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121 hostages freed; search on for jet pilot

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb rebels freed 121 hostage U.N. soldiers early Saturday, and U.N. and Western officials turned their attention to the fate of an American F-16 pilot shot down near a Serb stronghold.

The soldiers were bused across the border to Serbia, where officials said they would be turned over to their governments. Another 250 are still held by the Serbs, who are demanding an end to the threat of NATO airstrikes.

The fate of the American pilot was unclear.

The U.N. chief for former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, indicated the pilot might be alive, but there was no confirmation. Asked this morning whether the Serbs were holding him, Akashi said, "It looks like it."

But NATO spokesman Capt. Jim Mitchell said the alliance had no word Saturday on the pilot's fate, and was working on the unconfirmed claim by the Serbs that they had the American.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there was one short transmission from what could have been the pilot's emergency beacon, but that was the only sign of his fate.

"We so far don't have any contact with the pilot," Shalikashvili told reporters aboard a flight to Paris, where senior Western officials were gathering to decide how to protect their peacekeeping troops.

Other pilots saw the F-16 hit by a missile Friday afternoon near Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold, according to Mitchell.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said he didn't have complete information on the incident, but that the American plane had no business over his territory. "We are the masters of our skies," he said on Bosnian Serb TV. Karadzic said the release of hostage peacekeepers Saturday was a gesture to "show that we are not warring against the international community."

A total of 377 peacekeepers from five countries were taken hostage after NATO jets attacked Serb ammunition dumps May 25-26 in retaliation for the Serbs' failure to return weapons taken from a U.N. monitoring depot.

U.S. and European officials were to meet in Paris Saturday to plan how to protect their peacekeepers. Britain already has sent more soldiers, and French and U.S. forces are waiting on ships nearby in the Adriatic Sea.

Ask Us

Q—Are there two different kinds of grass (on the infield and outfield) at Moffett Field?

A—Yes. The infield is of the same type that is on the field of the Texas Rangers while the outfield is regular bermuda. In late July, the outfield will be sodded with the same grass as the infield.

Local

Class of '85

Snyder High School Class of 1985 will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Savings and Loan community room.

Civil defense

Civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday, weather permitting.

Boosters

Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the First Christian Church.

Post 181

American Legion Post 181 will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday regarding the American Legbion Charity Golf Tournament scheduled June 10 at Lake Sweetwater Golf Course.

Video series

The Key to the Kingdom video series continues Monday at 7 p.m. on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 with "The Thorns In Life's Way II."

Recital

The public is invited to voice recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Chapel. Performing will be Mandy Baker, Sterling Cave, Shelly Englert and Heather Ward, students of Melanie Smith.

Grand jury

Some eight to 10 cases are expected to be presented to the Scurry County grand jury when it convenes in 132nd District Court at 9 a.m. Monday.

Luncheon

A Father's Day Luncheon has been planned for June 18, 11:30 to 1:30 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets, now being sold, are $7.50 for adult and $3.50 for a child's plate.

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Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 89 degrees; low, 68 degrees; reading at 8 a.m. Saturday, 72 degrees; .01 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 9:28.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday, partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, Some possibly severe. High in the upper 80s. Southeast wind 10-20 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 70. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 8:44. Sunrise Sunday, 6:39. Sunset Sunday, 8:45. Sunrise Monday, 6:39. Of 153 days in 1995, the sun has shone 140 days.

Summer school to start Monday

Summer school begins Monday morning at Snyder Independent School District.

All classes will be held at Snyder Junior High School. Classes will be held each Monday through Thursday.

High School
1st session: June 5 through June 28, 7:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.
1st session: July 5 through July 27, 7:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.
TAAS English and Math and ESL: June 5 through July 13, 8 a.m. until noon. (July 3-4 are holidays).
All high school students who have a 7:15 class must provide their own transportation.

Junior High
One Session: June 5 through July 13, 8 a.m. until noon.

Elementary
One Session: June 5 through July 13, 8 a.m. until noon.

Elementary Bilingual
One Session: June 5 through July 27, 8 a.m. until noon.

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EARLY MORNING CONTESTANTS - The Snyder Chamber of Commerce Senior Olympics got underway at 7 a.m. Saturday at Towle Park with the walking events kicking off a day of athletic competition for senior citizens. Maria Patterson, fourth from left, explains the walking route to, from left, Nellie Rios, Mildred Nobles, Grace Fowler and Henry Hoyle. (SDN Staff Photo)

College seeking monetary help to operate golf course, pro shop

Scurry County commissioners have a one-item agenda to consider when they meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Representatives of Western Texas College, Gay Hickman, vice-president of business, and Milton Ham, athletic director, will meet with the court to seek financial help with the operations of the WTC golf course.

In a letter to the commissioners and the county judge requesting to be put on the agenda, the college states that revenues at the golf course have fallen and that the college is seeking financial assistance from both the county and the city.

WTC officials state that revenue at the golf course had fallen far short of expenses for operation of the course and the pro shop. The letter states that over the years, the college has reduced the budget of the course and pro shop, delayed replacement of equipment, adjusted greens fees and taken other steps to reduce the costs and increase the revenue.

College officials also state that revenue from the bookstore, cafeteria and dormitory has been used to cover the deficit.

They also say that they do not believe that the college can continue to cover golf course costs with funds from these sources.

In the letter, Harry Krenek, president of WTC, he states that the college board of trustees had instructed the college to approach the city and county regarding financial assistance for the operation of the golf course.

As of May of this year, the WTC golf course had 147 members, a loss of 15 members from the previous month.

Over the past five years, membership has ranged from a low of 134 members as of September 1991 to a high of 192 in June of 1992.

The 1994-95 revenues for the golf course and pro shop were $267,500 while expenditures were $285,664, for a projected shortage of $18,164.

The facility lost $90,811 in 1989-90, $54,399 in 1990-91 and $74,746 in 1991-92.

In 1992-93, a loss of $10,453 was incurred by the college and in 1993-94, the course showed a loss of $46,203.

College officials will also address the city council Monday night on the same subject.

More stormy weather ahead, report predicts

By The Associated Press

Texas got its weekened off to a stormy start on Saturday.

Thunderstorms rumbled over the Rolling Plains and Panhandle early in the day, dealing out large hail and damaging winds in some places.

A suspected tornado blew through the Panhandle town of Friona, about 65 miles southwest of Amarillo. One man was seriously injured and some homes in rural areas were damaged, police said.

Winds gusted between 55 and 65 mph in the Lubbock area. Hail as large as baseballs were reported in parts of the South Plains, along with rainfall rates between 1 and 2 inches per hour.

The storms were blamed on a combination of disturbances in the upper levels of the atmosphere over the Panhandle and South Plains and moisture drifting inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

Some shreds from the Panhandle storm clouds drifted over North Texas, giving the region high cloudiness. Meanwhile, skies were clear in the El Paso area, but partly to mostly cloudy skies prevailed in South Texas.

More of the same is in the weekend outlook. West Texas should see partly to mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms east of the mountains through Sunday. Some storms may be severe Saturday night, with the best chances for rain in the northern Panhandle. The El Paso area should remain mostly sunny by day and fair by night. Highs will be in the 80s and 90s, except for around 108 in the Presidio and Big Bend valleys. Lows will be in the 50s in the northern Panhandle to the mid-70s in the Big Bend.

North Texas should be mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms through Sunday. Some places could get windy. Highs will be near 90. Lows will be in the upper 60s and lower 70s.

South Texas should be partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs will be in the 80s and 90s. Lows will be in the 60s and 70s.

Woodpeckers to blame in shuttle delay

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Woodpeckers are to blame for a delay in the liftoff of shuttle Discovery which now can't happen until next month, at the earliest.

The launch had been scheduled for next week. But NASA said Friday it was moving the shuttle from its launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida so 135 holes the birds made in the insulating foam on Discovery's external fuel tank can be repaired. Technicians couldn't get to them all with the shuttle on the pad.

The Florida space center is part of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. NASA had used plastic owl decoys, horns and tape-recorded hoots to scare away the pesky yellow-shafted flicker woodpeckers, which may have been trying to build nests. In some places, the birds pecked all the way to the metal skin of the tank. Shuttle test director Al Sofge says the tank was not damaged.

The foam keeps ice from forming on the tank when it's filled with super-cold fuel. Falling ice chunks could damage the shuttle during liftoff.

The flight had been set for Thursday, with the five-member crew to release a space agency communications satellite.

Shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to go up this month for the first shuttle docking mission with the Russian space station Mir.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It seems like only yesterday that you could buy a nickel candy bar for a quarter."

It was a trip down memory lane. As a kid, a favorite feature in the daily newspaper was Ripley's Believe It or Not. We recently had an opportunity to look at one of his books.

We learned that his start was unusual. As a cartoonist for the New York Globe in 1918, Robert Ripley was looking at a blank page because of a slow news day. He turned to a scrapbook that he had kept for his own amusement and began to draw a cartoon and scratched the "Believe It or Not" headline on it. The idea grew into a cartoon that appeared in 302 newspapers in 38 countries and in 17 languages.

Some famous "Believe It or Not Cartoons:

--In 1929, "America Has No National Anthem." Two years later, after five million petitions had hit congress, The Star-Spangled Banner was made the official anthem.

--A man who lost a scrub brush at sea on transport that sank 500 miles off the coast of France, had it washed ashore at his feet in Brooklyn one year later.

--Lindbergh was the 67th, not the first, to make a non-stop flight over the Atlantic ocean.

--Jimmy Nichols, a one-arm golfer, made a 336-yard hole-in-one.

--The safety pin was created by accident. The inventor was idly twisting a wire while trying to think of something that would enable him to pay a $15 debt.

--Niagara Falls was purchased from the Indians for $5 and a blanket. The buyer hoped to use its water power to operate a mill, but his investment was a failure.

--Someone knocked over a lamp in the home of a French dyemaker in 1825. The fuel removed the stains on the tablecloth, and drycleaning was invented.

--Babe Ruth, arrested for speeding, was sentenced to a day in jail, but released in time to play the last three innings, and given a police escort to the ball park.

--Prophecy of a proud grandfather: When LBJ was born, his grandfather rode his horse around town shouting, "A U.S. Senator has been born today."

Dwight Eisenhower, Army general and president of the U.S., was admitted to West Point in 1911 only because the applicant who ranked ahead of him in his entry test flunked the physical.

EPA to appeal ethanol ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a defeat in the courts, the government is striking back with ways to expand ethanol's use.

The Environmental Protection Agency will appeal a court ruling striking down an ethanol requirement in cleaner-burning gasoline and propose ways to boost the corn-based additive's use.

The moves Friday by EPA Administrator Carol Browner come in response to requests by farm-state lawmakers for government action after the April 28 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The court ruled the EPA had exceeded its authority in setting a minimum market share for ethanol in the cleaner, reformulated gasoline program.

Browner, in a letter to Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, said the EPA is asking the Justice Department to seek a rehearing.

"We believe that our initial rule was legally sound and defensible, and we will exhaust all our legal options," Browner wrote.

She also outlined two other steps:

—Proposing a modification of summertime limits on ethanol use to give governors authority to lift the so-called "oxygen cap," the amount of ethanol that reformulated gasoline could contain.

"We no longer believe there is any good environmental reason for limiting the use of renewables in this manner," Browner said.

—Working with states to develop a model gas pump labeling system to educate consumers about they content of the gasoline they are buying. Browner said the EPA believes motorists want to buy products that are good for the environment, such as ethanol-blended fuel.

"We hope the actions ... will help our efforts to meet demand for cleaner, home-grown energy," Browner said.

Reformulated gasoline has been sold since December. It has been required by the EPA as of Jan. 1 in nine metropolitan areas with the worst smog problem: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Houston, Philadelphia and Hartford, Conn.

In 12 states local or state officials have decided voluntarily to become part of the program to help reduce air pollution.

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A Bright Spot In Our Hometown... Shirley Fritz



Shirley Fritz may have the biggest family in Snyder.

She actually does have five grown children and eight grandchildren, but her family also includes all the "kids" connected with the Snyder Day Care Center for the past 24 years.

Shirley Fritz, director of the Snyder Day Care Center, is Snyder National Bank's recipient for the Hometown Service Award for the month of June.

A resident of Scurry County for almost 50 years, Mrs. Fritz, is the wife of Don Fritz who is retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone. Mrs. Fritz is a 1955 graduate of Snyder High School.

Shirley Fritz was a member of the board of directors that started the Snyder Day Care Center in 1971 when the entire staff was volunteer. Shirley also volunteered as a teacher.

In 1974, Mrs. Fritz became the center's bookkeeper, and she took over as director in 1978.

Snyder Day Care Center, which serves 146 children, has been named a Designated Vendor by the Child Care Manangement Services that handles the state funding for child care.

Head Start, a program for pre-school age children, was begun in 1991 with 20 children. It was expanded to 40 children in 1993.

In May of this year, Snyder Day Care Center became the Grantee Agency dealing directly with the regional office of the Department of Health and Human Services. The center is currently applying to become a pilot program for Early Head Start which will serve pre-natal through two years of age.

Scurry County Community Services, also a non-profit organization, was established in 1992 to serve as an umbrella agency for entities that aid children and their families. This agency was recognized by the Corporate Fund for Children as one of the "Best of Texas" in 1993. Mrs. Fritz was honored with a dinner in Austin in March, 1993. The local program was recognized as a model program by then Gov. Ann Richards as an example of collaboration with other social service agencies in the area.

Mrs. Fritz and her staff are also responsible for the distribution of emergency food and shelter funds to those in need of utility assistance. Mrs. Fritz serves as a member of the advisory board of the Scurry County United Way and is a member of the Community Resources Coordination Group. She is also president of the Western Texas College booster club.

Mrs. Fritz is an active member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church and sings in the choir. Her children include Kerry, a deputy sheriff; Ricky, Scurry County Judge; Kevin, a Snyder police sergeant; Tod, a Southwestern Bell employee in Austin; and Kim, assistant director at the Snyder Day Care Center.

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Today is the 155th day of 1995 and the 77th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, American women were given the right to vote.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rosalind Russell (1911-1976), actress; Robert Merrill (1919-), opera singer, is 76; Dennis Weaver (1924-), actor, is 71; Bruce Dern (1936-), actor, is 59; Xavier McDaniel (1963-), basketball player, is 32; Andrea Jaeger (1965-), tennis player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, a Cleveland Indians promotion featured 10-cent cups of beer. The ensuing riot caused the Indians to forfeit the game, as players helped ward off attacking fans.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We demand in the Reconstruction suffrage for all the citizens of the Republic. I would not talk of Negroes or women, but of citizens." — Elizabeth Cady Stanton

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1825, an unusually strong early season hurricane caused severe damage at the harbor in New York City.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 29) and first quarter (June 6).

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June 3, 1995

Today is the 154th day of 1995 and the 76th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1924, Franz Kafka died.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jefferson Davis (1808-1889), Confederate president; Josephine Baker (1906-1975), singer-dancer; Tony Curtis (1925-), actor, is 70; Allen Ginsberg (1926-), poet, is 69; Larry McMurtry (1936-), writer, is 59; Curtis Mayfield (1942-), singer-songwriter, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Magic Johnson's "no look" passes led to 22 assists against the Boston Celtics, an NBA Championship Series record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We can deal with rockets and dreams, but reality — what does it mean?" — Curtis Mayfield

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, 68 tornadoes raked the Midwest. Nine died and about 250 were injured in central Indiana. One man spotted a tornado coming and held onto his mattress for safety. He regained consciousness 100 feet away, still atop the mattress.

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New Hope sets service on Sunday

New Hope Baptist Church's 16th appreciation of their pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Dunkins, will conclude Sunday with services to begin at 3 p.m. Following the theme "The Lord Says, 'I Am With You.'" from Isaiah 43:1-6 the appreciation began Friday evening.

Representatives from guest churches include the Revs. J.W. Smith, Weeping Mary in Anson; H. Reddic, Canaan in Loraine; E. Reed, Greater New Hope in Brownfield; R. Robert, Lakeside in Spur; R. Walker, Macedonia in Aspermont; R.M. Collier, Community in Snyder; and B. Crosswhite, Abundant Life in Snyder.

Rev. J.W. Smith will deliver the sermon. He will be introduced by Rev. Reddic.

The Community and Youth Choirs will sing and Sister S. Malone will sing a solo. Rev. Eugene Reed will be the conductor in charge.

Sister Margiree Terrell will give the welcome and a guest church will deliver the response.

Sister Ola B. Delce will give the tribute to the pastor's wife and Sister O. Williams will give the tribute to the pastor.

Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and Rev. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, will also address the congregation.

Dinner will be served following the service.

Lennon portrait

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Imagine: John Lennon has made it into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

He's not been enshrined, but a portrait of the late Beatle and wife Yoko Ono are on display there. It's part of an exhibit that opened Thursday. The 55 portraits were done by celebrity photographer Raeanne Rubenstein.

The exhibit also includes such figures as Minnie Pearl, Janis Joplin, Stephen King and Loretta Lynn.

Rubenstein said the portraits show that "country music is really an integral part of show business and popular culture and not an isolated phenomenon."

Pick 3

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

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STATE WINNERS — Eight soloists from the Snyder High School choir received superior ratings at Texas State and Ensemble Contest in Austin. From left are, back row, Jimmy Hall, Jonathan Pennington, Ellen Strayhorn, Shelly Englert; front row, Sterling Cave, Amy Eicke, Mandy Baker and Richard Rodriguez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Choir students win awards

Thirteen Snyder High School choir members under the direction of Melanie Smith recently participated in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin.

The group received superior ratings, with eight of the thirteen making I's on solos and four receiving II's.

Those making I's include Jimmy Hall, Jonathan Pennington, Ellen Strayhorn, Shelly Englert, Sterling Cave, Amy Eicke, Mandy Baker and Richard Rodriguez.

Christa Rosson, Holly Jones, Jannica Northerns and Amanda Gutierrez received II's.

The group went to Six Flags before returning home.

Bennett pushed for VP post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some social conservative activists, not thrilled with the Republican presidential lineup, think they may have found a cure for their blues: Bill Bennett on the ticket.

"I have told the leading presidential hopefuls that their selection of a running mate is extremely important," Gary Bauer said in an interview this week. "They need to send a message to social conservatives, to pro-family conservatives. Bennett is an excellent choice."

Most of all, the author and former education secretary would be a good choice for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, at least in the eyes of those pushing such a pairing.

"Put those two together and I think you have a powerful, powerful unbeatable ticket," says the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, a Gramm supporter. "I am working to make that happen."

Indeed, Washington was awash in rumors this week that Gramm was trying to win a Bennett commitment to share the ticket.

Not so, insists the Gramm campaign.

"It's a bit premature to consider anyone for the vice presidential nomination before a single delegate has been selected," said Gramm spokesman Gary Koops.

The rumors were generated in part because of a Wednesday meeting between Bennett and Michael Joyce, a longtime friend who runs the Milwaukee-based Bradley Foundation.

The state of Missouri probaby got its name from an Indian word meaning "town of the large canoes."

Involvement in disability policies urged

FORT WORTH (AP) — Cities and individuals must become more active in government policies affecting people with disabilities, advocates said.

The advocates, attending a state meeting Friday of the Mayors' Committees for People with Disabilities, said more aggressive action is needed because of declining funding for state oversight agencies and changes in the federal bureaucracy by a conservative Congress.

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Woman 1st in class

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Rebecca Elizabeth Marier went to West Point for a challenge, but it wasn't too much of a challenge for her: She's the first woman to be No. 1 in a graduating class.

That puts her in distinguished company at the 193-year-old U.S. Military Academy, including the likes of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Confederate Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard.

To make it to the top, Marier led the 987 other cadets in academic, military and physical programs, school spokeswoman Andrea Hamburger said. She and the other cadets graduate today.

Marier, 21, of New Orleans had insisted on going to West Point when her parents preferred Harvard University.

"I knew Harvard would be an academic challenge, but I thought this place would be an all-around challenge," she said Friday.

"I promised them when I left high school, I would make them proud," Marier said. "And that's one of the best parts about this. They're so proud."

Marier will attend Harvard Medical School, only the second West Point graduate to do so, Hamburger said.

Women have been attending West Point since 1976.

Dear Family and Friends of Thelma Grant Bishop,

We deeply appreciate the loving support shown to our mother and grandmother during her long illness. We will always remember the kind and caring staff of the fourth floor extended care of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

We appreciate all your gestures of sympathy now that she has gone to be with her Lord.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER GRADUATES - Some 48 people graduated from the 37th Correctional Officer class held at Western Texas College. Graduates include six from Snyder and three each from Midland and Abilene. Shown, front row, left to right, are: Michael Bush, Abilene; Maria Brown, Abilene; Donal Bell, Abilene; Stephen Belcher, Colorado City; Jeremy Bates, Snyder; Donnie Barber, Midland; Wayne Balliew, Albany; Lisa Aguirre, Midland; Johnny Aguirre, Midland; second row, Todd Coker, Big Spring; Janet Coffey, Snyder; Dania Chisum, Clyde; Michael Cargile, Crosbyton; Alford Carey, Roby; James Canales, Paducah; Thomas Camacho, Avoca; third row, Ginger Gray, Lubbock; Dennis Gray Jr., Hermleigh; Lance George, Hamlin; Milton Flowers, Dyess Air Force Base; Connie Essery, Snyder; Diana Daughtrey, Abilene; fourth row, Jerry Kendall, Rule; Nathaniel Jones, Colorado City; Juan Jaime, Snyder; Daniel Jacques, Sweetwater; Billy Hodnett, Hamlin; John Harty Jr., Hermleigh; fifth row, Joseph Roach, Albany; Andy Rios, Ft. Stockton; Kari Punch, Sweetwater; Jeffery Penrod, Sweetwater; Dixie Neves, Rotan; Dawn Myers, Snyder, Ramon Mireles, Ft. Stockton; Betty Kincheloe, Snyder; row six, William Vickers, Paducah; Dorinda Vickers, Paducah; Billy Alvin Utley, Trent; Billy Utley, Trent; Danny Taylor, Clyde; Gregorio Tamez Jr., Winters; David Siegfried, Haskell; top row, Donna Williams, Seminole; Ira White-Kelly, Post. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

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In recent years, the value of brokerage accounts has steadily increased - sometimes to levels above the amount of SIPC protection. One reason for this trend may be that investors who have had smaller accounts with several firms are now consolidating their assets with one firm.

Consequently, many full-service brokerage firms have increased the amount of coverage on their customers' accounts beyond basic SIPC amounts. This added coverage is typically provided by major insurance companies. Now, it's common for full-service brokerage accounts to be protected up to $10 million, $20 million and even $50 million.

But account protection isn't the only reason to take advantage of full-service brokerage accounts. They offer an array of features that can benefit nearly every investor. And a new ruling has just made these accounts even more essential.

On June 1, a new rule known as "T+3" took effect, reducing the settlement period for securities transactions from five business days to three. What this means is that investors have less time to pay for securities purchases or to deliver securities for sale. Those who have become accustomed to waiting for their confirmation statement before completing an order will have to change their ways.

In fact, investors probably will need to have funds available at the time they place a buy order - and one of the best ways to do this is with a full-service brokerage account. Funds can be drawn directly from the account to pay for securities purchases.

Most full-service brokerage accounts also provide a whole menu of additional features such as automatic deposit of dividends and income, automatic withdrawal programs, money-market funds, consolidated statements, lines of credit and more.

A full-service brokerage account can go a long way toward simplifying your investments. With their added account protection and the advent of a shorter settlement period, such an account can be the foundation of a solid investment program.

DPS releases results of internal probe

AUSTIN (AP) — One of the first women promoted to the elite Texas Rangers crime-fighting unit says she is disappointed by the results of an internal Texas Department of Public Safety investigation into her sexual harassment allegations.

A 200-page report obtained by The Associated Press on Friday concluded that Cheryl Steadman's complaints are filled with "inaccuracies and half stories and information that is plainly not true."

Ms. Steadman said: "I am just too disappointed to say anything right now. I am still hopeful that the system works. That's really all I can say."

However, the report found that a handful of comments by her superiors "do give credence to some of Steadman's perceptions."

The report stemmed from allegations Ms. Steadman filed with DPS Director James Wilson last August. She said she faced discrimination, retaliation and daily reminders that women weren't welcome in the 103-member Rangers unit, which had been all-male since its inception in the early 1800s.

The allegations were made public last month when Ms. Steadman told the AP that she had filed a civil rights complaint with the state outlining her problems.

Many of the allegations stem from a March 1994 Rangers retreat in southeast Texas.

Ms. Steadman, 34, said that 23 Rangers attending the weekend meeting drank, gambled, told profane stories, made her do "woman's work" and used the bathroom without closing the door.

The internal affairs report concluded that the allegations were unfounded and that Ms. Steadman was given "every opportunity to be successful as a Ranger."

"She was not denied any opportunity to learn the job. She chose not to take full advantage of that opportunity," wrote Lt. David Dudley, author of the report.

One of two women inducted into the Rangers in 1993, Ms. Steadman left last year and has been reassigned within the DPS.

The Public Safety Commission, which oversees the DPS, has scheduled a July 11 public hearing into the matter. None of the three commissioners nor DPS press officers would comment on the report.

"For us to comment now would be prejudging the matter before the public hearing," said Public Safety Commissioner Ronald Krist, who helped recruit Ms. Steadman. "We will wait to make our comments then."

The report included affidavits from most of the Rangers present at the overnight retreat and concluded there was no evidence Ms. Steadman was mistreated.

"While there was some drinking and some harsh language, there is no evidence to show anyone was drunk or anyone harassed Steadman," the report stated.

The Rangers interviewed said no one was intoxicated and that Ms. Steadman never walked in on anyone using the bathroom.

The report criticized the reciting of a lewd poem about a retired member of the unit within earshot of Ms. Steadman.

"One would hope this type of conduct would not occur at an official DPS function," it said.

Lowrance new BU graduate

Courtney Rae Lowrance graduated from Boston University on May 21, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in biology with a specialization in marine science.

She graduated with distinction in biology. The selection committee considers the quality of a senior's thesis and the result of an oral examination.

Lowrance was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, had a 3.5 GPA and was named to the Dean's list in 1993 and 1995.

The 1991 Snyder High School graduate is the daughter of Jeff and Jacalyn Lowrance of Snyder.

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PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC FITNESS — These Ira students received the Presidential Academic Fitness award for 1994-1995. Back row (l-r) Kristi Sorrells, Brian Garner and Jay Nettles; front row: Terri Robinson, Carla Smith and Lindsy Josey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Decision day approaches for farmers to plant 1995 crops

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Lingering wet weather has many Indiana farmers weighing whether to risk planting a late corn crop — a gamble that could lose if an early frost strikes — or switch to shorter-season soybeans.

"They're trying to explore what their options are. I look out my window today and it's really coming down right now. The later it gets, the less likely we'll have a successful corn crop," George Patrick, a Purdue University agricultural economist, said Friday.

Even if soggy fields dry out soon, farmers who want to substitute soybeans for corn may not be able to if they sprayed corn herbicides on acreage they had earmarked for corn. That's because corn herbicides would disrupt soybean seedlings as soon as they emerged, said Patrick.

In the event of a season without yields, farms could fall back on their crop insurance.

More Indiana farmers than ever before — about 75 percent compared with the typical 20 percent — are insured this year because of the 1994 Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act, Patrick said. That act requires farmers to carry crop insurance to remain eligible for federal price support or production adjustment programs.

Most farmers chose to carry multiple peril crop insurance at the new catastrophic coverage level (CAT), which includes provisions for late planting, prevented planting and replanting. But the policy covers losses only in excess of 50 percent of a producer's actual production history.

"People have mixed feelings about it because the level of protection provided by CAT is really quite low. For example, if you normally get 120 bushels per acre, you could only collect if your yields dropped below 60 bushels an acre," said Patrick. "It would help a little bit, but it certainly won't allow a farmer to have the normal income he would have expected."

After June 5 — the last day when farmers planting corn can expect to harvest a suitable crop — the crop insurance yield protection decreases 1 percent daily for each of the subsequent 10 days. During the next 15 days, that protection drops by 2 percent each day.

Lawrence Dorrell, legislative director of the Indiana Farmers Union, said that while many farmers don't like the federal government's mandated insurance policy, in times when weather threatens to greatly reduce their yields, it's better than nothing.

"A guy who's never had a crop loss might wonder why he has to have insurance, but insurance can come in handy. It's not a bonanza, but it does help you pay the bills," he said.

Dorrell said his son, Wayne, has planted a large portion of his 300 acres in central Indiana, but he knows of some farmers who haven't even planted 10 percent of their crops.

"Down south, it's pretty bad. Here it is June 2 and some people are still waiting to get their corn in," Dorrell said.

Roger Bumgardner, farm and crop insurance manager for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, which insures farm buildings and equipment, said farmers in central Indiana "have been planting like crazy" during the past few days.

"Until it dries out, farmers aren't going to be able to do anything. They can do some planning, but what they can plant will depend on whether it stops raining and things dry out rapidly or whether we have two more weeks of rain."

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GOP leaders and candidates will attend Perot's meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican presidential hopefuls and House Speaker Newt Gingrich plan to attend an August meeting of Ross Perot's United We Stand America organization, and President Clinton may show up, too.

Such a program would be blunt evidence of the political influence Perot's backers hold more than two years after the Texas businessman scored a historic 19 percent showing as an independent in the 1992 presidential campaign, even though Perot's own personal negative ratings have increased significantly.

Perot last month invited Clinton, the Republican challengers and an array of other congressional leaders, including the committee chairmen leading the GOP balanced-budget efforts.

Several of Perot's state organization leaders took the invitations as evidence Perot has decided against turning United We Stand into a third party and was searching for another way to influence the 1996 campaign.

But Perot spokeswoman Sharon Holman said the question would be settled based on input from the state leaders. The forum could prove reminiscent to one Perot held two months before the 1992 election, after he had withdrawn from the race.

After both the Clinton and Bush campaigns sent large delegations to woo Perot and his supporters, the Texan said their answers fell short and he jumped back into the race. This time, Perot has said he has no plans to run, although he has hardly slammed the door shut.

Over the past week or so, Perot's invitations have been accepted by GOP presidential candidates including Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and commentator Pat Buchanan, according to campaign spokesmen. The New York Times today quoted Perot as saying the other GOP contenders had accepted as well.

A Gingrich aide said the Georgia Republican planned to attend the Aug. 11-13 gathering in Dallas, barring a schedule conflict.

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Local Events

Batting Camp

Batting camp will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30-10 a.m. and 10-11:30 a.m. It will be held at Snyder High School baseball field. All ages are invited to sign up. The registration fee is $25. For more information or to sign up contact SHS coaches Roland Herrera at 573-1355, or Charles Bollinger at 573-5734.

WTC Jr. Golf Clinic

A golf clinic, conducted by Rick Kahlick and Matt Glenn, will be held next week at WTC. Registration will be Sunday, from 1-3 p.m. at the WTC pro shop. Ages for the clinic are 8-17 years old. The cost is $70, and the clinic will run Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 573-9291 to reserve a spot.

Girls' Softball Tourney

A girls' 14 and under tournament is being held at Cates Girls Softball Complex. The tournament will run until this evening, whenever the games are finished. Eleven teams are signed up to play, five from Snyder, two from Sweetwater, two from Coahoma, one from Colorado City and one from Hamlin.

First, second and third place teams will receive team trophies, while the 1st and 2nd place team players will receive individual trophies. Other awards that will be given include a Sportsmanship Award, MVP and All-Tournament Awards. T-shirts will be for sale and there will be full concessions for the tournament.

Pitching Camp

A pitching camp will be held Thursday through Saturday at SHS baseball field.

Call Coach Roland Herrera at 573-1355 for more information and to set up an appointment.



MAJOR ALL-STARS— Girls' Little Dribblers Major All-Stars are pictured. Bottom Row, l-r: Sheena Calloway, Meagan Hatley, T'Leah Eicke, Kristin Murray, Cameron Mackey and Asst. Coach Susan Kiker; 2nd Row: Kameron Kallemeyn, Callie Bane and Morgan Clements, Katie Voss, Dana McCright, Whitney Webb, Jennifer Newman; Back Row: Coach Jackie Murray and Asst. Coach Vance Voss.

All- Stars in Weatherford

Girls Little Dribblers All Stars will be traveling to Weatherford for the National Tournament beginning Tuesday.

The Junior All Stars are scheduled to play the Hobbs All-Stars at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday. The Major All-Stars will compete in their first game against the Brenham All-Stars, also at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The five consecutive batters fanned by Carl Hubbell in the 1934 All-Star Game were all future Hall-of-Famers.



RAGGEDY ANN AND ANDY TOURNEY — Couples got in practice for the weekend tournament at the practice round Friday. The tournament is being held at the Snyder Country Club. Pictured from left to right are: Mike McLeod, Ricky Williams, Lisa Thompson and Norma Thompson.

Pacers over Magic, 123-96, to bring series to Game 7

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Houston has to wait another two days before learning its opponent in the NBA Finals.

Indiana, facing elimination on its home court, forced a seventh game in the Eastern Conference championships with a 123-96 rout of Orlando. Game 7 in a series in which the home team has won each game will be Sunday night in Orlando, where the Magic compiled the best home record in the league at 39-2 this season.

"It's going to come down to which team plays the best basketball, not the homecourt advantage," Orlando coach Brian Hill said after the Magic lost at Market Square Arena for the ninth consecutive time.

Indiana never trailed, breaking a 10-10 deadlock and leading 31-20 after one period. Orlando, which lost Game 4 here 94-93 on a last-second jumper by Rik Smits, never drew closer than 11 points in the final three quarters and trailed by as many as 35 late in the third quarter.

"Teams are most dangerous when their backs are against the wall," said Reggie Miller, who matched Orlando's 20-point total in the first quarter and had 28 of his 36 points in the first half.

"Things were just going my way," said Miller, who hit six 3-pointers and hit 13 of 19 shots. "Picks were better, so I got better shots."

Indiana, which advanced to the seventh game of the conference finals for the second consecutive year, must win a seventh game on the road for the second time in this year's playoffs. They reached the conference finals by beating the New York Knicks 97-95 in Game 7 of the conference semifinals.

The Pacers held Orlando below 50 percent from the field for the first time in the series and shot a playoff season-best of 56 percent. Rik Smits had 22 points in just 28 minutes and was rested with Indiana firmly in command. He also had 10 rebounds to help Indiana dominate the boards 54-32.

The Magic were limited to only eight offensive boards, compared to 13 by Indiana.

Shaquille O'Neal topped Orlando with 26 points, while Dennis Scott followed with 15.

Snyder students to represent city Junior Tae meet

The 13th annual Junior Taekwondo Championship was underway Saturday at the Loos Field House Gym in Dallas.

First, second and two third place medals will be awarded in each division Opening ceremonies began at 10 a.m., form competition was to begin at 11 a.m. and sparring competition began at 1 p.m. The divisions are divided into two catagories, poomse (form) divisions and gyoroogi (sparring) divisions.There are six different division in each of these catagories, depending on age. They are ages 6-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 13-16 (Black).

Eleven Snyder youngsters are representing Snyder in the tournament. They are David Richardson, Chad Stewart, Melissa Hicks, Keisha Gafford, Thomas Hefner, Eldon Scott, Trace Dennis, Bradley Price, Trey Castoneda, Jared Thornhill and Melissa Jones.



JUNIOR ALL-STARS— Girls' Little Dribblers Junior All-Stars are pictured. Bottom Row, l-r: Erin Burleson, Chaelyn Robinson, Rachael Cave, Hailey Putnam, Katie Kerley and Patricia Vargas; Top Row: Coach Luann Burleson, Ramana Zamora, Afton Schwertner, Zipporah Peoples, Celeigh Sterling, Michelle Nettles and Asst. Coach Jan Kruse.

SHS conducting athletic physicals

Snyder High School athletic department will be holding physicals for those interested in playing sports during the 1995-96 school year.

Anyone needing a physical should contact one of these physicians and set up an appointment before August 8: Dr. Burleson: 573-4926, Dr. Cooper: 573-1111, Dr. Pierce: 573-5412, Dr. Thompson: 573-3591, or Dr. Nussey: 573-1763.

The school will pay for the physicals through August 8 only. If you're wondering if you need a physical, these are the criteria: all incoming 7th graders planning to participate in SJH athletics, all incoming 9th graders planning to participate in SHS athletics, all new students to Snyder I.S.D. planning to participate in athletics, any student that answered yes on questions 1,4,5,6 or 7 on his/her medical history form, and any student that has not participated in Snyder I.S.D. athletics.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up forms in doctor's office. Anyone not needing a physical is asked to please turn in all forms filled out to your coach, the athletic director's office, or to Steve Krueger, trainer. For further information, contact the athletic office at Snyder High School at 573-8528.

SPORTS

SHS' Matt Glenn will wear two coaching hats

SHS Athletic Director David Baugh has given a second hat for Coach Matt Glenn to wear.

Glenn, whose Class 4A girls golf team placed third in the state tournament last month, will also coach the SHS boys team. Baugh said he is searching for a JV golf coach to assist Glenn with both the boys and girls program.

The boys position became vacant with the retirement of longtime Coach Bob O'Day.

Baugh is also seeking to fill two other coaching vacancies. In addition to the JV golf coach, Snyder is in need of a 7th grade football, basketball and track coach, who will teach social studies and physical education. The school also needs a JV volleyball and softball coach who teaches math.

Baugh said anyone interested in these position should send a resume David Baugh, Snyder High School, 3801 Austin Ave., Snyder, TX 79549.

NHL Playoffs

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Saturday, May 20
Pittsburgh 3, New Jersey 2

Sunday, May 21
Detroit 6, San Jose 0
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, OT
Chicago 2, Vancouver 1, OT

Monday, May 22
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 2

Tuesday, May 23
Detroit 6, San Jose 2
Chicago 2, Vancouver 0

Wednesday, May 24
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
New Jersey 5, Pittsburgh 1

Thursday, May 25
Detroit 6, San Jose 2
Chicago 3, Vancouver 2, OT

Friday, May 26
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 1, Philadelphia wins series 4-0
New Jersey 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT

Saturday, May 27
Chicago 4, Vancouver 3, OT, Chicago wins series 4-0
Detroit 6, San Jose 2, Detroit wins series 4-0

Sunday, May 28
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 1, New Jersey wins series 4-1

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, June 1
Detroit 2, Chicago 1, OT, Detroit leads series 1-0

Saturday, June 3
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 4
Chicago at Detroit, 3 p.m.

Monday, June 5
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 8
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 10
Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA

Sunday, June 11
New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
Chicago at Detroit, TBA, if necessary

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Astros down Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — From start to finish, it was Doug Drabek's night.

"That was vintage Doug Drabek at his best," manager Terry Collins said after Drabek pitched the first complete game by a Houston pitcher this year and the 50th of his career as the Astros downed the Atlanta Braves 7-2 Friday night.

Derek Bell drove in three runs with a homer, single and sacrifice fly to help Drabek win for the first time since opening day, handing the Braves their third loss in a row.

"He reached back tonight," Collins said. "He threw some good hard fast stuff, he threw some hard breaking stuff and he had his usual good off-speed stuff."

Drabek said he didn't know how many career complete games he had, adding, "I'm not that big on complete games. They're nice if your bullpen needs a rest."

"Drabek was pretty good," Atlanta's Fred McGriff said. "He worked both sides of the plate, kept us off stride, had the control working."

Bell's run-scoring single capped a two-run rally in the sixth and was the fourth consecutive single off John Smoltz (3-3).

John Cangelosi started the rally with a single, then stole second before advancing to third on Craig Biggio's single. Luis Gonzalez had an RBI single before Bell followed with his ground ball single up the middle.

Bell hit his second homer of the season in the second inning on a 2-2 pitch.

Drabek (2-3) won for the first time since beating San Diego 10-2 on April 26. He allowed five hits, walked one and struck out seven.

The Astros added four runs to chase Smoltz in the seventh.

"He was never hit hard," Braves manager Bobby Cox said of Smoltz. "He deserved a better fate."

"It was a good outing," Smoltz said. "I'm not hanging my head. I'm progressing."

Scott Servais singled and Orlando Miller walked before both runners advanced on Drabek's chop toward first. After Cangelosi was walked intentionally to load the bases, shortstop Jeff Blauser fielded Biggio's grounder and threw wide of second, allowing Servais and Miller to score, with Cangelosi going to third and Biggio to second.

Gonzalez was walked intentionally to load the bases before Bell hit a sacrifice fly. The final run of the inning scored on Jeff Bagwell's single.

The Braves took a 1-0 lead in the first on Blauser's fifth homer.

Atlanta scored an unearned run in the fourth. Drabek had retired 10 in a row after Blauser's homer until McGriff singled with two out. Dwight Smith then singled to center, where Cangelosi let the ball bounce by him for a two-base error, allowing McGriff to score.

Baseball Glance

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NewYork	13	21	.382	11
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Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	21	12	.636	-
Cincinnati	20	13	.606	1
Houston	16	16	.500	4½
St.Louis	15	21	.417	7½
Pittsburgh	13	19	.406	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	19	16	.543	-
Colorado	18	16	.529	½
LosAngeles	16	19	.457	3
SanDiego	14	20	.412	4½

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 3
Montreal 6, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 3
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Chicago 5, Florida 1
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 7
Houston 7, Atlanta 2
Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 4
Los Angeles 2, New York 1
San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 7, San Diego 1

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia (Quantrill 4-1) at San Francisco (Wilson 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 3-2) at Florida (Weathers 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (DeLucia 1-2) at Cincinnati (Pugh 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Kile 1-4) at Atlanta (Maddux 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-4) at Colorado (Ritz 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Mlicki 2-1) at Los Angeles (Astacio 1-2), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Martinez 3-1) at San Diego (Hamilton 0-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.
Montreal at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 6:05 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	21	11	.656	-
Toronto	15	18	.455	6½
Detroit	15	19	.441	7
Baltimore	14	18	.438	7
NewYork	13	18	.419	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	22	10	.688	-
KansasCity	17	15	.531	5
Milwaukee	15	18	.455	7½
Chicago	12	20	.375	10
Minnesota	10	25	.286	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	21	13	.618	-
Seattle	19	14	.576	1½
Texas	20	15	.571	1½
Oakland	17	17	.500	4

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 7, Chicago 4
Texas 6, Minnesota 3
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Toronto 5, Cleveland 0
Boston 6, Seattle 5, 10 innings
Baltimore 2, Oakland 1
California 3, New York 2
Kansas City 3, Milwaukee 2
Texas 6, Minnesota 5
Chicago 5, Detroit 4, 15 innings

Saturday's Games
Toronto (Darwin 1-4) at Cleveland (Martinez 4-0), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Carmona 1-1) at Boston (Z.Smith 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harkey 1-3) at Baltimore (Mussina 3-3), 1:35 p.m.
California (Boskie 3-0) at New York (McDowell 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moore 4-3) at Chicago (Alvarez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sparks 1-1) at Kansas City (Gordon 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tapani 2-4) at Texas (Gross 1-4), 8:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Toronto at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
California at New York, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Kansas City, 2:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Friday, May 26
San Antonio 107, Houston 102
Saturday, May 27
Indiana 105, Orlando 100
Sunday, May 28
San Antonio 103, Houston 81
Monday, May 29
Indiana 94, Orlando 93
Tuesday, May 30
Houston 111, San Antonio 90
Wednesday, May 31
Orlando 108, Indiana 106
Thursday, June 1
Houston 100, San Antonio 95, Houston wins series 4-2
Friday, June 2
Indiana 123, Orlando 96, series tied 3-3
Sunday, June 4
Indiana at Orlando, 7 p.m. (NBC)

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LITTLE LEAGUE
Cubs 19, Yankees 10

The Cubs soared by the Yankees, 19-10, in Little League action, Friday.

James Villareal took winning pitcher honors, allowing 10 hits. Ryan Brazil led the Cubs, smashing two singles, a double and a triple. Allan Smith slugged three singles and a double, while Villareal banged four singles. Charles Gorwan and Craig Forbes popped two singles apiece, while Robert Stanleigh, Cody Kellner, Josh Greene, John Madrano and Cory Lyons smacked a single apiece.

Brady Reed endured the loss, allowing 21 hits. Ryan Gibson and Landon Day led the Yankees, busting three singles apiece. Reed and Craig Bowen each hit a single and a double.

Indians 11, Astros 5

The Indians rode over the Astros, 11-5, in Little League play, Friday.

Davison Burnett accepted the win, allowing six hits. Tito Alaniz and Scott Reston led the Indians with two singles apiece. Burnett and Jason Dennis each popped a double, while Billy Pena and Michael Fennell hit singles.

Daniel Highfield and Garrett Luft led the Astros, whopping two singles apiece. Shawn Roemisch and Jeff Fine contributed a single apiece.

FARM LEAGUE
Cubs 12, Yankees 10

The Cubs slid by the Yankees, 12-10, in Farm League play, Friday.

Clinton Blume was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits. Matt Qualls, Travis Thompson, Clint Brasuel and Stephen Crane each busted singles for Cubs' batting.

Jess Wall, Jake Barnes, Manuel Tarango, Henry Dominguez and Jessie Hernandez hit singles for the Indians.

Braves 15, Rangers 5

The Braves braved the Rangers, 15-5, in Farm League action, Thursday.

Cody Wall led the Braves, smashing a single, two doubles and a triple. Michael Fletcher smacked a triple, while Josh Gutirez added a single and a double for the Braves. Blake Grimmett whopped two singles, while Ryan McKamie and Matthew Vasquez pounded a double apiece.

Caleb Durham led the Rangers, smacking two singles and a triple. Isaac Ramon hammered two doubles, while Phillip Abalos thumped a single and a double. Caleb Dickerson hit two singles, while Jordan Dea, Taylor Cotton and Michael Varnell lashed a single apiece.

Astros 17, Indians 7

The Astros flew past the Indians, 17-7, in Farm League play, Friday.

Marcario Martinez took the win, allowing four hits. Martinez also led Astros batting, popping a single and a triple. Josh Pickerell slammed a single and a double, while Marcus Villereal, David Rodriguez, Tim Guiterrez and Tim Greene each contributed a single.

Ty Collier suffered the loss, allowing eight hits. Justin Stokes led the Indians with two singles. Collier and Anthony Perez each busted a single.

COACH PITCH
Rangers 12, Athletics 7

The Rangers whopped up on the A's, 12-7, in Coach Pitch Baseball action, Friday.

Colton Long led the Rangers with two singles and a double. Justin Taylor banged three singles, while Kevin Groves added two singles. Clint Cooper, Cole Robinson and Jacob Sargent each hit a single and a double. Matt Long, Cade Owens and Bradley Barry contributed a single apiece.

Justin Souder led the A's with three singles. Devin Gutierrez, Tyler Rogers and Kerry Jamison each blasted two singles apiece. Phillip Payne, Rudy Duckworth, John Liccardi, Anthony Duckworth and Paul Haines thumped a single apiece.

PIXIE LEAGUE
Rugrats 17, Hotshots 16

The Rugrats slipped by the Hotshots, 17-16, Thursday, in Pixie Girls Softball action.

Leading the Rugrats' batting was Danni Webb, who hit a double and bammed a grand slam. Kaitlyn Terrell busted two singles and a double. Breanna Talavera whopped three singles, while Krista Dorsett and Jodi Herring banged two singles apiece. Erin Hogan and Sam Berry each popped a single and a double. Whitney Kinney blasted a triple, while Misty Barry and Christi Williams each contributed a single apiece.

Texas League

By The Associated Press
First Half

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Shreveport(Giants)	33	20	.623	—
Arkansas(Cards)	29	23	.558	3½
Jackson(Astros)	23	29	.442	9½
Tulsa(Rangers)	19	34	.358	14

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanAntonio(Dodgers)	30	24	.556	—
Midland(Angels)	29	25	.537	1
ElPaso(Brewers)	27	27	.500	3
Wichita(Royals)	23	31	.426	7

Friday's Games
Wichita 5, Midland 3
San Antonio 5, El Paso 4, 1st game
San Antonio 2, El Paso 1, 2nd game
Arkansas 4, Shreveport 3, 1st game
Arkansas 4, Shreveport 3, 2nd game
Jackson 4, Tulsa 1

Saturday's Games
Midland at Wichita
El Paso at San Antonio
Shreveport at Arkansas, 2
Jackson at Tulsa

Sunday's Games
Midland at Wichita
El Paso at San Antonio
Jackson at Tulsa
Only games scheduled

Jackie Jensen of California, later a big league baseball star, scored on a 67-yard run in the 1949 Rose Bowl.

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Rangers, 6-5, over Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rusty Greer's two-run pinch-homer with two outs in the ninth inning gave the Texas Rangers a 6-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night.

Greer, who also had a pinch-hit grand slam on May 18, hit a 2-2 pitch from Rick Aguilera into the right-center field stands for his fourth homer of the season. It came two outs after Mike Pagliarulo led off the ninth with a single.

Aguilera (0-1), who entered the game with the bases loaded in the eighth and struck out Mark McLemore to end the inning, blew his first save in nine opportunities this season.

Roger McDowell (1-0) was credited with the victory.

Minnesota sent nine men to the plate in the first and scored four runs against Roger Pavlik. Kevin Maas had an RBI single, Marty Cordova had an RBI double, Jeff Reboulet made it 3-0 with a run-scoring single and Matt Merullo added a sacrifice fly.

Texas, which has won seven of its last nine games, began chipping away at the lead in the fourth, narrowing the deficit to 4-2 on Juan Gonzalez's two-run opposite-field single. The hit gave Gonzalez four RBIs in his first two games since returning from a back injury.

The Rangers made it 4-3 in the fifth on an RBI double by Jeff Frye. Scott Stahoviak hit a leadoff homer in the eighth off the foul pole in right, the first of his major league career, to push Minnesota's advantage to 5-3.

Texas made it 5-4 in the eighth when reliever Dave Stevens hit Dean Palmer with a pitch while the bases were loaded, forcing in Otis Nixon.



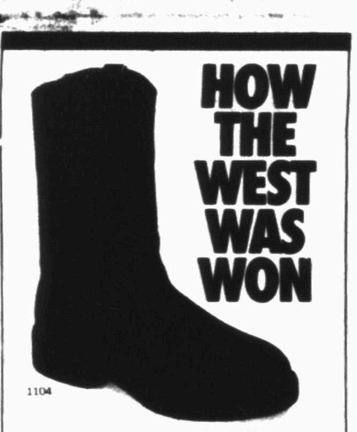
STATE RODEO QUALIFIERS — Russell Riggan, left, and Terra Bynum qualified to compete in state competition for the High School Rodeo Association in Region II beginning Monday in Abilene. Riggan will compete in calf roping, and Bynum will compete in barrels, goat tying, break away and poles.

College World Series

By The Associated Press
At Omaha, Neb.
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First Round
Friday, June 2
Florida State 3, Oklahoma 2
Miami 15, Southern Cal 10
Saturday, June 3
Game 3 — Cal St.-Fullerton (53-9) vs. Stanford (39-23), 2:40 p.m.
Game 4 — Clemson (54-12) vs. Tennessee (52-14), 8:35 p.m.
Sunday, June 4
Game 5 — Florida State (53-14) vs. Miami (47-15), 3:35 p.m.
Game 6 — Oklahoma (42-15) vs. Southern Cal (45-20), 7:35 p.m.
Monday, June 5
Game 7 — Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 3:35 p.m.
Game 8 — Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 7:35 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6
Game 9 — Loser Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 3:35 p.m.
Game 10 — Loser Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7:35 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7
Game 11 — Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 9, 7:35 p.m.
Thursday, June 8
Game 12 — Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 10, 3:35 p.m.
Friday, June 9
Game 13 — Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 9, 3:35 p.m., if necessary
or
Game 13 — Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 10, 3:35 p.m., if necessary
Game 14 — Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 10, 7:35 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, June 10
Game 15 — Championship, 3:35 p.m.



BOWL GAME — Snyder's Derek Freeman, bound for West Texas A&M University next fall, was to get an early start on football Saturday night in the 46th annual Greenbelt Bowl being played in Childress. The 6-3, 240-pound defensive lineman is a member of the south squad. A 1995 graduate of Snyder High School, Freeman in April signed to play football for the Buffaloes at West Texas A&M in Canyon. Freeman, son of R.T. and Dana Henderson, was second-team all-district for the Tigers as a senior.



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Reporters added to CBS news team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dan Rather may be sitting alone at the "CBS Evening News" anchor desk, but he won't be lonely.

Following the departure of co-anchor Connie Chung, the network hopes to bolster its flagship newscast with more reporters and an aggressive promotional campaign.

"Over the next month, you will see major correspondent moves as we build an A-team around Dan," News President Eric Ober said Friday, speaking to the annual gathering of CBS affiliates.

He said Rather is secure in his job following the dismissal of Chung, who worked with Rather for two years. But Ober added, "We will also have in mind the obvious future issue of a successor.

"Although from where I stand, Dan is 15 years younger than Mike Wallace, a lot quicker on the ground than Jennings or Brokaw," he said, with a nod to the competition at ABC and NBC.

Rather, who turns 64 this year, appeared in person before the affiliates and said CBS News is "still the best hard-news outfit in the world."

"We do deliver, but we know we have to continue to deliver."

Affiliates have criticized CBS for what they call a failure to cultivate Rather's heir. One station executive, who declined to be identified, said it is imperative that CBS News have someone ready to step in should Rather retire. The anchor's contract runs through 2000.

Ober strongly denied that the network is failing to develop new anchor talent but declined to offer any names. He said that announcing a potential successor would put undue pressure on the job candidate and the network.

CBS has been struggling in the ratings and finished the past season third in both prime-time programming and in the evening news. Chung's dismissal also embarrassed CBS News after its highly touted commitment to dual anchoring.

The affiliate executives said they were comfortable with Rather flying solo. "I think Dan's getting the job done," said William Stough, president and general manager of television station WGME in Portland, Maine.

Despite CBS' emphasis on attracting more of the younger viewers coveted by advertisers, station executives said they had more concern for prime-time programs than news.

"It goes back to credibility and credentials," Stough said.

Promotional spots for the evening news are scheduled to begin airing on the July 4th holiday weekend. The spots, shown to the affiliate group, depict scenes of everyday life with the superimposed question "Have You Seen Your Country Today?"

Companion pieces intended to promote local newscasts ask "Have You Seen Your City Today?"

CBS also announced plans to energize its third-rated "CBS This Morning" show. The program, with anchors Harry Smith and Paula Zahn, will have a live audience.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Pray for Kids Who Have Love And Those Who Need Love

DEAR ABBY: Enclosed is a prayer that was given to me by a friend. I found it very touching and hope that you will share it with your readers. I'm sorry I don't know who wrote it.

DENA C. YOUNG,
CONCORD, N.C.

DEAR DENA: Thank you for sending the poignant prayer. It is well worth the space in my column:

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

We pray for children
Who sneak Popsicles before supper.
Who erase holes in math workbooks.
Who can never find their shoes.
And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in,
Who never saw a circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.
And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no security blanket to drag behind them,
Who watch their parents watch them die,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove their dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church or temple and scream into the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at
And whose smiles can make us cry.
And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried,
And for those who must be.
For those we never give up on, and
For those who never get a second chance.
For those we smother
And for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

* * *

DEAR READERS: Funny, but profound:

"Kissing is a means of getting two people so close together that they can't see anything wrong with each other."

RENE YASENEK

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend (I will call him Jim) and I have been dating for six years. We both agreed that after we graduated from college, we would get married.

Well, that day has finally arrived, but now he acts like he is trying to back out.

Jim just wants to give me an engagement ring and wait "a little longer."

Abby, I feel that I've waited long enough. Isn't six years long enough? Should I give him more time? Or tell him, "Now or never!"?

WANNA BE MARRIED

DEAR WANNA BE MARRIED: Six years may be long enough for you, but obviously it is not long enough for Jim. Whether you want to invest more time in him is a decision only you can make. However, I advise you to weigh the consequences before you decide to issue a "now or never" ultimatum. And be prepared to follow through if the answer is "never."

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DEAR ABBY: Forty years ago, a distant relative (I'll call her Sue) gave me a pair of matching end tables she had stored in her garage for a long time. I was newly married and had very little, so I was grateful for any furniture I was given.

A few weeks ago, I moved into a small condominium, so I sold all the furniture I couldn't use.

Well, Sue knew that I was moving, so she called and asked me to return the end tables she had given me. I was shocked, and told her that I had sold them along with the other furniture I couldn't fit into my condo.

Sue demanded to know who bought *her* matching end tables so she could go and pick them up. Of course, I refused to tell her, so now she isn't speaking to me.

Who was wrong?

P.O.'D IN PALM BEACH

DEAR P.O.'D: Sue was wrong. Once something is given, it becomes the property of the person to whom it was given.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend thinks it's great fun to pin me down and tickle me. I tell him how much I hate it and that it's really a form of torture, but he dismisses my claims because I laugh when he does it. He says it can't be "torture" if I'm laughing.

Abby, how can I convince him that this is torture, and get him to stop? He's really a great guy except for this one habit. Sign me ...

TICKLED IN TEXAS

DEAR TICKLED: If your "great guy" insists on doing anything after you have asked him to stop, he is not as "great" as you think he is.

Tell him that you will not tolerate any more tickling, and if he doesn't stop his thinly veiled sadism, I suggest you find another boyfriend.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Monday, June 5, 1995

Try to get involved in social clubs in the year ahead. They could prove enormously gratifying for establishing both friendships and business contacts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Persons you usually get along with well with might seem a trifle irksome today. If you overlook their faults, however, they'll do the same for you. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to help others today, but don't attempt things that exceed your capabilities. Your good intentions could hurt the receiver, as well as yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be lucky in most areas today, but not necessarily where money or material interests are concerned. Take no chances that could jeopardize your resources.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unfortunately, you might not have as much free time as you'd like today. This will be because you let others set your agenda for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you are usually self-assured and positive, today your initial appraisal of developments and your role in them could be very negative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will probably be as quick to spend money today as you are to make it. If you aren't prudent, the former could finish up a few lengths ahead of the latter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be necessary for you to revise your plans today to achieve your objectives. Disengage from useless alliances to come up with something more effective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be tempted to do something today that was self-defeating in the past. If you do, the penalties will be as high now as they were then.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid getting drawn into an arrangement today in which you would have to share the blame for someone else's mistakes. Operate freely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) To achieve your aims today, prepare to make concessions in your dealings with persons whose help you need. All involved must compromise to some degree.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your logical assessments and your ambitions might not be in lock step today. You must find balance. If either one dominates, it will diminish your effectiveness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Subdue inclinations to take gambles today, even in mundane affairs. You might discover that you're weak where you thought you were strong.

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Sunday, June 4, 1995

Your prospects for success in the year ahead look good, but you might have a few false starts. Through patience, perseverance and consistency, you will find the right path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be your own person today without always insisting upon having your way and thus driving off persons who could help you. Make flexibility and friendliness your motto. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you're usually not reluctant to get things off your chest, today you may refuse to talk about what's disturbing you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid becoming too involved in a close friend's complicated affairs today. Try to help, but do so at arm's length.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will have your own way of doing things today and your boss may have his/hers. There is a solid chance the twain shan't meet. Guess who'll have to adjust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Concerning critical tasks, your practicality might not be up to par today. If others think your ideas don't make sense, ask them why and try to learn something.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be very careful in commercial affairs today, especially if you lack expertise or if you feel dubious about the judgment of those who guide you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you and your mate clash on a major issue today, don't try to force him/her to agree with you. Your partner might say yes only to rescind it later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are certain duties you know you should attended to today, yet you will look for excuses to brush them aside. Instead of feeling free, you'll feel guilty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid a little clique with a few members who make you feel unwelcomed and uncomfortable. They could be even more aggravating than usual today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A current endeavor still has a nominal chance of being successful, so subdue your inclination to toss in the towel and give up today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If a friend comes to you today for advice, you may feel inclined to tell that person what he/she wants to hear instead of the painful truth that could help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It would prove unwise to spend money today that you're counting on getting later. Wait until you have it in hand or in the vault.

Mansion sold

NYACK, N.Y. (AP) — Helen Hayes dubbed her 1880s mansion "Pretty Penny" — and it sold for one.

The seven-bedroom home of the late actress was sold recently to a next-door neighbor for $730,000, although the original asking price was $1.9 million.

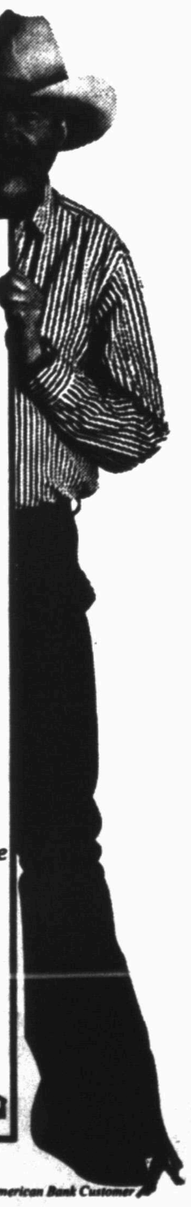
Hayes, who died in 1993, bought the mansion with her husband, Charles MacArthur, in 1931. She once said its name came from a friend's remark: "This place must have cost a pretty penny."

The mansion also has six bathrooms, seven fireplaces, a rose garden and a 60-foot-long swimming pool.

During the 1½ years it was on the market, the home was shown to Katie Couric, Diane Sawyer, Gordon Elliot, and representatives of Joan Rivers and Barbra Streisand.

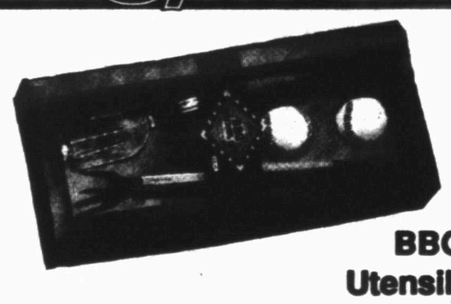
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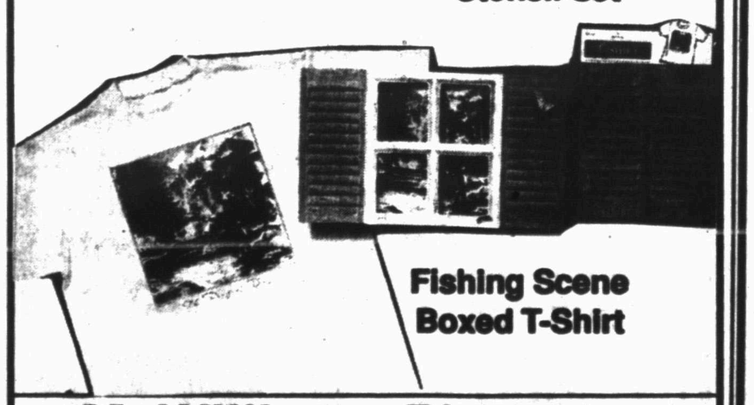


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FIRST DIVISION, STATE — These Snyder High School Band members received first division at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest Monday in Austin. From left are senior Megan Harris, juniors Casity Reneau, Christy Garner and Emily Zeck. (SDN Staff Photo)

Band students earn awards

Thirty-four Snyder High School Band members participated in state competition Monday at the University of Texas with four earning first division ratings in State Solo and Ensemble Contest at the University of Texas in Austin.

Receiving first division rating were Megan Harris, French horn; Casity Reneau, trumpet; Christy Garner, xylophone; and Emily Zeck, alto sax.

Those receiving second division medals were Vanessa Early, Charlie Beasley, Karomy Drum, David Perez and Emily Rice.

Band director is Walter Reneau and assistant director is Kay Kennedy.

On Tuesday the group traveled to Six Flags.

Emissions testing set in July

AUSTIN (AP) — Auto emissions inspection and testing procedures will begin July 1 in the Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso and Houston areas under rules adopted Friday by the state Public Safety Commission.

The procedures will not be any stricter than those used last year, in accordance with a new state law.

The Texas Legislature rolled back a centralized testing program that drew criticism from drivers who called it costly and inconvenient when it was briefly implemented early this year.

Areas affected under the new law are Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Harris and Tarrant counties.

The charge for emissions testing, which is done at the same time and place as annual state safety inspections, is in addition to the $10.50 safety inspection charge.

The additional fee for emissions testing procedures in Dallas, Tarrant and El Paso counties will be up to $8.75.

In Collin, Denton and Harris counties — where a less extensive inspection program is required — the additional fee is $2.75.

The U.S. Clean Air Act requires motor vehicle emissions testing in areas with high levels of some pollutants.

The new state law, in addition to returning testing procedures to those in place last year, gives Gov. George W. Bush the power to negotiate further testing changes with federal regulators.

The Beaumont-Port Arthur area earlier was listed as another place where emissions testing would be required.

But the new state law exempts that area because just 6 percent of air pollution there is caused by autos, said Michael Kelley, legislative assistant for Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

The rules will be published on an emergency basis in the Texas Register so they can take effect July 1.

The longest subway ride a New Yorker can take without transferring is on the A train from 207 Street in Manhattan to Far Rockaway, Queens — about 31 miles.

Prosecutor blames captain's failure for 'friendly' mishap

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An Air Force captain being court-martialed for the downing of two Army helicopters by friendly fire failed at his most basic duties, according to a government prosecutor.

As senior director aboard an Air Force radar plane monitoring a no-fly zone over northern Iraq last year, Capt. Jim Wang had three primary responsibilities, government attorney Maj. Larry Dash said Friday during the first day of testimony in Wang's court-martial.

Wang was responsible for supervising some crew members, maintaining an accurate tactical picture of what was going on and letting U.S. F-15 pilots know there were friendly Blackhawk helicopters in the area, Dash said.

"He failed in all three of those duties," Dash told the 10-officer court-martial panel.

Wang was senior director aboard an Airborne Warning and Control System radar plane monitoring the zone when two U.S. F-15 fighter pilots shot down the helicopters in April 1994.

Wang, 29, faces three counts of dereliction of duty. If convicted, he could be discharged and face up to nine months in prison.

Defense attorney Capt. Gerald A. Williams said Wang's AWACS plane was 150 miles from the shootdown, Wang was not the senior officer on board and the fighter pilots fired on the Blackhawks after visually identifying them.

"Nothing, absolutely nothing is better than a visual identification," he said.

Five members of the AWACS crew testified Friday, including two who were originally charged in the case. Wang is the only crew member facing court-martial.

Dash said that Wang had more than 2,000 hours of experience aboard AWACS jets yet didn't correct a controller who was looking at the wrong area on his radar screen when the fighter pilots said they had detected unidentified aircraft.

"The accused never corrected him, never told him, 'Hey, there's something here,'" Dash said. "No one told the F-15s there were two Blackhawks in the area flying."

First Lt. Ricky Wilson testified that he was looking at an area south of the no-fly zone but that Wang didn't know it.

Wilson said he made two radio calls to Wang during the course of the F-15s' interception of the helicopters and that Wang said he was listening in.

"I became aware there was an active intercept ... and that's a situation of concern. I wanted to make sure he was aware of the situation," Wilson said.

Capt. Joseph Halcli, who was a radar controller assigned to monitor aircraft approaching and departing the no-fly zone, testified that he tracked the helicopters entering the no-fly zone and landing at Zakhu, Iraq.

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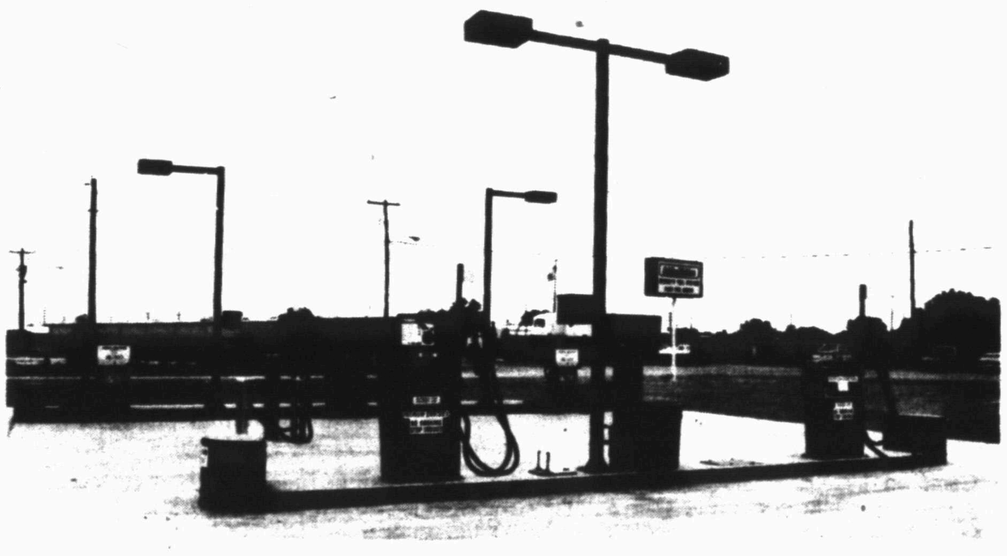
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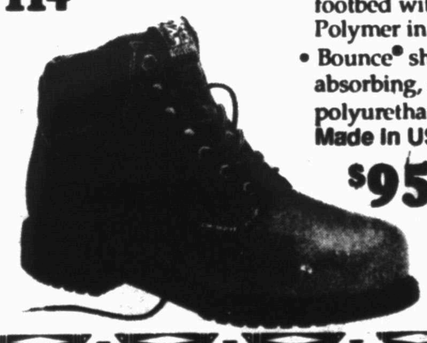
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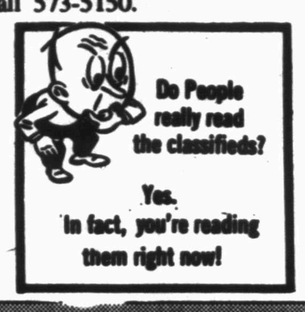
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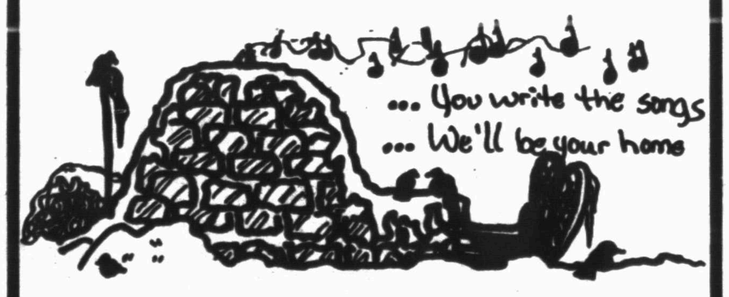
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4110 Jacksboro, 3-2. 68T
Gary Brewer Rd., 4-3-2, 85T
3609 41st, 4-3-3, grdn rm.89.9T
2809 Ave. U, 3-2-1. 56T
Ira, elegant w/pool.
2805 Ave. Y, 3-1-2. 37T
1505 39th, 3-2-cp, red. 39.5T
2216 42nd, creative. 60T
3803 Galveston, rmdld. 29.5T
3103 Ave. W., 3-2, ch/a.49.5T
3002 42nd, brick, 3-2, ch/a.46T
2202 43rd, 3-2, den. 46.5T
3111 El Paso, 2-1-cp. 28.5T
239 acres-Ira.
2809 Denison, 3-2/stg. bldg.78T
1805 39th, 2-1-1, ch/a. 32T
3505 Houston, 3-2, ch/a.52.5T
2903 36th, 3-3-2, w/loft, pool.
Country South, 3-2-2, den, cellar, pool, barn, 45 A. Reduced.
4502 Galveston, 3-2-2. 86.5T
2900 Westridge Dr., lg. 3-3½-2.
Country, 3-2-2cp, apx. 5A.65T
3200 Ave. H, lg. 3-1. 30T
40th Pl., 3-2, ws, lg. m/b.57.5T
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4110 Jacksboro, 3-2-2, $68T
3606 Kerrville, 3-2-2, $40's.
2366 Sunset, 3-2-cp, $49,750.
3782 Avondale, 3-2-cp, 46T
Country, 3-2, $49,500.
2906 El Paso, 3-2-2, $56,500.
3107 Ave. W, 3-2-2, $37T.
303 36th Pl., 3-2-cp, $38,500.
3798 Sunset, 3-2-1, $48,500.
116 35th, 3-2-1cp, $54,500.
2805 Ave. Y, 3-2-2, $37,500.
1505 39th, 3-2-cp, $39,500.
3006 40th, 3-1-cp, $35T.
4105 Eastridge, 3-1-2, $32T.
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2215 44th, 3-2-1 & apt.
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25 ac., 3-2-cp, East.
2603 25th, 2-1-1cp, good buy.
3-2-2, 2 ac., reduced.
Good Buy, 2202 43rd, 40's.
1 ac. 4-1-1, 1510 N. Ave. E.
3707 Noble, nice 30's.
2111 27th, 2-1, 20's.
2201 41st, 3-1, 30's
3-1, w/5 acres, Dunn, 40's.

Wendell Wilks	573-8965
Clarence Payne	573-8927

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

ATTENTION: Ronald D. and Leo Spruill, or other holding claims against the property at 2000 Avenue L, Snyder, Texas, be aware that The City of Snyder Planning and Zoning Department has determined that the building is an unsafe structure and intends to demolish the building. The legal description of said property being: North 75' of Lot 2, Block 10, Manry Sub-division. This Action is being taken as authorized by Ordinance No. 324 of the City of Snyder.
Tom Valentine,
Building Inspection Department

BID NOTICE
The City of Snyder, Texas will be accepting bids for Employee Health Insurance (both Self Funded and Fully Insured). Bids will be opened Monday, June 19, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the purchasing agent at the City Hall. Further information may be obtained by calling (915) 573-9362. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Jean Hataway
Personnel Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public hearings at two sites in the Abilene District to discuss the 1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The 1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Plan is a three year plan developed by the Texas Department of Transportation for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

The TIP includes the :
*A priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3 year period, and
*A financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from private (if any) and public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

The public hearings will be held:
*June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater of Western Texas College, Snyder, and
*June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Building, South 1st and Rusk, Clyde.

A 10 day comment period following the public hearings will permit other interested persons to submit written comments to Maribel P. Chavez, District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All written comments must be received at the Abilene District Office no later than 12 noon on June 26, 1995.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meetings may register starting at 6 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration.

The Texas Department of Transportation's TIP proposal can be examined during business hours through June 30, 1995, at the Abilene District Office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas
County of Scurry

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of Vena Wilson, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,226:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Vena Wilson, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 1st day of June, 1995, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Fay Sims, 110 34th St., Snyder, Tx. 79549 within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 1st day of June, 1995.
Fay Sims,
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Vena Wilson, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas
County of Scurry

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of Loretta Jane Voss, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,227:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the estate of Loretta Jane Voss, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 1st day of June, 1995, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Billy John Voss, 1500 40th St., Snyder, Tx. 79549 within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 1st day of June, 1995.
Billy John Voss,
Independent Executor
of the estate of
Loretta Jane Voss, deceased

More aggressive diagnosing needed for cancer patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors must be more aggressive in diagnosing breast cancer, especially in young women, says a new study that found physicians face more lawsuits for breast tumors than any other disease.

Most of the malpractice claims were won by young women whose tumors went undetected by physicians who may have played down their risk because of age and mammograms that didn't see through their dense breast tissue, said the study by the Physician Insurers Association of America.

"It means never minimizing a breast complaint, and never, ever, ever not following up on a breast complaint," said Dr. John Stanchfield, a Salt Lake City internist who led the study. "We can't let these women fall through the cracks."

The study, released Thursday at the association's annual meeting, said breast cancer accounted for 2,448 of the 117,000 malpractice claims filed since 1985, more than any other disease.

The good news is that's a minuscule number compared with the estimated 1.5 million women diagnosed with breast cancer during those 10 years, said the association, which represents the malpractice insurers for 60 percent of the nation's doctors.

But to uncover what went wrong with these patients, the study analyzed 487 completed claims where a delay in diagnosis was proved — and found an average delay of 14 months. Breast cancer is curable when caught early, but the tumors can double in size every three to six months, Stanchfield said.

Sixty percent of the patients were under age 50 and 31 percent were under 40 — a population less likely to get breast cancer than older women.

Sixty percent of the women discovered a lump in their breast that sent them to the doctor, the study found.

Locals

First Baptist

First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8-30-11:30 a.m. June 5-9 for kids age kindergarten through 6th grade. For a ride, call 573-2631.

Colonial Hill

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8:30-11:30 a.m. June 5-9 for kids ages 5 through the sixth grade. Van pickup is available by calling 573-8596.

Camp Springs

The annual Camp Springs Reunion will be held Sunday at the Northeast Community Center, beginning at 9 a.m. The meal will be a covered dish luncheon. Paper goods and ice will be furnished. Everyone is welcome.

Jurors will be allowed breaks during viewing of gruesome pictures

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors in the O.J. Simpson trial said when they were selected that they were emotionally able to view all evidence in the case.

Still, the question is: How will they react when they see grisly photographs of Simpson's slain ex-wife and her friend?

The photos of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman weren't shown in Friday's abbreviated session, so jurors were left with the weekend to contemplate what lies ahead.

Outside the panel's presence, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has called the autopsy pictures "horrible," "terrible" and "disturbing."

He assured jurors Friday that they can take breaks and grab a breath of air if they start feeling overwhelmed.

"We indicated to you that there would come a time when we may have to show you some photographs and some diagrams about matters that are not pleasant to look at and we apologize to you for that," Ito said.

"If at any time during the presentation of this evidence you feel unusually uncomfortable or if you need to take a break, feel free to let me know."

He reminded panelists that they told him during jury selection that they would be emotionally able to view all evidence in the case.

Juror reaction to the photographs could take several forms, said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor.

"I think people could get woozy and not be able to focus on the evidence. I think people could get emotional, and they could get physically sick. Bottom line — you just need a break from it. It's just too overwhelming to absorb at some point," she said.

Levenson said jurors usually rise to the occasion.

Police note felony arrest

A 28-year-old man was booked into Scurry County Jail at 1:38 Saturday morning and charged with felony driving while intoxicated.

Michael B. Cottingham of 1809 Ford in Odessa, was arrested on South College by city officers.

In other activity, a report for assault/family violence was made at 6:57 a.m. Friday in reference to an incident one mile west of Snyder Country Club where a woman was found lying on the side of the road. The 18-year-old was transported to Cogdell by EMS where she was treated and released.

The woman refused to file charges in the incident.

A report of criminal mischief was made at 7:56 a.m. Friday in reference to a plate glass window being broken at Anthony's.

A report for Class B theft was reported at 11:09 a.m. Friday in reference to a bicycle being stolen from 2101 40th St.

Officers were requested at 206 34th St. Friday at 11:36 a.m. in reference to two juveniles throwing rocks at a residence.

An officer was requested at the emergency room at Cogdell Hospital at 2:24 p.m. Friday in reference to a six-year-old boy being shot by a BB gun. An offense report for accidental gun shot was submitted.

A woman called the police department at 2:40 p.m. Friday in reference to receiving harassing telephone calls.

An attempt to locate a horse that was reported missing was cancelled at 3 p.m. Friday as the owner found the animal.

An officer was requested at 502 25th Street at 4:55 p.m. Friday in reference to a person reporting that a neighbor had put trash in the calling party's dumpster.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 5:15 p.m. Friday in reference to a bicycle being stolen from 1904 19th St.

A report of a prowler was made at 1:38 a.m. Saturday from 2711 Ave. I.

Officers responded to a report of a fight between two women at 3:33 a.m. Saturday at 29th and Avenue G.

Hospital Notes

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CENSUS: 43 (Med.-10, Long-term Care-33).

Hill AF Base's workload may expand

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — An Air Force report said Hill Air Force Base would get 70 percent of the work at McClellan Air Force Base, if a federal base closure panel closes the California installation and spares Hill.

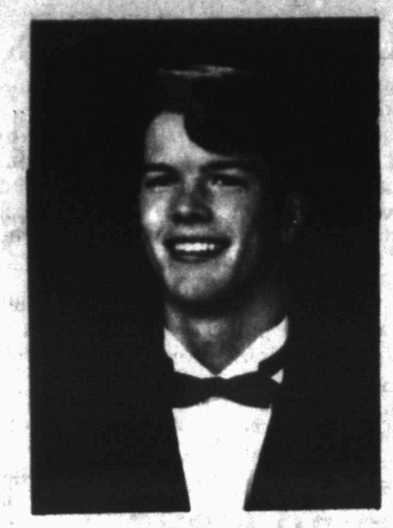
Mike Pavich, president of Hill-DDO '95, a local organization heading up the effort to keep Hill open, said data in the report does not indicate what work would be relocated to Hill or if the move would mean additional Utah jobs.

"I would not even guess. It's just simply that if McClellan closes, Hill would probably get 70 percent of the work now being done there," Pavich said Friday.

The same closure scenario said Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma would get 25 percent and Robins Air Force Base in Georgia would get 5 percent of McClellan's workload, the report said.

If Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio is axed, the data said, the Air Force would propose relocating 10 percent of that work to Hill.

The figures are found in the Air Force's latest COBRA (cost of base realignment action) information, Pavich said.



GRANT JORDAN

Summer intern position slated for Grant Jordan

Grant Jordan, son of Mike and Sally Jordan of Temple and grandson of Charlie and Christine Jordan of Snyder, will be serving as an intern with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. for the summer.

Jordan, a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School, has just completed his junior year at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., where he is majoring in economics and is on the honor roll.

Citizenship issue eyed by Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Congress eyeing sweeping revisions to the nation's immigration practices, some lawmakers want to rethink a fundamental precept: whether birth in the United States automatically conveys citizenship regardless of parentage.

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., last week introduced legislation that would amend the Constitution and deny citizenship to U.S.-born babies lacking at least one parent with legal status at the time of birth.

Foley, joined by 19 original co-sponsors, was just the latest lawmaker seeking to amend citizenship eligibility. Several other House Republicans have introduced similar constitutional amendments, including Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Friendswood, who goes a step further. Stockman's legislation also would deny naturalization to anyone over the age of 5 who is not conversant in English.

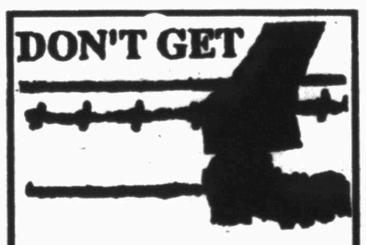
Civil-rights groups and those representing minorities are lining up against alteration of the Constitution and a change to citizenship rights that have been in place for well over a century.

The 14th Amendment, which dates to 1868, says that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States." The amendment came into being as a way of conveying citizenship on newly-freed slaves after the Civil War.

Foley argues that the amendment's interpretation to cover all persons born on U.S. soil may be going beyond what the amendment's framers envisioned. "Our Constitution was never intended to be an incentive for illegal immigration," he said.

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Marijuana: How dangerous is it?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter smokes marijuana and claims there are no ill effects. Is she right?

DEAR READER: I remember back in the 1960s, when scientific studies purported to show that THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) was stored in brain cells and in the testicles. The message to kids from their elders was "marijuana will poison your brain and make you infertile."

Mercifully, these findings were not substantiated, and marijuana is now viewed by many authorities as being a relatively trivial hazard to health.

This is not to say that it is harmless, however.

Like cigarette smoke, it can produce chronic bronchitis (but not cancer). More important, it is a mind-altering drug and, as such, comes with its own set of problems.

It affects judgment and cognitive thinking. It provides an easy escape from life's stresses and frustrations, but by its very nature it prevents users from solving these difficulties in a rational and constructive manner. It is also illegal. Therefore, the ill effects stem from marijuana's mental effects, which — in many ways — resemble those caused by alcohol.

A few months ago, I had occasion to question an adolescent about his regular use of "weed"; he was in the habit of smoking three or four "joints" a day and he believed that his habit made it possible for him to get from day to day.

"Suppose instead of using marijuana every day," I asked him, "you needed three or four shots of whiskey?"

He was indignant. "What do you think I am," he blurted, "an alcoholic? Grass is different."

But it isn't, in many ways. And that's the problem. Mind-altering substances prevent us from dealing with reality; hence, there is danger in their use.

Moreover, the regular use of marijuana is but a first step for many people with addictive personalities in the progression to full-fledged substance abuse. The actor Carroll O'Connor, in discussing his son's suicide and drug addiction, was quite specific in blaming alcohol and marijuana as the "entry-level" drugs that set the stage for tragedy.

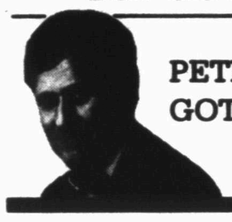
If your daughter lights up infrequently, she probably isn't jeopardizing her health. In contrast, if she's a regular user, she probably needs some counseling. Marijuana, like similar drugs, can play a valid role — in controlling the nausea and malaise caused by cancer chemotherapy, for example — but the "escapist" uses that I mentioned can lead to substance abuse and, in some cases, to legal difficulties.

Therefore, your daughter is only partially correct that marijuana is free of undesirable side effects.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Reeve has some sensation, doctor says

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Christopher Reeve's spinal cord was not severed in a horse-riding accident, his surgeon says, and that may mean he could regain some body movement.

Reeve has some sensation in his chest, a discovery doctors made by touching the actor's chest and having him nod his head when he felt something, Dr. John Jane said Friday.

The sensation means that Reeve's spinal cord was not severed.

"I'm encouraged. If it were totally severed, we could say with certainty there would be no chance of recovery," said Jane, who is chief of the University of Virginia neurosurgery department.

It is too early to determine whether Reeve can regain movement in his limbs, the surgeon said.

Reeve, 42, shattered two neck vertebrae and injured his spinal cord last weekend in a horse-riding accident in Virginia.

He has pneumonia, but the infection is subsiding and Jane plans to go ahead with surgery Monday to fuse two upper vertebrae that were fractured in the accident.

Jane said Reeve's pneumonia is typical in such cases.

Reeve, star of the "Superman" movies, still is unable to breathe on his own but he is not in pain and has a positive attitude, the neurosurgeon said.

"He's communicating quite well considering he has to mouth his words," Jane said.

Benjamin Reeve said his brother has maintained his sense of humor.

"It is a difficult time for him and for us," Benjamin Reeve said. "But it is lighted by moments of grace, and we do remain hopeful."

Reeve has shown some improvement in breathing, said his mother, Barbara Johnson, but she believes it's unlikely he will ever use his limbs again. "I don't think Chris is going to regain much, if anything, in terms of other abilities."

Jane gave an update on the actor's condition at a news conference at the University of Virginia Medical Center, where Reeve was taken after falling headlong off a horse during an equestrian competition in Culpeper.

The surgeon said the mortality rate for the spinal fusion surgery is 4 percent or less. Patients occasionally suffer fatal heart attacks because of the stress of the surgery.

"It has real risk but the success rate is high," Jane said.

The surgery is intended to prevent bone fragments from pushing into Reeve's spinal cord and causing further damage, but it won't help his inability to breathe on his own, Jane said.

After the operation, Jane said, Reeve probably can be placed in an upright sitting position in his bed.

"He is very eager to get up," Jane said.



IRA PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These students received perfect attendance certificates for 1994-1995. Back row (l-r) Perry Jamison, Kristi Sorrells, Logan Daves and Cassie Marshall; third row: Shade Everton, Nathan Smith, Melissa Brasuel and Jerek Brown; second row: Chad Everton, Phil Payne, Tyler Fry, Loryn Brown and Michelle Nettles; front row: Kerry Jamison, John Gainer, Ashley McGinty and Kevin Marshall. (SDN Staff Photo)



AMY ARMSTRONG

Amy Armstrong graduates from Baylor University

Amy Michelle Armstrong graduated from Baylor University in May, earning a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in math.

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1991 and was valedictorian of her class. She has completed internships with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich. and Chrysler Technology in Waco.

Armstrong will enter law school in August, and plans to specialize in the legal field of intellectual property, drawing on her engineering education.

She is the daughter of Ernie and Betty Armstrong of Snyder.

Rock still hopeful

OTTAWA (AP) — Justice Minister Allan Rock says he's not worried by a poll that suggests support for federal gun control proposals fell recently.

The Angus Reid poll, conducted last week, found two out of three respondents supported gun control legislation and seven out of 10 supported its main feature — mandatory gun registration.

Local doctor completes 150 hours of study

KANSAS CITY — Dr. Paul A. Thompson of Snyder has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The AAFP, which has more than 75,000 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first national medical group to require members to keep up with medical advancements through regular continuing medical education.

Dr. Thompson has been an active AAFP member since 1979. As a family physician, he is qualified to work in all major areas of health care and trained to treat patients of all ages for the vast majority of health problems.

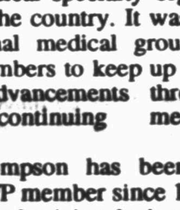
The AAFP, which is headquartered in Kansas City, provides educational, legal, insurance and lobbying to its members and publishes "American Family Physician," an 150,000 circulation clinical journal.

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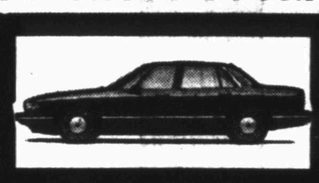
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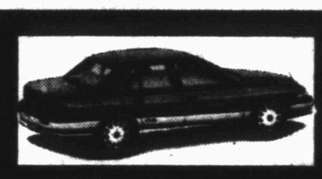
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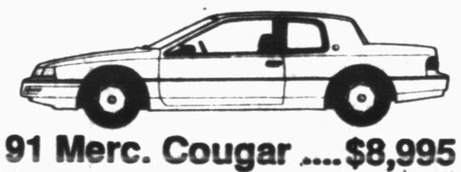
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By Shirley A. Gorman

'Miracle' child recovering from grave illness

Riley Spill will be featured in CMN's weekend telecast

Riley Spill, 2½ years old, is a true "miracle" child. Once gravely ill, the now spunky and energetic toddler appears to be making a full recovery from a mysterious and undetermined illness.

Riley and her mother, Mrs. Kelly (Krystle) Spill of Ft. Riley, Kan., former Snyder residents, were in town a few weeks ago to visit relatives. They stayed with Sue Blythe, Krystle's mother and Riley's grandmother. Kelly is stationed at the Ft. Riley Army Base and was unable to accompany them.

Through the course of her illness, Riley was diagnosed with several diseases, including myelodysplastic syndrome. However, doctors were never able to pinpoint the exact cause of her problems.

She is one of five children to be featured this weekend during the 1995 Children's Miracle Network Telecast which kicks off at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Riley is now so full of life that it is hard to tell she was ever ill, something that was far from true more than two years ago.

Riley "progressed like a normal child," so Krystle, a first-time mother, said she did not realize that anything was seriously wrong. When Riley started "looking paler," Krystle blamed anemia, but thought it could be easily treated.

The first hint of trouble surfaced when the cherub-faced toddler began to develop chronic infections in one or both ears, and "had to take antibiotics for months," Krystle said.

The antibiotics did not help, so Riley's doctor referred the family to a specialist in Abilene who was going to insert tubes in the girl's ears. The doctor ordered routine blood tests which revealed "severe anemia." Riley had also developed a fever. The doctor referred Krystle to a pediatrician who immediately had Riley admitted to Meeks's Children's Hospital at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene where she underwent her first blood transfusion at the age of 8½ months. Thereafter, she received from a half-unit to a whole-unit of blood at least twice a week for months. She was also given blood platelets. After each transfusion, Riley "perked up," but then she always "went downhill again," her mother explained.

During that period, Riley's resistance was so low that she was "sick all of the time" and "had to be kept home and away from contact with other people," Krystle said.

She also lost her appetite. The only nourishment she could tolerate was eight ounces of apple juice a day. Riley had stopped nursing when she was nearly a year old. She also had begun to bruise easily.

More concern for Riley surfaced after doctors checked her bone marrow count, and within 30 minutes, the toddler was being flown to Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

That visit to Cook's, the first of many, lasted 11 days. Doctors ordered more bone marrow tests, and at first thought Riley had either aplastic anemia, leukemia or cancer. Aplastic anemia was the first illness ruled out as more tests were conducted, Krystle said.

Doctors also suspected that Riley's problem might be preleukemia or myelodysplastic syndrome so more bone marrow tests were conducted.

They also inserted a Hickman Line in Riley's chest to fascilitate drawing blood and to administer medications.



MIRACLE CHILD — Riley Spill will be one of five "Miracle" children to be featured during the 1995 Children's Miracle Network telecast which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday. Riley and her mother, Krystle, shared a hug recently during a visit to Snyder. The Spills lived in Snyder during Riley's illness, but have since moved to Ft. Riley, Kan., where her father, Kelly, is stationed at the U.S. Army Base. (SDN Staff Photo)

Riley observed her first birthday in the Fort Worth hospital. While doctors still searched for a diagnosis, she "deteriorated even more," Krystle said. Even though she had been receiving "growth factors" through the Hickman Line, all she weighed was 13 pounds and eight ounces.

Doctors became convinced that Riley needed a bone marrow transplant to survive. As there were no matches within the family, Krystle said doctors turned to the National Marrow Registry where only one possible match was found — a woman the family only knew as "white female, age 26."

Riley and her possible donor underwent all five stages of tests to determine if they were compatible, Krystle said. They proved a perfect match. By this time Riley's platelet count had dropped to 2,000, whereas 200,000 is the norm.

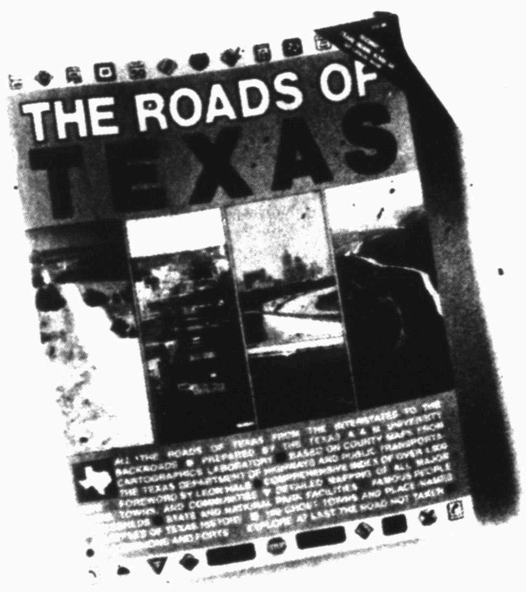
In preparation for the bone marrow transplant, Riley was placed on a high dose of steroids for five days. She began to improve soon after, and as she became "stronger and stronger," the bone marrow transplant kept being postponed.

To date, Riley has not had to undergo the transplant. She continues to improve every day.

Though tubes had been inserted in her ears in late September of 1993, Riley's ear infections had

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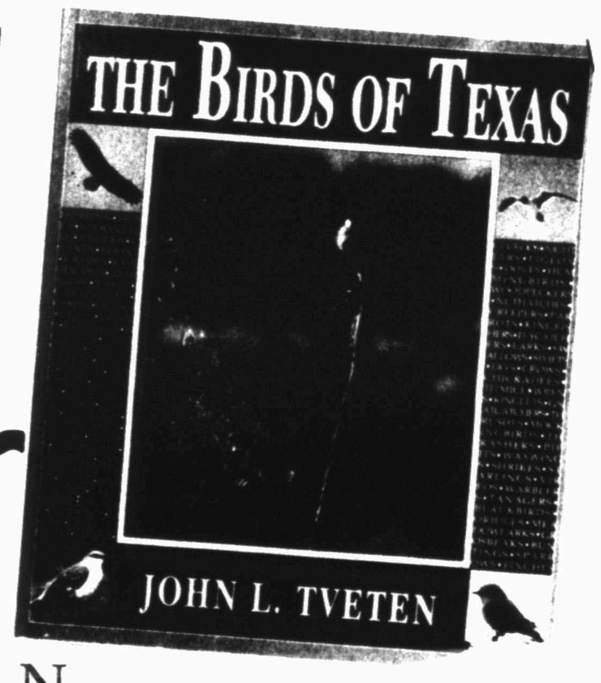


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Honor grad overcomes deadly assault

Kilgore High School student was shot 20 months ago

KILGORE— Twenty months ago, the prospects for the honor roll student and aspiring doctor were grim after he was shot, beaten and left for dead in woods in Harrison County.

But on Friday, Bradley T. Bryant will realize a long-time goal when he delivers the valedictory address as Kilgore High School's top graduate.

"I feel real good. It is like four years of work of mine has come together," Bryant, 17, said. "In whatever I do, I try to be the best."

Fifth-grade spelling is the closest Bryant has ever come to making a 'B,' and, incredibly enough, that grade was a 96 or 97.

"Bradley is a very hard-working young man. He is certainly very intelligent. He is very down-to-earth," Kilgore High School principal Bill Salmon said. "He had to put forth a lot of effort to get back to where he was before. He has persevered and overcome adversity, and that speaks well for his character."

Outwardly, Bryant has no signs of the kidnapping, which left him with a hole in his right eye and impaired hearing in an ear.

His ordeal began at a Longview Mall parking lot sometime after 6 p.m. on Sept. 23, 1993.

After a class at Sylvan Learning Center, Bryant headed to the mall where he was approached by a man wanting a ride. The man then ordered Bryant to drive him around Longview and later shot and beat him, put him in the trunk of his 1992 Camaro and dumped him in fire ant-infested woods near Hallsville.

He lay there, his clothes ripped and his shirt as a makeshift pillow, for almost two days before Henry Botter found him while working on his deer stand. Bryant's abductor last June was sentenced to 42 years in prison for attempted capital murder.

"(Bryant) is a very special individual. He makes the most of his talents," his proud mother, Charlotte Austin, said. "We feel even more blessed he has made such a complete recovery."

Salmon said Bryant is well-liked by both students and teachers.

"He is just a good kid. The whole community kind of bonded together on that ordeal. Everybody feels an attachment to him because of the miracle that he was found and found alive," Salmon said.

In his valedictory address, Bryant plans to recognize his parents for their rock-solid support and his numerous friends who helped him recover physically and emotionally from the ordeal.

"Being in that incident...left alone in the woods for two days...has opened me up," said Bryant, who has few memories of the attack in which he suffered a serious blow to the head. "It has made me more of an outgoing person."

He also discovered just how many people care about him.

"I feel something good has come from it. It really emphasized the power of God in my life. He helped me through this," he said. "The hard things in life build character and the good things just show it off."

Despite his injuries and missing three weeks of school, Bryant still became valedictorian. "I decided he (the assailant) wasn't going to change my life in any negative way," Bryant said.

Almost immediately after leaving the hospital, he made his mother take him to Longview Mall to buy clothes and shoes identical to what he was wearing when attacked. And incredulously, he still drives his sporty, candy-apple-red car with the dark stripes at the bottom of the doors.

"Of course I still have it. People would kill for it," he said, almost matter-of-factly.

The gifted and multitalented Bryant, who has played sports and the trumpet at Kilgore High, has continued his involvement in numerous civic endeavors.

He is president of his senior class and National Honor Society. He is a member of Citizens' Bank Student Board, Kilgore Youth Standing Strong Eliminating Drugs and Danville Methodist Church.

His proudest accomplishment in high school? The glossy, in-depth, professional-looking, "Resource Guide to Common Ailments," which he began developing in February through his studies at a Kilgore doctor's office.

His career goal hasn't changed since he was a 3-year-old who told his mother he wanted to be a doctor. Bryant has been involved this year in a school mentor program with Dr. M. Thomas Beets.

"He has been a great teacher and a great mentor," Bryant said. "(The program) has really helped me see that I want to be a doctor more than ever."

He plans to attend Kilgore College then transfer to Stephen F. Austin State University or possibly Austin College in Sherman. He then hopes to attend the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.



JUNE WEDDING SET — Robert and Connie Parker of Huntsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Christi Parker, to Chris Woodard, son of Wayne and Betty Woodard of Snyder. The wedding is set for 2 p.m. on June 10 in Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

This year marks the first time that the state of California will spend more on its prison system than on its university system. Since 1980, spending on prisons in the state has risen 700 percent.

Scurry County Folks

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continued. However, they have now stopped, too.

Riley's doctors consider her to be "in remission," and they won't say she is completely cured until five years have passed without a recurrence. She will continue to undergo CBCs, complete blood counts, every six to 10 months.

Krystle said they have been told that Riley's case will be included in medical journals because doctors still do not know why her bone marrow was failing.

Her last checkup in Fort Worth was in March of last year.

She now weighs about 30 pounds, and her once "scrawny, stick-legs" are now sturdy enough to carry her whereever she wants. Due to her illness, she was 18 months old before she started walking.

Riley seems to have weathered her medical crisis with few ill effects. She has a small scar where the Hickman Line was inserted. She has also gotten over her scare of doctors and nurses except that she does not like to be given shots.

Though the Spills moved from Snyder in June of 1994, Krystle and her husband will never forget all the love, support and prayers they received from family, friends and the community. "That's what got us through," she said.

Kelly, who was the manager of West-To-Go at the time, joined the U.S. Army a few months ago. The Spills moved to Winters in June of 1994 and then to Fort Riley in April.

Krystle was not able to work because of the frequent trips to Fort Worth. Kelly's employer was "very understanding" when he needed time off for Riley, she explained.

Riley's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blythe and Huston Ballard.

"Expect a Miracle" is the theme for the 1995 Children's Miracle Network Telecast. Segments of the national telecast will be inserted in the local telecast.

During the local portions of the telecast, Riley's story and four others about other "Miracle" children will be aired. All are Meeks' Children's Hospital patients who have experienced a traumatic medical situation like Riley.

National segments to be aired include features about home safety, how to raise kids in the '90s and the dilemma of children and violence.

This telecast will be the 13th year for the national event, which has raised more than $775 million for children's services in more than 160 hospitals nationwide. In the six years that Meeks' Children's Hospital has been a CMN-affiliated hospital, more than $1,115,000 has been raised locally. A record $217,000 was raised in 1994.

The telecast will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, on KTAB TV (local cable channel 5). It will conclude at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Big Country fund-raising effort will be headquartered in Meeks' Children's Hospital.



FIRST BIRTHDAY — Riley Spill celebrated her first birthday at Meeks Children's Hospital in Abilene. Her mother, Krystle, holds her birthday cake. (Contributed Photo)

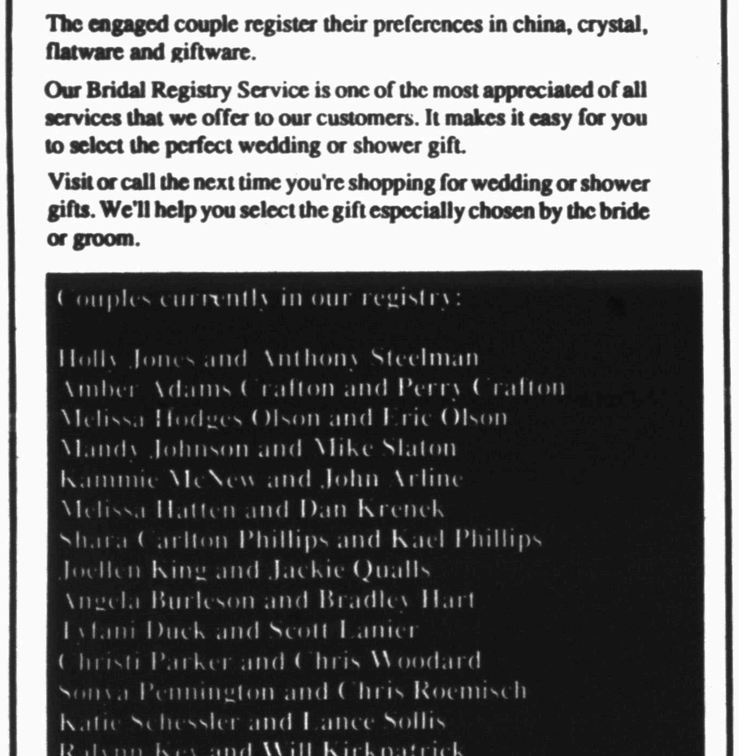


RED WAGON RIDE — Whenever Riley Spill was admitted to Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, she rode around in a red wagon. (Contributed Photo)

Launch canceled

HOUSTON (AP) — Damage by woodpeckers forced NASA on Friday to cancel next week's launch of space shuttle Discovery.

NASA officials said they needed to move the shuttle from the launch pad to repair 135 holes the birds put in the insulating foam on Discovery's big external fuel tank. Technicians could not reach all the holes while the shuttle was on the pad.



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Joellen King and Jackie Qualls
Angela Burleson and Bradley Hart
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Kelly, Krystle & Riley Spill



JOHNSON, SLATON PLAN VOWS — Mandy Johnson, daughter of Becky Johnson and the late Eddie Johnson, and Mike Slaton, son of Jean Kouthe of Arlington and the late O.L. Slaton III, have planned marriage vows for 2 p.m. on Aug. 12 in the home of the bride-elect's grandparents in Levelland. (Contributed Photo)

Poems wanted for contest, anthology

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of $500 in its new "Awards of Poetic Excellence" poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject and in any style. Contest closes July 31, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the spring of 1996 edition of "Poetic Voices of America," a hardcover anthology to be published in February, 1996. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by Sept. 30.

"Poetry is more popular than ever," says Jerome P. Welch, publisher. "Our contest offers a public forum for new poets that allows them to share their work. We welcome poetry of all styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas."

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. G, 203 Diamond St., Sisterville, WV 26175.

Eggs from endangered turtles found

CORPUS CHRISTI — (AP) There's good news for the future of the critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles: three nests of eggs have been found this week on Mustang and Padre Islands.

Over the last three years, the entire Texas coast has yielded only three sea turtle nests.

Now, in just the last few days, officials at Padre Island National Seashore have retrieved 231 eggs from the three nests discovered and are incubating them at the seashore office.

"This is very exciting to have three (nests) within two days," said Donna Shaver, a biologist doing research on sea turtles at Padre Island National Seashore. "We're quite hopeful we might be able to locate additional nesting turtles in the next few days or weeks."

Scientists say the Kemp's ridley is the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world, with fewer than 1,000 nesting females believed to be alive.

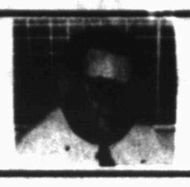
It is not known why the flurry of nesting has taken place this week, but Ms. Shaver noted that this week is traditionally peak nesting season for the turtles.

Most Kemp's ridleys nest on the beaches of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico, about 100 miles south of Brownsville.

The eggs should hatch 48 to 53 days after they are laid, Ms. Shaver said.

When they do, the turtles will be released on the beach near the places where their eggs were laid, she said. The tiny turtles will crawl into the surf and swim into the Gulf.

The first automatic teller was around centuries before electronics. Back then, they were called gossips.



"The Garden Editor"

by Dr. Ted Brice

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I recently had Mr. Shirley on my television program, and I took a Pest Patrol home with me. I want to assure you here and now that it really works even better than the claims made by Mr. Shirley. This program, "The Garden Editor," will air on cable television this coming weekend, and I would strongly suggest that you do not miss it. You can actually see Pest Patrol.

Gardeners, let me leave you with this thought--GOD DOES NOT DEDUCT FROM MAN'S ALLOTED TIME THOSE HOURS SPENT GARDENING. Good gardening until next week, from Dr. Ted Brice, "The Garden Editor."

Prime-time Nielson ratings

1. (X) "Home Improvement," ABC, 19.6, 18.7 million homes
2. (3) "Home Improvement," ABC, 19.1, 18.2 million homes
3. (8) "NYPD Blue," ABC, 17.3, 16.5 million homes
4. (6) "Friends," NBC, 16.8, 16.0 million homes
5. (1) "Seinfeld," NBC, 15.6, 14.9 million homes
6. (2) "ER," NBC, 15.1, 14.4 million homes
7. "Full House," ABC, 14.6, 13.9 million homes
8. (13) "Frasier," NBC, 13.8, 13.2 million homes
9. "Wings," NBC, 13.2, 12.6 million homes
10. "Face On the Milk Carton — CBS Wednesday Movie," 12.7, 12.1 million homes.

Bride & Groom Registry

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Kammie McNew & John Arline	Angie Burleson & Brad Hart	Rebecca Birk & Thad Myers	Tyfani Duck & Scott Lanier
Katie Schessler & Lance Sollis	Kelli Bell & Chuck Barbee	Melissa Hodges & Eric Olson	Shara Carlton & Kael Phillips
Melanie Carpenter & Clint Haywood	Dava Botts Robbins & Brad Robbins		Mandy Johnson & Mike Slaton
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Saturday, June 3, 1995

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♠K 7 2
♥A K J 9 3
♦A 6 4
♣K Q

WEST
♠- - -
♥Q 8 7 5 2
♦Q 10 5
♣J 7 6 3 2

EAST
♠Q 8 6
♥6
♦K 9 7 3
♣10 9 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠A J 10 9 5 4 3
♥10 4
♦J 8 2
♣A

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣3

Allowing for bad breaks

By Phillip Alder

An expert always tries to accommodate bad breaks. In today's deal, for example, which occurred during an English trials last year, everyone makes six spades if the trumps are 2-1. The expert tries to get home even if the spades are 3-0 *and* he misguesses them.

Gus Calderwood, a South African who has lived in London for many years, won the club lead with his ace, played a heart to dummy's king, cashed the club king, discarding his second heart, and led the heart three from the dummy. His plan, if East followed suit, was to ruff with the spade jack. Even if West could overruff, declarer would use dummy's jack-nine of hearts to ruff out East's queen and come to 12 tricks via six spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

When East discarded, South ruffed. As it was now more likely that East was long in spades, Calderwood led a trump to dummy's king — success!

At another table, one of England's best young players, Peter Crouch, received a heart lead. This removed an entry, so he couldn't follow Calderwood's line. Instead, he won with dummy's king and played a spade to his ace, getting the bad news. Then he led a heart to dummy's ace. When East ruffed, declarer had to finish one down.

It seems to be a guess in trumps, but there is a subtle clue. As South can handle a 5-1 heart break if East has five, he should assume West has long hearts. If so, East rates to have longer spades. Therefore, South should start with dummy's spade king.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas
Refriëd Beans
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Strawberries & Bananas

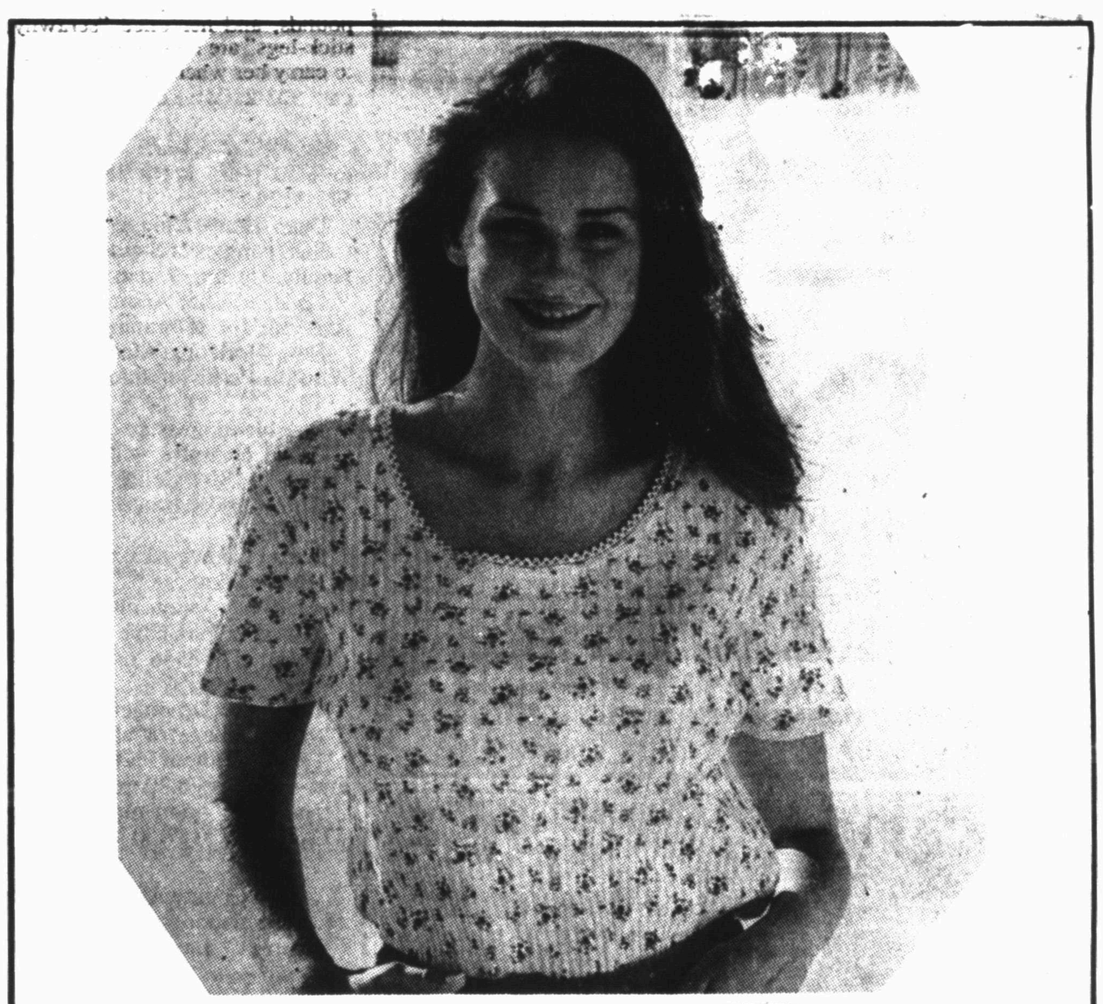
TUESDAY
Beef Liver & Onions
Chopped Broccoli
Parsley Potatoes
Carrot Raisin Salad
Cheese Cake

WEDNESDAY
Baked Chicken w/Barbecue Sauce
Potato Salad
Cream Style Corn
Jellied Citrus Salad
Caramel Bread Pudding

THURSDAY
Ham & Butterbeans
Green Onions
Spinach
Harvard Beets
Yellow Cake

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Hominy w/Cheese Sauce
Herbed Green Beans
Tomato Wedges
Chocolate Pudding

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Kids of '90s want more from their confections

From candies so sour they make you wince, to candies so cinnamon hot they burn your taste buds, kids in the 90s want more from their confections than just great taste: they want fun. And candymakers are responding like never before.

"It's a real phenomenon," said a brands manager at a leading candy company. "Every manufacturer is getting into kids' candy business; it's where all the action is."

The candies that interest children the most are those that adults wouldn't normally choose to eat — super sour suckers, candies that stain the mouth neon colors, anything blue-raspberry flavored, and all candies with "gross-out" appeal.

Along with telling jokes or pulling pranks, today's kids are having fun investigating these new products; perhaps daring their parents to try super sour candies that make most adults cry. The hottest new candy color for kids is blue, a color adults might find repulsive. But for kids, electric blue, neon blue and berry blue are all the rage, especially if the candy stains teeth and tongue.

Candies that fizz and foam and stain and glow are all part of a much broader trend; they're a reflection of the '90s demand for high-tech interplay. Candy, it seems, is not just to be eaten anymore.

"Kids want something to show off with, to play with and to be funny with," said a spokesperson for the National Confectioners Association. "Eating candy has become a game, a way to have fun, and that's the direction candy is taking these days.

For example, it used to be that making an innovative lollipop meant making it bigger, brighter or more exotic tasting. But not anymore. Today, there are dozens of variations on the lollipop theme: there's the battery-powered pop that spins around, the lollipop that lights up like a laser, the musical lollipop, the holographic lollipop and the pop with an exploding center.

From wrist watches that spring open to reveal candy balls, to lollipops hidden inside real pens, and fake beepers and telephones filled with goodies, the line between candy and toy has vanished. These interactive candies are the industry's best-selling items, according to manufacturers.

That such items are the industry's best'sellers should really be no surprise. After all, to a generation growing up on Nintendo, IBM and CD-ROM, the world is about interaction. Candy can now be as dynamic as a video game or as interesting as a new video toy.



AUGUST WEDDING — Byron and Brenda Hedges of Snyder and Jimmy and Linda Harden of De Kalb announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leah Harden, to Craig Michael Lang, son of Bob and Debbie Lang of Snyder. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. on Aug. 5 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



NUPTIALS PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson of Hermleigh announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lori Anderson, to David Botts. He is the son of Mary Botts of Snyder and David Botts of Hermleigh. They have set their wedding ceremony for 4 p.m. on June 10 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chip Roemisch in Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed Duplicate Bridge Club games on Friday and Sunday at the Snyder Country Club.

Seven tables.

N-S

1. Frances Stevenson, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Shirley Stewart, Charley Blakey.

E-W

1. Anita Talbott, Verdi Kimbro.
2. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Sue Carter, Monte West.

SUNDAY

Four tables.

1. Dot Casey, Ann Davis.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Rube McKinley.
3. Lucille Joyce, Dora Blakey.

Nugent angers animal-rights activists

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Motor City Madman's imprint in the Hollywood Rock Walk of Fame made some animal-rights activists mad.

Before guitarist Ted Nugent, who's an avid hunter, even opened his mouth to speak or set his hands in cement Wednesday, two women ran past the crowd carrying a banner that read "Ted Nugent Equals Violence on the Walk of Fame."

Then a man at the front of the crowd began yelling, "Killer!" and another man in camouflage gear burst into the middle of the presentation.

Security escorted both of them away, and the ceremony continued.

"It's important that the weenies object," Nugent said.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club,for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time 9 a.m.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; home of Joyce Cooper, 3717 Dalton; for nursery information call Kim at 573-4847; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m., regular meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

The week's most popular videos

By The Associated Press

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3. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," (Disney)
4. "The Land Before Time II," (MCA-Universal)
5. "Aladdin," (Disney)
6. "Disney's Sing Along Songs: Circle of Life," (Disney)
7. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Sea World," (Dualstar)
8. "Beavis & Butt-head: There Goes the Neighborhood," (MTV)
9. "Beavis & Butt-head: The Final Judgemen," (MTV)
10. "Ariel: Wish Upon a Starfish," (Disney)

Role teaches Hawiian native

NEW YORK (AP) — Tia Carrere learned to do more than act for her first film role.

The Hawaiian native, despite a lifetime on the islands, "never surfed, and I couldn't do the hula," she said in Sunday's Parade magazine. "I learned while making the movie."

The movie was the obscure 1983 picture "Aloha Summer."

Since then, of course, the 28-year-old actress has moved on to bigger and better-grossing films: She played the love interest in both "Wayne's World" movies and a villain in Arnold Schwarzenegger's "True Lies."

Isaak reveals second thoughts

TORONTO (AP) — If he had it to do over again, Chris Isaak would think twice.

On his latest album, "Forever Blue," the singer tells about his abrupt break-up with his girlfriend of three years. He also includes an unsent letter to her in the liner notes.

"Do you sleep with somebody else now?" Isaak writes. "I tell myself not to think about that stuff but I do."

"A lot of things seem like a good idea," the 33-year-old heartthrob told Canadian Press, "when you're at your house and it's four o'clock and you go: 'This would be a good thing to put there.'"

"Then when they ask you about it on television it's like later on you think, 'Well, maybe this wasn't a good idea.'"

At least, he says, "I left her name out of it."

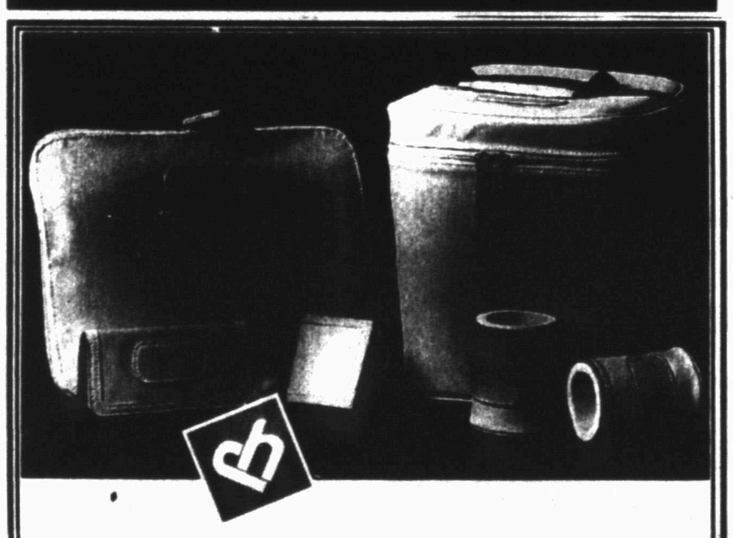
Kato canceled

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Kato Kaelin got canceled.

O.J. Simpson's famous houseguest had been scheduled to appear at Bally's Las Vegas in comedian Louie Anderson's headline act.

Anderson, though, said Thursday he was canceling his June 8-21 engagement due to commitments with two new television series.









Fluvanna Homecoming set Friday, Saturday

Fluvanna's 1995 Homecoming will kick off with an Old Settlers Reception in the foyer of Scurry County Coliseum from 2-5 p.m. Friday.

The reception, a homecoming tradition, marks the beginning of the two-day event which is held every five years. Guests are asked to register as they enter the front of the coliseum.

Bill Jones serves as chairman of this year's reunion, free barbecue and program at the coliseum. The catered meal will begin at noon and will be followed by a program at 2 p.m.

Class parties will be held Friday at various locations. The 1940-42 classes will gather at Martha Ann's Woman's Club. The 1947-1960 classes will meet at Buddy and Margaret Drum's home in Fluvanna. The 1961 to current classes will meet for a street party on Main Street in Fluvanna. All of the other classes will have a party at the Community Center in Fluvanna.

Donations for the homecoming fund are being sent to Max Jones at 5200 FM 612, Fluvanna, 79517.

The planning committee invites anyone who has lived in Fluvanna or whose family lived in the community to attend.

The school closed in 1976.

(Editor's Note: The following story about Fluvanna was written by Mrs. C.D. Jones (Odyne Beaver).

"Mr. J.M. Cunningham and W.L. Powers drove into Light, 19 miles northwest of Snyder in October, 1907. They found a boarding place at the home of D.A. Jones and began contacting landowners adjacent to the Light community. When the Townsite Realty Company finished buying land, it owned almost two sections. Section 484 was bought from D.C. McCregor; 160 acres from Mrs. A.J. Stephenson. Telford and Boxter, a team of surveyors from Abilene, were secured to survey the land and lay out the town. The streets were all named and a good size town was staked off. Lots were put on sale in 1908."

Shortly after the R.S.&P. Railway had begun service between Roscoe and Snyder in 1908, work got underway to extend the line an additional twenty miles to the northwest. The track was built a mile past the community of Light where there was a post office. The railroad had its terminus right in the staked off town of the Townsite Realty Company. A special passenger train was run in August, 1909, that was celebrated with a three day picnic. People from Roscoe and Snyder rode the train, in hot summer weather, on flatcars with rails and benches, when there was no more room in the chaircars. Several town lots were raffled off by the Realty Company and everybody had a big time. Regular scheduled train service began in September.

The buildings in Light were moved a mile west to the railroad and the new town. The general store owned and operated by D.C McGregor and W.B. Dane, was the largest building that was "skidded" to the new location. The school children were given a holiday and ran along the side of the store as it was being moved and were thrown candy by the owners.

The name "Fluvanna" was submitted when an application was made for a post office. One of the surveyors, Mr. Telford, had suggested it. It was the name of his home county in Virginia.

Fluvanna was soon to "boom." There had been settlers in the area since the 1880s. The first school was named Jumbo for the Jumbo Cattle Company which at that time, had a great part of the land under lease. Small one-room schools were built in different places in the area. The school in Light was sold to the Presbyterian Church when the community moved. The school building became part of the church in Fluvanna. In 1911, there was a two-story, four room concrete school building in Fluvanna. It was used only a short time when it was partly demolished by a storm. In 1916, the school building was a two-story, six room brick structure with an auditorium on the second floor.

This was a period of growth and development for the town at the terminus of the railroad. Fluvanna was the cattle and cotton shipping center in the area. In 1911, the Santa Fe Railroad had built through Snyder to Slaton and the R.S.&P. was a connecting link. There were churches, grocery, general merchandise and drug stores, lumber yards, a newspaper office and a bank and even a 30-room hotel, as well as barber shops, wagon yards, blacksmith shops, cotton gin and two real estate offices.

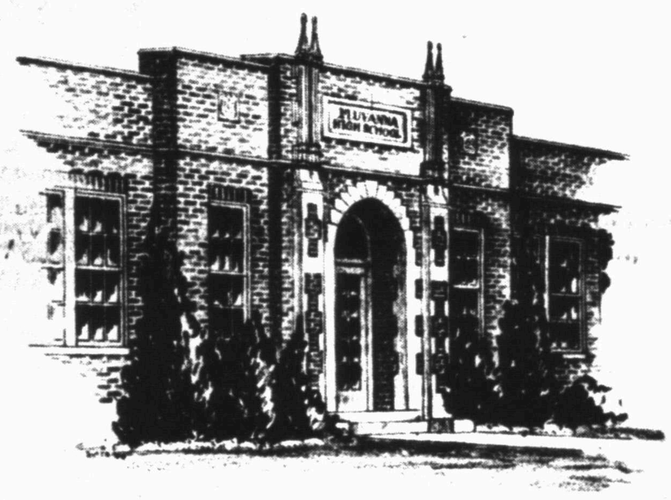
Then the mode of transportation changed. With paved highways, trucks began to haul cotton and livestock. After serving Fluvanna for over thirty years, the R.S.&P. Railway ceased to operate and the tracks were removed in 1942. The town became smaller.

Today it is an agricultural and ranch community with paved farm to market highways and with great civic pride in its churches, school and history. Fluvanna School closed in 1976.





FLUVANNA HOMECOMING — The 1938-39 Fluvanna High School girls basketball team is pictured above. Front row, l to r, La Verne Edmonson, Edith Freeman, Hazel Evans, Esma Charmichael, Rossa Charmichael and Ola Smoot. Middle row, l to r, Jewel Ray Dyess, Aleta White, Francis Smith, Margie Sullenger, Naomi Rhodes and Ruby Lee Idom. Back row, l to r, Ruth Freeman, (not identified), Twila Hollar, Merlynn Green and Fay Mathis. The Fluvanna Homecoming will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10. (Contributed Photo)



FLUVANNA HIGH SCHOOL — Shown are the first Fluvanna High School (top) and the last school building which closed in 1976. In the interim there where two other school buildings on this site where education was offered to the children of northwest Scurry County. The now closed building is made of dark red brick and was once covered with English ivy and flanked by cedar trees. At one time it was the school home for hundreds of area farm and ranch children. (Contributed Photos)

Garage sale planned at Senior Center

The Senior Center will hold a garage sale starting at 8 a.m. Friday, June 9, and invites the public to come shop. The sale will be held on the west side of the Senior Center building at 2603 Ave. M. If the weather is bad, the sale will be held inside the building.

The center would welcome donations for the sale, and these can be taken to the center between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Proceeds will go to the operating fund of the center.

Bingo will be the feature of Monday's game day in the center. Games will begin at 10 a.m. There will also be an eight ball tournament on Monday.

Hoss Clayton and his band will present a program in the center at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Mary Torrance and Herman Richburg will be featured in a musical program at 11:15 Wednesday morning. The Sunshine Choir will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m. Friday. The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Healthcare Center for a program at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Senior Citizens may be looking over ties donated for the Friday garage sale with special interest. Ugly tie day is planned in the center on June 22, and the ties will go on parade before the noon meal is served. A t-shirt day is scheduled for July 14, and a prize or two is waiting for the winners of that competition.

The Senior Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all county residents 60 years of age and older are invited to participate in its activities. Information about the center can be obtained by calling 573-4035.

Teen arrested

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A 13-year-old youth has been charged with stabbing to death a seventh-grade classmate, reportedly after she demanded $5 from him.

The boy, identified only as Yegor M., killed Maria S. in his Kiev apartment on Wednesday and tried to hide her body in the basement. He was arrested two hours later, police said Friday.

Officials did not give a motive or other details of the killing.

But the newspaper Vedomosti Daily reported that Maria was constantly blackmailing Yegor and on Wednesday had asked him for $5 he had saved for summer camp.

It's not what you think it is

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — There! On the right side of the can. What is it? Oh, my, it's a ...

No, it's not, insists the manufacturer.

People are dialing up the Dial Corp., maker of Renuzit's Fresh Cut Flowers, and claiming they can spot a penis amid the white and pink tulips on the air freshener label.

"It is a tulip and nothing more," said Nancy Dedera, a spokeswoman for the Phoenix-based company.

Smith prosecutor reportedly rejects plea bargain attempt

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Defense attorneys have tried since January to persuade a prosecutor to let Susan Smith plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence for drowning her two sons, The Charlotte Observer reported today.

Prosecutor Tommy Pope has rejected the offers, the newspaper reported from Columbia, S.C., where the drownings occurred. The report cited identifed sources.

Pope has said he intends to ask for the death penalty when Ms. Smith goes on trial July 10 for rolling her car into a lake last fall with 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex strapped in their car sea .

The newspaper quoted several attorneys as saying Pope, who is in his first term as a prosecutor in Union, might fear the political consequences of not seeking the death penalty.

A call to Pope by The Associated Press today was not immediately returned.

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Beware the road signs

By Bill McClellan

Texas is known for its great highways and easy-to-decipher road signs. I don't travel much, but when I do, I rely on road signs a lot.

There are a couple of them that puzzle me, though. I have thought about them over and over and I've come to the conclusion that they serve absolutely no purpose except to intimidate motorists.

Let's say you are zipping down I-20 in your Chevy pickup. You bend down to put another tape in the cassette player, take your eye off the road for a second, and veer out of control near a bridge. You're about to go off the road when you see:

GUARD RAIL
DAMAGE
AHEAD

At this point, you know you need to ***pick another guard rail to slam into.*** This one is damaged, and you might get hurt.

Thanks for the warning.

But maybe the sign is nothing more than a point of information, like Scenic Overlook 5 Miles, Restrooms 1 Mile, Camping, Don't Drink And Drive. So why not: Guard Rail Damage Ahead? Afterall, the sign never says Guard Rail Damage Ahead: Detour. It never reads Guard Rail Damage Ahead: Use Left Lane Only.

No. It simply tells lets you know that the rail is damaged, which doesn't mean a thing unless you're the type driver who goes down the road careening off guard rails.

"Opps, honey. You'll have to keep it straight for a while. The sign says *this* guard rail is damaged."

What gets me is that most of the time you can't actually tell there is anything wrong with the guard rail. But the sign practically begs you to look.

"Do you see any damage to that guard rail, baby?"

"No, slow down, maybe we missed it."

Which brings us to the most intimidating road sign of all. You're driving peacefully along and suddenly this sign appears:

FALLING
ROCK

Now you know the chances of a rock sliding off that hill and hitting your vehicle are very, very small, miniscule even.

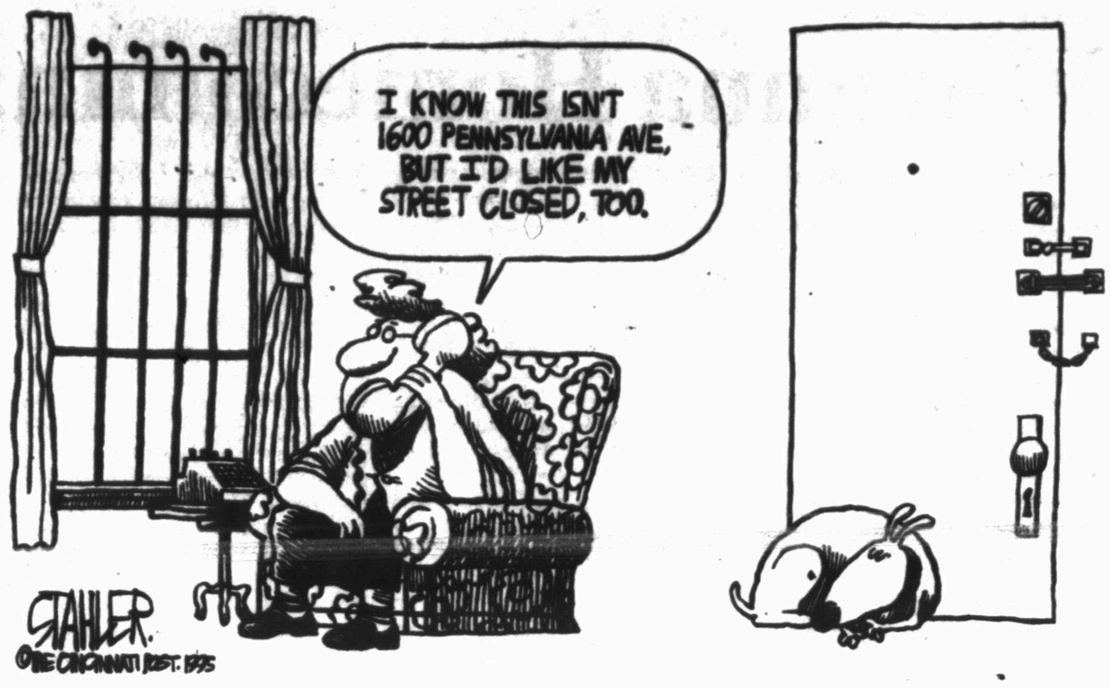
Still, you can't resist looking up. One eye on the road, one on the hill, foot on the accelerator. Because in the back of your mind, you know that if someone out there is winning the lottery — odds of one in a gazillion — then there's also a rock on that hill with someone's name on it.

Mountain Daily News

Joe Blow was killed in a freak accident Friday when a boulder rolled off Hazard Hill and crushed the driver's side of his 1995 Bronco on Route 30. His wife, Josephine, a passenger in the vehicle, was badly shaken but uninjured.

She said the boulder might have missed the vehicle altogether if her husband had not slowed down for a sign that said GUARD RAIL DAMAGE AHEAD just a few miles back up the road.

"And you know," she told the Mountain Daily News, "We didn't even see no damage at all."



Letters to the Editor

Jobs in jeopardy

Dear Editor,

Taxpayers, are you aware the custodial staff at Western Texas College is in jeopardy of losing their jobs? This will be 12 people with families in Scurry County who will possibily be unemployed.

The majority of the custodial staff has been here for eight to 15 years. That shows determination, dedication and loyalty. Our work has been performed in an outstanding manner that reflects the high standards that are kept by the custodial staff at WTC. How can you put a price tag on this?

We have continuously performed our jobs above and beyond our regular duties, which is recognized annually on our job performance evaluations. With this in mind, it is a shame that we would allow our high standards of cleanliness to be jeopardized.

How many more people's jobs is it going to take to justify lost revenues in Scurry County? It could very possibly cost more tax dollars for medical, housing, food and unemployment expenses.

As far as we know, only out-of-town contractors have the bids for custodial service. Were any local companies given an opportunity to bid? Our money should stay in Snyder.

We need support from the community and our co-workers. Voice your opinion to the Western Texas College board of trustees before the next board meeting on June 12, 1995.

Thank you,
WTC custodians
Sharin Gill
Marline Thompson

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

I didn't want to feed the horses.

For one thing, it was 6:30 in the morning and all civilized people ought to be in bed at such an ungodly hour. (I think I've made my views on mornings quite clear through the years.)

But my son was leaving for work, my civilized daughter was still asleep, and my husband was out of town. And there they were, maddening beasts, gathered in the lots, staring patiently toward the house. We'd had three days of luscious rains, the pastures were verdant and lush — what the heck did they need cubes for?

I said bad words. (I'm sorry, but it was morning.) Socking a cap down low over my eyes and shoving my bare feet into a pair of rubber boots for wading through the LAKE our lots had become, I clomped out the back door, still clad in my gown.

Along came Bart, of course, galumphing toward me with his plastic squeaky newspaper clamped in his teeth like the loveable bonehead he is; he reared right up on his hind legs and planted his big muddy paws right on the chest of my gown. I said more bad words. Then I threw the paper for him because what else can you do?

In the barn, I scooped out cubes in the big coffee cans, dumped them in the pails, and poured them out into the horses' stalls — where they were dancing around as if they were STARVING. (I didn't pet them because it was morning and I didn't want to be there.)

Sloshing through the lake, I headed for the house. The plan was to go straight back to bed. It was summer. I had just finished a 697-page book manuscript. I was tired and cranky.

Then I looked up.

The sun had just crept over the horizon; and the sky to the east was mostly baby blue, with filmy threads of white combed through it. But to the west hung a mysterious curtain of gray, ragged and torn at the edges. And vaulted from one end of the horizon to the other, like an iridescent ribbon holding back the cloud, was a splendid, perfect, magnificent rainbow.

This was no ordinary rainbow. It didn't just arc flimsily from one cloud to another; no, it dominated the sky like an ancient god demanding worship from mere mortals below. While I watched, a second appeared, a pale reflection of the rainbow admiring itself in a celestial mirror.

And then, soft as snowflakes, gentle sunlit raindrops began to hit my uplifted face like the kisses of a child. I took off my cap and stuck my tongue out just for the sheer delight of catching a pure cool raindrop in my mouth.

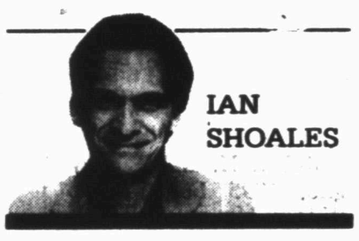
Sounds came clear to me; somehow I'd missed them before. A neighbor's cattle bawling for their breakfast. The mournful call of the meadowlark. Rude insults from a territorial woodpecker in our lone backyard mesquite tree; answering gossip from mudwrens and sparrows. Quiet patter of raindrops on barn roofs.

Stretching out beneath the vain and glorious sky were peacock green pastures so starred with yellow wildflowers that it looked like spilled sunlight. Everywhere was the scent of fresh rain.

And nothing else mattered.

Should we fear the fear of fear?

By Ian Shoales



Franklin Roosevelt once remarked, rather famously, that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. I have always found this confusing. If we do fear fear, as he commanded, should we then be afraid of the fear of that fear? This can only lead to madness, which is why I've confined the objects of my fear to rattlesnakes and local news programs.

I'm afraid I'm out of the loop, fearwise. I'm not afraid of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, for example.

True, BATF agents could show up at my door some night with plexiglass helmets, body armor and semi-automatic weapons. However, since I am not and have never been a member of a church or other group that collects machine guns in the basement the way most Americans collect back issues of National Geographic, I consider myself (somewhat naively, I suppose) immune from attack.

Besides, if I'm shot in a firefight with the feds, they'll never get their back taxes. I figure I have a tactical advantage.

I'm also not afraid of those middle-aged white guys in Michigan and Montana who have taken up arms and call themselves a militia. Even if there were militiamen in my apartment complex prowling the swimming pool perimeter all night to protect their fellow residents from intruders, I wouldn't feel afraid. I can't say their presence would reassure men, but as long as I refrained from making intemperate remarks about gun control, my chances of survival would be better than 50-50 if I had proper I.D. and passwords.

For a country that has everything, we sure are scared of nothing these days. Otherwise sensible Americans are suddenly afraid that the Ebola virus will sweep through suburbia like head lice through kindergarten. This is like worrying that piranha will infest the Missouri River, but I suppose it could happen.

When I was a boy, I became deathly afraid of quicksand after seeing a Tarzan movie. Sure, quicksand pits were non-existent in North Dakota, but that didn't stop my nightmares. Nor was I reassured by the so-called "experts" who scoffed that quicksand doesn't "suck" its victims down. Quicksand is no more dangerous than mud, the experts claimed, why, you can float in it!

It's easy for experts to talk, snug in their laboratories, with their quicksand samples safely contained in test tubes and petri dishes. If they were ever out in the wilderness, and fell into a pit of quivering brown gelatin that sucked them down to a horrible suffocating death in its bottomless depths, I'll bet these scientists would whistle another tune.

And what about alligators? Don't tell me you're not afraid of alligators. Look back on movies you've seen: There's an alarming frequency with which people are thrown to these voracious reptiles.

It's not just in Tarzan movies, either. That's a misconception. Felix Leiter, James Bond's pal, was thrown to the alligators twice, in "Live and Let Die" and "License to Kill." To movie villains, alligator pits have proven to be a time-honored information-gathering tool.

Then again, movie villains are fond of pits full of anything, really — stakes, snakes, spiders, wolves, scorpions, whatever. Any right-thinking American has the right to be terrified of holes in the ground. Who knows what's in there?

Speaking of bottomless pits, a lot of people are worried (OK, they're afraid) that instructions on how to build bombs are being disseminated on the Internet. Grow up, America! Every chemistry class I've ever taken always involved making hydrogen bark. Are we going to forbid this basic scientific knowledge as well? Certain chemical interactions can lead to explosions. If we don't teach this, we're just making explosions out of ignorance.

On the other hand, to deny us our right to be scared is as much a violation of our American way of life as the denial of free speech, loaded weapons and local news programs. The only thing we really have to fear is the local news program itself. That's just my opinion; please don't shoot me.

Editorial Comment

No fault auto insurance

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

As the smoke clears from the scene of the 74th legislative session, some measures, some half-measures and some mismeasures — a few of them good and others of them mischievous — made it through the process. One glaring omission among the achievements, however, was passage of no-fault auto insurance.

With 12 million Texas drivers growing increasingly restive over steady escalations in their insurance premiums, lawmakers in 1995 placed a shamefully low priority on one of the most pervasive problems affecting the driving public — which is most of the public. At the core of the problem is the built-in cost of the adversarial legal system that arises from the current fault-based system. In typical claims involving injuries from auto accidents, medical expenses account for only 36 percent of total costs. Lawyers — from both the defense and plaintiff sides — soak up 27 percent.

This increase in legal costs represents a troubling trend. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Judicial Council, the number of auto accidents involving injuries increased 16 percent between 1989 and 1993, after a slight decline between 1990 and 1991. Yet personal-injury lawsuits in state district courts shot up almost 25 percent from 1989 to 1993.

A report by the Insurance Research Council indicated that lawyer involvement in claims rose 30 percent in the last five years. Texas claims adjusters estimate that nearly 60 percent of claims this year will involve lawyers.

It should come as no surprise that in Texas the number of accidents claiming bodily injury — which understandably involve greater amounts of financial recovery — have risen by nearly 40 percent in the last four years compared with a flat rate nationwide, according to the American Insurance Association.

No-fault opponents are quick to point out, rightly, that much of the problem lies with the 25 percent of Texas drivers without insurance, who will remain uninsured under any system, even though it is illegal to drive without insurance in Texas. True, but under the current system, suing poor Joe Blow who cannot afford the premiums and has no assets will still result in a zero award, and no lawyer is about to press a nonpaying case.

Prudent drivers carry uninsured motorist coverage — a form of no-fault. But their basic coverage also includes the hidden charges required by the high legal costs of the current system.

Insistence by legislators on maintaining the freewheeling legal status quo will only assure longer delays in claims settlements and higher costs, which ultimately are passed on in the form of higher premiums to all drivers.

Eliminating the excessive levels of those costs should result not only in reduced premiums for basic coverage but would also wring out the duplication that often allows a legitimate claimant to draw on his own policy, the policy of the at-fault driver and possibly a health-insurance policy.

Such double- and triple-dipping only exacerbates the inefficiencies and cost escalation throughout the system, a situation that spreads higher costs to all policyholders.

A true no-fault system would place financial responsibility on each driver, who would have to deal only with a single insurance carrier. Certainly egregious circumstances, such as death, dismemberment and other seriously debilitating injuries, should have legitimate access to the civil justice system.

But the lottery mentality of reaping windfall gains from routine accidents — leveraged by creative lawyers' pursuit of non-economic "damages" such as pain and suffering — must be eliminated, and that should be among the first orders of business for legislators anticipating the 1997 session.

On burning the American flag

The El Paso Times

People should be careful in waving the American flag to not waive the freedoms for which it stands. As recently as 1990, Congress has properly rejected the idea of a constitutional amendment prohibiting flag-burning. The Supreme Court ... has rejected flag-burning bans three times in six years, pointing to freedom of speech.

The Republican takeover of Congress, however, has sparked renewed discussions. The U.S. House is expected to vote on the proposal next month. Forty-nine state legislatures, all but Vermont's, and numerous veterans, civic and patriotic groups have called for a constitutional amendment banning flag burning.

While such groups argue that the flag needs protection, wiser Americans will see the best argument against a ban is in the strength of the star-spangled banner.

The American flag needs no protection for protestors. It is too strong, too proven, too much a part of a nation's heart to be harmed by burning. ...

A constitutional ban on flag-burning is no more necessary than a compulsory salute to the flag. As former Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan wrote in 1989, "We do not consecrate the flag by punishing its desecration, for in doing so we dilute the freedom that cherished emblem represents."

Just as improper burning desecrates the flag, denying freedom of expression would desecrate the Constitution. Congress has more pressing issues to address.

"Family Focus"

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.

Q. How can I shape my 9-year-old son's will without damaging his spirit?

A. It is accomplished by establishing reasonable boundaries and enforcing them with love, but by avoiding any implication that the child is unwanted, unnecessary, foolish, ugly, dumb, a burden, an embarrassment or a disastrous mistake. Any accusation that assaults the worth of a child in this way can be costly, such as, "You're so dumb!" or "Why can't you make decent grades in school like your sister?" or "You have been a pain in the neck ever since the day you were born!"

Rather, I would suggest that you respond decisively the next time your son behaves in a blatantly disruptive or defiant manner. There should be no screaming or derogatory accusations, although he should soon know that you mean what you say. He should probably be sent to bed an hour or two early. The following morning you should discuss the issue rationally, reassuring him of your continuing love--then start over. Most rebellious preteenagers respond beautifully to this one-two punch of love and consistent discipline. It's an unbeatable combination.

Question: How should parents deal with childish irresponsibility when it involves neither defiance nor passive aggression?

Dr. Dobson: Kids love games of all sorts, especially if adults will be involved with them. It is often possible to turn a teaching situation into a fun activity that sensitizes the entire family to the issue you're trying to teach.

Let me tell you how we taught our children to put their napkins in their laps before eating. We tried reminding them for two or three years, but we simply weren't getting through. Then we turned it into a family game.

If one of the Dobsons took a single bite of food before putting his napkin in his lap, he or she was required to go to the bedroom and count to 25 in a loud voice. This game was highly effective, although it had some definite disadvantages. You can't imagine how foolish Shirley and I felt standing in an empty section of the house, counting to 25 while our children giggled. Ryan, particularly, never forgot his napkin and loved to catch the rest of us in a moment of preoccupation. He would sit perfectly still, looking straight ahead until the first bite of food went in. Then he would wheel toward the offender, point his finger and say, "Gotcha!"

For all of those many parenting objectives that involve teaching responsibility (rather than conquering willful defiance), game-playing should be considered as the method of choice.

Q. Is low self-esteem among women still greatly influenced by the same physical factors they worried about when they were younger?

A. That's right. The importance of beauty does not end in adolescence. It continues to determine human worth to some degree until late in life.

Let me give you an example of what I mean. I counseled a young woman who had been a beautiful flight attendant a few years earlier. She was happily married to a man who was proud of her beauty.

Then a most unfortunate thing happened. She was in a tragic automobile accident, which scarred her face and twisted her body. Her back was broken, and she was destined to walk with a cane for the rest of her life. She was no longer attractive, and her husband quickly lost interest in her sexually. Their divorce followed shortly.

Now handicapped, she could no longer work for the airlines, and she found it difficult to obtain a job of any kind. In this instance, a young woman with high personal worth plunged to a position of little social status in one brief moment. Her true value as a human being should not have been affected by her accident, but it certainly was in the eyes of her immature husband.

While there are many causes for low self-esteem among women today, that old nemesis called "the uglies" (which every woman experiences at least occasionally) keeps doing its dirty work throughout our society.

This column is brought to you courtesy of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c), 1982, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Alternative to aquifer given to L. Bunton, federal judge

MIDLAND (AP) — A Edwards Aquifer water conservation proposal, newly submitted to a federal judge, would provide no benefits in the event of a drought this summer, an official says.

A panel of five lawyers submitted to Senior U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton III on Thursday a plan for conserving Edwards Aquifer water in drought conditions.

The plan covers emergency drought conditions that might arise during the summer, before new state aquifer legislation takes effect Aug. 28.

"There's just no provision for this summer," said Raymond Suire, law clerk to Bunton. "So any problem that arises is still within the purview of the court."

The proposal is an alternative to a management plan devised by court-appointed special master Joe Moore Jr. that met with criticism from all sides in a long-running San Antonio regional water dispute.

Bunton held no hearing on the new plan. It was not immediately made public by the court.

Suire said it is apparent the five-person panel used Moore's plan as a "blueprint" in coming up with a new proposal. The five attorneys, representing water entities in the San Antonio region, were appointed by the judge May 19 and given 10 days to offer an alternative.

Recent rains have helped avert an aquifer emergency for now, Suire said.

"We're not in an emergency situation in San Antonio. The aquifer is low, but it's not to the point of court intervention," he said.

The Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in Bunton's court to pressure the federal government to enforce the Endangered Species Act to protect endangered plants and animals living in aquifer-fed Comal and San Marcos springs.

Bunton has ruled there is a correlation between the amount of water pumped from Edwards Aquifer wells and the flow of water from the two springs.

The 176-mile underground aquifer supplies water to 1.5 million residents in five counties and is San Antonio's sole source of drinking water.

On Wednesday, Gov. George W. Bush signed into law a bill establishing a 15-member elected Edwards Aquifer Authority to license wells, broker water and limit aquifer pumping.

The authority still must be approved by the Justice Department.

The measure revamps a similar 1993 law, which stalled because of a voting rights challenge.

The new law establishes an elected aquifer board with seven members from Bexar County; four from western counties, including Medina, Uvalde and part of Atascosa; and four from eastern counties, including all or parts of Comal, Hays, Guadalupe and Caldwell.

There will be two non-voting members. One will be appointed by the Medina and Uvalde county commissioners' courts. The second will be named by the South Central Texas Advisory Committee, representing interests of downstream of aquifer-fed springs.

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This year, 1995, represents the third and final year of a three-year initiative set in motion by the joint efforts of the Big Country Cancer Coalition members, community businesses and organizations, health care professionals, and regional health care centers (all projects being funded by the Texas Cancer Council).

The Big Country Cancer Coalition has developed a speakers' bureau directory for the 19 counties serviced by the West Central Texas Council of Governments. In an effort to better serve the residents in this area, the coalition is making these directories available to the general public. Members say, the directory may be helpful in coordinating speakers and available resources to raise cancer awareness in the Big Country.

A "Speakers' Bureau Directory for Cancer and Related Topics" is now available through the Big Country Cancer Coalition at the offices of the West Central Texas Council of Governments. Please call or write for your free copy today; supplies are limited.

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Thomas Bullard, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ted Hall, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Joel Zane Murphy and Kelly Michelle Williams, both of Hermleigh.

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Action in District Court

In the marriage of Judy Kaye Leatherwood and Jerry Lynn Leatherwood, divorce granted.

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In the marriage of Kim Marie Loyola and Antonio Loyola, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jesse Gutierrez and Maria deJesus Gutierrez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Cruz A. Sosa and Cipriana Molina Sosa, divorce granted.

In the marriage of June Ozella Lewis and Tyrone Vincent Lewis, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jim Erwin and Patsy Sims Erwin, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Faye Jean Meuser and Roy Dewain Meuser, divorce granted.

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1 killed, 3 hurt

TURIN, Italy (AP) — An explosives expert was killed and three others wounded Friday when an American-made World War II bomb they were trying to defuse blew up, police said.

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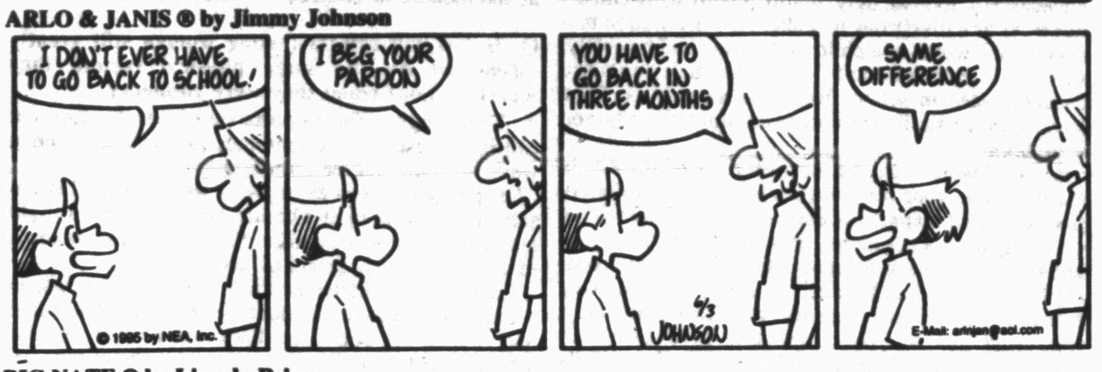
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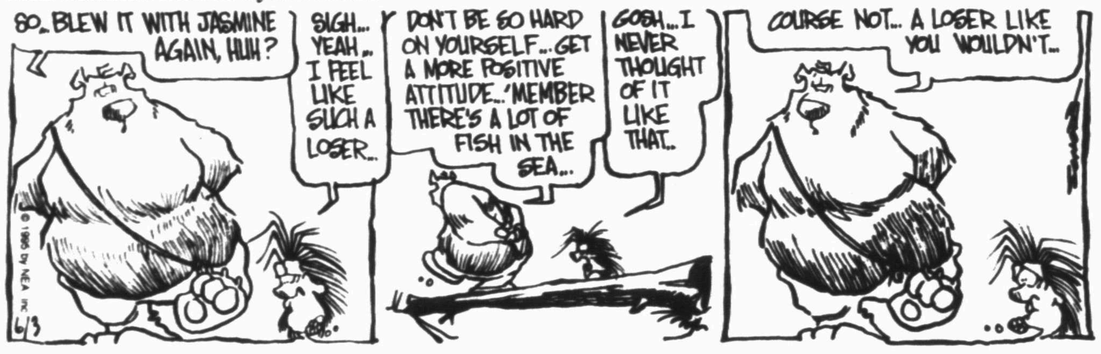
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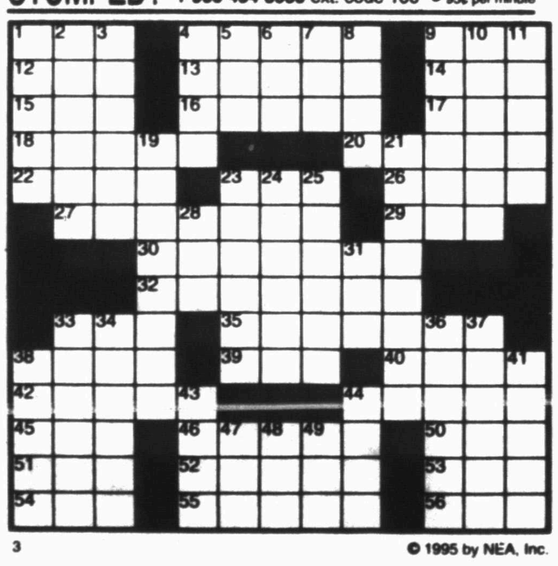
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Central Elementary School

Spring semester, year-end awards presented

Central Elementary School presented 1994-1995 school year and spring semester awards in May.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Students receiving perfect attendance for the spring semester were: (Editor's note: (yr) after a name indicates perfect attendance for the year) Joshua Blackwell (yr), Pedro Villa, Justin Villareal (yr), Nicholas Salazar, Dexter Braziel (yr), Cody Johnston, Abel Estrada, Richard Rodriguez (yr), Manuel Depaz, Jose Perez, Andrew Bane, Brian Rios (yr), Amanda Whisenhunt (yr), Stephanie Williams (yr), Kyle Bryan (yr), Brad English (yr), Melissa Jerome, Brock Tyrrell (yr) and Paula Fritz.

Others were: Aaron Lindsey (yr), Alexis Dupree (yr), Josh Kemp, Bridgett Manlief (yr), Hollie Lammert, Ashley Frederick (yr), Brandi Davenport, Dustin Orsak, Ricky Rios (yr), Thomas Baldwin (yr), Rebecca Pavlovsky, Michael Baldwin (yr), Pete Bearden (yr), Andra Dunham (yr), Easy Franco, Bradley Price (yr), Isaac Ramon (yr), Megan Fletcher (yr) and Ashley Jenkins.

Teachers with perfect attendance for the year include Kathryn Higgins, computer lab manager; Deborah Judah, third grade teacher; and Stacie Westmoreland, resource teacher.

A HONOR ROLL

Third graders listed were:

Lucy Amarillas, Tiffany Barry, Erin Burleson, Hayley Grant, Rankin Hardin, Tanner Reed, Lee Scott, Stephanie Williams, Laura Arellano, Tass Baze, Brad English, Adrienne Garcia, Melissa Jerome, Stacy Perkins, Brooke Peterson, Kelby Drum, Ashley Martinez, Katie Neves, Cody Wall, Callan Lee, Kyle Dortch, Paula Fritz, Elizabeth Jordan, Diane Morin, Peter Perez, Nicki Traylor, Kelsi Johnson, Emily Long, Corey Longorio, Lee Poluchowicz, Josh Proctor and Felisha Thomas.

Also included were: Jose Perez, Jordan Dea, Alexis Dupree, Josh Kemp, Tiffany Kubena, Abby Levens, Chance Tatum, Sarah Thornhill, Molly Haire, Hollie Lammert, Jessica Sollis, Mitchell Cole, Whittney Criswell, Jordan Donelson, Molly Mason, Sterling Millhollon, Justin Stoker, Melissa Vasquez, Marcus Villareal, Sarah Crawford, Clayton Floyd and Gerrico Greenlee.

Others were: Jed Martin, Saturnino Martinez, Clinton Mayo, Destiney Proctor, Caleb Dickerson, Andra Dunham, Christy Garcia, Gretchen Hollis, Nichole Ornelas, Bradley Price, Amanda Whitson, Shana Blackard, Zach Cain, Kristel Fitts, Megan Fletcher, Ashley Jenkins, Trey Jenkins, Andrea Valadez and Josh Pickerel.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Third graders listed were:

Andrew Bane, Lacie Thompson, Amanda Whisenhunt, Kyle Bryan, Ashley Gunset, Casey Jones, Marcus Medrano, Mario Rivera, Katie Chandler, Tucker Early, Matt Hale, Jennifer Halverson, Jon Terrell, Michael Thamez, Brock Tyrrell, Mandy Burns, Chet Dove, Dillon McElvaine, Barrett Munson, Brandi Russell, Priscilla Ybarra, Kenny Alcala, Justin Boyd, Desiree Braziel, Adam Carter, Romana Escobedo and Aleida Arellano.

Others were: Yvette Cerda, Manuel Depaz, Josie Hernandez, Cesar Rodriguez, Ty Collier, Bridgett Manlief, Roberto Sauceda, Mattie Smith, Justin Squires, Bethaney Clements, Blake Grimmett, Bryan Huddleston, J.J. Mandrell, Jeremy Mey, Anthony Perez, Maresha Rivera, David Rodriguez, Jacob Rodriguez, Kendall Tidwell, Blayne Kelley, Michael Campbell, Garick Clayton, Ashley Frederick, Jacki Thompson, Marissa Chaidez, Candice Gordon, Chad Martin and Dustin Orsak.

Also included were: Thomas Baldwin, Katie Bryant, Justin Guynes, Kris Hatley, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Kerissa Simmons, Misha Wofford, Pete Bearden, Somer Powell, Isaac Ramon, Jessie Snyder, Anabelle Solis, Dominique Braziel, Henry Dominguez, Austin McCormick, Chase Rushing and Israel Sosa.

ACCELERATED READER RECOGNITION

Students honored with points for accelerated reading skills were:

Molly Haire, 63.3 points; Sarah Thornhill, 50.2; Jed Martin, 50.1; Kyle Dorch, 47.7; Bethaney Clements, 46.4; Elizabeth Jordan, 44.8; Jessica Sollis, 42.6; Destiney Proctor, 42.5; Saturnino Martinez, 36.3; Hayley Grant, 35.9; Cody Wall, 35.0; Thomas Baldwin, 33.6; Jordan Donelson, 33.5; Josh Kemp, 32.2; Mandy Burns, 31.4; Andra Dunham, 30.8; and Peter Perez, 30.4.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Parent Council volunteers were also recognized. They include Dee Kemp, council president, 222 hours; Janetta Whetsel, 234 hours; Cathy Reed, 155.5 hours; Susan Blackard, 91.5 hours; Valerie Drum, 45 hours; Dale Neves, 34 hours; Becky Rios, 31 hours; Joni Mandrell, 21 hours; and Alissa Cain, 17.5 hours. Debbie Brunson, employee, was also recognized.

Consumers warned about long distance 'slamming'

AUSTIN (AP) — An Atlanta-based long distance company embroiled in legal troubles over an unethical business practice is shutting down and may leave some customers without service, the Texas attorney general's office says.

In Texas, Sonic targeted Hispanic residents in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso and McAllen.

Sonic Communications Inc. has been the source of numerous complaints filed with the attorney general's office by customers who say the company changed their long distance service without authorization, a practice known as "slamming" in the industry.

Slamming often leaves consumers paying much higher rates than with their prior carrier, the attorney general's office said Thursday.

Under scrutiny from attorney generals' offices in several states, including Texas, California, Illinois and New York, Sonic filed for bankruptcy in April.

Because of allegations of fraud and mismanagement on Sonic's part, the bankruptcy court appointed a trustee last week to run the company, Attorney General Dan Morales' office said.

The service shutdown, already begun for business users, is proceeding for individual consumers, according to Morales' office.

"Since Sonic is known to have switched consumers' long distance service without authorization, we urge all consumers, especially those with Hispanic surnames, to check their latest telephone bills to see who is their long distance provider," Morales said.

"If your long distance service is provided by Sonic Communications Inc., you may want to immediately contact a new, reputable long distance service company or your local telephone company to acquire new service," he said.

No one answered phone calls Thursday to Sonic's office in Atlanta.

Morales' office said it is playing a role in Sonic's bankruptcy case and plans to ask for restitution to consumers, civil penalties and $400,000 owed to Texas in state sales taxes.

One Texas lawmaker during the 1995 legislative session tried to get a bill passed to cut back on the practice of slamming.

The bill by Sen. Don Henderson, R-Houston, would have required a long distance carrier to have a written letter from a consumer specifically authorizing a change of service.

Violating the bill's provisions would have been a state jail felony.

The bill, however, died.

"The slammer's lobby was fairly effective this session in making sure that bill died. The penalties may have been exorbitant and that may have helped kill it," said Tom Smith, executive director of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen.

"While we thought some serious penalty may be in order, a lot of people weren't sure that it was something that deserved to be treated as a felony," he said.

Slamming takes many forms, but in most cases the provisions authorizing a switch in long distance is written in almost unreadable fine print.

"It's a fairly common problem and one that we should have been able to pass some legislation to fix," Smith said.

Bird nests in boy's hair

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — A bird in the hair is worth two in the bush?

Just ask Asaad Liebig.

A young hummingbird who considered the 11-year-old a likely nesting spot clung to his curly hair for three hours before teachers were able to pluck it free.

Asaad found the dazed young bird on the ground at recess on Wednesday.

"It was sitting there, and it looked lonely, so I picked it up," he said.

When he brought it to class, his teacher asked him to take it outside, but the bird the size of Asaad's thumb hopped onto his head, nestled into his hair and refused to budge.

Teachers eventually pried the tiny creature free and took it to an expert: Sandy Fender, the Alexander Lindsay Museum's wildlife supervisor, who said the bird probably tried to fly too soon and tumbled from its nest, then settled on Asaad's head as the tallest thing around.

Arkansas spelling bee winner not an ordinary eighth grader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justin Tyler Carroll isn't your ordinary 14-year-old.

The eighth-grader from Wynne, Ark., is a straight-A student who does acrostics — difficult crossword puzzles — for fun. He's spending part of this summer learning Russian at Duke University. And he's just added a new rosette to his academic laurels: He's the 1995 National Spelling Bee champion.

"It was just a lot of luck and ... determination and optimism that helped me through it," said the happy winner, clutching a loving cup after besting 246 other youngsters Thursday in the two-day competition. He won $5,000 and other prizes.

Marjory Lavery, 13, a seventh-grader who is getting her education at home in Akron, Ohio, was the runner-up after being stumped by an exotic type of pasta, "cappelletti," in the tenth round.

"Pizza's as Italian as I get," Marjory joked afterward.

After her miss, Justin rattled off "hirundine" impeccably — the word means relating to swallows — then sealed the win by nailing "xanthosis," a yellow discoloration of the skin.

His closest call came in the ninth round, when he grilled the pronouncer about the roots of "syncretize" — to reconcile conflicting principles — before getting it right.

He navigated these 11 words in his march to the title: conchiform, delectable, ragamuffin, frittata, anthesis, jongleur, tocsin, haplology, syncretize, hirundine and xanthosis. Nine came in Thursday's marathon.

Justin, who represented The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, handled his first news conference with aplomb.

"I was pretty confident. I tried to be optimistic throughout that I would get words that I knew," said the youth, who aspires to become a doctor. "I was familiar with the words I got today."

Justin spent an hour on school nights and up to three hours on weekends poring over word lists, Latin and Greek prefixes, roots and dictionaries. His mother, Sharron K. Carroll, a first-grade teacher, helped drill him, but allowed, "No doubt, he's better than I am."

The youths — who had to be under 16 and in eighth grade or lower — were not given a time limit to spell each of the 835 words.

In computer-ese, a "kludge" refers to a crude or makeshift system, component or program.



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West Elementary

Quiz Bowl, Olympiad participants

QUIZ BOWL

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Team G: Allen Smith, Jesse Haines, Ryan Gibson, Whitney Webb, Brandon McCraw, Josh Heaton, Lindsey Bunch, Tiffany Sutter, Kameron Kallemeyn, Jared Thornhill, Tara Price, Cameron Mackey and Rina Geiger.

Team H: Jamie Hayley, Marcus Diaz, Michael Compton, Mat Coronado, Robert Garza and Eric De Leon.

Team D: Destini Crawford, Jennifer Bryan, Ashley Tucker, Matthew Grimmett, Lacey Crawford, Garrett Luft, Karra Harrison, Valery Haines and Landon Day.

Team I: Lyndell Lee and Neil Cooper.

Team E: Stephanie Perkins, Marlayna McKinley, Julienne Dooley, Cheryl Reed, Dana McWright, Crista Buchanan.

Team C: Patrick Vantine, Chris McClure, John Rasmus, Latisha Thamez, Callie Bane, Kayla Phillips, Health Pinkerton, Levi Mandrell and Patrick McKamie.

Team A: Kyle McClendon and Scott Reston.

Team B: Craig Forbes, Donnie Sims, Cody Kellner and Tommie Sims.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

West students participating in the National Science Olympaid for 1994-1995 include Zack Allred, Trey Castaneda, Neil Cooper, Claire Cotton, Landon Day, Eric De Leon, Lauren Donelson, Justin Englert, Leslie English, Craig Forbes and Melina Gilbert.

Others include Valery Haines, Jordan Hardin, Joe Lopez, Shahala Massingill, Pace Millhollon, Jordan Northerns, Scott Reston, Robert Stanley, Leslye Starnes, Crissida Tyler and Scott Vest.

Changes in store for death row appeals

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — State death row inmates who challenge their convictions in federal court assert a right that has been called the "symbol and guardian of individual liberty."

Now, Republicans and Democrats seem ready to enact some fundamental changes in the way prisoners can exercise the right written into the Constitution 208 years ago.

Fed up with reports of inmates spending a decade or more on death row while pursuing various legal strategies, many Democrats are willing to limit the filing of such appeals.

Republicans support that, but they want to go even further by setting a new legal standard that would make it harder for such appeals to succeed.

The GOP proposal is "a sea change of a sort that withdraws 200-year-old rights," says Columbia University law professor James S. Liebman, an expert on the process known as habeas corpus.

The Constitution allows people who are in custody to challenge the legality of their confinement by seeking a writ of habeas corpus — Latin for "you have the body."

That means death row prisoners and other state inmates whose convictions have been upheld by state appeals courts can go to federal court to argue that their rights were violated at trial.

It's known as the "Great Writ." In 1968, Chief Justice Earl Warren called the provision the guardian of individual liberty.

The scope of that appeal right has been narrowed in recent years by the Supreme Court. In 1991, the justices gave most inmates only one chance to file a federal appeal.

Senate Republicans would write a similar provision into federal law. Separate proposals by Senate and House Republicans would set a one-year time limit for filing federal appeals — and less time if the state provided a lawyer for the state habeas appeal. They also would set strict time limits for federal courts to act on such appeals.

But the most far-reaching change might be the GOP proposals to require federal courts to defer to state court rulings on legal issues unless they are unreasonable.

That's the main issue on which Republicans part company with the Democrats. The Clinton administration and former Senate Judiciary Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., want time limits for filing appeals, coupled with incentives for states to provide adequate trial lawyers for poor defendants. But they don't want to curb the review power of federal judges.

Federal courts always have made their own independent decisions on issues of law in such cases.

Liebman says the Republicans' proposed standard would require a federal court to uphold an incorrect state ruling, so long as it was not unreasonable.

That could increase the chances of an innocent person being executed, according to lawyers who defend inmates. Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, says that deferring to decisions by elected state judges can bring too much political pressure on cases.

But Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, who backs the Senate Republicans' bill, says it's entirely proper for federal judges to defer to reasonable state court rulings. "Texas courts are fully capable of assuring that legitimate review is had," he says.

Morales wants to shorten the habeas appeal process to four years at most. After that the system begins losing its legitimacy, he contends.

Setting time limits for filing appeals would be a huge change in itself. There is no limit now, which means death row inmates can wait until an execution date has been set to file a habeas appeal.

The proposal would have less effect on prisoners who are not on death row. They already have an incentive to file quickly in hopes of getting out of prison.

But a time limit would create one more chance for a mistake that could doom an inmate's appeal, no matter how valid it is otherwise.

Robert Morin, a Washington, D.C., criminal defense lawyer, says the process of reviewing death penalty appeals already appears to be speeding up because many legal issues have been resolved since the Supreme Court restored capital punishment in 1976.

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Hollywood answers Dole's comments about morality

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole took a shot and Hollywood fired back, telling the presidential hopeful that he needs to step outside his glass house.

"It is the height of hypocrisy for Sen. Dole, who wants to repeal the assault-weapons ban, to blame Hollywood for the violence in our society," filmmaker Oliver Stone said Thursday.

At a campaign fund-raiser Wednesday night, Dole chastised the entertainment industry, saying it had brought "nightmares of depravity" into the mainstream of society. The Kansas senator mentioned "Natural Born Killers," Stone's violent parody about a killing spree and the profit made from it.

"I'm proud of 'Natural Born Killers,' and look at it as a commentary on a madness in contemporary American society," Stone, whose next movie is "Nixon," said through spokesman Stephen M. Rivers.

Producer Norman Lear likened his profession to politics.

"How different is the excess of violence in films and television from the excess of violence in campaigning, where in every race across the country, the campaign issues are used to destroy another human being?" he said.

"It's just too easy to grab headlines this way."

Dole, the Senate majority leader, isn't the first dignitary to come to Hollywood to urge restraint. President Clinton, former Vice President Dan Quayle and Pope John Paul II all have taken the entertainment industry to task over sex and violence.

"I think Hollywood's morals have been questioned since the beginning of Hollywood," said Jim Chabin, president of Promax. The marketing association, with 1,800 corporate members in 43 countries, is responsible for building entertainment audiences.

"When it comes to TV violence, there has been a trend by the networks and the studios away from the kind of violence for violence's sake that may have been popular 10 years ago," Chabin said.

"Have they done it because Washington told them to? I don't think so," he said. "I think they've done it because they listened to their viewers."

Two of last year's biggest movies were the feel-good "Forrest Gump" and the children's cartoon "The Lion King," while "Casper," a kid's ghost story, topped the Memorial Day box office this year, Chabin noted.

Scholars of pop culture also questioned whether Dole's remarks were about entertainment or about raising money.

"The violence that's the most disturbing is the violence that's presented in the news and the 'real-life' shows — and in society," said author Marsha Kinder, professor of Critical Studies at the University of Southern California School of Cinema and Television.

Students say, don't blame rap music

CHICAGO (AP) — For all of rap music's violent and sexually explicit lyrics, 13-year-old Marcus Austin says it's no worse than what he and his peers see in real life.

"I don't think the violence you see comes from rap music," said Marcus, the son of a preacher whose church is in the shadows of the infamous Cabrini-Green housing projects.

"Violence is happening all around us. All you have to do is go to Gabrini-Green, and you'll see people killing each other, drive-by shootings and stuff," he said. "You can't blame rap music for that."

The issue of violent, sexually explicit music was thrust into the forefront this week by Sen. Bob Dole, the GOP presidential frontrunner who attacked the music and movie industries for promoting casual sex and graphic violence.

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Man with 'amnesia' may be fugitive from arson charges

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — When the handsome mystery man walked out of the hills last week and said he had no idea who he was, it seemed like a tall tale. On Thursday, police were thinking it was.

Investigators suspect 23-year-old Larry Rhinehart is no amnesia victim, but a wanted man with plenty to forget.

Rhinehart, whose bewildered appearances on TV drew scores of calls from women who wanted to adopt the good-looking 6-footer, is a fugitive, wanted in North Carolina on charges of arson, fraud and jumping bail.

"He's alleged to have burned up a new pickup truck that he owned in order to secure an insurance refund," said Santa Clara police Sgt. Mark Kerby.

Rhinehart was released from a hospital on Thursday and taken to the airport for a flight to North Carolina in the custody of a bounty hunter who tracked him across the country.

Dan Nelson, a bounty hunter for Global Bail Bonding in Jacksonville, N.C., said he's been looking for Rhinehart for eight months since he skipped on a $4,500 bond the company posted after his arrest in the insurance case.

Nelson has teamed up with an investigator for the Ford Motor Credit Corp. in Dallas, where Rhinehart financed a car he never paid for.

"This boy's been going all over the country," Nelson said.



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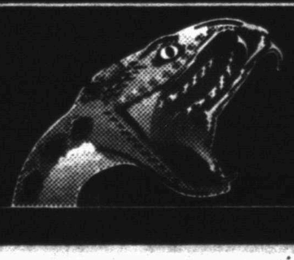
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