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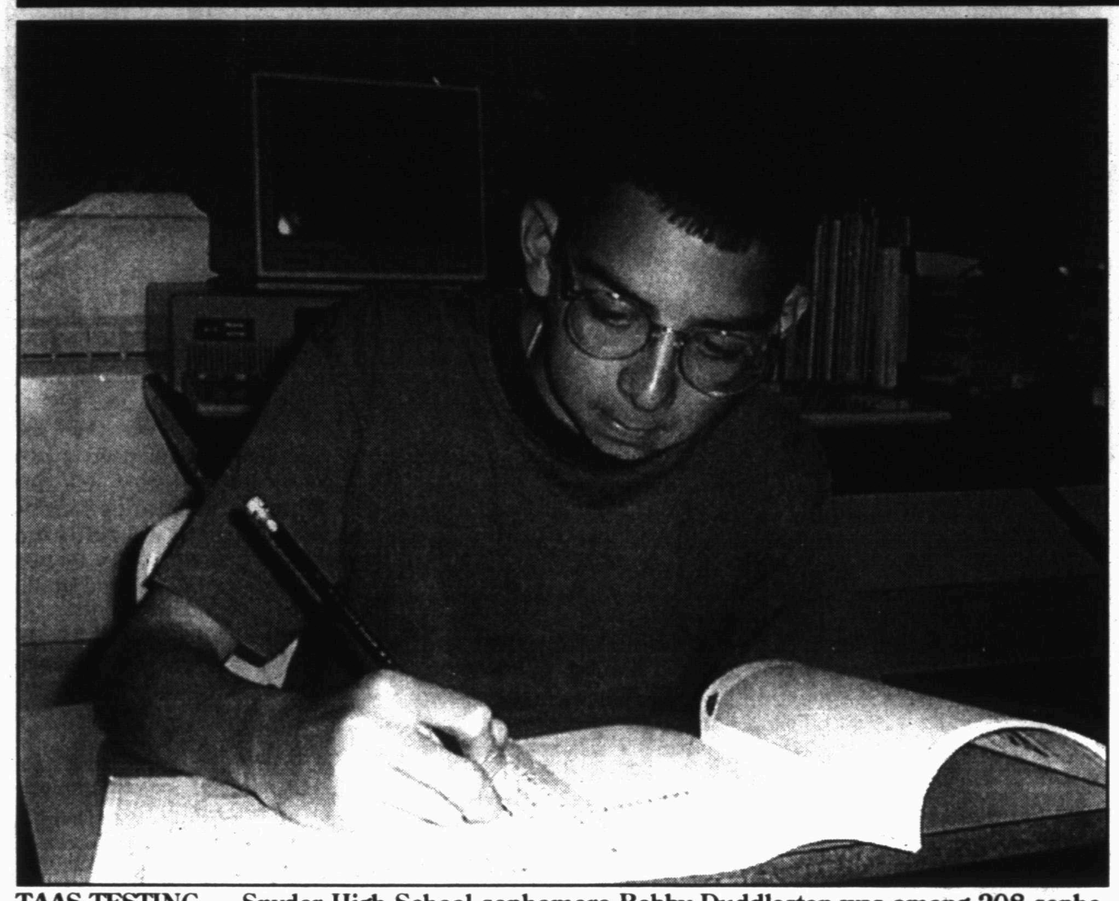
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Home Of Bo Lowrance



TAAS TESTING — Snyder High School sophomore Bobby Duddleston was among 208 sophomore students taking the exit level math portion of the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test this morning. Thirty-nine juniors and seniors also tested this morning. Students took the writing portion Tuesday and will take the reading portion Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Number of political candidates increasing

The number of candidates filing in the May 6 elections has steadily increased since Monday.

Two more have filed for posts on the city's ballot.

Vernest Tippens became the third candidate Tuesday afternoon, joining James Jenkins and David Harrell.

Political newcomer Jason Scott Spradlin joined the list this morning, filing for the District 4 post, which is held by I.E. Martin. Martin said today that he is undecided about seeking another term.

The WTC trustee election picked up another candidate this morning as John Zalman III filed for Place 6, which is held by R.C. Patton.

Patton, a WTC trustee since 1969, said this morning that he will not seek another term.

Zalman joins Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood, who have both filed for their second terms, Presswood for Place 5 and Peterson in Place 7.

Ira resident Gilbert Sanchez filed this morning for Place 4 on the Ira school board.

Dennis D. Taylor filed for Place 4 earlier this week. Bo Robinson currently holds the position.

Tippens filed for her seventh term in District 1. She was first elected to the council in 1988.

Tippens retired after working for WTC 14½ years. She has lived in Snyder 66 years.

Spradlin, a mechanic at Nix's Auto, is a 1986 graduate of Ira High School and has lived in the Snyder area most of his life.

He attended General Motors training in Dallas from 1987-1988. He also worked in Lubbock a short time, returning to Snyder in 1990.

He and his wife, Tammy, have two children, Katy, 9, and Sarah, 10 months.

David Harrell, co-owner of Lone Star Cleaners and local manager of Cain Electrical Supply, has filed for the District 2 spot on the council.

Jerry Webb, who has announced he will not be running for another term, currently holds the post.

Harrell and his wife, Nila, opened Lone Star Cleaners in April, 1993. They have lived in Snyder since January, 1993.

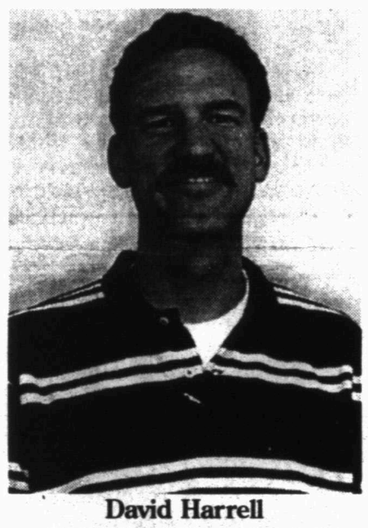
They have two children, Luke, 3½, and Ellis, 15 months.

Harrell is a 1982 graduate of Forsan High School. He also attended Howard College for two years.

Jenkins filed for his first full term on the City Council Monday. He was elected last May to the District 3 post, which had been vacant since the fall of 1997.

Zalman is a lifelong resident of Scurry County. He is owner of ZTV and he also farms.

He and his wife, Donna, have six children, including John Zalman IV, David R., Nathan, Zachary, Tyler and David M.



David Harrell

He is a 1965 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1971 graduate of Texas Tech University. He earned his bachelor's degree in agronomy and agricultural education.

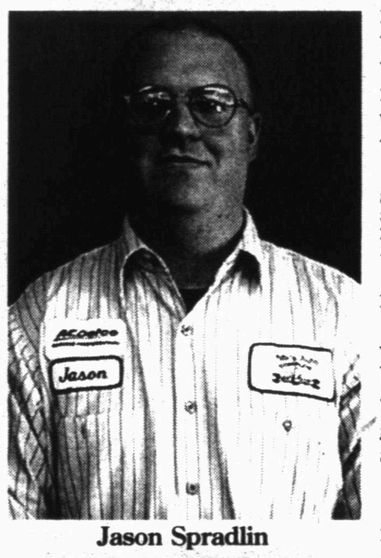
Sanchez was born and reared in Ira, and attended Ira schools. He has been self-employed in the floor covering business for the past nine years.

He and his wife, Carla, have three children in Ira schools, including Candace, 15, a ninth grader; Amber, 13, a seventh

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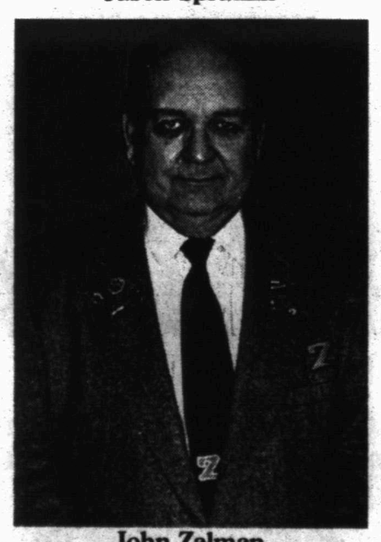
Gilbert Sanchez



Jason Spradlin



Vernest Tippens



John Zalman

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "For every action, there is at the very least an equal and opposite criticism."

The boss may not always be right, and that provides for some good stories.

Employees across the nation are taking advantage of a web page devoted to telling stories about the dumb things that those in charge do.

Employees outraged, offended or left just shaking with laughter because of what chiefs do are getting even by submitting those stories to the Web site myboss.com, a site updated each week with a new contest looking for horror stories about management.

Here's a sample of some of the outrageous stuff:

The boss was walking to court for a major corporate lawsuit when he noticed a shapely woman in front of him. He remarked aloud how pretty she was from behind and wondered what her face looked like.

Immediately the woman turned around and the executive realized it was the judge assigned to hear his case.

Not all entries have been confirmed.

One example is the employee who told about his boss not believing a bomb scare that evacuated the office. Once the boss got outside, he kicked the package and was killed.

Here's one about a committee:

A Japanese company and a California firm planned a canoe race on the Columbia River. The Japanese team won by a mile.

A measurement team made up of senior management was formed to investigate and recommend appropriate action. They concluded the Japanese team won because they had eight people rowing and one steering, while the U.S. team had one rowing and eight steering.

To avoid losing again, the management team was reorganized. The new team had four steering supervisors, three steering superintendents and one steering assistant. They also implemented a new performance system that would give the one rower an incentive to work harder.

The next year, the Japanese won by two miles.

Humiliated, the U.S. team laid off the rower for poor performance, halted development of a new canoe, sold the paddles and canceled all capital investments for new equipment.

Then they used the remaining money to give bonuses to the steering managers and senior executives in the home office.

And finally another boss complained about mistakes in a secretary's work. He suggested that she needed more supervision.

She countered, "Not more, just better."

Tickets now on sale...

Kiwanis pancake supper set

Pancake lovers will soon get the chance to eat as many as they want.

The Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Feast is set ford March 4, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Elementary's cafeteria.

Tickets are $4 dollars each. Children under six can eat for free.

Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanian including Joe Ellington at D&D Auto, Dale Lipsett at the post office, Sheriff Darren Jackson, and Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

Bacon, sausage and milk will be served along with the pancakes.

For the past 51 years, the Kiwanis Club of Snyder has helped support a variety of local youth programs.

Fund-raisers like the annual pancake feast, which is always set the first Saturday in March, has helped support a variety of local youth programs.

The pancake feast dates to the first one held in 1954. In those days tickets were 50 cents each and Aunt Jemima made guest appearances.

In past years, other fund-raisers included the chili suppers, the July Fourth hamburger stand, trick or treat candy sales, and zip code books.

The Kiwanis Club has also sponsored scholarships to Western Texas College ever since the school opened. Proceeds from the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Golf Tournament, held in August in recent years, benefit the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Foundation.

The club has benefited from local gumball machine sales since the 1950s. The Kiwanis Club has also organized the Goodfellow project which provides food for needy individuals during the Christmas holiday.

Area lake gets CRMWD water

Drought conditions that have lowered the level of Lake Colorado City and Champion Creek Reservoir have prompted TXU Electric to begin purchasing water from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The water will be used by the electric company in the production of electricity at its Morgan Creek power plant on Lake Colorado City.

The three-year agreement will allow TXU Electric to request up to 5,000 acre-feet of water per year from the CRMWD.

The initial delivery of water was made Friday from the water district's outlet on the upper end of Lake Colorado City.

Presently, the district is able to deliver one million gallons of water daily, but with the construction of a pump station at Moss Creek Lake in mid-March, the delivery can be expanded to seven million gallons per day.

Water from Lake E.V. Spence Reservoir near Robert Lee will be the primary source of water under this agreement.

"Most of the facilities were already in place to deliver water to TXU Electric," said John Grant, general manager of CRMWD.

Grant said the district would use its diverted water system, which is used to prevent the highly mineralized low flows from the Colorado River and Beals Creek from entering the Spence Reservoir, to supply the water.

According to Grant, this agreement provides that the quantity of water could be reduced or stopped altogether in order for the district to meet its water requirements and current contractual obligations with others.

The water district operates Lake Thomas, the Spence

Cogdell board schedules meet

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday for the board's regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Dr. Bid Cooper is scheduled to present the medical staff report, including the approval of the reappointment of the medical staff.

Human Resource Director Barbara Parker will present revised personnel policies for the board's consideration, while Jo Beth Hardegree will discuss an in-service program for performance improvement, and the hospital's disaster plan.

Board member Stanley Martin will present the finance committee report, including the certification of accounts payable.

The financial report will also include board discussion of possible employee discounts for hospital services, the upgrade of the hospital's computer system, and a resolution approving a capital lease reimbursement.

WTC to host class in use of pesticides

Western Texas College will host a pesticide class for area farmers from 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the Learning Resource Center.

The cost is $5 per person and three CEUs will be awarded for those attending the class.

The program is sponsored by WTC and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and also will be transmitted to Stamford and Anson High Schools via ITV.

To register, call the college's continuing education department at 573-8511, extension 390.

ASK US

Q-How long does it take to assemble the basketball court at Scurry County Coliseum?

A-It takes six hours to put down, and six hours to remove it.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 76 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 50; no precipitation; total for 2000, .88 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair skies. Low, lower 40s; S wind 5-15 mph; Thursday, partly cloudy, high, mid 70s; S wind, 15-25 mph.



Zoe Briseno
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:17 a.m.
Of 53 days in 2000, the sun has shone 52 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.
—Sir Edmund Hillary

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Kidnapped woman rescued; estranged husband arrested

LUBBOCK (AP) — Authorities say a woman who was abducted from her Fort Smith, Ark., home by her estranged husband has been found in West Texas.

Karen Ibison, 38, was rescued from her abductor Tuesday night in a Lubbock nightclub after she handed off a note that said she was kidnapped and the man with her was armed, police said.

Officers also arrested her husband, Stephen Sharp, 29, of Van Buren, who was suspected by investigators looking into Ibison's abduction. The woman has been missing since Sunday morning when police say Sharp kicked in her door and forced her into his car.

Ibison was being treated at a local hospital, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, but officials refused to say if she had suffered any injuries.

Lubbock police spokesman Bill Morgan told the newspaper Sharp faces "a number of charges in relation to what happened in Arkansas" but that Texas officers had not received confirmation of his formal charges Tuesday night.

Investigators do believe Sharp took her to a rural area in Arkansas and threatened to kill her, Morgan said.

Earlier, Fort Smith police spokesman Sgt. Jeff Barrows described Sharp as "extremely dangerous."

The FBI was involved in the search.

Sharp's presence at Ibison's house Sunday was a violation of a no-contact order, police said.

Sharp was also awaiting trial on previous charges of false imprisonment and domestic battery and was out of an Arkansas jail on $5,000 bond, according to a Sebastian County jail officer.

Earlier Tuesday, New Mexico state police were notified that a credit card belonging to Ibison was used in the state.



GUEST SPEAKER — Carla Crutsinger of Carrollton, director of Brainworks, presented a program for SISD's second, third and fourth grade teachers last Wednesday at the Region XIV Service Center office in Snyder. Brainworks offers critical thinking for learning for grades kindergarten through adults. Following diagnostic testing, the Brainworks staff designs an individual plan to help students and adults achieve peak performance. The one-on-one sessions in two-hour blocks focus on tapping into a person's creativity to achieve academic or job-related goals. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000

Improvements in your life are highly likely in the year ahead. However, they may come about after a few trials and tribulations point you in a new direction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your faith or philosophy of life is tested and found lacking today, it might be wise to ask yourself, "Who is wrong, me or my beliefs?" Then do something about it. Know where to look for romance, and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This may not be a good day to shake hands on a joint venture, so don't push to make it happen just yet. Things will probably work out better if you sleep on the terms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In spite of everyone concurring on the advise they believe you should heed, you may opt to be rigid in your thinking. Be careful: Stubbornness can be your worst enemy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The worst thing you can do is to put your most difficult or distasteful jobs last on your list of what must get done today. Chances are you'll never get to them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even if your heart isn't in it, do your best to support an old friend in an issue where your pal is innocent or has a perfectly good reason for his or her actions. Don't be a coward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't surrender to taking the easy way out by not trying to stop a domestic dispute that disrupts while out in public today. Help keep family issues private.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You should know better than to discuss something about which you feel enthusiastic with an associate who is notorious for his or her negative views.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Financial issues could be a problem for you today. This can come in all forms, from being short of cash to someone not paying you back a loan.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Rather than making waves today, you could yield to making some concession or commitment to something or someone your better judgment warns you against. Listen to your common sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even if you don't lack the initiative or industriousness to accomplish your aims today, if you have planned poorly or do not have the correct tools, nothing will get done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The wrong types of associates can do wonders for destroying whatever optimism or good feelings you may start out with today. Choose your companions well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Neither you nor your pals have the power to change the world, so avoid arguing with anyone whose views or opinions are contrary to yours. Be smart and stay clear of controversy.

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Only one First Lady was born outside the United States: Louisa Johnson was born in London and married John Quincy Adams in 1797.

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During World War II, the Oscar statues were made of plaster, becaause metal was an essential wartime material.

Boy is dragged to his death after carjacking in Missouri

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Motorists watched in horror as a stolen vehicle sped down a highway, dragging to death a little boy who was entangled in a seat belt outside one of the doors.

Six-year-old Jake D. Robel of Blue Springs died Tuesday before the driver of the Chevrolet Blazer could be stopped by pursuing motorists. Witnesses said the chase reached speeds of 80 mph.

"He came flying around us and we saw the kid hanging out the side of the car bouncing," said Fred Byam, who chased the Blazer. "I was honking my horn and flashing my lights."

Police said the vehicle was stolen when Jake's mother left it running while she went inside a sandwich shop.

The carjacker jumped into the Blazer and pushed the boy out of the car, police said. Either he was unaware or did not care that the boy was tangled outside the driver's side rear door, police Sgt. Gregg Wilkinson said.

Motorists along Interstate 70 east of Kansas City flashed their lights and honked horns in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The driver, who was not identified by police and had not been charged Tuesday night, was stopped when four men in two trucks and a car surrounded the Blazer at a stoplight.

The driver allegedly got out of the vehicle, saw Jake's body, then jumped back in and tried to drive away. Witnesses said the men wrestled the suspect to the ground and waited for police to arrive; they also tied the suspect's legs with a rope when he tried to flee.

"He was going to leave, he was going to run off," said John Rodgers. "They sat on him and held him until police got there. There was a woman trying to beat him, and they held her off until police arrived."

An 11-year-old boy from one of the pursuing vehicles later took a white blanket and placed it over the victim, whose clothes had been mostly torn off.

Florida has first execution by injection

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Florida carried out its first execution by injection today, just over a month after changing the law to give condemened prisoners the choice between lethal drugs or the electric chair.

Terry Melvin Sims, 58, was pronounced dead at 7:10 a.m. He was sentenced to death for killing an off-duty sheriff's deputy in 1977 during a drugstore robbery in the central Florida town of Longwood.

The Florida Legislature, at a special session Jan. 14, approved giving death row inmates the option of choosing injection over the electric chair.

Berry's World



www.comics.com Jim Berry © 2000 by NEA, Inc.

"Today's top-ten 'To-Do' list is the same as yesterday's: 1. Raise money for Al Gore; 2. Raise money for Al Gore; 3. Raise money for..."

Date Book

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000

Today is the 54th day of 2000 and the 64th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1885, murderer John Lee's sentence was changed from death by hanging to life in prison after he stood on the gallows while officials, after several attempts, were unable to open the release on the trap door.

On this day in 1905, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer founded the Rotary Club with three of his friends.

On this day in 1960, Ebbets Field, previously the home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was destroyed by a wrecking ball painted like a baseball.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johannes Gutenberg (1395-1468), inventor; Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), diarist; George Handel (1685-1759), composer; Emma Willard (1787-1870), educator; William E.B. DuBois (1868-1963), civil rights leader-writer; Peter Fonda (1939-), actor, is 61; Bobby Bonilla (1963-), baseball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, Carol Heiss won the gold medal in figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression." — W.E.B. DuBois

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 19) and last quarter (Feb. 26).

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Dear Scurry County Voter,

I am asking for your vote in the March 14, Republican Primary for Scurry County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

As your commissioner, I will be your voice in County Government. As a fiscal conservative, **I will question everything, think independently and act responsibly.**

It would be a tremendous honor to serve as your County Commissioner. Your vote and support will be sincerely appreciated.

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Florida is close to ban on affirmative action

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's state government has become the nation's first to voluntarily ban race and gender preferences in college admissions.

Gov. Jeb Bush and the independently elected Cabinet approved the ban in a 4-2 vote on Tuesday. The step is a major part of the Republican governor's plan to end affirmative action.

Bush's new "One Florida" plan promises that students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class and complete a college preparatory curriculum will get into at least one of the 10 state universities.

The changes, which take effect immediately, were approved last week by the Board of Regents, the governing body of the state's public universities.

"Students will know they were admitted not because of their race or gender, but because of their academic performance," Chancellor Adam Herbert said.

Another portion of the plan prohibits consideration of race and gender in the awarding of state contracts by departments that report to the governor. Such agencies include the departments of Veterans Affairs and Transportation. That aspect of the plan was implemented by Bush's executive order last fall.

The plan also streamlines the application process for state contracts and encourages businesses owned by women and minorities to enter bids.

Bans on affirmative action are in force in Texas by federal court order and Washington state under a ballot measure. In California, voters banned affirmative action in state contracts after the state's Board of Regents did the same for university admissions.

Opponents of One Florida promised to keep fighting. Several provisions still require legislative approval, including adding $20 million in financial aid for college students and other funds to make sure high school sophomores can take preparatory college entrance exams.

State Sen. Kendrick Meek, one of two black Democrats who staged a 25-hour sit-in in the lieutenant governor's office last month to protest One Florida, warned he would amend the bills to make sure they don't pass.

"I'm convinced this is no time to dismantle policies that seek to protect minorities and women," said Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson, one of the Cabinet members who voted against the ban Tuesday. "The One Florida initiative is creating two Floridas that divide people by racial lines."

But Bush contended that racial preferences are not necessary to expand opportunity and diversity.

"By September, what you will see is an increased number of African-Americans and Hispanics attending the state university system," he said.

Senate officials expect 50 buses carrying as many as 2,200 protesters to descend on Tallahassee on March 7, the first day of the legislative session. The date also was chosen in part because it is the 35th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march in Selma, Ala.

One of the protesters is expected to be Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Knievel to attempt East Texas jump

PALESTINE (AP) — Leaping locomotives!

Robbie Knievel, son of famed stunt motorcyclist Evel Knievel, is scheduled to jump an oncoming steam train in East Texas tonight. The jump, spanning more than 175 feet, will be televised live on Fox TV from Texas State Railroad's Palestine Park.

The stunt calls for Knievel to speed directly toward the oncoming Texas State Railroad train on his motorcyle and fly off a ramp positioned at an angle on the north side of the locomotive's tracks.

Provided that all goes as planned, he'll take off on his motorcyle just before the train plows into a part of the wooden ramp. Knievel hopes to land on another ramp about 200 feet away.

Organizers have said they would call off the stunt if weather conditions turned bad.

Knievel performed two nationally televised stunts last season. Last February, Knievel made a motorcycle jump from the roof of one building to the roof of another.

In May, he broke his own record by jumping a 200-foot-wide chasm of the Grand Canyon. He cleared a gorge 2,500 feet above the canyon floor at the Hualapai Indian Reservation. He was to attempt the same jump one month earlier but it was canceled at the last minute because of wind and cold.

Knievel achieved notoriety in April 1989 by jumping the fountains at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, a stunt that nearly killed his father 21 years earlier.

The elder Knievel started the family tradition by jumping a motorcycle over a pit of rattlesnakes and two cougars. His career climaxed with his unsuccessful 1974 jump over the Snake River Canyon's south rim in Idaho.

But the younger daredevil's East Texas jump has caused concern from one state leader.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams asked Fox Television to show public-service announcements about train safety on the day of the jump. He said he feared the jump might trivialize the dangers posed by a speeding train.

According to the railroad commission, American drivers are 40 times more likely to be killed in a collision with a train than in a crash with another vehicle. Texas leads the nation in vehicle-railroad collisions.

The Palestine event is expected to give the railroad as much as $75,000 in fees for use of the park, train and tracks run by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The state has taken out a $5 million liability insurance policy in case something goes wrong.

Robbie Knievel, who has been in Palestine since Feb. 11 practicing for the jump, recently told the Austin American-Statesman he was prepared.

"When you're on live television and you reach that decision to go, there's not much room for mistakes," Knievel said. "When I go, I'm committed. There's really no bailout. And once I leave the ramp and I'm about halfway there, I know if I'm going to make it or if I'm going to crash."

The event is expected to bring national attention to the historic Texas State Railroad.

It was built with inmate labor and began operations in 1896 to support state-owned iron works at Rusk.

Today, the 25-mile train is run by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a state park and runs between Rusk and Palestine on weekends from mid-March through late-November.

It is one of only two steam-powered locomotives operating in the state.

Families in wrongful death suit to start receiving funds

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Family members of those killed in a South Texas automobile accident will begin receiving payments this week from a multimillion-dollar settlement against a tire manufacturer.

The crash, which happened in August of 1998, involved a fiery head-on-collision that killed five women and two girls coming home from a Pentecostal revival, including Thelma Vasquez, 53, of Hebbronville. Their pickup was struck by another pickup driven by Hugo Rafael Gutierrez, of Laredo.

Gutierrez, 41, who also died in the crash, blew a tire and veered into the path of the pickup driven by Vasquez on a remote stretch of Texas 359, between Kingsville and Laredo.

Family members of those who died will begin receiving payments this week in the settlement against Quincy, Ill.-based Titan Tire Corp., the manufacturer of the blown-out tire, said Doug Allison, one of the attorneys for the families.

Lawyers for the families argued that manufacturing defects in the tire, which was sold under the Pirelli name, caused the blowout.

As part of the deal, family members and their attorneys are not allowed to disclose the exact amount of the settlement, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. But a Feb. 2 statement filed in district court in Duval County calls for $55 million to be split among eight groups of claimants.

In all, more than two dozen family members will be compensated, according to the newspaper.

Officials with Titan refused comment on the settlement and would not say if the tire has been recalled.

Others killed in the crash included Esperanza Isabel Rios, 7, and her mother, Ludim Vasquez, 32; Dalia Ramirez, 45; Dina Maria Ramirez, 17; Annabel DeLeon, 36; Stephanie Ramirez, 3.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman wonders how to turn office attraction into a date

DEAR ABBY: I never married, but I have a 5-year-old daughter. It has been two years since I moved from my hometown and I haven't had a single date here.

I started a new job last August, where I met a man I'll call "Tony." I have not stopped thinking about him since the day we met. Call me crazy, but I think he may be attracted to me as well. He has flirted with me on many occasions, and I see something in his eyes every time he looks at me. I am no fool, Abby. I know when a man is interested.

The problem is, he has not asked me out except for a few lunches. In the five months I've known him, he has been out of the country for 2 1/2 months.

I am usually shy, but I confess I did flirt a little to let him know I was interested. However, I didn't want to appear desperate. He is very shy, too, but I feel deep in my heart that he cares. I have grown fond of him and would like to get to know him better. I know that I can't just ask him out, but I feel there is something special between us. What should I do? — **FEELING AWKWARD IN ONTARIO**

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: Unless there is a company policy that forbids co-workers from dating, I see no reason why you shouldn't ask him to join you for lunch on a weekend or dinner one evening. It's leap year — so go for broke!

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DEAR ABBY: Will you please answer a simple question? Why do grooms (husbands) always think it is the responsibility of the bride (wife) to write the thank-you notes? Moreover, why do they not know how to write thank-you notes?

I love my husband, but I'm about to wring his neck. By the way, he sees himself as a writing expert and a master of the English language, so it's not because he's illiterate; he just seems lost when it comes to doing this chore. I have heard that this is the case with most men. — CURIOUS

DEAR CURIOUS: There is absolutely no excuse for someone who is literate not to be able to write a simple thank-you note. Your husband may have been raised in a male-dominated household where writing thank-you notes was considered "women's work." However, this is the year 2000 and times have changed.

The responsibility does not belong solely on your shoulders. Divide the "chore" and have him write to your side of the family while you write to his. Consider it just another way to blend the families.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married this summer. She will graduate from college in May from a school in Texas. We live on the West Coast where the wedding will take place. Her fiance lives in Arizona where they will make their home.

The problem is they don't have the money to ship gifts to Arizona. I was wondering if it would be proper to ask people to take a picture of the gift they intended to buy, and wrap it in a box along with a check so my daughter can purchase the item when she arrives in Arizona. Is that tacky? Please advise. — **PLANNING A WEDDING**

DEAR PLANNING: It would be improper to bring up the subject of monetary gifts, even if it is "prettied up" by requesting that the guests enclose a photo of the gift they had in mind.

However, if you are asked what your daughter needs or prefers, you may respond by explaining that a check would be the most practical gift.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 02-23-00	
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West		**East**
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	South ♠ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ --- ♦ J 10 7 2 ♣ 10	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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3 ♠	5 ♣	Dbl.	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣ 7

Fathers and daughters

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal was written up by Alan Truscott, who has been the bridge correspondent for The New York Times for the last 36 years. His article about the deal was penned in 1962, just before his family moved to the United States. He doesn't name names, but we can draw the conclusion that he was playing with Fran, his 9-year-old daughter.

Fran's jump to three spades was unusual. In England, it would have been treated as a strong jump shift. One feels Fran should have bid four spades.

When her father doubled five clubs, Fran must have been nervous about overruling him by bidding five spades. Still, double-dummy, it takes a low-spade lead to net 800 points: spade to the queen, ace-king of hearts, heart ruff, diamond switch (or spade).

As you can see, five spades doubled is easy to make because of the lovely diamond position.

West led a club. After winning with the jack, East made the strange switch to the heart four.

A reasonable line is to ruff, play a trump to the dummy, ruff another heart, return to dummy with a trump, and run the hearts from the top. When they split 4-4, declarer is home, not needing luck in diamonds. If they are 5-3, she can ruff a club to hand for a diamond lead toward dummy's king.

Instead, Fran discarded a diamond at trick two, cashed dummy's top trumps, threw another diamond on the second top heart, ruffed a heart in hand, and led a diamond for plus 850.

I hope Fran pointed out that with the king-queen of spades, Alan should have redoubled!

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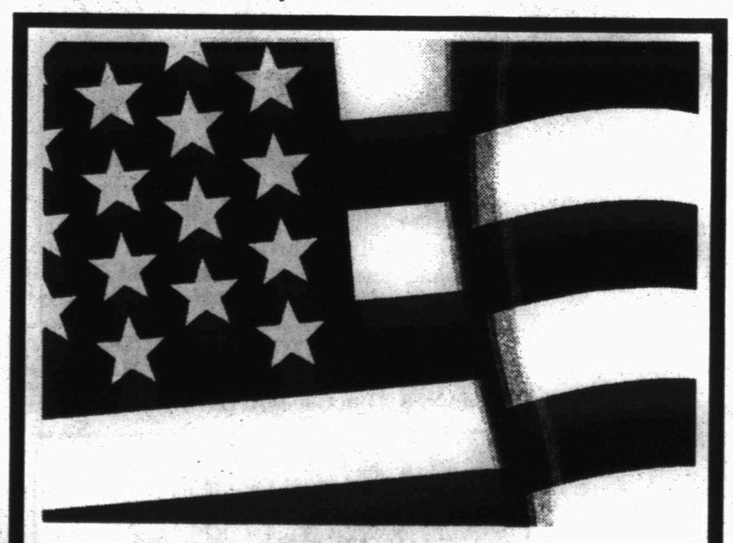
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~Rotary Flag Chairman

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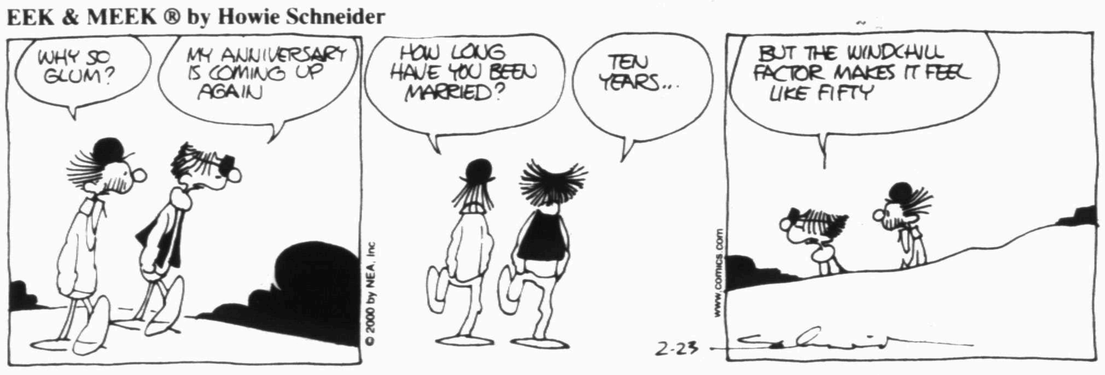
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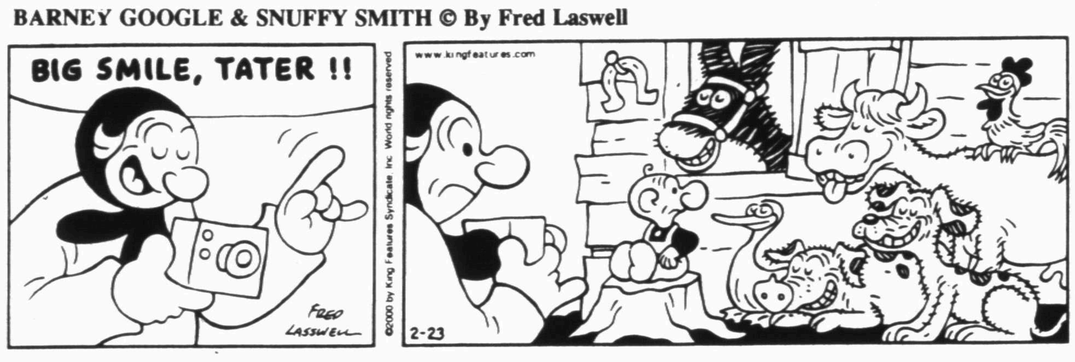
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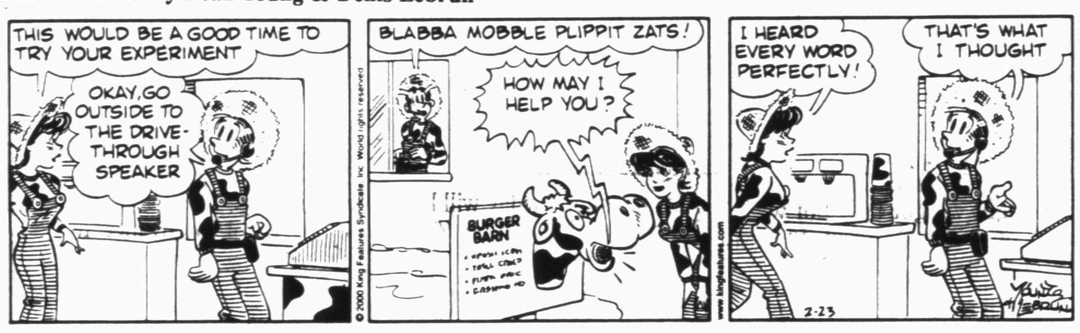
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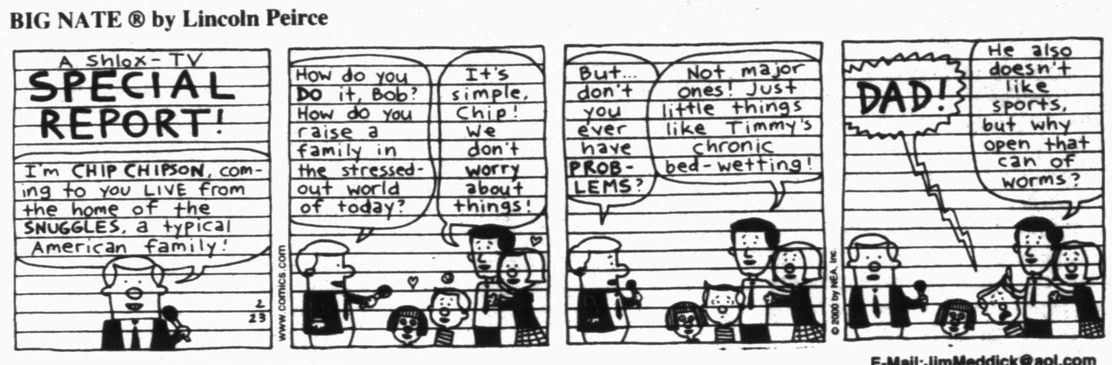
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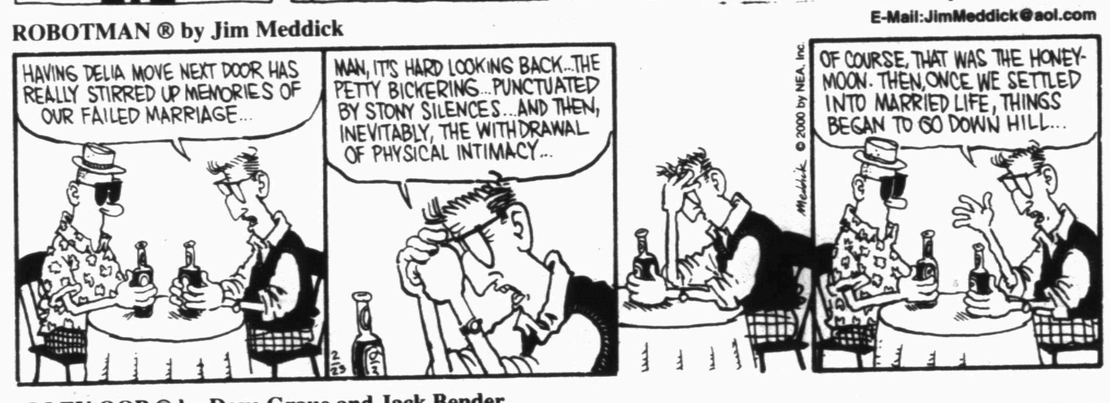
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15 Main course
16 Compass pt.
17 Positive vote
19 Roman road
20 Actress Dukakis
23 Playwright Wasserstein
26 Own (Scot.)
27 Madrid Mrs.
30 For each
32 Whirlpools
34 Feels
35 Theater district
36 Type of coat
37 Naval abbr.
39 Bathroom-floor installer
40 Comes into view
42 Change course
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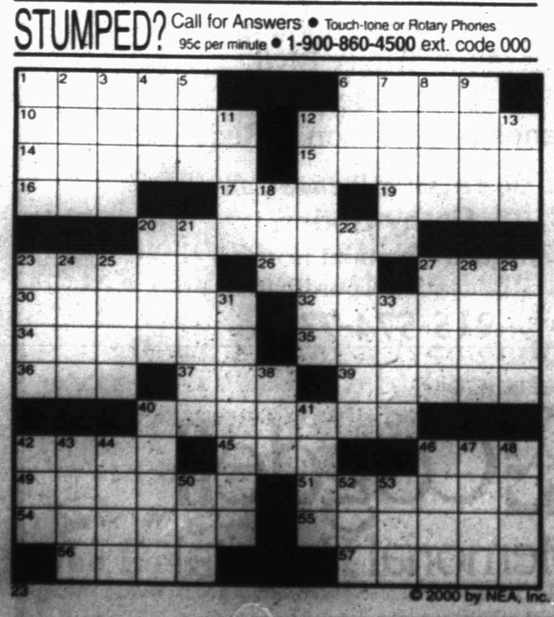
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23 Stinging insect
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25 1492 ship
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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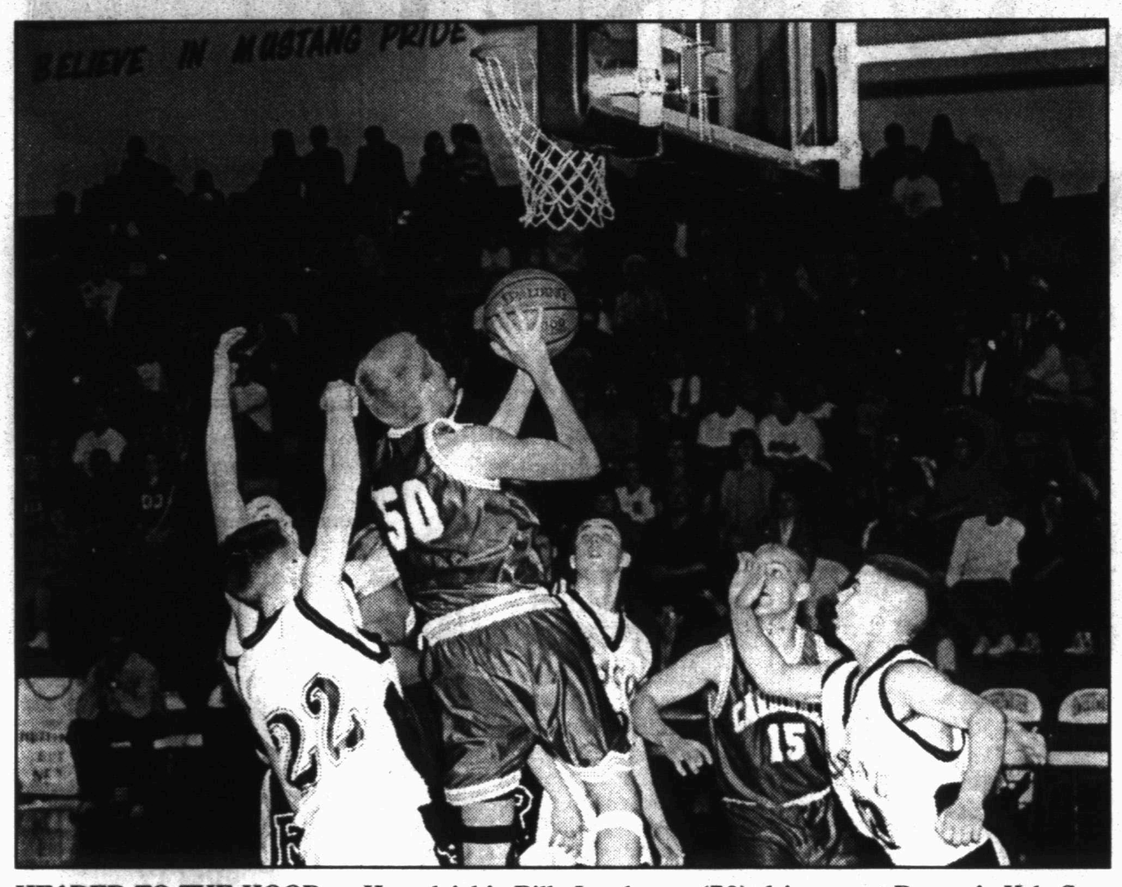
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SPORTS



HEADED TO THE HOOP — Hermleigh's Billy Lambaren (50) drives past Roscoe's Kyle Sanford (22), while Caleb Callaway (15) battles for position during Tuesday night's 1A bi-district playoff in Sweetwater. The Plowboys scored with 16 seconds left to pull out a 50-47 victory over the Cardinals. (SDN Staff Photo)

Plowboys edge Cards in final seconds, 50-47

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — In the closing minutes of a game that featured 23 lead changes, it was apparent the winner would be the team that scored last.

Roscoe's Nick Anthony made a layup and a free throw with 16 seconds left on the clock Tuesday night to lift the Plowboys past Hermleigh, 50-47, in a Class 1A boys' bi-district playoff in Sweetwater.

Hermleigh finishes its season with a district title, and a remarkable 16-12 record, after not making the playoffs a year ago. But all Cardinals coach Juan Rios could think about Tuesday night was what could have been.

"This was a tough one, a really tough one," said a disheartened Rios, moments after the game. "If somewhere over the course of the night, one more shot falls for us, and one more of theirs' doesn't, then we win. You hate to lose these kind of games when your kids give all they've got all for all four quarters. It's tough."

The game see-sawed back and forth all night long, and when Hermleigh's Caleb Callaway made a slashing layup with 21 seconds remaining, the tally was tied for the seventh time.

Roscoe quickly moved the ball up, hitting Anthony with a full-court pass. The Plowboys' leading scorer made the layup and drew a foul for a three-point Roscoe lead.

The Cardinals had one last chance, but fell short when Andy Luna's three-point attempt at the buzzer was off the mark.

"I thought we got the shot we wanted at the end," said Rios. "Roscoe had it defended pretty well, and Andy had to shoot it while he was fading away."

Throughout the game, neither team could build a substantial lead. Roscoe briefly held a six-point advantage, and Hermleigh led by five points for less than a minute.

All total, the game was tied for over six minutes, with the two teams separated by only one point for another 12 minutes.

Roscoe was on top, 23-22, at the break, before stretching the margin in the third quarter.

The biggest lead of the night came midway through the third when the Plowboys held a 31-25 advantage.

Hermleigh quickly erased the deficit, putting together an 11-4 run to close out the third period with a 36-35 lead. Joey Garza dropped in five points to fuel the streak, with Billy Lambaren adding four more.

Callaway took over to start the final frame. The Hermleigh senior scored his squad's first six points of the period, as the Cardinals built their largest cushion, 42-37, with 5:36 showing.

Roscoe turned to Anthony to get back in the game. The Plowboys' post registered 15 points in the second half, nine of them in the fourth quarter.

The lead changed hands four times in the final three minutes, before Anthony's game-winning bucket.

Roscoe improves to 12-10, and advances to face Wellman-Union in the second round.

Hermleigh	11	11	14	11	—	47
Roscoe	09	14	12	15	—	50

Hermleigh
Callaway 5 5-6 15, Garza 3 5-8 11, Lambaren 5 1-3 11, Luna 3 3-4 9, Higgins 0 1-3 1. **Totals 16 15-24 47.**
Roscoe
Anthony 11 1-2 23, Sanford 5 7-7 17, Galvan 2 1-1 6, Holland 1 0-0 2, Ince 1 0-0 2. **Totals 20 9-10 50.**
Three-point goals: Hermleigh 0, Roscoe 1 (Galvan). Rebounds: Hermleigh 40 (Callaway 11), Roscoe 34 (Holland 9). Total fouls: Hermleigh 16, Roscoe 20. Fouled out — Galvan.

Bulldogs blast Cougars, earn spot in area round

BIG SPRING — After facing three state-ranked opponents in preparation for the postseason, the Ira Bulldogs came out polished and ready to play in the opening round.

Ira dominated action on both ends of the floor Tuesday night, suffocating Klondike for a 73-29 1A bi-district victory at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Bulldogs improve to 27-5 on the season, and will face Bronte in an area playoff Friday at 7 p.m. in Merkel.

Ira knocked off Bronte in the area round last year, and if Tuesday's game was an indication of things to come, the Longhorns could be in for another long night.

"Playing the three tough teams right before the playoffs really helped our defense," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We suffocated Klondike, and kept them so confused that they couldn't run their offense. That's the way we want to play defense for the entire playoffs."

Against the Bulldogs' stiff pressure, the Cougars struggled all night, posting a meager 13 points in the second half.

Ira on the other hand, had no trouble finding points. Eleven Bulldogs scored in the game, led by Logan Daves who poured in 18 points.

Ira opened up an 18-10 lead in the first quarter, before stretching the margin to 35-16 by halftime.

"Our full-court pressure really hurt them, and we were able to force a lot of turnovers," Edwards said. "Our guys took advantage of those situations by getting up and down the floor really well. We got some easy buckets in transition, due to our guys' hustle."

The Bulldogs continued to have the hot hand in the third quarter, outscoring Klondike, 21-9, in the period.

With the game in hand, Ira capped its night with a 17-4 run in the final frame.

Daves' 18 points led all scorers, with Jerek Brown adding 14, and Richard Wilkins notching 12.

"Everybody that played for us contributed in a positive way," Edwards remarked. "Our intensity and focus stayed at the same level all night, no matter what the score was."

In their second-round matchup, the Bulldogs will face a Longhorn squad that with more speed and height than Klondike. But Ira's game plan will stay the same, according to Edwards.

"Bronte is fundamentally strong, so it's even more important that we play that same way we did against Klondike," the second-year coach said. "We're going to play good man-to-man defense, and on the offensive end, we're going to push the ball when we can and be patient when we need to be."

Daves scored 29 points and pulled down 16 rebounds in last year's win over the Longhorns.

Ira	18	17	21	17	—	73
Klondike	10	06	09	04	—	29

Ira
Smith 3 0-0 6, Brown 6 2-4 14, R. Wilkins 5 1-1 12, Gainer 2 1-1 7, Juarez 1 0-0 2, Wall 2 0-0 4, Olvera 2 0-0 4, Jamison 1 0-0 2, Daves 7 4-4 18, Stuart 1 0-2 2, Sterling 1 0-0 2. **Totals 31 9-13 73.**
Klondike
King 1 0-0 2, Meadows 2 0-0 4, Ferguson 4 0-4 8, Hightower 2 2-4 7, Ainsworth 1 0-0 2, Vogler 2 0-0 4, Dickerman 1 0-0 2. **Totals 13 2-9 29.**
Three-point goals: Ira 2 (R. Wilkins, Gainer), Klondike 1 (Hightower). Total fouls: Ira 13, Klondike 14. Fouled out — None.

NBA Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	32	19	.627	—
Miami	32	20	.615	½
Philadelphia	28	24	.538	4½
Orlando	25	28	.472	8
Boston	22	31	.415	11
New Jersey	21	32	.396	12
Washington	16	38	.296	17½
Central Division				
Indiana	35	17	.673	—
Charlotte	30	22	.577	5
Toronto	27	24	.529	7½
Detroit	26	26	.500	9
Milwaukee	27	27	.500	9
Cleveland	22	31	.415	13½
Atlanta	20	30	.400	14
Chicago	12	39	.235	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	34	19	.642	—
Utah	32	19	.627	1
Minnesota	29	23	.558	4½
Denver	24	29	.453	10
Dallas	22	30	.423	11½
Houston	21	33	.389	13½
Vancouver	17	36	.321	17
Pacific Division				
Portland	43	11	.796	—
L.A. Lakers	42	11	.792	½
Phoenix	33	19	.635	9
Seattle	34	21	.618	9½
Sacramento	31	22	.585	11½
Golden State	14	38	.269	28
L.A. Clippers	11	43	.204	32

Tuesday's Games
Washington 126, Milwaukee 101
L.A. Lakers 97, New Jersey 89
Charlotte 102, Houston 97
Minnesota 112, Golden State 89
Vancouver 85, Chicago 81
Phoenix 86, Denver 67
Seattle 127, Orlando 91

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Monterey tops Bobcats, 87-72

Lubbock Monterey did most of its damage from long distance Tuesday night to knock off San Angelo Central, 87-72, in a boys' 5A bi-district playoff at Scurry County Coliseum.

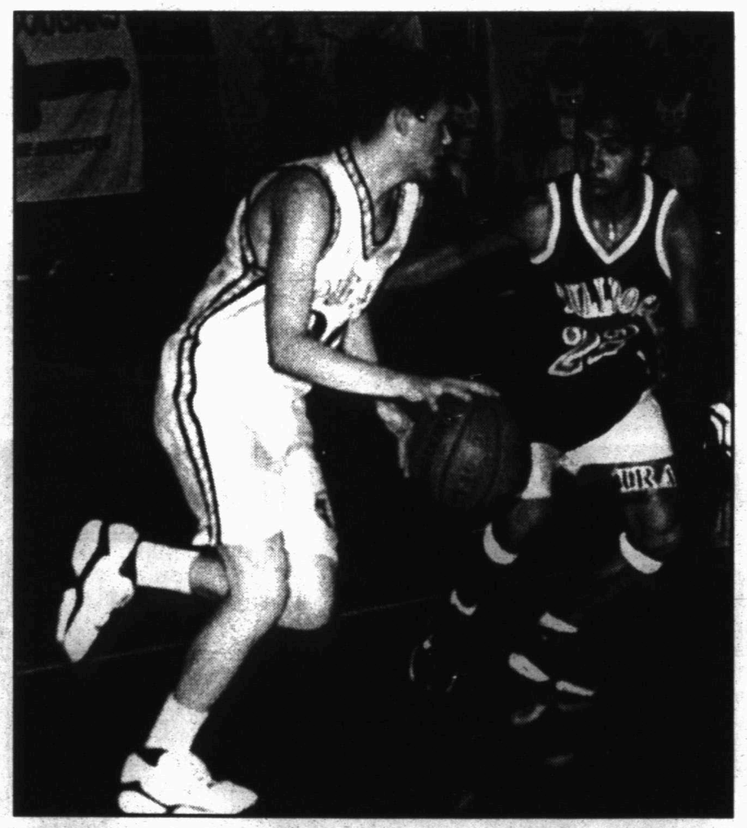
The Plainsmen converted on 11 of 19 three-point attempts in the contest, and led the entire way.

Monterey opened the game with a 17-2 run, before the Bobcats closed the gap to 45-38 by halftime.

But Central couldn't match Monterey's pace, as the Plainsmen registered 20 points in the third quarter and 22 more in the fourth to preserve the win.

Josh Washington paced Monterey with 27 points, which included four long-range buckets.

Sophomore Bryan Young spurred the Bobcats with 20 points.



FULL-COURT PRESSURE — Ira's Jose Juarez guards a Klondike ball handler during Tuesday night's 1A bi-district playoff in Big Spring. The Bulldogs blasted the Cougars, 73-29, and will face Bronte in an area playoff Friday at 7 p.m. in Merkel. (Photo By Becky Hudgins)

Sports Briefs

Groundhog tourney accepting entries

Snyder Country Club will host the Groundhog Open Saturday and Sunday. Format is two-man scramble.

To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for the Canyon Reef Relays, to be held March 11.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Teen activities scheduled

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through March 10. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Tigers, Huskies to square off Friday

One week after playing their final district game, the Snyder Tigers finally learned their playoff opponent.

Snyder will square off with Wichita Falls Hirschi in a Class 4A area playoff Friday at 7 p.m. at Cisco High School.

The Tigers enter the contest as the District 5-4A champions with a record of 22-10.

The Huskies, who finished third in District 7, knocked off Weatherford on Tuesday to improve to 18-13.

Snyder will be the home team, and ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for students.

Also in action Friday will be the Ira Bulldogs.

Ira trounced Klondike, 73-29, Tuesday night to advance to the area round where it will face Bronte at 7 p.m. in Merkel.

The Bulldogs are 27-5 on the year, while the Longhorns sport a 20-5 mark.

Cyclones whirl past UT

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Marcus Fizer scored a career-high 35 points and made one huge play after another as No. 17 Iowa State recovered from a slow start to beat No. 14 Texas 89-77 Tuesday night.

Iowa State (23-4, 11-2 Big 12) broke down a Texas team that had allowed an average of just 55 points in its five previous games and pulled into a tie with Oklahoma State for first place in the league with three games to play. Texas (19-7, 10-3) dropped one game back.

Michael Nurse added 20 points for Iowa State, which trailed 8-0 and was down 14 before taking a 38-37 halftime lead on Jamaal Tinsley's 3-pointer at the buzzer and leading the rest of the way.

Tinsley and Stevie Johnson each scored 12 points, with Johnson getting all of his in the second half on 5-for-5 shooting.

This night belonged to Fizer, who scored on drives, dunks and turnarounds and even made two 3-pointers. He also grabbed nine rebounds, handed out a career-high five assists, blocked two shots and made two steals.

The previous high for the 6-foot-8 junior, who missed his first four shots, had been 32 against Oklahoma State last season.

Iowa State played the last half without its tallest player, 6-9 Paul Shirley, who broke his foot late in the first half.

Chris Mihm and Ivan Wagner led Texas with 17 points each and Darren Kelly scored 15.

Iowa State opened the second half with a 7-0 run — five points by Johnson and a basket by Fizer on a drive against the 7-foot Mihm — to go up 45-37. The taller Longhorns got no closer than five points after that.

Two straight 3-pointers by Nurse stretched the lead to 52-41.

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Ramseys' book will name suspects

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A new book by the parents of JonBenet Ramsey will name suspects — including some who have not been pursued by police — and explore the motive for their daughter's murder.

"The Death of Innocence" by John and Patsy Ramsey is scheduled to be released March 17 by Thomas Nelson Publishers, a Nashville-based company that specializes in books with religious themes.

Publisher Rolf Zettersten said Tuesday the 400-page book "talks about the Ramseys' motivation to find the killer, so they provide as many clues and as much information as they can."

Zettersten would not identify the suspects named in the book, saying he wanted to wait until its release.

"It's people who have been mentioned before," he said. "There will be a couple of others, but not by name."

The book also discusses "the profile of the murderer and the motive in the sense it was likely someone who had a vendetta and was sadistic," Zettersten said.

JonBenet, 6, was found beaten and strangled on Dec. 26, 1996, in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo.

Her parents are under suspicion in their daughter's death but have never been charged. They announced in November they were writing the book to answer "myths and falsehoods" about the murder investigation.

The Ramseys worked, with some assistance, on their home computer in Atlanta, where they now live, Zettersten said.

"It's a convincing work, page after page that contradicts the public perception and sets the record straight," he said.

Terms of the book deal were not disclosed. The couple has said proceeds will help pay legal expenses associated with the case and will go to the JonBenet Ramsey Children's Foundation.

EPA plan could hurt state timber sales

LUFKIN (AP) — Environmentalists could stop timber sales in East Texas if the Environmental Protection Agency succeeds in its plan to apply the 1972 Clean Water Act to the timber industry, several forestry officials said.

The EPA proposal requires tree farmers to obtain permits, in some instances, before cutting timber or replanting near polluted waters. Forestry long has been exempt from the permitting process under the Clean Water Act, falling instead under state oversight.

Environmental groups would be able to protest permit applications, launching a lengthy court battle that could put timber farmers and loggers out of business, said Scott Beasley, president of the Texas Forestry Association, at a public hearing Tuesday evening in Lufkin.

"It would be devastating," Beasley said. "Once the regulation is put in place, it becomes open to interpretation in the courts and any citizen could bring a lawsuit against a landowner."

But Bill Hathaway, a division director for the EPA, said the proposal would have no effect on Texas operations because voluntary measures to limit water pollution in the state have been effective.

"Only the really bad (offenders) who the state had given up on, would end up in the permitting programs. In Texas right now, that would be none," Hathaway said.

EPA officials have said the thrust of their campaign to clean the nation's most polluted rivers, lakes and streams is being misunderstood, particularly as it relates to timber. The EPA rules, which have been five years in the making, allow states to determine the level of enforcement.

Before requiring a permit, the agency would have to demonstrate that a forestry operation pollutes significantly and that the state environmental authority has failed to fix the situation.

Still, many at the Lufkin meeting remained wary of more government regulation.

Crockett resident James Hall, who farms about 1,000 acres of timberland in Texas and Louisiana, was among about 1,700 people in attendance.

He said the measure would be expensive and time consuming, and infringe on the rights of private property owners.

"It's a bag of worms," Hall said. "It's tying the hands and feet of the landowner."

Timber is a top crop in East Texas, employing about 91,000 people statewide with an annual economic impact of $23.8 billion, according to the Texas Forestry Association.

U.S. Rep. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, has cosponsored legislation with Rep. Max Sandlin, D-Marshall, and Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., that would bar the EPA proposal.

Pentagon expected to announce KAFB plan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Efforts to turn Kelly Air Force Base into a business park could get an economic shot in the arm if the Pentagon approves a plan to forgive nearly $103 million owed the government by a group spearheading the redevelopment effort.

Defense Secretary William Cohen will be in San Antonio next week and is expected to announce plans allowing the Greater Kelly Development Authority to pay as little as $5.2 million of the $108 million it owes the government.

A 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission ordered the San Antonio base shut down by 2001. The development agency was created in hopes of remaking Kelly into a thriving business complex.

Although the Pentagon has not finalized a decision on the plan, a Capitol Hill source told the San Antonio Express-News an announcement could come this week.

"It's huge," said Paul Roberson, the development authority's executive director. He told the newspaper on Tuesday that virtually all of the base's debt could be forgiven.

Under the current agreement the development authority has with the federal government, it will pay the Air Force 4.5 percent of its revenues minus expenses and 100 percent of the release price on properties it sells for 40 years, or until $108 million is reached.

The development authority, which has failed to win lucrative privatized contracts from the government and has seen the cost of upgrading facilities rise significantly, has asked that the $108 million debt be reduced to $5.2 million, Roberson said.

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 912 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 17, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities:
36-42.50
Canner and low cutters: 28-35.50
Slaughter bulls: 42-52
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 84-88.50
700-800: 80-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 82-95
500-600: 80-85
600-700: 75-81
700-800: 74-77.50
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 82-93
700-800: 65-77.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 625-775
Grade: 550-625
Springers: 350-650
Baby calves: 50-150
Doodlers: 150-240

Colorado City livestock auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 764 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 19, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 lower. Slaughter cows steady. Bulls were $1 higher. Bred cows were $100 to $150 higher. Pairs were $75/hd lower, pairs too few to test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 120-127
300-400: 110-121
400-500: 101-109
500-600: 92-101
600-700: 83-88
700-800: 77-82.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 100-108
300-400: 94-101
400-500: 90-98
500-600: 83.50-88
600-700: 79-82.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 540-620
Bred cows: 430-560
Pairs: 680-685
Aged pairs: 560-600
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 40-43
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 51-53

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Records are often hard to interpret

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was hospitalized for a major depression. When I requested the records, the hospital refused. Why?

DEAR READER: To begin with, you can force your doctor or the hospital to release your records to you. This may require the services of an attorney, but it can be done. Such a confrontation, however, may not be in your best interests.

The information contained in medical records is ordinarily unintelligible to the average layman. These records are full of technical facts and impressions, medical words, and abbreviations that make sense only to other doctors. Even with resource material, you are unlikely to understand the entire record. While you may get bits and pieces, you will miss a lot, and this could give you an incorrect perspective.

Medical records are not magic. They are a technique by which practitioners keep tabs on their patients. They are shorthand notes that describe, in a unique language and often in terrible handwriting, what happens to people who are sick or injured.

Also, they are the legal property of the doctor or hospital, not of the patient. When a doctor releases her records to a patient, the physician is showing enormous respect and consideration, as well as revealing the doctor's very private mental processes that are vital for satisfactory diagnosis and treatment. The doctor is vulnerable when she shares this information, because — in some cases — it may be wrongly interpreted.

The records of a patient with an emotional illness are particularly difficult for a non-medical person to assimilate. In addition, rehashing this material will invariably produce a welter of pain and anguish, the very antithesis of good medical care. Reviewing the record might unnecessarily open up wounds and undo valuable therapy that the patient has received.

You would do better, I believe, by asking your physician for a verbal summary of your depression. This way, you can obtain the information you desire, and it can be an integral part of your ongoing treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After going on a strict weight-reduction diet for six months, I became severely constipated. Now I'm hooked on laxatives and must take up to seven doses a day. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Strict diets often deprive people of bulk and roughage, leading to constipation. Perhaps you can get back on track by adding non-caloric bulk to the foods you eat: either more fiber and vegetables or commercial preparations, such as Fibercon or Metamucil. In addition, dried fruits, such as prunes and apricots, will often relieve constipation, as well as supply bulk and various minerals to your diet. Finally, you should increase your fluid intake.

Avoid taking daily laxatives — especially in large quantities — because they can cause vitamin deficiencies and your intestine may become dependent on them. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Albertsons	26 11-16	26¼	26 7-16—	5-16
Alltel	62½	61 9-16	62⅛ +	1⅛
AmerOnline s	54⅝	52⅜	54 9-16 +	4 13-16
AndarkPtr	30 1-16	29 5-16	29 5-16—	⅞
AtlRichfld	66 5-16	65 1-16	65¼—	9-16
ATMOS Egy	16½	16¼	16½ +	¼
Aviall	7 15-16	7⅝	7⅝—	5-16
BP Amoco s	44¾	44 1-16	44 5-16—	11-16
BakerHughes	24½	24	24 1-16—	3-16
Bank of Amer	45¾	44 7-16	45½ +	¾
BellAtl	51¾	51 1-16	51 3-16—	1 1-16
BellSouth	39 15-16	39	39⅜—	⅝
Beth Steel	5 15-16	5¾	5¾—	⅛
BurlNoSFe	22½	21¾	22⅛—	9-16
CBS Corp	58⅛	57 7-16	57 13-16 +	1-16
Caterpillar	38⅜	37 3-16	38 1-16—	¼
CenSoWst	18 3-16	17 13-16	18 —	3-16
Chevron	75 1-16	72⅞	72 15-16—	2¾
Citigroup s	51 11-16	50½	51 5-16 +	1-16
Coastal	40 1-16	39⅛	39¼—	13-16
CocaCola	51 7-16	50 5-16	50 7-16—	1⅛
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Local calf producer does it all for the youth

(Editor's Note: This article about D.M. "Jack" Martin of Snyder is reprinted with permission from the February, 2000 issue of *Texas Hereford*. The author, Lisa Bryant, who owns *Cowboy Connections* in Oklahoma City, Okla.)

By Lisa Bryant

It goes beyond fatherly love. It's the joy of hearing one of his "children" call and tell him how his or her steer or heifer has done in the latest show. That's what keeps 85-year-old D.M. "Jack" Martin going after all these years.

A tradition started years ago down Ennis Creek Road outside of Snyder. A love of children and a love of Herefords combined to form one of the Lone Star state's most popular club calf herds.

The self-proclaimed " old country boy" began farming amidst the cedar, mesquite and catclaw-lined landscape in 1939 with sheep and a few cows. His father had been a rancher, even raising registered cows for a short time.

Martin became involved in the registered business in the early 1950s, when his children began to show calves and coyotes forced him out of the sheep business. He bought some registered Herefords to raise calves for his children. He said he raised more than his children needed, so he started selling the rest of the calf crop. By now, his four children and grandchildren have been through the showing program, but Martin continues to raise show calves for his other "children" across the state of Texas.

As his herd developed, Martin said he started calving in both the spring and fall season. The fall crop produces the club calves while the spring crop raises the bulls he sells. "If I don't calve in the spring, then I don't have any good bulls." Martin said. "If I calve them all at the same time, then they'll come pick them out and I'll be out of the bull business."

Martin said he usually sells about 18 to 20 steers and the same amount of bulls. He keeps back 20 heifers for replacement. "I'm culling all the time, trying to get better genes," he said. "So I turn them pretty fast. If one doesn't work. Then she doesn't stay. If they don't produce a calf, I won't keep them."

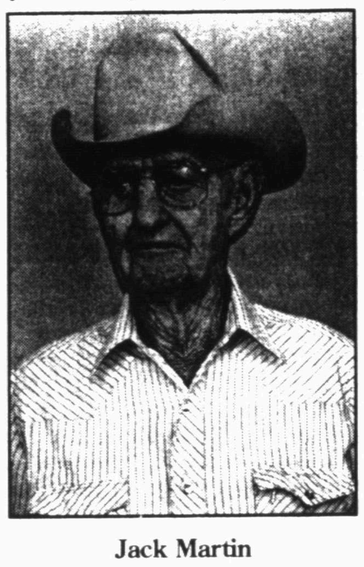
Relying on bloodlines he has determined to excel, his cow herd includes 335F, 482, Summit and Prime Time breeding. He has been artificially inseminating cows to HH Advance 688F and said the bloodline seems to fit into his herd well.

Martin said he likes a big cow that weighs around 1,300 pounds.

He constantly monitors feed conversion to keep up his herd's efficiency. "I'm looking for disposition; muscling; a straight, flat back; good legs' a long body; and plenty of meat," he said. "I like a pretty upstanding cow. I don't like short cows." He said he likes bulls to be long-necked and clean enough to go to the show ring.

"With this business I'm in, I go for disposition. When people come by and look at them, I get a lot of compliments that it's the gentlest herd of cattle they have ever walked into in their life. That's why these young children can come and get one. They love them and cry when they sell them," Martin continued. "That's what keeps me happy and going.

"When I find gentle cattle, it gets my buy. They gentle easy and stay gentle all of their lives. It doesn't shrink them to handle them when they're gentle. I can deliver my calves that I sell for market with very little shrink because they're gentle and they're already eating. I sold my feeder calves unseen several years to the same buyer because you can ship them up to the feed



Jack Martin

pens for less than five percent shrink.

The drought of the past five years has reduced Martin's herd from 125 cows to 73. Between six and nine inches of rain have sprinkled the rough, sandy loam terrain the past four years — not nearly enough for the Buffalo grass, sidecoats and blue grama, green sprangletop and Cottontop that dot the land. Typically, Martin receives 20 inches of rainfall annually. This past year, he said a cloud came by and dropped 18 inches of rain at once.

To compensate for the drought, Martin ensures that his herd had plenty of protein. He said he seldom feeds more than18 to 20 pounds of hay a day in drought conditions. "They're getting very little hay, but they're in good shape," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, if they get the hay and the energy and the vitamins and minerals they need, they can live on very little grass and good water, but they've got to have condition kept on them." He said his son-in-law, who is a veterinarian, helps to make sure his herd isn't deficient during droughts.

Martin's coyote crop hasn't helped during the tough drought years. For years, environmentalists prevented any control. After he lost six calves, the government trappers caught 191 coyotes and three bobcats. "It's not costing me anything," Martin said. "The sheep and goat raisers association in San Angelo is trying to stop the coyotes up here before they get down to them."

Although Martin is with his "children" in spirit while they are showing, his health won't let him attend most shows. Martin said he and his wife, Dorris, do everything on their farm and there's not enough time left over to travel much. The couple's day can consist of feeding, branding, tattooing or fixing fence. During his 60-to-70-day breeding season, the Martins check for cycling cows twice daily. Martin does his own AI work, inseminating approximately 10-12 cows annually. He also farms 192 acres of Sudan grass, wheat or oats that will go to the cattle. "Labor got higher than the meat was, so we just cut down where we can handle it all ourselves. I haven't hired any labor in about 13 years," Martin said.

"I get more pleasure right here," he said. "I take my hands and measure that little old wet calf and I am happy.

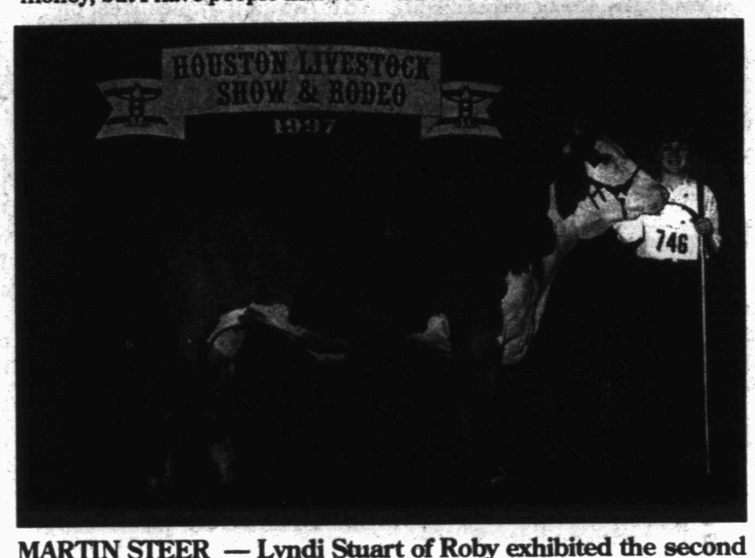
He attends a few consignment sales for advertisement. However, a champion trophy from the Concho Hereford Association Sale two years ago brought additional pride. " I just take one to let the people in that locality see it and see what kind of cattle we have. They don't bring a lot of money, but I have people that see them that come to the house and buy at private treaty."Martin caters to his repeat customers. "The way I do it, the people that bought from me last year will come and look first," he said. "That's silly, but my repeat customers are what keeps me in business." Martin said a person that buys a bull and comes back for another one is important to him. " I've got a friend forever," he added.

The quality that these buyers receive could be the spark for this repeat business. Martin said he's only replaced two bulls in his lifetime. "It just happened that the bulls didn't come up as breeders, but I replaced them and everyone was happy and they're still my customer. I sold a bull this week that tested a little weak in fertility. Some people might sell him, but he wasn't strong and I took him to the auction barn, trying to keep a reputation. I want the best one or we'll go to the sale."

That quality pours over into the show ring. Youth will be showing Martin-bred calves this spring at Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio, Already this season, Martin bred a class winning steer at Odessa. "Hopefully, we'll have more winners later on," he added.

"I've stayed in the Hereford business because I love children," Martin wept. "And I've got children all over the state of Texas that have bought show steers from me. My greatest joy is when they come by to see me. They're like my children. Some of them have got children showing now and that's my greatest joy.

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MARTIN STEER — Lyndi Stuart of Roby exhibited the second in class Hereford Steer during the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She purchased the steer from Jack Martin. (Contributed Photo)

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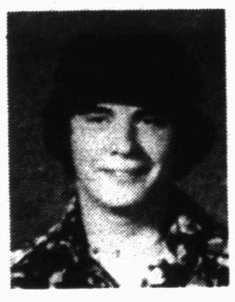
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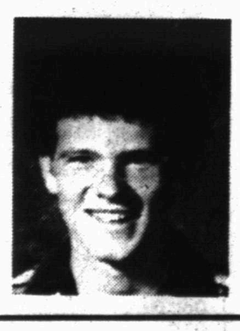
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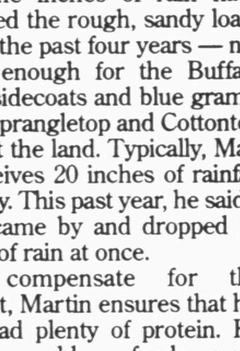
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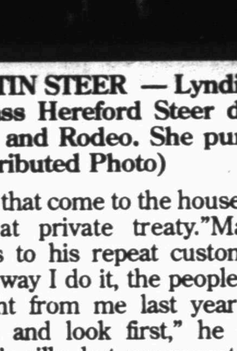
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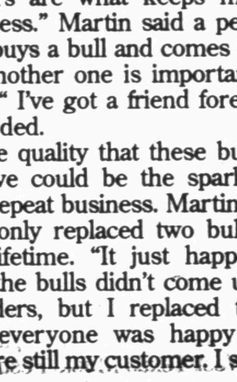
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McCain rearmed by double victory

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

Sen. John McCain, rearmed by a double victory over Gov. George W. Bush, said today he is building a "governing coalition" with Democratic and independent voters and believes more Republicans will join in. An unflinching Bush said he will still win the GOP nomination.

Boarding a plane bound for Spokane, Wash., one of three states holding primaries next week, McCain acknowledged he's "got a long way to go" and said he would focus on his conservatism and electability to attract more Republican voters, who so far have favored Bush.

"If they want a governing coalition, we've proved in Michigan that we can assemble that," McCain said at the airport in Phoenix this morning.

Bush tried to ease the blow of his defeat in battleground Michigan by noting he "won overwhelmingly" among Republican voters, who were narrowly outnumbered in their own primary, which McCain captured with votes from independents and Democrats.

McCain also won at home in Arizona by a landslide.

Declaring "I'm going to be the Republican nominee," Bush said independents who voted for McCain would support him in November.

"The real question is when I'm the nominee will I be able to pick those independents up?" Bush said on NBC's "Today." "And I believe I will be. There's a lot of people that are sick and tired of what's going on in Washington, D.C. They want something different."

The victorious challenger and the hobbled front-runner turned today to the West Coast contests just ahead. McCain was campaigning in Washington state, which holds another open-to-all GOP primary next Tuesday; Bush was in California, the biggest prize of the March 7 primaries.

At an airport rally in Burbank, Calif., late Tuesday, Bush said that while he didn't win, the good news is that he dominated the Republican vote in Michigan. He suggested his popularity among the party faithful would spell trouble for McCain in the contests still to come.

"I want to congratulate my opponent for a race well run, but he's going to learn in the long run that it's Republicans and like-minded independents who are going to make the decision in the Republican primaries," Bush said.

Celebrating his victories, McCain set about rebutting Bush's argument that he's building his victories outside the GOP, among voters who likely will abandon him in November.

"I am a proud Reagan conservative," McCain said. "I love the Republican Party. It is my home ... We are creating a new majority, my friends. A McCain majority.

"As I look more electable, we'll start drawing more Republicans," McCain said.

McCain's victories earned him all 30 delegates from Arizona and 52 of the 58 at stake in Michigan. Bush gained six delegates Tuesday, giving him a total of 67.

Gulf oil ministers appear to favor hike in production

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Gulf oil ministers appeared to favor at least some increase in production to bring prices below $25 a barrel, officials said after a key meeting Wednesday.

"The ministers stressed their countries' desire to maintain the market's stability in the coming period in cooperation with other producing nations," said a statement issued at the end of the one-day meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The oil ministers met to try to agree upon a unified stance to take to OPEC next month. The question before OPEC is whether to increase production to ease prices.

Though the statement was guarded, Gulf officials speaking on condition of anonymity said the Gulf states were leaning toward a slight increase in production of between 2 million and 2.5 million barrels a day to reach a price of between $20 and $25 a barrel.

Country club joins chamber

Snyder Country Club was welcomed as a new member of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce during that organization's regular monthly board meeting Tuesday.

Following the approval of the minutes and financial statements, executive director Donna Fowler updated the board on upcoming events at Scurry County Coliseum.

Fowler said the coliseum is booked for several events in the coming months, and some of the larger events are the Upside Downers Tumbling & Trampoline meet on March 4 where 500 to 700 are expected to try out to qualify for state competition, and the Snyder Wheels and Car Show & Swap Meet on March 11.

A hamburger supper, reunion and jam session for participants in the West Texas Music Festival is set for May 16 at the home of Jack Greene, Fowler said. The schedule for the mid-May event is available at the chamber or several local businesses.

Board members attending the meeting included Mike Rodriquez, Carl Burleson, Ben Murphy, Dr. Melissa Jones, Trent Driggers, Jack Whitworth, Paula McWilliams and staff members Sandra Barbosa and Fowler.

Candidates

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grader; and Seth, 9, a third grader.

No one has yet to file for trustee positions on the Snyder or Hermleigh school boards.

Other positions up for re-election include the terms of Mike Levens in Place 2 and Richard Chambers in Place 3 on the Snyder school board, the term of Dirk Dunn in Place 5 on the Ira School Board, and the terms of Alan Culp, Tim Dacus and Vance Reynolds on the Hermleigh school board.

The filing period ends March 22.

DCOS to meet

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday for its regular monthly meeting.

Action items include a donation to the Arnold Lorber Memorial Scholarship fund at Western Texas College, and the consideration of the monthly financial statements, including the payment of bills.

Executive Director John DeLille will give his monthly report, and the board will meet in executive session to continue DeLille's yearly evaluation.

The meeting will be at the DCOS offices in the American State Bank building.

Deputies take report of theft

Deputies investigated a report of an equipment theft Tuesday.

Bob Head notified deputies at 5:02 p.m. that someone had stolen an air wrench from a barn located on Buffalo Lane. An offense report was filed.

One subject was arrested Tuesday. Department of Public Safety troopers took a 17-year-old male in to custody at 9:21 p.m. at 36th Place and Avenue E for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 3:42 a.m. today, an officer reported a juvenile female running from him and hiding under a truck. The girl was taken into custody and released to her father.

Officers also responded to two accidents Tuesday.

At 4:19 p.m., a mishap occurred in the Western Texas College parking lot. Involved were a 1994 Chevrolet G-20 van driven by Jeremy Ryan Jennings, 17, of Sweetwater and a parked, unattended, 1999 Toyota Corolla owned by James Edward Waters of Albany.

A two-vehicle accident occurred in the United parking lot, 3500 College, around 6:35 p.m. Involved were a Chevrolet pickup driven by Clarance Elton Rutledge Jr., 76, of 3742 Dalton and a parked, unoccupied 1989 Mercury Cougar owned by Twennette Ramirez Alvarez of 3724 Austin.

Obituaries

Sadie Longbotham

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Funeral service for Sadie Estelle Longbotham, a native of Scurry County, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Chapel.


Longbotham

Dr. Mary Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Longbotham, 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, in Manor Park in Midland after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 9, 1917 in Fluvanna, she married Bernard Longbotham on May 30, 1936 in Colorado City. He died Jan. 10, 1987.

Reared by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Harpole, Mrs. Longbotham was a bookkeeper and accountant and was a member of the Martin Pruitt Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Morris Williamson; three brothers, Mays Jenkins, Ben Jenkins and J.R. Jenkins; two sisters, Mary Mitchell and Frances Stockton; and three cousins, Ilene Newton, Polly Phillips and Hal Harpole.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty and John Richardson of Dunn and Connie Williamson of Odessa; four grandchildren, Morris Williamson of Stanton, Mary Williamson of Odessa, Jessica Raatz of Irving and Amy Hargrove of Snyder; and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Hazel Buswell

1908-2000

TEMPLE — Hazel Griffin Buswell, former Snyder school teacher, died Monday, Feb. 21, in a Temple hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Buswell, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home with Dr. Rodney Bolejack officiating. Burial will be in Rest Haven Memorial Garden in Eldorado, Ark., at 3 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Buswell was born Feb. 7, 1908 in Homer, La., to William Simmon and Eva Lorena Brown Griffin. She married Monroe F. Buswell on Dec. 8, 1928 in Camdon, Ark. He died Dec. 7, 1985.

Living in Eldorado, she moved to Snyder in 1940 and had lived in Temple since 1972. Mrs. Buswell attended Arkansas State Teachers College, Lubbock University and Texas Tech where she received her master's degree. She taught school in Snyder and Eldorado and was a member of the Retired Teacher's Association and Business and Professional Women's Association since 1972. She was also a member of Meadow Oaks Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Aleene V. Buswell, and one brother, Mack L. Griffin.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Jane Buswell of Temple; two brothers, Thomas L. Griffin of El Paso, and Jack C. Griffin of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and one grandson.

Luis Medrano

1954-2000

COLORADO CITY – Joe Luis "Camel" Medrano, died Sunday, Feb. 20, in Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Graveside service for Mr. Medrano, 45, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Mitchell County Cemetery. The Rev. Guadalupe Salazar, pastor of the Temple Word of Life, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home in Snyder.

A prayer service is set for 7 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Born July 4, 1954 in Loraine, Mr. Medrano was a resident of Colorado City and a construction worker.

Survivors include a daughter, Conney Medrano of Colorado City; three sisters, Anita Cantu of Loraine, Mary Cantu of Dallas and Donna Medrano of El Paso; and two brothers, Simon Medrano and Rudy Medrano, both of Colorado City.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church is hosting a revival at 7 nightly through Friday. Dr. Clyde Spain is the guest speaker.

Free tax help

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

Pesticides class

WTC will host a pesticides class for area farmers from 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the Learning Resource Center. Cost is $5. Three CEUs will be awarded for attendance. The program is sponsored by WTC and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. It will also be transmitted to Stamford and Anson High Schools via ITV. To register, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Russian missionary to speak

Roy Campbell, a Russian missionary, will speak at the Snyder First Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m. Friday. The church is located at 2462 S. Highway 208.

Ira class picture deadline

The envelopes to order a class picture for Ira grades K-12 are due back by Friday. The cost is $7 each

CPR classes

Cogdell Hospital and the American Heart Association will present two CPR courses Saturday at the Cogdell education building, 5303 Trinity Blvd. A basic Heart Saver CRP course will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Cost is $5. An infant-child CPR course (Pedi BLS) will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. and the cost is $10. Advanced registration is required by calling 574-7349.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 2."

Scurry County genealogical society

The society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library.

WTC basic education classes

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

Senior Citizens swimnastics

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

SHS senior parents

All parents of Snyder High School seniors are invited to a meeting at 8:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the student center to plan graduation activities for the class of 2000. Call 573-3357 for more information.

Ira pep rally

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. next Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Windbreak trees

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

WTC planetarium shows

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

Snyder Junior High musical

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will be presented March 2-4 and March 6. Tickets are on sale now at the school.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

5-23-25-27-35

Pick 3

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

3-7-3

Concept car has high fuel economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Dodge ESX3 concept car from DaimlerChrysler Corp. has a hybrid diesel and electric engine and gets 72 mpg while comfortably seating five people with plenty of trunk space.

Displayed for the first time Tuesday, it is the latest concept car as DaimlerChrysler, General Motors and Ford Motor compete to meet a goal set by President Clinton in 1993 to build a practical and affordable family sedan that gets 80 mpg.

But DaimlerChrysler is taking the lead on two fronts: discussing price — about $28,500 for the ESX3, compared with about $21,000 for today's similarly-sized Dodge Intrepid — and saying that building an affordable car is more important than meeting a strict miles-per-gallon figure.

"People won't pay exclusively for fuel economy. The way to get this car to market is to make trade-offs to get it close to the point where people will pay for it," said Bernard Robertson, DaimlerChrysler's senior vice president for engineering technologies.

The company said Tuesday that two years ago the ESX2, the previous concept car, would have cost $15,000 more than an Intrepid. Chrysler has shaved that price difference in half while raising the fuel economy from 70 mpg to 72 mpg.

Reality shows are hot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rick Rockwell's whirlwind wedding may be headed for a quickie annulment, but networks are still in love with reality-based shows.

Despite the flap following last week's airing of "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire," no less than three new series plan to take the gamble of putting real people in real-life dramas for fun and profit.

"Making the Band," ABC's behind-the-scenes look at a pop band, debuts March 24. This summer, CBS will air "Survivor," which will strand contestants on an island to compete for $1 million, and "Big Brother," which will stick players in a house filled with cameras.

"I think this train has left the station. This one thing is not going to derail it," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "These shows are huge, and I think they're going to get huger still."

Still, other networks said they were taking heed of Fox's misadventure. On its Feb. 15 "Marry" special, Rockwell picked nurse Darva Conger from among 50 contestants and married her on TV.

Fox at first caught a ratings bouquet but was left holding a can of worms following the disclosure that Rockwell was once accused by an ex-girlfriend of threatening her.

"This certainly heightens awareness of the need to be careful," said CBS spokesman Chris Ender. "We're confident that our casting and screening process will ensure that everyone involved is appropriate and ready for the experience."

It was ABC's hit quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" that proved the potential of reality series, while Fox's "Marry" showed the pitfalls. Fox canceled a rerun of the program as well as plans for a sequel after Rockwell's past was exposed by the online news service The Smoking Gun.

A California judge issued a restraining order against Rockwell in 1991 sought by his ex-fiancee, Debbie Goyne, who said Rockwell had hit her and threatened to kill her.

Rockwell told "Dateline NBC" on Tuesday that he never hit Goyne, although he admitted to once letting the air out of her car's tires. He said he has a temper but "it doesn't manifest itself too often."

As for his marriage to Conger, it wasn't consummated during their Caribbean honeymoon, Rockwell said. The pair, who slept in separate rooms for all but one night, had signed an agreement that they could seek an annulment — no questions asked.

He said he thought that would happen.

"She went back with her mom," he said of Conger, a 34-year-old Gulf War veteran and fellow Californian.

Friends have suggested that Rockwell, who has performed as a comedian, may have been seeking publicity.

Martin does it for the youth

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"I think I've helped by selling them cheaper than anybody else because I couldn't afford to buy my children's club calves. That's why I'm hanging on. I'm too old to go, but I still love it on that account.

"I love them cows. My wife loves to fool with them, too. So that's still making it a family deal.

"I just love my business," Martin said. "Everybody tells me at 85, you're supposed to quit. But I love it, and as long as I can go and I feel like it, the Lord says that's my job. I sure feel like he says it's all right. I honestly believe that this was my calling, even though he left me poor all my life. But, I still love those cows."

Shuttle got 'crown jewel' radar images

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its six astronauts have returned from an Earth-surveying mission that promises to yield the best maps ever of the world's peaks and valleys.

Glinting orange and pink from the setting sun, the shuttle was visible in the sky a full four minutes before touchdown Tuesday.

"I guess we put on a fairly nice show where folks could see us from pretty far out," commander Kevin Kregel said after emerging from Endeavour. "It was even better from inside."

Gusty wind at the runway kept the astronauts up for an extra orbit and delayed their homecoming by 11/2 hours.

During their 11-day flight, the astronauts worked in round-the-clock shifts to keep two large radar antennas running — one in the shuttle cargo bay and one on the end of a 197-foot mast. The method is expected to produce precise 3-D maps of Earth's topography.

The radar mapped 43.5 million square miles of Earth's terrain at least twice, just 2.5 million square miles shy of NASA's original goal. The surveyed land stretched as far north as British Columbia and as far south as Cape Horn — representing three-quarters of the world's terrain.

A faulty thruster on the end of the radar mast forced the crew to use extra shuttle fuel to steady the mast, the longest rigid structure ever deployed in space. To save fuel, the astronauts had to cut short their mapping by 13 hours.

"I thought this mission was one of the most challenging, difficult missions we ever undertook," said NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. "We deployed a 200-foot boom and held the tip to inches. The radar was a few thousand pounds. The technology was incredible."

Within three hours of touchdown, technicians had unloaded the 326 digital tapes containing the radar data. After several weeks of making copies of everything, the tapes will be flown to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Scientists will keep the originals in humidity- and temperature-controlled chambers.

"We're really going to baby these things, obviously, because they're our crown jewels," said Michael Kobrick, the laboratory scientist in charge of the project.

NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, expect it will take one to two years to analyze all of the tapes. The astronauts collected nearly 12 terabytes of data, enough to fill 20,600 compact discs.

The best maps will be reserved for the military. The Pentagon will use the information to improve the aim of missiles and provide better navigation for fighter pilots and ground troops.

Everyone else — archaeologists, geologists, airline pilots, emergency relief groups — will have to settle for less precise charts. But even those will be better than current ones.

Strange bedfellows find common cause

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Attorneys for the Rev. Jesse Jackson have an odd ally in their legal fight against the Decatur school board — white supremacist Matt Hale.

Hale and Lewis Myers Jr., an attorney for Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, both hope to block the Decatur school board's attempt to ban on-campus demonstrations.

The school district is seeking authority to keep protesters 50 feet from school grounds, saying last year's demonstrations over the expulsions of six black students disrupted the educational process.

"We are not interested in stifling their opinions," school board attorney Everett Nicholas told Circuit Court Judge James Hendrian. "But the actions of these defendants prevented students from attending school."

Hendrian ordered the parties to return today to finish presenting evidence before he decides the fate of a temporary injunction barring protesters from the city schools' property.

Myers and Hale argued that their respective demonstrations were not disruptive. Myers said the injunction is not necessary because demonstrations ended months ago.

Over 10 days in November, protesters and police officers were in Decatur almost daily, mostly on or near the grounds of Eisenhower High School.

Students at that school's Sept. 17 football game were involved in a bleacher-clearing brawl that ended with six expelled for two years.

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition fought to cut the expulsions to one year, while Hale and a handful of his supporters staged their own rallies to support the expulsions.

New insect Web site unveiled by TDA

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Agriculture is filling its Web site with thousands of bugs — on purpose.

In an attempt to help farmers cope with the state's cadre of crop-eating pests, the agency is spending about $13,000 to expand an online picture gallery to include up to 5,000 of the state's most common insects.

Farmers who find an unknown insect will be able to use the Web site to try and match it with one in the database, which features pictures and descriptions of the listed bugs.

"Just by identifying it correctly you can know if it is something you need to treat or something you can ignore," John Jackman, a researcher from the Texas A&M entomology department in College Station and one of two researchers on the project, told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

The site currently features over 1,000 insects. Jackman said eventually all of the bugs will be loaded into single, searchable database that researchers hope will draw greater interest from gardeners and homeowners as well as farmers.

Jackman said other states have similar sites, but not on the Texas-sized scale. "I'm not sure any of them will be as extensive as what we have," he said.

The site registered 2.5 million hits last year, with the most frequently accessed bug being the poisonous brown recluse spider.

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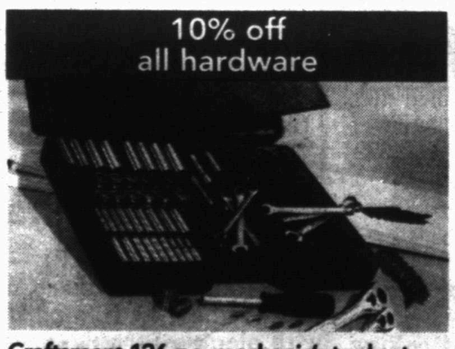
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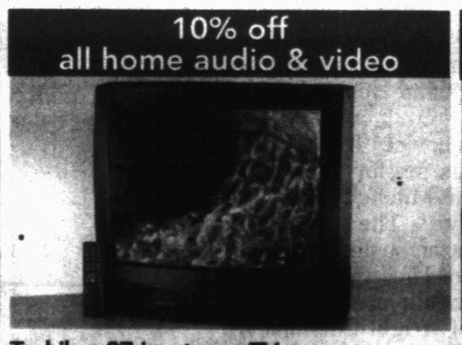


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