines: "He likes it! Hey, Mikey!"

The original Mikey ad was "the best kid commercial ever," said David Lubars, president of the Fallon, McElligott ad agency in Minneapolis, who has no connection to either ad. "It was a combination of a good idea and because the kid was so likable. There's something magic about it."

The new commercial, created by Foote, Cone & Belding, is to be launched Jan. 17 and run through June.

The ad agency heeded research, which found that 70 percent of adults could identify the Life cereal ad from just a brief description. The ad placed No. 10 in TV Guide's list of "The 50 Greatest Commercials of All Time."

So why not bring back a freckled 3-year-old, like the one who filmed the spot with his two brothers in 1971?

Foote, Cone & Belding executives say they wanted to add a twist. They selected a handsome Mikey in his 20s — New York-based actor Jimmy Starace — who eats Life as he sits reading his morning newspaper, alongside a man and woman. In the spirit of the original, all three act like kids.

Mikey is the latest advertising icon to be resurrected as Madison Avenue bets on Americans being as nostalgic about old commercials as they are about old rock 'n' roll. The Green Giant, Mr. Whipple and Charlie the Tuna — they've all been resurrected.

Chicago-based Quaker hopes the new Mikey can work some old magic on a product facing fiercer-than-ever competition from endless rows of cereals lining supermarket shelves.

The original Mikey was assured by Quaker that he would remain anonymous in publicity associated with the campaign's return. But icons, even former ones, find it hard to escape the media.

Tracked down at New York radio station WKTU where he works as an advertising account manager, John Gilchrist, now 31, said he remains under contract to Quaker and couldn't say much.

Woman lobbies for stronger laws after being raped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days before the Supreme Court hears her case, a former college student who accused two football players of sexually assaulting her said Friday, "Rape is like having your soul torn out."

"This violence happens to too many women, and we need laws on the books to fight it," Christy Brzonkala said at a news conference. She was a Virginia Tech student in 1995 when she says the athletes raped her in a dormitory room.

She is asking the Supreme Court to uphold a federal law, the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, that lets rape victims sue their attackers. A lower court declared the provision unconstitutional and threw out her lawsuit against the two football players, Antonio Morrison and James Crawford.

The nation's highest court hears arguments in the case next Tuesday.

Australia is under pressure over Nazi criminals of war

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The return of suspected Nazi war criminal Konrad Kalejs has put Australia's spotty record of punishing humanity's worst criminals under the world's glare — and brought calls for a change in tactics.

Australia's five-year effort to bring Nazi criminals to justice ended in 1992, having failed to register a single conviction. Now, some say the government should form a new unit to investigate today's war criminals and focus on deporting offenders when there isn't enough evidence to convict them.

Kalejs, 86, arrived in Melbourne on Friday. Australia has said it has no choice but to accept him since there are no charges against him. Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock said Australian authorities would reopen their investigation only if new evidence comes to light.

Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff, the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center's director, on Friday urged Australia to adopt a deportation policy.

"Australia is the only Western country to which large numbers of Nazi war criminals emigrated after World War II which has heretofore failed to denaturalize, deport, extradite, expel or convict a single such criminal," Zuroff said.

Australia's War Crimes Special Investigation Unit conducted 841 investigations, but only three people were charged and none was convicted. Even when evidence existed, many suspects either could not be found, died, or were deemed too ill to stand trial. Often witnesses were too old to travel to Australia to testify.

Konrad Kwiet, the official historian who worked for the war crimes unit, agreed, saying going for convictions in the 1980s was the wrong policy.

"In hindsight, it would have been much more successful to go for deportation and denaturalization," he told The Associated Press.

In Canada, this approach resulted in several successful deportations, including that of Kalejs. Under laws requiring a lower standard of proof than Australia's, Kalejs also was chased out of the United States and then Britain.

He stands accused of belonging to the Arajs Kommando squad responsible for the death of 30,000 people, mostly Jews, in Latvia during World War II.

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McCain wrote to fed agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 15 times since 1997, Sen. John McCain wrote federal regulators in his capacity as Commerce Committee chairman on behalf of major donors from airlines to telephone companies, hundreds of memos obtained by The Associated Press show.

In one such letter, McCain urged the Federal Communications Commission in the fall of 1998 to give "serious consideration" to BellSouth's request to offer long-distance service. BellSouth employees are the third-largest contributor to his presidential campaign.

And two weeks after Ameritech's chairman held a fund-raiser for him last spring, McCain sent a stinging letter to federal regulators accusing them of being unfair toward the phone company's proposed merger with another Bell company.

The letter accused the commission of "applying a different, and much stricter, burden of proof in this merger proceeding than the commission has applied in evaluating other mergers."

It also said, "This letter expresses no view on the merits of any issues in this proceeding and is not written to benefit any particular party."

At a debate Friday night, McCain was questioned about the Ameritech letter and said, "All the times when I have weighed in, I have asked them to do their duty and to expedite the procedures as they're laid out under the law and according to existing regulations."

"I will continue to do that job, and when a constituent, a person of mine who has trouble — or a citizen of this country who can't get a reaction or an answer from a bureaucracy that's paid for with their tax dollars, I believe that people like me should weigh in," he added.

His campaign manager, Rick Davis, called on the other candidates to release letters showing their intervention on behalf of donors. Of particular interest to the McCain campaign is Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP front-runner.

The documents, which were provided to the AP by the Senate Commerce Committee, were among more than 500 letters McCain has written to federal agencies over the last three years as the panel's chairman. The committee plans to make then public Saturday.

Fifteen letters reviewed by the AP were on behalf of companies that McCain's campaign identified as large contributors. Most of the rest were on behalf of constituents, such as more than 20 travel agents who had complained their commission fees were being capped by airlines.

McCain is hardly alone in his letter writing. The FCC said this week it had received between 7,000 and 8,000 pieces of correspondence a year from lawmakers in the past three years about issues pending before the agency.

The letters come to light at a pivotal time for McCain in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination. The Arizona senator has risen in the polls while campaigning to rid the nation's political system of what he calls the "pernicious" influence of money.

That campaign theme has struck a chord among independents, and has helped vault McCain into a highly competitive race with Bush in New Hampshire, the nation's first primary state.

But in recent days, he has been forced to answer questions about his role in helping donors.

In the Ameritech matter, McCain wrote April 12 that the Senate Commerce Committee chairman and some of his colleagues were "extremely troubled" by the Federal Communications Commission's handling of the proposed merger between SBC Communications and Ameritech.

McCain wrote FCC chairman William Kennard: "Your improvisational process will only kill more time and raise the chances of a legally flawed decision." The letter also was signed by Sens. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

The letter followed on the heels of a $1,000-per-person fund-raiser hosted March 30 at a Chicago hotel by Ameritech chief Richard Notebaert, a member of McCain's fund-raising team.

At the time, Ameritech, a Midwest phone company, had been trying for months to get FCC approval for its merger with SBC, which is based in the Southwest. The deal, which eventually was approved, created the nation's largest local phone company.

In May, McCain sent another letter to the FCC, criticizing agency personnel for making public negative statements about the merger before a decision was made, saying such comments "cast an indelible stain on the fairness of this proceeding." It was the second time in five months McCain had criticized the FCC for making inflammatory remarks.

McCain officials said the senator was simply concerned about the conduct of FCC officials and never intended to force a positive ruling for Ameritech. They noted McCain has even raised questions about whether the merger might stifle competition.

Employees of Ameritech and their families and the company's political action committee had contributed $16,000 to McCain's presidential campaign through Sept. 30, his ninth most generous giver. SBC Communications employees and their families and the company PAC had given a total of $9,750.

Ameritech denied any connection between the fund-raisers and McCain's letter.

"This was totally Dick Notebaert's personal involvement as a member of the host committee in Chicago," spokesman Dave Pacholczyk said.

In the BellSouth matter, McCain urged FCC Chairman William Kennard to consider wireless services, such as Sprint PCS, as competitors to BellSouth. Such a ruling would remove a regulatory barrier the regional Bell companies faced in their bids to provide long-distance service.

"I encourage you to give serious consideration to whether PCS is providing competition to the local exchange market," McCain wrote.

Senate Commerce Committee Republican staff director Mark Buse said McCain's advocacy on behalf of the Baby Bells is consistent with his support for telecommunications competition that would result in lower prices for customers.

Both parties say projected fed surpluses may get bigger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal budget surpluses for the next decade could be up to $800 billion larger than last year's $3 trillion estimate, auguring an election-year fight over whether the huge kitty should be used for tax cuts, spending or debt reduction.

Democratic and Republican budget analysts say at the very least, new official projections will equal that earlier estimate, no small feat considering last year's spending splurge by lawmakers that ate well into those surpluses.

The hardy economy has continued generating unanticipated piles of federal revenue, more than offsetting the extra spending, the analysts said.

"A surging economy is bailing out Bill Clinton and the Republican Congress ... outpacing even Congress' and Clinton's spending inclinations," said Stephen Moore, fiscal policy director for the conservative-leaning Cato Institute.

Depending on what assumptions are made about spending, the new estimates — one by the Congressional Budget Office, the other by the White House Office of Management and Budget — may exceed last year's by hundreds of billions of dollars, said the Capitol Hill aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

CBO and White House officials declined to discuss their numbers. CBO will release its new projections later this month, the White House on Feb. 7, when President Clinton presents his budget for fiscal 2001, which begins Oct. 1.

The new estimates will cover the fiscal years 2001 through 2010. Last year's projections were for the 10 years beginning with 2000.

For the short run, analysts say the estimates will show a budget surplus, excluding Social Security, of perhaps $10 billion to $20 billion for this year, and perhaps up to $60 billion for fiscal 2001.

Those numbers are important because they would let Republicans claim they honored last year's promise to not use Social Security money to pay for other programs. That pledge — which President Clinton also embraced — seemed in jeopardy when lawmakers approved tens of billions in extra spending, threatening to eat into Social Security's surpluses.

The figures also mean there would be plenty of resources for the tax cuts Republicans want and the extra spending Democrats prefer for fiscal 2001. Congress will begin working on tax and spending legislation for 2001 when it returns to work Jan. 24.

With both parties trying to create distinctions between themselves that voters will remember on Election Day, bipartisan agreement on major tax or spending issues seems unlikely.

Nonetheless, the projected surpluses should be so big that some of the money could be used for tax cuts or new spending for Medicare, defense and other programs, and still leave huge sums that can be apportioned later. In the meantime, any unused surplus money would automatically reduce the $5.8 trillion national debt.

"Most of the largesse is off in the future, and political gridlock will ensure those resources are available for the next president and the 107th Congress," said Robert Reischauer, a former CBO director who is now a senior fellow at the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution.

Of the $3 trillion surplus projected last year, $2 trillion was to come from Social Security, money that both parties consider politically untouchable for spending for other programs.

The remaining $1 trillion in black ink was to come from the rest of the federal budget.

The size of the projected surplus is growing chiefly because, for yet another year, the unexpectedly strong economy is producing more federal revenue than anticipated. In addition, spending for programs including Medicare has been less than expected.

The size of the new surplus projections will also depend on whether the estimates assume that spending limits enacted in 1997 will be obeyed.

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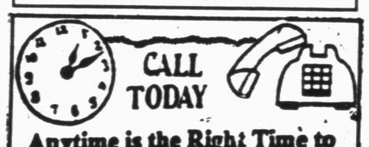
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Congress, courts loom in custody battle

MIAMI (AP) — A Republican lawmaker has subpoenaed Elian Gonzalez to testify before Congress in a bid to keep him in the United States for at least another month while courts decide whether the 6-year-old should be returned to Cuba.

The subpoena was announced Friday night by Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana hours after one of Elian's Miami relatives took the first step toward becoming the boy's legal guardian.

In Cuba, Elian's father was outraged by Burton's attempt to keep his son from his homeland.

"What right does that man have?" a red-eyed Juan Miguel Gonzalez said in his hometown of Cardenas, where many wept during a rally for Elian. "I am the father of Elian and immigration has said that I am the only one who can speak for him.

"Why should it be delayed? Who is he? He is no one. I am the father."

The developments are the latest in a remarkable international custody battle that has dominated headlines for weeks. Elian was found on Thanksgiving Day clinging to an inner tube after his mother, stepfather and others drowned attempting to reach the United States. Two other adults also survived.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service announced Wednesday that Elian should be sent back to Cuba by Jan. 14, sparking protests in Miami and celebrations in Cuba, where Fidel Castro has led the call for Elian's return. President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno have both indicated support of the INS ruling.

Then came Burton's announcement that Elian would testify before the Committee on Government Reform on Feb. 10 so he can remain in the country while the courts consider his case.

About 100 supporters cheered Friday night as Elian — holding the subpoena in front of his face while being held aloft — appeared outside the house where he has been staying with relatives. Urged by relatives, he gave the peace sign.

Israelis and Syrians eye U.S. document

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — With Mideast peace talks on a break, Israeli and Syrian delegates are looking over a U.S. "working document" given them by President Clinton as a possible pathway to a land-for-peace treaty.

Negotiations were due to resume Saturday night at the end of the Jewish Sabbath and continue on Sunday. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the round of talks could wind down early next week.

"We are moving down the track," Rubin said before formal talks drew to a close for the Sabbath and the Muslim Eid al-Fitr, the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

"This is difficult stuff. This is very hard stuff," Clinton said Friday on his fourth day of mediating between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa on details of a settlement. The deal would be based on the proposition that Israel should give up the Golan Heights to gain Syria's diplomatic recognition.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the president gave the U.S.-drafted document, about seven pages long, to the two sides during a 45-minute, three-way working meeting.

"This working document provides a summary of the issues to be decided and the differences between the parties," Lockhart said. "It is designed as a procedural tool to focus the substantive discussions and to help bridge the differences that now exist."

Negotiations in this college town 70 miles northwest of Washington had stalled over procedural issues.

Israel insisted that committees on peace terms and border security meet first, and they did. But Rubin said panels on the timetable of an Israeli withdrawal on the Golan Heights and on water resources would meet before the round ends.

After returning to the White House, Clinton made a series of phone calls to other world leaders to "update them on the status of the peace talks in Shepherdstown and give them a status report, from his perspective, on what transpired today," said national security spokesman David Leavy.

Clinton spoke with French President Jacques Chirac for about 10 minutes, Leavy said. He then spoke with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder for 20 minutes and with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for 10 minutes.

The document, which Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had directed her aides to prepare, details both the agreements and disagreements during negotiations here, in Washington last month and before a breakdown four years ago.

"It's certainly progress to have a document before the parties," Rubin said.

But he added, "We have limited expectations (of) what can be completed with one round."

Obituaries

D.J. Dyess

1903-2000

SPUR – D.J. Dyess, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Thursday, Jan. 6, in Spur.

Funeral service for Mr. Dyess, 96, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Burton officiating. Burial will follow in Spur Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.

Born June 1, 1903 in Grand Saline, he attended Burton Barber College and married Marie Watson on May 17, 1928 in Anson. She died in 1997.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, he served on the Spur school board and city council and was a charter member of the Lions Club. He was named Spur man of the year in 1959 by the chamber of commerce and outstanding citizen in 1980 by the VFW.

He was a barber in Spur for 65 years, retiring in 1988.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Dyess of Gail and Bill Dyess of Waco; two daughters, Nell Sharp and Betty Wyatt, both of Spur; two brothers, Jimmy Dyess of Snyder and Lon Dyess of Grand Junction, Colo.; two sisters, Jewel Ray Pinkerton of Snyder and Nannie Lou Combs of Sweetwater; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Lillie Griffith

1905-2000

COLORADO CITY – Lillie G. Griffith, 94, died Thursday, Jan. 6, in a Colorado City nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Griffith was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Roscoe Cemetery with the Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating.

Born March 21, 1905 in Eastland County, she married E.V. Griffith on Feb. 8, 1921 in Scurry County. He died in 1963. She also was preceded in death by a son, Ira Griffith.

A former resident of Roscoe and a member of the Roscoe First Baptist Church, she was a homemaker and a cook.

Survivors include two sons, Orvel Griffith of Colorado City and Kenneth Griffith of Roscoe; a brother, Dempsey Darden of Colorado City; eight grandchildren; and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren.

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Bombardment of Chechen capital is halted temporarily

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russia has ordered a temporary halt in its bombardment of Grozny for religious holidays this weekend and to allow citizens to flee the Chechen capital, officials said.

Acting President Vladimir Putin said Saturday that the halt was ordered partly because of the Muslim and Orthodox Christian holidays this weekend. He also said foggy weather in Grozny endangered civilians by making accurate airstrikes and artillery shelling impossible.

"Actions of our military have been dictated exclusively by the concern about peaceful citizens," Putin said. Russia's "goal of taking Grozny will be achieved," he said.

In recent weeks, Russia has unleashed wave after wave of airstrikes and artillery attacks around Grozny, despite the presence of between 10,000 and 30,000 civilians in the city and frequently poor weather conditions. Russia has announced temporary cease-fires in the past to allow civilians to leave, but it did not halt all combat operations during those lulls.

The latest temporary halt came as Russian efforts to capture the capital have stalled due to weather and fierce resistance by Chechen fighters.

Speculation that the government was growing frustrated with the lack of a decisive blow against the rebels was heightened Friday when the military removed the two top combat generals in Chechnya.

Putin Saturday insisted the generals' removal had not come because the government was unhappy with their handling of the war.

Putin, emerging from an Orthodox Christmas Mass Saturday, first denied that any shuffle had been made at all, and then said the issue was a technical one.

"Russia doesn't throw away such generals as Troshev and Shamanov. There has been no replacement and no replacement has been planned. It is a technical question," he said, giving no further details.

Lt. Gen. Gennady Troshev and Maj. Gen. Vladimir Shamanov were returned Friday to posts they occupied before the war, the

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 7 — Jesse Alley of San Antonio, Helen Kellner of Ira, Eloise Massey, Melanie Sullenger, Augustin Castillo, Doyle Edmondson of Big Spring and John Pethel.

DISMISSALS: George Dale, Ophelia Hernandez, Calvin Montgomery of Mabank, Obed Wooldridge, Jacob Gonzales, Carolyn House, Eunice Houston, Russell Jones, Twalla Peppers and Connie Romero.

CENSUS: 57 (Med./Surg.-27, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Outstanding warrants send six subjects to jail Friday

Outstanding warrants sent six people to jail Friday, while a seventh subject was picked up for public intoxication.

One of the warrants was from a felony charge.

Marcus Lee Rocha was arrested at 5:47 p.m. at his residence at 6306 CR 230 on a warrant for felony motion to revoke probation.

Deputies took a 20-year-old male into custody at 8:19 a.m. at the Adult Probation Office on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of deadly conduct.

A 22-year-old male was arrested at 10:09 a.m. at the Driver's License Office on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Childress for no seat belt and failure to appear.

A warrant for assault causing bodily injury sent a 23-year-old man to jail. Deputies arrested him at 5:05 p.m. in the 400 block of 29th Street.

At 8:58 p.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old female in the 3700 block of Austin on an Ector County warrant for theft by check and an outstanding Midland DPS warrant for speeding and failure to appear.

A warrant for assault causing bodily injury resulted in the arrest of an 18-year-old male at 10 p.m. Officers picked him up in the 100 block of Browning.

Public intoxication sent a 16-year-old male to jail at 11:13 p.m. Officers arrested him in the 4400 block of Avenue U.

In other activity Friday, East Elementary Principal Wayne Kennedy requested an officer at the school to take an offense report for disorderly conduct/language. A report was filed.

An employee with Walls notified officers at 2:26 p.m. that a female subject had walked out of the store wearing a pair of stolen jeans over her own jeans. The subject was contacted and the jeans were returned in retail condition. A criminal trespass warning was issued to two subjects and an offense report was filed for Class C theft.

At 7:27 p.m., officers submitted an offense report for family violence.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.62
North of City	.30
East of City	.60
West of City	.60
Lake Thomas	.40
Hermleigh	.90
Polar	.40
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Employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel unit have established an account at West Texas State Bank to benefit the wife and three young children of correctional officer Daniel Nagle, killed while on duty at the McConnell unit at Beeville. Donations may be made in his name at West Texas State Bank.

TSA selling pecans

The Technology Student Association of Snyder High School is selling an assortment of pecans and peanuts as a fundraiser to help finance a trip to the state contest. Call 573-8961 for further information.

Gospel meeting

Dr. Ken Jones, president of Lubbock Christian University, will be guest speaker during a gospel meeting starting Sunday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Sunday Bible class is 9:30 a.m. followed by worship services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services Monday and Tuesday are at 7 p.m.

Word is Life Church

Jean Krisle will be at Word is Life Deliverance Church at 7 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The church's new location is 312 Coliseum Dr.

Organ dedication

First Christian Church will dedicate its new organ with a recital by Reba Bailey, church organist, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Baseball booster club

The Snyder Tigers baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center to discuss fundraising and uniforms. Everyone is urged to attend and all parent ads need to be turned in at the meeting.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Human Conscience," followed by "Getting to Know God's Pardon."

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Mary Lou and Troy Scott will present the program.

Northeast family night out

Northeast Elementary will have family night out on Monday at the Sonic from 5 p.m. until closing. Bring your coupons.

Utility assistance applications

Representatives from People for Progress will be at the Park Club from 10 a.m. until noon, and from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday to take applications for utility payment assistance. Needed documents are social security card, electric and gas bills, plus proof of income.

Ira awards assembly

The awards assemblies for the first semester will be held Tuesday in the Ira school cafeteria. The assembly for grades six through 12 will be at 12:05 p.m. and the elementary assembly is set for 3:05 p.m.

Private applicator certification meeting

There will be a private applicator certification meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the agriculture room at Western Texas College.

Social security reps

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder Tuesday.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Dan Cotton and Vesta Orr will be hosted by Big Country Electric Cooperative from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Cotton has been the cooperative's attorney for 32 years, and Orr is former general manager of the coop.

Fluvanna homecoming

A meeting to plan the Fluvanna homecoming will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Fluvanna community center. Anyone interested in the June 9-10 homecoming is invited to attend the planning session.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Town hall meting

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will host a town hall meeting from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday in the council chambers at Snyder City Hall.

TAAS tests

TAAS tests will be administered Feb. 22-24. Out-of-school examinees must register by Wednesday at Snyder High School. Anyone with questions should call Charlene Light at 574-6050, or Dr. Melissa Jones at 573-5401.

SISD trustees reception

The public is invited to a reception in honor of the board of trustees of the Snyder schools to be held from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the board room in the school administration building.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
12-8-25-35-33

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-7-3

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
93-56-20-88
(ninety-three, fifty-six, twenty, eighty-eight)

Gore mends fences, while Bradley defends his ideas

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Both Democratic presidential candidates were forced onto the defensive: Vice President Al Gore mending fences with Gen. Colin Powell and backpedaling on a sticky question of gays in the military, Bill Bradley buying TV time to justify the very premise of his "big ideas" campaign.

The sparks were flying even before the pair went head to head in Friday's debate.

Feeling the pinch of Gore's latest line of criticism — likening the Bradley agenda, top-heavy with a massive health care plan, to Ronald Reagan's for its focus on only "one or two things" — the Bradley campaign said it spent $250,000 on a new television ad that would pelt New Hampshire voters five or six times on Manchester TV and another five or six times from nearby Boston stations.

"People accuse me of offering big ideas that they say are risky," Bradley says in the ad. "I say the real risk is not doing the things I've set out to do in this campaign."

It marked the first time that Bradley, in his active ad campaign, used a spot to respond to Gore. It also marked a sharp escalation in the back-and-forth of the tight race for Iowa's Jan. 24 delegate caucuses and New Hampshire's Feb. 1 primary.

Over in the Gore camp, the back-and-forth was internal as Gore, within the space of one hour Friday evening, juggled two self-deployed political land mines.

He tried to clear up an embarrassment caused by his campaign manager and then, hastily called a news conference — safely after most dinnertime news broadcasts — to retract comments earlier in the week that he would require candidates for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to agree with his intention to let gays serve openly in the military.

"I did not mean to imply that there should ever be any kind of inquiry into the personal political opinions of officers in the U.S. military," Gore said after a pep rally at Valley High School.

Gore, under fire from military brass and some of his own political allies, spoke two days after his original comments during a debate in New Hampshire. The comments sparked dissent from former members of the joint chiefs and from Sen. John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran campaigning for Gore.

In what aides called a "clarification" of his original statement, Gore said, "What I meant to convey was I would not tolerate, nor would any commander in chief, nor would any president tolerate orders not being followed."

The line seemed to be borrowed from Bradley. Both Democrats were asked in Wednesday's debate if they would make agreement on gays in the military a litmus test for appointments to the joint chiefs.

Bradley said such a test was unnecessary because military officers follow orders from their commander in chief, no matter what.

But Gore answered the litmus-test question this way: "I would insist, before appointing anybody to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that that individual support my policy. And yes, I would make that a requirement."

After two days of news reports quoting current and retired military officers aghast at Gore's remark, the vice president blamed reporters for not hearing him right.

"That is not what I meant to convey — that's what you heard," he said. "I didn't use that term, litmus test."

At Gore's campaign rally, supporter Carolyn Klein faulted Gore for ever suggesting such a prerequisite. "What matters is if he can work well with them, and not whether they agree or disagree. Not everyone agrees with me on my job either but we work together," said Klein, a food-service director for the local school district.

But Klein, 59, also faulted Gore for wasting energy on the question. "I think that's the least of our issues right now. We have so many problems to work on, that he's making too much of that."

As for the day's other thorny distraction, Gore campaign manager Donna Brazile said in a recent interview that Republicans used blacks like General Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to pose for pictures, but did not really care about them.

Powell responded with an angry letter to the Gore campaign that he distributed to reporters.

Brazile and Gore separately telephoned Powell. Gore refused to say whether either of them apologized outright to the retired general.

"We're friends of long standing ... it was a very friendly and warm conversation," Gore told reporters.

Former SS teacher sentenced

ATLANTA (AP) — A former Sunday school teacher who authorities said bilked church members, neighbors and others out of $5 million pleaded guilty Friday to mail fraud.

Donald Eugene James, who supported a lavish lifestyle while posing as a commodities trader, faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a $200,000 fine at his sentencing in March.

James, 36, who taught a preschool Sunday school class at the Calvary Assembly of God in suburban Dunwoody, promised returns of as much as 18 percent a month on investments he made, according to federal court documents.

However, James invested less than $200,000, of which he lost about $120,000, prosecutors said.

Federal authorities said there were at least 25 victims in Georgia and Florida who invested between $300,000 and $500,000 each in two commodity trading pools that James established.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000

Your financial aspects are trending upward in the year ahead and this might enable you to get some of the extra things you've always wanted. Enjoy the acquisitions, but try to save some money, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're planning something social with friends today, keep in mind that pleasurable activities with expensive price tags might not always be better or live up to your expectations. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try not to do or say anything in public today that could leave a bad impression, because your image is a trifle fragile at this time. Be natural, but also be on guard.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Inclinations to rationalize situations rather than evaluate them logically could get you in hot water today. Don't allow wishful thinking to overshadow reality for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's not like you, but today you could be more impressed with material possessions than friendship. Try not to let a pal's lack of financial position influence your judgment of him or her.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Being overly accommodating can sometimes come off as being insincere and this could be your problem today should you try too hard to please others. Just be yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't ask a co-worker to do a task that exceeds his or her talents. If you have any doubts about this person's abilities and make that request anyway, you could be asking for trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you find yourself attracted only to people today who say all the things you like to hear, you had better keep your guard up. You could be easily manipulated by the wrong type.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though usually you're the type of person who sees things through to conclusion, today you might lack this persistence. Don't start anything you can't finish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Companions will easily pick up on whether your comments are truthful or not today and may quickly lose respect for you if you're insincere. Don't employ flattery as a subterfuge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) We're all entitled to pamper ourselves from time to time, but today you risk wasting money foolishly on something that later could cause you remorse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't make any commitments today merely to make a good impression. Any promises you make to others will be taken seriously, so be sure about your intent to follow through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is not one of those days when you can afford the luxury of letting your heart rule your head. When making any important evaluations at this time, be logical, not emotional.

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Monday, Jan. 10, 2000

There's a strong chance that you will find yourself more involved with people from all stratum of life in the year ahead than you may have been previously which will serve to further your aims.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Chances are business meetings or discussions will go a lot smoothly for you today if conducted in a social setting or, at the very least, one that is more relaxed than stiff. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today is the time to take care of all financial obligations or matters that need tending, because the conditions in general are favorable and more in tune with your monetary affairs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) That quick mind of yours makes this one of your better days for problem solving or sorting out mental contingencies. Don't be surprised if others turn to you for these purposes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't discount the hunch you get today about how to further improve something you thought was already at its peak. There's extra gold hidden beneath the obvious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It behooves you to work hand in glove with an associate today concerning a mutual interest you both share. Collectively, each can benefit in a personal way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your intuition might be able to provide you with a better game plan for furthering your ambitions, reputation or standing in the community. Follow it to the letter when it speaks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Hard to solve dilemmas will be a piece of cake for you today, because instead of viewing only the problem, you'll concentrate on the realistic solutions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What makes your juices flow today are challenges, so instead of ducking any, face them head on. They'll stimulate and excite your ambitious urges.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get your heads together with an old friend of yours with whom you may not have been in touch recently. You both have some new knowledge that can help the other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Success is yours for the asking today. However, it might take a second or third effort on your part to achieve what you want. Be tenacious and diligent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although it might be a work day for you, it might seem more like one of socializing today. It'll be your friendly, congenial attitude that turns it into a fun day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Dedicate your efforts to getting your more ambitious projects done today, because whatever you put your hand to has excellent chances of being fulfilled.

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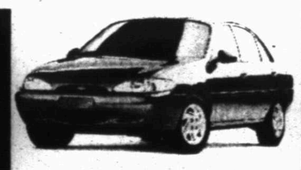
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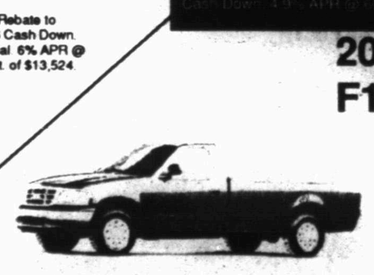
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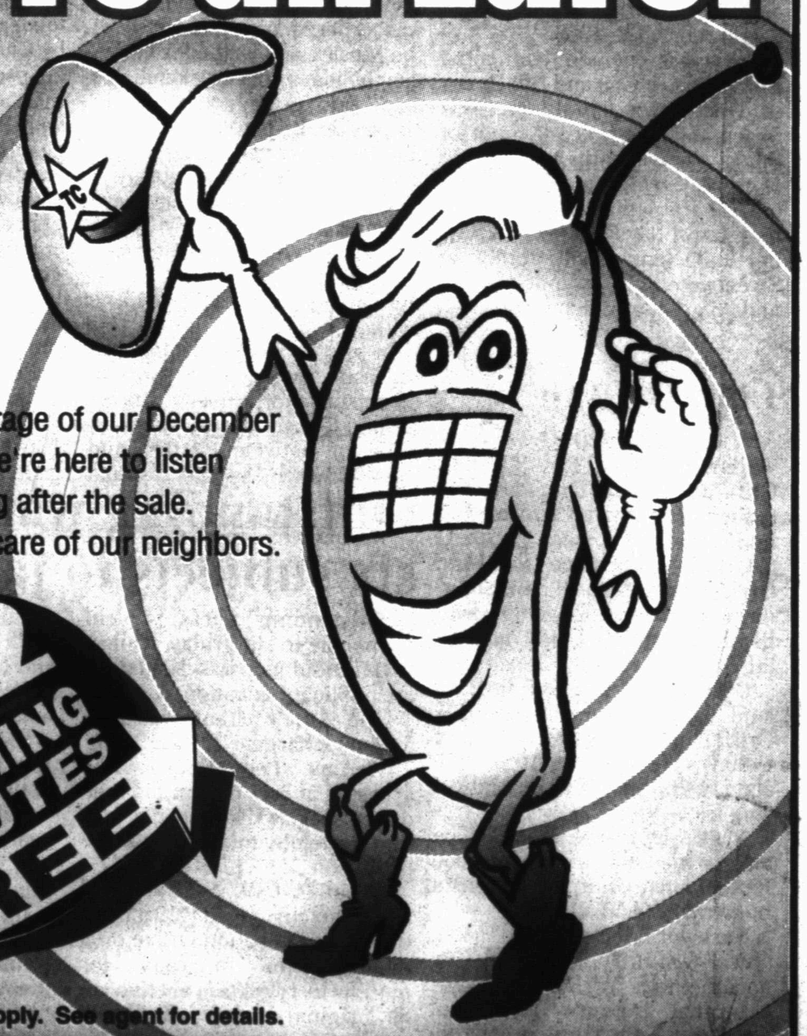
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Profiles in Education

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Dixie Haggard enjoys working with students

Local woman is assistant principal at the junior high

(Editor's Note: This is the ninth is a series of articles about Scurry County school administrators.)

Dixie Haggard has worn many hats during her years in education — including teacher, counselor and now administrator.

For the past two years, she has been the assistant principal at Snyder Junior High School. She has been employed in the Snyder School System since 1996.

As assistant principal, Dixie said one of her duties is to be the main disciplinarian. She also arranges for substitute teachers, secures textbooks, helps to evaluate teachers, and she is in charge of the 504 and special education programs on the campus.

Dixie also attends junior high sporting events as the designated administrator, sharing those duties with Kellye Starnes, principal. "We each take a grade," she said.

Her responsibilities also includes "anything else that comes around."

Dixie enjoys working at the junior high, and with Kellye and the faculty who are "always open to new ideas," as are Supt. Gayle Lomax and Dr. Melissa Jones.

Dixie enjoys the "challenge and excitement" of initiating a new program. She has started several at the junior high, including Peer Mediation which was implemented during the fall semester.

A cross-section of students have been trained to help other students solve their verbal disagreements. Now, fewer students are sent to Dixie's office for disciplinary problems.

Dixie said some students even refer themselves to the student-mediators. On their own, students are also beginning to apply what they are learning through peer mediation, which is the main goal of the program, she said.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL — Dixie Haggard is the assistant principal at Snyder Junior High School, a position she had held for the past two years. She enjoys working with students. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Program sponsors are Janeen Patterson, drama instructor; and Leslie Murphy, who teaches science.

Changes have also been made in ISS (In School Suspension) and AEP (Alternate Education Program). Dixie has organized in-service workshops for teachers who work with the at-risk students in both programs. Special education services have also been added to both programs.

Also new this school year, are learning packets for ISS and AEP students. Included are stories which students read and then answer questions about. Dixie said Marci Dennis, choir teacher, works with the students and helps them address the behavior, which landed them in trouble, and how they can change their behavior.

Dixie described Marci as "compassionate and sympathetic, someone the students feel comfortable talking to." She noted that the material in the learning packets helps them to identify students with learning disabilities.

Attendance has been improved this school year. Teachers now call the students to find out why they are absent. This contact sometimes enables school officials to detect a problem which the family may be having, and need assistance with, Dixie said.

She noted that the high school has invited the junior high to participate in Saturday School this semester. The state requires that students must have 90 percent attendance or be retained in their grade at the end of the school year. Saturday School allows students to make up days missed.

An interactive bulletin board for teachers was started a few months ago. Last August, a map was set up in the mailroom and teachers could mark which places they had visited during the summer. Prizes were given to those who had traveled the farthest distance, Dixie said.

A special Valentine Day's bulletin board was also set up last February, filled with pictures of teachers' loved ones.

Aides Susie Hall, Gaylan Mason and Josie Hernandez help with the boards.

She said the staff also participated in a favorite fall foods get together. The recipes were later compiled for a cookbook.

She said she and Kellye get some of their best ideas from a principals' meeting they attend each summer.

Dixie coordinated the junior high's first Showcase last spring which encouraged sixth graders and their parents to visit the junior high campus.

She also wrote the school-to-work grant proposal for the junior high's summer Shadowing program, headed by teachers Linda Huestis and Margaret Corkran. She said they are having a lot of success with that program.

She has also helped launch several programs for the local school district, including the JTPA summer work program. While at Snyder High, Dixie implemented the in-school work program where students work with elementary teachers.

See Dixie Haggard, Page 4B

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Vera Holsinger

Mrs. Holsinger celebrated 90th birthday in December

Vera Periman Holsinger celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at Ned and Polly Underwoods' home on Saturday, Dec. 31, where many friends attended.

Born and reared in the White Bluff Community, 10 miles north of Snyder, she attended White Bluff School and graduated from Snyder High School.

She worked her way through college by attending Texas Tech for one year and then teaching in a rural school the next year to earn enough money to go back. She alternated going to school and teaching in three rural schools until her graduation at Tech in 1935.

The next year she was teaching school at Kress when she was called by a Snyder school board member to teach home economics. She taught at Snyder several years before moving to Graham and teaching there.

One of her pleasant memories in her career is her work in the USO assisting service men and their families from 1943 to 1950.

As director of the USO, she often worked over 12 hours a day at bases in Bethesda, Md., Washington D.C., Fort Smith, Ark., and Lawton, Okla. She never worked on Sunday mornings because she always attended Sunday school and church.

She decided after seven years with the USO that she didn't want to go to Arizona, her next assignment. She retired and came back to Snyder to teach.

Vera married Wirt Holsinger in 1971. He also loved traveling and they were able to travel together until he died 4 ½ years later.

Vera has traveled around the world. She visited Hawaii and later directed five tours to the island, and one to Mexico. Her latest trips were to New Zealand and Australia.

In her travels around the world, Vera saw the wonders of the world as well as the poverty and terrible living conditions of many people.

Admitting missions is one of her great loves, she and her siblings have built churches in Mexico in memory of their parents and have sponsored others on mission trips all over the world. As a longtime member of the First Baptist Church, she has supported its mission service.

She has also served in many other capacities at the church.

Impressed with the cleanliness of New Zealand, Vera came home with an idea — to get a project going to clean up Snyder.

The late Roger Mize, then president of Snyder National Bank, funded "Keep Snyder Clean" bumper stickers and litter bags and she moved forward promoting the clean up campaign.

Vera stays busy as she is always ready to initiate or support projects for the betterment of Scurry County and those in need, especially children.

She has held offices and is still active in Alpha Study Club, Art Guild Study Club and she holds a life membership at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Just scratching the surface of her busy life, it's certain Vera has many friends with whom to share memories in celebrating her 90th birthday.

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It should happen to you: According to one survey, there are now a record number of billionaires in America — nearly 200.

Bridal Registry

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By Phillip Alder

North 01-08-00
♠ ---
♥ A Q 7 6 4
♦ A 10 5
♣ K Q 6 4 3

West
♠ K 6
♥ K J 10 3
♦ K 9 8 4 2
♣ 8 5

East
♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ 9 8
♦ Q
♣ A J 10 9 7

South
♠ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♥ 5 2
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ 2

Vulnerable: Both; North-South plus 60
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	2 ♣	Dbl.
2 ♦!	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ K

The strongest fighter of all

Last this week is Rixi Markus, who was perhaps the most talented female player ever. She had incredible concentration and an amazing table presence, always seeming to know what was about to happen. At the table, she was all business, but away from it, everybody loved her.

Born in Vienna, she won the European Women's Team Championship with Austria in 1935-37. But the day Germany marched into her country, Rixi took her daughter and fled by train to Belgium, and on a boat to England. Her successes continued, with three world team and three world pairs titles. From 1974, when the ranking list started, until 1980, she was the World Bridge Federation's top-ranked woman, and was the first WBF Grand Master.

Rixi also put a lot back into bridge, being The Guardian columnist for years and writing several books. She initiated and organized the annual match between the House of Lords and House of Commons.

In this deal, she produced a typical Rixi bid.

Against two diamonds doubled, West found the best lead of the spade king. After ruffing in the dummy, Rixi called for the club king, East winning with the ace. Now East erred. If he had continued with a top spade, the contract would have failed. Instead, he switched to the diamond queen. Reading the position perfectly, Rixi won with dummy's ace and ruffed a club, abandoning the winning club queen. Rixi finessed dummy's heart queen, cashed the heart ace, ruffed a heart in hand, trumped a spade in the dummy, and ruffed another heart in hand. That was eight tricks in!

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Bridge Scores

Dec. 31

Monte West directed at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Louise Thompson, Frances Stevenson.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

Jan. 2

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
2. ElWanda Nall, Margaret Presswood.
3. Frances Stevenson, Louise Thompson.

Jan 4

Jane Hinton directed.

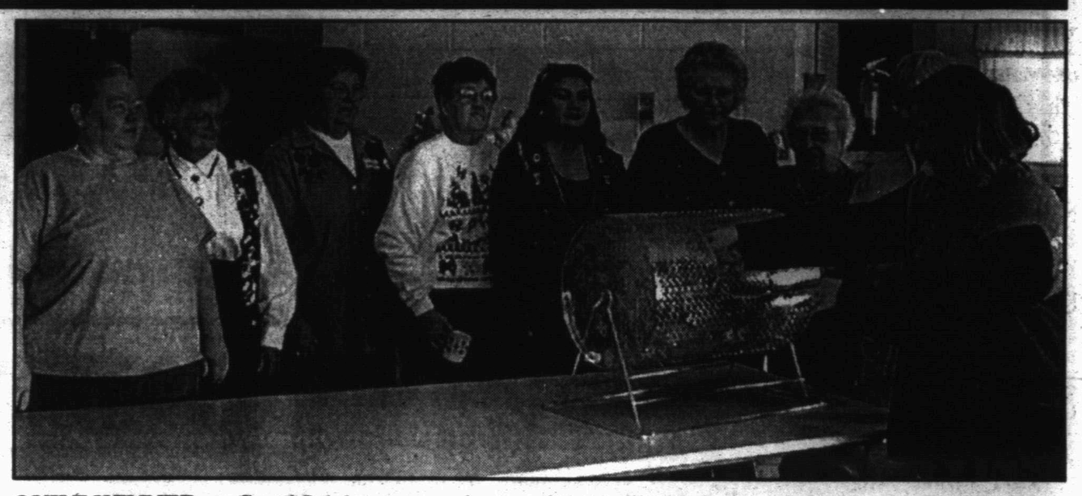
TIE: Ann Davis, Louise Thompson tied with Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.

2. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.

Birth

Kerrington Fayeth Biggers-Williams, daughter of Felsha Biggers and Norris Williams was born at 8:20 a.m. on Jan. 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Kerrington weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and will be welcomed home by her cousin, Darius Biggers.

Her maternal grandparents are Anita and Earnest Peavy and Frank Biggers of Colorado City. Her paternal grandparents are Frances Williams and the late Norris Williams Sr.



QUILT WINNER — Carol Iglehart was winner of the quilt made by the Rock and Roll Quilting Club at Hermleigh. Pictured from left are Lee Spruill, Fay Sims, Joy Early, Verleen White, Rosa Swigert, Maggie Barnes, Ellen Riley, Bernie Sealy, and Mary Spruill who drew Carol's name. Proceeds were given to Mary Batchelor for medical expenses. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

School Menus

Hermleigh Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup

Tuesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

Wednesday
Fruit
Kolaches

Thursday
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast

Friday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Enchilada/Cheese Sauce
Ranch Style Beans
Tossed Salad
Tortilla Chips
Blonde Brownies

Tuesday
Swiss Steak
New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday
Beef Stroganoff
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pears

Thursday
Oven Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jell-O

Friday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Salsa Sauce
Refried Beans
Mixed Fruit/Whipped Topping

Ira Menu

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Vegetable Salad
Italian Bread
Peaches w/Cool Whip

Tuesday
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Apple Crisp

Wednesday
Chicken Strips
Creamed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Hot Rolls
Cookies

Thursday
Burritos
Vegetable Salad
Corn Brownies

Friday
Hamburgers
Chips
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Snyder Menu

All meals are served with choice of milk. The Breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Donut

Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs

Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick

Thursday
Breakfast Pizza

Friday
Biscuit w/Sausage

LUNCH

Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
W/French Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit

Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Beef Nachos
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Brownie

Wednesday
Pizza or Steak Fingers w/gravy
And Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Orange Half

Thursday
Burrito or
Barbecued Beef on a Bun
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Pudding

Friday
Corn Dog or
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
W.K. Corn
Applesauce Cake

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Defensive driving classes Monday and Tuesday; Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College; 6 to 9 p.m.; for more information call 573-2850.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors will meet at clubhouse and all board members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

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

American Legion Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; Country Club; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. On W. 37th; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

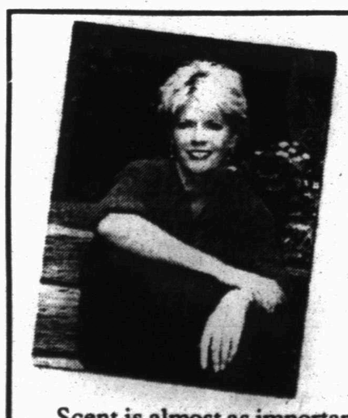
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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



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Beef Stroganoff

Moore, Shanafelt repeat vows

SEGUIN — Rachel Nicole Moore of San Antonio and Ralph Jackson Shanafelt Jr. of Seguin were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4, 1999 in the Seguin First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Robert Moore, the bride's father and minister of education at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiated the double-ring ceremony. The Rev. Neil Kibbe, pastor of the Seguin First Baptist Church, assisted.

The bride's mother is Patsy Moore of Snyder and the groom's father is Ralph Jackson Shanafelt Sr. of Seguin. His mother and stepfather are Debra and Edgar West of Groveton.

Hunter green and burgundy were colors carried out in church decorations of Christmas greenery and two large floral arrangements of burgundy and white roses.

Ushers included Andrew Shanafelt, cousin of the groom from Seguin; Robert Martin, another cousin from Edna; William Hamilton and Lon Varnes, high school friends from Seguin.

Wedding music was provided by the Southwest Texas Women's Ensemble directed by Dr. John Paul Johnson, director of choral activities at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, a former professor of the bride.

Music selections included "Jesu Bambino," by Yon; "Whither Thou Goest," by Singer; a solo by Dr. Johnson, "One Hand, One Heart," by Bernstein; and "Sun and Moon," by Schonberg.

Reception music was provided by a stringed quartet of music students also from SWTSU.

The bride was given in marriage by her father as she wore a sleeveless princess-style gown of white Italian satin detailed with embroidered appliques with seed pearls which accented the square neckline, slipper-length skirt, and monarch train.

Her veil had a silver and pearl tiara with two tiers of fingertip nylon illusion veil with a mirrored edge. She carried a hand tied bouquet of a white cymbidium orchid, white and burgundy roses, and stephanotis surrounded by Christmas greenery.

Matron of honor was Karri Starling of Amarillo and bridesmaids were Jeannie Shanafelt, sister of the groom from Seguin, Pamela Richey of New Orleans, La., Lynette Biddy of San Marcos and Christy Gough of New Braunfels.

The matron of honor and bridesmaids wore hunter green crepe dresses, each with a corded design inset in the bodice square neckline, short sleeves and an empire waist flowing into a flared skirt. Their bouquets were white and burgundy roses tied with an ivory bow for the bridesmaids, and a burgundy and ivory bow for the maid of honor.

Flower girl was Rebecca Johnson, cousin of the groom from Victoria. She was dressed as a miniature replica of the bride with a sleeveless floor-length white gown. She carried a white satin basket filled with white and burgundy rose petals and wore a halo of white sweetheart roses and stephanotis in her hair.

Ring bearer Kylan Moore, nephew of the bride from Katy, was dressed as a miniature replica of the groom, wearing a black tuxedo, white vest and bow tie with a boutonniere of a white sweetheart rose embellished with baby's breath.

Best man was Russell Naecker of Austin. Groomsmen were Samuel Shanafelt, brother of the groom from Groveton; Kevin Moore, brother of the bride from Austin; David Speir from San Marcos and Joe Zurovec from Seguin, both high school friends of the groom

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and bow tie and a boutonniere of a white rose surrounded by two stephanotis and baby's breath. Best man and groomsmen wore a black tuxedo with a hunter green vest and bow tie. They each had boutonnieres of a burgundy rose with baby's breath.

Attending the bride's book were Sarah Hudiberg, cousin of the groom from Seguin, and Mattie Johnson, his cousin from Victoria.

A dinner reception was held at the Hotel Faust, New Braunfels where the bride's table was covered with a lace cloth draped with fresh Christmas garland that was decorated with silver bows and silver Christmas ornaments.

The three-layered wedding cake was Italian cream with apricot custard filling. It was decorated with a garland and dotted Swiss design and had a sculpted snowflake cake topper. The smooth icing, rounded corners, and all-white decorations sprinkled with edible glitter added to the winter theme at the reception.

The groom's table had a hunter green cloth and was also decorated with fresh Christmas garland with silver Christmas ornaments. The two-layered chocolate groom's cake was designed as a Christmas present tied with a large chocolate bow.

At the reception, two cousins of the groom, Edythe Hudiberg of Seguin and Emily Johnson of Victoria handed out bubbles to the guests.

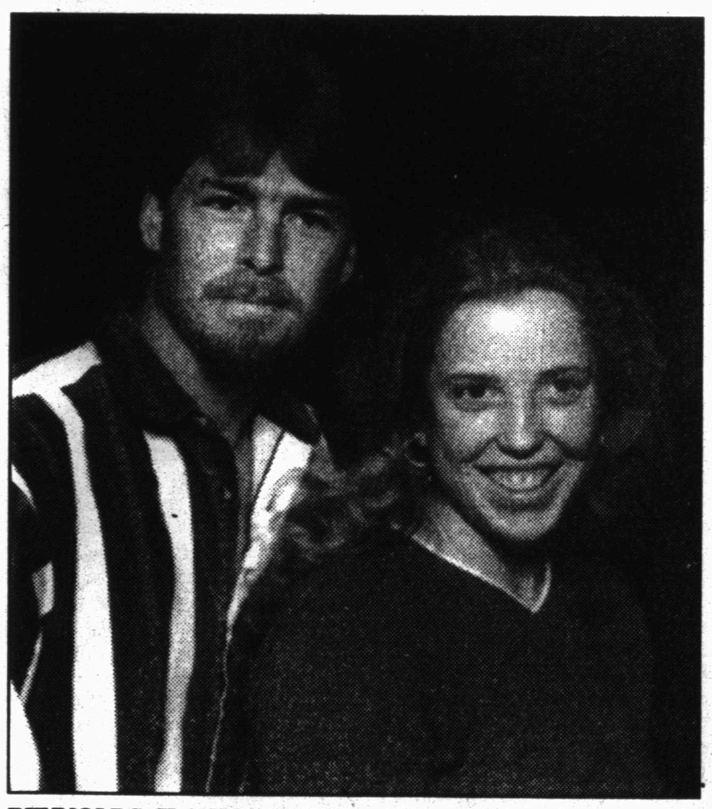
Their honeymoon trip was to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and their new home is in San Antonio.



Mrs. Ralph Jackson Shanafelt Jr.
(Photo by Harley Bynum)

The bride, a 1998 graduate of SWTSU with a bachelor of music degree with a major in music education, is employed as the assistant choir director at Barbara Bush Middle School in San Antonio.

Also a 1998 graduate of SWTSU, the groom has a bachelor of science in technology degree with a major in industrial technology-manufacturing. He is employed as a maintenance technical assistant at Structural Metals Inc. in Seguin.



REYNOLDS-CLAYTON TO WED — Dennis and Tommie Lynne Reynolds of Snyder announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Angie Reynolds, to Ricky Clayton. Angie's grandparents are Nate and Johnnie Pyburn of Snyder. Ricky's parents are Dean and Kathy Howard of Comanche and James and Lynn Clayton of Kermit. His grandparents are Hoss and Nell Clayton of Snyder and Lennie Wells of Comanche. The couple plans a Jan. 28, 7 p.m. ceremony in the Snyder Church of God, Ave. O & 21st. (Contributed Photo)

Scurry County Library News & Views

Scurry County Library has a Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds each week. Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the library staff presents stories, fingerplay exercises and crafts. They sometimes feature puppet shows, and Storytime lasts about 35 to 45 minutes.

BOOK FEATURE

"The Promise of Sleep," by William C. Dement

Healthy sleep has been proven to be the most important factor in longevity. It is more influential than diet, exercise or heredity. Our modern culture has become a study in sleep deprivation. Deadly sleep disorders shorten countless lives despite the availability of simple treatments. This book offers a definitive guide that provides the information necessary to reap the benefits of a good night's sleep.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Complete Idiot's Guide to Adoption," by Christine Adamec.

"The New New Thing," by Michael Lewis

"Moments In the Sun: Baseball's Briefly Famous," by Mark McGuire.

NEW FICTION

"Annie's Rainbow," by Fern Michaels, large type edition.

"Pop Goes the Weasel," by James Patterson.

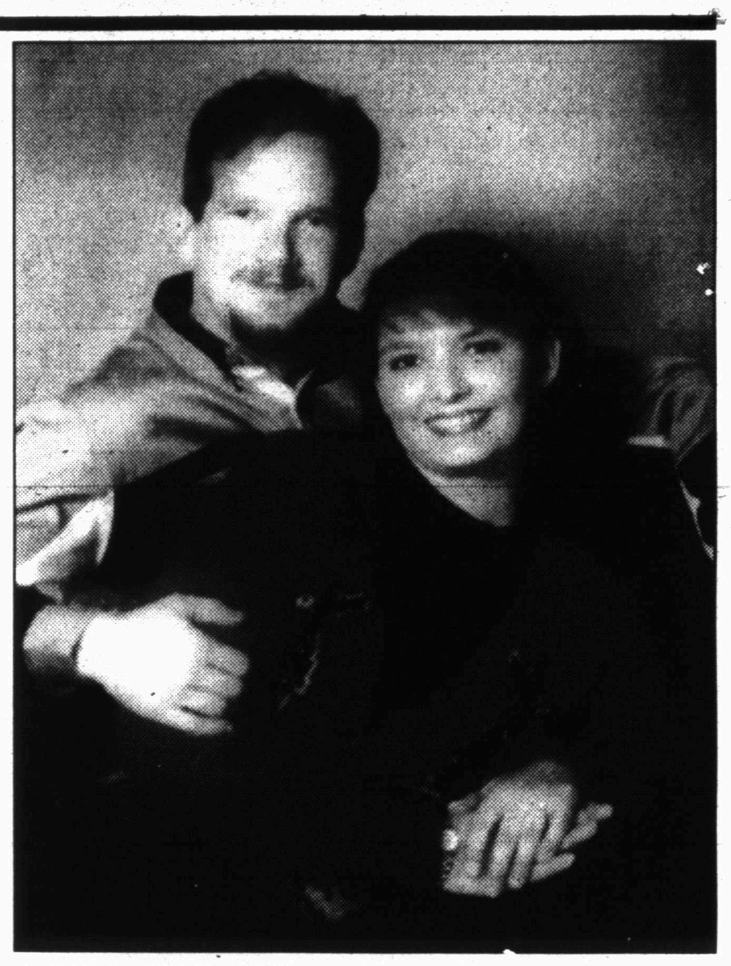
"So Sure of Death," by Dana Stevenow.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., & Wed.
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.



It's easier to peel a hard boiled egg that is still warm. If you allow it to cool the shell can stick to the egg.



MARCH VOWS PLANNED — Robert and Maria Patterson of Snyder and Teresa Dudley of Bangs announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their children, Angel Scarber and Robert Kee Patterson. An evening ceremony is being planned on March 4 in the Brownwood State Park. (Wadleigh Studio Photo)

Barney sing-along book causes red faces

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A sing-along book about Barney the purple dinosaur caused some red faces after someone found an illustration of a bare-breasted woman inside.

Michelle Capdeville said her young sons spotted the illustration in "Barney's Sing-Along Songs," distributed by Avon and based on the children's show, "Barney and Friends," featuring the singing dinosaur.

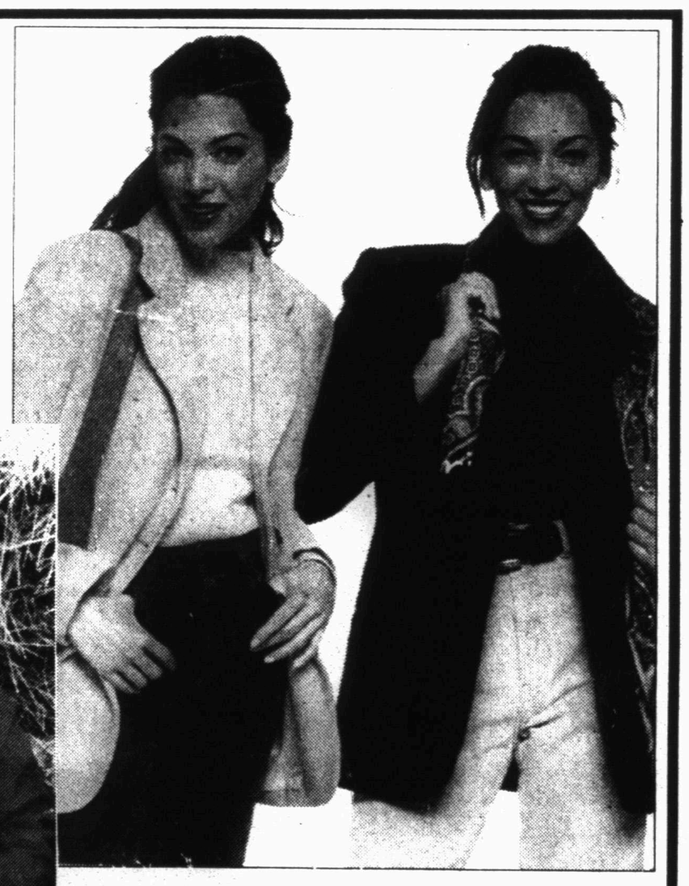
A few hundred defective books were distributed to Avon, the sole seller, said Renee Harring of Publications International Ltd., the book's publisher.

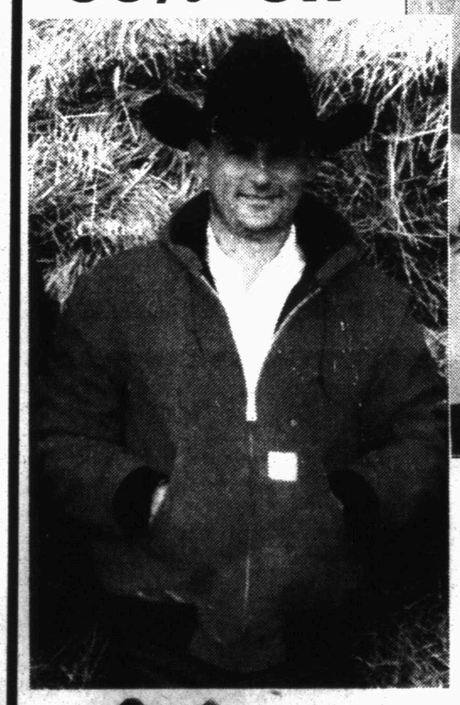
Avon apologized to consumers Wednesday, and the company also has agreed to give refunds or replacement books, said Debbie Coffey of Avon.

The problem happened during the book's printing in China, Harring said. The printer used scrap paper from a roll of leftover stock used to line an astrology romance guide.

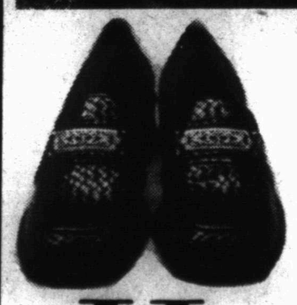
The picture depicts a woman draped in a scarf with one breast exposed as she strokes the head of a man who appears to be lying down. Although the writing on the image is in Norwegian, the words "aphrodisiac" and "exotic literature" are recognizable, Ms. Capdeville said.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Jerry C. Hodges, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Darrell Nowlain, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Justin B. House, dba House Cattle Hauling, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Samuel H. Clements, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Laredo Paving Co., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

GMAC, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Roy and Elizabeth McCloskey, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Jeffrey Helmcamp, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tommy and LuDana Baker, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jake and Don Unruh, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Ty Askew, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

R.D. McDaniel, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Don Unruh, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bryan B. Rowland, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

John Covey, 2000 Ford pickup from Seller-Sexton Inc.

Lubbock Sound Equipment, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Reed Rentals, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Eloisa and Joe Briseno, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Steven Fitzgerald, 1999 GMC van from Jim Burns Pontiac.

Mark McDaniel, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roberta Ramsey, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Gelco Corporation, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mesquite Oil Tools and Jerry Pechacek, two 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Gelco Corporation and Neo Fluid Systems, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

G. Todd and Julie Odom, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Donald Compton, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mark and Dorothy Cave, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Bill Price, dba Price Construction, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Phillip and Stephen Campbell, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patrick and Shawna Coggins, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Guelco. Corp LSR and Fluid Systems Inc., 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Chrystal Dawn Lindsey and Roger Dale Lindsey, divorce granted.

Providian National Bank vs. Sally Alvarado, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Joel Wayne Griffin, agreed judgment.

State of Texas vs. Joel Wayne Griffin, agreed judgment.

Deed Records

Soyna M. Denney to Albino and Eva Aguirre, all of Lot 4 in Block D of the replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Patsy Ann James and Billy Mac Davidson, co-independent executors of the estate of James Davidson, to Patsy Ann James and Billy Mac Davidson, all the south one-half of Section 99, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Walter Bruce and Mary Lou Darlin to Charles Ray and Cynthia Ann Darlin, 8 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Milton S. Adams, independent executor of the estate of Margaret M. Adams, to Milton S. Adams, tract one being the west 19 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 226, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being the south 87.43 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 226, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract three being the north 96 acres of the southwest one-quarter of Section 227, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract four being 7.40 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 277, Block 3, H&&TC survey; tract five being an undivided one-four interest in 91.34 acres described as the southeast corner of the southwest one-quarter and the southwest corner of the southeast one-quarter of Section 227, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract six being an undivided one-fourth interest in 160 acres being the southwest one-quarter of Section 225, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Troy Dean and Barbara Williamson to The Development Corporation of Snyder, 0.244-acre tract, part of Lots 4-6 in Block 15 of the Wilmeth Addition.

R. Virgil and Barbara Dorothy Mott to Ramona Lewallen England, the north 35 feet and the middle 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1, Block 36, Blankenship Addition.

Brenda Lee Thompson, Weldon Perry, Anna Mae Perry, Sidney Wes Perry and Todd Lewis Perry to Larry W. and Carla Jo Thompson, 4 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Juan Fernando Saucedo to Swartz and Brough Inc., all of Lots 5-8 in Block 24 of the Replat of the Belmont Heights Addition.

Bobby Loyce Lemmons and Darlene Jacob to Hurston B. Lemmons Jr., tract one being the south 175 feet of Lots 3-5, 8-9 and part of Lot 10 and all of Lots 6 and 7, all in Block 1 of the Town of Light; tract two being 100 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 485, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Larry W. Thompson, Brenda Lee Thompson, Weldon Perry, Anna Mae Perry, Sidney Wes Perry and Todd Lewis Perry to Jeff and Kim Minor, 145.9 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bobby G. McCormick, Beecher McCormick, C.E. McCormick Jr. and Keith McCormick to Billy A. McCormick, all of Section 254, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Johnny Stansell and Steve Stansell to Mary deJesus Bilano, Lots 1-6 in Block 76 and Lots 7-12 in Block 60 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

King Ranch chicken, potato rounds, boiled okra, tossed salad, apple crisp

Tuesday

Beans & ham, turnip greens, golden carrots, onion slices, chocolate cake w/white frosting, cornbread

Wednesday

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, chilled peaches, peanut butter cookie, toasted garlic bread

Thursday

Bacon wrapped beef patty w/brown gravy, sliced potatoes, blackeye peas, jellied vegetable salad, banana pudding

Friday

Fried fish, macaroni & cheese, tomatoes w/croutons, green peas & cheese salad, peach pizza

Senior Center News

The new millennium has arrived and the Y2K bug did not get us! We are looking forward to a wonderful year and encourage all seniors in our county to join us.

We are in the process of writing the February-March newsletter, so if there is some activity that you would like to have added to our schedule, please contact us at 573-4035. Sometimes a new activity is the suggestion of our seniors. If at all possible, we try new ideas.

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Seniors that enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College are reminded that the schedule for the spring semester will be set after registration.

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Seniors needing transportation are encouraged to phone the Senior Center a day in advance. Transportation is available in the morning, so we ask seniors to please make therapy or doctor's appointments between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Seniors may play dominoes, pool or quilt anytime Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Line dancers will entertain residents at Snyder Healthcare at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Social Security agents will be in the center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will be entertaining the residents of Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Anne Gregory will be entertaining in the dining room beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Advisory Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. The Senior Center will open at 6 p.m. for game night. Bridge and "88" are the most popular games, but seniors are welcome to bring other card or table games.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

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Monday, Jan. 17, the Senior Center will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Republicans say they will promote tax relief in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their grand tax cut plan thwarted by a presidential veto last year, Republicans say they'll return to work this year with several narrowly aimed tax relief bills aimed at helping married couples and parents planning for education costs.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., concluding a two-day leadership planning session Thursday, did not rule out another late-year attempt to pass a bigger tax bill similar to the 10-year $792 billion measure President Clinton rejected last year.

But he said, "we need to get out there early" with a more targeted approach. Congress reconvenes on Jan. 24.

Other specific tax goals mentioned by Hastert and other GOP leaders included a plan, coordinated with Clinton, to spur investment in poorer communities, legislation to block new Internet taxes and tax breaks for people who adopt children with special needs.

Reflecting the new era of budget surpluses, Hastert also said Republicans are working on a plan to eliminate the portion of the national debt now held by the public. He said the plan would envision ending the public debt in 10 to 15 years, a commitment that aides said could mean less money for fundamental Social Security reform.

The Clinton administration has also outlined steps to buy back the public debt by 2015. The national debt consists of the $3.7 trillion owed the public in treasury bills and savings bonds — the public debt — and another $2 trillion in Social Security and other trust funds.

The last time the debt was eliminated was 1835, when Andrew Jackson was president. The national debt crossed the $1 trillion mark in 1983 and rose sharply through 1997, when it has slowly gone down with the advent of budget surpluses.

In describing this year's session, House Majority Leader Dick Armey referred to the "three T's" — tax relief, trade and technology.

The GOP leaders said they would work to win China's accession to the World Trade Organization, pass a bill opening up trade with Africa and the Caribbean and support legislation left from last year that would standardize laws on computer encryption and electronic signatures on e-trade contracts.

Passing legislation is always more difficult in an election year, and Hastert acknowledged that "certainly presidential politics will be a major concern" in the second half of the year. He said congressional Republicans would coordinate policy with the GOP presidential nominee. Current frontrunner George W. Bush has proposed a tax cut plan that is even more ambitious than the GOP plan defeated last year.

Provisions to address the education savings account and the extra tax burden faced by some married couples who file jointly were both part of that GOP tax package.

Reducing the marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income couples would have cost an estimated $119 billion, while raising tax-exempt contribution limits to IRA-like education savings accounts and other steps to promote education savings were estimated at $15 billion.

The GOP outline of its goals for the election-year session came a day after Clinton and Democratic leaders met at the White House and said they would push legislation to shore up Social Security and to fix the nation's crumbling schools.

The Democrats also said they would also seek to pass legislation unfinished from last year, including gun restrictions, an increase in the minimum wage and a patient's bill of rights.

Dixie Haggard enjoys students

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Dixie has also written the substitute teacher's handbook for the district as well as set up workshops for substitute teachers.

Dixie attended Ranger Junior College for one year, then obtained her bachelor's at Tarleton State University, her masters at Sul Ross University, her mid-management certificate at Angelo State University, and her vocational education counseling degree at North Texas University.

Dixie taught biology at Sweetwater High School for some 17 years and served as a counselor for three years. She was also a Sweetwater Middle School counselor for 41/2 years.

With the help of a TEA grant, she and a good friend initiated the Pregnancy and Parenting Program for Sweetwater ISD, which serves 16 school districts including Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh, Anson, Hamlin, Roscoe and Rotan.

Sweetwater was the "physical agent" but the program operated like a cooperative, Dixie explained.

During its first three years, she said they worked with over 300 students, and the program was rated as one of the best in the state.

"We recovered many dropouts," she added.

Through grant funds, the program was able to provide a nursery, day-care services, counseling and a monthly career clinic day. Students were bused to Hobbs Alternative School and well baby and family planning representatives visited the campus once a month.

The program also found jobs for students. Program representatives came to Snyder, and Dixie recalled working with James and Janet Wesson, now retired SISD counselor.

While she found the job very rewarding, it did not offer much job security because the grant money which funded it "began to play out." The program still exists today and Snyder still participates; and though it is still beneficial, "it's not the program it once was because less money is available," she added.

When Sweetwater High School had an opening, she said she decided "it would be in my best interest to take it."

Before Dixie moved to Snyder Junior High School, she was a vocational and special education counselor at the high school for about a year. Barbara Granato, director of special programs at SISD, recruited her for the job. Dixie said she had worked with her in Sweetwater. At the time, she was already acquainted with Charlene Light, high school counselor, because they had earned their masters degrees at the same time.

Dixie said she had her counseling degree for several years before she started working as one. When she did, she found she really liked it. She enjoys working with all students but she especially likes special education and at-risk students.

When students are sent to her office, Dixie said she always tries to treat them the way she would like her own child to be treated in similar circumstances.

Dixie said she is very happy to be living and working in Snyder. She also thinks her two daughters are getting a good education here. Randi, 18, graduated in 1999 and now attends Western Texas College. Katie is in the eighth grade.

Both mother and daughter like being on the same campus together.

Dixie's hobbies include quilting, an activity she enjoys but finds little time to pursue.

Graduation certificate leads FBI to careless bank robber

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — FBI agents caught up with a suspected bank robber after finding his graduation certificate from an anger-management course in the vault.

Johnny Lee Miller is accused of taking $34,804 from First Utah Bank on New Year's Eve. The FBI said he slid a gun out from an envelope and demanded of a teller, "Where is your money?"

The suspect took the gun with him but left behind the envelope, which contained the certificate. It was issued by the Utah Department of Corrections.



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GOLDEN TERRACE Village — Resident of the Month

Merlyn Jones



Ms. Jones was born in Dermott, Scurry County and grew up in Fluvanna. For 15 years she operated a beauty shop at Ave. G. here in Snyder. Ms. Jones has two boys; Kelton Pinkerton of Corpus Christi and Wendell Pinkerton of Colorado City Lake, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She later married Hollis Jones and they lived in Baird after he retired until his death last January. Last February, Ms. Jones moved to Golden Terrace Village.

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Clinton to seek $1.3 billion in new farm program funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will seek $1.3 billion in new spending for farm conservation programs in its 2001 budget, including $600 million in payments to farmers who voluntarily take steps to stop runoff from their land.

The administration also is proposing to expand the popular Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to take environmentally sensitive land out of production for at least 10 years.

Vice President Al Gore, who announced the proposals Friday during a campaign trip to Iowa, said they would "provide needed financial support to our family farmers as well as tremendous environmental benefits for the American people."

The measures would nearly double what the Agriculture Department is spending this year on conservation programs. The administration's 2001 budget also is expected to include subsidies to compensate farmers for depressed commodity prices.

USDA predicts that net farm income will drop $7.6 billion this year to $40.4 billion, making it likely that Congress will approve another large infusion of federal aid this fall. The administration hopes to steer at least some of that money into conservation programs.

The centerpiece of the administration's conservation plan is the new $600 million subsidy program, which was introduced in Congress last year by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. Payment levels under the "Conservation Security Program" would be based on the size scope of the conservation measures taken by the farmers. They could include planting grass along streams and cutting back on livestock grazing.

An existing program that provides assistance for manure control and a variety of other conservation measures would be increased from $174 million this year to $325 million in 2001.

Other proposals include:

—Increasing the acreage cap in the Conservation Reserve Program from 3.6 million to 40 million acres. That would allow more than twice as much land to be enrolled in the program during the 2001 fiscal year as would be permitted under current law.

—Expanding a program that pays farmers to restore wetlands by 210,000 acres in 2001 and an additional 250,000 acres a year after that.

Peace Corps director urges computers to be used more

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Peace Corps director, sworn in Friday, says he wants more volunteers in developing countries to work with computers as a means of offering high-tech assistance to the world's poor.

Mark L. Schneider said he also wants volunteers to use e-mail to increase global contacts for communities and classrooms at home.

He took the oath of office at the Peace Corps' downtown Washington headquarters before a cheering crowd of Peace Corps workers, former volunteers and administration officials.

"I am convinced that today's Peace Corps volunteers are comparative experts in harnessing information technology to the task of poverty reduction," said Schneider, who was appointed by President Clinton while Congress was out, eliminating the need for Senate approval.

Schneider and his wife, Susan, served as Peace Corps volunteers in El Salvador in the late 1960s. He is a former U.S. Agency for International Development assistant administrator for Latin America. He has also worked for the Pan American Health Organization and was senior deputy assistant secretary of state for human rights.

The idea of having volunteers equipped with laptop computers and other high-tech devices is not new, but Peace Corps administrators have shied away from equipping them with too much technology because they want volunteers to live at the same level as the people they serve.

Schneider said computer-equipped volunteers could help develop small businesses, explore new products that could boost local economies and help reduce production costs. They also might be used to monitor immunizations, help the poor acquire title to land and give urban teachers access to the Internet for their classrooms.

Schneider said he also wants to work to increase the number of Peace Corps volunteers from the current 7,000 to 10,000 — a goal set by President Clinton but not yet funded by Congress.

"Volunteers convey a sense of optimism to those around them that what is attempted can be achieved," Schneider said.

Clinton included Schneider among his "recess appointments" to avoid a long nomination process. As it is, Schneider has no guarantee of being able to serve after Clinton's term ends at the start of 2001.

Schneider, 58, is the 15th director of the corps set up by President Kennedy in 1961. Peace Corps volunteers now serve in 78 countries, receiving a living allowance roughly comparable to local salaries. They include educators, environmentalists, health experts, business advisers and agriculturists.

Schneider succeeds longtime Clinton aide Mark Gearan, who resigned as Peace Corps director in August to become president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz Ph.D.

Vitamin E may be safer than you think

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My mom has had cancer for eight years. She has been taking a multivitamin on a daily basis. Someone suggested to her that taking some vitamin E is beneficial to her, but I am told that extra vitamin E can be risky. So my question is whether taking vitamin E plus a multivitamin is dangerous. Your answer is highly appreciated. — L.H.

DEAR L.H.: Vitamin E is associated with a decreased risk of heart disease. As one of nature's premier antioxidants, it also helps protect against a type of destruction called free-radical oxidation, which is believed to play a role in the aging process and may be a factor in the development of such diseases as cancer and arthritis.

The recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for vitamin E is 15 International Units (IUs) for adult men and 12 IUs for adult women. Research with heart disease, however, indicates that regular intakes in excess of the RDA are likely to be needed to achieve significant benefits. Taking 100 to 400 IUs of vitamin E per day is reasonable, but even amounts up to 800 IUs per day are considered safe. So why these rumors that vitamin E is risky?

A study published in 1994 found that older males who smoked more than a pack of cigarettes a day for nearly 40 years had a slightly increased risk of lung cancer risk, but the results were not conclusive. Details from this study have been reported out of context over the years, creating confusion about vitamin E's value.

Vitamin E can act as a mild anticoagulant, so one area where there is concern is with individuals that have blood coagulation disorders or with those taking anticoagulation medications. As always, you should be up front about the use of supplements whenever you speak with your health professional. Be sure to consult your physician if you have any health problems or questions.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is the relation between having a cold sore and having a cold? Is there something that can be done dietarily to help prevent cold sores? — J.B.

DEAR J.B.: It may be called a cold sore, but the connection with actual colds is minimal. A virus is responsible for both, but it's not the same virus. The cold sore is brought on by the activities of a specific virus: herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV1), while the common cold is caused by any of a (different) family of viral organisms. Most of us get over a cold in about a week and the cold virus is history. A cold sore may disappear in the same amount of time, but the HSV1 tends to hang around, lying dormant in our nerve cells while it awaits the next opportunity to attack.

There may be a correlation between having a cold sore and having a cold, but it would most likely be due to the fact that the immune system is taxed by the ongoing cold, providing an invitation for the herpes virus to come out and play.

Other factors that can provoke an outbreak if cold sores include stress, fever, excessive cold, sun or wind exposure or an injury to the lips or mouth.

There does appear to be a dietary connection, however. The herpes virus has an appetite for the amino acid arginine, while having a distaste for the presence of the amino acid lysine. If you tend to suffer from cold sores, it would be in your best interest to increase the ratio of lysine to arginine in your diet. You can do this by cutting down on foods that are high in arginine, such as chocolate, nuts and nut butters, and grains. Foods that are high in lysine include eggs, potatoes and dairy products, but rather than loading up on these foods, a more effective way to increase your lysine intake would be to take a lysine supplement.

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

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

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One woman indicted in attempted bank robbery

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The woman arrested last week after an eight-hour standoff at a bank outside Kansas City has been indicted on robbery and gun charges by a federal grand jury.

The government says Pheng "Nicki" Soumpholphakdy-Siriboury, 23, told investigators she tried to rob the bank to solve her financial problems.

She was charged Wednesday with attempted bank robbery, using a gun in a violent crime and taking hostages in the New Year's Eve incident at a Bank of America branch in the suburb of Olathe.

She is accused of entering the bank carrying a pistol and ordering tellers to put money into a duffel bag. After she saw police outside, she took six bank employees hostage, authorities said. She faces a maximum penalty of up to life in prison.

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			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-111	RHODES, G	
AG	241	0002	SOILS	TTH	8:00-9:15	4	7A-111	JUDAH, J	$15
			LAB	T	1:00-5:00		GLT-103	JUDAH, J	
AGRI	1307	0003	AGRONOMY	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	7A-111	KATTES, D	$15
			LAB	T	1:00-4:00		7A-111	KATTES, D	
AGRI	2221	0004	*LIVESTOCK EVAL	T	11:30-12:30	2	7A-111	JUDAH, J	$20
			LAB	TH	12:45-3:45		7A-111	JUDAH, J	
AGRI	2322	0005	*CARC EVAL II	TTH	11:30-12:30	3	7A-111	JUDAH, J	$20
			LAB	TH	12:45-3:45		7A-111	JUDAH, H	
	*PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THESE TWO EVALUATION COURSES								
AGRI	2330	0006	WILDLIFE CONS.	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2A-105	CARTER, J	$15
			LAB	T	12:30-1:30		2A-105	CARTER, J	

ART

ARTS	1312	0100	3-D DESIGN	MW	1:00-4:00	3	FA-122	CHRISTENSEN, S	$10
ARTS	1316	0101	FREEHAND/DRAW I	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-117	SUM, B	$10
			(FOR NON-MAJORS)						
ARTS	1317	0102	FREEHAND/DRAW II	TTH	1:00-4:00	3	FA-117	SUM, B	$10
			LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-117	SUM, B	
ARTS	2346	0103	CERAMICS	T	1:00-4:00	3	FA-122	CHRISTENSEN, S	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-122	CHRISTENSEN, S	
	(THERE WILL BE A $25 MATERIALS FEE FOR THIS CLASS.)								
ARTS	2326	0122	GLASS SCULPTURE	TH	1:00-4;00	3	FA-103	CHRISTENSEN, S	$24
			(STAINED GLASS FUSING)						
			LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-103	CHRISTENSEN, S	

BIOLOGY

BIOL	1307	0025	PRIN OF BIOL II	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2A-101	FREEMYER, S	$15
	BIOLOGY STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BIOL 1107 LABS:								
BIOL	1107	0026	BIOL LAB I	M	12:00-2:30	1	2A-111	FREEMYER, S	
BIOL	1107	0027	BIOL LAB II	T	1:00-3:30	1	2A-111	FREEMYER, S	
BIOL	1311	0028	BOTANY	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2A-101	KATTES, D	$15
BIOL	1311	0037	BOTANY	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2C-104	KATTES, D	$15
	BOTANY STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING BIOL 1111 LAB:								
BIOL	1111	0029	BOTANY LAB	M	1:00-5:00	1	2A-104	KATTES, D	
BIOL	1111	0038	BOTANY LAB	T	1:00-5:00	1	2A-104	KATTES, D	
BIOL	2302	0030	HUMAN ANAT/PHYS	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	2A-101	CARTER, J	$15
	A & P STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BIOL 2102 LABS:								
BIOL	2102	0031	A & P LAB I	T	1:15-4:50	1	2A-105	CARTER, J	
BIOL	2102	0032	A & P LAB II	TH	1:15-4:50	1	2A-105	CARTER, J	
BIOL	2320	0033	MICROBIOLOGY	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2A-101	FREEMYER, S	$15
	MICROBIOLOGY STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING BIOL 2120 LAB:								
BIOL	2120	0034	MICRO LAB	TH	1:00-5:00	1	2A-110	FREEMYER, S	

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/ECONOMICS

ACCT	2302	0175	PRIN OF ACCT II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7A-117	HALBERT, W	
BUSI	1301	0176	INTRO TO BUS	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-102	SNIDER, S	
BUSI	1304	0177	BUS COMM*	MW	1:00-2:15	3	7A-104	HALBERT, J	
	(*TAUGHT BY INTERNET - PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN THIS CLASS)								
BUSI	2301	0178	BUSINESS LAW	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-117	HALBERT, W	
ECON	2302	0179	MICRO/ECON	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-117	HALBERT, W	

CHEMISTRY

CHEM	1312	0035	GEN CHEMISTRY	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	2A-101	KATTES, D	$20
	CHEMISRY STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING CHEM 1112 LAB:								
CHEM	1112	0036	LAB	W	1:00-5:00	1	2A-104	KATTES, D	

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COSC	1300	0180	INTRO/COMPUTING	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	LRC-111	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA					
COSC	1300	0181	INTRO/COMPUTING	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	LRC-111	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA					
COSC	1300	0182	INTRO/COMPUTING	MW	1:00-2:15	3	LRC-111	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA					
COSC	1301	0183	INTRO/COMP SCI	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	LRC-111	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA					
COSC	1301	0184	INTRO/COMP SCI	MW	2:30-3:45	3	LRC-111	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA					

DRAMA

DRAM	2337	0104	VOICE/ACTOR	M-TH	4:00-5:00	3	FAT	GIRARD, C	

ENGLISH

ENGL	1301	0300	COMPOSITION I	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7B-101	BARKOWSKY, E	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	1301	0301	COMPOSITION I	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7B-103	HALL, S	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	1301	0302	COMPOSITION I	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	7B-101	BARKOWSKY, E	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	1302	0303	COMPOSITION II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	1302	0304	COMPOSITION II	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7B-110	DAY, D	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	1302	0305	COMPOSITION II*	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
	(*TAUGHT BY INTERNET - PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN THIS CLASS)								
ENGL	1302	0313	COMPOSITON II	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	7B-105	HALL, S	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	1302	0306	COMPOSITION II	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2B-110	DAY, D	$8
			LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL	2311	0307	TECH WRITING	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	
ENGL	2322	0308	ENGLISH LIT	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7B-101	LANCASTER, R	
ENGL	2322	0309	ENGLISH LIT	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7B-101	BARKOWSKY, E	
ENGL	2333	0310	WORLD LIT	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7B-101	BARKOWSKY, E	
WRITING LABS									
ENGL	0001	0363	WRITING LAB	MW	11:00-11:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0364	WRITING LAB	MW	12:00-12:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0365	WRITING LAB	MW	1:00-1:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0366	WRITING LAB	MW	2:00-2:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0367	WRITING LAB	MW	3:00-3:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0368	WRITING LAB	TTH	11:00-11:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0369	WRITING LAB	TTH	12:00-12:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0370	WRITING LAB	TTH	1:00-1:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0371	WRITING LAB	TTH	2:00-2:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	
ENGL	0001	0372	WRITING LAB	TTH	3:00-3:45	0	7B-105	STAFF	

GOVERNMENT

GOVT	2305	0225	US/ST/LOC GOVT	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT	2305	0226	US/ST/LOC GOVT	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT	2306	0228	US/ST/LOC GOVT	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7D-106	PRICE, J	
			(ITV COURSE)						
GOVT	2306	0229	US/ST/LOC GOVT	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT	2306	0230	US/ST/LOC GOVT	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
GOVT	2306	0231	US/ST/LOC GOVT	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	

Acacdemic Classes - Day

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & RECREATION

PHED	1176	0400	VARSITY GOLF	DAILY	1:00-5:00	1	G-CRSE	HAM, M	$24
PHED	1176	0401	VAR\BSKTBALL	DAILY	2:00-5:00	1	GYM-108	JACKSON, V	$10
PHED	1321	0416	SPORTS STUDIES	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	GYM-109	O'DAY, B	
			LAB	TBA	TBA				
PHED	2102	0402	BEG RQUETBLL	MWF	11:00-11:50	1	RB-CRT	BURKE, L	$10
PHED	2102	0403	REC BASKETBALL	MWF	11:00-11:50	1	GYM-108	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED	2102	0404	REC VOLLEYBALL	MW	12:00-1:15	1	GYM-108	CHASTEEN, D	$10
PHED	2102	0405	WT TRAINING	MW	1:00-2:15	1	GYM-103	BURKE, L	$10
PHED	2102	0406	EXER/CONDITION	TTH	8:00-9:15	1	GYM-101	RHODES, G	$10
PHED	2102	0407	BEG GOLF	TTH	9:30-10:45	1	G-CRSE	KAHLICH, R	$24
PHED	2102	0408	AIKIDO	TTH	11:30-12:45	1	GYM-101	BURKE, L	$10
PHED	2102	0409	AQUA AEROBICS	TTH	1:00-2:15	1	POOL	CHASTEEN, D	$10
PHED	2102	0410	ADVANCED GOLF	TBA	TBA	1	G-CRSE	STAFF	$24
	MANDATORY MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2000 AT 5:00 - GYM-109								
PHED	2147	0411	WEST ACT\WOMEN	M	3:00-5:50	1	RDEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED	2147	0412	WEST ACT\MEN	M	4:00-6:30	1	RDEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED	2147	0413	WEST ACT\WOMEN	W	3:00-5:50	1	RDEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED	2147	0414	WEST ACT\MEN	W	4:00-6:30	1	RDEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED	2255	0415	LIFEGUARDING	MW	1:00-2:15	1	GYM-109	HARRISON, M	$10

HISTORY

HIST	1301	0235	US HIST TO 1865	T1H	8:00-9:15	3	2C-105	DURHAM, J	
HIST	1301	0236	US HIST TO 1865	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST	1302	0237	US HIST 1865-	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST	1302	0238	US HIST 1865-	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7D-106	ADAMS, R	
			(ITV COURSE)						
HIST	1302	0239	US HIST 1865-	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	

MASS COMMUNICATIONS

COMM	1307	0316	INTRO/MASS COMM	MW	1:00-2:15	3	SC-105	BROWN, D	
COMM	1336	0317	VIDEO PROD	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	LRC-206	BROWN, D	$20
COMM	2129	0318	PUBLICATIONS	TBA	2:00-4:00	1	SC-105	BROWN, D	$10
COMM	2130	0319	PUBLICATIONS	TBA	2:00-4:00	1	SC-105	BROWN, D	$10

MATHEMATICS

MATH	1314	0189	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	2C-101	RUSSELL, A	$8
			LAB-1 HOUR	TBA					
MATH	1314	0190	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
			LAB-1 HOUR	TBA					
MATH	1314	0191	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	2C-101	RUSSELL, A	$8
			LAB-1 HOUR	TBA					
MATH	1316	0192	TRIGONOMETRY	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	
			(ITV COURSE)						
MATH	1324	0194	MTH/BUS/ECO I	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2C-101	RUSSELL, A	
MATH	1325	0195	MTH/BUS/ECO II	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	7A-117	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1332	0196	MATH CONCEPT I	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-109	RUSSELL, A	
MATH	1333	0197	MATH CONCEPT II	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	7A-117	RUSSELL, A	
MATH	2315	0188	CALCULUS	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	2313	0198	CALCULUS I	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	
			(ITV COURSE)						
MATH	2314	0199	CALCULUS II	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-106	DUCHENEAUX, S	

ORIENTATION - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

ORIE	1100	0060	STUDY SKILLS	TTH	2:30-3:45	1	SC-105	TRAMMELL, M	
ORIE	1100	0061	STUDY SKILLS	MWF	11:00-11:50	1	SC-105	OSBORN, C	
	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CLASSES WILL LAST FOUR (4) WEEKS. ALL FIRST SEMESTER FRESHMEN STUDENTS ARE TO ENROLL IN A FRESHMAN ORIENTATION, A HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COURSE OF THEIR CHOICE. STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED IN EARLY ADMISSIONS CLASSES, OR SUMMER SCHOOL, ARE NOT EXEMPT.								

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

PHYS	1317	0040	PHYS SCIENCE	MWF	10:00-11:00	3	2A-102	FREEMYER, S	$15
	PHYS SCIENCE STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING PHYS 1117 LAB:								
PHYS	1117	0041	PHYS LAB	W	1:00-3:30	1	2A-102	FREEMYER, S	

PHYSICS

PHYS	1302	0042	GEN COL PHYSICS	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2A-102	SWANSON, R	$15
	PHYSICS STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING PHYS 1102 LAB:								
PHYS	1102	0043	PHYSICS LAB	TH	1:00-4:00	1	2A-102	SWANSON, R	

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC	2301	0242	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
PSYC	2301	0243	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
PSYC	2314	0244	LIFESPAN	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	

SOCIOLOGY

SOCI	1301	0246	INTRO/SOCI	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	7-D-106	DURHAM, J	
			(ITV COURSE)						
SOCI	1306	0247	SOCIAL PROB	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2C-102	DURHAM, J	

SPANISH

SPAN	1412	0322	BEGINNING SPAN	MWF	11:00-11:50	4	2C-104	ADAMS, R	$5
			SPANISH LAB	W	1:00- 4:00		2C-104	ADAMS, R	

SPEECH

SPCH	1315	0107	FUND/PUB SPEAK	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH	1321	0108	BUS/PROF SPEAK	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH	1321	0109	BUS/PROF SPEAK	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	FA-102	COGAN, H	
SPCH	1315	0110	FUND/PUB SPEAK	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7D-106	COGAN, H	
			(ITV COURSE)						
SPCH	1315	0111	FUND/PUB SPEAK	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH	1315	0112	FUND/PUB SPEAK	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH	1321	0113	BUS/PROF SPEAK	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH	1318	0114	INTER/COMM	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-104	COGAN, H	
SPCH	1315	0115	FUND/PUB SPEAK	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	FA-102	COGAN, H	

Registration Information

Western Texas College is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is the policy of Western Texas College not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, disability, race, color, creed, national origin or veteran status in its educational and vocational programs, activities or employment as required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI.

Western Texas College will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

Western Texas College tomara medidas para asegurarie que dalta de habolidades de ingles no sere un obstaculo para poder ser admitido 0 para que pueda participar en todos programas educacionales y vocacionales que ofrecemos.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator, Mrs. Terry Busby, at Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas 79549, (915) 573-8511, ext. 310.

Placement Testing

Placement testing is required for all students enrolling. Bring ACT or SAT scores. If unavailable, a Western Texas College placement test will be given during periods of scheduled registration. Those desiring to take the Western Texas College placement test BEFORE registration may do so. Contact the WTC Counseling Office for specific times and dates.

Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP)

Unless exempt, each undergraduate student entering Western Texas College must have previously taken the TASP test. Any student found deficient in one or more of the three areas must enroll in a program of developmental study in that area and remain enrolled until he or she has passed that section of the TASP. All students will be required to provide documentation of TASP results.

Refunds

Refund of tuition and fees is made 1.) if a class does not materialize and is cancelled by the college; (2.) in the special case where a student must withdraw from college or drop classes. In this circumstance, tuition and fees are refunded on a sliding scale based upon the length of the class term.

Acacdemic Classes - Night

ART

ARTS	1301	0119	ART APPREC	T	6:30-9:20	3	FA-105	SUM, B	
ARTS	1304	0120	ART HISTORY II	T	6:30-9:20	3	FA-105	SUM, B	
ARTS	2323	0121	LIFE DRAWING	TH	6:30-9:20	3	FA-117	SUM, B	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-117	SUM, B	
ARTS	2346	0123	CERAMICS	T	6:30-9:20	3	FA-122	CHRISTENSEN, S	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-122	CHRISTENSEN, S	

(THERE WILL BE A $25 CLAY AND GLAZE FEE FOR THIS CLASS.)

BIOLOGY

BIOL	2302	0045	HUMAN ANAT/PHYS	T	6:30-9:20	3	2A-102	CARTER, J	$15

A & P STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING BIOL 2102 LAB:

BIOL	2102	0046	A & P LAB III	TH	6:00-9:50	1	2A-105	CARTER, J	

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COSC	1300	0201	INTRO/COMPUTING	T	6:30-9:20	3	LRC-111	STAFF	$20
			LAB	TBA					

DRAMA

DRAM	1120	0126	THEATRE ACT	M-TH	7:00-10:00	1	FAT	COGAN, H	$8
			LAB	F	1:00-4:00		FAT		
DRAM	1121	0127	THEATRE ACT	M-TH	7:00-10:00	1	FAT	COGAN, H	$8
			LAB	F	1:00-4:00		FAT		
DRAM	1310	0128	INTRO/THEATRE	M	6:30-9:20	3	TBA	COGAN, H	$15
DRAM	2120	0129	THEATRE ACT	M-TH	7:00-10:00	1	FAT	COGAN, H	$8
			LAB	F	1:00-4:00		FAT		
DRAM	2121	0130	THEATRE ACT	M-TH	7:00-10:00	1	FAT	COGAN, H	$8
			LAB	F	1:00-4:00		FAT		

ECONOMICS

ECON	2301	0233	PRINC/ECON	M	7:00-10:00	3	LRC-102	SMITH, N	$8
			(ITV COURSE)						

ENGLISH

ENGL	1302	0311	COMPOSITION II	W	6:30-9:20	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, R	$8
ENGL	2322	0312	ENGLISH LIT	M	6:30-9:20	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	
ENGL	0001	0373	WRITING LAB	W	6:30-7:15	0	7B-105	STAFF	

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & RECREATION

NON-ACTIVITY

PHED	2102	0418	DIET/WT CONTROL	W	6:30-7:30	1	GYM-109	CHASTEEN, D	$10

ACTIVITY

PHED	2102	0419	ARBIC ACT	MWTH	6:30-7:15	1	GYM-108	WARD, R	$10
PHED	1152	0420	SCUBA DIVING	T	6:30-9:20	1	POOL	LUCAS, K	$10
PHED	1151	0421	ADVANCED SCUBA	TH	6:30-9:20	1	POOL	LUCAS, K	$10

HISTORY

HIST	1302	0240	US HIST 1865-	W	6:30-9:20	3	2C-105	DURHAM, J	

GOVERNMENT

GOVT	2306	0282	US/ST/LOC GOVT	M	6:30-9:20	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	

MATHEMATICS

MATH	1314	0200	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	W	6:00-9:00	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
			LAB-1 HOUR	TBA					
			(ITV COURSE)						

PHILOSOPHY

PHIL	1304	0257	WORLD RELGIONS	TH	6:30-9:20	3	2C-104	MINTON, T	

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC	2301	0248	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	T	6:30-9:20	3	2C-102	OSBORN, D	

SOCIOLOGY

SOCI	1301	0249	INTRO/SOCI	M	6:30-9:20	3	2C-102	DURHAM, J	

SPANISH

SPAN	2312	0323	INTER SPANISH	M	6:30-9:20	3	2C-104	ADAMS, R	$5
			SPANISH LAB	TBA	TBA				

College Preparatory - Day

ENGLISH

DEN	011	0324	ENGL SKILLS LAB	TBA	TBA	1	7B-105	HALL, S	$12
DEN	032	0325	BASIC ENGLISH	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7B-103	HALL, S	$12
DEN	033	0326	PRE-COMPOSITION	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7B-103	HALL, S	$12
DEN	033	0327	PRE-COMPOSITION	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7B-103	HALL, S	$12

MATHEMATICS

DMT	031	0203	FUND/MATH	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
			LAB-3 HOURS	TBA					
DMT	032	0204	BASIC ALGEBRA	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
			LAB-3 HOURS	TBA					
DMT	032	0205	BASIC ALGEBRA	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
			LAB-3 HOURS	TBA					
DMT	032	0206	BASIC ALGEBRA	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
			LAB-3 HOURS	TBA					
DMT	033	0207	INTER ALGEBRA	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
			LAB-2 HOURS	TBA					
DMT	033	0208	INTER ALGEBRA	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
			LAB-2 HOURS	TBA					
DMT	033	0209	INTER ALGEBRA	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
			LAB-2 HOURS	TBA					

READING

DRE	011	0329	READ SKILLS LAB	TBA	TBA	1	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE	032	0330	READ SKILLS II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	LRC-207	JENKINS, J	$12
DRE	033	0331	READ SKILLS III	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	LRC-207	JENKINS, J	$12
DRE	033	0332	READ SKILLS III	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE	033	0333	READ SKILLS III	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE	033	0334	READ SKILLS III	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	LRC-207	JENKINS, J	$12

SPRING REGISTRATION THURSDAY, JAN. 13, 2000

SOPHOMORES THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 13	LAST NAMES A-F	8:30
	LAST NAMES G-O	9:30
	LAST NAMES P-Z	10:30
FRESHMEN THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 13	LAST NAMES A-F	1:30
	LAST NAMES G-O	2:30
	LAST NAMES P-Z	3:30
ALL STUDENTS THURSDAY EVENING		6:30-8:30

College Preparatory - Night

ENGLISH

DEN	011	0336	ENGL SKILLS LAB	TBA	6:30-9:20	1	7B-105	STAFF	$12
DEN	033	0337	PRE-COMPOSITION	TBA	6:30-9:20	3	7B-105	STAFF	$12

MATHEMATICS

DMT	031	0202	FUND/MATH	T	6:30-9:20	3	7A-118	CORMACK, G	$12
DMT	011	0210	MATH SKILLS LAB	M	5:00-6:00	1	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
DMT	033	0211	INTER ALGEBRA	M	6:00-9:00	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
			LAB-2 HOURS	TBA					

Vocational Classes - Day

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

ACNT	1304	0610	INTRO ACNT II	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7A-107	SNIDER, S	
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-107	SNIDER, S	
ACNT	1313	0611	COMP ACCT APP	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
BUSI	1301	0176	INTRO TO BUS	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-102	SNIDER, S	
BUSI	1304	0177	BUSINESS COMM	MW	1:00-2:15	3	7A-104	HALBERT, J	
BUSI	1309	0185	BUS MACHINES	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7A-107	WESSON, T	$20
BUSI	2301	0178	BUSINESS LAW	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-117	HALBERT, W	
OFAD	1311	0629	KEYBOARD/TYP I	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
OFAD	1312	0630	KEYBOARD/TYP II	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
OFAD	2301	0631	ELEC KEY/TYP	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
OFAD	2312	0632	OFFICE PROCED	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	7A-102	WESSON, T	
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
POFI	1301	0620	COMP APPLICA I	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
POFI	2301	0621	WORD PROCESS	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
POFI	2331	0622	DKTOP PUB	MW	2:20-3:35	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CRIJ	1306	0600	CRTS/CRIM PROC	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-111	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	1306	0601	CRTS/CRIM PROC	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	1318	0602	POLICE ADMIN	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-107	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	2314	0603	CRIMINAL INVES	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7A-111	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	2313	0604	COR SYST & PRAC	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	2322	0605	JUVENILE PROC	MW	1:00-2:15	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	2322	0606	JUVENILE PROC	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	7A-107	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	2328	0607	POL SYST & PRAC	MW	11:00-12:15	3	7A-111	CLIFTON, J	

GOLF-LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY

GLT	131	0500	LANDSCAPE MAINT	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	GLT-106	WEAVER, R	$15
			LAB	M	1:00-3:00		GLT-106	WEAVER, R	
GLT	132	0501	TURFGRASS MAINT	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	GLT-106	WEAVER, R	$15
			LAB	M	3:00-5:00		GLT-106	WEAVER, R	
GLT	135	0502	SPEC PROB/RELAT	M	11:00-11:50	3	GLT-106	FARE, S	
			LAB	TBA	TBA			FARE, S	
GLT	137	0503	IND FACI OBSER	W	1:00-3:00	3	GLT-106	FARE, S	
			LAB	TBA	TBA			FARE. S	
GLT	142	0504	GC/LNDSC CONST	MWF	11:00-11:50	4	GLT-106	FARE, S	$15
			LAB	W	1:00-5:00		GLT-106	FARE, S	
GLT	228	0505	HERB PLANT MAT	W	1:00-2:00	2	GLT-106	WEAVER, R	$15
			LAB	W	2:00-5:00		GLT-106	WEAVER, R	
GLT	242	0506	APP AG CHEM	MWF	11:00-11:50	4	2A-102	KATTES, D	$15
			LAB	TH	1:00-5:00		GLT	KATTES, D	
GLT	248	0507	NATIVE PLANTS	TTH	9:30-10:45	4	GLT-106	FARE, S	$15
			LAB	M	1:00-4:00		GLT-106	FARE, S	

WELDING

WLDG	1320	0511	INTRO WELDING	M-TH	7:00-8:00	3	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1413	0512	INTRO BL/PRINT	M-TH	12:00-1:00	4	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1525	0513	INTO/OXY-FUEL	M-TH	7:00-9:15	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1528	0514	INT/SHIELD/ARC	M-TH	9:15-11:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1557	0515	INTE/SHIELD/ARC	M-TH	7:00-9:15	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2403	0516	WELD SAFETY	M-TH	7:00-8:00	4	W	WALKER, C	$5
WLDG	2506	0517	COMPLETE PIPE	M-TH	9:15-11:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2539	0518	ADV/OXY-FUEL	M-TH	9:15-11:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2543	0519	ADV/SHIELD/ARC	M-TH	7:00-9:15	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2547	0520	ADV/GAS (MIG)	M-TH	9:00-11:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2551	0521	ADV/GAS (TIG)	M-TH	7:00-9:15	5	W	WALKER, C	$24

Vocational Classes - Night

CHILD CARE

CDEC	1313	0252	CURR RESOURCES	TH	6:30-9:20	3	TBA	WILBURN, J	$10
			LAB	TBA	TBA				
			(ITV COURSE)						
CDEC	1319	00253	CHILD GUIDANCE	M	6:30-9:20	3	TBA	WILBURN, J	
			(ITV COURSE)						

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

OFAD	1311	0633	KEYBOARD/TYP I	M	3:30-6:20	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
POFI	1301	0623	COMPU APPLIC I	W	6:30-9:20	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
POFI	1341	0624	COMP APPLIC II	W	3:30-6:20	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
POFI	2301	0625	WORD PROCESS	M	6:30-9:20	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$24
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CRIJ	1310	0608	FUND CRIM LAW	T	6:30-9:20	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	
CRIJ	2323	0609	LEG ASP OF L/E	M	6:30-9:20	3	7A-117	CLIFTON, J	

GOLF-LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY

GG	131	0508	MACH/SHOP	TH	6:00-11:00	3	GLT-104		$15
GLT	133	0509	BAS LNDSCP DSGN	T	6:00-11:00	3	GLT-104	FARE, S	$15
GLT	133	0510	BAS LNDSCP DSGN	TH	6:00-11:00	3	GLT-104	FARE, S	$15

WELDING

WLDG	1320	0522	INTRO WELD	M	6:00-10:30	3	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1525	0523	INTRO/OXY-FUEL	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1528	0524	INT/SHIELD/ARC	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	1557	0525	INT/SHIELD/ARC	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2506	0526	COMPLETE PIPE	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2539	0527	ADV/OXY-FUEL	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2543	0528	ADV/SHIELD/ARC	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2547	0529	ADV/GAS(MIG)	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
WLDG	2551	0530	ADV/GAS(TIG)	MT	6:00-10:30	5	W	WALKER, C	$24

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Fight stress with art appreciation

You might be surprised to learn—as I was—that one of the most powerful and effective tools that doctors have found recently for use in stress management is the simple art of practicing appreciation.

And it has to do with focusing, not on the head, but on the heart.

I first learned of this technique on a segment which aired on *Good Morning, America*. An American cardiologist was studying electrical signals sent out by the heart when it goes into irregular heartbeat, and discovered that not only does the heart order itself to beat, but it sends little messages, of sorts, to the brain that do the same. But when we are stressed—and arguably, an irregular heartbeat can be stressful—our brain scrambles the signals and leaves the heart to manage on its own.

This report made instant sense to me, because several years ago, my dad had a pacemaker installed in his heart to correct such a problem. And when he goes in for his check-ups, the doctor hooks him up to a machine and literally prints out a little program of what his heart has been up to since the last visit. Just by looking at the print-out, the doctor can tell if my dad has been exercising, over-exerting himself, or even stressing himself out with anxiety, because the history has been recorded by the pacemaker.

So although most of us don't have pacemakers or little computer programs recording whenever we are stressed out and the effect it has on our hearts, we obviously have an electrical connection of sorts between our minds and body in general and our heart in specific. So the cardiologist designed a very simple little exercise that shows immediate results on an EKG, and is so effective for long-term care that such organizations as the U.S. military, medical groups, big corporations, and police departments have begun training their people in its use and practice.

Here's what you do: When feeling stressed, take a few moments—one full minute is ideal—to take deep breaths, but rather than focusing on a single word or some other traditional meditation technique, you focus your mind on your *chest*, and on the very heart that beats there.

And once you've targeted your restless attention on your chest, you bathe your mind with thoughts of one thing: something that you deeply appreciate. For a single minute, just concentrate on someone or something that has given you strength or love or joy or all those things, and on the feelings that you've gotten from it.

That's it. That's all there is to it.

The cardiologist (and forgive me for not catching his name) recommends that you practice this simple little technique for one minute, five times a day. Five minutes, total—that's all it takes out of our busy, hectic lives to bring our panicky little thoughts under control and settle a rapidly beating heart.

(Needless to say, if you suffer from heart trouble or fear you might, see your doctor and follow whatever course he prescribes. Then practice this procedure as you would anyway, and it can only enhance your treatment. Lord knows it can't hurt.)

When you've had a couple of years like we've had here at Rafter M farm, where we crunch stress for breakfast, invite it to dinner, and dream about it at night, it can be hard to find things to appreciate. And for many of us who live in the country or try to make a living off the land, it's been endless days of drought, selling off of livestock and even beloved horses, struggling to keep things afloat without drowning in bills. When the barn is empty, the pastures brown, and the kids away living their own lives, it's tough to believe that there's anything out there worth appreciating.

But you'd be surprised, when you really sit down and try it, how many things you can find to think about that, rather than having lost, you actually have left.

In her wonderful and powerful book, *Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey*, renowned naturalist and chimpanzee documenter Jane Goodall writes that she is often asked how she can remain so serene and peaceful in the face of so much fearful loss in our environment. And as she talks about the spiritual power that has always been there for her, providing strength and courage, she uses a term that really stood out for me. When talking about all the people in her life who have supported her and her work, she refers to them as "feathers in my eagle."

And immediately, I had an image in my head of being borne on wings of eagles as we go through life, and while many of us may think of God as being that eagle, we can also think of the feathers of that eagle as being all those who we love, who bear us up when we falter, who encourage us to fly.

Every time I've tried this exercise, I've thought of something else for which I am thankful, from the way in which my big, strong husband always shelters me from the wind with his body when we stand out in the cold, to my son's laughter when in the company of his Aggie Corps buddies, to my daughter's sweet kiss, to my parents who are still going strong...to this place, this country, this everlasting windblown land that never ceases to whisper even in the darkest night...hold on.

If you sit in the silence for even one minute, and practice thankfulness...you will soon realize that what you really feel...is the heartbeat of God.

Letter to the editor

Who were the good samaritans?

Dear Editor:

We would like to take a few minutes of your time to commend two anonymous local men who became heroes of a sort to us on Christmas Eve.

My wife and I were traveling from Copperas Cove to Amarillo to visit family for Christmas when we had a blowout on our rental car on Highway 84 just south of Hermleigh.

I managed to stop safely and moved off the road onto a side road. I began to unload the trunk and remove the spare and the jack. We have traveled enough that we always keep our own tools with us, even in a rental car. We also take along an emergency light.

I had gotten the spare and the light out and was removing the jack when two young men in a Chevy pickup stopped to ask if we needed help. I gratefully accepted and they began to remove the blown tire. When they began to put the jack in place, however, we could not locate the part that raises and lowers the jack.

These two young men didn't bat an eye. They went to their truck, found a ratchet extension, and used it to raise the jack. Then, the bulb in my light burned out!

Their truck was parked behind us so their headlights provided extra light. They took off the old tire, discovering that when it blew, it had wrapped itself around the brake. In a matter of a few minutes the spare was on, the trunk reloaded, and we were on our way.

I must tell you, however, that without the assistance these two young men offered, I would have found myself trying to change a tire without the proper tools, on a dark road, in the middle of the night on Christmas Eve!

It is so refreshing to find young people in this "Me first" generation who would gladly offer their assistance to total strangers! Our society has unfortunately reached a point where it is almost not safe anymore to stop and offer help because you never know what may happen.

Likewise, it is not safe anymore to ask for help unless it is a uniformed officer or someone you know. How sad! However, these two young men have given us a new insight into humanity and kindness.

I wish I could tell you whom these men were, but I never got their names.

During the course of changing tires, I never thought to ask. I did get some information through our conversation, though. They told us that their parents had been (or still) Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa and that for several years their entire family had been in Africa.

I would guess their ages to be late teens or early twenties, but I can't be certain because it was dark. They also told us they were on their way home to Snyder after a last minute shopping trip to Abilene.

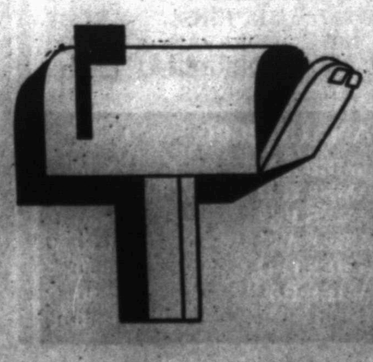
This is about the extent of the information I can offer about these young men.

I don't know if you can locate them of if they will even identify themselves. I only want to say thank you.

I also want your local citizens to know the type of young people you have living amongst you. These two gentlemen have given me renewed hope for the future. Their selfless offer of assistance on Christmas Eve to total strangers is refreshing.

Your community is truly blessed to have young people of this caliber. It is young people like these who will lead us into the new millennium with confidence, security and hope.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey L. and
Stacy D. Ferrell



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Y2 "OK"

Austin American Statesman

Chaos never materialized, and the frenzy was so contained that the New Year's celebration all the world around appeared more conventional than millennial.

The thousand-year party was muted by the fears that the doomsayers had been peddling throughout the last years of the 20th century. Those fears were unfounded, it happily turned out, and the beginning of the year 2000 was rather ordinary.

Many cities, Austin among them, celebrated with public parties, dazzling light shows, extravagant fireworks and popular music. But stirring Y2K fears into the festivities celebrating a new millennium had a sobering effect. It's hard to be uninhibited while looking over your shoulder to make sure everything's still all right.

Now that the end-of-the-world scenarios — human and silicon alike — have passed into history, looking ahead to the new century is exciting. Optimism about tomorrow is high because the possibilities are limitless. It's virtually assured that in the years to come mankind will explore other planets, develop gene therapy and continue to extend the average life span.

But events on the last day of the old century and the dawn of the new added a cautionary voice to the celebrations. Terror didn't pause to toast a new century, nor did political confusion in Russia, Africa and elsewhere. The sobering reality the morning after the world's biggest party is that the challenge of a peaceful, healthy and contented world is still before us.

War, famine, environmental destruction and human rights abuses exist alongside advances in medicine, a long-breaking wave of democratic rights and stunning improvements in the quality of life in many parts of the world. This incongruity is evidence that a breakthrough becomes progress only when its benefits can be found in the world at large.

Change campaign rules

The Galveston County Daily News

Reform of the rules that govern political campaigns and their financing is a recurring theme in American history.

Every 100 years or so, the public has to insist on change.

In the 1880s, political candidates would campaign by promising to give big contributors jobs for their ne'er-do-well friends and incompetent sons-in-law. The ability to make big promises about patronage was a crucial quality for any viable candidate.

By the time voters finally got fed up, the candidate who won the White House had 12,000 jobs on the public payroll that could be filled by people whose only qualifications were their ability to arrange campaign contributions.

The sheer size of this scandal finally divided a party that had been entrenched in Washington for two decades and resulted in the unlikely election of Grover Cleveland, one of the stranger American presidents.

Today, the problem is not patronage but cash. The rules for making political contributions are so lax that Congress looks like a place where influence is for sale.

The recent legislative victory by the financial industry is a good example.

Congress recently voted to end rules that prevented banks, insurance companies and investment firms from competing against each other.

Such competition was widely credited for being a major factor in the 1929 crash, and many people who lived through the Depression have reservations about the wisdom of repealing those rules.

There is another side to that argument — it's never good to govern rapidly evolving industries by rules set in the days when party-lines were reasonably modern forms of electronic communications.

Allow lawmakers to control tobacco

San Antonio Express-News

Tobacco control is an enigma. Most people who know how to read understand that it is a dangerous product, but efforts to regulate this dangerous product fall flat.

While a decision is pending, the Supreme Court last month made it clear where a majority of the justices stand on the Clinton administration's proposal to regulate tobacco through the Food and Drug Administration.

The Dec. 1 argument in the high court chambers could have been at Joe's Bar in Anytown, USA, for the light it shed on this issue.

President Clinton's lawyer, Solicitor General Seth Waxman, argued that the FDA has the authority to act because the nicotine in tobacco is highly addictive and acts like a stimulant while fueling a smoker's addiction.

Big Tobacco's lawyer, Richard Cooper, countered that the government's proposal is lawless because the tobacco industry does not promote its products as being healthy.

Interesting argument, and the justices seemed to buy it. Several said if the FDA were to regulate tobacco, it would have to conclude it should be banned.

But, said Justice Antonin Scalia, "We tried a ban of (alcohol) and decided, forget about it."

When Waxman argued that seven tobacco executives lied to Congress in 1994, testifying that tobacco is not addictive, Scalia and Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the court's two cigarette smokers, both retorted: "Nobody believed them."

On one hand, tobacco products post a warning signal which, the justices seem to conclude, absolves them of responsibility. And, on the other hand, when Big Tobacco's chief henchmen lie about their products, the justices simply excuse their treachery.

Obligation to fighting men

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

It is a melancholy but unavoidable fact that in the years immediately ahead, we will bid farewell to many of the members of what newsman and author Tom Brokaw dubbed "The Greatest Generation": the Americans who uncomplainingly shouldered the responsibility of seeing us through to victory over Nazi Germany and imperial Japan.

That is why it is essential to ensure that we say farewell in the fashion these Americans (and others who followed in their footsteps) deserve: They have earned, and must receive, full military honors at their funerals.

Granted, this is a costly and manpower-intensive business. It is doubly so these days because, following the end of the Cold War, the U.S. military has been sharply downsized. Military authorities — particularly in states like Texas with large concentrations of veterans — find themselves taxed to meet their obligations. In some cases, they have turned to veterans' groups (like the Patriots Band & Honor Guard here in Corpus Christi) to represent the military at veterans' funerals.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Q & A

Alcohol and teens

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

What Do Teens Know About Alcohol?

Young people are bombarded with messages about alcohol every day, unfortunately, many of theses messages do not include the real facts.

The reality is that underage drinking can lead to car crashes, drownings, unplanned pregnancies, and school failure. Simply put: Alcohol ruins many young lives. Even if you try to give your children the right information about alcohol, you are up against the mixed messages they receive about drinking out in the world.

Also, studies from the U.S. Public Health Service show that teens do not understand the concept of alcohol content. They think they can sober up by drinking coffee or getting some fresh air, and many teens cannot even differentiate between alcohol and nonalcoholic beverages.

How Do Teens Get Alcohol?

The 21-year-old drinking age is the law in all 50 states, and where it is strictly enforced it saves lives. However, in too many communities the law is simply not enforced. The statistics tell a frightening story. Many studies have shown that underage drinking is prevalent and starts early—as early as sixth grade.

By 10th grade, nearly 90 percent of youth have had a drink. Six out of 10 high school seniors are regular (at least monthly) users of alcohol. Many young people (about two-thirds of those who drink) simply walk into a store and buy it without ever being asked for identification. Others use fake IDs or ask friends or siblings to make the purchase for them.

A popular source of alcohol for young people is the family liquor cabinet or at parties, usually at friends' homes, sometimes without parental supervision.

To put the size of the underage drinking problem is perspective, each year junior and senior high school students drink 1.1 billion cans of beer and consume 35 percent of the wine coolers sold in the country.

What Can I Do About My Child?

Research has shown that young people often drink to cope with the pressure they feel to be accepted, to make decisions, or to perform in school. Providing teenagers with an alternative outlet for these pressures and fears may help. Be available to talk and, most important, listen to your teenager. When you talk to them about alcohol, it's important to remember the following:

Young people are concerned about being accepted by their peers. This need to fit in with the group is often the reason for their first experimentation with alcohol.

Remind your children that their true friends encourage their individuality, as well as healthy lifestyle choices. Good friends respect your right to be you.

It's never too early to prevent underage drinking because some youth start experimenting in childhood.

Correct the assumption that all young people drink. In fact, half of the 20 million teenagers in the United States today do not drink alcohol.

Control, physical abilities, respect, and independence are particularly important to young people, as are their driver's licenses. Remind them that drinking is a good way to lose all of these.

It's important to know that a young person who has positive role models feels good about him or herself, and has the skills to deal with the outside world is much less likely to use alcohol.

The message to communicate to our children is that alcohol is a drug, and that drinking can lead to serious, even fatal consequences. Emphasize to your teenage children that no use of alcohol by anyone under age 21 is acceptable.

Set and communicate to your children clear policies and consequences concerning the use of alcohol and other drugs, and enforce them.

If you have trouble approaching this subject with your children, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse has videos you can view together and free literature available. Call or come by our office if we can help.

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

ASU sets Lubbock reception Jan. 24

SAN ANGELO — Angelo State University faculty and administrators, including ASU President E. James Hindman, will host a Lubbock reception Monday, Jan. 24, for South Plains students interested in learning more about the university.

Discover ASU is open to all high school students, transfer students and prospective graduate students. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Inn, 3901 19th St.

ASU representatives will be available to answer student questions and provide information on undergraduate and graduate admission requirements as well as the academic programs open to prospective students.

Participants can learn about student organizations and residence life at ASU as well as financial aid and the Carr Academic Scholarship Program, one of the largest scholarship endowments of its types in Texas.

Plates labeled DWI

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Hundreds of license plates with the letters "DWI" have been issued to motorists in a dry county, of all places.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles said it was only coincidence that Craighead County received that combination of letters, which are sometimes used to abbreviate "Driving While Intoxicated."

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

A hero is dead and our community mourns

I was saddened to learn of the death of one of our community's true heroes. He will be missed by all of us. He was a great leader in a time when heroes were rare.

His background was a little vague. No one seems to remember just when he came to town. However, from the day he arrived he pitched in, helped out and accomplished the near impossible. His word was good, he was a friend to all and you could always count on him.

Yes, we will miss him dearly. There isn't one school, church or organization in this community who didn't receive his gracious help.

This great hero I write about is "Someone Else." Whenever there was a tough job to do we'd say, "get someone else to do this job." And Someone Else would get it done.

Someone Else was one of our most consistent financial contributors. When the Chamber of Commerce had a project or the United Way had a need, we'd rely on Someone Else to make up the shortfall.

When the hospital needed a volunteer or the Lion's Club needed a committee chair, Someone Else would step right up. When a really dirty job had to be done we'd quickly point to Someone Else.

But now our great community hero is dead. Will our community stumble? Will we lose our momentum? Or, will someone take his place? Will that someone be you? Could you step into Someone Else's shoes?

An issue of responsibility

This apocryphal little story does hold a message for all of us. We have a responsibility to serve our communities, as well as care for our personal interests.

Successful communities depend on dedicated volunteers to ensure their long-term viability. For business owners, helping create a dynamic, progressive and healthy growth environment also helps the bottom line.

Over the years I've watched the dynamics of many successful community development and economic development activities. One of the common factors you'll always find is a committed core of leaders. Now that Someone Else is gone will you step up and help out?

The reward of service

Many businessmen and women find that volunteering some time outside of their business can be a rewarding break. Many find volunteer service a great way to meet new potential customers. Often they help their businesses as they help their communities.

Others find that when they accept service roles they meet new folks with positive attitudes, fresh perspective and useful ideas. They often return to work renewed with fresh enthusiasm and vigor.

Perhaps the biggest reward is to know that your efforts may be helping thousands of other people. Most charitable organizations depend heavily on volunteers to defray costs and broaden their program of work.

You are as important as Anyone Else. Now that our old friend Someone Else is gone, won't you take his place. Someone once said that heavy loads were lightened by many hands.

Remember the words of Arthur F. Sheldon. He said, "He profits most who serves best." Sometimes the little things we do for others are the most precious gifts we can give.

Here are a few words for my senior readers. I know some days get long for you. Perhaps you've recently lost a spouse or close friend. Don't slide into the pit of despair. Think how your experience might be of benefit to others. Then think less and do more.

Hospice can always use a helping hand. The hospitals need volunteers. Your church needs someone they can depend on. Most service organizations can use your support. You'll get the blessing, and others will get the benefit.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Larger home mortgages to be insured

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move to boost homeownership, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is raising its insurance limits on home mortgage loans.

Secretary Andrew Cuomo said today that HUD has begun insuring mortgage loans for single-family homes ranging from $121,296 in communities where housing costs are lower to a limit of $219,849 in areas with higher housing costs.

In 1999, the limits ranged from $115,200 to $208,800.

"These higher loan limits will help create more homeowners, more home construction, more jobs and more economic growth," Cuomo said. "They will transform the American dream of homeownership into a reality for families across the nation."

The new loan limits are part of a regular annual adjustment HUD makes to account for rising home prices.

Mebane arrives for Air Force duty

Air Force Airman 1st Class Billy W. Mebane has arrived for duty at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany,

He is a heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration apprentice with the civil engineering program.

He is the son of Tim and W. and Barbara J. Mebane of 12435 CR 2194, Fluvanna.

Mebane is a 1995 graduate of Iraan High School.



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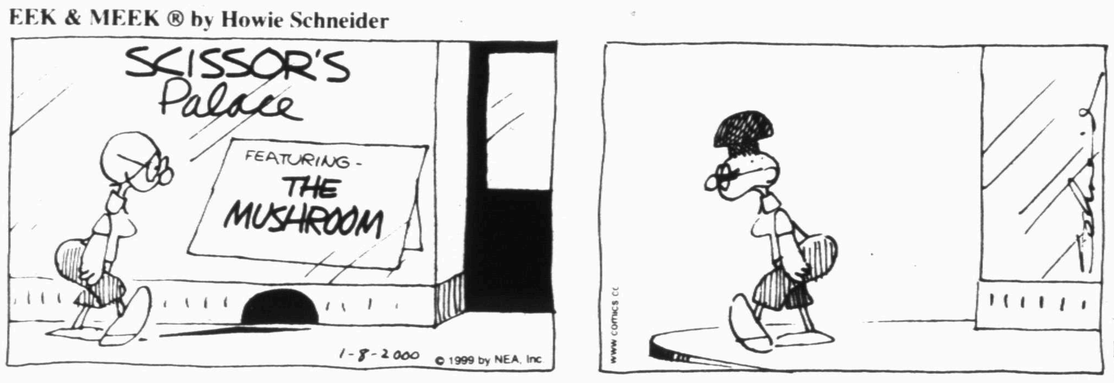
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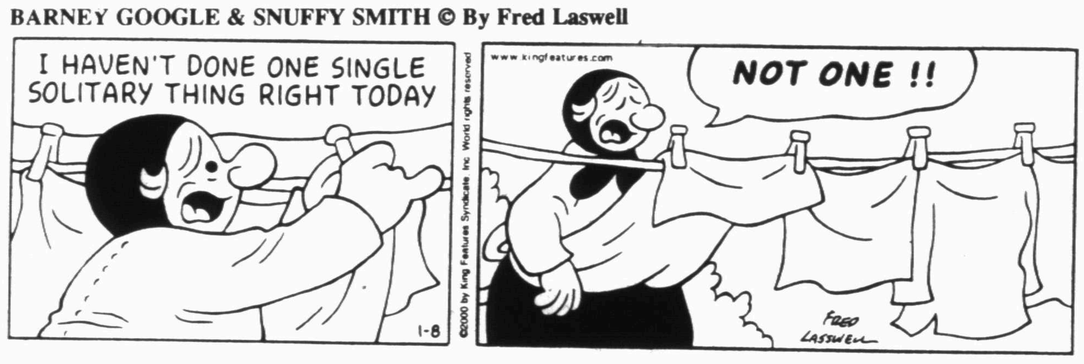
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24 — Lang Syne
25 British gun
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31 Agnus —
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34 — the beans (blabs)
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40 In a sheltered place
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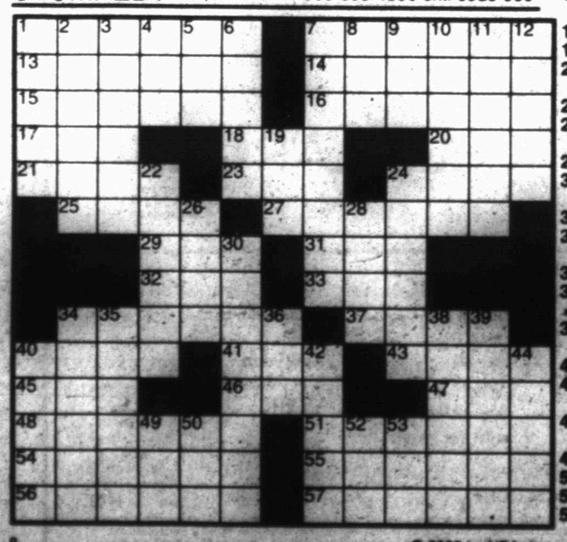
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36 RR depot
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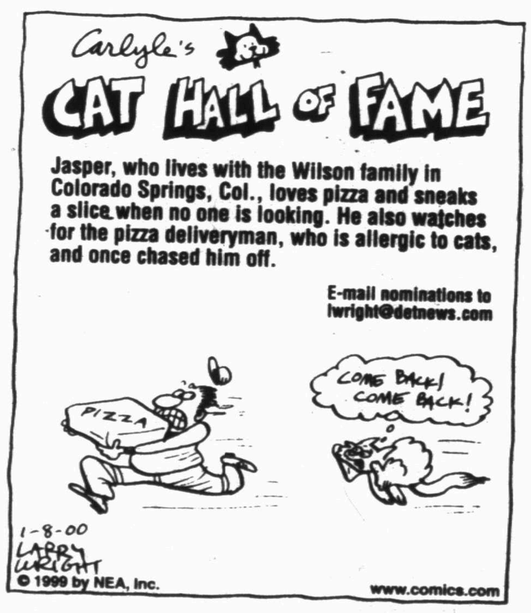
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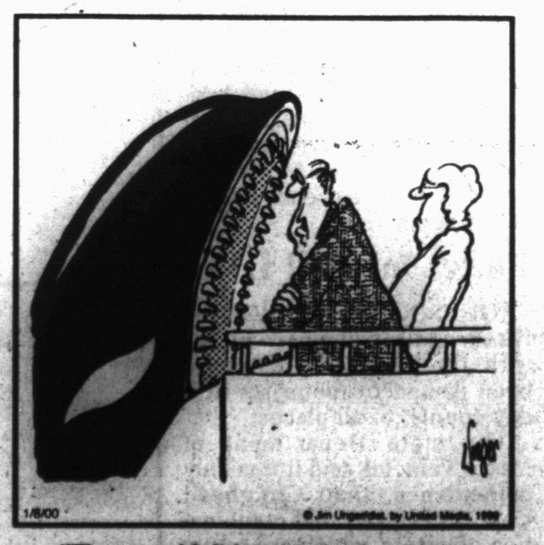
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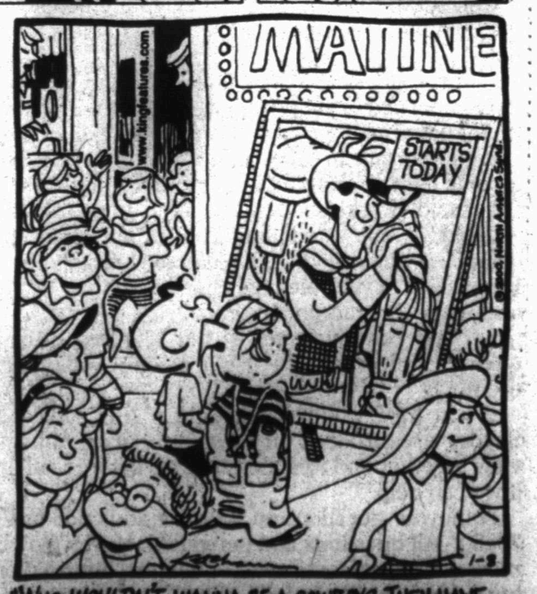


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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Gestures of courtesy should be gratefully acknowledged

DEAR ABBY: Your letters about chivalry prompted mine. Years ago, I was standing in a crowded post office. There was a long wooden bench where customers could wait for their number to be called for their turn at the counter. Many people were standing that day.

I was in my 20s at the time and had four small children with me, when a man who appeared to be in his 70s struggled up off the bench and offered me his seat. He obviously needed it far more than I, so I refused his offer. He said a man couldn't even be a gentleman anymore. I have remembered his hurt all these 30 years. I'll never forgive myself for that thoughtless act.

Since then I have always thanked every man who steps aside, assists me, holds a door or offers me a seat. I am blessed to have a husband who does all those things for me — even after more than 20 years together — and I appreciate every gesture, no matter how small.

I hope that all the gentlemen who read your column will accept my gratitude. Some of us can do it for ourselves, but we also know that everyone can use kindness and assistance sometimes. — CHARLA IN ROSEMEAD, CALIF.

DEAR CHARLA: I agree. Good manners dictate that every kindness we receive — large or small — be gratefully acknowledged.

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DEAR ABBY: I was invited to share Christmas with a group of friends and family. We had a wonderful time. After dinner, gifts were exchanged, and the hostess made sure that each guest had a gift.

As we sat talking over coffee, I was appalled when one of the women reached into a kitchen drawer, pulled out some plastic bags and proceeded to fill them with food to take home. Have things changed this much?

When I was raised, people didn't help themselves to anything in another person's house. It was my understanding that if you brought a gift or a dish to the party, it was the property of the hostess to serve or not as she saw fit.

I actually saw one lady put an entire loaf of bread into her bag. The hostess had almost nothing left. I overheard her husband ask, "What happened to the bread we had for dinner? I'd like a sandwich." Imagine, not enough left for a sandwich!

When you bring a dish to a party, do you scoop it up and take whatever is left home with you? Do you fix yourself a "doggie bag" without the hostess's permission, knowledge or consent? Abby, isn't what goes into a hostess's house hers to do with as she wishes? — STUMPED IN NEBRASKA

DEAR STUMPED: When a guest brings food to a dinner party, it is considered a gift for the hostess. She is not obligated to serve it as part of the meal, and is within her rights to pop it into the freezer to enjoy at another time if she chooses.

Well-mannered guests do not remove anything from the house without being invited to do so by their host or hostess.

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DEAR ABBY: After receiving sympathy cards after a death in the family, how are they displayed — or are they displayed at all? — BARBARA IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR BARBARA: If it would be comforting to you to display the sympathy cards and letters of support you received, I see no reason why they couldn't be displayed on a shelf or tabletop. However, typically such cards and letters are placed in an album with the death announcement and, perhaps, some photos of the deceased, or in a keepsake box or decorative basket.

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DEAR ABBY: I was recently driving on a Southern California freeway. About 25 feet in front of me, a car in the other lane had an arm pointing out the window, "shooting" a gun at people. Because it was a bright, sunny day, I could see the arm belonged to a young child whose gun was only a toy.

Had this incident occurred at night, however, I would never have known it was a child pointing a toy gun. I might have thought it was an adult pointing a real gun. The results could have been tragic for the kid and anyone else in the car.

Abby, I don't think children should be allowed to have toy guns, but if their parents allow it, that's their choice. These same parents should realize that in certain circumstances — and even neighborhoods — those guns may not be SEEN as toys.

In this sometimes crazy world we live in, situations like this probably do occur and often with dreadful endings. There is no reason for something like this to happen. I hope parents of small children who have toy guns will prevent their kids from doing this before it's too late. — CONCERNED COMMUTER, SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR CONCERNED: On behalf of parents of small children everywhere, thank you for the warning. For safety's sake, children riding in vehicles should wear seatbelts and keep their hands and arms inside at all times. And since it's not unusual for incidents of road rage and drive-by shootings to appear on the evening news, parents should be especially careful about letting their children play with toy weapons while riding in automobiles. At the risk of sounding overly cautious, it could avert a tragedy.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old woman who, against my parent's wishes, was recently married. They didn't attend my wedding and told me they would disown me if I got pregnant before I was 24 or so.

Well, three weeks after we were married I became pregnant. I'm now a month along and my husband's family knows all about it. How do I tell my family? They're already mad at me for dropping out of college and refusing to pay them back for what they agreed to pay for, and I'm afraid this will terminate any relationship we have.

I don't know what to do. Any advice you could give me would be helpful. — SCARED TO SPEAK UP

DEAR SCARED: Waste no time in telling your mother the joyous news that she'll be a grandmother by the end of next summer. Since your in-laws already know the big news, and your pregnancy will be showing in no time, attempting to keep it a secret would be like trying to smuggle dawn past a rooster.

You are an adult now, and it's time you began shouldering responsibility for your actions. Your parents' disappointment in you might be lessened if you show the willingness and maturity to work out a payment plan for the money they feel is owed them.

P.S. I'm betting they won't disown you after all.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been living with a widower of 11 years for the past 10 years. He still insists on putting flowers on his dead wife's grave after all this time. I feel that I am being played second fiddle to his wife. Am I wrong to feel this way? — SECOND FIDDLE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SECOND FIDDLE: Yes, you are wrong. Your gentleman friend's devotion to the memory of his deceased wife has nothing to do with his relationship with you — unless YOU choose to regard it as a competition. That line of thought is destructive to a relationship. Instead, regard his gesture as a measure of the amount of love he has to give to you. He sounds like a gem.

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Stones' song tops best list

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 30 years later, the competition between the Beatles and the Rolling Stones rages on.

The Beatles placed nine entries on a list of rock 'n' roll's 100 greatest songs, as compiled by VH1 in a poll of 700 people in the music industry. The Stones have five.

But it's the Stones' celebrated ode to sexual frustration, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," that topped the list. The Beatles could do no better than ninth, with "Hey Jude."

The Stones' 1965 hit has one of the most recognizable guitar riffs in music, which Keith Richards said came to him one night when he was sleeping.

"It kind of sticks up as an anthem for the time it was released and for every generation that came since," said Todd Schwartz, VH1 programming director. "It strikes a chord with every teen-ager."

After "Hey Jude," three other Beatles songs made the top 25: "Yesterday," "A Day in the Life" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

"The Beatles had so many songs that the vote got divided," Schwartz said.

Elvis Presley, who had four songs on the list as did Led Zeppelin, couldn't crack the top 10. The best he could do was No. 18 with "Jailhouse Rock."

A lot of big names were shut out of the top 100 entirely, among them Madonna, Fleetwood Mac, Neil Young, U2 and R.E.M. Aretha Franklin's "Respect" came in second and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," a staple of FM radio in the 1970s, was third.

Rounding out the top 10 are "Like a Rolling Stone" by Bob Dylan; "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen; "Hotel California" by the Eagles; "Light My Fire" by the Doors; "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys; "Hey Jude"; and "Imagine" by John Lennon.

Religious group asks city to cancel Mortal Kombat grant

CHICAGO (AP) — A group of 20 people calling themselves Christian peacemakers marched on City Hall to protest a $2 million grant Chicago gave to the maker of the video game Mortal Kombat.

The group of Mennonites, Quakers, Methodists, Roman Catholics and members of the Church of the Brethren want Mayor Richard Daley to cancel a grant aimed at inducing Midway Games Inc. to stay in the city.

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Partners report Pricewaterhouse violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half the partners at accounting giant PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported having violated rules prohibiting them from owning stock in companies they audit, and many more such lapses went unreported, a review led by an independent consultant has found.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which made the consultant's review public on Thursday, said its investigation of New York-based PricewaterhouseCoopers is continuing.

A year ago, the firm agreed in a settlement to conduct the review and create a $2.5 million education fund after the SEC alleged that some of its accountants compromised their independence by owning stock in corporations they audited.

PricewaterhouseCoopers promised at the time to take steps to ensure that it didn't happen again.

As a result of the new inquiry, five partners of the firm and a slightly larger number of other employees had been dismissed, and other employees were disciplined but not fired, a PricewaterhouseCoopers managing partner, Kenton J. Sicchitano, told The New York Times. He declined to give names.

In light of the disappointing results of the review, the SEC said Thursday it has asked an accounting industry oversight board to sponsor similar independent reviews at other accounting firms.

The SEC has been stressing the need for accounting firms to be more independent of the companies they audit. The watchdog agency's rules explicitly forbid accountants from owning stock in their audit clients.

Lynn Turner, the SEC's chief accountant, called the report by the independent consultant, New York attorney Jess Fardella, "a sobering reminder that accounting professionals need to renew their commitment to the fundamental principle of auditor independence."

Fardella and his four-person team found some excusable mistakes by the accounting firm but also "laxity and insensitivity to the importance of independence" and "serious" problems of corporate structure and culture.

The report found:

—Nearly half the firm's 2,698 partners, or 1,301, reported having committed at least one violation of the auditor independence rules while 153 of them admitted to more than 10 each.

—Of a total 8,064 violations reported by those involved, 81.3 percent were by partners and 17.4 percent by managers. Nearly half of the reported violations were committed by partners who perform services related to financial audits of companies.

—Almost half the reported violations involved direct investments by the PricewaterhouseCoopers professionals in securities, mutual funds, bank accounts or insurance products related to client companies.

—Fardella's team did random checks that found that 77.5 percent of the firm's partners failed to report at least one violation they committed. That means an estimated 86 percent of the 2,698 partners had at least one violation, the report said.

Dave Nestor, a spokesman for PricewaterhouseCoopers, said he had no comment on the report but provided a copy of a letter sent Wednesday by chairman Nicholas G. Moore and chief executive James J. Schiro to the firm's partners.

The letter termed the Fardella report "embarrassing to our firm and to all of us as partners" and said that "Equally important, it may also raise questions and concerns among our clients and our people."

However, the executives added that the violations of the independence rules cited by the report, while unacceptable, "did not in any way impair the professional objectivity and integrity" of the company's audits.

"We are determined to do everything possible so that neither our firm nor our clients ever again suffer from independence-related problems," Moore and Schiro wrote. "To facilitate this, we have established expansive new policies and procedures to address previous infractions and to prevent future ones."

The SEC appointed Fardella in March 1999 to supervise the internal review after it censured PricewaterhouseCoopers for alleged violations of the independence rules.

In its settlement with the SEC, the firm agreed to set up the $2.5 million education fund, to be used to enhance awareness in the accounting profession of the independence rules.

Schools in U.S. improve

WASHINGTON (AP) — Compared with the 1980s, America's public schools are doing a better job of educating the nation's children and preparing them for college, a study released Friday said.

The report by the Center on Education Policy and the American Youth Policy Forum finds, despite public perception that public schools are failing, government figures verify that they have improved.

The study, "The Good News About American Education," found that fewer students are dropping out, students are taking more challenging courses, and more students with disabilities find their way into mainstream classrooms. The study was based on analysis of two decades of government data.

"Critics and reformers are overemphasizing the bad and slighting the good. We're saying that of course we have to do better, but we've moved a far distance in 15 years," said Jack Jennings, a former Education Department official who directs the public schools advocate Center on Education Policy, which advocates for public schools. "The public sounds like it's giving up on the public schools," Jennings said, "and we have to take a long, deep breath."

Education Secretary Richard Riley agreed.

"This progress demonstrates that the efforts to reform American education by raising standards and strengthening our investments in our schools is working," he said. "It also sends the clear message that we should continue to support and improve public education and not be lured down the dead-end road of vouchers that drain precious resources from our public schools."

The report, which admits that much work is yet to be done, is based on statistics from Riley's Education Department that generally paint a bright picture.

The study notes that the overall dropout rate declined by 4 percent and the rate among black youth dropped 8 percent between 1972 and 1997, the latest year for which figures were available.

Among the study's other findings:

—Scores on the math portion of the SAT increased 17 points, verbal scores 2 points, between 1983 and 1999.

—Scores on standardized science and math achievement tests improved between 1982 and 1996 among pupils aged 9, 13 and 17.

—A greater percentage of students were going to college, 14 percent more in 1997 than in 1983.

Looking at school crime overall between 1993 and 1997, the study found the rate dropped from 155 to 102 incidents per 1,000 children. Violent crimes dropped by 19 incidents, and seriously violent crime by 4 incidents, for every 1,000 pupils, the study said.

The report mentioned a recent spate of school shootings in Colorado, Oregon, Arkansas and elsewhere almost in passing: "Although recent tragic school shootings have reminded the nation that violent death at school is intolerable no matter how rare an event, children are safer in schools than in the community or at home."

Samuel Halperin, a senior fellow with the American Youth Policy Forum, said that even if the recent shootings had been included, the crime rate in public schools still would have declined.

"This report is not saying crime is not a problem," he said. "We're just saying that it's declining."

Jeanne Brennan, a spokeswoman for Education Trust, an advocacy group for poor minority students, complained that the study gives short shrift to gaps in achievement between minorities and white students.

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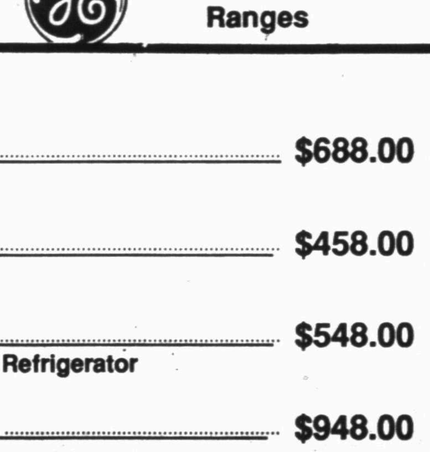
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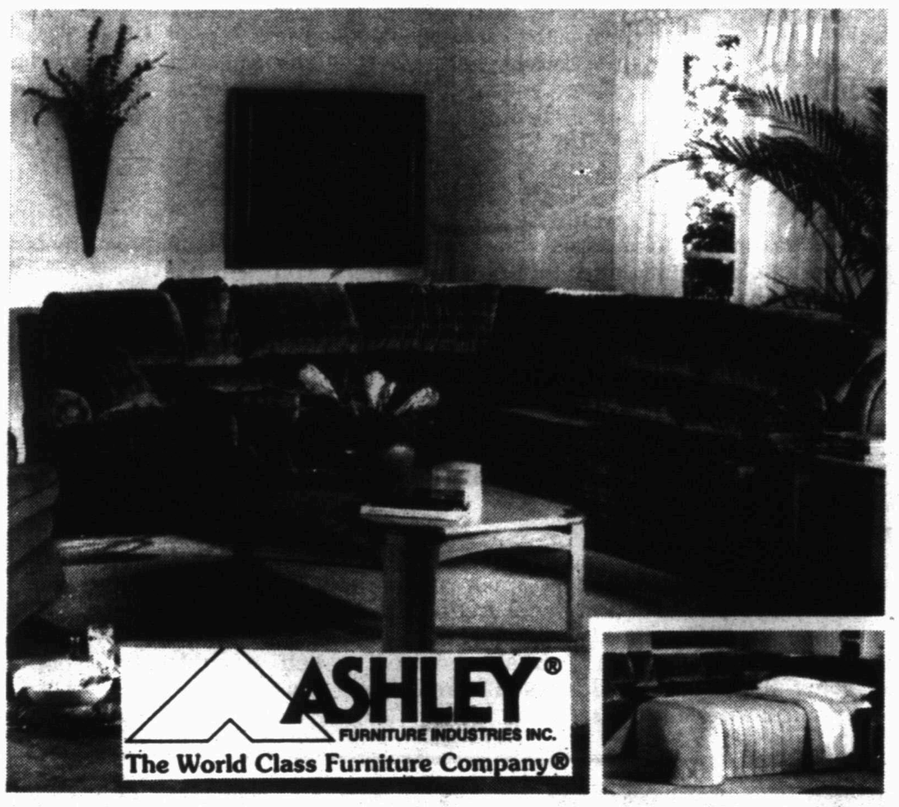
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