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Midwest, Stamford Electric co-ops talking merger

Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative are working out the details of a proposed consolidation, representatives of the two companies announced Saturday.

Combined studies by the cooperatives and independent consulting and accounting firms indicate a consolidation would result in significant benefits to each, representatives said.

The proposal will continue to be studied by the boards of directors, managements and consultants and each cooperative plans to offer recommendations to their member owners in the next few months.

Members of each cooperative will vote on the consolidation before it can become effective.

Stamford Electric Cooperative adjoins Midwest Electric to the east and both are approximately the same size. Midwest has 5,738 meters and a membership of 2,570. Stamford Electric has 5,971 meters and a membership of 2,465.

Officials from the cooperatives said that if the consolidation is approved, neither cooperative will be relocated, nor any offices closed.

On Friday, Jerry Stapp officially took over as general manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative. Long-time Midwest manager Vesta Orr, who has also been managing Stamford Electric Co-op since April, will become the executive assistanct to the manager and Midwest board of directors. He will continue to work in that capacity until January, 2000.

If the consolidation takes place, there will be no change in the manner in which electrical service is provided, representatives said.

"We would simply be able to provide your service more efficiently and economically due to the scale of economics," Midwest Electric stated in a notice to its members.

The two cooperatives operate jointly in Jones, Stonewall and Fisher counties. Midwest Electric also has customers in Scurry, Borden, Nolan, Garza, Mitchell and Kent counties while Stamford Electric has customers in Haskell, Shackleford and Throckmorton.

Combined, the two cooperatives have 5,210 miles of line.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Change is inevitable — except from a vending machine."

In Virginia, junior college student Garrett Burris was just trying to help a friend beat a speeding ticket. Instead, he found himself in hot water.

Burris arrived in court with a stack of law books and articles on radar detection. His friend was fighting a $50 ticket issued last summer by a state trooper.

Burris grilled the highway patrolman for more than 30 minutes. During a recess, a prosecutor questioned Burris who admitted that he was not a lawyer.

Burris told the judge he had read a lot about radar cases, and was there trying to help his friend.

The friend had to pay the $50 ticket, and the lawyer wanna-be was charged with practicing law without a license. He faces a year in jail and a $2,500 fine.

The devil made us ask the question.

If it's illegal for a person to impersonate a lawyer, is it illegal for a lawyer to impersonate a person?

Somebody — a lawyer, I think — gave us a book entitled, "Lawyers and Other Reptiles."

It tells of a rabbi, a Hindu and a lawyer who were driving through the country when their car broke down.

They sought to spend the night at a nearby farm, but only two beds were available. One of the travelers would have to sleep in the barn, so the Hindu volunteered.

Moments later, there was a knock on the door and the Hindu explained it was impossible for him to stay there, since there was a cow in the barn.

The rabbi volunteered to take his place. A few minutes later, there was a knock on the farmhouse door. It was the rabbi who explained that a pig is not kosher, therefore the rabbi could not stay in the barn.

So the lawyer went to the barn to sleep. Minutes later, there was a knock on the farmhouse door. It was the cow and the pig.

And the same book ends with the question of how many lawyer jokes really exist.

Answer: Just three. The rest are true stories.



WTC GRADUATION — Alisha Cooper, student activities director, checks the order of Western Texas College graduates prior to their receiving diplomas at the Sentell Memorial Stage Friday night in the central courtyard. From left are Benny Owen of Snyder, Cody Parrott of Coleman, Charlesta Scott of Snyder and Otis Shepherd of Lubbock. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Trustee elections going on in county

Polls opened at 7 o'clock Saturday morning for three board of trustee elections in Scurry County.

There are two voting locations — City Hall for the Western Texas College and Snyder ISD elections and Ira Community Center for the Ira ISD election.

Polls close at 7 p.m.

Snyder ISD has two at-large positions on the ballot and three candidates. Seeking seats on the board are TDCJ Lt. Danny Bass, Windham School District deputy regional director Bill Moss and incumbent Luann Burleson.

On the board at Ira, Place 7 incumbent Doug White faces a challenge from Ira Pump & Supply general manager Carl Smith. Also on the ballot but unopposed is Place 6 incumbent Keith Clements.

There is one contested race on the ballot for Western Texas College trustee. It's for Place 4, where local chiropractor Dr. James Hanks is challenging incumbent and board president Dr. Jay Kidd. Place 5 is also on the ballot, with incumbent Carolyn Barbee as the sole candidate.

Voters must have a valid voter registration card and reside within the boundaries of the particular public school or college district in which they wish to cast a ballot.

Food and fun promised for May Day fete

May Day has arrived and the annual event gives local and area citizens a chance for some entertainment and an opportunity to help out a vital part of the community.

The Senior Center fundraiser features a barbecue and auction, all set at Scurry County Coliseum.

Doors opened at 2 o'clock Saturday with booths offering arts and crafts and home-baked goods. A silent auction goes on all afternoon.

There's no charge for admission and the Hoss Clayton Band, the Sparkle City Liners, the Deep Creek Cloggers and the Kitchen Band will provide almost constant entertainment.

The Mobil Cooking Team will serve up a barbecue meal from 4:30 until 6 o'clock. Tickets are $5 a plate and can be purchased at the coliseum.

The auction begins at 6:30, giving May Day goers the opportunity to buy handcrafted quilts, afghans, dolls and baby quilts.

All funds raised go to support the Senior Center.

Monday and Tuesday...

Trustees to refocus on bond issue

Snyder ISD board members have two workshops scheduled this week as they continue to chisel out items to be included on a proposed bond issue for the district.

Trustees have a 5:30 p.m. meeting set Monday and a noon meeting on Tuesday. Both will be at the school administration building.

The bond issue comes in response to the district's aging buildings. Architects have said the structures themselves are sound, but need extensive electrical, heating, cooling and plumbing work. Trustees also want to replace portable buildings with permanent ones.

Other options include closing between one and three of the district's five elementary schools and building new wings or even new schools.

The various proposals range in price from about $20 million to $29 million, with most trustees seeming to favor staying in the lower range.

Superintendent Gayle Lomax said Friday he is looking for the board to focus in on the direction the district is to take during Monday's meeting.

"I then expect the board to adopt a resolution calling for the election when it meets Tuesday," he said.

Lomax said that's the time line at the present, but more meetings may be held if the board deems them necessary.

Also meeting with the board Monday will be BGR architects Coda Stephenson and Mike Briggs.

Stephenson and Briggs have met a number of times with the board, including all the campus meetings and at a town hall meeting last Monday.

In all, the firm has put in more than 300 manhours on the project, including a survey of the facilities conducted last fall.

Briggs said Friday his firm is most impressed with the openness of the Snyder school board in getting input from local citizens.

"They (the board) have probably looked at more options and been more thorough than any board we have worked with in a long time," said Briggs.

"I think they have been very thorough in trying to cover all the possibilities, by looking at everything from renovation to building new facilities."

One reason to make a decision in the coming week is that the board makeup will change on May 14, when Charles Anderson will go off the board. One other trustee, Luann Burleson, is among three candidates in an election going on Saturday for two at-large board positions. If defeated, she would also go off the board on the 14th.

Both Anderson and Burleson are familiar with all aspects of the proposed renovations. Although candidates in Saturday's election have all indicated the need for a bond issue, the project would likely be delayed if time is taken to familiarize two newly-elected trustees with the details.

TCA adding Disney to regular lineup

Monthly fee hike will occur in June

While the City of Snyder continues to do its homework to prepare for the cable TV franchise renewal process with TCA Cable TV, the local cable company is doing what it can to put its best image forward.

On April 22, the company switched to different country music programming to provide what TCA general manager Archie Kountze describes as, "more music and fewer commercials."

Friday, the company announced that the Disney Channel will be available on the company's standard channel lineup. Previously, it was available only on the optional premium service at $7.21 monthly.

The Disney programming will be seen on Channel 34.

While the Disney channel is being added to the standard lineup, there will an increase in that service.

It will increase from $13.90 per month to $15.08 a month.

At the same time, basic service will increase from $7.03 to $7.45.

The monthly cost of a remote control converter from the company will drop six cents, from $2.01 to $1.95.

In its letter to the city explaining its new rates and service, the company said the prices do not include sales tax, and were determined in accordance with guidelines established by the Federal Communications Commission.

The changes will coincide with the June billing, Kountze said.

The franchise with the cable company expires May, 2000.

During Monday's 6:30 p.m. council meeting, members will consider the appointment of a cable television performance review committee.

County Court agenda short

Scurry County Commissioners Court convenes at 10 a.m. Monday, with payment of bills the only item on the agenda.

On Wednesday, commissioners will meet with the Snyder City Council and Snyder ISD board of trustees at 7 a.m. in the Travis Gym to review the STAR program.

Law Enforcement Banquet planned Tuesday in Snyder

Peace officers of all types will congregate at Scurry County Coliseum on Tuesday.

Bringing them to Snyder is the annual Northwest Texas Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet hosted by State Rep. David

...quet begins at 6

...s Comptroller ...nd Democra... ...for lieutenant governor, will be the guest speaker.

Rep. Counts will serve as master of ceremonies. Other state officials will be in attendance.

"This is an opportunity for members of the Legislature to show their appreciation for the work these men and women do and honor them for their outstanding services to the cities, towns and communities where they live

See Banquet, Page 14A

ASK US

Q—Is there a law against skate-boarding or the like on city streets?

A—Yes. The city's traffic laws reads that a person cannot roller skate or ride on a coaster or similar device on city streets, except when crossing the street at a crosswalk.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 90 degrees; low, 54; 7 a.m. Saturday, 58; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low around 55. NE wind 10-20 mph, Sunday, sunny. High around 85. NE wind 5-15 mph.



Kriston Alarcon
Sunny

Sunset: 8:24 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 121 days in 1998, the sun has shone 119 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Men, for the sake of getting a living, forget to live.

Margaret Fuller

Massive federal spending highway law lapses

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's national flower, the highway cloverleaf, may be facing a drought.

The multibillion-dollar law that governs federal highway spending lapsed Friday, a situation some see as a major asphalt bungle and others contend is little more than a speed bump on the route to better roads.

The result could be delayed highway projects and curtailed safety inspection programs, Clinton administration officials say.

"We're not going to see the bulldozers stop or the asphalt pavers grind to a halt," responded Steve Bentfield, an aide to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"There will be no dropping of the shovels," agreed Nicholas Graham, spokesman for committee Chairman John H. Chafee, R-R.I.

Graham explained that expiration of the law blocks state transportation departments from issuing new road contracts using federal money. But "any contracts that have been granted are still ongoing and will continue," he said.

"It may not be the construction itself, but it may be the preparation work that is affected," Transportation Department spokesman Bill Schulz contended.

"If states cannot anticipate that they will have federal funds to pay for a program in July or August or September, they're going to question if they should begin advertising for it. So it begins to set (work) back," Schulz said.

Already, he added, states have been faced with having to pick up the federal 80 percent share of the pay of 3,200 truck safety inspectors. Money for that ran out March 31 under the highway bill extension, he said.

Most states have enough money of their own to keep highway projects going, Graham said. At most, the disruption would be "a couple of minor pains in certain states, but no migraine headaches," he said.

In Pennsylvania, for example, state highway spokesman Rich Kirkpatrick expects few problems.

"We anticipated that this day was coming," Kirkpatrick said. He noted that the bill is expected to pass eventually and that cash flow would not become a problem unless the impasse stretches into late this year.

But the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials said that even under the temporary highway law, safety programs have been hard hit by money shortages, with anti-drunken driving and other programs cut back or canceled.

In addition, the group said, long-term planning for projects has been disrupted, forcing states to speculate on future federal funding levels in developing multiyear plans that will have to be rewritten when a new law is enacted.

Some Northern states could face the loss of an entire construction season because of delays in planning and bidding on projects, the association said.

And, it said, project costs will increase because of delayed starts, extending projects over two construction seasons and crowding projects into shorter time spans once a law is enacted.

The highway law expired last fall, but was extended to May 1 when Congress was unable to agree on a replacement.

Chafee and Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., the House Transportation Committee chairman, oppose further extension, saying that would only complicate and delay a final agreement.

The Senate approved a $214 billion highway bill and the House a $217 billion version. A conference committee hopes to work out differences this month. However, both bills exceed spending limits set in last year's balanced-budget agreement by more than $30 billion.

Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater has called both measures "far in excess of anything we can afford." And he acknowledged in an interview Friday night that the administration's proposal calls for record-level spending.

"But clearly, we did it in a way that honors the balanced-budget agreement and that also honors other critical national priorities, such as education, child care, investment in the environment," he said.

White House budget director Franklin D. Raines said Friday in a letter to key lawmakers that the excess spending in the bills would either squander the anticipated budget surplus or lead to unacceptable cuts in other programs.

The Conscience
"Hope For Life's Journey"
Overcoming Temptation
TCA Cable TV - Channel #2
Mon., May 4, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

Rapper arrested

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Snoop Doggy Dogg and another rapper were arrested for investigation of marijuana possession at a comedy show, and a crowd of about 60 fans rushed backstage to get a closer look.

Calvin Broadus, 26, who goes by the stage name Snoop Doggy Dogg, and fellow rapper Delmar Arnaud were arrested Friday and booked on one count each of misdemeanor marijuana possession, sheriff's Lt. Brad Welker.

They were released after receiving a citation to appear in court.

Each was found with a baggy containing less than one ounce of the drug, he said.

Deputies got a call of a disturbance Friday night at the Universal Amphitheatre about four miles northeast of Los Angeles. More than 20 police officers and 50 security guards responded and restored order within 15 minutes.

"There were no injuries and no fights," Welker said. "Everything happened backstage. No one at the front of the stage knew what was going on."

Broadus was not scheduled to be in the "I Got the Hook Up" comedy lineup but gave an impromptu performance along with Arnaud.

After he was finished, Broadus walked backstage, where he was slapped in the face by an unidentified male, Welker said. Broadus alerted a sheriff's deputy at the scene, who smelled marijuana and searched him.

Broadus was convicted in 1990 of cocaine possession.

Abbey Boles in Who's Who

FORTH WORTH — Senior English major Abbey Boles of Snyder is listed among 51 students from Texas Wesleyan University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders to appear in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Boles, the daughter of Bill and Lois Boles of Snyder, is a 1994 graduate of Ranger High School and is involved in the Wesleyan campus community. She served as president from 1997-1998 and secretary from 1995-1996 of Alpha Xi Delta social fraternity; president in 1996 and secretary in 1995 of the Pre-College Teaching Society; secretary of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, 1996-1998; Fine Arts representative for Student Government Association, 1996-1997.

Also she was delegate for the United States Student's Association, 1997; member and instructor of the Peer Leadership Institute, 1996-1997.

Boles is also a member of the Wesleyan Student Foundation, Student Activities Committee, Mortar Board; Greek Council, Elizabeth Hall Council, 1995; Young Republicans, 1997; Student Ambassadors during 1996-1998; Wesleyan Singers, 1994-1998 and the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.

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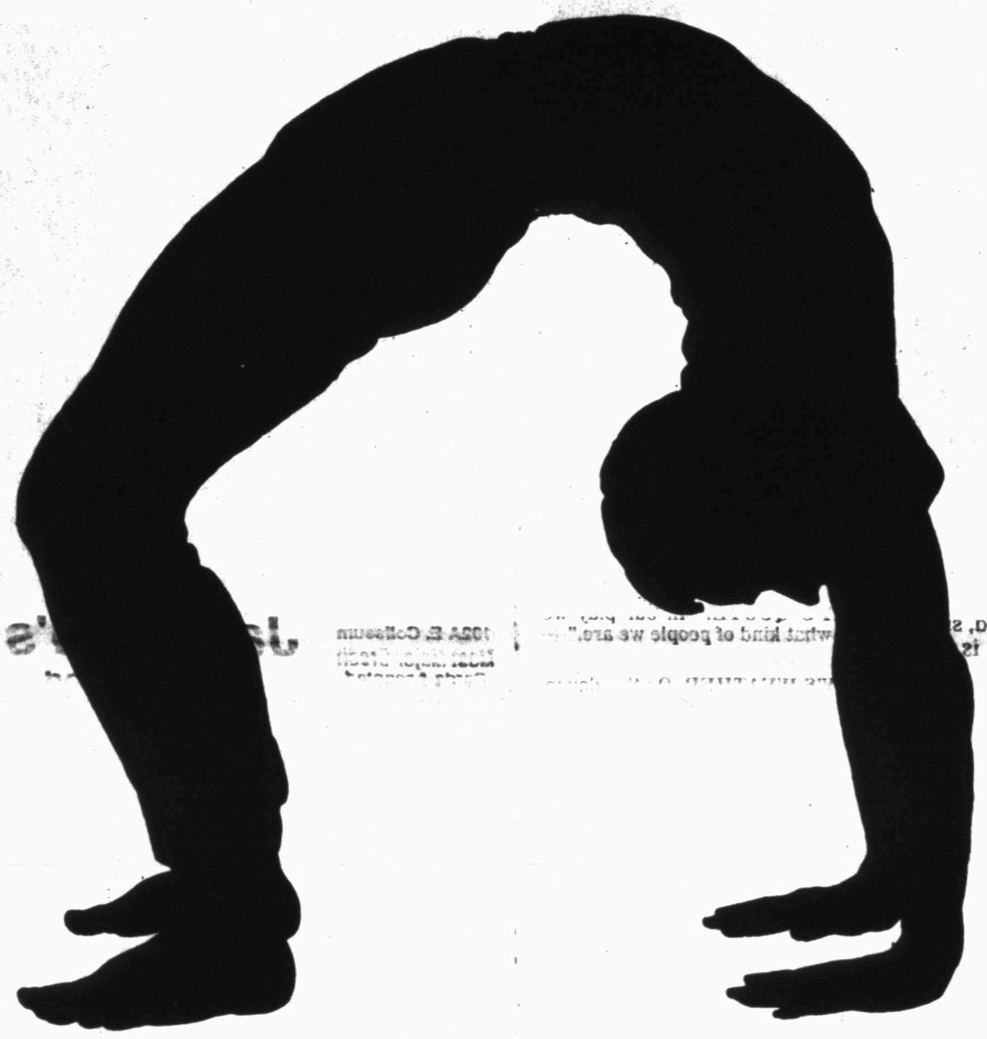
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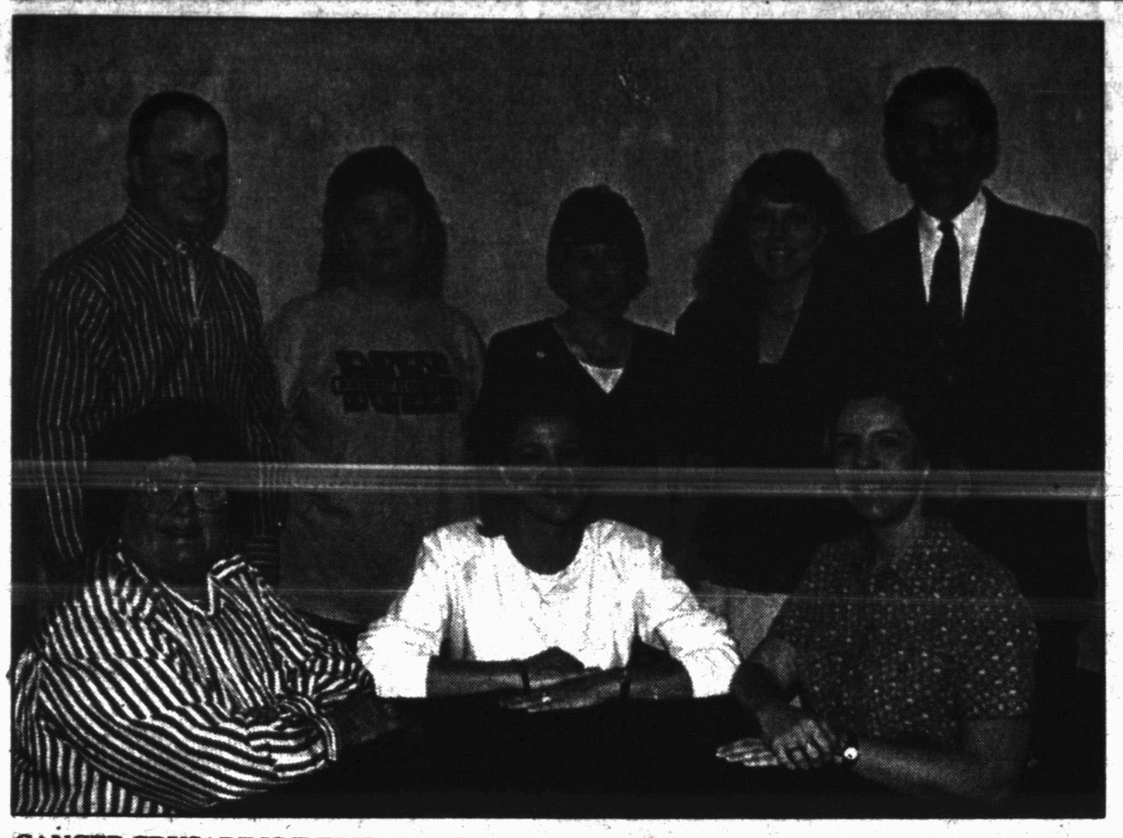
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CANCER CRUSADE UNDERWAY — Scurry County businesses will be contacted next week by the following American Cancer Crusade workers. Seated from left are Kaye Cypert, Vicki Gard, Beth Bowen; standing, Jeffrey Martin, Carmen Carpenter, Rachel Welborn, Mary Higdon and Mark Cypert. Others not pictured include Michael Rodriquez, Amy McDaniel, Kirk Herrley, Steve Lee, Jennifer Barnes, Kiron Kemp, William Cotton, Sabrina Cross and Eloise Lambert. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tobacco industry agreement ends colorful health claims

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — "Smoke as many as you want," the ads for Camel cigarettes proclaimed in 1934. "They never get on your nerves."

A year later, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. was telling customers to smoke Camels because "They don't get your wind."

And by 1948, Reynolds was proclaiming that "More doctors smoke camels than any other cigarette."

Cigarette ads with quasi health claims proliferated from the 1930s until the mid-1950s, when they were pulled by tobacco companies as evidence grew linking smoking and disease.

Just how far those early health claims went is outlined in "A Review of Health References in Cigarette Advertising 1927-1964," a document from Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. introduced in Minnesota's tobacco trial.

In 1938, Camel cigarettes were touted as a digestion aid, and 11 years later an ad said, "Not one single case of throat irritation due to smoking Camels!"

Camel wasn't the only brand being hyped for health reasons.

— "Old Gold cigarettes — better ... smoother ... not a cough in a carload," Lorillard Tobacco Co. said in a 1927 ad. Eight years later, the pitch was, "Ask your dentist why Old Golds are better for the teeth."

— "Many prominent athletes smoke Luckies all day long with no harmful effects to wind or physician condition," said a 1929 ad.

— "Philip Morris — a cigarette recognized by eminent medical authorities for its advantages to the nose and throat," the company advertised in 1939.

— "No other cigarette approaches such a degree of health protection and taste satisfaction," Lorillard said of its Kent brand in 1952.

— And, in 1953, Liggett called its L&M cigarettes "Just what the doctor ordered," and B&W was saying its new king-size Viceroy brand "gives double-barreled health protection."

At the same time cigarette makers were making the flashy health claims for their products, scientists were turning up increasing evidence linking smoking and disease.

The research was published in The Reader's Digest — probably the most widely circulated news magazine of the day — and other popular magazines, including Time, Life, Look, Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

Faced with increasing pressure on health issues, the tobacco industry formed the Tobacco Industry Research Committee in 1954, saying the organization would conduct independent research into smoking and health issues.

The competing health claims by cigarette companies ended, for the most part, with the formation of the TIRC, later renamed The Council for Tobacco Research.

Stargazers set new record for most distant object sighting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Astronomers have detected a small galaxy 12.3 billion light-years from Earth — the most distant object ever seen — and say they are on the brink of seeing things even farther away and closer to the big bang beginning of the universe.

"We've already got some candidate objects that are even farther away," said Esther M. Hu, a University of Hawaii astronomer and co-discoverer of the most distant object. "We ar looking about 94 percent of the distance back to the big bang."

The discovery was first announced in Science News, a weekly journal of research reports. The journal is to publish the story on Saturday.

The big-bang theory holds that the universe started with a huge explosion and has been expanding ever since. In the billions of years since, the hydrogen and helium in the big bang have been processed through stars to form other chemicals. Just when the big bang happened is controversial, but most astronomers say it was about 13 billion years ago.

Just six weeks ago, another team of astronomers found a small galaxy about 12.2 billion light-years away to establish a most-distant mark. Both teams used the Keck telescopes in Hawaii. A light-year is the distance light travels in a vacuum in one year, about 5.8 trillion miles.

"The records for most distant galaxies have become really fragile," said Bruce Margon, a University of Washington astronomy professor. "Once they would stand for six or seven years. Now it changes in a matter of months."

Margon said the latest discovery is important because it continues to push back the time when it is known that stars and galaxies formed after the big bang, giving more understanding of the developmental history of the universe.

Hu and her colleagues, Lennox L. Cowie of Hawaii and Richard G. McMahon of the University of Cambridge, England, sighted the distant galaxy by analyzing a particular wavelength of light emitted by hydrogen atoms.

This technique, said Hu, will enable the group to probe even farther back in time and distance.

One way astronomers measure distance and time is by a value called the redshift. This is the amount that a wavelength of light has been stretched, or shifted, by the expanding universe. The new most-distant galaxy found by the Hu team is at a redshift of 5.64. This is about 60 million years earlier than the previous mark, which was a redshift of 5.34.

"We already have candidates at redshift 6.5 and I think we'll eventually push it back to a redshift of 7," said Hu. This would push the viewed universe back to within 4.4 percent, or about 500 million years, of the big bang, she said.

Galaxies at that distance, said Hu, will all be young, only a few tens of millions of years old, since the universe at that point is also very young.

Jerry Springer said he does not want to 'tone show down'

CHICAGO (AP) — Like the guests on his raucous daytime talk show, Jerry Springer says he won't go down without a fight.

Despite his bosses' agreement to eliminate physical violence from the show, Springer was defiant.

"I'm not going to buckle," Springer told shock jock Howard Stern on the air Friday. Springer made the statements at WRQC-FM in Minneapolis, which carries Stern's show.

Springer said he did not attend a meeting with a religious group when the nonviolence agreement was forged by his producer-distributor, Studios USA Network.

Studios USA released a statement Thursday saying it would "eliminate all physical violence from the series."

"I don't know why they issued that statement," Springer said. "That's absurd. ... I don't want to tone it down."

The nonviolence pact came exactly a week after Fox Broadcasting Co.'s Chicago station picked up the show when the local NBC affiliate dropped it because of its increasingly tawdry content.

But along with Springer, Fox's WFLD inherited a boycott led by the Rev. Michael Pfleger, an activist Roman Catholic priest from Chicago who decried the "nudity, the degradation of women, the obscenity" depicted on the show.

Springer conceded that Barry Diller, who owns USA Networks Inc. — parent company of Studios USA Network — owns the show, not him.

"So it's ultimately going to be his decision ... and whoever the people are under him, they'll decide if they want to have me or not," Springer said. "And if they don't want to have me, then I assume maybe someone else (will) then."

Jim Benson, a spokesman for Studios USA, did not return a message Friday from The Associated Press.

Datebook

May 2, 1998

Today is the 122nd day of 1998 and the 44th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1519, Leonardo da Vinci died at age 67.

On this day in 1536, Queen Anne Boleyn was sent to the Tower of London.

On this day in 1993, the remains of cult leader David Koresh were recovered by authorities form the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Catherine the Great (1729-1796), Russian empress; Vernon Castle (1887-1918), dancer; Manfred von Richthofen, "The Red Baron" (1892-1918), German World War I ace; Bing Crosby (1903-1977), actor-singer; Benjamin M. Spock (1903-1998), pediatrician; Theodore Bikel (1924-), singer-actor, is 74; Lesley Gore (1946-), singer, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1876, Chicago's Ross Barnes hit the first home run in National League history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In our play we reveal what kind of people we are." — Ovid

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1929, six tornadoes killed 22 people in Virginia — the state's worst tornado disaster.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees played in his first major league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Enjoying living was learning to get your money's worth and knowing when you had it." — Ernest Hemingway

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, three students were hurt by using an electric pencil sharpener during a thunderstorm in Prichard, Ala.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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May 3, 1998

Today is the 123rd day of 1998 and the 45th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for "Gone With the Wind."

On this day in 1979, Margaret Thatcher was elected as Britain's first woman prime minister.

On this day in 1986, Dolly Parton opened her Dollywood Amusement Park near Gatlinburg, Tenn.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527), statesman and writer; Jacob A. Riis (1849-1914), writer and reformer; Golda Meir (1898-1978), Israeli prime minister; Pete Seeger (1919-), singer-songwriter, is 79; Sugar Ray Robinson (1920-1989), boxing great; James Brown (1928-), singer, is 70; Englebert Humperdinck (1936-), singer, is 62; Frankie Valli (1937-), singer, is 61.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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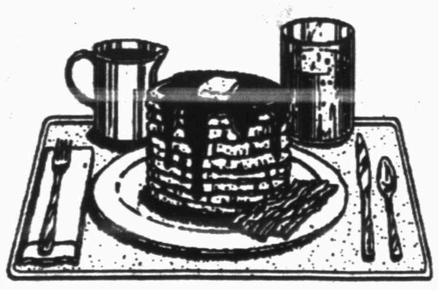
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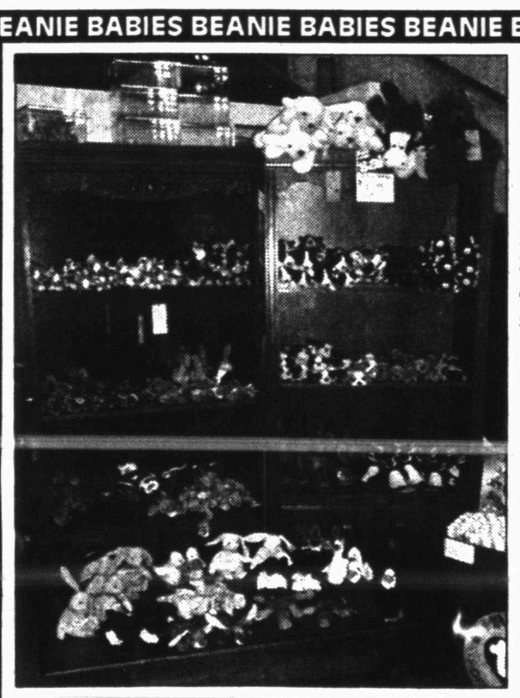
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Federal judge says Texas part of U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cartographers won't have to redraw their maps after all: Texas was, is and shall remain part of the United States.

So says a federal judge in Washington, who rejected the contention of Republic of Texas "chief ambassador" Richard McLaren that Texas is a captive nation illegally annexed by the United States in 1845.

McLaren drew national attention to himself and his separatist cause last year when he engaged in a weeklong standoff with police after his ragtag band launched a raid on some Davis Mountains Resort neighbors, taking two of them hostage.

He is serving a 99-year prison sentence as a result of the siege and faces up to 755 years more in sentencing next month on federal fraud charges related to his group's issuance of $3.4 million in bogus checks.

Just before surrendering last May, McLaren signed a cease-fire agreement with Texas Ranger Capt. Barry Caver stipulating that he could press his case for independence in Washington federal court.

The case sent U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman, or perhaps his law clerks, to the history books.

In his eight-page ruling Thursday, Friedman concluded, "The history of how Texas became a state is admittedly tortuous.

"Indeed, Texas' statehood tale is plagued with political stalling, confusion and delay from 1836, the year in which the Republic of Texas won its independence from Mexico, to 1845, the year in which Texas finally became one of the United States of America. The tale is even more complicated by the fact that Texas attempted to secede from the United States before the Civil War.

"On December 29, 1845, however, Texas did in fact become the 28th state," the judge reasoned, citing an 1868 Supreme Court decision that Texas entered into an "indissoluble relation" when it was admitted into the Union.

McLaren and his wife, Evelyn, filed their suit in September, naming scores of defendants, from President Clinton and the entire 32-member Texas congressional delegation to the United Nations and the government of Mexico.

The McLarens demanded that Friedman dissolve the current government of the "alleged state of Texas" and replace it with Republic of Texas leadership, declare Texas' members of Congress "impostors" and assess more than $66 million in damages.

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Gov. Bush answers letter from West sixth grader

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Frustrated with TAAS (Texas Assesments of Academic Skills) tests, Emily Long, West sixth grader, shared her feelings with her teacher, Elaine Byrd, who suggested that she might want to write the governor.

That is just what the plucky 12-year-old did, and within a few days she received a reply.

Emily told the governor that she did not like the TAAS tests because they put "too much stress on kids." She added that she doesn't think they are helping students to learn, and that they take up too much class time.

She also asked the governor to reply.

In his response, Bush noted that to "achieve excellence in education, Texas must set high standards, and we must test to make sure students and schools are achieving those standards.

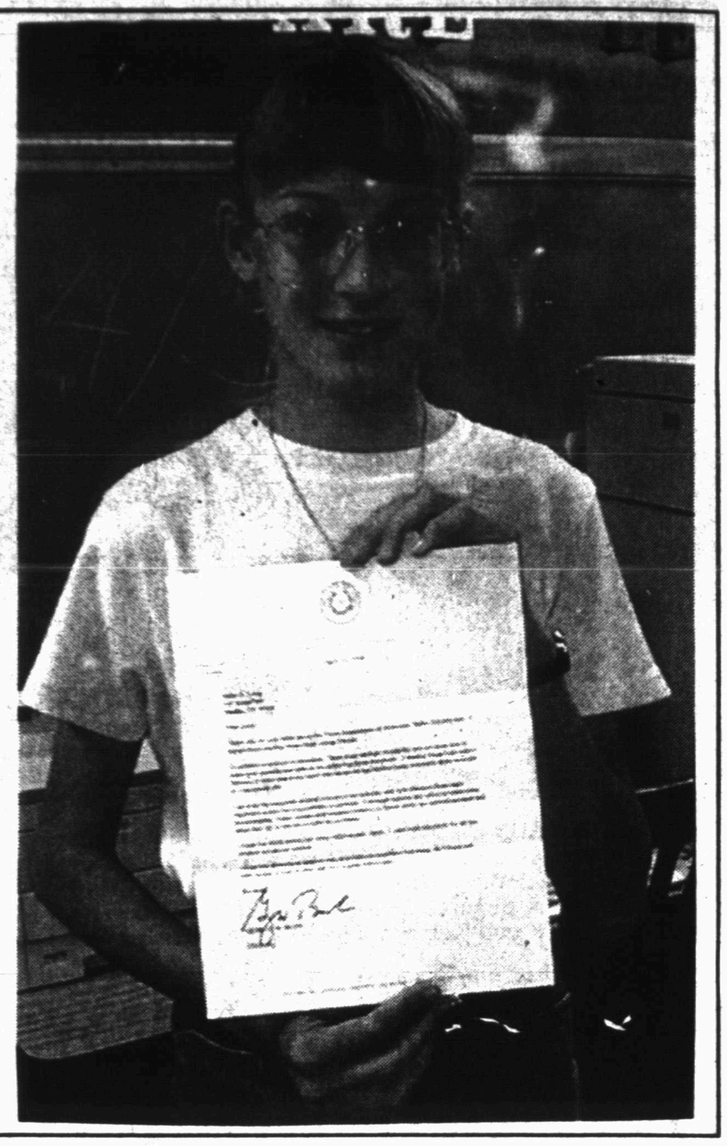
"I want a Texas high school diploma to mean that every child who earns one has learned the basic academic skills essential to a successful life."

Bush also wrote that he "rejects the elitist notion that some children can't learn. I want high standards for all our children and all our schools."

Writing to people in government isn't new to Emily. She e-mailed the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, about two months ago, asking what she (Emily) could do to help save the environment. She noted that she received what she thought was probably a standard reply.

Gov. Bush's personal reply made Emily feel that he took her letter seriously. However, he did not succeed in changing her opinion of TAAS Tests.

Emily's favorite subjects are math and science. She is also a member of the 4-H Horse Club. She is the daughter of Stewart and Aleta Long.



Risks and benefits of NATO expansion

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of NATO expansion invoked stark images of nuclear confrontation at the Polish border, of a jilted Russia befriending China and Iran and of costs to taxpayers of untold billions. Supporters talked of slight costs, European unity, peace and prosperity.

Trying to determine the actual impact — and costs — of bringing Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into the Western military alliance is another thing.

Despite the self-assured and contrary rhetoric from both sides, it may be just too early to know whether the benefits of NATO enlargement outweigh the risks.

The Senate voted 80-19 Thursday to include the three former Soviet satellites in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — and to keep the door open for more to follow.

On the political level, the outcome was a clear foreign-policy victory for the president. And in the final days, he put a heavy effort into achieving it.

On Thursday, when he was occupied with his first full-fledged news conference of the year, President Clinton worked the phones through the day, calling members in a successful effort to ward off weakening amendments. Defense Secretary William Cohen leaned on former Senate colleagues in person while Secretary of State Madeleine Albright lobbied with long-distance phone calls from China.

Addressing workers Friday at a sheet-metal factory in California's Silicon Valley, Clinton called NATO expansion "a big deal" and said it means "your children likely will never have to go there (Europe) to fight and die in a war."

While 11 more of NATO's 16 current members still must ratify the enlargement, the outcome is no longer seriously in doubt now that the United States has approved the deal.

In fact, NATO leaders already are planning a ceremony to formally welcome the three new members at a heads-of-state meeting in Washington in April 1999 to coincide with NATO's 50th anniversary.

The scariest argument raised by opponents was that the sleeping Russian bear might reawaken, angered at the notion of NATO at its very doorstep, and rethreaten its former satellites. That could bring the United States into defending, with nuclear weapons if necessary, territories once part of the Soviet empire.

It could mean nuclear war, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan told colleagues. Sen. Robert G. Torricelli, D-N.J., raised the specter of U.S. forces suddenly having to defend the Polish frontier.

Supporters play down the risk, suggesting a larger NATO would lead to increased stability.

Jeremy Rosner, who spearheaded the Senate lobbying effort for the White House and State Department, said Friday there have never been any plans to station U.S. troops or nuclear weapons in any of the three new member nations — nor are there now.

Critics point to the core NATO agreement — that all nations would respond with force if any individual member were attacked. That's never been tested.

"It is not legally binding as to what you do," Rosner said in an interview. "It may include use of force, but that isn't specified."

As to integrating the three countries' military structure into NATO, "we're already working together in NATO operations," including in Bosnia, Rosner said. He said the actual inclusion of the three in NATO will be relatively seamless.

As to cost, the administration estimates enlargement will cost roughly $1.5 billion over 10 years, of which $400 million would be borne by American taxpayers. Critics estimate $60 billion to $125 billion over the same period — with Americans paying tens of billions.

But much of the variance in cost estimates come from differing assumptions and threat assessments. Again, it's another one of those only-time-will tell situations.

Another concern: An angry Russia will block action on the START 2 arms control agreement. But the Duma, the communist-dominated lower house of Russia's parliament, had already been stalling on the disarmament measure.

Finally, many opponents said they were worried about the next round. Among those waiting in line: Romania and Slovenia and the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Critics contend these three Baltic republics would be difficult to defend because they are small and next to Russian territory.

That may be the case, supporters argue. But, after all, West Berlin was also militarily indefensible. And yet it was never attacked — largely because Moscow knew what the consequences would be.

AP news analysis

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Catholic group angry over skit

NEW YORK (AP) — A Catholic civil rights organization called a skit on Fox's "Mad TV" offensive and urged the network not to air any sequels to the segment that refers to a priest as "Father Fellatio" and shows him groping two women.

The 350,000-member Catholic League said Friday that the show had slurred Roman Catholics.

"It is one thing to poke gentle fun at a priest, quite another to set him up as a depraved cleric," Catholic League president William Donohue said. "The language used was deplorable and it makes absolutely no difference ... that it was a late evening show. There is no legitimate time slot for Catholic bashing."

Fox defended the skit, which aired April 25, saying it featured an ongoing character who specializes in making "politically incorrect" statements.

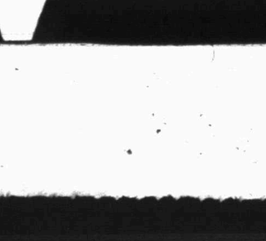
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NINTH PLACE — Morgan Miller, Scurry County 4-H member, recently exhibited her medium weight Chianina steer "Grease," at the 1998 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, where she placed ninth. Her steer was purchased by George Strait, the country and western singer. Morgan is the daughter of Ricky and Stephanie Miller. (Contributed Photo)

Study: 80 percent of world's population lacks free press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only one person in five worldwide has access to news and analysis that is not distorted by government pressure or censored, according to a survey of press freedoms.

The study, released Friday, also suggested that government restraints on the news media contributed to the recent Asian financial crisis.

The survey of 186 countries by Freedom House, a group that monitors political rights and civil liberties worldwide, ranked each country's media as "free," "partly free" or "not free."

It found that 1.2 billion people in 67 nations have access to a free press, 54 countries with 2.2 billion people have partly free news media, and 65 nations with 2.5 billion people do not have a free press.

The ratings are based on a series of questions in each of four categories: legal restrictions on news media, the degree of media independence from the interests of government or other political figures, economic factors that influence news content, and the frequency and severity of violations of press freedom.

Leonard Sussman, author of the report, said that Asian countries that fall in the "free" category, like Japan and the Philippines, suffered less from the economic crisis than those that are "not free," especially Malaysia and Indonesia.

"Pervasive and institutionalized press controls allowed corruption, cronyism and bad economic policy to flourish while the Asian public remained ignorant of and unprepared for the impending collapse," added Sussman.

Economist Sam Kahan does not agree with that analysis.

"It's taking a very complicated issue and trying to solve it in a simplistic way," said Kahan, head of A.S.K. Financial Research of Chicago.

"Having freedom of the press, a democratic institution and free flow of information is important in its own right," he said. "It's also important for the well-functioning of an economic system.

"But the absence of freedom of the press doesn't automatically mean that you're going to have disasters, and its presence doesn't automatically guarantee that no financial or economic problems will occur."

Kahan cited as an example Australia, a democracy that has economic problems, and China, which is not a democracy but which has escaped devastating economic problems.

The ratings, based on 1997 data, reflected some changes from the year before. Countries downgraded to "not free" include Congo-Brazzaville, Djibouti, Kenya, Lebanon and Zimbabwe.

Hubbell concerned about Hillary's work

WASHINGTON (AP) — In conversations taped while he was in prison, Webster Hubbell raised the possibility that Whitewater prosecutors were investigating Hillary Rodham Clinton for double billing on her legal work. "That's kinda the theory," Hubbell told a friend.

The former associate attorney general also suggested that it was "highly possible" that Mrs. Clinton once drew up a controversial document in an Arkansas land deal that is now under investigation by prosecutors.

The tapes also show that Hubbell, even in his darkest days of incarceration, maintained unswerving loyalty to the first family. At one point, he asked his wife to make that clear to White House friends, even giving her the words to say.

Hubbell's phone conversations were taped by prison authorities in 1996. Portions were made available to The Associated Press by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. The recording policy is routine in federal prisons and Hubbell was aware of the taping.

In an Oct. 30, 1996 taped conversation between Hubbell and his attorney, John Nields, they discuss amending past tax returns. Nields told Hubbell he should review an amended return the lawyer had prepared and check the numbers "to make sure it's right."

"Which I should have done last time," Hubbell acknowledged.

Nields also referred to the presidential election six days away with remarks that investigators for the Republican-controlled committee characterized as possibly a reference to a potential presidential pardon, even though the word "pardon" is not on the tape.

"There is some chance that the day after Election Day, they will make a move that moots everything," Nields tells Hubbell. "And I don't want to discourage it. I would like to make a record of complete and forthrightness at every step of the way."

Neither Nields nor Hubbell could be reached Friday night to comment on the Oct. 30 tape, which was released hours earlier by the committee.

In discussing Mrs. Clinton, the former associate attorney general suggested in another conversation that it was "highly possible" she once drew up a controversial document in an Arkansas land deal that is now under investigation by prosecutors.

One Hubbell discussion, with his accountant and friend, Michael C. Schaufele, occurred in August 1996 at a time when Whitewater figure James McDougal had become a cooperating prosecution witness.

Hubbell also was a cooperating witness after pleading guilty to charges he had bilked his clients and the Rose Law Firm, where he and Mrs. Clinton worked as lawyers in Arkansas.

"Is McDougal saying things? Is that what they were asking about?" Schaufele asked.

Hubbell, apparently recounting a recent session with prosecutors, talks about their interest in a real estate deal involving his father-in-law, Seth Ward, under investigation by prosecutors. Mrs. Clinton's law firm records indicate she also may have worked on the deal.

Hubbell suggests prosecutors believe he did the legal work but that both he and Mrs. Clinton billed the client for it.

"Well, it's pretty clear, at least they are speculating that someone — I was doing the work because I was advising Seth," Hubbell said.

"Everybody knows Seth, and knows I couldn't have not advised him," Hubbell said on tape. "So I was billing it but for ... some reason I haven't figured out why — Hillary billed it, my time as hers. That's kinda the theory."

David Kendall, Mrs. Clinton's private lawyer, said the first lady never double-billed. "Mrs. Clinton billed her time for work she, and she alone, did."

Hubbell; his wife, Suzy; his accountant, Schaufele, and Little Rock, Ark., lawyer Charles C. Owen were indicted Thursday on tax charges that included conspiracy, tax evasion, impeding and impairing the Internal Revenue Service and mail fraud.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr struck at Hubbell just 14 months after he finished a 21-month prison term for bilking his clients.

Hubbell repeatedly states on the tapes that he wouldn't do anything that would harm Mrs. Clinton, and he once told his wife to give a message to their White House friends.

"You can say that 'Webb acknowledges that by what he did he hurt his friends, but since that time he has never done anything to hurt them. He has been the most loyal friend they've ever had, and he will continue to do so,'" Hubbell instructs his wife.

"'He's not where he is (in prison) because he hasn't been. And he doesn't intend on changing,'" Hubbell told his wife to say.

In another conversation, presidential aide Marsha Scott asked Hubbell whether there was anything he wanted her to pass on.

"No, just that I'm doing fine," Hubbell said.

Ms. Scott replied: "You're not an issue for any of us. You're our friend. No one wants to harm you."

While Hubbell was incarcerated, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. concluded that a real estate document drafted by Mrs. Clinton in 1986 was used by the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan to hide commissions it was paying to Ward and to mislead regulators.

Mrs. Clinton was not accused of any wrongdoing in the FDIC report. But it raised questions about the extent of her involvement in the controversial land deal that involved the S&L owned by her Whitewater business partners.

Hubbell said on the tapes that a real estate paper, called an "option," may have been used to avoid paying taxes on the deal.

"It's highly possible that he (Ward) walked into Hillary's office when I was out of town and said to Hillary I need an option. And she had her secretary pull up the form," Hubbell said.

"Yeah, it's highly possible," Schaufele replied.

Singer injured

MENDHAM, N.J. (AP) — Bobby Brown was slightly injured when a car in which he was a passenger overturned.

The Range Rover was traveling around a curve less than a mile from Brown's Mendham home when it flipped over early Thursday, police said.

Brown, 31, was treated at a hospital for a cut on his right wrist and released. Police said the driver, Shawn Cummings, 24, also escaped serious injury.

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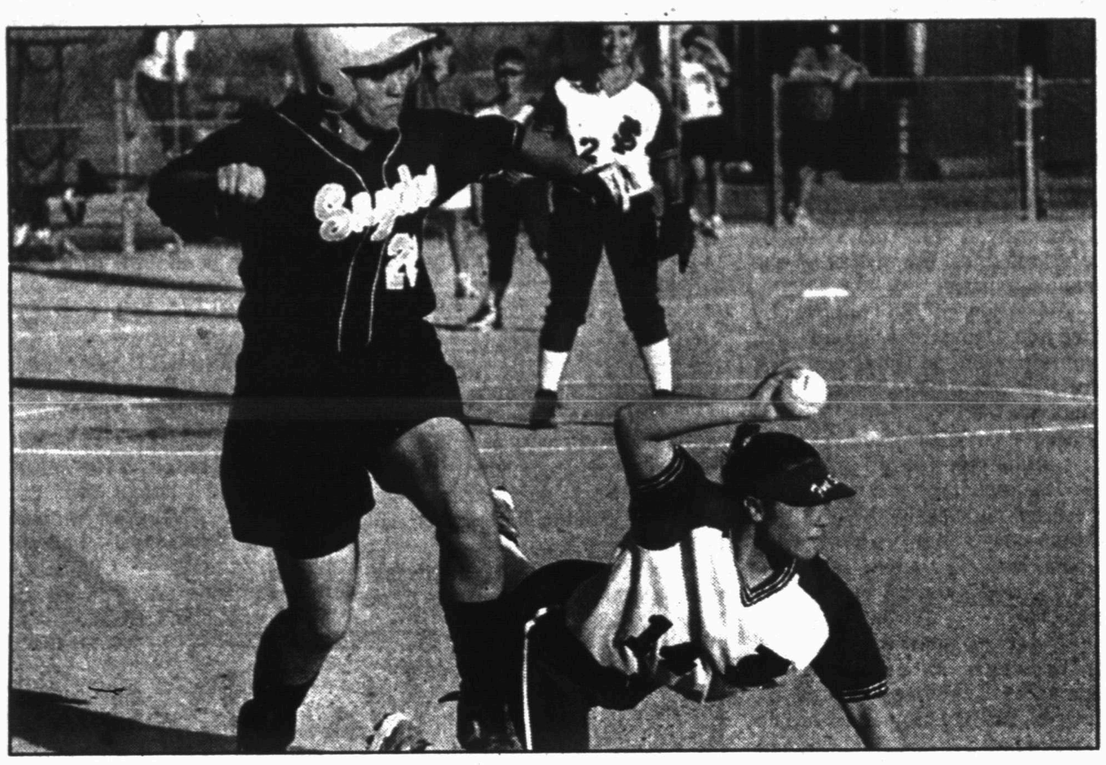
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SPORTS



HERE IT IS — Ft. Stockton first baseman Kimberly Lockhart comes up with the ball as Snyder's Shanna Fisk runs to first base during the area softball playoff game Friday night in Midland. The Prowlers edged the Lady Tigers, 1-0. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Lose playoff bid, 1-0...

Lady Tigers come up short

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Going into the area playoff softball contest, Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said she expected a tight game with every run being essential.

Her remarks turned out to be an understatement.

Ft. Stockton sent its first batter of the game across the plate Friday and the Prowler defense made it stand up, topping Snyder, 1-0.

The Lady Tigers end their season 16-17, while the Prowlers (14-12) advance to the regional quarterfinals where they'll face Big Spring at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Odessa.

"I knew coming in that this would be a great ballgame, because girl for girl Snyder matches up real well with us," Ft. Stockton coach John Renteria said. "My kids have been busting their tail in practice to get better defensively and tonight it paid off."

The Prowlers committed only one error and pitcher Jessica Carrillo issued just two walks, forcing Snyder to work for its base runners.

"I'm really proud of how our kids hung in there," Bohannon remarked. "These girls battled them all night. Ft. Stockton played great in the field and we committed a few errors and that was the difference."

Snyder pitcher Kristin Martinez allowed only four hits, while handing out four walks and having four errors made behind her.

The game began on the right track for Snyder, as lead-off hitter CeCe Valadez belted a double to center field and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Amanda Huff.

But the Prowlers retired the next three batters in order to strand Valadez and end the threat.

Ft. Stockton struck for the only run of the night in the bottom of the frame.

Alex Fuentez led off with a single to center, followed by a strikeout and fly ball to right field.

With two outs, Kimberly Lockhart slapped a base hit to right-center moving Fuentez to third. Valadez, hustling over from center field, bobbled the ball and Fuentez sprinted home for the 1-0 advantage.

The Prowlers then loaded the bases, as they would again in the sixth inning, but both times Snyder worked itself out of the jam.

"We've been working hard in practice on keeping runners in scoring position from scoring," Bohannon stated. "The girls did a good job of it tonight, but they (Ft. Stockton) also made all the plays in the field."

Snyder threatened to knot the tally in three different innings, but left eight runners stranded on base.

"We hit the ball hard, but it seems like it was always right at somebody," said Bohannon. "Amanda Huff really stepped up in the field. She played shortstop for the first time this season and played well. We just couldn't couldn't manufacture a run at the plate."

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Huff ss	3	0	1	0
Rinehart rf	2	0	0	0
Davis c	3	0	0	0
Fisk dh	3	0	2	0
Johnson lf	3	0	0	0
Martinez p	3	0	1	0
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Helms ph	1	0	0	0
Drummond 2b	2	0	1	0
Totals	25	0	7	0

Ft. Stockton	ab	r	h	bi
Fuentez lf	3	1	1	0
Leyva 2b	4	0	0	0
Castillo p	3	0	0	0
Lockhart 1b	3	0	2	0
Robledo c	2	0	0	0
Garrison 3b	2	0	1	0
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Ortiz cf	2	0	0	0
Leach dh	3	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	4	0

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2B — Valadez.
WP: Carrillo, 7 innings, 0 R, 0 ER, 7 H, 2 BB, 4 SO.
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Sele slugged as Rangers fall

BOSTON (AP) — It wasn't just two former teammates who helped hand Aaron Sele his first loss of the season. It was two friends.

Troy O'Leary, who rented an apartment with Sele in 1995, and Darren Bragg, who played on the U.S. national team with him eight years ago, homered Friday night to lead Boston over Texas 5-3.

Sele (5-1), who spent his entire career in the Red Sox organization before a trade to Texas last November, entered the game with a 2.00 ERA and two complete-game shutouts in his previous three starts.

"It was fun to pitch against my friends," said Sele, who allowed five runs and six hits in seven innings. "There was no extra incentive to win."

Sele struck out eight and walked one.

"We asked questions and we had the scouting reports," O'Leary said of Boston's first matchup against Sele since the trade. "He threw a changeup that I happened to get a good piece of."

Bragg's three-run homer gave Boston a 3-1 lead in the second inning, but Texas rallied to tie 3-3 in the third on Will Clark's two-run single.

O'Leary broke the tie in the sixth with a two-run homer that helped the Red Sox win for the 16th win in 19 games.

It was a matchup of two of the AL's hottest clubs. They each entered with 18-8 records, behind only the Yankees' 17-6 mark.

Ivan Rodriguez went 3-for-4 for Texas, raising his major league-leading average to .455.

John Wasdin (3-0), the third of six Red Sox pitchers, worked two scoreless innings for the win and Tom Gordon got four outs for his 10th save.

"Aaron did a good job in a tough situation," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "He pitched extremely well."

With the score tied 3-3 in the sixth, O'Leary homered into the center-field bleachers after Mo Vaughn led off with a walk.

Kevin Elster's RBI single gave the Rangers a 1-0 in the second before Bragg's homer gave the Red Sox a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the inning. Bragg sent a drive into the left-field screen after O'Leary was hit by a pitch and Sele's former college and Red Sox batterymate, Scott Hatteberg, singled.

Texas tied the game in the third when Clark's two-out single dropped in front of left fielder O'Leary and center fielder Darren Lewis, scoring Tom Goodwin and Mark McLemore.

Bret Saberhagen, who missed most of the past two seasons after shoulder surgery, left after three innings due tightness in his groin. The two-time Cy Young Award winner gave up three runs on four hits and threw just 68 pitches.

"I'm not concerned about being out a long period of time," Saberhagen said. "It's just a matter of me getting a little more stretching. I'd love to pitch in Kansas City. That's my next scheduled start."

Stars hope to close out series

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — According to San Jose Sharks coach Darryl Sutter, teams are supposed to win their home games in the playoffs and a series doesn't really begin until someone wins on the road.

But for the Sharks and the Dallas Stars, their first-round Western Conference series will end if either team wins on the road.

All five games have been won by the home team so far, including Dallas' 3-2 win on Thursday night. The Stars, who hold a 3-2 edge in the series, can advance with a win in Game 6 tonight in San Jose.

If the Sharks win at home and force a deciding game, they can wrap up the series with a victory Monday night at Dallas. Of course, the Stars also would advance with a win in Game 7 on their home ice.

As they have been throughout the series, penalties should be a key Saturday night. In each of the first five games, the team with fewer penalties won.

The Stars, the NHL's best team during the regular season, won the first two games at home. But the Sharks, who finished 31 points behind Dallas in the conference standings, responded with two victories in San Jose.

In Game 5, the action moved closer to the net, with all three Dallas goals coming from right around San Jose goalie Mike Vernon.

Dallas' Jamie Langenbrunner calls those spots around the net "the dirty areas," and the Stars made it clear that's where they'll try to spend much of their time in Game 6.

Astros win seventh straight; punch Philly in a 12-5 count

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The rain and cold did nothing to cool off the Houston Astros.

Led by the torrid Derek Bell and Sean Berry, the Astros defeated Philadelphia 12-5, their seventh straight win and 11th in 13 games. In those 13 games, Houston has outscored its opponents 47-18.

Bell had three hits Friday night, including a homer, and leads the National League in batting with a .421 average. In his last 11 games he is 27-for-50, a .540 clip.

"I'm batting second now, so I'm trying to get good pitches to hit," Bell said. "I've got to try to get on base and score runs. I don't mind taking a walk."

Berry added a two-run homer to help Shane Reynolds (2-2) win his first game since April 5.

Houston took a 5-2 lead in the fifth inning, when Phillies manager Terry Francona and coach Chuck Cottier were ejected by home plate umpire Jerry Meals.

Meals ruled a passed ball while Brad Ausmus was batting, allowing Ricky Gutierrez to score from third base. The replay seemed to show that the ball had ticked Ausmus' bat.

"The ball obviously hit the bat," Francona said. "And it was a huge run in my opinion."

Francona wanted Meals to ask for help from another umpire.

"I just wish he would have made an attempt to get it right," Francona added.

Crew chief Terry Tata, who was umpiring at first base, said he did not get a good look at the play.

"Jerry Meals didn't want help and that's the end of it," Tata said. "From where I was, I had no clue and I would have made the same call."

Phillies starter Matt Beech (0-2) gave up five runs, two earned, and six hits in five innings to take the loss.

"It was a tough night to pitch," Phillies catcher Mike Lieberthal said. "With the rain coming down that hard, I can't blame Matt Beech. He got a couple of bad breaks, but it wasn't exactly a great night."

The game was delayed for 45 minutes at the start because of the bad weather. At the end of the fifth inning, the Phillies announced that all in attendance would receive a free ticket to a future game.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	19	9	.679	-
NewYork	13	12	.520	4½
Philadelphia	12	14	.462	6
Florida	10	18	.357	9
Montreal	8	18	.308	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	17	9	.654	-
Houston	18	10	.643	-
St.Louis	16	12	.571	2
Chicago	15	13	.536	3
Cincinnati	12	15	.444	5½
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	19	8	.704	-
LosAngeles	14	13	.519	5
SanFrancisco	14	14	.500	5½
Colorado	12	16	.429	7½
Arizona	7	21	.250	12½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 5
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Montreal 7, Arizona 4
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 2
Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 4
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 2
Houston 12, Philadelphia 5
Florida 6, San Diego 5, 11 innings

Saturday's Games

Colorado (Wright 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 1-2), 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Weathers 2-1) at Milwaukee (Juden 3-1), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 3-1), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 2-2) at Montreal (Perez 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 2-1) at Philadelphia (Schilling 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 2-1) at Florida (Ludwick 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Martinez 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 2-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 2-0), 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Diego at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Arizona at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	18	6	.750	-
Boston	19	8	.704	½
Baltimore	15	13	.536	5
TampaBay	12	15	.444	7½
Toronto	10	17	.370	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	15	12	.556	-
KansasCity	12	16	.429	3½
Minnesota	11	17	.393	4½
Chicago	10	16	.385	4½
Detroit	7	18	.280	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	18	9	.667	-
Anaheim	16	11	.593	2
Oakland	13	14	.481	5
Seattle	12	16	.429	6½

Friday's Games

Boston 5, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 2, Kansas City 1
Cleveland 7, Tampa Bay 5
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 3
Anaheim 7, Chicago White Sox 1
Detroit 17, Seattle 3
Oakland 5, Toronto 2

Saturday's Games

Texas (Helling 5-0) at Boston (Rose 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-2) at Cleveland (Ogea 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Morgan 0-1) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 2-3) at Oakland (Oquist 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-2) at Kansas City (Haney 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 1-3) at Seattle (Moyer 1-3), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 4-1) at Anaheim (Finley 4-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Texas at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Toronto at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

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SPORTS

Snyder makes 'Dogs roll over; sets up rematch with Frenship

The 2-4A title race has come down to Snyder-Frenship III.

With an 8-4 comeback win Friday night over Plainview, Snyder earned a shot at the district championship.

The league crown will be decided at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Seminole when the Tigers and Frenship square off for the third time this season.

The two teams split their earlier contests, as each squad won on the road.

"Both teams know each other pretty well," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "They've been on top for so long and we've been tasting it for so long, it will be a barn-burner for sure."

In addition to 2-4A bragging rights, the winner will receive a first round bye in the playoffs, with the loser facing Pampa either Friday or Saturday.

While Frenship was recording a 10-2 victory over Lamesa, Snyder was on the comeback trail against the Bulldogs.

Plainview belted two solo home runs off Tiger pitcher Clay Berryman in the top of the first inning to claim a 2-0 advantage.

"Clay was getting the ball up in the strike zone a little bit," Herrera said. "And Plainview took advantage and hit the ball hard."

Snyder bounced back with a run in the bottom of the frame, before taking the lead for good at 5-4 in the fourth.

James Allen Shields, seeing his first action of the season since suffering a knee injury, went two for three on the night and scored in the fourth inning to knot the tally. Cheyenne Robinson, running for Sonny Cumbie, would cross the plate for the go-ahead run.

"Shields did an excellent job," Herrera remarked. "It really helps us a lot when we have have his bat in the line-up."

Clean-up hitter David Smith was four for four in the contest and came home in the fifth to extend the lead.

John Border and Brad Roemisch capped the Tiger scoring in the sixth for the 8-4 final.

"We did a good job tonight of scoring runs any way we could," Herrera remarked. "Chris Hernandez laid down a perfect bunt and Beck and Berryman both sacrificed to bring runs in."

While Snyder and Frenship must battle for the top spot, Levelland has secured third place in the standings. The Lobos were to have faced Estacado on Saturday in their district finale.

As for Tuesday's match-up, Herrera will send Kyle Beck to the mound for the Tigers. The senior hurler is 3-0 in 2-4A action with an ERA of 1.27.

"One of the main things we have to do against Frenship is stop them from running," Herrera stated. "Their lead-off hitter is very good at getting on base and they like to steal or hit-and-run with him. We've got to keep him off the base paths."

Plainview	ab	r	h	bi
McMillan 2b	4	1	2	1
Bell p	4	0	1	0
Gonzales c	3	1	1	1
Longoria ss	3	0	0	0
DeLeon dh	3	0	0	0
Brotherton cf	3	0	1	0
James rf	3	1	1	1
Armariz 1b	3	1	1	1
Cisneros 3b	3	0	1	0
Totals	29	4	8	4

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	4	1	2	2
Berryman p	2	0	1	1
Roemisch cr	0	2	0	0
Beck 3b	2	1	0	1
Smith cf	4	1	4	3
Fish 1b	4	0	1	0
Lang 2b	3	0	0	0
Shields dh	3	1	2	0
Cumbie c	2	0	0	0
Robinson cr	0	1	0	0
Hernandez rf	1	1	1	0
Totals	26	8	11	7

Plainview	200	200	0—4	8	3
Snyder	102	212	x—8	11	1

2B — Border. 3B — James; Smith, 2. HR — McMillan; Gonzales.

WP: Berryman, 7 innings, 8 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 9 SO.

LP: Armariz, 2⅔ innings, 3 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 HB, 0 SO; Bell, 4⅓ innings, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 1 SO; McMillan, 0 innings, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO.

2-4A Standings

Team	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Snyder	8	2	.800	23	5	.821
Frenship	8	2	.800	21	7	.750
Levelland	6	3	.667	15	10	.600
Estacado	4	5	.444	15	10	.600
Plainview	3	7	.300	6	17	.261
Lamesa	0	10	.000	5	18	.217

Friday's Results
Snyder 8, Plainview 4
Frenship 10, Lamesa 2
Levelland at Estacado (Sat.)



RUNG UP AGAIN — Snyder catcher Starla Davis grasps a called third strike Friday night while Ft. Stockton's Deida Leyna displays a look of disgust. Lady Tiger pitcher Kristin Martinez struck out Leyna three times during Snyder's 1-0 loss. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Forsman tied for Shell Open lead

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — What a difference a year makes.

Dan Forsman missed the cut at the Shell Houston Open in 1997 — his sixth failure in as many weeks. He missed being home with his family and seriously considered pulling off the PGA Tour.

Today he's tied with Lee Janzen at 6-under 138 and one stroke ahead of David Duval heading into the third round at the Tournament Players Course at The Woodlands, just north of Houston.

The 39-year-old from Provo, Utah ended up practicing by himself that weekend in 1997, decided to continue on tour and wound up the year with four top 10 finishes and his second-best money-winning season.

"The frustration gets to a point where you literally, you doubt yourself and you think: 'What am I doing? How much more of this can I take?'" he said after his 2-under-par 70 Friday, reflecting on what he acknowledged was the lowest point of his 16-year career.

"Here we are in the exact same rotation, and a year later I make a putt 12 feet to be at this point tied for the lead," he said. "I guess I really realize that in life it tends to even out.

"I just hope to continue the learning curve, learning process..."

Janzen's learning process has been more focused on his putting, where he found a flaw in his stroke.

Duval, the No. 2 money winner on the tour, was at 139 and seven golfers were at 4-under 140, including Fred Couples, this year's Bob Hope winner, and John Huston, the winner at Hawaii in February and seventh on the money list.

Also at 4-under were Canadian Stephen Ames, Mike Hulbert, Australian Peter O'Malley, Jay Delsing and first-round co-leader Franklin Langham, who followed an opening 66 with a 74.

Couples and Ames each shot 68, the low rounds of the day, as the temperature climbed well into the 80s and the wind gusted, particularly in the afternoon.

Girls Little Dribbler Results

MIDGET LEAGUE

Suns 23, Dynamites 0
Suns: Cassandra Hernandez and Cayclea Rhodes, 6; Brittani Carnes, 5; Devin Davidson, 4; Destinee Neagle, 2.

Swifts 19, Dynamites 4
Swifts: Erica Lee, 8; Amanda Sanchez, 7; Caylea Wood, 4.
Dynamites: Kirstie Davis, 4.

Suns 10, Hoopsters 3
Suns: Cassandra Hernandez and Destinee Neagle, 4; Devin Davidson, 2.
Hoopsters: Erin Hogan, 3.

MINOR LEAGUE

Magic 33, Little Tigers 10
Magic: Biamca Gonzales and Sequoya Powell, 10; Megan McCormick and Kelbi Pitner, 4; Jada Bilano, 3; Ashley Pavlousky, 2.
Little Tigers: Wendy Reed, 4; Claire Pollard, Kelli Rushing and Khristian Torres, 2.

Wildcats 24, Swoopsters 21
Wildcats: Sirena Madrano, 16; Jane Lewis, 4; Kelsea Wood and Jessica Yanez, 2.
Swoopsters: Shaela Thompson, 8; Audrey Johnson, 6; Emily Jones, 4; Whitney Payne, 3.

Wildcats 25, Sharpshooters 12
Wildcats: Sirena Madrano, 8; Ashley Hyer, 6; Kelsea Wood, 4; Morgan Bilderback and Jana Lewis, 2.
Sharpshooters: Kate Wall, 6; Teisha McGlouthin, Cheyene Roemisch and Leslie Eades, 2.

Rockets 22, Swoopsters 20
Rockets: Jessica Taylor, 7; Amanda Murray, 5; Ashley Bailey, 4; Samantha Berry, Jamie Putnam and Ashton Wall, 2.
Swoopsters: Emily Jones, 8; Whitney Parks, 4; Shaela Thompson and Whitney Payne, 3; Audrey Jones and Whitney Kinney, 1.

Swoopsters 17, Panthers 14
Swoopsters: Shaela Thompson, 9; Emily Jones, 4; Whitney Payne and Christi Williams, 2.
Panthers: Terann Ragland, 10; Kaitlyn Greenlee, 4.

Mystics 18, Wildcats 16
Mystics: Teddi Crenwelge, 12; Katy Crenwelge, 4; Dondi Brock, 2.
Wildcats: Sirena Madrano, 8; Ashley Hyer and Kelsea Wood, 4.

Red Hots 34, Magic 21
Red Hots: Breanna Talavera, 20; Erica Little and Jaedi Baze, 4; Kiki Wofford, Elizabeth Dominguez and Gena Dooley, 2.
Magic: Sequoya Powell, 17; Bianca Gonzales and Kelbi Pitner, 2.

Magic 30, Mystics 19
Magic: Sequoya Powell, 24; Bianca Gonzales, 4; Racheal Herrera, 2.
Mystics: Dondi Brock, 10; Tedi Crenwelge, 5; Katy Crenwelge and Katie Curry, 2.

Red Hots 36, Little Tigers 21
Red Hots: Aeryal Peoples and Breanna Talavera, 14; Elizabeth Dominguez, 4; Brittany Dickerhoff and Kiki Wofford, 2.
Little Tigers: Wendy Reed, 8; Kelli Rushing, 5; Claire Pollard, 4; Stephanie Grant and Khristian Torres, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Jazz 26, Sonics 24
Jazz: Karen Taylor, 11; Katie Chandler, 6; Taren Knipe, 4; Sarah Crawford and Andrea Valadez, 2; Stacey Williamson, 1.
Sonics: Lindsey Wilson, 16; Kassey Burney, 4; Kallie Wesson and Chelsea Wood, 2.

Hornets 37, Lady Raiders 12
Hornets: Andrea Dunham, 18; Kelby Drum, 12; Diane Morin, 4; Sharday McKinney, 2; Brittany Milota, 1.
Lady Raiders: Heather Zajicek, 4; Amanda Gibson, 3; Sara Bradberry and Micaela Quiros, 2; Whitney Criswell, 1.

Starzz 27, Jawbreakers 4
Starzz: Brianna Burk, 14; Courtney Cox, 6; Jerrica Gutierrez, 4; Danisha Akins, 3.
Jawbreakers: Tass Baze and Heather Polk, 2.

Bullettes 38, Rebels 31
Bullettes: April Lollar, 30; Amanda Calley, 4; Jessica Hines and Beth Clements, 2.
Rebels: Priscilla Ybarra, 14; Frankie Briseno, 13; Paige Smith and Sara Thornhill, 2.

Magic 40, Nikes 8
Magic: Dominque Braziel, 12; Desiree Braziel, 11; Jordan Donelson, 5; Misha Wofford, 4; Jackie Thompson, Leslie Marquez, Stephan Kirk and Jennifer Halverson, 2.
Nikes: Megan Fletcher, 6; Casey Crain, 2.

Bullettes 34, Jazz 21
Bullettes: April Lollar, 14; Amanda Calley, 12; Beth Clements, 6; Valerie West, 2.
Jazz: Taren Knipe, 8; Katie Chandler, 6; Stacie Williamson, 3; Karen Taylor and Andrea Valadez, 2.

Rockets fizzle in second half

HOUSTON (AP) — Bryon Russell got 10 stitches on his face and the praise of his teammates. Russell provided the third-quarter spark, and Karl Malone scored 29 points as the Utah Jazz beat the Houston Rockets 93-71 Friday night and avoided becoming the second top seed in NBA history to lose a series to a No. 8.

Utah trailed 42-36 at the half, and it looked like the Rockets might put them in the record book alongside the 1994 Seattle SuperSonics before the Jazz outscored the Rockets 57-29 in the second half.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Bryon Russell. He came in and played so hard that the rest of us just caught on," John Stockton said. "This gives us an opportunity to stay alive."

The victory evened the best-of 5 series at 2-2, with the deciding Game 5 set for Sunday in Salt Lake City. The winner will play the San Antonio Spurs in the second round.

In the only other playoff game Friday night, Charlotte advanced to a second-round showdown with Chicago by winning 91-82 at Atlanta. The Hornets won the series 3-1.

Russell scored 15 points and led a third-quarter charge that turned the game round for the Jazz.

"Bryon Russell has been terrific all series," Rockets forward Charles Barkley said. "He gave them a big lift when they needed it."

The Rockets have a string of 17 consecutive playoff series victories when they've won the first game. Houston won Game 1 103-90 at Utah.

Hakeem Olajuwon led Houston with 27 points and 15 rebounds, but Clyde Drexler was the only other Rocket in double figures with 11 points.

"We didn't start off well," Malone said. "But we stayed with it. Bryon did a great job and was a big lift for us off the bench. We had a game plan and we stuck with it.

"Our defense gave us a big lift down the stretch."

The Rockets played most of the game without Barkley, who bruised the triceps muscle in his right arm in the second quarter and left the game after attempting to play in the third.

Russell and teammate Jeff Hornacek butted heads with 42 seconds left in the third period. Both received stitches and returned to action.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Wednesday, April 29
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 3
Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 1
Thursday, April 30
New Jersey 3, Ottawa 1, Ottawa leads series 3-2
Detroit 3, Phoenix 1, Detroit leads series 3-2
Dallas 3, San Jose 2, Dallas leads series 3-2
Edmonton 3, Colorado 1, Colorado leads series 3-2
Friday, May 1
Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2, OT, Buffalo wins series 4-1
Boston 4, Washington 0, Washington leads series 3-2
Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 2, Montreal leads series 3-2
Saturday, May 2
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 2 p.m., if necessary
Washington at Boston, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Wednesday, April 29
Chicago 115, New Jersey 101, Chicago wins series 3-0
San Antonio 99, Phoenix 80, San Antonio wins series 3-1
Houston 89, Utah 85, Houston leads series 2-1
Thursday, April 30
Indiana 80, Cleveland 74, Indiana wins series 3-1
New York 90, Miami 85, series tied 2-2
Seattle 92, Minnesota 88, series tied 2-2
L.A. Lakers 110, Portland 99, L.A. Lakers win series 3-1
Friday, May 1
Charlotte 91, Atlanta 82, Charlotte wins series 3-1
Utah 93, Houston 71, series tied 2-2
Saturday, May 2
Minnesota at Seattle, 3:30 p.m., (NBC)
Sunday, May 3
New York at Miami, 12:30 p.m., (NBC)
Houston at Utah, 3 p.m., if necessary

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Sunday, May 3
Charlotte at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. Tuesday's prize has been carried over for three weeks. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Sunday couples

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its monthly couples event Sunday at 1:30.

The weekly Tuesday play day will begin at 9:30. Format will be low net foursome — back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Softball sign-ups

The final sign-up meeting for men's and women's softball leagues will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. All team managers need to be in attendance.

For more information call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (daytime) or 573-4332 (evening).

Cancer Society scramble

A four-man scramble to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held next Saturday at WTC. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee for the 18-hole event is $100 per team. Call the WTC pro shop to sign up.

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Central names costume winners

Central teachers and students dressed in costume Friday.

Student winners included Malcolm Devers, most unusual; Ryne Trout, most creative; Tyler Danforth, most realistic; and Tyler Drigger, most authentic.

Devers came as Merlin; Danforth was Goofy; Drigger was the frog prince; and Trout was a lion.

Teachers who won included Judy Moss as Johnny Appleseed who was named most authentic. Edilyn Smith as a witch was named most unusual.

The most creative were the three pigs consisting of Cindy Archer, Stacie Westmoreland and Terri Williams.

Applicator's course slated in Mitchell Co.

COLORADO CITY — There will be a private applicator's course offered at the Mitchell County Extension Office on Wednesday.

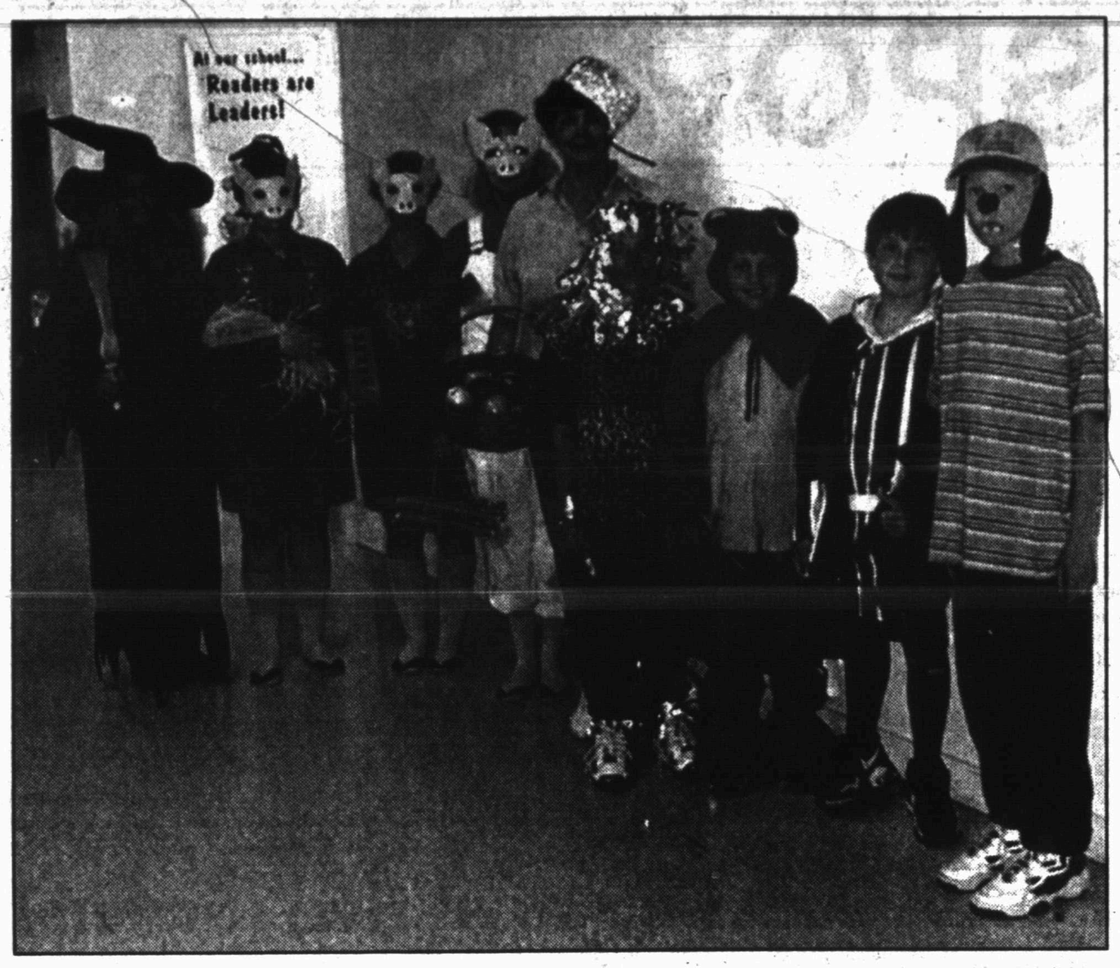
The course will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude about 5 o'clock. The cost will be $10 to cover materials.

Selena musical eyed

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A stage musical based on the life of late Tejano superstar Selena is in the works.

Selena's family signed a licensing agreement last week with producers whose Broadway stage credits include "Jekyll and Hyde" and "The Capeman."

Tom Quinn, a partner in the estimated $2 million venture, said Selena's life story would make a good musical "because she's an inspiration, an interesting person and had an interesting life."



COSTUME WINNERS — Central teachers and students dressed in costume Friday. Winners include from left, Edilyn Smith, Cindy Archer, Terri Williams, Stacie Westmoreland, Judy Moss, Ryne Trout, Tyler Drigger, Malcolm Devers, Tyler Danforth. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Clinton, GOP vie for credit on IRS reforms nearing OK

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — With the Senate poised to pass an overhaul of the IRS, President Clinton and congressional Republicans vied today to claim credit and vilify the tax agency. It's "tone-deaf," said Clinton; "out of control," said a GOP senator.

In separate radio broadcasts, the president and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, pressed the Senate to approve a House-passed bill restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.

Clinton, who had earlier opposed the bill, indicated he now was eager to sign it into law. "I call on Congress to make this year the year we set aside political differences to enact real reforms of the IRS," Clinton said in his remarks, taped Friday.

"When it comes to quality service at the IRS, Congress can't afford to file for an extension," he said.

Grassley urged Americans to weigh in on next week's Senate debate on the bill. "Now is the time for each of us to stand up and demand change. Call your senators at once," he said.

Clinton and his wife, Hillary, are in California for a weekend of Democratic fund-raising and private time with their daughter, Chelsea, a Stanford University freshman. Two policy-oriented official events in San Jose and Los Angeles helped defray the Democratic Party's costs of Clinton's cross-country travel.

The IRS legislation, which passed the House 426-4 in November, would make the most far-reaching changes at the agency in 45 years.

An 11-member board, composed mostly of private citizens, would be created to oversee the IRS, help develop a budget and manage long-term projects such as upgrading the agency's computer system.

One taxpayer rights provision would primarily benefit the elderly or others suffering mental disabilities who fail to file for refunds within three years if they made a mistake on their returns.

Another would shift the burden of proof in court proceedings from the taxpayer to the IRS, as long as the taxpayer cooperates with IRS auditors.

Both Clinton and Grassley reacted sharply to revelations at this week's Senate Finance Committee oversight hearings into the IRS.

"Like most Americans, I was outraged ... by the stories of our citizens harassed and humiliated by what seemed to be an unaccountable, downright tone-deaf agency," the president said.

Grassley's view of the IRS: "Simply out of control. There is no accountability. And when there is no accountability, IRS agents can continue to abuse taxpayers' rights and get away with it."

The administration joined the IRS-overhaul bandwagon last October after similar Finance Committee hearings in September struck a chord with outraged Americans and suggested that the issue could be a winning one with voters.

IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti, testifying before the Senate panel Friday, cautioned that overhauling the far-flung agency and its work force of 102,000 won't happen easily, or overnight.

"Change of this magnitude will take time, and there is no magic formula or easy solution that will quickly solve the IRS' problems and transform it into a quality-service organization," Rossotti said. "We will make progress ... but it will be step by step, over a period of years."

In four days of hearings, the committee heard tales of armed IRS agents raiding businesses and then failing to bring criminal charges. Several agency employees testified they faced retaliation from managers after attempting to report misconduct.

Gibson closes out morning show stint

NEW YORK (AP) — Having interviewed statesmen, scientists and celebrities for 11 years as host of "Good Morning America," Charles Gibson said farewell to the show Friday with one final one-on-one with a guest he requested — Kermit the Frog.

The "Sesame Street" puppet joined in a lighthearted, two-hour tribute to the 55-year-old newsman, who is leaving the morning show to become an anchorman and correspondent for one of ABC's prime-time newsmagazines.

Gibson was dry-eyed when he offered his "sincere gratitude" to the nearly 4 million regular viewers of "Good Morning America."

"You have always shown us such kindness," he said. "Television is a crazy business and it sometimes catches us by surprise ... that we have millions of friends that we don't know."

Consistently the top-rated morning show a decade ago, "Good Morning America" has suffered in the ratings and fallen well behind "Today."

He is being replaced by Kevin Newman, who joins co-host Lisa McRee on Monday.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, May 3, 1998

In the year ahead you might become deeply interested in several related, creative endeavors as hobbies or as additional sources of income. Both cases appear promising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There might be an opportunity for you today to repay a favor that a considerate friend recently did for you. When you reciprocate, do so unaccompanied by fanfare. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not put dampers on your expectations, because you're now entering a rather hopeful cycle. If that which you desire is within the realm of possibility, reach out for it today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something unusual might develop for you today that could result in a small but significant advantage for your career. Do not take it for granted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Ideas you get today that have definite practical applications will be worthy of further consideration. Run them by advisers or counselors whose opinions you respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're presently in a cycle where you might be able to generate additional income from other than your usual sources. Start investigating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you associate with persons today whose ideals, aims and ambitions are similar to yours, there's a possibility something mutually advantageous might result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Ambitious objectives can be accomplished today, provided you utilize your imagination. Think creatively and, when necessary, dare to be different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something might occur today that will reinforce your faith in your fellow man. What transpires will reveal an individual as high-minded and trustworthy as you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It looks like a matter that has been perturbing you is finally on its last legs. The results should please you, even though they may not be all that you anticipated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Persons with whom you associate today could have a stronger than usual influence on your thinking. Select companions who have something constructive to offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give priority today to matters that are meaningful to you financially. Things should work out more favorably for you right now than they will if they are postponed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you take pride in the tasks you perform today, the quality of your product will reflect it. Be sure what you do is something to which you would be proud to affix your signature.

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Monday, May 4, 1998

New bonds will be established in the coming year between you and someone with whom you were once very close. The relationship will now become more meaningful, mature and productive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once you undertake an assignment today, be tenacious and see it through to its conclusion. Doing what you set out to do will enhance your feelings of self-worth. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be reluctant to ask advice from those who are more experienced if you get hung up on a project that's new to you. They can get the answers for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The rewards for which you are now earnestly striving could be forthcoming soon. Keep in mind, however, that you'll only be paid proportionately to what you produce.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Persons with whom you'll be involved today will sense you mean business when you speak your mind. They're not apt to take liberties or doubt your veracity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The wheel is now turning and someone you treated kindly in the past may set up something for you today that you'll appreciate. What goes around comes around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If it's necessary for you to negotiate a matter with an old friend today, slip in a few extra concessions, even though she may not be entitled to them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not hesitate today to establish a tougher objective for yourself where your career is concerned. It can be accomplished if you have focus and singleness of purpose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Fortunate trends tend to favor you in competitive developments today. Have a positive attitude pertaining to your involvements. Play to win and watch what happens.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A sensitive matter might be concluded to your advantage today. There could be some profit or benefit associated with victory, but it may not be too large.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take to heart what is told to you today by a friend whose counsel you trust. She will offer constructive advice that you can apply to your benefit.

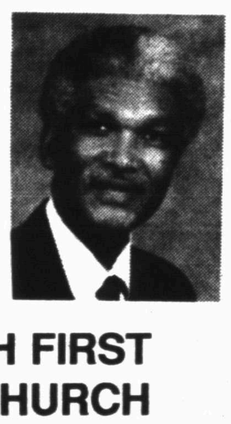
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions look encouraging today for firming up your financial position. What appears to be a minor opportunity can be built upon later.

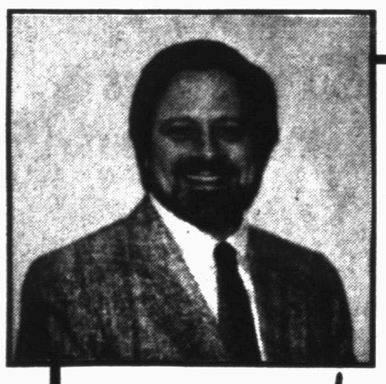
ARIES (March 21-April 19) In situations where you are managing others, don't be afraid to use a firm hand if it looks like things are beginning to rip at the seams.

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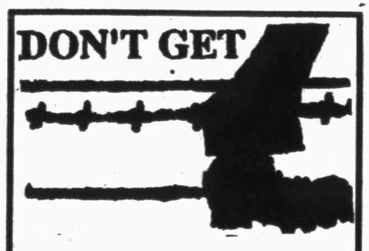
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Teen-age traveler pens story of 50 week trek

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Amy Burritt thought her parents had gone crazy when they said they wanted to sell their share of the family business, rent a motor home and roam the country for a year.

They also wanted to meet the governor of every state.

"You want to do what?" Amy demanded. "But what about my friends? And our store? Our house, what about our house?"

That was in mid-1995. Over the next year Amy, brother Jonathan, and parents Kurt and Emily Burritt would drive from coast to coast, fly to Alaska and Hawaii and meet 44 governors. All 50 governors signed a sweatshirt for Amy.

Now, 15-year-old Amy has written and self-published "My American Adventure: 50 States in 50 Weeks." The 254-page hardback went on sale Friday in her hometown of Traverse City.

The national publication date is May 15. Three days later, Amy will start a book tour that will reunite her with at least 10 governors who have agreed to sponsor or appear at her signings.

Gov. John Engler, who wrote the foreword and helped Amy chase down some of his more elusive counterparts, joined her at a bookstore Friday during a northern Michigan campaign visit.

"I've learned that if you set your mind to it, you can accomplish anything," Amy said. "But I didn't know just what I was getting into at first."

Drawn from journals kept during the trip, her book is a travel guide, history text and personal memoir.

She reflects candidly on personal struggles, especially the fraying of ties to her best friends during their months apart. She relates amusing misadventures, such as when her dad knocked off the 34-foot motor home's television antenna.

In Vermont, she narrowly escaped falling down a waterfall. In Louisiana, she learned to suck brains out of boiled crawfish. She swam with dolphins in Hawaii, watched bighorn sheep butt heads in South Dakota and made friends with homeless children at a Rhode Island campground.

But the governors provide some of her most vivid memories. Some curtly offer little more than a handshake; others grant interviews and reflect on their lives and work.

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening surprised the Burritts with an invitation to a reception and tour of the executive mansion. The day Amy turned 13, Alabama's Fob James serenaded her with "Happy Birthday."

In Connecticut, Gov. John Rowland makes sure she left with a bigger haul of souvenirs than New Hampshire provided. "They're cheapskates up there," he said.

A profound statement came from Brereton Jones of Kentucky, who said a recent near-fatal helicopter crash taught him to seek "a purpose greater than ourselves."

The trip's low point was a gloomy Easter in Alaska, where Amy tearfully begged to go home. But when her mom reminded her that "we aren't quitters," Amy resolved to keep going.

Springsteen's dad influenced his music

NEW YORK (AP) — They were two sides of the same coin — "too much of the same kind," the son once observed. Factory worker Douglas Springsteen, who inspired his son Bruce's songs and monologues about sullen, embittered fathers and headstrong sons, has died.

"I feel lucky to have been so close to my Dad as I became a man and a father myself," Springsteen said in a statement released Friday evening.

The ordinarily ultra-private Springsteen detailed his strained but later conciliatory relationship with his father on stage, in songs like "Adam Raised a Cain," "Independence Day" and "My Hometown," and in interviews.

And the Boss' lyrical references to his dad, like images of cars and highways, were oft-repeated.

Douglas Springsteen, with his wife, Adele, raised three children next to a gas station in central New Jersey. Bruce, the oldest and only boy, was born in 1949. In addition to factory work, Douglas had an assortment of jobs, including cab driver and prison guard.

"My daddy worked his whole life for nothing but the pain. Now he walks these empty rooms looking for something to blame," Springsteen howls in "Adam Raised a Cain."

"You inherit the sins," he sings, "you inherit the flames."

Few if any rockers have delved so deeply into father-son dynamics. Springsteen recalls his father's thankless work at a rug mill in "Factory." He imagines a father and son reunion in "My Father's House." He refers to growing up with dad in "Mansion on the Hill" and "My Hometown."

On his landmark live album, Springsteen looks back to the Vietnam War era, when he clashed with his conservative father about the length of his hair. He tells a story of how he received his draft notice and reported to an induction center.

Rejected for medical reasons, Springsteen returned home, and his father asked what happened. Springsteen told him he was rejected.

"That's good," his father replied.

The elder Springsteen died Sunday in Belmont, Calif. His age was not immediately known. Seth Cohen, a spokesman for Springsteen, refused to disclose the cause of death or give other details.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday in his hometown, Freehold, N.J. Springsteen's parents had moved to California years ago. He opted to remain in New Jersey.

Springsteen's paternal masterpiece was "Independence Day," the melancholy tale of a son leaving the home of his disillusioned father. "There was just no way this house could hold the two of us. I guess that we were just too much of the same kind," Springsteen sings.

During his early live shows, Springsteen spun tales of a home where the generation gap was a Grand Canyon.

"I could see the screen door, I could see my pop's cigarette," he said on stage in 1976 at New York's Palladium. "We'd start talkin' about nothin' much. How I was doin'. Pretty soon he'd ask me what I thought I was doin' with myself, and we'd always end up screamin' at each other."

As happens so often with fathers and sons, the animosity dissipated with the years. By 1979, Springsteen biographer Dave Marsh wrote, he spoke of his father "with both affectionate humor and a kind of intense identification."

After the "Born in the U.S.A." tour in 1984-85, Springsteen and his father spent a week fishing in Mexico. He and wife Patti Scialfa later provided three grandchildren.

On one of his "dad" songs, 1988's "Walk Like a Man," Springsteen delivered a heartfelt Jersey Shore Valentine. After recalling his father's tears on the day of his wedding, Springsteen wrote:

"All I can think of is being 5 years old
Following behind you at the beach
Tracing your footprints in the sand.
Trying to walk like a man."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is Meridia safe to use?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have unsuccessfully tried to lose weight by dieting. Fortunately, my doctor refused to prescribe fen-phen or Redux, which were eventually found to cause heart and lung damage. However, I've heard of a new weight-loss drug called Meridia and wonder if it would be all right to take.

DEAR READER: Meridia has just been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treatment of obesity.

It acts by altering certain chemicals (neurotransmitters) in the brain. Common side effects include dry mouth, headache, constipation and insomnia. In some patients, Meridia can cause significant increases in heart rate and blood pressure. The drug reacts badly with other medications, including Prozac, Imitrex, Eskalith, Demerol, Talwin, Nizoral and erythromycin. Preliminary studies have shown that it promotes weight reduction for about six months; after that time, it loses its effectiveness. The long-term safety of this medicine is unknown. Until its safety profile is better defined, many authorities advise against its use.

I don't have any suitable alternatives to offer you. I suggest that you work with your doctor, or with a weight-reduction support group, to find a dietary solution to your problem.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Winning the Battle of the Bulge" and "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I have unsuccessfully attempted to start a family for about a year. I know that fertilization is most likely to occur when I ovulate. We have tried basal temperature charting, but can't seem to hit the right time. Is there any other way to predict ovulation?

DEAR READER: There are now several home testing kits that will indicate ovulation, the ideal time for conception. These kits include Clearplan Easy One-Step, Conceive Ovulation Predictor, One-Step OvuKit Self Test, OvuQUICK One-Step, and OvuQUICK Self Test. The tests measure urinary levels of luteinizing hormone, a substance whose excretion peaks at the time of ovulation. The tests are reported to be about 85 percent accurate when used according to the manufacturers' directions.

While no home-testing device is ideal, these kits are an improvement over the old basal body temperature technique that was both cumbersome and somewhat unreliable. Perhaps one of these products would help you determine the time you are most likely to conceive.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My 64-year-old sister is a spinster and lives by herself in a high-rise apartment. She is deathly afraid of cockroaches, so she puts mothballs in her closets and in the corners of all her rooms. She never opens the doors or windows, for fear of "bugs." She looks awful: drawn, pale and sick. She refuses to obtain medical help and makes up stories about her life, neighbors and society. What can we do?

DEAR READER: Your problem is really composed of two parts: the mothballs and your sister's behavior.

To begin with, the chronic inhalation of mothball fumes can be dangerous. The naphtha can affect the liver and brain. For her own good, you should intervene in your sister's case.

This leads me to the second consideration. It sounds to me as though your sister may be experiencing severe behavioral/perceptual difficulties. I don't know the cause of this, but the naphtha fumes may be a contributing factor. She really needs medical attention and testing. If, as you stated, she refuses such an intervention, you may have to override her wishes. Start the process with her doctor, if she has one — or with your own, if she doesn't.

Should this not be an option, you may have to turn to other resources in your community. For example, many states have facilities to counter elder-care abuse; or perhaps your local health department could become involved. As a last step, you may have to seek a legal judgment about her competence. In my view, she clearly needs attention; you cannot afford to ignore the situation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 29-year-old son recently suffered serious head trauma in an auto accident. His doctor insists that he needs intense rehabilitation in a teaching hospital. However, my son's health maintenance organization has refused to authorize payment. Should we see a lawyer?

DEAR READER: Later, perhaps. For now, however, try working through the usual channels. Ask your son's physician to write a letter of appeal to the medical director of the HMO. In the letter, the doctor should detail your son's injuries and indicate why the particular level (and location) of rehab is crucial. In my experience, medical directors usually honor these requests when there are extenuating circumstances, such as long-distance travel or the possibility of permanent brain damage (which will cost the HMO more in the long run).

After you have exhausted the appeals process, you should consider obtaining legal counsel.

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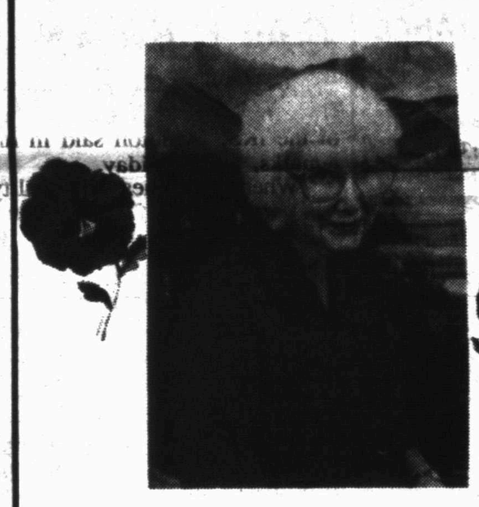
Knows about cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cindy Crawford says cancer touched her life as a girl.

The supermodel's brother died of leukemia when she was 8 and her grandmother, Ramona Crawford, survived breast cancer.

"At a very early age, I learned there was cancer treatment and death," Crawford said in Friday's New York Times.

Resident Of The Month For April
Miss Linda Reese



Linda Reese has made Snyder Healthcare Center her home since 1973. She came to Snyder, Texas from Bridgeport, West Virginia with her brother in 1972.

Linda has three brothers and one sister. One of her brothers passed away in 1993.

Linda's favorite things to do are: reading, bingo, Bible Trivia and dominos.

Linda's favorite food is Three Musketeers, Root Beer and Coke Floats!!

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POSITIONS: **Accountant - Entry Level** SALARY: College Scale DUTIES: Recording and reporting of financial transactions. Review A/P, Payroll, Purchasing, Fixed Assets, Cashier, etc. EMPLOYMENT: 12 months. QUALIFICATIONS: B.B.A. with a concentration on accounting; working knowledge of governmental/fund accounting and extensive PC skills, preferred. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: May 6, 1998. SEND APPLICATIONS/RESUME TO: Ms. Terry Busby, Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: May 15, 1998 PHONE: 915/573-8511, ext 310.

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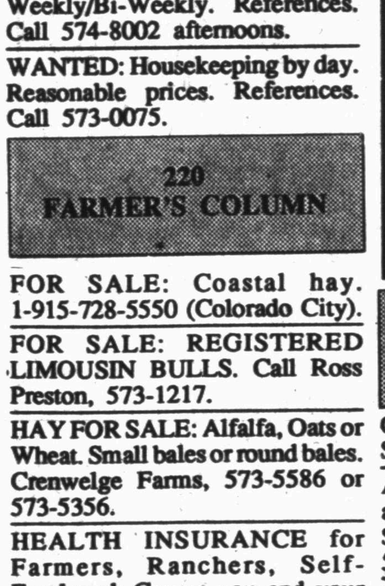
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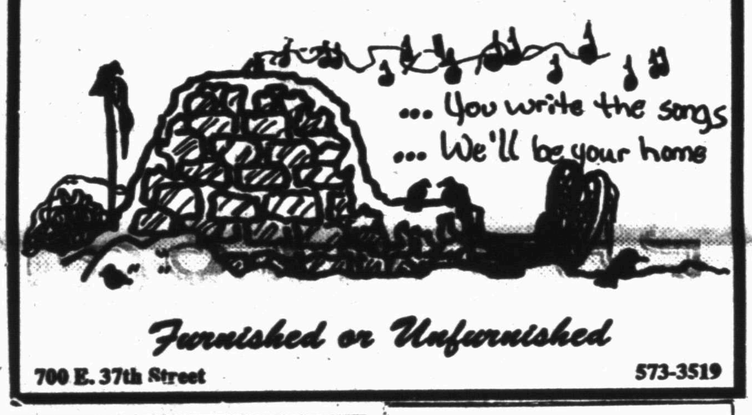
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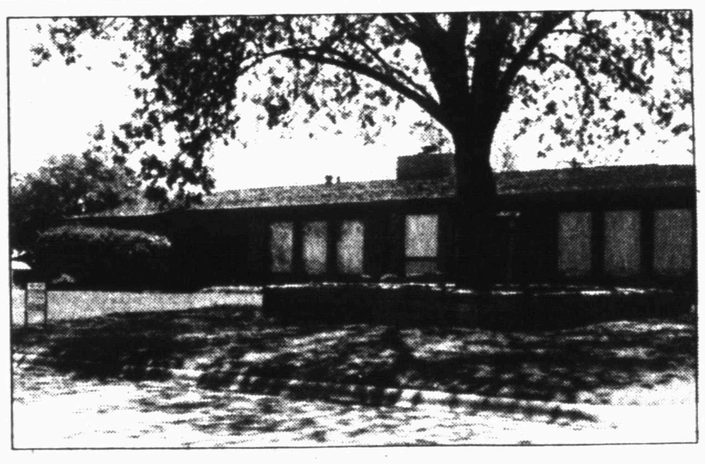
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NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 38 year old male, Avenue G, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 13 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 38 anos de edad, Avenida G, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, trese anos de edad.

Stephen W. Warren
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The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA) will accept bids until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 1998 at 2513 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas for Minor Remodeling. Bid packets with specifications can be picked up at the above address. The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse reserves the right to accept or reject any/all proposals or bids, waive any and all technicalities and accept the proposal which will best meet the needs of SACADA.

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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of TERRY DON McDOWELL, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,431:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of TERRY DON McDOWELL, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 30th day of April, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to CHARLOTTE ELLEN KINCHELOE McDOWELL, 3005 Beaumont Avenue, Snyder, Tx. 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

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Six jailed as weekend gets started

Four people were arrested Friday and two more were taken into custody early Saturday as the weekend got off to a busy start for local law enforcement personnel.

Officers arrested a 49-year-old male at 6:57 p.m. Friday in the 400 block of 30th Street for driving while license suspended.

At 7:01 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 21-year-old female in the 3700 block of Avenue C on outstanding warrants for failure to identify, no driver's license and failure to appear.

Deputies arrested a 19-year-old male at 7:08 p.m. Friday in the 4400 block of Avenue U on a warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

At 9:19 p.m. Friday, officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 2500 block of 40th Street for driving while license suspended.

At 12:26 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the 500 block of 24th Street on eight warrants out of the justice of the peace court for the issuance of bad checks.

At 12:52 a.m. Saturday, a 39-year-old female was arrested in the 3500 block of Avenue E for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity Friday, officers were called to IGA #100 at 9:56 a.m. in reference to a shoplifter taking some magazines from the store. The magazines were recovered and the person was issued a criminal trespass warning.

Officers responded to a report of a fight between juveniles at 3:40 p.m. at West Elementary. No charges were filed, but all involved were contacted by the officers.

Dispatchers received a complaint of reckless drivers in the area of the ball fields at Towle Park at 4:46 p.m.

Officers were advised of someone dumping trash in the alley of the 500 block of 31st Street at 7:10 p.m.

At 3:34 a.m. Saturday, officers were called to the 2700 block of Avenue T as Roe Baker reported a window broken on her vehicle. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

Room added to tour

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Twenty-one years after Elvis left the building, Graceland is opening up another room to visitors.

Starting on Mother's Day, tourists will be able to visit Presley's mother's bedroom for the first time.

The first-floor room, painted purple, lavender and mint green, was used by Gladys Presley and her husband, Vernon. It is the first room added to the Graceland tour since the kitchen opened to visitors in 1995.

The bedroom was Mrs. Presley's from the time the budding king of rock 'n' roll bought the white-columned, Georgian-style house in 1957 until her death the following year.

Births

Judidia Cabrera of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 10:13 p.m. on May 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pound, two ounces.

Christopher Bryce Burke announces the arrival of his brother, Benjamin Cole Burke, at 7:35 a.m. on April 8 in H.E.B. Hospital in Eules. Parents are Ollie and Bob Burke of Fort Worth.

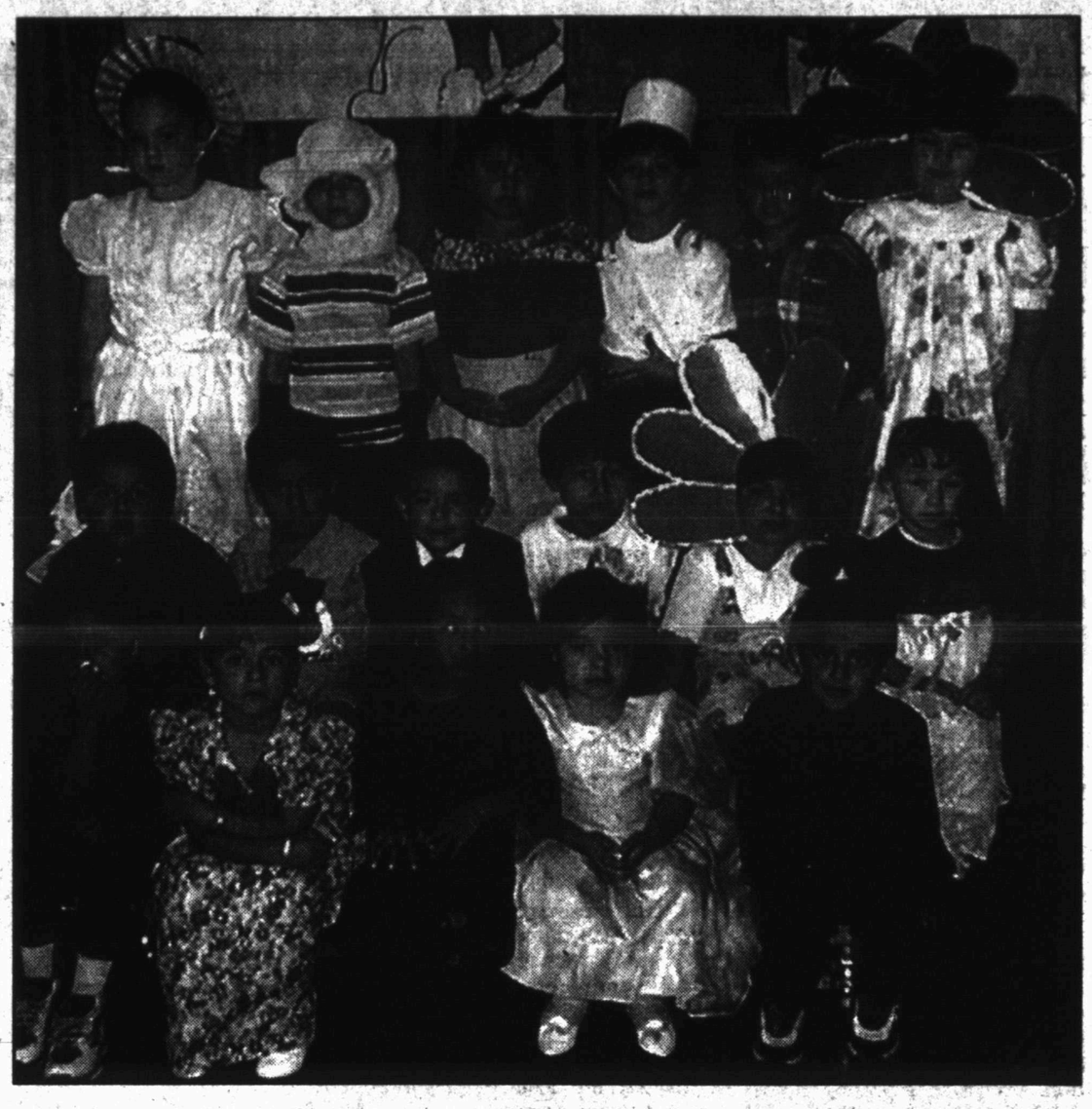
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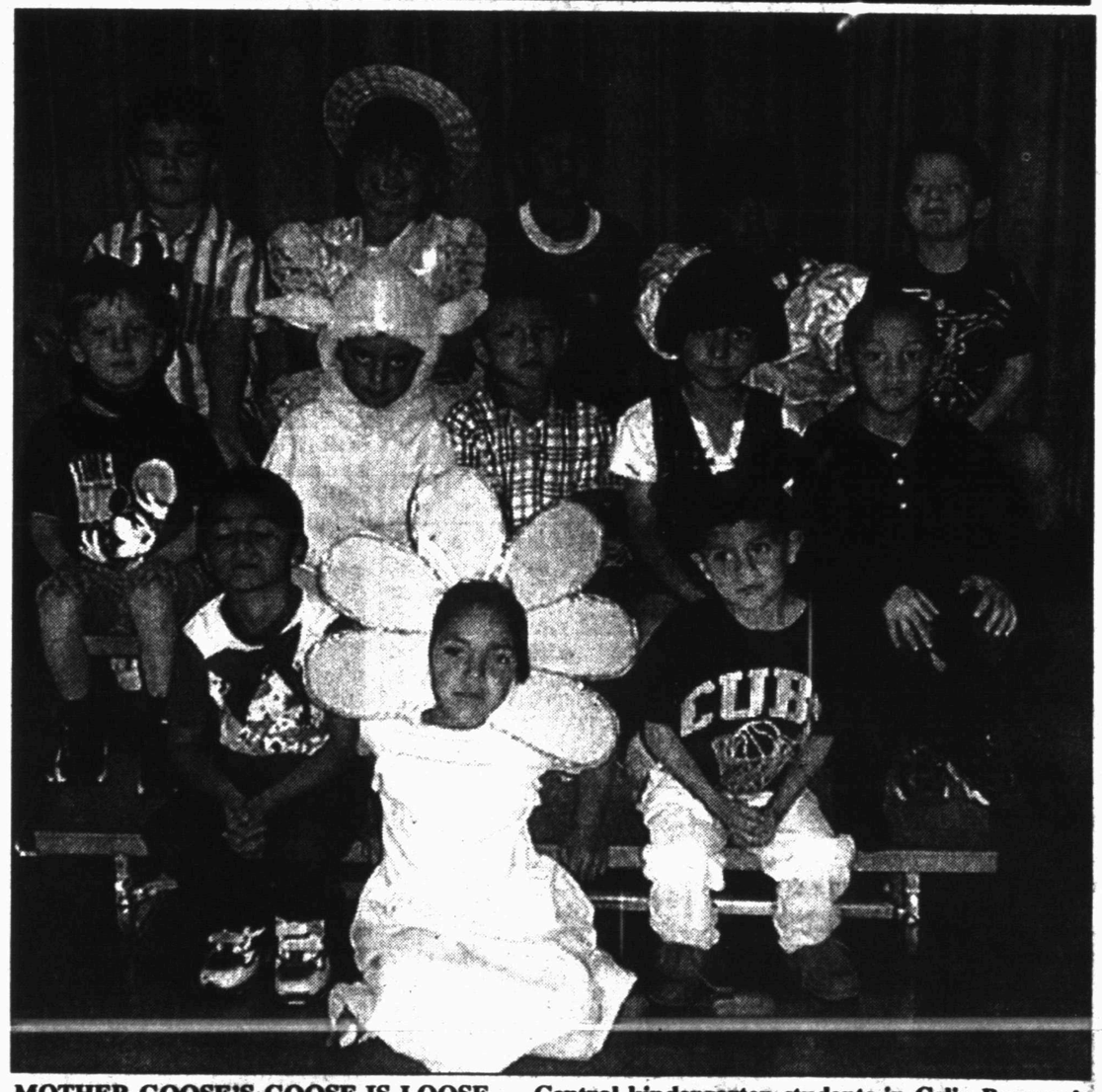
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MOTHER GOOSE'S GOOSE IS LOOSE — Central kindergarten students in Celia Barrera's, Debra Alexander's and Lorinda Hardin's classes presented "Mother Goose's Goose Is Loose" Friday afternoon. Barrera's class (top photo) are from left, top row, Cristal Oliva, Michael Guardado, Rubicelia Rodriguez, Joe David Depaz, Joel Gallegos, Ashley Fuentez; middle row, Humberto Juarez, Victor Soberon, Moises Fajardo, Antonio Estrada, Bianca Cabrera, Patricia Cabrera; bottom row, Sergio Guajardo, Alexandra Rios, Jessica Jalomas, Wendy Moran, Sammy Rubio. Alexandra's students (middle photo) are from left, top row, Andrew Zapata, Tiffany Roemer, Benjamin Alfaro, Veronica Morin, Roberto Lopez; middle row, Justin Rivera, Monique Torres, Marcos Aguilar, Jesica Kenly, Senon De La Cruz; bottom row, Janie Ornelas, Terrence Williams, Cassandra Garcia, Dana Garcia, Avery Ware. Hardin's students are (bottom photo) from left, top row, Derek Howell, Kristie Valadez, Antonio Silva, Natasha Garcia, Kenneth Kincaid; middle row, Dylan Rodriguez, Brent Cole, Sammy Ruiz, Josie Ornelas, Shawn Selders; bottom row, Joe Morin, Marissa Medrano, Francisco Fonseca. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ex-klansman, state legislator debate

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Former Louisiana legislator David Duke attacked affirmative action Friday as a violation of the human rights of white Americans.

"I believe that human rights in this country must be afforded not just to members of minority groups, but must also be accorded to the Euro-American majority," said Duke, a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

Duke debated state Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, on the campus of Southwest Texas State University. They argued affirmative action, racial stereotypes and crime problems in America.

The campus has been the center of much racial controversy since three black football players were accused of raping two highly intoxicated, white female students.

Black students have complained that they have been subjected to racial tensions on campus since the accusations were made.

A black student group invited Duke to the debate, despite some criticism that it could fall into name calling and not a constructive debate.

Duke praised the anti-affirmative action Hopwood ruling and said it proved that whites are discriminated against.

"What I think is going on right now in this country is that there is a massive racial discrimination being perpetrated against those white Americans that constitute the American majority," Duke said.

Wilson said racism is a serious problem with many angles.

Duke quoted statistics he said were from the Justice Department, showing that white women were more likely to be raped by black men and that blacks cause most of the crime.

"Whites still have guilt about slavery," Duke said. "But I don't see guilt being levied against blacks for the massive crime problem in our country."

St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City was consecrated in 1910.

Michael Fortier's attorneys want him released on bond

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Attorneys for Michael Fortier, a key government witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, said Friday he has served his time and should be released.

Fortier's lawyers said in federal court that their client has served two years and eight months, which is eight months more than the term agreed to with prosecutors.

But prosecutors have said they want Fortier's sentence based on a starting point of 11 to 14 years before modifications for cooperation. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 27.

Fortier, 29, of Kingman, Ariz., pleaded guilty in 1995 to charges that he failed to warn anyone of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols' bombing plans and lied to FBI agents after the attack.

He also admitted helping McVeigh and Nichols sell stolen guns that prosecutors said were used to finance the bombing.

Fortier's sentencing was delayed until after the trials of McVeigh and Nichols. He testified against both men. McVeigh was sentenced to death; Nichols was spared the death penalty and has yet to be sentenced.

Prosecutors said they agreed with a presentencing report that said Fortier did not intend to cause deaths by his actions and may be deserving of a lighter sentence.

But they have disputed defense contentions that Fortier's agreement calls for him to be released.

In separate filings, prosecutors argued that bombing victims be allowed to testify at Fortier's sentencing even though he was not convicted of a violent crime.

Defense attorneys argued in a response that bombing victims have no statutory right to participate in the sentencing hearing.

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Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



Is 'buying brown' a good idea?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: As a working parent, I look for shortcuts to help improve the quality of my family's diet. Is it true that it's best to "buy brown" when it comes to grains? I heard that this is a good way to shop for breads, rice and other whole-grain foods. Is this also true for sugar (to be used on cereals)? — S.I., Seattle

DEAR S.I.: A parent doesn't have to be a health nut to know that where bread, rice and sugar are concerned, a darker color is supposedly the sign of a more nutritious product. You might be surprised to learn that this principle doesn't apply equally in all cases, or to all three of these foods.

With wheat and rice, the "brown" part of the unprocessed grain (both the outer coat, or bran, and the inner kernel) contains most of the vitamins, minerals and fiber. It's this brown part that's stripped away in the refining process. Some of the depleted nutrients are then added back — hence the term "enriched" that appears on the label — but many others, such as fiber, magnesium, zinc, vitamin E and vitamin B-6, are gone for good.

While shopping for dark, nutritious bread, though, you should be wary of whole-grain imitators. Many so-called wheat breads are little more than white breads that have been shaded brown with food coloring. To receive the nutrients and high-fiber content of whole-wheat bread, make sure that whole-wheat flour is the first item on the ingredient list.

Brown sugar is a different story entirely. In fact, it's misleading even to think of it as a whole-grain food. The real nutrient-rich component from sugar cane is the unprocessed molasses that's left after the cane juice is refined down to white sugar. Brown sugar is created not by leaving this molasses in or putting it back, but by adding a specially refined molasses juice to the refined white sugar. The nutritional difference between white and brown sugar is practically nil. So unless you can coax your family to sweeten its morning cereal with molasses — a dubious proposition — you should expect little in the way of nutritional value (besides calories) from sweeteners, regardless of color.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Would you settle an argument I'm having with my aunt? I eat egg whites, thinking that by throwing away the yolk I am eating a healthy breakfast. She says the egg whites have no nutritional value at all. All the good stuff, she says, is in the yolk. What do you think? — B.B., Baton Rouge, La.

DEAR B.B.: Egg whites are far from valueless, as the white is a source of high-quality protein. In fact, egg white is the standard to which all other proteins are compared. There are approximately 3.5 grams of protein in the white of every large egg. There are small amounts of other nutrients, including selenium, potassium and sodium, but protein is the main contribution that the egg white provides. The yolk, by contrast, contains lesser amounts of protein, together with small amounts of vitamin A, folate, phosphorus, potassium and selenium.

Why are you tossing the yolks? You are throwing away good food. Is it because of its cholesterol content (213 milligrams in the yolk of a large egg)? For those with an otherwise balanced diet, the periodic use of whole eggs has been shown to have only a minimal impact on blood cholesterol level.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is the nutritional composition of a carob pod in terms of calories, fiber, protein and so on? How does it compare to cocoa? — R.N.

DEAR R.N.: Carob comes from the seeds of the carob tree. This relative of the pea is originally from the Mediterranean, but it now grows in many regions of the world. Its pseudonym, "St. John's bread," comes from its fabled role as John the Baptist's source of sustenance as he wandered in the wilderness.

The powder from the carob bean is similar in color and fragrance to cocoa. One tablespoon contains about 17 calories, 28 grams of calcium, and 3 grams of dietary fiber. There are trace amounts of magnesium, phosphorus, potassium and folate. Compared to cocoa, carob flour is lower in fat and higher in carbohydrate and calcium. Neither carob nor chocolate, being vegetable foods, contain any cholesterol. Many people have experimented with carob flour as a low-fat cocoa substitute. Because it has a milder taste, count on using about 3 parts carob to replace 1 part cocoa.

Incidentally, although carob candies, chips and coatings may start with low-fat carob powder, they're far from being low-fat foods. These confections are often made by combining carob with partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, resulting in a final fat content that compares to chocolate. They provide no "fat" advantages over their chocolate counterparts and, in fact, are worse for you because of the presence of the hydrogenated fat.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is the author of the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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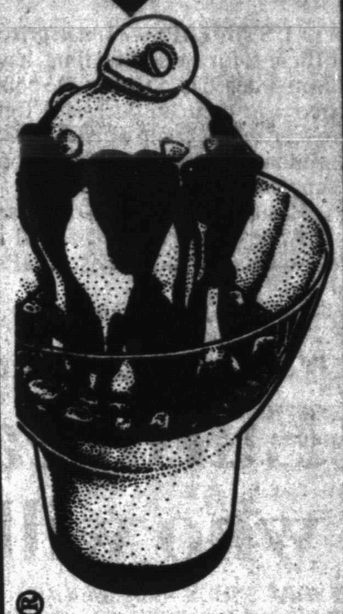
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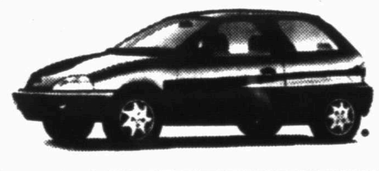
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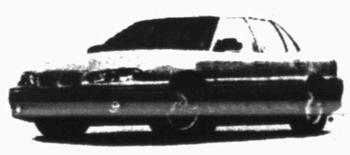
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Prisons lose again in VitaPro dispute

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prison officials, for the second time, have been ordered to a Huntsville courtroom in their unsuccessful fight to cancel a controversial $33.7 million contract for the food supplement VitaPro.

The Texarkana-based 6th Court of Appeals has ordered a trial in the state's lawsuit against VitaPro Foods.

The decision comes after a federal grand jury's indictment on March 30 of VitaPro chairman Yank Barry and former state prisons chief Andy Collins in Houston on bribery charges in connection with the VitaPro contract.

Both have denied wrongdoing.

"They lost again," Barry said this week of the state's efforts to invalidate the contract. "I'll look forward to seeing them in court ... as quickly as I can."

Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Criminal Justice Board, said he expects to win the case, trial or no trial. "We're confident we will prevail. I have no doubt," he said.

But prison officials also said they are considering an appeal of the Texarkana court's decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

The VitaPro contract has been at the center of controversy for more than two years.

At Collins' urging, the state contracted for the soy-based meat substitute four years ago as a way of reducing the cost of feeding Texas prison inmates.

By 1995, the contract had been expanded from a five-figure purchase to a five-year deal for $33.7 million.

When Collins retired from his state job a few months later and went to work for VitaPro as a $1,000-a-day consultant, Polunsky and other prison officials began asking questions.

They called in federal and state investigators amid allegations that competitive bidding laws were violated in awarding the contract. A subsequent lawsuit by the state alleged that the deal was illegal.

But Barry argued in a countersuit that the contract was legally binding and that VitaPro is owed more than $30 million, plus interest, from the time the state stopped accepting shipments of his product.

Two years ago, a Huntsville judge ruled the contract was invalid. VitaPro appealed. The Texarkana appeals court overturned that decision last fall and ordered a trial in the case.

The decision earlier this month by the Texarkana appeals court came after the state asked it to reconsider its earlier decisions. The appeals court refused.

New euro to be launched...

European leaders consider who will head central bank

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — After approving 11 countries to launch a border-bashing common currency, Western European leaders tackled the difficult task Saturday of deciding who will run the monetary policy for the euro's debut.

Sources said the job of running the new European Central Bank would go to the broadly favored candidate, Wim Duisenberg, an ex-Dutch central bank chief.

France had insisted that its candidate get the job; a compromise taking shape would have Duisenberg step aside at some point to let French central bank chief Jean-Claude Trichet complete his eight-year term, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

France's insistence that its own candidate get the job had posed an early test for the launch of the euro.

The common currency is meant to help make the Western European bloc an economic force, rivaling the United States and Japan. The 11 countries participating in the venture will be inextricably linking their destinies for the 21st century.

The 15-nation European Union's parliament agreed Saturday that Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Ireland and Luxembourg will switch to the euro when the single currency is launched on Jan. 1.

The 467-65 vote by the European Parliament endorsed the same selection by EU finance ministers Friday.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, whose country holds the EU presidency, went before the EU assembly to defend the choice of 11 euro countries.

He said the test of the euro's success lies in creating jobs and growth, adding, "That is our task, that in time will be our achievement.'

Britain, Sweden and Denmark have chosen to stay out of the single currency for the time being. Greece has failed to meet the criteria on public deficit, inflation rate, public debt.

The finance ministers also agreed on a declaration committing euro nations to aim for a balanced budget as soon as possible after the single currency switch and..

Banquet

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and serve," said Counts, D-Knox City.

Others on the program are Sheriff Darren Jackson, who will give the invocation, and Mayor David Holt, who will welcome everyone.

Jerry Baird and his cooking crew will prepare the meal. Dinner music will be provided by well-known vocalist Cindy Nix. A group from Abilene Cooper High School, the "Cooper Fiddlers," will provide the evening's entertainment.

"I want to emphasize that all law enforcement personnel, spouses and staff, Texas Department of Public Safety, sheriff's departments, municipal police departments, Texas Rangers, justices of the peace, Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Department of Criminal Justice officers are invited," said Counts.

Policemen fire tear gas during student protest

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Police in riot gear fired tear gas at Michigan State students early Saturday in a clash over a ban on alcohol at a popular site for pre-football game tailgate parties.

Four or five students were arrested after bottles and rocks were thrown at police, police Chief Lawton Connelly said.

Six people were treated at the scene and six others — including one firefighter — were treated at Sparrow Hospital for minor injuries and released, ambulance workers said. Most of the injuries stemmed from tear gas, they said.

The crowds had been dispersed and the last of the bonfires extinguished by 8 a.m., authorities said.

A crowd of students converged on the downtown area shortly after midnight and lit the first of several bonfires.

Dave Rudolph, a Michigan State senior who participated in the protest, said the first round of tear gas was fired by police without warning.

"Had we gotten a warning before they shot the tear gas, the crowd would have dispersed," Rudolph said.

Police Capt. Stephen Chubb said police warned the crowd each time before tear gas was sprayed.

The Associated Students of Michigan State University, known informally as the student assembly, said in a statement they are angry they weren't consulted before the administration imposed the alcohol ban.

The ban was implemented for Munn Field, where fans hold tailgate parties before Spartan football games. School officials said last month that alcohol use had gotten out of control in recent years at the field.

The ban takes effect this fall, though tailgate parties still will be allowed.

Obituaries

Edna Miller

1906-1998

Graveside service for Edna Clark Miller, 92, of Borden County was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Her son, Frank Miller of Uvalde, was to officiate. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Miller, a long-time Borden County resident, died Friday, May 1, at her home.

Born Jan. 3, 1906 in Gail, she graduated from Ranger High School and attended Wesley College in Greenville.

She married Marvin Franklin Miller on Dec. 22, 1924 in Plainview. He died in 1968.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Permian Basin Historical Society, South Plains Genealogical Society, Borden County Historical Society and the Snyder Garden Club.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Dorward Methodist Church in Gail and was an adult Sunday school teacher.

Two daughters, Martha Joyce Cox and Myrl Faith Weston, and two grandsons preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son, Frank Miller of Uvalde; two daughters, Shirly Ann Newton of Fluvanna and Barbara Alice Farmer of Borden County; a sister, Willie Russell of Duncan, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Borden County Cemetery Association, in care of Dan Turner, Rt. 1, O'Donnell, Tex., 79351.

Chester Nussey

1920-1998

A "Celebration of Life" service for Chester Marvin Nussey will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, will officiate.

Cremation is planned. Mr. Nussey, 77, died Thursday, April 30, at his home in Snyder.

Born Nov. 6, 1920 in Highland Park, Mich., to Arthur and Carrie Nussey, he married Doreen Tyrell on July, 9, 1955 in St. Thomas, Ontario Canada. She died in 1987.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie L. Nussey of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Gary and Cynthia Nussey of Snyder; a sister, Mildred Fox of Wildwood, Fla.; a brother, Lloyd Nussey of Brooksville, Fla.; four grandchildren, Sandra Nussey, Andria Nussey, Krista Nussey and James Nussey, all of Snyder.

The family will receive friends at Wright Colonial Funeral Home from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Critical hydraulic system malfunctions on Columbia

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A critical hydraulic system malfunctioned aboard space shuttle Columbia Saturday, leaving the astronauts with less power for Sunday's landing attempt.

Mission Control said the problem will force changes in the landing procedures, but will not threaten safety — unless another hydraulic system fails.

"It's a procedural matter," explained Mission Control's Stephen Nesbitt. There should be "no serious effect to the mission."

Columbia's pilots turned on the so-called auxiliary power unit this morning as part of the usual day-before-landing test. But its cooling system would not work.

It's the same system that had problems during Columbia's April 17 liftoff on the science mission. Flight controllers suspected the system might be frozen and that it would thaw during the 16-day flight; that's why they had the crew test it Saturday.

Probation given for bomb threat

A 17-year-old junior, charged with calling in a bomb threat to Snyder High School last month, pleaded guilty Friday in 132nd District Court.

Karley Rebecca Collins of 690 CR 137 waived grand jury proceedings and entered the guilty plea to making a false alarm or report.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed Collins a two-year state jail term, probated for five years. Collins also received deferred adjudication which means that the record will be expunged if terms of the probation are successfully completed.

The high school received the bomb threat on Aprtil 8 during the lunch hour. School administrators conducted a fire drill while the building was searched. No bomb was found.

The call reportedly was traced to Century Fuels on College Ave by the school's caller ID system.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

WTC Wild Flower program

The public is invited to a "Wild Flower Shoot Out" between Dr. David Kattes and Britt Canada starting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the WTC Planetarium. Each will present information and slides on local wild flowers.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court. An estimated 10 cases will be considered.

Snyder Band Boosters

Snyder Band Boosters' meeting has been postponed until 6 p.m. May 11 in the high school band hall.

Retired Teachers Association

The Retired Teachers Association will install officers at noon Monday at the Senior Center.

Snyder FFA Booster Club

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS ag building. Final plans for this year's banquet will be discussed.

Tiger Jazz Spring Show

Tiger Jazz will hold its Spring Show at 7 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "The Conscience," followed by "Overcoming Temptation," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Tiger Pride Club

Tiger Pride Club, the all-sports booster club, will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center to reorganize for the next school year. All interested parents of athletes are urged to attend.

Ira to host UIL meet

Ira will be hosting the zone elementary and junior high literary meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The meet will begin at 1 p.m. and the contests will begin at 1:30 p.m. each day and will last until approximately 7 p.m. Classes will be dismissed at 1 p.m., and the buses will run five minutes after the final bell.

Golden Apple awards

SISD's third annual Golden Apple Awards will be presented at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. For more information, call 574-6012.

Ira Sports Banquet

Ira will hold its annual sports banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the school cafeteria. Cost is $5. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

WTC students display art

Art projects created by Western Texas College fine arts students will be on display in the fine arts gallery through Tuesday.

Sports Challenge fund-raiser

An all you can eat pancake and sausage fund-raiser will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at McDonald's. Tickets are $2.50; drinks are extra. The event is being held to help Snyder students Kristin Martinez, Courtney Rinehart, Cece Valadez and Darcey Purcell play in the Mililani Softball Tournament in Hawaii and Juan Arizmendi to participate in track events in Belgium, through Sports Challenge International.

End of school party donations

Contributions are being accepted for an end-of-school party for eighth graders. To donate, call Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169 or Carla Nunley at 573-7134, or mail to Class of 2002, P.O. Box 674 in Snyder.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church announces two new programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Hermleigh FBC revival

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh will hold revival services Monday through Thursday. Dr. John McClung, pastor of the Living Word Baptist Church in Long Beach, Calif., will be the evangelist. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 863-2484.

Special Olympics garage sale

A giant garage sale benefiting Special Olympics will be held all day next Saturday in the former Kmart parking lot.

There will also be a dunking booth, bake sale and dart throw as well as a car wash. The event is sponsored by Price Daniel Unit employees who are also selling $5 tickets for a chance to win a pickup.

Pick 3

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

6-6-4

(six, six, four)

Cash Five

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

1-17-25-31-35

(one, seventeen, twenty-five, thirty-one, thirty-five)

Scurry County couple: Retirement goes better with Coke

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

When Franklin and Sherry Bryant offer you a cold Coke, don't expect it to come from their refrigerator. Instead, it will pop out of one of their restored vintage Coca-Cola vending machines.

Their home is almost a shrine to Coca-Cola.

They currently own about 25 machines, including ice boxes, chests and uprights, as well as Coca-Cola clocks and numerous shelf items.

A few machines and Coca-Cola shelf items are displayed in their home. They are currently building a sun room which will also display some machines.

Coca-Cola clocks are as popular as the vending machines. The Bryants have a 1951 square clock which they acquired through a trade. They said they are always on the lookout for unusual items.

The couple has a Coke lamp, featuring an electric meter which registers how much electricity the lamp uses. That's of special interest to Franklin, since he retired six years ago after working for T.U. Electric for 38 years.

For the past six years, the couple has been buying, selling, trading and restoring the machines, all collectors items.

While most are Coca-Cola machines, they also restore ones made for Dr Pepper as well as other vending machines, such as Tom's Peanut and Candy machines.

Vending machines are considered good investments. Their value has increased during the past six years, Franklin said. But they are also getting harder to find because the interest in them has been so great.

The machines the Bryants restore are originals and not copies, Sherry said. She recalled with a laugh one couple who did not purchase a machine because the wife was sure that the Bryants were selling reproductions rather than originals.

Franklin doesn't know of any company currently making new original machines, except for the small chest type models which are both popular and expensive.

While the Bryants will purchase and restore machines from about 1927 through the 1940s, as well as those made during the 1960s and 1970s for customers, they prefer to have only the ones made during the 1950s in their collection.

"That's the era we grew up in," Franklin said. "And that's where we want to stay."

The 1950s models are more popular, Sherry noted, "Probably because they are more nostalgic."

Most of the older machines sold drinks for 10 cents, but some they have had sold them for six cents. Those had a penny box. The low prices really surprise some people, the couple noted.

All of the machines are embossed with identifying numbers and dates.

One of the machines in their home is a Vendo 44, which was made in Canada. It's popular because it has a narrow design and takes up less space. It's also hard to find.

They had sold several but decided to keep the last one they had for themselves. A couple from Big Spring offered to pay cash, but Franklin wouldn't sell.

The Vendo 44 is also one of Sherry's favorites. She noted that the number 44 designates the number of bottles it holds, rather than the year the machine was made in, which is what most people think.

Also popular are other uprights and the dry coolers.

She also would like to find a Cavilier 72 which has a red light in front.

Franklin likes the machine which stocks 81 bottles. The Victor chest top holds some 465 bottles and has a roll top lid, just like a desk.

Franklin would also like to own a Jacobs Machine which was made in Indiana and had a round shape like a mailbox. But they are really scarce in this area, he said.

They also have a Dr Pepper ice box which they found in Claytonville.

The Bryants prefer that their restored machines be openly displayed, not shut away in a storage room.

They do custom work and serve a rapidly expanding area which, besides Texas, includes parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas and Oklahoma. Sometimes machines sell very quickly, before they have a chance to do anything with them.

They have sold a few machines from their home, but they mainly sell through Post's monthly Old Mill Trade Days which they have been attending for about four years.

People often buy vending machines for their game rooms, businesses or offices. One family in New Mexico has purchased seven from them.

They have a layaway plan and limited warranties on machines with new compressors. Customers can also consult with them, after the sale.

The Coca-Cola shelf items they sell include everything from napkin holders to sun catchers, music boxes and banks, about 50 different items in all.

Newly acquired vending machines are checked to see if the refrigeration works. Repair work is handled by Benny Bollinger in Snyder.

After Bollinger gets them in "real good working order," Franklin completely takes them apart and cleans them. Then the paint is cleaned off, the machines are sanded and anything else that needs doing.

Then they are primed and repainted to the customers' specifications. Most prefer to stick to the original Coca-Cola red. But for one machine they restored they had to remove four different colored layers of paint, Sherry said.

Franklin said that of the 20 or so companies which made the machines decades ago, each had its own version of red.

The Bryants use a bright red which is made by Coronado.

Franklin works in his workshop and a nearby painting room. He gets machines ready at his own pace. He never promises to finish anything in a hurry and he makes no exceptions for friends.

While Franklin does most of the restoration work and some selling, Sherry is the main seller and she inspects the restored machines.

Though he knew nothing about the Coca-Cola machines when he started six years ago, Franklin can now work wonders with them. He even put together a 1940s machine that was just a pile of pieces.

He learned by doing and by reading the manuals which list all of the various machines and their specifications, both color and design.

He's always been mechanically-minded, Sherry said. He can tear anything down and rebuild it.

He has even been able to make some of the parts he needs, but mainly he has to order them.

The first Coca-Cola machine they restored was an 1937 ice box design.

Franklin found "the baby that birthed everything" in a junk yard. He had seen it for years and when he retired he acquired it and just started "playing around" with it. He liked what he did, so did some friends, and everything "just took off from there."

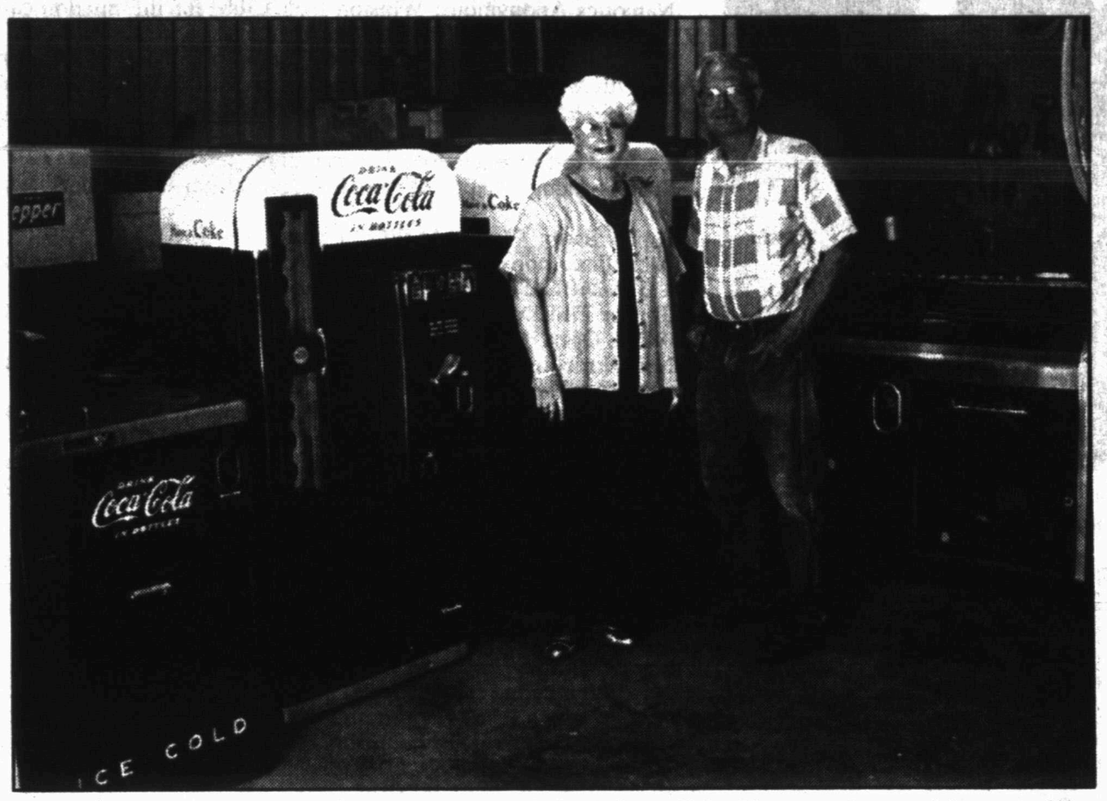
Now their hobby has turned more into a full time job, but the couple isn't complaining.

From that first ice box, their collection grew to include first chest types, then uprights.

The Bryants enjoy hunting for machines, and during the past years they have met "some of the nicest people" they have ever known. And they have encountered those who don't want to sell their machines.

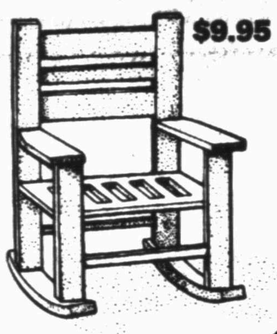
Discarded vending machines are often found in barns or boarded up shops and restaurants,

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FUN — How do Franklin and Sherry Bryant spell fun? Coca-Cola. They are shown with some of the Coca-Cola vending machines which they plan to restore. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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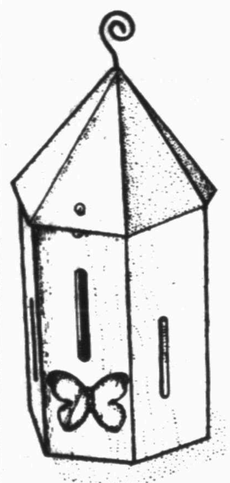
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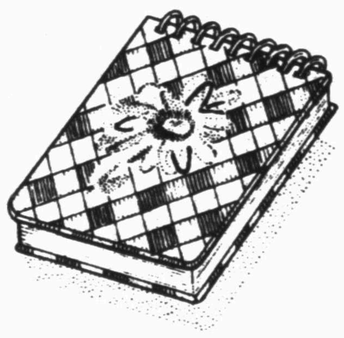
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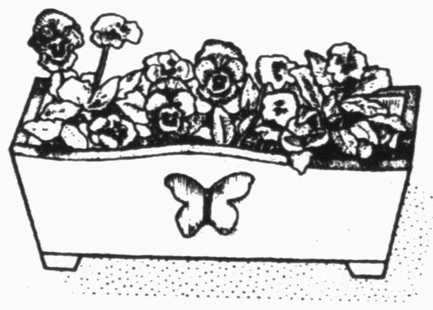
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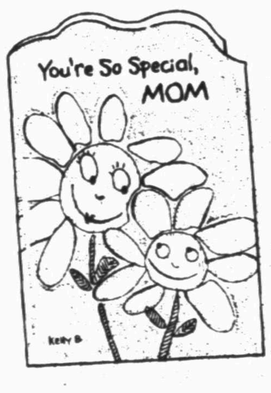
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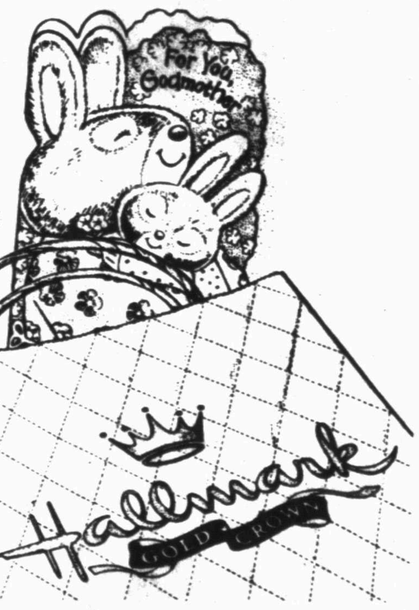
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; country club; tee time 9 a.m.

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

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper at 6 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

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

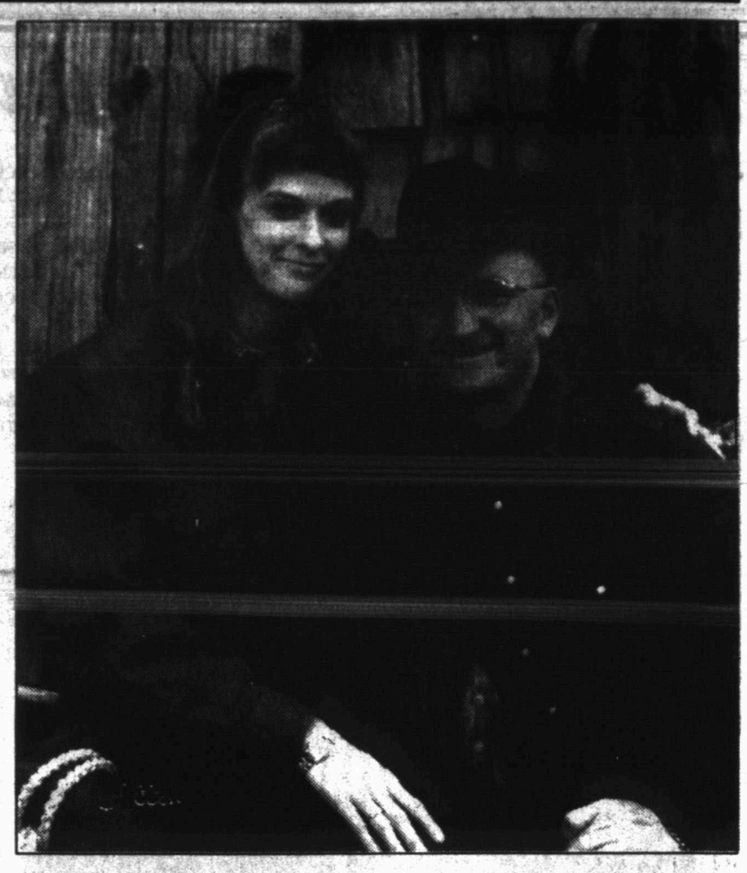
SUNDAY

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

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

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

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



APPROACHING MARRIAGE — Larry and Linda Schwarz announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deana, to Rodney White, son of Doug and Susie White of Ira. Their wedding is planned for Aug. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Chapel. (Contributed Photo)

Senior recital set next Sun.

Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music will present Karomy Drum in her senior piano recital on May 9 in the First Baptist Church sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Karomy is the daughter of Max and Valerie Drum. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Drum Dillaha and the late R.L. (Buddy) Drum, and William D. and Anita Wilson.

During her senior year at Snyder High School, Karomy has participated in many activities including student council, Fellowship of Christian Students, the Academic Decathlon team, and is a percussionist in the SHS band where she was drum major for the marching band.

She is active in the First Baptist Church where she accompanies many choirs, plays in the handbell choir and sings in the youth choir. She is also an accompanist for the men's quartet, 4-Givn'.

Miss Drum has studied piano for 12 years under the direction of Lynn Bethel and received high ratings at various competitions including LMTA, OMTA, MMTA, Pastorale Music Festivals, All-State competitions and Piano Guild auditions.

After graduation, Karomy plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University as a piano performance major. She recently won the senior piano Lubbock Music Teachers scholarship.

The public is invited to her recital and party which follows the recital in the garden room.

WT Scout Council prepares to note its half-century mark

All Girl Scouts know the song "Make New Friends, But Keep the Old."

West Texas Girl Scout Council is looking for its Silver and Gold friends — both former Girl Scouts and all scout supporters, to celebrate 50 years in West Texas on May 12. First Lady of Texas, Laura Bush, will be guest speaker at a dinner for friends and community supporters of West Texas Girl Scout Council (WTGSC) in Abilene.

Scurry is one of the 16 counties of WTGSC.

WTGSC was organized in 1940 to serve girls in Taylor County with Mrs. Harold Thomas of McMurry University as the Council's first president. Two cookie sales and two city-wide events were held — a campfire and a fire-building contest.

Temporarily disbanded in 1941 to help World War II efforts, the organization was re-organized in 1942. In 1945, Taylor County was joined by 12 other counties to become the WTGSC with Dan Conley of Big Spring as president. It was incorporated in 1947 with the purpose "to improve the mental, spiritual, literary, social and physical life of young women."

The other 14 counties are Haskell, Kent, Stonewall, Dawson, Borden, Fisher, Jones, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Glasscock, Sterling and Coke.

Camp Boothe Oaks, a 72-acre facility near Sweetwater was purchased in 1952 with profit from cookie sales. The newest addition is the Dian Graves Owen Program Center at 3125 Oldham Lane, a 15,000 sq. ft. facility with a one-half court gymnasium, craft room, dance room, kitchen, training room and troop room.

A reception is planned for Mrs. Bush on May 12 in the Program Center. Girl Scouts working on merit badges including literacy and reading projects will be able to share these with the First Lady.

Mother-Daughter Reading Clubs are being organized, and girls are being encouraged to research who the West Texas Women pioneers in literacy were in their hometowns, working in partnership with their local community libraries.

The dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center will feature an historical video commemorating the contributions of key individuals from throughout the 16-county area.

Tickets are $15 per person and can be reserved by calling 915-670-0432. Anyone with historical memorabilia or having information on former Girl Scouts is invited to call the council office.



It was an old custom in England to draw lots for sweethearts on Valentine's Day, the person drawn being given a present, sometimes of an expensive kind, but more often a pair of gloves. The custom is said to have had its origin in a pagan practice connected with the worship of Juno on or about this day.

Bridal Registry

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Shelley Abendschan and Preston Huguley
Annie Ragland and Brandon Martin
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Megan Harris and Glenn Lewis
Abbey Boles and Wesley Griffin
Haley Patterson and Clint Wilson
Julie Zeck and David Smithey
Wendi Sharp and Jerrod Short
Kayla Drain and Matthew Dickey
Holly Sanders and Cody Avants
Julie Lang and Brandon Lee
Rachel Wilson and Kevin McMillan
Shannon Canada and George Broyles
Shelley Sharp and Cody Shields
Magan Wadleigh and Jim Thomas
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Disney's California Adventure adding restaurant, vineyard demo

OAKVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The "Happiest Place on Earth" may get even happier for adults who want to sip a little merlot after a dizzying ride on Space Mountain.

Robert Mondavi Winery announced plans Thursday to spend $10 million on a restaurant, wine-tasting room and demonstration vineyard at Disney's California Adventure.

The joint venture will be built on Disney's planned 55-acre theme park in Anaheim, which is being constructed adjacent to Disneyland.

But don't expect to see Mickey and Goofy sipping chardonnay.

"There will be no Mickey Merlot or Zinfandel sluice ride," Winery President Michael Mondavi told the San Francisco Chronicle.

"We're trying to create an educational and enjoyable venue for wine," Mondavi said.

Adults are naturally the target, but children who wander in will be able to sip grape juice.

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ 5 3 2
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ Q J 10 8

West
♠ 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A K Q 6
♣ 9 7 6 4 3 2

East
♠ 6 5
♥ J 10 8 7
♦ 9 8 5 2
♣ A K 5

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 7
♥ A K Q 4
♦ 3
♣ ---

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

The even less likely loser

By Phillip Alder

What do you think of cricket? It bears some resemblance to baseball, in that the fans follow it with similar devotion, knowing all the stats. One major difference is that when you hit the ball, you are not required to run. And after five days of play, six hours a day, the match still might not be finished! Rudyard Kipling summed it up thus: "Casting a ball at three straight sticks and defending the same with a fourth." (Luckily, though, the fourth is noticeably wider than each of the other three.)

Here comes the obscure segue. This week we have been looking at avoiding losers in suit contracts. Every deal has featured a third-round loser, which, as you well know, is often overlooked by your partner. Today's deal, though, features a *fourth*-round loser.

You are in six spades. West starts with two top diamonds. How many losers do you have? What is your line of play?

A four-no-trump opening bid is rarer than an American cricket fan; it asks for specific aces. North's five-club reply denies an ace. With one ace, he bids the suit of the ace (six clubs with that ace). Five no-trump shows two aces, and six no-trump three aces.

You have lost one trick and have a possible fourth-round heart loser. Running the trump suit shouldn't work as you are marked with a club void. (Would you have bid a slam off two cashing aces?) Better is to cash one spade, then to start hearts. If they break 3-3, draw the last trump and claim. Here, though, you can ruff the fourth heart in the dummy and claim.

Watch those losers like a condor.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Three games of bridge were played at the Snyder Country Club with Jane Hinton directing.

FRIDAY
April 24

Four tables.
1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.
3. Christine Stuard, Barbara Yorgesen.

SUNDAY
April 26

Five tables.
1. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.
2. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

TUESDAY

Four tables.
1. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
2. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Shirley Stewart.



The word "ballad" comes from the Italian *ballare*, meaning "to dance." Ballads were originally songs sung to dance music.

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CHURCH WEDDING PLANNED — Parents of Becky Mendoza of Colorado City and Tom Sanchez of Ira announce their children's marriage plans. The future bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mendoza of Colorado City and the prospective bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanchez of Ira. Vows will be exchanged at 11 a.m. on June 6 in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. (Contributed Photo)

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News and Views

BOOK FEATURE

"Twins!" by Connie L. Agnew. Written by physicians, the book addresses the unique questions and concerns of parents. It covers the earliest stages of multiple-birth pregnancy through delivery a 1 the first year of life.

Also contained are the ideas and experiences shared by other parents of twins. Resources are provided for twin-specific organizations, books, periodicals and even internet links.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Business Math for the Numerically Challenged."

"Simply Upholstery."

Texas Toys and Games."

"Rabies, Lyme Disease, Hanta Virus," by E. Lendell Cockrum.

Mrs. Greenthumbs Plows Ahead," by Lance Walheim.

NEW FICTION

"Murder on the Prowl," by Rita Mae Brown.

"With This Ring," by Amanda Quick.

"Buckskinner," by R.C. House.

"Over the Misty Mountains," by Gilbert Morris.

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MacPherson now top model

LONDON (AP) — Elle MacPherson has edged out Cindy Crawford as the world's wealthiest fashion model.

The Australian beauty's net worth is about $38 million, according to BusinessAge, a British magazine. Crawford is a notch below with an estimated wealth of $36 million.

In addition to her modeling fees, which can earn her $34,000 an appearance, MacPherson has also made money from her Australian lingerie business, movie roles and co-ownership of the Fashion Cafe chain.

Rounding out the top five were Claudia Schiffer, with $34 million; Linda Evangelista, $28 million; and Naomi Campbell, at $27.5 million.

Donor turns beneficiary

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The first time Charles Campbell gave blood, it saved his mother's life. Since then, countless strangers have been helped by his regular donations. Now he may be the latest beneficiary.

Campbell had a heart attack in January. Doctors told him that his frequent blood donations over the past 40 years caused his blood to become thin enough to leak through his dangerously clogged arteries and save him.

"They can't prove it without more studies, but I'm sure that's what pulled me through," Campbell told The Dallas Morning News.

Campbell, owner of a thrift store, has made a speedy recovery and has resumed his prompt bimonthly donation schedule at Carter BloodCare in Dallas, where he's given 152 pints — 19 gallons — of blood since moving here 31 years ago.

Campbell first gave blood to transfuse his adoptive mother, who needed emergency surgery. The operation saved her life. In 1972, he donated to help his 3-year-old son, Charles II, through surgery for a heart defect.

Giving blood doesn't hurt, Campbell said: "I've hurt myself worse shaving."

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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Waffles
THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy
FRIDAY
Student Holiday

LUNCH
MONDAY
Pizza or
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Chocolate Pudding
TUESDAY
Pizza or
Crispy Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Cinco De Mayo Ice Cream Cup
WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Barbecue on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Potato Salad
Fruit Cobbler
THURSDAY
Pizza or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup
Dinner Rolls

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MONDAY
Pizza Pockets
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Pears
TUESDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Peaches
WEDNESDAY
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Sandwiches
Crackers
Peaches
Peanut Butter Chewies
THURSDAY
Sloppy Joes
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cowboy Cookies
FRIDAY
School Holiday

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast & Jelly
TUESDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly
WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Muffins
THURSDAY
Juice
Pancake Pups
FRIDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal

LUNCH
MONDAY
Burritos/Chili/Cheese
French Fries
Relish Cup
Pink Applesauce
TUESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello
WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Bean & Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Plum Cobbler
THURSDAY
Ham Sandwiches
Potato Chips
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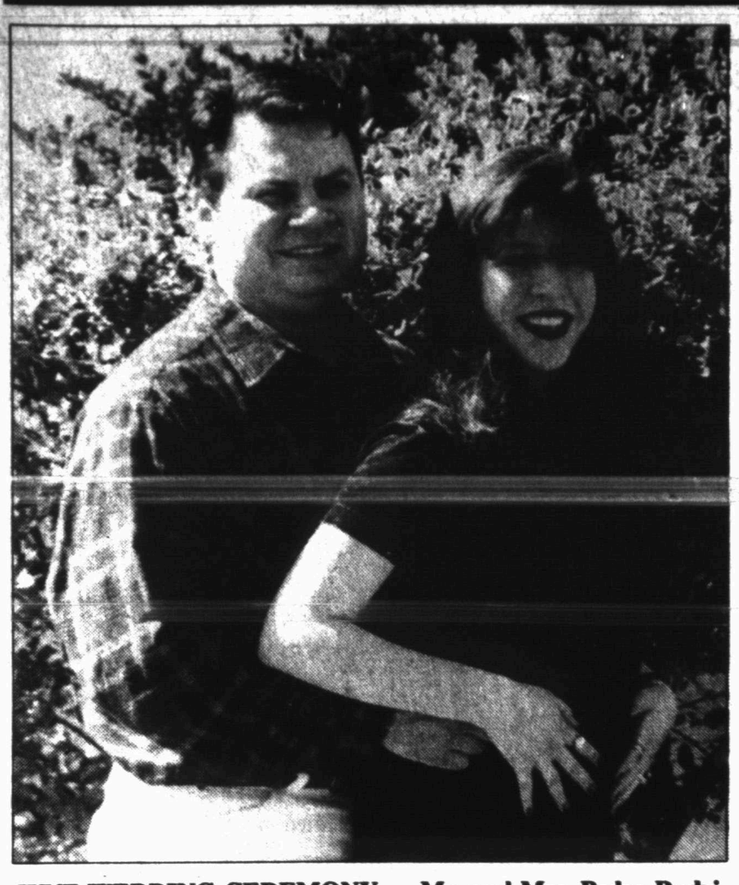


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JUNE WEDDING CEREMONY — Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Rodriguez announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Joe Anthony Rodriguez, to Judith Ann Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raul B. Rodriguez. They plan to marry on June 13 at 37th Street Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)

Robbers given the bluff treatment

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It may have been the best bluff world-champion poker player Doyle Brunson ever pulled off.

Confronted last weekend by two armed robbers wearing ski masks, Brunson faked heart attack to confuse the men and protect himself and his wife.

The men grabbed Brunson, a two-time World Series of Poker champion, outside his house and dragged him inside.

Brunson, 64, said he was struck above his eye and handcuffed to his wife while the robbers pressed him for money in his safe.

As they threatened to kill him and his wife, Brunson faked a heart attack and told the robbers he didn't keep money in the house.

"I just knew that if I didn't have any money here to give them, they'd be awfully mad," Brunson said.

The robbers got away with about $4,000 in cash and $80,000 in casino chips he had been carrying, Brunson said. The chips were part of a $93,000 prize he had won earlier in a tournament earlier in the week.

Brunson said the men may have followed him home after he finished in 10th place at another tournament.

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Video top 10

By The Associated Press

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1. "The Little Mermaid: The Special Edition," (Disney)
2. "Austin Powers," (New Line)
3. "Peter Pan: 45th Anniversary Limited Edition," (Disney)
4. "Hercules," (Walt Disney)
5. "The English Patient," (Miramax)
6. "Air Force One," (Columbia TriStar)
7. "Playboy's Naturals," (Playboy)
8. "Playboy: Night Calls," (Playboy)
9. "Playboy's Women Behaving Badly," (Playboy)
10. "Elmopalooza!" (Sony Wonder)

VIDEO RENTALS

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1. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," (Columbia TriStar)
2. "The Full Monty," (Fox)
3. "In & Out," (Paramount)
4. "Boogie Nights," (Warner)
5. "The Devil's Advocate," (Warner)
6. "Seven Years In Tibet," (Columbia TriStar)
7. "Mimic," (Dimension)
8. "The Edge," (Fox)
9. "Kiss the Girls," (Paramount)
10. "Bean," (PolyGram)

MUSIC VIDEO SALES

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1. "Girl Power: Live In Istanbul," Spice Girls (Virgin)
2. "Tulsa, Tokyo and the Middle of Nowhere," Hanson (PolyGram)
3. "One Hour of Girl Power," Spice Girls (Warner)
4. "Rivers of Joy," Galther & Friends (Spring Hill)
5. "Garth Live From Central Park," Garth Brooks (Orion)
6. "My All," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
7. "The Dance," Fleetwood Mac (Warner Reprise)(Platinum)
8. "Dead to the World," Marilyn Manson (Interscope)
9. "Rage Against the Machine," Rage Against the Machine (Epic)
10. "Romanza In Concert," Andrea Bocelli (PolyGram)

Cypher expecting

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rocker Melissa Etheridge's partner is expecting her second child.

Julie Cypher is due in November, Island Records said in a statement Wednesday.

As with the couple's first child, a girl, the method of fertilization and the identity of the sperm donor weren't disclosed. Ms. Cypher gave birth to Bailey Jean Cypher in February 1997.

Formal setting...

Wilson, Patterson married

Nuptial vows were promised by Hayley Sher Patterson and Clinton Mark Wilson in a 6 p.m., March 14 ceremony in the First Baptist Church sanctuary. Dr. Marty Akins of Snyder officiated the double-ring rites.

Alton and Sherry Patterson are parents of the bride and Steve and Julie Wilson are parents of the bridegroom. All are of Snyder.

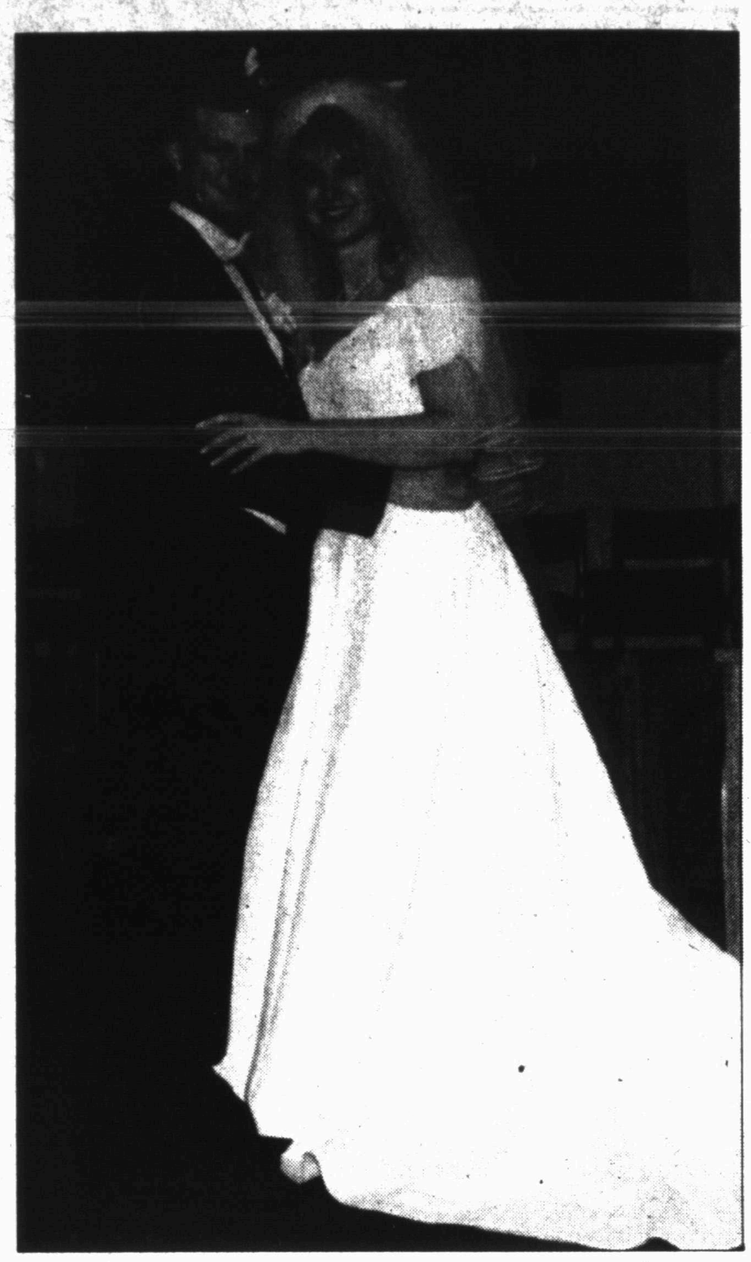
Two candelabras with 15 tapers and decorated with off-white tulle, greenery and silk miniature roses of peach, rose and off-white, were lighted by Courtney Ragland, cousin of the bride from Hobbs, N.M.

Vocalist was Mindy Hines of Lubbock who sang "Wedding Prayer," "Walk Hand in Hand," and "All of Me." Judy Brown, pianist for First Baptist Church, played piano and organ selections.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in an elegant gown of white matte satin, by Bonny. Her bodice was scalloped off-the-shoulder in front and back. A double row of pearls outlined the scalloped neckline. Venetian lace appliques, adorned with seed and oat pearls and crystal sequins, completely covered the front and back bodice.

Short sleeves were appliqued with Venetian, pearls and crystal sequins. The scalloped sleeves were outlined with two rows of pearls. Her princess-style A-line gown flowed into a cathedral train.

The bride's short fingertip, illusion veil was attached to a headband of pearls, sequins and lace. She carried a nosegay of peach, rose, buttercup and off-white roses with greenery, and cascading ribbons and lace in matching colors.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson
(Mr. Gees Photography)

Maid of honor was Annie Ragland, cousin of the bride from Edmond, Okla. Bridesmaids included Stephanie Davis and Tammy Logston of Lubbock.

They wore buttercup-colored, sleeveless long gowns with empire waists. Scarves draped around their necks completed their attire. Attendants carried bouquets of long-stemmed roses, of the bride's chosen colors, nestled in off-white tulle and tied with matching ribbons.

Spencer Ragland, cousin of the bride from Hobbs, was flower girl and Travis Windham, the groom's cousin from Lubbock, was ring bearer.

The groom wore a formal black tuxedo with tails and a white vest. The best man and groomsmen were each dressed in a black tuxedo with buttercup-colored vests to match the bride's attendants' dresses. The ring bearer wore a vest to match the groom's.

Best man was Duffy Galloway of Lubbock. Wes Wilson, brother of the groom from Lubbock, and Jeff James were groomsmen. Ushers were Page Patterson, brother of the bride, Brian Gray and Brian Tavernier, both of Lubbock.

Rachel Wilson and Lynnette Sears, both of Lubbock, registered guests at tables covered with white cloths and Battenburg toppers. The tables were centered with long-stemmed roses nestled in off-white tulle and tied with ribbon.

A reception, held in the church garden room, featured tables covered with white cloths, draped with white tulle and centered with greenery and fresh roses in pastel colors. The bride's table held a crystal punch bowl, cups and plates and pastel napkins engraved with the couple's names. In addition, offered at the table were mints shaped like roses, hearts and bells.

The Victorian heart-shaped, almond-butter wedding cake was iced in an apricot Amaretto confection. The three-layered cake, decorated with fresh flowers and topped with a porcelain bride and a groom in an Air Force uniform, was made by Terri Powell and Randy Head.

Serving were Kathy Bloom and Rachel Wilson.

The groom's table held a brass coffee service and a chocolate, two-layer cake with Air Force wings on top. It was made by Tori Lyons. Serving were Brooke Kubena and Alicia Kubena, both of Lubbock.

After their honeymoon in San Antonio and Fredericksburg, they have made their home in Lubbock.

The bride, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, attended Texas Tech and graduated from WTC nursing school, obtaining her LVN license. She attends South Plains College in Levelland.

Wilson is a May candidate for graduation at Texas Tech with a degree in range/wildlife management. He will be employed with the Air Force on June 1 and will attend flight training to become an Air Force pilot.

House give-away

HERMITAGE, Pa. (AP) — Bruce Berry won't have to haggle with a buyer or hire a real estate agent to unload his house.

He's giving it away for free. The only catch is that whoever gets the house will have to pay to have it moved.

Berry wants the northwestern Pennsylvania land for a new building for his mattress store. The two-bedroom brick house is the former home of a gift boutique.

Julienne Stewart, Mother Of Three

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TUESDAY

Cheese meatloaf, corn O'Brien, blackeye peas, tossed salad, chocolate pudding

WEDNESDAY

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, potato rounds, dill pickle spears, baked apple

THURSDAY

Boneless BBQ ribs, stewed tomatoes w/croutons, Italian green beans, tossed salad, apple cheese crisp

FRIDAY

Fried fish, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, pickled beets & onions, bread pudding

Senior Center News

Since MayDay is Saturday, everyone is urged to join the center's staffers at the coliseum. The fun and entertainment begins at 2 p.m. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. and the quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed for the home-delivered meals program. This program requires 1-2 hours a day, Monday through Friday. Anyone who can help once a week, once a month or as a substitute is asked to call 573-4035.

The absentee voting for the Silver-Haired Legislature representative will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, through May 22. Election day is May 26. All seniors who are registered Texas voters and Scurry County residents are encouraged to vote. The Silver-Haired Legislature is instrumental in legislation that affects senior citizens.

Activities next week include Monday's 9:30 a.m. bridge, 11 a.m. exercise and snooker tournament.

On Tuesday, 42/88 play will begin at 10 a.m., exercise begins at 11 and the Hoss Clayton Band will also begin playing then. The Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon.

The Kitchen Band will perform at Snyder Healthcare at 10 Wednesday. Exercises is set for 11 and the Wednesday Trio will also perform then. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m.

Thursday's activities include Tri-chem classes at 9 a.m., exercise at 11 and a Mother's Day program will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Friday's events will be bridge at 9:30 a.m. and exercise at 11. Blood pressure checks will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Herner and Steinem are inducted

NEW YORK (AP) — Old antagonists Hugh Hefner and Gloria Steinem were united for one night as both were inducted into the American Society of Magazine Editors' Hall of Fame.

"It's like a conservationist being given an award with a head of a timber company," Steinem, 64, said before Wednesday's National Magazine Awards.

Hefner, 72, created Playboy, known for its pictorials of nude women. Steinem is co-founder of Ms., the feminist magazine.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Price Construction Co., two 1998 Chevrolets from Big Country Autoland.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1999 Ford pickup from Lynchburg Ford.

Rene Barrientos, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charlene Bryant, 1998 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Doris Clinkinbeard, 1998 GMC van from Big Country Autoland.

Rudy and Sue Minor, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bobby Horton, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Clinton D. and Annnette L. Chesser, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Shari and Perry Jamison, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Ricky Jordan, 1997 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Michael and Petra Camacho, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Prideco, 1998 Ford pickup from Don Thornton Ford.

Marriage License

Andrew Lynn Poe and Jennifer Renea Clark, both of Snyder.

Theodoro Pena Mireles and Laura Linda Gonzales, both of Hermleigh.

Matthew Owen Dickey of San Angelo and Kayla Dee Drain of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Richard Davis vs. G.W. Brantley, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Trinidad S. McGough-Scott, individually and as next friend of Janie Melissa McGough, Terry Hez McGough Jr. and Joseph McGough, minors, vs. Dan Greer and Complete Services Inc., suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jim Edward Underwood and Rhonda Lavon Underwood, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kary Johnie Salinas and Prudencio Salinas Jr., divorce granted.

Deed Records

Conrad Dewaine Armantrout II to Linda Soliz Lowery, all of Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Highland Terrace Addition.

Javier Martinez and Eva Garcia to Francisco Ferrusca, a 50 x 150-foot tract out of Lot 2 in Block 18 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Roy Burk, Trustee of the Family Life Community Church, to Luz Chavarria, all of Lot 1 in Block 25 of the Wilmeth Addition.

William Timothy and Gayla Dianne Whiteley to William Glen and Amy Wilson Hodges, all of Lot 5 in Block E of the Towle Place Addition.

C.F. Ballard to Town and Country Food Stores Inc., three tracts out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Douglas A. Newton Jr. to AutoZone Inc., a 0.55-acre tract in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mark and April Elizabeth Velasquez to George and Jenia K. Adams, tract one being the east 15 feet of Lot 1 and the west 85 feet of Lot 4 in Block 36 of the Cody Heights Addition; tract two being the east 25 feet of the west 150 feet of Lot 1, Block 36 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Robert Rae Patterson and Allana Patterson-Jensen to Mary Helen Brandon, Lot 12, Block C of the Highland Park Addition.

Constance Joan Stom, independent executrix of the estate of Guy Eugene Stom, to Constance Joan Stom, all of Lot 17 in Block I of the Towle Place Addition.

Eva V. Nimmo to Daniel T. and Harriet W. Massaro, all of Lot 2 in Block C of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Marshall Parham to Leonarda Estrada and Eva Alonzo, all of Lots 21-23 in Block 32 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Lillian Sands to Bill Joe and Darla Willis, the east 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 31 of the Blakenship Addition.

Brenda K. Kotarski to Michael David and Jimmy Don Hess, all of Lot 17 in Block 3 of the Morningside Addition.

Popularity of Beetles create scalping market in the U.S.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — Since Wally Leach bought a new Volkswagen Beetle for his teen-age son, he has gotten plenty of attention — and plenty of good offers for the car that cost him nearly $18,000.

Leach put a down payment on the car two years ago and got an offer of $23,000 from another customer through the dealership.

Then, in a parking lot one day, a man offered $27,000.

"When I told him 'No,' he said, 'Can ' give you more?'" said Leach, who lives in the northeast Tennessee town of Gray.

The popularity of the new version of the car associated with the 1960s has led to Beetle scalping.

Demand is so great and the number of cars so small that some VW dealers are selling them for thousands of dollars above the sticker price. Also, non-VW dealerships and auto wholesalers are purchasing them and reselling them at a mark-up.

And some are willing to fight for a new Beetle.

Mick Adams, a salesman at Livonia VW in Livonia, Mich., said the dealership's policy of no waiting lists — it's first-come, first-serve — has created problems.

"We did have some customers arguing" when a Beetle arrived on the lot, he said. The manager had to ask one of the customers to leave.

"I've had some pretty nasty people come through the door," Adams said.

An Ohio woman bought a Beetle from Livonia after seeing a truck carrying the new cars. "She just followed it until it stopped," Adams said.

The popularity of the Beetle strikes comparisons with the Mazda Miata in 1989, when people also were willing to pay about any price to get the sporty cars.

VW spokesman Tony Fouladpour said the company tries to discourage dealers from selling cars above sticker prices, but can't stop them.

"The dealerships are independent businessmen and some are much more independent than others," he said.

Fouladpour pointed out customers who buy a new Beetle from a non-VW dealer lose out on the 10-year, 100,000-mile warranty. That doesn't bother some people. For them, the allure of the Beetle is too strong to resist.

Ronald Pogue of Berkeley, Calif., said his cherry red Beetle gets him attention everywhere he goes.

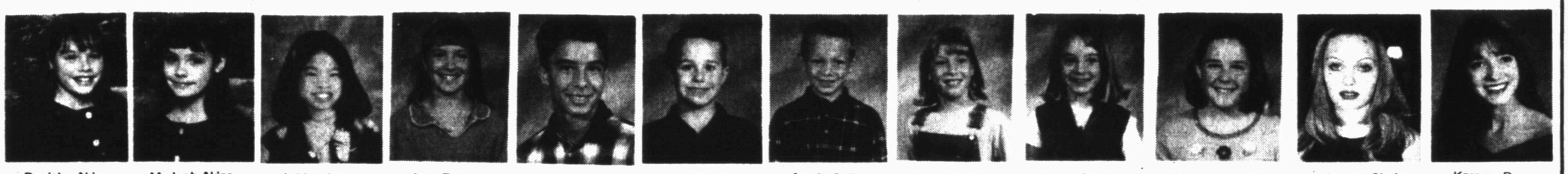
"Can one purchase coolness? I think so," said Pogue, who bought his car at a VW dealer.

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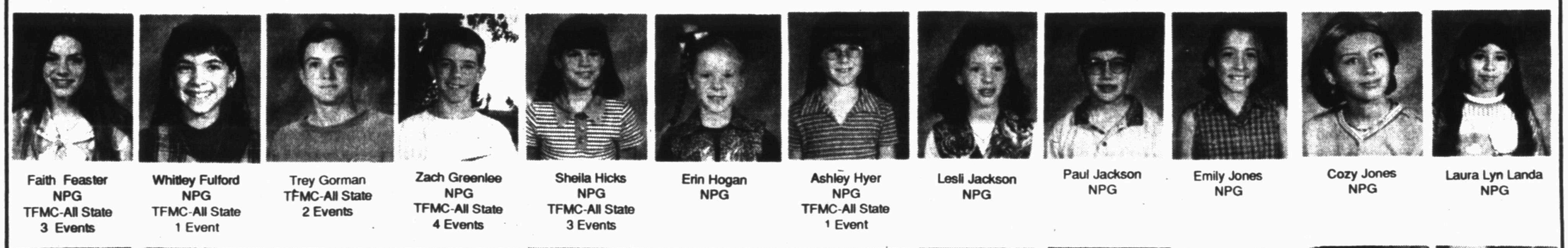
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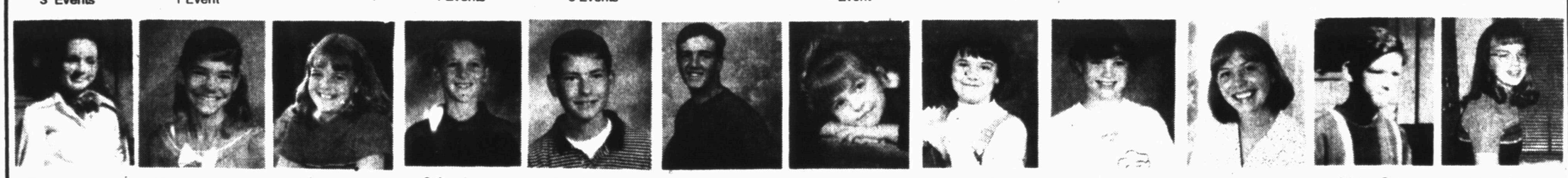
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Forget Big Brother; beware little daughter



Nat Hentoff

Here on the Internet is the Kid's Page of the Justice Department (www.uuddoj.gov/kidspage/), with a friendly looking attorney general delivering a message:

"Kids like you have to deal with the prejudice of their family members ... When someone makes jokes about people, or labels people because of where they come from, the color of their skin, their religion or gender, it's both a hurtful act and a hateful act."

This message is directed to kids from kindergarten to fifth grade. What is a child to do if he or she hears racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism or any of the other flourishing forms of bigotry at home? It can come from an uncle, a grandfather or one's very own parents.

Well, says Attorney General Janet Reno, "If this happens in your home, you might try talking to your parents, teacher, religious leader, counselor, or some other adult with whom you feel comfortable."

And if at first your parents say you are making too much of just a joke, according to this directive, then tell your teacher or religious leader that there is hateful speech in your home. The Rev. Jesse Jackson might come by and set up a speech code for your parents.

Unfortunately, the Justice Department has not provided many specifics as to which words are hurtful or hateful. Children between kindergarten and fifth grade may already know some of those words, but other words may be confusing.

Targeting people as bigots is not quite as easy as the Justice Department believes. For instance, a child may overhear a black comedian on HBO — making satirical fun of other blacks — and then watch his or her family members laughing uproariously at that humor. Are they racist? Should the child tell a teacher or religious leader what his family finds amusing on television?

A child, moreover, may misinterpret an aside by mom or dad that is over the kid's head. Or suppose Minister Louis Farrakkan come on C-SPAN one night and dad directs some unfriendly words, even hateful words, at the smiling minister. Should the child add that indictment to the list of prejudices in his family?

What if a child turns in a parent to his teacher, counselor, religious leader or other adult? Dad and mom certainly won't be put in prison, but one thing will surely happen. Dad and mom will become very careful of what they say in what used to be the privacy of their home.

Is this really the proper function of government — to advise children to monitor their parents' or their uncles' or their grandfathers' speech — however offensive that speech?

My wife and I used to play Lenny Bruce records, and our children, rather small then, would sometimes listen as we laughed at some of his sketches. These days, the kids could have turned us in — and Lenny, too.

On its Home Kids' Page on the Internet, the Justice Department tells the children: "It's wrong to label people because of the color of their skin or where they come from."

It surely is, but it's also wrong to turn kids — whether they're K-5 or older — into speech police.

As for the attorney general, suppose a child is afraid to correct her parents and has no adult whom she can trust on so delicate a matter? Is the Justice Department going to set up a file to which earnest youngsters can contribute the names of bigots in the family?

Some child trained to be a speech cop may also grow up to resemble the librarian who called me recently. She is planning ahead for Banned Books Week in the fall — an annual defiance of censorship around the country. Setting up a program, she asked me if I would be willing to speak on Mark Twain.

I said I would and started to think of the irreverent language which he directed at those who imprison speech.

"One thing," the librarian told me. "You are not to use any language that might offend any of the people who come to the program."

"You have the wrong author," I said, "and the wrong speaker."

As a Jewish child in anti-Semitic Boston, I learned how hurtful certain kinds of speech can be. I also lost a tooth when that speech turned into a punch in the face. But as admirable as her intentions are, the attorney general should rethink installing child monitors of conversations in the home.

Instead, let school librarians suggest honest books on prejudice, followed by open conversations in the library.



Editorial Comment

Death of James Earl Ray

Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal

It's a shame that James Earl Ray did not see fit in the last days before his own death to tell the world the details of his killing of Martin Luther King Jr. Maybe he could have answered the questions of those — including the King family — who still suspect some sort of high-level conspiracy in the assassination 30 years ago. But Ray died as he lived, manipulating the system, seeking attention, causing problems.

Since Ray did not relent, the government should promptly open the files of the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations, which have been sealed since 1978, when the committee finished its probe of the King killing. ...

Neither the assassination of King nor its grave repercussions on the nation can be undone.

But exposing the facts now might keep that terrible act from causing more problems in the future.

Education and teachers

The Ironton (Ohio) Tribune

A recent study by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching reveals that education in the nation's public schools at the elementary and secondary levels is not all we should be worried about.

The study finds that undergraduate students at some of America's top universities are being taught by graduate students — not professors. The professionals, it seems, are too busy trying to make a name for themselves — and their schools — in the research arena to bother with teaching.

The attitude revealed by the Carnegie Foundation's survey reflects more than just a disturbing trend in colleges today. It is the key to the demise of education.

Perhaps if Americans placed a higher value on teacher-scholars and experienced teachers, America' schools would be better places to learn.

Excellence should be demanded from every teacher. Those who prefer to coast and refuse to find new and better ways of reaching students would be asked to find another line of work.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks, volunteers!

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who have helped with Snyder Neighbors Sharing, This is a tremendous opportunity for people to help people.

It is a hard day of labor but the rewards are many. Snyder Neighbors Sharing worked on 12 houses on Saturday, April 25.

I was involved in organizing the food for the volunteers. I would like to thank everyone who contributed food and also the people who helped pick up the food and deliver it.

We had participation from restaurants, clubs, grocery stores and suppliers. Also, thanks to the Senior Center for allowing us to use their facilities for our headquarters.

When you visit establishments in Snyder and see a bright green certificate from Snyder Neighbors Sharing you will know these places contributed to our successful workday. Give them a compliment and your business. They helped make this workday a great success.

Thanks to all who contributed. Your donation was appreciated and noticed.

Kathy Hall
Snyder

Team spirit

To the Editor,

What a wonderful place to live! Easter is the time of year that we celebrate life, hope and joy. And it's such a blessing to live in a community where those things are an everyday occurrence. I am so grateful to live in a community where the school system, in particular the superintendent, is willing to work with the churches to make a difference for good in the lives of our citizens.

First Baptist Church is exceedingly grateful to the Snyder ISD, superintendent Gayle Lomax and high school principal Larry Scott for making it possible for us to have our Sunday morning Easter worship service in the high school auditorium.

Almost 1,200 of us were able to gather together to celebrate the reality that Jesus is alive and gives life to all who believe.

After three years and eight months of living in Snyder, I am even more excited about the many positive relationships and team spirit that exist in our community. Thank you to all who make this a magnificent place in which to live and raise a family.

Gratefully a Snyderite!

Marty Akins, pastor
First Baptist Church

Who's gonna tell Elber about Springer?



Bill McClellan

I don't know how I'm going to tell Uncle Elber about this.

You all know Elber.

Elber used to be a bigtime wrestling fan. Oh yeah. Watched it all the time.

But he gave up wrestling a few years back when Mean Mike the Marauder went down from his own punch. Seems that after getting romped on and stomped on by Pretty Boy Brunson, Mean Mike huffed and puffed and charged back. He swung a looping roundhouse right.

Only problem was, Mean Mike's punch came nearer hitting the beer boy than Pretty Boy. Mike toppled forward, fell over the ropes and took out two ladies in coveralls, the vendor and 32 eight-ounce cups of beer. Oh, and he knocked himself right out, too.

That would have been all right if Pretty Boy had jeered at him, or helped him up. But in what I guess he wanted the fans to believe was a delayed reaction, he suddenly jerked his head back, shook wildly and backpeddled across the canvas, darn near collapsing through the ropes, too.

"Musta been the wind that got him," I said.

"You know, I don't think that ol' boy ever touched him," said Elber. And he spit in his drink.

When Elber spits in his drink, that means whatever he's doing, watching or saying is over.

It also means that's the end of that particular drink, especially if there was only one and you were sharing it with him.

Elber was equally turned out when a certain fire and brimstone evangelist he used to watch was caught in a compromising situation, not once, but twice. Seems the self-professed man of God was more of a professor of the prostitutes. That one upset Uncle Elber pretty bad. He spit twice.

Now, of course, he's going to hear the latest news.

He's going to learn that the fights on the Jerry Springer show are staged.

I don't want to tell him. *You* can tell him.

And to his credit, I think Elber watches out of incredulity — that means he's shocked, dumbstruck by what he sees.

He's dumbstruck; the people on the show are just struck dumb.

I don't like the Jerry Springer Show myself. It's not so much the fights; it's the way the audience cheers when these losers tear into each other.

After they cheer the guests, they cheer the host: "Jer-rey! Jer-rey! Jer-rey!" as if to say, "yeah, Jer, you really outdid yourself this time by bringing *these* bimbos on."

It must have been something like that when the Romans went to the Coliseum to watch the gladiators.

"Cea-sar! Cea-sar! Cea-sar!"

It's good to know that these fights — at least some of them — are staged. Watching the Springer Show will make you fear for the world in general.

Jerry's big thing right now (well, I might have watched *once*) is to get whole families up there. Mad ex-mama-in-laws are real crowd pleasers. In fact, most of them look like they could be on bigtime wrestling themselves.

Fortunately, they bleep out unsavory words, but you can't bleep out stupidity.

I was watching the other night (OK, *twice*) and I wrote down part of a conversation between an unmarried mother of four who was mad at another woman because she had been sleeping with her boyfriend who was the other woman's ex-husband and had kids by him, too, and to hear the other woman talk, just about everybody else in town, and well... you get the gist.

But I learned that from Jerry's dialogue. The actual conversation went like this:

"(Bleep) you (bleep) (bleep) sorry (bleep) if you (bleep) (bleep) I will (bleep) (bleep) (bleep) your (bleep) (bleep) (bleep) head (bleep) (bleep) right off your (bleep) (bleep) (bleep), you (bleep)."

To which the other woman replied:

"(Bleep)," and proceeded to pull off the other woman's wig, much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

"Jer-rey! Jer-rey! Jer-rey!"

Now, the word is that they are going to tone down the fights, clean up the language. In other words, quit staging the show.

If you see Elber before I do, remember — keep your drink covered.

http://www.wbuffalo.com/users/rowdie

Catch cancer before it catches you



Deanie Francis Mills

There are many reasons to be sad about the unexpected death, at the age of 56, of Linda McCartney, wife of 28 years to singer, songwriter and former Beatle Paul McCartney. But the saddest reason of all is that not even all the money in the world or access to the finest medical care could save a healthy, fit, young-thinking woman from the ravages of breast cancer.

Linda McCartney joins my friend Dolores in making up the tragic statistic: 40,000 women die of this disease every year in this country.

But the central tragedy about these deaths is that so many of them could be prevented. Since breast cancer is such an insidious disease to fight once a diagnosis has been made, it is far easier to guarantee success in the battle by arming yourself with early detection.

And gentlemen: You are not immune from some kinds of cancer which can also be detected early. Just as your wives, daughters, sisters and mothers should check their own bodies for lumps and anomalies, so should you check yours. After the age of 50, for sure, see your doctor and get checked. It only takes a few minutes and costs a whole lot less than cancer treatment.

But even though breast cancer is one of the easiest diseases to detect early, many women persist in neglecting this crucial area of their own health, usually because of all sorts of fears and anxieties. The best weapon you can have against these silly fears is education.

First of all, many lumps and bumps found in the human breasts are quite normal. Most of the lumps discovered even by mammogram turn out to be benign. I've got one that I've carried around for more than 10 years. When I first found it, I went to the doctor and then got a mammogram. (The lump was a benign cyst.)

Later, I had some fluid removed from the lump to be absolutely sure that it was indeed benign. Since then, I get a mammogram every year and I check my breasts every month to make sure the lump does not change in size or shape.

When you check your breasts, remember to go over the entire chest area, from under the arms to the sternum, or breast plate, and below the breasts themselves.

Familiarize yourself with normal breast lumpiness. Check each side while you are lying down, while you are standing up, and then bend over in front of a mirror and examine your breasts. Sometimes a dimple of sorts will show up that you've never seen before. This should be checked out by a doctor and a mammogram.

For routine mammograms, you can call Cogdell Memorial Hospital directly and make your own appointment. The cost is about $75, and many health insurance plans cover this as preventative medicine. The results will be forwarded to your doctor.

Ask your doctor how often he or she recommends that you have a mammogram. It varies with age and family history.

It's still important to check yourself. When my friend Dolores found hers, it did not show up on a mammogram. She insisted that her doctor do a sonogram — which did indeed find the lump.

The important thing to remember, even if you do find a lump and it turns out to be cancer, is that it is up to you to educate yourself about all the treatments available, all the options — some of which are much less dramatic and invasive than mastectomy.

You can also look to reconstructive surgery following mastectomy. Find a doctor you trust, ask questions, and demand answers. If Dolores had known to request a bone-scan after her mastectomy, for instance, she might be alive today.

But the truth is that so many breast cancer stories, unlike Dolores' or Linda McCartney's can have happy endings. Breast cancer can be survived, and survived triumphantly, for a full and complete lifetime.

And the very best way possible to ensure that you will not only survive, but thrive — is to find it as soon as possible.

You. You have to do it. Not your doctor. Not the mammogram people. You. You have to check yourself each month. You have to make the mammogram and doctor appointments. You have to take care of yourself.

Do it. And live.



VENDO 44 — Sherry Bryant is shown with a Vendo 44 Coca-Cola vending machine which is quite popular because of its narrow design. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Coke machines restored

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Sherry said. Alleys are good places to search as well.They have found some in Colorado City and other area towns, such as at an old drug store in Abilene.

Some machines still have coins in them. One contained $20 in dimes which they returned to the very surprised owner.

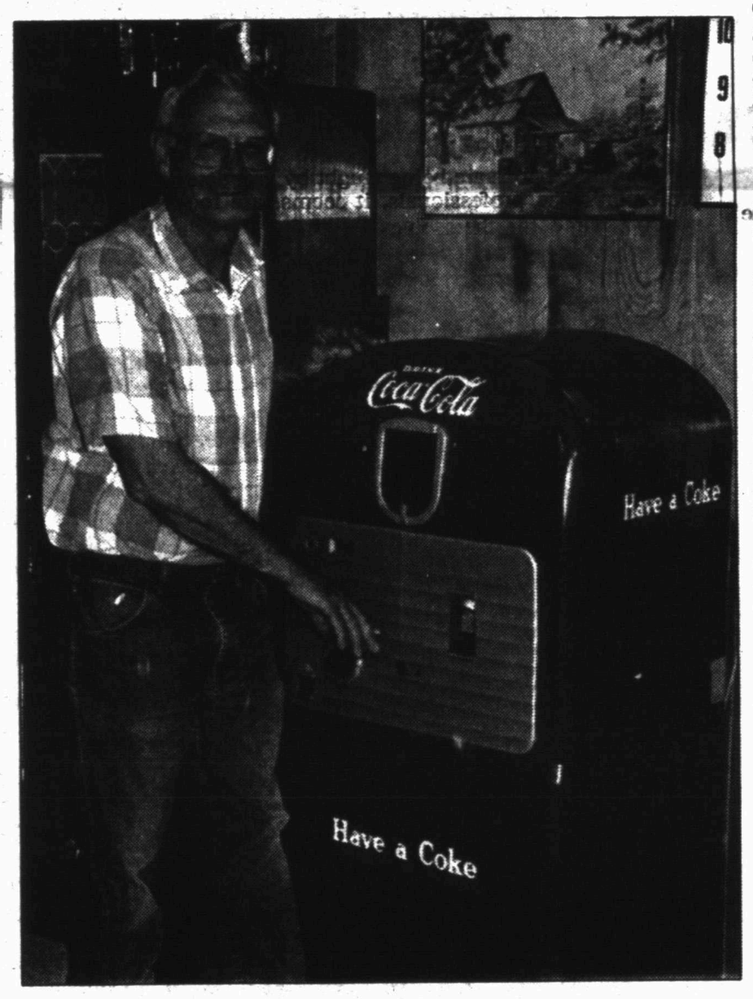
The Bryants find many of their Coca-Cola shelf items at markets held twice a year at the World Trade Center in Dallas. Shows featuring all types of coin-operated machines are held periodically. Swap meets are good places to find and trade vending machines.

At one show in Dallas, Franklin said all three floors of one hotel was filled with original Coca-Cola items for sale or trade.

Vending machines are not the only machines the Bryants restore. They also restore the big glass jar visible gas pumps as well as the old electric ones from the 1950s. Texas and Mobil seem to be the most popular brands.

In their home, they also have an original juke box which plays three songs for a dime; two for a nickel or six for a quarter.

"The kids really 'oh and ah,'" the Bryants said.



HAVE A Coca-Cola — When Franklin offers you a Coca-Cola, it may come from this vintage vending machine which he has restored. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

McMillan bows out as spokeswoman

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Susan Carpenter McMillan, the sharp-tongued conservative activist who stepped in to spruce up Paula Jones' public image, is bowing out as her spokeswoman.

Mrs. McMillan said this week she will head the campaign of a conservative women's group to export California's chemical castration law for repeat child molesters to other states.

Mrs. Jones' appeal of a judge's ruling throwing out her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton was Mrs. McMillan's cue to return to her work with the Women's Coalition, which deals with family and children's issues in California.

"I'm trying to wind down from this," Mrs. McMillan said in an interview Wednesday from her home in Santa Monica, Calif. "Unless it's overturned and Paula goes to trial, there's really nothing much more that I can do."

Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Jones were friends and confidantes before Mrs. McMillan became her spokeswoman.

Stories of Israeli independence retold

DALLAS — Somehow, the washed out black-and-white photo already is 50 years old.

The 18-year-old boy with the bandage on his forehead and the pistol on his hip has experienced a lifetime since then, gathering wisdom and a graying beard along the way.

But he looks at the picture and is there again: A young man in the Israeli desert, swaggering with pride and confidence that his people will prevail in a war for independence.

"Like it was yesterday," said Jack Molad, now 68. "Those were exciting times. It was a very unique time and place to grow up in."

As Israel celebrates its 50th anniversary of statehood this week, people around the world old enough to remember are being taken back to 1948.

Whether Israeli or American, Jewish or Arab, Holocaust survivor or World War II veteran, remembering Israel's independence can be an emotional journey, even all these years later.

Michael Jacobs, who survived more than five years in concentration camps during World War II, was in his early 20s and living in Germany when Israel declared its independence. He can count 80 family members — including his entire immediate family — lost to the Nazis. He survived, he said, purely by a will to live.

"In the back of my mind, I was a free person," he said. "That's what kept me going."

And, he said, a few years after World War II when Israel became a state, there was a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that Jews finally had a place to call their own.

"My friends and I were living in a hotel, and we put out the Israel flag and were dancing in the street, from hotel to hotel, in front of the Germans," said Jacobs, now 72 and the founder of the Dallas Center for Holocaust Studies. "It felt good to have a homeland and to show the Germans that we had a homeland."

Though he made his life in America, the first time he went to Israel in 1968, he said, "I felt like I was home again."

Molad, who also made Dallas his home as an adult, was only 14 when he was running secret missions for one of the Israeli undergrounds in the years before Israel's independence. He always carried a machine gun or a pistol — or both — for protection.

He was 15 when he helped smuggle World War II refugees into Tel Aviv.

His two brothers were members of a competing, more militaristic underground so "our home was a tinderbox on Friday evenings when we were all together."

In May 1948, when Israel declared independence, everyone in Molad's Tel Aviv neighborhood took to the streets, dancing in circles, raising each other in chairs, drinking wine and singing into the night.

But there was an underlying air of nervousness because they knew war with the Palestinians was on its way. He and his friends all would be fighting and going to the front in the first wave of action.

Then he broke his leg in a motorcycle accident and had to watch his friends march off to Galilee without him. "It was the most embarrassing time of my life," he said. "I wanted so much to be going."

Then, one by one, his friends came home in pine boxes.

"All my friends died," he said. "The motorcycle accident saved my life."

Even with a broken leg, he was eager to start serving in the war. Since he could still drive, he started his war stint driving a jeep for Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, who later would become prime minister of Israel. Afterward, he served at a communications center just behind the front, where his unit was helped by American volunteers who had fought in World War II.

"They spoke to us in broken Hebrew, and they were so good with the equipment," he said. "It was great to get to know them. When they spoke of America, I thought, 'America must be something in heaven.'"

Walter Cohen was one of the American volunteers helping in Israel.

A veteran of World War II who grew up in Wichita Falls and served in the Pacific, Cohen was 27 when he boarded a transport ship to Israel.

"When the turmoil in Israel was coming to a head and Arab armies were poised to attack, I made up my mind to do something — whatever I could — to help my people." — Walter Cohen

"I survived World War II, and my family was not happy about my going to Israel," said Cohen, who now lives in Austin. "They tried to talk me out of it, but nothing could deter me at that point."

When the realities of the millions murdered in the Holocaust became clear after World War II, Cohen said, it was devastating.

"I was a very sensitive and emotional young man, and that had a huge impact on me," he said. "When the turmoil in Israel was coming to a head and Arab armies were poised to attack, I made up my mind to do something — whatever I could — to help my people."

He served with other volunteers, Jewish and non-Jewish, from all over the world. Most of the American Jews were there for reasons similar to those of Cohen. For the non-Jewish volunteers, the reasons varied, he said. One man, an American Indian from Oklahoma, was there because he knew discrimination firsthand and wanted to help, he said.

"However small my part may have been, our mere presence there was a morale booster, I think," said Cohen, who served as a machinegunner. But, he is quick to add, "I never saw anybody to shoot, thank God."

Though he may not have killed anyone, it was a war, and people on both sides were killed, and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were displaced from there homes. Though the 50 years of statehood has been marked by successes, it also has been marred by violence.

Munir Bayoud, an 87-year-old Palestinian, remembers the day of Israel's independence — or the Arab word "nakba" (catastrophe) — with solemnity. He reflects on the Palestinian villages that were destroyed.

His hope is the same as it has been for 50 years: For Israel to become two states, one Arab and one Jewish.

He and his wife, Katie, are working to publicize a national tour of a Palestinian embroidered quilt dedicated to 418 villages destroyed in 1948.

When he thinks back, it is with melancholy.

Before the war, Bayoud was working with the British government, which had colonized Palestine after World War I. As Israel was moving toward independence, Bayoud wanted to keep his wife and children safe, so he took them to his native Lebanon.

"When I returned, I found my home was confiscated," he said. "I lost everything I had. It was a terrible time. I was told to arm myself, but I said, 'I do not carry arms.'"

But by far the worst experience, he said, was the night he was hiding in Jerusalem and a truck stopped and dumped out 15 young girls at Harod's Gate "like garbage on the street," he said. "They were crying. They were the remnants of families killed in Deir Yassin massacre. That really affected me."

During the war, far away from Israel, Annette Morganstern, then only 10 in Louisville, Ky., was paying close attention to what was happening.

The day independence was declared, her family gathered around the radio to listen to the vote by the United Nations.

"You could hear a pin drop in that house," said Ms. Morganstern, who grew up to become the Dallas director of the Zionist Organization of America.

She had spent the years of World War II listening at the breakfast table to information her mother had heard in the middle of the night via shortwave radio from Europe. "People my age were being murdered," she said. "It was a horrifying feeling. My brother was a pilot who was killed in the war. So when Israel became a state it was very important.

"That scene is burned into my memory."

Because he felt Jewish children needed to learn about Israel and its history, Molad founded an annual pilgrimage to the Middle East for teenagers. For 15 summers he took teenagers to Israel and always a part of the tour was a stop at the cemetery where his friends are buried.

Each year, he would sit at their graves, dropping pebbles on their headstones, and tell the kids about his friends, who weren't much older when they died in battle.

"Each year I was ready to break down," he said. "Sometimes they would have to carry me out of there. The kids would see me at that kind of loss for words and know the importance of paying homage to that time."

FCC renews licenses for 3 TV stations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's decision to dismiss complaints against the content of four Denver TV stations' newscasts is being hailed by supporters as an important free-speech victory for broadcast journalists across the country.

In the closely watched case, the Federal Communications Commission on Thursday decided to renew the licenses of the four stations and dismissed complaints that, among other things, their local evening newscasts contained excessive and exploitative violence.

The commission concluded that Rocky Mountain Media Watch, a nonprofit group that monitored the newscasts between 1994 and 1997, failed to make a case against stations KCNC, KMGH, KUSA and KWGN.

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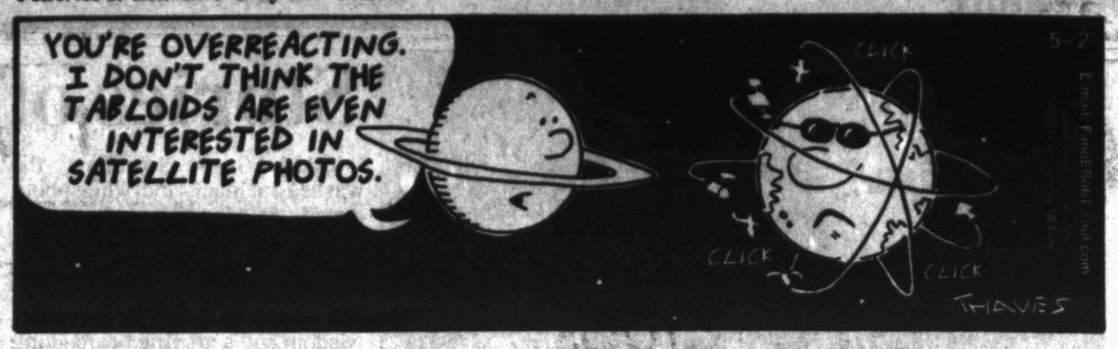
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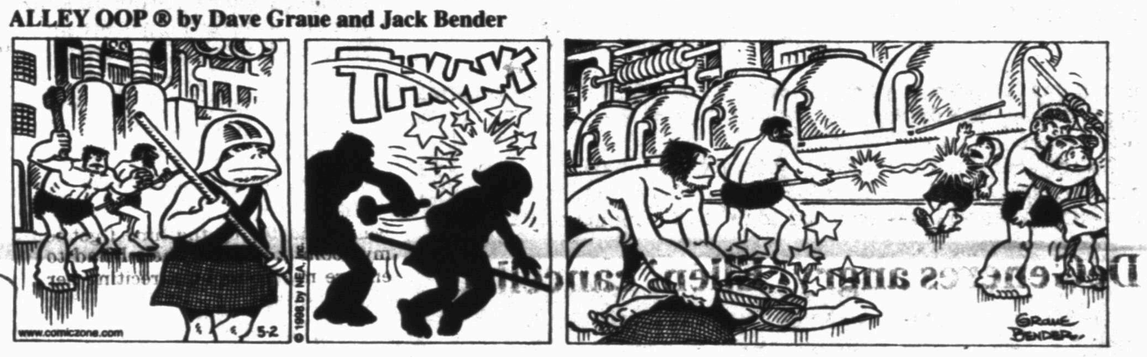
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26 Poetic foot
28 For Pete's —!
29 Compass pt.
30 Thin coin
31 Scalawags
33 Certain eater
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37 Poetic time
38 Fencing sword
40 Lab burner
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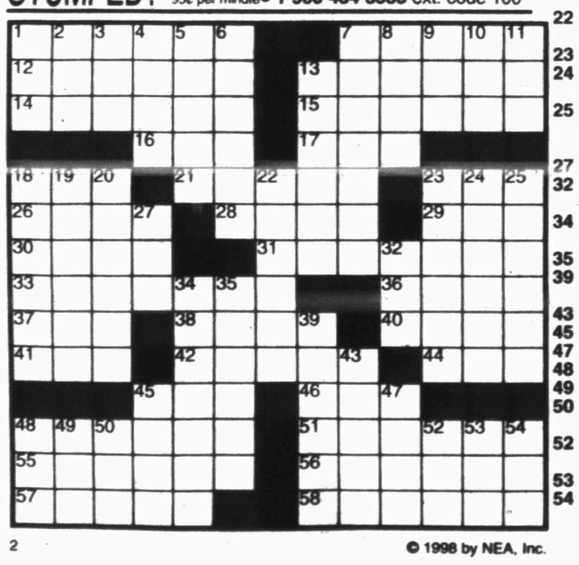
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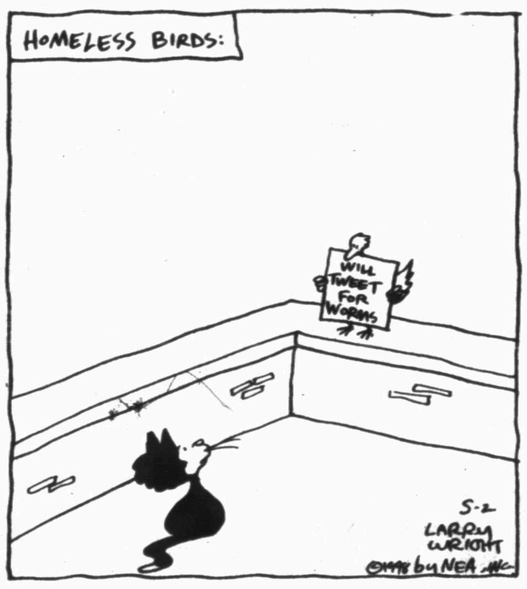
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Q&A

What is the danger of 'party' drugs?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse. Due to recent inquiries, this column will be devoted to giving information about club drugs or party drugs as they are known in today's youth population.)

Although alcohol and tobacco are the most common substances found on the club scene, other substances such as Ecstacy, Herbal Ecstacy, Rohypnol, GHB, Ketamine and LSD have gained popularity with young people in recent years.

Typically, nightclubs, bars and party raves attract teens, college students and young adults who may risk their health in the interest of a good time.

Most parents of young adults do not realize that when a teen says he or she is going to a dance, they may be going to an all night "rave" — held perhaps in a deserted building, and featuring loud music, strobe lights and party drugs.

Club drugs are attractive to youth because they are cheap and produce intoxicating highs. People often try these drugs simply because their friends are using them and they believe them to be safe. However, most party-goers do not realize the dangers.

Some of the club drugs, like rohypnol and GHB, can cause blackouts and amnesia. In addition, when young people start using drugs regularly, they often lose interest in school or work, placing them at risk of dropping out of school or college, loss of employment and possible encounters with law enforcement. In addition, any combination of these drugs with alcohol can lead to unexpected and adverse reactions or death.

"How are people usually introduced to club drugs?" is a question often asked by parents and older adults. Many young people are introduced to club drugs on the nightclub or rave scene, or by their peers. A major concern about these drugs is their widespread use among high school youth, college students and young adults who frequent clubs and parties — often without their parents knowing what is actually happening in such places.

Parents whose children have been harmed or killed by the club drugs recommend that adults accompany young teens to see where "dances" or parties are being held.

"If we had been more suspicious and checked on our son," said one greiving mother whose son died of an overdose, "our son might be alive today."

Please send your questions on club drugs or any other drug or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas, 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Next week: "Special K — just a breakfast cereal?"

Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling 573-1141 or 1 800 658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen Learns the Hard Way That Sex Can Be a Crime

DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother and his wife have been through a month of pure hell because of something their son unwittingly did. He thought it was OK to have sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend because she consented. ("Joe," our nephew, is also 17.) They had been dating for a year and seemed to be very much in love. Their first sexual encounter was three months ago.

To his horror, he learned the hard way that it is a felony in California for a minor male to have consensual sex with a female who is under the age of 18 and is not his wife.

Our society has been teaching sex education and preaching safe sex. Young people have been lectured on the danger of contracting AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases, but educators and parents forget to reinforce the fact that sexual relations are against the law in some states if either party is underage — even though both parties have agreed to it.

Abby, all it takes to land a young man in criminal court is for a girlfriend to become angry and seek revenge by crying rape, or for her parents to become irate and file a complaint. The boy can then be sent to juvenile hall, the boys' ranch or even the California Youth Authority.

We need to rethink our sex education programs to include the legal ramifications as well as the emotional and physical pitfalls.

AUNT OF GOOD BOY IN TROUBLE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR AUNT: I agree; the legal consequences of sexual relations should also be taught in schools.

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DEAR ABBY: Please print this. I have a long history of major medical problems, plus more hospitalizations than I can count.

Last week, for the first time in my life, I signed myself out of a hospital. I just couldn't take it anymore. Let me explain:

I had a medical emergency, went to the ER, and had to wait for three hours for a room in the hospital. I was exhausted by the time I got to my room at 2 p.m. Then I had to endure my roommate's reciting her medical history a dozen times to her endless stream of noisy, rude visitors. By 8 p.m., there must have been 20 people in the room. Not one of them had a thing to say that was worth listening to.

I couldn't get to the bathroom because it was on the other side of my roommate's bed, which meant I'd have to walk through (or pass) the crowd in a gown that opened in the back.

I was so exhausted that all I wanted to do was go home where I could get some rest. I insisted that the nurse remove my IV so I could leave.

A word of advice for people who visit friends or relatives in a hospital: First, figure out what you want to say, say it, and leave!

I'm sure that patient's family perceived themselves as wonderful, warm, supportive family rather than the rude, selfish jerks they really are.

EXHAUSTED IN TACOMA

DEAR EXHAUSTED: It would have been better had you asked the nurse to limit your roommate's visitors so that you could rest. You could also have insisted that visiting hours and visitor limitations be enforced. (Most hospitals have limited visiting hours and usually allow only one or two visitors at a time.) Or, you could have asked to be moved to another room. If you are hospitalized again, don't just lie there and take it. Assert yourself and make your needs known.

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DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Ruth Daigen in Wantagh, N.Y." about her experience with 911. As a 911 operator, I'm proud that with your help her life was saved. I wholeheartedly agree with you that 911 should be used for emergencies only. Unfortunately, it is often abused.

Please, Abby, advise your readers to think before they dial. If we are responding to a call about a barking dog, the weather or someone who needs a ride, we may be unable to handle a life-threatening emergency. This could mean the difference between life and death. In the front of every phone book is a listing of non-emergency numbers for every local agency.

Do not use 911 as a "game." A prank call can cause someone to lose his or her life, and the penalty is a large fine. Children should be taught to use 911, but only in extreme circumstances. As parents, we don't think about getting hurt or becoming seriously ill, but it happens. With proper training, your 4-year-old could save your life.

We are here to help 24 hours a day. But remember: You are our hands and eyes. Give as many details as possible — address, directions for getting there, and precisely what the situation is. Then be prepared to listen carefully. With the operator's help, you may save a life.

If you are unable to talk, keep the line open. We will listen, try to determine what kind of help you need and dispatch it immediately. If you have a serious medical condition, contact the office of your local 911 center and inform them in advance, making sure to give them the name of a contact person who has access to your home and can help us enter to reach you.

If you are on the road and use your cell phone to report an accident, be prepared to describe your location. Try to remember mile markers, exits, route numbers, road names, businesses that are close by — anything that will help us determine where you are.

911 is many people working together: trained professionals, volunteers and the public. When we all cooperate, it works beautifully. If you need help, give me a call. You know my number!

911 OPERATORS EVERYWHERE

DEAR 911 OPERATOR: You have written an important letter. I'm printing it because everyone should be familiar with 911 and treat its lifesaving services with the respect they deserve.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I no longer love each other. He's a workaholic and refuses to talk anything out. He said that if I don't like it, I can leave.

He's been this way since day one. I haven't left because we have a 5-year-old son.

Abby, is it better to remain in a loveless marriage for the sake of our son, or would getting on with my life be better? We both want full custody, and I hate to put our son through a nasty legal battle. Neither will I give up my child.

What should I do?

MISERABLE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MISERABLE: Offer your husband the option of marriage counseling in order to improve your relationship. If he refuses, then see a lawyer and get on with your life. The atmosphere you describe is not a healthy one in which to raise a child.

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Flynt ready for another trial

CINCINNATI (AP) — Larry Flynt is ready to go on trial again for allegedly violating Ohio's obscenity laws.

The Hustler publisher surrendered to authorities Thursday. Flynt and his brother, Jimmy, are accused of violating state law by selling sexually explicit videotapes, including to a 14-year-old boy, at his downtown store.

"I'm looking forward to the trial. I'm not looking forward to the bureaucracy," said Flynt as he entered Hamilton County Courthouse.

Twenty-one years ago, Larry Flynt was convicted of pandering obscenity for selling Hustler in Hamilton County, but the conviction was thrown out on appeal.

Flynt has said he believes that the sex videotapes sold at his store are protected by the First Amendment. He faces 21 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

DeGeneres angry 'Ellen' cancelled

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC says "Ellen" was canceled because it lost its comic edge. Ellen DeGeneres says the series was canned because she's a lesbian.

"I was fired basically because I'm gay," the sitcom's star told Entertainment Weekly for next week's issue.

The last episode of "Ellen" will air May 13. Its demise came a year after her character, Ellen Morgan, and DeGeneres herself came out as gay.

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'Principle' in short supply in Gingrich-Clinton dispute

AP analysis

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the lessons Newt Gingrich said he learned the hard way is that Americans want their leaders to have principled differences and to settle them in constructive ways.

The White House argues that the speaker of the House isn't meeting either test, that he is playing to the restive Republican right with his scandal offensive against President Clinton.

Actually, neither the GOP attacks nor the Democratic defenses seem founded on principle, and there's no room for a settlement in a win-or-lose situation.

Gingrich began this round of the argument by telling GOP conservatives that Clinton and the Democrats are running "the most systematic, deliberate obstruction of justice, coverup, an effort to avoid the truth we have ever seen in American history."

And he promised not to relent on the scandal accusations. "I will never again, as long as I am speaker, make a speech without commenting on this topic," Gingrich said.

Clinton's counter was to cast himself above the argument.

He called it political static and said that if Americans send GOP leaders a clear signal that they want Congress to deal with him on national problems, it will.

Clinton told his news conference Thursday that's his aim and nothing Gingrich "can say about me, for whatever reason," will affect it.

Gingrich had raised his ante by tying his coverup accusations to legislation the administration wants passed, starting with an appropriation for U.S. contributions to the International Monetary Fund. "We're going to ask that questions be answered, or the Clinton administration will have no moral standing to come to us for a penny," he said.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry called that crazy.

Gingrich began his offensive by saying he'd had enough when Democrats blocked grants of immunity to four prospective witnesses Republicans wanted to question in their investigation of Democratic fund-raising abuses in the 1996 campaign. That's the investigation run by Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana, who had said he was out to get Clinton and called the president a scumbag.

A clumsy word, perhaps, Gingrich said later. "Some thought it was too strong, and others thought it was too weak," he said.

Gingrich said repeatedly that he was concentrating on illicit campaign funds. He said that unless the Democrats relent and let Burton's investigating committee grant immunity to get testimony — they won't — he will shift the investigation to another panel where Republicans have the two-thirds majority they need.

Rep. Henry Waxman of California, top Democrat on the Burton panel, said fine, it couldn't get any worse.

Then Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, the Democratic leader, said Gingrich should not make decisions on the investigation because he had prejudged the case and demeaned the office of speaker.

Gingrich said in his Monday night speech to GOPAC, the political action committee he once headed, that he is proceeding on two principles: the people have a right to the facts, and nobody is above the law.

He said those points had been "obscured by all of this soap opera baloney" about Clinton's personal conduct involving Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern whose alleged relationship with the president is at the core of a special prosecutor's investigation.

"I have no vendettas," Gingrich said. "I believe in no political witch hunts. I will not pursue anything beyond the fact."

Gingrich cast his argument well beyond the fund-raising investigation, the House version of a Senate inquiry that faltered to an end in 1997.

—He said Clinton is taking the Democrats in a direction that would make them "the party of cover-up and corrupt."

—He said Clinton can fire special prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr if he wants. But if he doesn't, "He should tell his staff to shut up" and stop trying to undermine him. The law permits an attorney general to oust an independent counsel for good cause, but as a practical matter, no administration under investigation would risk it.

—He said nobody can really believe that payments to a potential Whitewater witness were anything but hush money.

McCurry said it was all about politics, not truth. He said Gingrich was off on a tirade. "As soon as he comes back to his senses, we'll do business," Clinton's spokesman said.

They did after earlier confrontations, notably the budget collision that led to government shutdowns in 1995. In his book, "Lessons Learned the Hard Way, a Personal History," Gingrich wrote of that episode:

"I was to learn something about the American people that too many conservatives don't appreciate. They want their leaders to have principled disagreements, but they want those disagreements to be settled in constructive ways."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Several donate to campaign coffers

SEATTLE (AP) — Barbra Streisand, Rosie O'Donnell and Glenn Close are among the stars filling the campaign coffers of Margarethe Cammermeyer.

The former colonel was discharged from the National Guard in 1992 because she is a lesbian, but was later reinstated. She retired from the Washington National Guard in 1997.

Cammermeyer is now trying to unseat second-term Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



The computer: terrific tool or employee pacifier

I know that as I write about any business topic I'm at risk of slaughtering someone's sacred cow. So today as I cast a spotlight on computers, I know I'll get some mail. I would get e-mail, but a cyber car ran over and knocked down my e-mail box.

For some time, I've questioned whether or not the computer is helping America's small-business owners become more productive. I know more and more businesses use computers, and many couldn't bear to part with their micro information managers. However, it is fair to ask: Is the computer making us more productive or is it simply a business pacifier?

Let's start defining productivity. Productivity is a measure of the output per unit used in the measurement. For example: Output of goods or services per worker hour, or units produced per day, per plant, etc. To beome more productive you must do more with your present resources, or do the same as you're doing now with fewer resources.

Many people confuse activity with productivity. Computers are tremendous activity generators. We can and do consume hundreds of hours each year at the keyboard or mouse. You can discover billions of bits of information out there on the information highway. Each day we can learn new things and explore new web sites. The computer helps us do more things, but are those things keeping us busy or making us more productive?

For example, are our customers more satisfied with our products or services? Are we earning more profit? Is our business growing at a faster rate than the economy? Are we truly accomplishing more work with fewer assets?

Sorry, but no.

I'm sorry, but the answer is no. Acording to Lester C. Thurow, professor of economics and former dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management, productivity growth is actually slowing compared to pre-computer decades.

In a recent USA Today column, Thurow wrote, "If one studies productivity statistics, where technical changes are officially measured, The past 10 years have been the worst in American history. Productivity has grown 0.8 percent per year — just one-fourth the rate of the 1960s."

Thurow goes on to make other points that argue against the computers-are-making-us-more-productive theory. For example, in the last two decades, life expectancy in America has increased 4.0 percent. During the same period, health care costs skyrocketed by more than 500 percent.

Private industry now hires nearly one million security guards. We are using computers in most major plants and buildings to increase security. Is this investment cutting crime rates?

I can add a few of my own productivity paradoxes here. We have more attorneys working today than ever before. Most law offices are networked internally with computers. Has our legal system grown more productive?

Government spending at all levels is up. Nearly all city, county, state and federal offices have a computer. Are we really getting better quality of life?

Our federal government spent billions in the last few years upgrading computer systems. Is you tax rate lower? Like Thurow, I'm a little skeptical about the high-tech productivity boom.

Without question, computers are changing our lives. However, it seems to me, those who are reaping the benefits are those same companies who loudly proclaim the virtues of their own hardware, software, peripherals and services. Many of their claims, when measured with hard data, just don't hold up. The computer revolution has not brought us a productivity panacea. However, if you're pacified, I'm glad.

As for my part, I think I'll enjoy a quick game of computer solitaire. Maybe I'll get an idea for a productive column.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Texas teen birth rate down, but still 2nd highest in U.S.

DALLAS (AP) — Teens are having less sex and using more birth control, experts say, but Texas still has the second-highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation.

According to recent studies, those numbers are declining, however.

Dr. Janet Lawson of the Texas Department of Health attributes the drop to fewer teen-agers having sex and increased use of contraceptives. And she is hopeful the trend will continue.

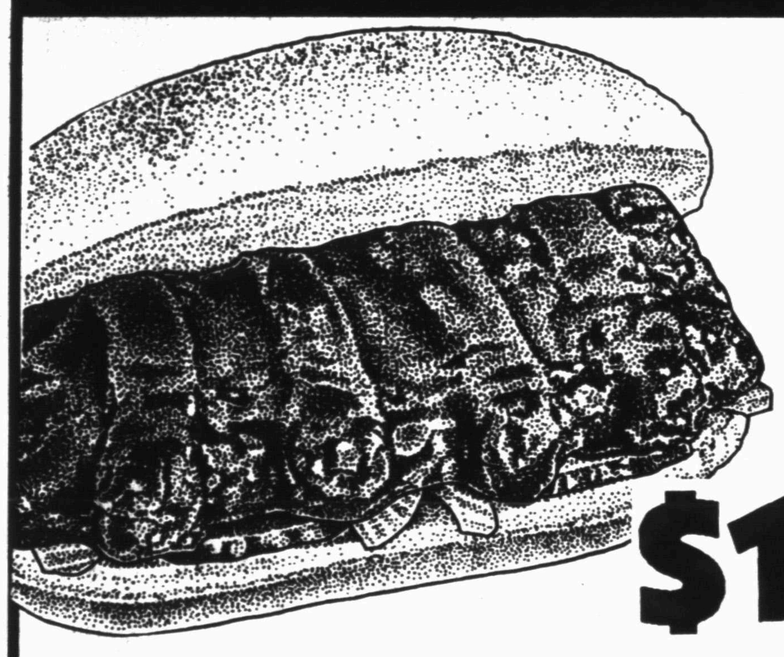
"This is just the beginning of having a concise, consistent message that teen-agers should not be getting pregnant," she told The Dallas Morning News.

The Texas teen birth rate was about 7.6 percent, or one birth for every 13 women, based on state figures available only through 1995.

That figure is down from 1991, when the Texas teen birth rate was about 7.9 percent. It remains the second highest in the country, ranking behind Mississippi, according to a report issued Thursday by the National Center for Health Statistics.

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