Scurry Countians say 'NO' to CHS

Texans approve amendment to increase homestead exemption

Scurry County residents on Saturday said they want to keep local control of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

By a margin of 57 percent to 43, citizens told Community Health Systems, Inc. they weren't interested in its multi-million dollar offer to lease the healthcare facility.

Despite the potential impact, it was an election most citizens ignored. Just 34.5 percent of the county's 10,182 registered voters took the time to cast a ballot. Of those who did, the count was 1,977 against leasing the hospital, and 1,496 for.

Only one precinct voted in favor of the lease and that was Precinct 11, at Dunn. The vote there was 23 for, 14 against.

Community Health Systems, a Tennessee-based firm which owns or leases healthcare facilities throughout the United States, had offered to lease the hospital for $8 million. The corporation pledged to make $3 million in capital improvements over a four-year period, and actively recruit more physicians to Snyder.

Scurry County Commissioners Court had pledged to put the $8 million in a special county health care fund and use the interest to lower taxes. County Auditor Eddie McHaney had projected the county tax rate could fall as much as 20 cents — from 53.5 cents to 32.2 cents per $100 valuation — if all of the interest and tax subsidy were applied to lowering the tax rate.

It was a hotly-debated issue, with supporters embracing the prospect of lower taxes while warning against rising healthcare costs. But in the end, the majority of Scurry County residents decided entrusting their health to a firm from Tennessee wasn't in their best interest.

"There was tremendous effort from the community to win this election," said Jerry Vestal, comptroller at Cogdell Hospital. "I believe that through this the community is better educated on what the hospitals needs are."

In the other issue on the ballot, Scurry County residents overwhelmingly voted in favor of Proposition 1, the constitutional amendment which will increase the homestead exemption from $5,000 to $15,000. Locally, 92 percent of the voters were in favor of the amendment.

The amendment gives taxpayers a break on their school taxes — about $142 on the average — while also providing a salary increase for teachers. The state will put $1 billion back into schools to make up the difference.

Fifty-two minutes after the polls closed at 7 p.m., the Associated Press declared Proposition 1 has having passed statewide. At that time the vote was 95 percent in favor with nine percent of the precincts reporting.

SCURRY COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS
August 9, 1997

VOTING BOXES

ISSUE	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	EARLY	TOTALS
Hospital Lease													
For	10	23	153	78	33	98	23	113	61	15	105	784	1496
Against	22	39	189	126	88	136	14	134	70	17	111	1031	1977
$15,000 Homestead Exemption													
For	28	56	323	190	109	219	35	226	119	30	201	1562	3098
Against	4	7	15	13	8	17	2	19	11	2	17	169	284

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Home of Barbara McGee

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A conference is a meeting in which people talk about things they should be doing."

Whew! It's over.

At this writing, we don't know the outcome of Saturday's hospital lease election. But since there was no tie, the campaigning can cease.

We figure it's a good time for something light, so here's a collection of uninspired proverbs:

--Indecision is the key to flexibility.

--You can't tell which way the train went by looking at the track.

--There is absolutely no substitute for a lack of preparation.

--Happiness is merely the remission of pain.

--Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

--Sometimes too much to drink is not enough.

--The facts, although interesting, are often irrelevant.

--The careful application of terror is also a form of communication.

--Someone who thinks logically is a nice contrast to the real world.

--Things are more like they are today than they ever were before.

--Anything worthing fighting for is worth fighting dirty for.

--Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.

--If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

--I have seen the truth and it makes no sense.

--Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

--All things being equal, fat people use more soap.

--If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

--One seventh of your life is spent on Mondays.

--By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

--There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.

--This is as bad as it gets, but don't count on it.

--Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty and the pig likes it.

The trouble with life is, you're halfway through it before you realize it's a do-it-yourself thing.

--Never sweat the petty things and never pet the sweaty things.

Our summer is now complete — not over — but complete.

Although late, Turner cantaloupes are now available in Snyder stores.

C-City's Tony Turner was in the office Friday afternoon and said this year's crop is as good as ever, but delayed by the rainy season.

Eat a cantaloupe and enjoy a debate-free weekend.

VOTE COUNT — Soon after the polls closed at 7 p.m. Saturday, precinct election workers began to deliver voting boxes to the county clerk's office. Among the first were election workers, from left, Ann Barrett, Windell Barrett and Bob Ivey. The proposal to lease Cogdell Hospital to Community Health Systems was defeated with 1,977 to 1,496. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lease issue is dead, budget work ahead

'It's a done deal,' says county judge

Scurry County Commissioners Court will canvass votes of Saturday's election on Tuesday and — assuming the returns are affirmed — that will be the end of the issue.

"If the people say 'no,' it's a done deal," County Judge Ricky Fritz said last week. "We'll canvass the votes and if we certify 'no,' the issue is dead and that is it. We start finishing up on the budget."

Cogdell's board of managers has already approved a 1998 budget for the hospital. Included in it is a request for $395,000 in tax subsidy from the county.

With the majority of voters rejecting the lease offer from Community Health Systems, Cogdell Memorial Hospital will continue to operate under a management contract with St. Mary Hospital.

In January, Cogdell's board of managers signed a three-year contract with St. Mary.

The current contract includes an at-risk agreement, whereby St. Mary funds 50 percent of any operating loss incurred by Cogdell, up to $400,000. St. Mary also shares in any operating gain, again at 50 percent, up to $400,000. The agreement excludes tax funds and disproportionate share monies.

SISD to hold annual convocation Monday

Link Fuller, no stranger to addressing local audiences, will be the keynote speaker Monday when Snyder Independent School District holds its year-opening convocation.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts will also speak as the district's teachers, staff and administrators convene at Worsham Auditorium.

The program will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

The general session starts at 9 o'clock with a call to order by Traci Eicke, senior honors student, and an invocation by Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ.

In addition to Fuller and the two lawmakers, other speakers will include Mayor David Holt; Charles Anderson, president of the SISD board of trustees; and Gayle Lomax, SISD superintendent.

There will be a break at 10 o'clock and Lomax will introduce the keynote speaker at 10:30. Fuller is nationally known as an educator, writer, trainer, parenting authority and motivational speaker. Thousands of parents, educators, students and business leaders have attended his workshops and inspirational presentations.

He has spoken on previous occasions in programs put on by Snyder ISD, as well as parenting groups in Scurry County.

Others participating in the program include Dannie Pierce, Scoutmaster; Zoe Celeste Briseno, first grader; Brady Cobb, junior; Kristina Reneau, elementary music teacher; Walter Reneau, high school band director; Brandon McCraw, freshman; Richard Chambers, board member; Ronda Haire, high school choir director; and the Snyder High School "Tiger Jazz."

Also attending will be John Gayle, city manager; Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Western Texas College; and SISD board members Mark McCormick, Janet Stribling, Luann Burleson, Glenn Clarady and Mike Levens.

The theme for the convocation is "World-Class Partners in Quality Education, Today and Beyond."

It marks the first of six days of in-service for staff and teachers. The first day of classes is Aug. 19.

Daniel Unit gets new assistant warden

A 12-year veteran with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, David Sweetin, has been named assistant warden at Snyder's Price Daniel Unit.

Senior Warden T.J. Medart said Sweetin began work Monday, replacing Brian Horn who transferred to the Clemens Unit in Brazoria County.

A native of Alvin, Sweetin, the past six months, has served as assistant director for Region II, headquartered at Tennessee Colony in Anderson County.

From December, 1994 to February of 1997, Sweetin was major and chief of security for the Moore Unit in Bonham which he helped open.

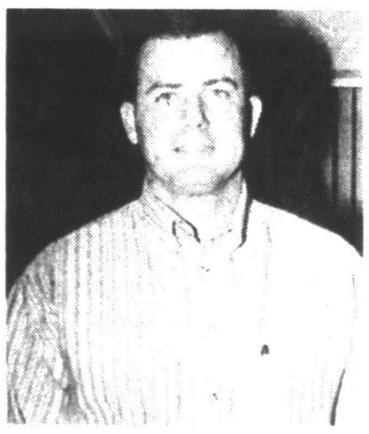
Sweetin began his TDCJ career as correctional officer at the Ramsey I unit in Rosharon in October, 1982. In 1985, he started work at the same unit as classification counselor.

Sweetin moved to the Hightower Unit at Dayton in December, 1989 and was promoted to lieutnant of correctional officers. He also helped open the Hightower Unit. At Dayton, he served as grievance lieutenant from March to December, 1992 before moving to the Central Regional office in Huntsville where he served as ombudsman.

In March, 1993, Sweetin returned to Dayton and was promoted to captain in November, 1993.

Sweetin attended Alvin Community College. He and his wife, Gina, have a 13-year-old daughter, Kristin.

In Bonham, Sweetin was a member of the Kiwanis Club, a member and instructor in Leadership Fannin County, was a member of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee, the Fannin County Fair Board and the city's planning and zoning commission.



David Sweetin

ASK US

Q—When is the White Buffalo Festival going to be held this year?

A—Oct. 3-4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 83 degrees; low, 53; 7 a.m. Saturday, 66; high Saturday, 97 degrees; trace precipitation Friday; total for 1997, 20.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Sunday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. S wind 10-20 mph.

Hollie Berryhill
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:31 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.

Of 221 days in 1997, the sun has shone 209 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.

Leo Burnett

Smoking inside fed buildings outlawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton deepened his assault on cigarettes Saturday by outlawing smoking in federal buildings, but he backed off plans to banish smokers from government-owned doorways and courtyards.

"Americans who've made the choice not to use tobacco products should not be put at risk by those who choose to smoke," the president said in his weekly radio broadcast.

Joined by Vice President Al Gore, Clinton signed an executive order giving agencies and facilities under executive-branch control one year to comply with the ban. More than 15 federal agencies already ban indoor smoking.

Gore cited a surgeon general's report that secondhand smoke causes lung cancer and other diseases in nonsmokers, increases children's risk of respiratory infections and aggravates symptoms of asthma.

"Secondhand smoke isn't just unpleasant. It is a risk to the public health," Gore said.

Contrary to earlier drafts, which would have mandated a no-smoking zone near building entrances or in outdoor courtyards, Clinton's order Saturday gave individual agency heads the discretion to "evaluate the need" for such restrictions.

"After a lengthy review by the interagency process, we concluded it was better that that decision be left to the director of the agency," said Rahm Emanuel, senior adviser to the president.

Outdoor smoking will be prohibited only in front of building air-intake valves. Indoor smoking will be permitted in enclosed, separately ventilated areas.

The ban, Clinton said, will reach not only federal agencies and office buildings but also visitors' centers at national parks and other facilities owned or leased by the executive branch. His order does not affect offices outside the executive branch — federal court buildings and congressional offices.

Saturday's long-anticipated smoking ban was the latest salvo in Clinton's offensive against tobacco. Advisers are working to toughen a proposed settlement with tobacco companies being sued to recover state health care costs. He has acted to hike cigarette taxes, restrict advertising and crack down with Food and Drug Administration enforcement of tobacco regulations.

Clinton appealed to Congress for $34 million Saturday for FDA tobacco enforcement in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The Senate voted for $5 million and the House for about $24 million in appropriations bills awaiting final action after the congressional recess.

"I urge the Congress to do the right thing and restore the full $34 million when they return in September," Clinton said. "We need to do more to cut off our children's access to tobacco — and this is no time to cut corners."

Earth Tip: Many people feel stymied when they wish to express their views about the environmental practices of large corporations. But many of these companies have toll-free numbers designed specifically to address the concerns of consumers. Feel free to use these 800 numbers to complain about over-packaging or to praise environmentally sound practices.

Bible Study Tapes:
"A Mother's Gift To Her Children"
TCA Cable TV
Channel #2
Mon., Aug. 11, 1997, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Cheesy Chicken and Noodles, Whole Kernel Corn, Southern Fried Okra, Tomato Wedges, Tropical Apples

TUESDAY
Beef Fritter, Rice, Buttered Peas & Carrots, Vegetable Salad, Banana Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Baked Ham, O'Brien Potatoes, Broccoli, Waldorf Salad, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

THURSDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Italian Green Beans, Cheese Stick, Garlic Toast, Apricot Cobbler

FRIDAY
Fried Fish, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Prunes

Senior Center News

Social Security agents will be at the Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m. For further information call 573-4035.

A "42" Trash Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday at 10 a.m. and a bridge tournament on Friday at 9:30 a.m.

The food handling workshop scheduled at 1 p.m. Thursday is for all seniors, but especially for those volunteers who help with the serving line, home-delivered meals, wrapping silverware and any other activity concerning food service.

Swimnastics is not scheduled for the month of August. After registration at Western Texas College, the new schedule will be announced through the radio and newspaper.

A fabric painting workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 29. All seniors are invited to participate. Each senior is asked to provide the item they wish to paint. Suggestions include tee-shirts, blouses, dishtowels, pillowcases, aprons etc. The paints will cost $1-$3 per person depending on the amount of paint used.

The center is beginning a penny drive for "fruit treats" for the homebound at Halloween. Please support this effort by donating your pennies. The homebound greatly appreciate this service.

Don't forget to support the Senior Center through attendance, memorial donations and volunteering.

Malcolm Shabazz gets 18 months for setting fatal fire

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — The 12-year-old grandson of Malcolm X must spend at least 18 months at a juvenile facility for troubled adolescents for burning to death his grandmother, Betty Shabazz.

Malcolm Shabazz's sentence will be reviewed at the end of 18 months, and can be extended a year at a time until he turns 18, a judge decided Friday.

Prosecutors said the boy set the gasoline fire in hopes of being reunited with his mother, Qubilah Shabazz, who has had problems with alcohol and a major run-in with the law.

Malcolm pleaded guilty July 10 to the juvenile equivalent of manslaughter and arson in the death of his grandmother, with whom he had been sent to live.

The widow of the slain civil right activist suffered burns over 80 percent of her body in the fire June 1 at her Yonkers apartment. She died June 23 after a series of painful operations.

Family Court Judge Howard Spitz rejected defense requests to send the boy to a juvenile treatment center in Virginia after hearing testimony about numerous fire calls and youngsters running away.

Spitz said Malcolm is mentally ill and gave him the maximum sentence allowed.

"You have a challenging road ahead," Spitz told the expressionless boy. "I know you have the ability to prevail and become an outstanding citizen."

Joseph DeCarlo, the probation officer assigned to the case, said Hillcrest Education Center Inc., a center for troubled youngsters in Lenox, Mass., has successfully dealt with firesetters and runaways.

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We've got that hometown spirit and we're passing it around!

A Bright Spot In Our Hometown... Gertrude League

Gertrude League is a literal bright spot — not only in her hometown, but anywhere she might go.

She loves flowers, she loves golf and she loves people. Her natural smile and cheerful attitude brightens any occasion.

A resident of Snyder since 1974, Gertrude League has excelled in her advocation of horticulture.

An active member of the Snyder Garden Club, she served two terms as president, from 1979-81. She currently serves the club as first vice president.

She is a life member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Texas Garden Clubs Inc.

A workhorse in the local garden club, Gertrude for years has written the schedule for the Scurry County Fair garden show. She has won numerous district and state awards.

Not only is she well-known in Snyder, she has earned the distinction of Master Flower Show Judge. She serves on the National Flower Show Judges Council for District VIII and is immediate council past president.

She and her husband, Joe - a retired oilfield employee — have been married for 60 years and their home on El Paso reflects their love for plants and a manicured yard.

She has also helped the Snyder Garden Club plant trees throughout Snyder, and she also works in other community beautification efforts such as the club's yard of the month project each summer.

She also teaches horticulture at Humble-Smith School, a special needs school which shares a greenhouse with the Snyder High School ag department. A League family highlight during the Christmas season is to sponsor a Christmas party for Humble Smith students.

Gertrude's passion for growing plants extends into another outdoor activity — golf. She has been a long-time member of the Women's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club.

While "Gertie" doesn't play as often now, her uplifting smile and attitude make her a favorite among the club members. A self-taught golfer, she has made two holes-in-one — the first in Hamlin and one in Snyder.

Gertrude is also a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and she, naturally, has served on the church's landscape committee.

Snyder National Bank is proud to honor Gertrude League, a bright spot everywhere, for the August Hometown Spirit Award.

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Uncertainty shadows Mir repair mission

MOSCOW (AP) — A new crew safely aboard Mir, the applause at Russia's Mission Control had scarcely subsided before the focus was back on troubling questions about the hobbled space station.

The answers likely will determine if the new rescue mission has a chance to salvage the Mir — and Russia's manned space program.

— Is the damage to Mir worse than officials have disclosed? U.S. astronauts suggest so.

— Will the Americans pull out of the joint space shuttle-Mir project? Such a move might doom the Russian program.

— What are the chances of operating Mir for another two or three years without a disaster?

It's the last question that is causing the most unease, from Europe to Washington to Houston, and somewhat less so in Moscow, where space officials have adopted a "What-me-worry?" public persona.

"We're in uncharted territory," said James Oberg, an American space engineer and expert on the Russian program. "No one's ever flown equipment this long, and the level of safety aboard is simply unknown."

All the uncertainty creates a tense backdrop for cosmonauts Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov, who arrived Thursday armed with high-tech tools after practicing special repair work for hundreds of hours.

With American astronaut Michael Foale standing by in a backup role, they represent the only real hope of restoring most of the power lost in the Mir's June 25 collision with a supply craft.

The extent of the exterior damage will remain somewhat of a mystery until Friday, when the trio climb into a Soyuz capsule and fly around the Mir to inspect it.

Russian officials say the Progress cargo ship poked one or two small holes in the side of the Spektr scientific module when it smacked into it during a practice docking.

But the astronauts scheduled to visit Mir next month on the U.S. shuttle Atlantis say an analysis of photographs and telemetry suggests that more than the Spektr was damaged.

Writing on their mission's site recently on the World Wide Web, they said the theory is that the Progress "may have careened into the end of the Base Block module (main Mir module) and even the Kvant-1 module."

If that is borne out, it could greatly increase the Russians' damage estimate of between $17 million and $22 million, and give the U.S. space agency NASA more reason to abandon its role in the aging Mir for safety reasons.

NASA already is withholding final approval for a replacement for Foale, citing concerns voiced at levels all the way up to President Clinton himself.

With an investment of more than $400 million in Mir, which it sees as a steppingstone to the international space station, it is likely to maintain the commitment — but only if repairs pan out.

"I don't think NASA can make a firm commitment until the power is restored," said Geoff Perry, head of the Kettering Space Observers Group in Cornwall, England.

In the meantime, an international debate has been raging for weeks over safety on the dilapidated Mir.

"For many observers, it is hard to understand why human lives are being put at risk — and hundreds of millions of dollars a year spent by the Russian and U.S. space agencies — to prolong the working life of a 130-ton rust bucket that is anyway due to go into retirement by 2000," London's Financial Times newspaper wrote Thursday. "Surely not just for the thrills?"

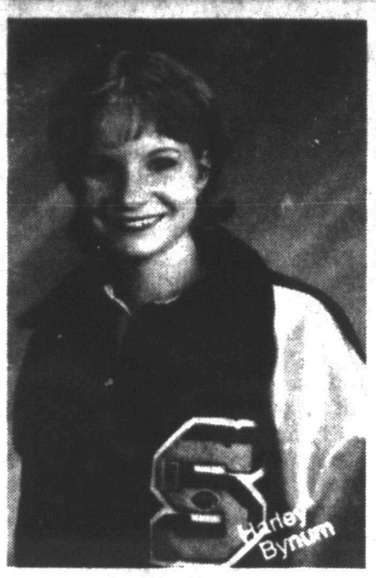
Some U.S. lawmakers share that view.

But numerous Western space experts, along with Russian officials themselves, think that kind of attitude amounts to unwarranted Mir-bashing, which they say has dominated world media coverage since the June crash.

After all, the Mir has successfully endured more than 1,400 breakdowns in its 11½ years, according to the Russian newspaper Segodnya — an average of one every three days.

"There are always these problems, but they're usually overcome," Perry said. "We've just heard more about the breakdowns lately."

A U.S. expert called the Russian orbital station "a treasure that should not be wasted."



Jackie Bass

Bass graduates ROTC training

Jackie Bass, 17 and a 1997 early graduate of Snyder High School, graduated from Army ROTC Camp Challenge in Fort Knox, Ky. on July 28.

Bass spent six weeks in a training regiment, along with about 1,700 other college-bound students.

Bass was one of three females who completed Operation True Grit, which included rappelling from a 36-foot-tall wooden tower, steam crossing, and water survival exercises.

Other areas of training included first aid, land navigation, weapons and physical training. These exercises were designed to build leadership and management skills.

Bass was also company commander over 112 fellow trainees.

Bass is the daughter of Joe and Carol Bass of Snyder. She will attend New Mexico Military Institute in the fall and plans to transfer to the Air Force Academy.

Wal-Mart store rejects union

MERRILL, Wis. (AP) — Like cheerleaders at a high school football game, jubilant "associates" clasped arms and applauded the rejection of a first-ever attempt to unionize a Wal-Mart store in the United States.

Mary Ann Abraham, her eyes teary and with a smile on her face, hugged colleagues minutes after hearing the vote Friday to join the United Steelworkers of America failed 54-27.

"We are caring people and we take care of one another. We made it. We are a big family here," she said.

Union officials said they would keep trying. The vote was "a very sad day for all retail workers across America," said Peggy Boehm, an pro-union employee.

Only in Windsor, Ontario, does a Wal-Mart store have a union. The Bentonville, Ark.,-based retail giant otherwise portrays itself as one big, happy family made up of blue-aproned workers called "associates."

"Our associates once again leave no doubt that they believe workplace issues are best resolved and customers are best served by the associates within each Wal-Mart store without interference by a third party," said David Glass, the company's president and CEO.

Outside the Merrill store, about 30 unionization foes clapped, cheered and chanted, "Who's number one, the customer is always." They then spelled out the company's name and shouted: "What's that spell? Wal-Mart. Louder. Wal-Mart."

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Bernard and Shirley McMahan, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richardo Madera, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Grimmett Bros Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Larry G. Lee, dba Larry's Truck and Stuff, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ben Walker, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ray Silvera, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dennis Kruse, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Danny Chaney, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Angela Brewster, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Mike and Helen McLeod, 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

GELCO Corp., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James L. Northcott, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Darrel Northcott, 1997 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Loy L. Neeper, 1997 GMC Suburban from Big County Autoland.

Ed and Joan Foree, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Weldon Beck, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big County Autoland.

Sebastian Jaimes, 1997 GEO from Big County Autoland.

Lynn and JoAnna Hargrove, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bolin Construction, 1996 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

Dennis and Donna Regan, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Joe M. Garza, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tommy and Kathy Collins, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

William L. Long, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rolltec Inc. and Jimmy Floyd, two 1997 Chevrolet Suburbans from Big Country Autoland.

Anna C. and David Fisher, 1997 Pontiac van from Big Country Autoland.

Big D. Equipment and Don Tomlin, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

B and L Equipment, 1997 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

Phillip Ratliff Sr., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Pascual Menendez Espinoza and Zenaida Mujica, both of Ira.

Brian Wade Spencer and Carroll Ann Walker, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Iva J. Henry, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Rosemary Escobeda, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Arunbhai Natubhai Bhakta, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Sidney Jack Crawford, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Terry Cain, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Elena Osorio, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. A. T. Eicke as Trustee for Western Properties Trust, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Manuel Garcia, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

Barbara Runnels vs. James R. Burleson, M.D., Gregory Williamson and D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, judgment for defendants and order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Gerald Dexter Norwood and Helen Laverne Norwood, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Wade Garrett Garrett, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Juan C. Pena, et al, order of dismissal.

Manuel Soto DeGuardado, et al, and Cathy McNew, et al, vs.; GECKO Booty 1994 I Limited Partnership, et al, order of nonsuit.

In the marriage of Tori Jane Wright and Leslie Kent Wright, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Robbie Neal and Pat Floyd to Daniel and Abigail Escobedo, all of Lot 10 in Block 4 of the A.D. Dodson Addition.

Dwain and Patricia J. Camp, co-trustees of the Dwain and Patricia J. Camp Revocable Living Trust, all of Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Smith and Norris Subdivision, a replat of Block 34 and part of Block 37 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Huston Lee Ballard to Kenneth and Nancy Ballard, 15 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 170, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Karen J. Spurgin and Glenda J. Shaw to Alice Daniels, Lot 12 in Block 1, Section 1 of the Martin Addition.

Ann McAshan Baker, Trustee, to AMB Family Interest, LTD, tract one being the southeast one-quarter of Section 30, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the southeast one-quarter of Section 289, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Herby M. Thomas to Marilyn Lancaster, a tract in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Morris D. and Carolyn S. Sewell to Marcia J. Odal, the west 100 feet of the north 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Blakenship Addition.

W.T. Whitehead to Rodney C. and Judy Summers, all of Lot 1 in Block 63 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Robert E. Dennis Sr. to Donnie Ray Lloyd, a 0.1727-acre tract in Lot 2, Block 17 of the Blankenship Addition.

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Snyder Savings and Loan Association to Douglas W. and Laura M. Hall, 36.1990 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

To perform in Beirut

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — James Brown will be hitting a hot spot.

The Godfather of Soul said Friday he will perform in Beirut now that a 10-year ban on U.S. travel to Lebanon was recently lifted.

Brown, the Augusta native whose hits include "I Got You (I Feel Good)," said the Aug. 30 concert will take place at the Hotel Albustan.

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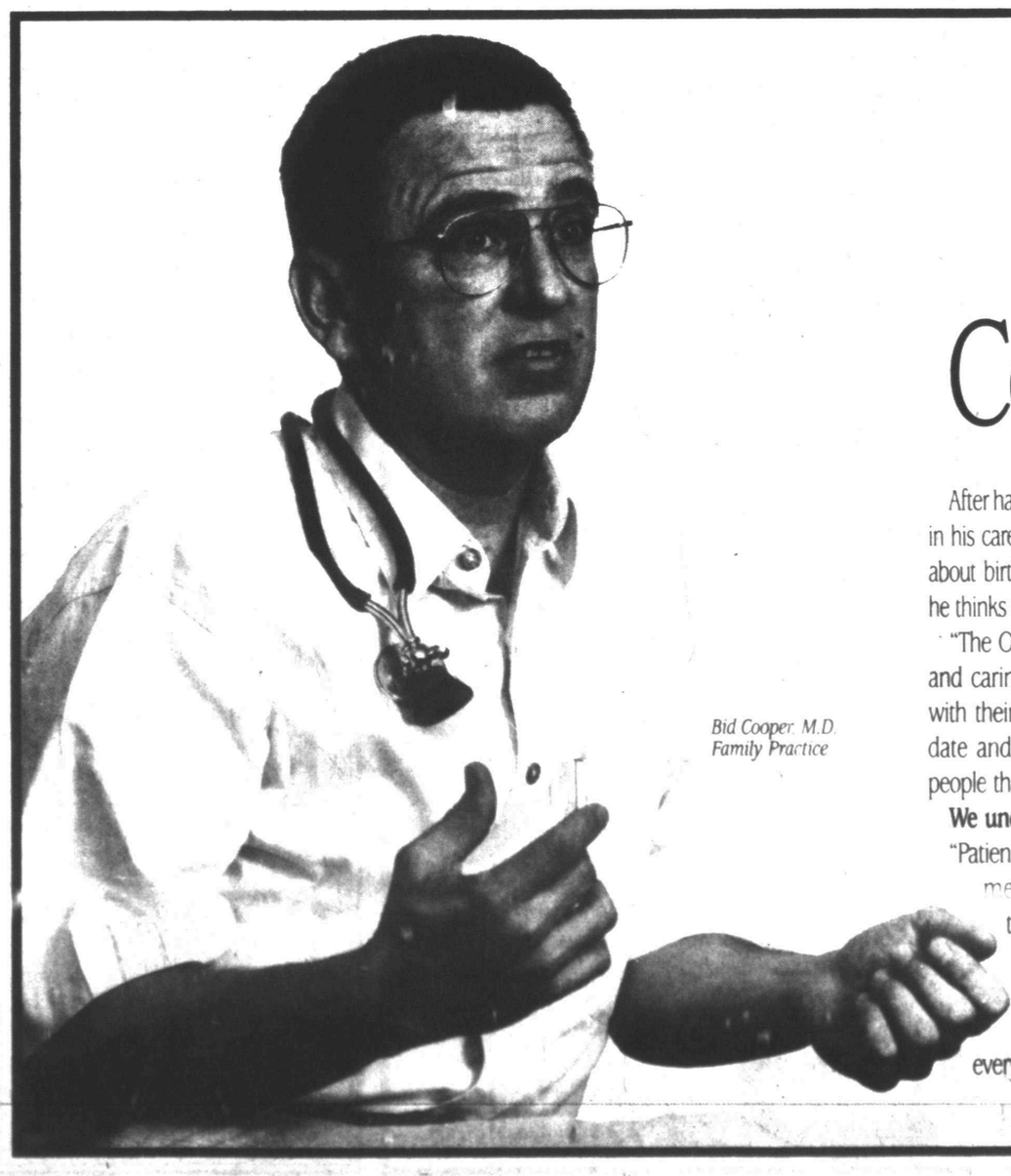

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2 SHS seniors attend drama workshop

ATTEND THEATRE WORKSHOP — Joey Steakley and Jessica Mills attended a two-week summer theatre workshop at Stephen F. Austin University. (Contributed Photo)

Two Snyder High School drama students, seniors Joey Steakley and Jessica Mills, garnered top awards after attending a two-week summer theatre workshop recently at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, including best actor and best actress for the entire workshop of 50 high school students.

Mills also brought home a $1,000 scholarship from the SFA Department of Theatre.

In addition, Steakley won best actor for his portrayal of Hamlet in the One-Act Play, "Dogg's Hamlet," best actor for his performance as Christopher Marlowe in a scene from "She Stoops to Conquer" in the period and style competition, and was named to the all-star cast for the part of Louis in the 10-minute play, "It's Our Town, Too."

Mills was awarded best actress for her portrayal of Lady MacBeth in the One-Act Play, "Cahoot's MacBeth," and was named to the all-star cast for her performance as Abigail in a scene from "The Crucible" in the period and style competition. Both students were also singled out, along with four others, and recognized for epitomizing "the spirit of the workshop" — meaning they demonstrated a good work ethic, always came prepared, and were supportive and encouraging of the other participants at the workshop.

Best actor and best actress for the workshop were chosen based on those participants who were rated consistently high in each performance. The scholarship was granted to the student who accumulated the highest number of points overall in judging from each of the three performances done over the course of the two-week workshop: and period and style scene which is done in full costume, a 10-minute play, and a compete one-act play which is performed on the last night of the workshop. There were 11 period and style pieces performed, seven 10-minute plays and four one-act plays. Each participant was cast in one of each and had to compete against all the other performers in all the other events.

Steakley and Mills were the only students from Snyder High School, and in fact, the only students from West Texas. The others came from the Dallas and Houston areas and from East Texas and the coast.

The critic judge for the one-act play, who was from Houston, singled out Steakley's performance from all the rest, saying, "It is an actor's business to take risks. The role of Hamlet is every actor's dream — and the bane of every actor's existence. Joey Steakley took risks; he had to reach down inside himself to find a part that could indentify with Hamlet, and he made me believe he was Hamlet." (This was Steakley's first attempt at serious acting, having performed mostly comedy for SHS productions.)

The judge commented that Mills "possessed a strong stage presence, great voice projection — I could understand every word — and even more importantly, she listened to the lines of her co-actors and responded to that, rather than just repeating her lines, which is very hard for most actors to learn."

Each student worked with three different directors over the course of the workshop, and in the written critique, were praised by those directors over the course of the workshop for their talent, hard work and dedication to the craft.

Mills, who is the daughter of Kent and Deanie Mills, will be attending SFA in the fall of '98 with a major in theatre. Steakley, the son of Jene and Elaine Steakley, will also be majoring in theatre, but has not yet decided which college he will attend. Both will be active in drama. Mills also sings in the choir and Steakley plays in the band. They are members of the National Honor Society.

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Laughs in Tom's face

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Mohr laughed in the face of Tom Cruise to get the part as the bad boy in "Jerry Maguire."

Mohr said a short, oppressive stint on "Saturday Night Live" in 1993 gave him the moxie to simulate a lunchtime firing scene during the movie screen test opposite Cruise.

Cargo plane crew received stall warning

MIAMI (AP) — Alarms sounded, warning pilots that their cargo plane was too low and going too slow to stay aloft before the DC-8 crashed and sent burning wreckage across a crowded business district, investigators found.

An early analysis of the cockpit voice recorder Friday indicated separate systems warned the crew they could stall and were dangerously close to the ground, said Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The plane rose too steeply on takeoff to keep flying, NTSB spokesman Pat Cariseo said. "We know that happened and now we have to figure out the why part," he said.

Officials with the NTSB and Federal Aviation Administration said they were looking at whether the 29-year-old plane may have been overloaded with cargo and extra fuel, whether the cargo shifted during takeoff, and at mechanical problems or pilot error.

The plane rolled a long time on the runway, struggled into the sky with its nose at an 85-degree angle and then plummeted to the ground tail first Thursday.

Three bodies found after the crash were believed to be crew members. A body was found Friday in a charred car, the first known victim to be killed on the ground. A fourth person on the plane was presumed dead, and two people believed to be in the vicinity of the crash were reported missing.

Authorities said none of the four bodies found so far have been identified because they were so badly charred.

The plane, operated by Fine Air Services, was headed for the Dominican Republic with 80,000 pounds of fabric for Levi's dress slacks.

A flight data recorder recovered from the wreckage did not fully measure data it was supposed to, a common problem among older planes, said Robert Benzon, NTSB's lead investigator.

But the cockpit voice recorder indicated that a device activated to warn of a dangerous slowing of the plane. In order to keep aloft, planes must maintain a certain speed or they will go into an aerodynamic stall, in which the wings don't generate enough lift.

Initial signs indicate the engines flamed and that the last thing the crew heard were warnings that the plane was too low or about to hit something, Benzon said.

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Mildred completed LVN school at Western Texas College, graduating in 1980. She has been employed at the Daniel Unit since September, 1991; previous nursing assignments include two years on the medical floor at Cogdell Hospital.

She and her husband, Bernard Garrett, have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Two of their children are currently working at Cogdell Hospital; Becky Craig, RN, operating room, and Kathy Eaton, purchasing assistant; another daughter, Edna Rutkowski, is an LVN at Abilene; one son, Bernard Dale Garrett, Jr., lives at Bryan, TX, and another son, Sonny James Dodson, lives in Blackwell, OK.

When not working, Mildred pursues her hobby of doll making and her favorite form of relaxation is going fishing.

She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Mildred included: her performance is exceptionally demonstrated not only in accomplishment of routine tasks and duties, but in always being available to lend a hand to co-workers... she is the hub that holds the spokes of the 2nd shift together... a valued team player... loved and respected by all who know her... does a terrific job as a nurse... a hard worker and a very caring person.

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Astronauts test robot arm

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Warming it up for days of orbital exercises, Discovery's astronauts stretched and retracted a new miniature robot arm.

The $100 million Japanese creation — a model of what space officials from that country hope to fly on the future international space station — was tried out for the first time Friday.

At 5 feet, the remote-controlled arm is one-tenth the length of the space shuttle's giant crane. The arm will undergo tests throughout Discovery's 11-day mission.

Astronauts Jan Davis and Stephen Robinson will try to unlock, open and close a small door in the shuttle's cargo bay, loosen bolts and lift a 1½-foot box with the jointed device.

Friday's testing went along slowly and there were some glitches, but NASA said that wasn't surprising since the arm is so new.

The shuttle's 50-foot robot arm, meanwhile, already has been put to work on this flight. Within hours of Thursday's liftoff, the crane released an ozone-studying satellite.

That spacecraft, built by the German space agency, began nine days of collecting information on Earth's ozone layer. Its telescopes measured components of the atmosphere, including the ones thought to be responsible for ozone depletion.

The satellite traveled within 45 miles of the shuttle so the astronauts could maintain communication with the craft.

As part of the ozone study, NASA launched two small rockets from Wallops Island, Va., and one from White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico while the satellite passed 184 miles overhead. A total of 66 small rockets and balloons are to be sent up before the astronauts retrieve the satellite next Saturday.

SCRAPING — Linda Derrick is scraping and cleaning the tile in a hallway at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

TEAMMEMBERS...of the Month...

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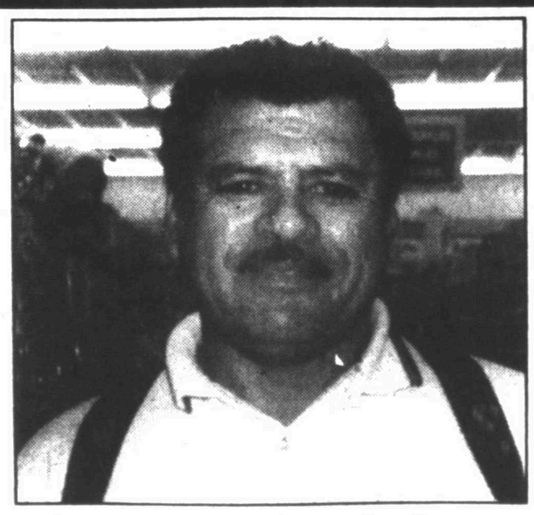
Patsy Ashworth.

Patsy is always on time, a hard worker, never complains about anything and very friendly with our guests. She is a very good choice for teammember of the month.

Patsy and her husband have two daughters and one son. They have lived in the Snyder area for thirty years. Patsy has worked at Lawrence IGA for fifteen years as a wrapper in the market.

In Patsy's spare time she enjoys walking and yard work.

LAWRENCE IGA #400



Mariano S. Gonzales Jr.

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Mariano and his wife, Martha, have lived in this area for one year and four months. He has been a stocker at Lawrence IGA for that entire time.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Servers Should Mention Age Only When Discussing Beef

DEAR ABBY: From time to time you ask your readers to air their gripes. I have a few suggestions for restaurant personnel.

Please don't ask if we are senior citizens. Some of us may be — but we don't want to announce it. Senior citizens who want to take advantage of the discounts will ask for them.

And please do not ask if the young person with them is their grandchild. Especially with people having children later these days, it is very often one's child.

Personally I don't like being called "young lady" when I'm obviously not young. Same goes for "young man." It's just as insulting as "old man" or "old lady," as it calls attention to age.

One last suggestion: When you pick up the customer's cash to pay for the meal, don't ask if he or she wants change. Of course they do: If they want you to keep the change, they will tell you.

ELLIE IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR ELLIE: You have made some valuable suggestions. We all know a few people who could benefit from them.

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DEAR ABBY: Since this seems to be a time when smokers are finding it increasingly difficult to find a place where they are allowed to smoke, it may be a good time for them to quit.

My husband made that big decision. However, he feels that if you give something up, you should have some reward to show for it. Without saying a word to anyone, he began putting the cost of each day's cigarettes into a bucket.

One lazy weekend, he surprised us by bringing his bucket of money to us to count. Believe it or not, we had enough for a well-funded family vacation.

NAN IN WYANDOTTE, MICH.

DEAR NAN: I believe it. If all who smoke would count the cost of their habit for a year, they might find that they too could afford a vacation, or something equally rewarding. This, of course, would be in addition to better health.

Readers, take the challenge and see what your cigarettes are costing you each year. Do you really want that much money to go up in smoke?

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DEAR ABBY: I recently submitted a letter to USA Weekend in response to a poll on home-schooling. The editor printed only the last sentence of my letter. It read, "No person learns social skills by staying at home."

Abby, home-schooling was not a good experience for me. I had an isolated, abusive and lonely childhood. A local woman, on reading the sentence the editor published, went into a tizzy. "Home-schooled children are not isolated," she declared to our local newspaper. She insisted that her children were not isolated, and to hear her tell it, they were little wonders due to being educated at home.

Had the editor published my entire letter, she would have realized that I was speaking only about myself. However, she gave me food for thought. It dawned on me that when we hear praise for home-schooling, it always comes from the parents.

Abby, how about giving the children a chance to express their feelings about home-schooling?

OPAL IN OREGON

DEAR OPAL: You asked for it, you got it. Students of home-schooling, may I hear from you?

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: Several times I have read in your column a list of danger signals that suggest someone may be addicted to alcohol. I brushed it off the first time I saw it since it "obviously didn't refer to me."

I had a good job, a loving wife, eight children and a nice home. I was a social drinker and never missed work due to drinking. At first my wife occasionally nagged me about my drinking.

As time passed, things began to worsen. Co-workers whom I considered less capable were given the promotions I felt I deserved. My relationship with my wife began to unravel, and she avoided my advances. My kids grew older and their friends came to our home less and less often.

When we had a social gathering, my wife and children would beg me not to drink. My health began to deteriorate. More than once my wife threatened to take the kids and leave. Then I would cut down on my drinking and she'd relent, but soon I was hitting the bottle again.

The next time my wife threatened to leave, I thought to myself, "Go, and be damned! If I can't have a few drinks without your nagging, I'd be better off without you." I didn't say it, but it frightened me that I thought it.

Then I saw the test for alcoholism in your column again. I took it and passed with flying colors. However, my conscience wouldn't let me get away with the lies I told myself when I took the test, so I took it again — this time honestly. You had said that if you answered yes to four or more questions, you had a drinking problem. I answered yes to seven. I finally had to admit I had a problem.

To make a long story short, I've been sober for 12 years now. It wasn't easy. I had that terrible urge to drink several times a year for a few years, but I was able to resist.

I like myself a lot better sober, and so do my wife and children. Abby, please reprint your test; you might help someone else.

SOMEONE WHO FINALLY GOT SOME SENSE

DEAR SOMEONE: Congratulations on your sobriety. I'm pleased to print the test again.

Readers, if you are unsure whether or not you have an alcohol problem, take this test:

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(2) Do you wish people would stop nagging you about your drinking? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(3) Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another hoping that would keep you from getting drunk? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(4) Have you had a drink in the morning during the past year? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(5) Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(6) Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(7) Has your drinking caused trouble at home? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(8) Do you ever try to get extra drinks at a party because you did not get enough to drink? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(9) Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking anytime you want, even though you keep getting drunk? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(10) Have you missed days at work because of drinking? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(11) Do you have "blackouts"? Yes ( ); No ( ).

(12) Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink? Yes ( ); No ( ).

If you answered yes to four or more of these questions, you are in trouble. Run, do not walk to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with one another in order to solve a common problem, and to help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for membership. It is self-supporting through voluntary contributions.

Look for AA in your phone book, or write to P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017, for information.

Good luck and God bless you.

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CLEANING SCHOOL — Brenda Clarke is cleaning one of the doors at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

AIDS doctor film slated

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A doctor's book about treating AIDS patients in Johnson City is becoming a movie for Showtime.

"My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS" was written by Dr. Abraham Verghese and published in 1994. It chronicles how the doctor struggled with treating AIDS patients in this small Southern town in the 1980s, when much less was known about the disease.

Some locals felt the city was portrayed harshly in the book, while others said the author treated the area fairly. Verghese said he stands behind his work.

"I think the book stands as an accurate testimony of the way people reacted to AIDS at that time in a small town," said Verghese, who now lives in El Paso, Texas. He left Johnson City in 1990.

"I found the town to be extremely generous and caring for its sick sons.

Bribery charges still stand

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A former secretary in the Cameron County District Attorney's office has lost a bid to have a judge dismissed in the bribery case against her.

The action was the latest development in a case that has pitted two special prosecutors against each other in a dispute over whether to drop the charges against Norma Warner.

Ms. Warner and Harlingen car salesman Herschel Zinn were indicted in December 1995 on three counts each of bribery for allegedly taking money to have DWI cases reduced or dismissed.

Zinn was sentenced to eight years in prison this summer after pleading guilty to the charges.

On Friday, Ms. Warner walked out of a hearing in tears after learning that state District Judge Max Leon Bennett did not remove Judge James B. Zimmerman from the case. Zimmerman took the stand to defend himself against accusations of bias.

Both the prosecutor and defense attorneys want the case against Warner dismissed, but have been rebuffed by Zimmerman. He has rejected three attempts by lead prosecutor Gus Garza to dismiss the charges.

Garza said he does not believe there is enough evidence to prosecute the case.

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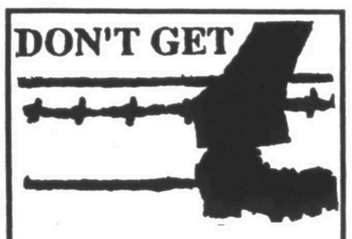

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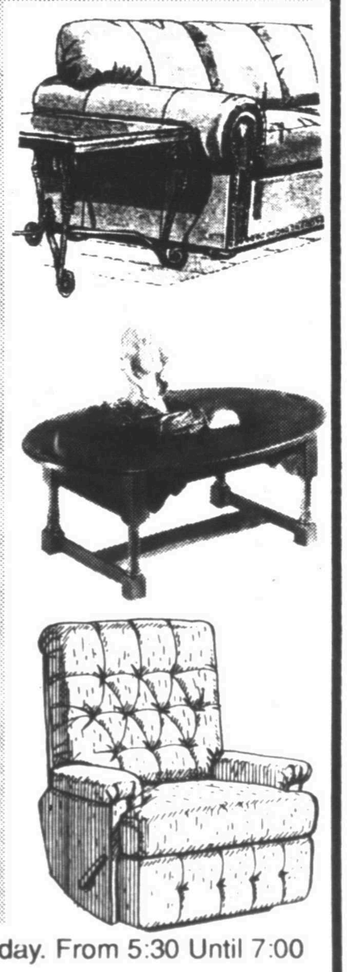

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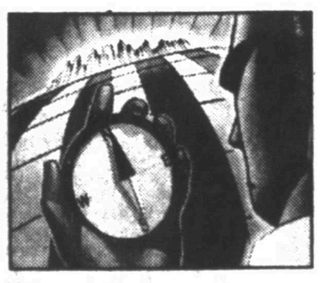

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SPORTS

Penn State tops pre-season poll

By the Associated Press

Joe Paterno and his Big Ten coaching colleagues can stop growling about being short-changed in the polls: Penn State will start the season as the No. 1 team in college football.

For the first time in school history, the Nittany Lions received top billing in The Associated Press preseason poll. Since the AP preseason poll began in 1950, the highest ranking Penn State could muster was No. 3 — in 1969 and 1978.

"It will be great for the fans and I think the kids will enjoy it, too," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "Of course, it's a good news, bad news thing. It's nice to be recognized, but it sets you up like a sitting duck. I hope we are prepared to handle it."

The Big Ten, without a national title since Ohio State won it in 1968, has complained in recent years that voters tend to overlook the strength of the conference when ranking teams. In 1994, for example, Penn State went 12-0 but still finished No. 2, 41 first-place votes behind Nebraska.

Penn State received 21 first-place votes and 1,566 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the poll, edging No. 2 Florida, the defending national champions, by 18 points.

The Gators, who beat Florida State 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl to win their first title last season, collected 12 first-place votes and 1,548 points.

Florida State, with seven first-place votes and 1,507 points, is third, followed by Washington (10 first-place votes, 1,484 points) and Peyton Manning-led Tennessee (eight first-place votes, 1,480 points). The Seminoles are ranked in the Top 5 for the 10th straight year.

Nebraska (four first-place votes and 1,442 points) is No. 6, followed by North Carolina (four first-place votes, 1,333 points), Colorado (three first-place votes, 1,302 points), Ohio State (one first-place vote, 1,172 points) and LSU.

Nine teams received first-place votes — the largest number since 1988 when 10 teams collected at least one first-place vote. In 1984, a record 11 teams received first-place votes.

The Big Ten led all conferences with six teams in the preseason Top 25 — Penn State, No. 9 Ohio State, No 14 Michigan, No. 21 Iowa, No. 24 Wisconsin and No. 25 Michigan State.

Notre Dame, set to open the Bob Davie coaching era Sept. 6 against Georgia Tech, is 11th, followed by Texas, Miami, Michigan, Alabama, Auburn, Syracuse, Stanford, Brigham Young, Clemson, Iowa, Southern California, Kansas State, Wisconsin and Michigan State.

In the USA/ESPN coaches Top 25 poll, Florida was No. 1, followed by Penn State, Washington, Florida State, Tennessee, Nebraska, Colorado, North Carolina, Ohio State and Texas.

Penn State, 11-2 and No. 7 in last season's final AP poll, will be led by star running back Curtis Enis (1,210 yards) and new quarterback Mike McQueary, a fifth-year senior who replaces Wally Richardson. The Lions return 12 starters from last year's Fiesta Bowl champions, including a strong linebacking corps led by Aaron Collins and Brandon Short.

The schedule is favorable, too, with the first four games against Pittsburgh, Temple, Louisville and Illinois. The toughest games — against Ohio State and Michigan, are at Beaver Stadium.

Since 1950, eight teams were ranked No. 1 in the preseason and went on to win the national title: Tennessee (1951); Michigan State (1952); Oklahoma (1956, 1974, 1975, 1985); Alabama (1978); and Florida State (1993).

Pre-season College Poll

By the Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 1996 records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in 1996 final poll:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.PennSt.(21)	11-2	1,566	7
2.Florida(12)	12-1	1,548	1
3.FloridaSt.(7)	11-1	1,507	3
4.Washington(10)	9-3	1,484	16
5.Tennessee(8)	10-2	1,480	9
6.Nebraska(4)	11-2	1,442	6
7.NorthCarolina(4)	10-2	1,333	10
8.Colorado(3)	10-2	1,302	8
9.OhioSt.(1)	11-1	1,172	2
10.LSU	10-2	1,096	12
11.NotreDame	8-3	1,071	19
12.Texas	8-5	1,042	23
13.Miami	9-3	820	14
14.Michigan	8-4	797	20
15.Alabama	10-3	673	11
16.Auburn	8-4	592	24
17.Syracuse	9-3	585	21
18.Stanford	7-5	533	—
19.BrighamYoung	14-1	375	5
20.Clemson	7-5	352	—
21.Iowa	9-3	347	18
22.SouthernCal	6-6	219	—
23.KansasSt.	9-3	210	17
24.Wisconsin	8-5	198	—
25.MichiganSt.	6-6	148	—

Others receiving votes: Colorado St. 132, Arizona St. 131, Texas A&M 118, Virginia Tech 97, UCLA 82, Arizona 59, Northwestern 58, Virginia 45, East Carolina 32, West Virginia 25, Georgia 21, Southern Miss. 12, Utah 11, Houston 8, South Carolina 7, Georgia Tech 4, Illinois 4, San Diego St. 4, Arkansas 3, Mississippi St. 1, Navy 1, Nevada 1, Rice 1, Washington St. 1.

Els' even par snares Buick lead

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — The best Ernie Els could do at windswept Warwick Hills Country Club on Saturday was even-par 72, but that was good enough for a three-stroke lead at 203 heading into the final round of the Buick Open.

Curtis Strange, Larry Mize and Brad Fabel were tied for second at 206. Strange shot 68, Mize 69 and Fabel 70 in Saturday's third round.

Vijay Singh shot 67 and Tom Pernice had 68; each tied at 207.

Els, who could do no wrong while building a four-stroke lead during the second round, struggled in the third round. He took a big step backward with a double-bogey at the par-4 second hole. Two birdies and a bogey later, he made the turn in 37.

Els almost pitched in for eagle on No. 13 for the second straight day, but his shot from a greenside bunker hit the pin and rolled three feet past the hole. That birdie finally got him back to 13-under, exactly where he was at the start of the round.

A thunderstorm rolled across the area at 5:15 p.m., just as Els was teeing off on No. 15. He hooked his drive into the rough, on the upslope of a fairway bunker, and play was suspended moments later.

The delay lasted only 30 minutes, but the struggle continued for Els who lipped out a three-foot putt for bogey at the 15th. That dropped him back to 12-under and into a tie with Mize.

Undaunted, Els birdied the next two holes and appeared firmly back in charge. But a bogey at the final hole forced him to settle for 72 — and a shaky lead.

Mize, starting at 7-under, launched a solid, steady round with a birdie on the first hole. He birdied No. 7 to turn in 34. Mize started the back side with birdies on three of the first four holes. He birdied No. 16 to get to 12-under, tied with Els at that point.

But Mize ran into trouble on the final hole. He double-bogeyed for 69 and fell into a tie with Strange at 206.

On the 18th, Mize drove into a bunker, pitched out to the beaten down grass of the fairway crosswalk, skulled a shot into the back fairway bunker, pitched out to the fringe, and two-putted.

"Actually, I made two good putts just to save 6," Mize said.

Mize, the 1987 Masters champion, won the Buick Open in 1993. But he hasn't won anything on the PGA Tour since then.

Fabel, who has never won a Tour event, looked hopelessly out of it when he turned at 37. But he ran off birdies on Nos. 11-13, then added a birdie at No. 17 for his 70.

Strange, starting at 6-under, birdied No. 10 to get to 9-under. He dropped a shot with bogey at No. 11, but birdies at Nos. 13 and 14 got him back on track. He got to 11-under with a 3-foot birdie putt at No. 16, but gave it back with bogey on the next hole.

Strange, winless in this country since the 1989 U.S. Open championship, shot 68 for 206.

Singh, who eagled No. 7 in the first round, did it again at the 584-yard, par-5.

Crowd favorite Tiger Woods eagled the first hole, but couldn't build upon it. He shot 70 for 210.

"I got off to a good start, but I made some dumb mistakes today," Woods said.

Rangers use ex for 4-3 victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — The suddenly struggling Cleveland Indians are trying to put together a healthy pitching staff.

Their former pitchers are doing quite well at their expense, however.

Terry Clark, claimed on waivers from Cleveland earlier in the week, became the third consecutive ex-Indian to win at Jacobs Field as he pitched the Texas Rangers to a 4-3 victory Saturday in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

The second game of the doubleheader, caused by a rainout May 5, was being delayed by rain Saturday night.

"No, it wasn't revenge or anything," Clark said. "The Indians treated me great. I just was trying to get a win and trying to make sure I stay a while with this team."

Will Clark hit a three-run homer as Texas sent the Indians to their fifth straight loss, their longest skid since a five-game slump in May 1994. It also was the sixth straight home loss, the longest streak since Jacobs Field opened in 1994.

Cleveland has five pitchers on the disabled list and has gone 7-16 since July 18.

The last three home losses have been to ex-Indians Clark, Scott Bailes on Friday night and Ken Hill of Anaheim on July 30. Bailes' win was his first in the majors since 1992.

Clark's win was his first as a starter since August 27, 1988, when he was with the California Angels. He was 0-9 in 12 big-league starts since.

"I think we're trying too hard," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "We have to back off and let our talent flow. We really pressed in the first three innings today."

Clark (1-3) won in the majors for the first time since April 5, 1996, when he was with Kansas City. The 36-year-old right-hander was claimed by Texas on Tuesday, and joined his seventh big league team.

He allowed one run and three hits in 5 2-3 innings. He retired the first 11 batters before walking Manny Ramirez in the fourth.

"I had a good sinker and slider and used the knuckleball to keep them off balance," Clark said. "I threw about 20 knucklers. It was moving too much out of the strike zone to throw more."

Dan Patterson relieved Clark with the bases loaded in the sixth and struck out Matt Williams to end the threat. John Wetteland, the fourth Texas pitcher, went 1 1-3 innings for his 24th save.

"Terry was very impressive," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "He showed what hitting spots and changing speeds can do for a pitcher. He looked like he knew what he wanted to do.

"Quite frankly, I didn't know what to expect from him, but he gave us plenty and he gave us a win."

Jeff Branson hit a solo home run in the Indians fifth, tying it at 1. It was his first AL homer since being traded from Cincinnati last month.

"That was the only bad changeup I threw," Clark said.

Swoops back on hardwoods

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes took another step in her comeback from childbirth, but Kim Perrot made the difference with a season-high 19 points and Wanda Guyton scored the winning basket Saturday as the Houston Comets rallied to a 72-71 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks.

Swoopes, who gave birth to son Jordan Eric Jackson on June 25, played five minutes on Thursday night against Phoenix in her WNBA debut and got in another eight-plus minutes against the Sparks.

"This is what I want to do," Swoopes said, "gradually work my way back into the lineup and contribute more. I don't expect to play a lot of minutes. I just want to learn the plays and not mess up any of the team chemistry."

Perrot hit a pair of 3-point baskets over the final 2:44 that kept the Comets in the game.

After Los Angeles took a 66-62 lead with 3:33 to go, Perrot's 3-pointer with 2:44 to go cut it to 66-65 and her 3-pointer with 1:42 to play gave the Comets a 70-66 lead.

Los Angeles went back ahead 71-70 on Penny Toler's 7-foot jumper with 29 seconds left but Guyton hit the final shot with eight seconds left for the final score.

"Kim Perrot was the difference in the game," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "If Perrot hadn't made that three (at 1:42) Guyton's two wouldn't have mattered."

Swoopes entered the game with 13:45 to go in the first half and the Comets trailing 17-8, the biggest deficit of the first half. She played for five minutes and took her first WNBA shot, which was partially blocked by Linda Burgess. She played another 3:38 in the second half.

Mullins wins 4-wheeler

Snyder Bowhunters Association held its final club shoot of the summer last weekend at Shepherd's Crossing, near Ira. The club also raffled off the Honda 4-wheeler and the winner was Donny Mullins of Rotan.

Division winners in the competition were Cubs, Tanner Park of Rotan; Youth, Kyle McWilliams of Roby; Male Recurve, Dale Putnam of Snyder; Male Bowhunter Release and Pin Sights, James Park of Rotan.

At another shoot hosted by the Concho Valley Archery Club in San Angelo, Snyder club members placed in their divisions. These included Randy Brewer of Snyder, second in male open sights; Gary Maddux of Big Spring, third in male open sights; Joni Wenetschlaeger of Snyder, first in female open sights; and Julia Maddux of Big Spring, second in female open sights.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	15	5	.750	-
Houston	14	7	.667	1½
Charlotte	10	9	.526	4½
Cleveland	11	10	.524	4½
Western Conference				
Phoenix	10	10	.500	-
LosAngeles	10	13	.435	1½
Sacramento	7	14	.333	3½
Utah	6	15	.286	4½

Friday's Game

Sacramento 93, Utah 78

Saturday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Houston 72, Los Angeles 71

Phoenix at Charlotte

Sunday's Game

New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Glance

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	71	40	.640	-
NewYork	66	47	.584	6
Boston	57	60	.487	17
Toronto	55	59	.482	17½
Detroit	54	60	.474	18½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	57	54	.514	-
Milwaukee	55	57	.491	2½
Chicago	55	59	.482	3½
Minnesota	51	63	.447	7½
KansasCity	48	65	.425	10
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	65	50	.565	-
Anaheim	65	50	.565	-
Texas	54	61	.470	11
Oakland	45	71	.388	20½

Friday's Games

Boston 8, Kansas City 2
Texas 6, Cleveland 5
Toronto 6, Detroit 3
Minnesota 9, N.Y. Yankees 1
Seattle 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Baltimore 6, Anaheim 2
Only games scheduled

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Texas 4, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 2
Detroit 3, Toronto 2
Kansas City 9, Boston 2
Texas at Cleveland (n)
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota (n)
Milwaukee at Oakland (n)
Baltimore at Anaheim (n)

Sunday's Games

Kansas City (Appier 6-10) at Boston (Gordon 6-9), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 10-8) at Toronto (Person 5-7), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Santana 3-4) at Cleveland (Juden 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 5-4) at Minnesota (Miller 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 7-10 and Florie 2-3) at Oakland (Karsay 3-12 and Haynes 0-1), 2, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 13-6) at Anaheim (Hill 6-9), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 8-7) at Seattle (Olivares 6-6), 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Texas at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NL Glance

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	44	.627	-
Florida	67	48	.583	5½
NewYork	65	49	.570	7
Montreal	58	55	.513	13½
Philadelphia	38	75	.336	33½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	61	55	.526	-
Pittsburgh	57	60	.487	4½
St.Louis	53	62	.461	7½
Cincinnati	48	65	.425	11½
Chicago	47	70	.402	14½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	65	51	.560	-
LosAngeles	63	52	.548	1½
Colorado	56	62	.475	10
SanDiego	55	61	.474	10

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 1
San Francisco 4, Montreal 0
Los Angeles 10, Cincinnati 5
N.Y. Mets 6, Houston 1
Florida 6, Atlanta 4
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 3

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Atlanta 4, Florida 3
San Diego 7, Chicago Cubs 5
Colorado 8, Pittsburgh 7
Los Angeles at Cincinnati (n)
Houston at N.Y. Mets (n)
San Francisco at Montreal (n)
Philadelphia at St. Louis (n)

Sunday's Games

Florida (Saunders 3-3) at Atlanta (Glavine 10-6), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 8-5) at Montreal (Johnson 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Kile 15-3) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-4), 1:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 7-7) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 4-4), 2:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 11-10) at St. Louis (Morris 8-6), 2:15 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 7-7) at Chicago Cubs (Foster 10-6), 2:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 7-6) at Colorado (Bailey 9-8), 3:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Houston at N.Y. Mets, 7:40 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles, 10:05 p.m.
Montreal at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
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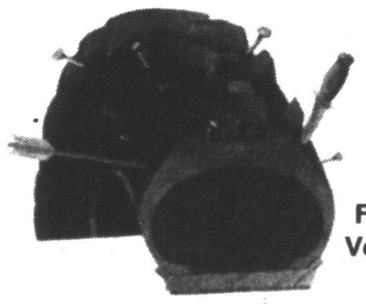

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SPORTS

GETTING READY — Leather will pop Monday afternoon when the 1997 Snyder Tigers take to the practice field for the first time in full gear. Conditioning drills began Wednesday and Coach David Baugh said 39 players reported for varsity duty. The annual Watermelon bowl will be held next Saturday when the varsity and junior varsity scrimmage. The first outside competition is Aug. 22 against Brownwood in Merkel. The Tigers' non-conference season begins Sept. 5 against the Mustangs in Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers to go full speed as gridders don pads Monday

Snyder High School gridders will don pads for the first time Monday in preparation for the 1997 campaign. The first scrimmage is the Watermelon Bowl next Saturday.

Monday, Aug. 11: Practice starts at 3:30 p.m. for varsity, JV and freshman.

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Varsity and JV will workout from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and freshman from 8 until 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 15: Same schedule as Monday.

Saturday, Aug. 16: The Watermelon Bowl will be held at Travis Field. JV and freshman will scrimmage from 8:45 until 9:45 a.m. Varsity and JV will scrimmage from 9:45 until 11:45 a.m. There will be a $1 admission fee, benefiting the SHS Football Booster Club, with watermelon served afterward.

Monday, Aug. 18: Varsity and JV workout from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and freshman from 8 until 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: School begins.

Thursday, Aug. 21: Pictures will be taken of the varsity at 4, JV at 4:30 and freshman at 5 p.m. Parents and the school journalism department are invited to attend.

Friday, Aug. 22: Snyder will scrimmage Brownwood at Merkel. Freshman start at 5, JV at 6 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28: SHS will scrimmage at Slaton. Freshman and JV begin at 5 and varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4: JV will play Andrews in Snyder, beginning at 6 p.m. Freshman A & B teams will play at Andrews, starting at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5: Varsity kicks-off its non-district schedule at 7:30 p.m. in Andrews.

Cowboy rally falls short...

New England pats down Dallas

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Patriots proved they can win without Bill Parcells, and the Cowboys confirmed they're better with their starters. Now it's time to move on to tougher questions.

Can New England's special teams, a strength in last season's Super Bowl run, overcome their problems?

Can Dallas keep moving away from its off-field troubles and toward a return to the NFL title game after a one-year absence?

The answers could become clearer as the teams move into the second half of their exhibition schedules after the Patriots 16-10 win Friday night. They held the Cowboys offense without a touchdown and held on when a late Dallas drive ended at the New England 6-yard line.

It was New England's first home game since a 20-6 win over Jacksonville for the AFC championship. Parcells was coach then and the less intimidating Pete Carroll has been under the microscope as his successor.

"It was a nice feeling," said Carroll, certainly better than the Patriots 7-3 loss to defending champion Green Bay in their exhibition opener. "The crowd was really alive for a preseason game."

Dallas coach Barry Switzer also liked being on the sidelines, even though he suffered another setback in an already tough week.

"I've always enjoyed being on the field. It's especially good this week, probably more than most," said Switzer, who was charged with a misdemeanor for allegedly carrying a loaded gun at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Monday.

Neither coach was satisfied, though, with what he saw on the field.

Drew Bledsoe threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Ben Coates 4:03 before halftime and had 103 passing yards in three series, although Dallas played without starting cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith.

Adam Vinatieri was 3-for-3 on field goals for the Patriots (1-1), and they held Dallas (0-2) to 122 yards and nine first downs, although the first-string defense played two series against the Cowboys' second-string offense.

On special teams, Vinatieri put the opening kickoff out of bounds, giving Dallas the ball at its 40-yard line, the Patriots kick returns were mediocre and they allowed two 26-yard runbacks on kickoffs.

While admitting he has been trying different players on special teams, "I still think we would be farther ahead," said Carroll, who plays Denver next Sunday. "Sometimes in the preseason you see (players) flying down there and giving bodies up and it's not showing up right now.

"We just have to go back to work and see if we've got the right guys."

Switzer plans to give "the right guys" more playing time in the remaining exhibition games against St. Louis and Tennessee, both in Dallas.

Troy Aikman has played just the first two series in each of the first two games, and Emmitt Smith, who is expected to play next Friday, hasn't played at all.

"We're going to play the first 30 minutes of the ball game to win," Switzer said.

"Next week we'll get the opportunity to play a whole half," said Aikman, who was 6-for-9 for 34 yards. "It's what we do in that one that's going to be an indication of what we'll do in the opener.

"We've got to do a better job. There's got to be a sense of urgency among the young players."

The Cowboys couldn't manage a first down on their first series Friday as Aikman threw poorly to Michael Irvin on third down.

Aikman did move them from their own 33 to the Patriots 16 on his second drive, but Richie Cunningham, bidding to succeed departed free agent Chris Boniol, was wide right on a 33-yard field goal attempt.

Trailing 16-0 after three quarters, Dallas scored on Kevin Mathis' 32-yard return after Omar Stoutmire blocked Tom Tupa's punt. Then Danny Kight kicked a 34-yard field goal.

Tupa, playing quarterback, lost a fumble at his 25 and Dallas moved to a fourth down at the 6 with 1:52 left in the game. But Jason Garrett overthrew Macey Brooks in the end zone, and the Patriots — and Carroll — had their first win.

"You never worry about the guys you're cutting," Switzer said about players in the game on that final drive. "What bothers me is how the guys we are concerned about perform."

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Here are just a couple of things to ponder and argue about over the weekend.

Jerry Jones fined Barry Switzer $75,000 for carrying a handgun into DFW airport. Sure, it was a stupid thing to do. But, there will be no felony charges pressed because there was no criminal intent. In other words, it was an accident.

Now if I remember correctly, Jones didn't fine Michael Irvin last year when Irvin got into all of that trouble. And I don't think Irvin was in a motel room with a bunch of cocaine and a couple of strippers by accident.

I'm sure Michael's wife will tell you it was no accident.

So how it works is, Switzer makes a stupid mistake where there will be no major charges pressed and he gets fined. But Irvin is charged with a felony, suspected of adultery, and gets suspended by the league, but receives no punishment from Jones.

Well then listen up Cowboy players. You can do drugs and commit immoral acts against your wife. But whatever you do, don't have an overdue library book because Jerry Jones will hang you from the highest thing he can find...which is probably his opinion of himself.

Did you know that there is an actual Miniature Golf National Championship each year on television?

Yes, someone in America at this very moment is known as the premier prince of putt-putt.

I'm sorry, but I don't think it's a sport so I don't think it should be on the sports channels on weekends.

And just for future reference, here is a short test you can give yourself, telling you whether you're playing real golf or a fake, imitation, miniature version of the sport.

If you can answer "yes" to any of the following questions, then you are not playing the real sport of golf.

Do you have to negotiate a scaled-down, mechanical windmill during your round?

Must a friend put his hand in the cup on the final hole so that your ball doesn't go into a small, underground tunnel?

Did you receive free video game tokens when you paid your green fee?

Are you the only person on the course who is old enough to drive a car?

Are you able to skip a hole by simply taking two steps to your left?

And finally, at any time during your round did a bored 15-year-old get on an intercom and announce to the entire course anything resembling, "Would the kid with the Beavis shirt please get off the plastic giraffe."?

Well, that's all for now. But remember, the next time you go to commit a felony, make sure you don't park in the handicapped spot because the community crime fighter known as Jerry Jones just might be watching.

SDN Sports Briefs

SHS volleyball starts

Coach Patty Grimmett will greet SHS volleyball hopefuls Monday. Varsity and junior varsity will workout at 4 p.m. and freshmen will practice at 6:30. On Tuesday, varsity and JV will practice twice, from 8 to noon and from 2 to 6 p.m. Freshmen will practice from 6-9. Coach Grimmett said managers also needed to report.

Baugh tournament meeting

All junior high and high school golfers and their parents are asked to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium to discuss the Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament. The four-person scramble will be held Aug. 30, with all proceeds going to the high school golf program.

Benefit golf tournament

Kiwanis Club of Snyder will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Saturday at Western Texas College.

The format is a 4-person scramble and entry fee is $30 per player. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The top four teams will be awarded cash prizes.

For more information call Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Golf tournament

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold the ninth annual Blowout Partnership Tournament Aug. 22-24.

The format will be low-ball on Saturday and scramble on Sunday. The field of 60 teams will be preflighted by certified handicaps with a maximum differential of eight strokes allowed.

Entry fee is $300 per team plus cart and only the first 60 paid entries will be accepted. All players must be 21 years of age and submit a copy of their current handicap card with their registration. For more information call 573-4903.

Women's Golf Association

The Tournament of Champions, hosted by the WGA of Snyder Country Club, continues Sunday.The weekly play day will start at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be a flag tournament.

Gun, knife and coin show

Canyon Gun Club will host the 16th annual Gun, Knife and Coin Show next weekend at Scurry County Coliseum.

Times are 9-6 Saturday and 9-5 on Sunday. Admission is $3. For more information call Gene Bowlin at 573-2323.

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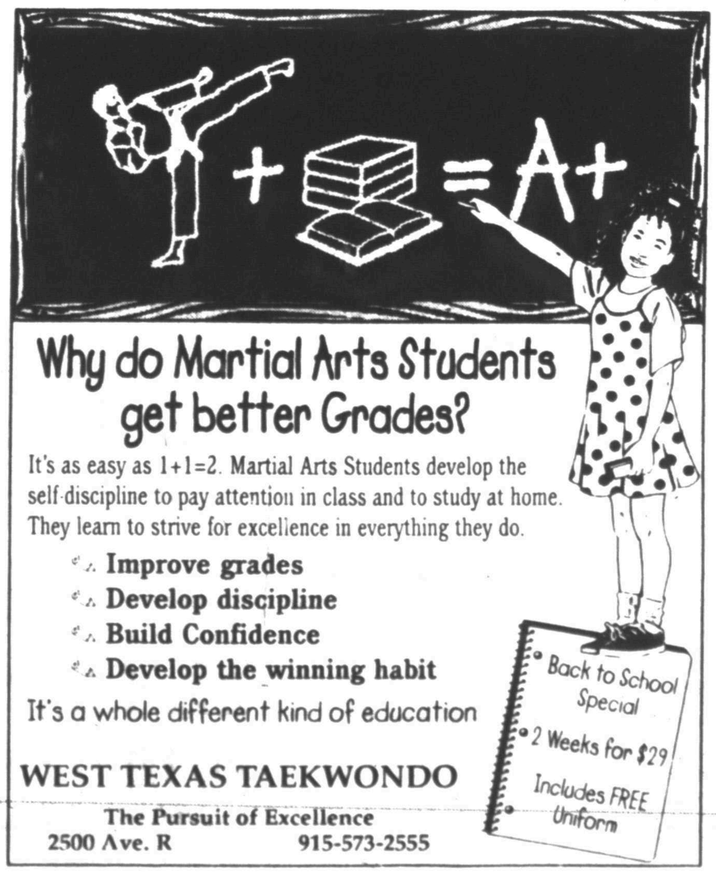

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Today is the 221st day of 1997 and the 50th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1638, Jonas Bronck bought the Bronx from American Indians for 400 beads.

On this day in 1854, Henry David Thoreau published "Walden."

On this day in 1942, Britain arrested Indian nationalist Mohandas K. Gandhi, and would not release him for the next two years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Izaak Walton (1593-1683), writer; John Dryden (1631-1700), poet-dramatist; Bob Cousy (1928-), basketball great, is 69; Rod Laver (1938-), tennis great, is 59; Sam Elliott (1944-), actor, is 53; Ken Norton (1945-), boxer, is 52; Melanie Griffith (1957-), actress, is 40; Whitney Houston (1963-), singer, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, John Candelaria of Pittsburgh pitched a no-hitter against Los Angeles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Beware the fury of a patient man." — John Dryden

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1980, a lightning bolt hurt two people on a golf course in Vienna, W.Va.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 3) and first quarter (Aug. 11).

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Aug. 10, 1997

Today is the 222nd day of 1997 and the 51st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio.

On this day in 1948, "Candid Camera" debuted, created by Allen Funt.

On this day in 1972, Paul and Linda McCartney were arrested for drug possession in Gothenburg, Sweden, and fined $1,200.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Herbert Hoover (1874-1964), U.S. president; Rhonda Fleming (1923-), actress, is 74; Jimmy Dean (1928-), singer-businessman, is 69; Eddie Fisher (1928-), singer, is 69; Ian Anderson (1947-), musician, is 50; Rosanna Arquette (1959-), actress, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Mary Decker was tripped by Zola Budd in the 3,000-meter race at the Los Angeles Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A good many things go around in the dark besides Santa Claus." — Herbert Hoover

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, lightning struck next to a nursing home in Sandy, Utah, and hurt one of the patients in the home.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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BUS ROUTES — Kat Higgins (left), bus driver and CAI aide at Central Elementary, was pictured as she shows Kathy Brooks, reading teacher, more than 30 bus routes she has mapped using the computer. Higgins said some buses start their route as early as 5:30 a.m. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

GOP strategist quits election over wife-beating accusations

NEW YORK (AP) — A top Republican media consultant who helped make "character" a theme in two presidential races has resigned from a congressional campaign over allegations he beat his two ex-wives.

Don Sipple, 46, has denied the accusations of wife-beating, which were first made during a 1992 custody case and are detailed in the upcoming issue of Mother Jones magazine.

This week Sipple quit the congressional race of New York Republican Vito Fossella, telling the campaign in a letter that he did not "wish this to be a distraction for Vito or the campaign." The letter was faxed to The Associated Press on Friday by Sipple's Washington-based Sipple Strategic Communications.

Sipple worked on the presidential campaigns of Bob Dole and George Bush, and on three of California Gov. Pete Wilson's campaigns. In Dole's 1996 campaign, Sipple crafted ads declaring: "It all comes down to values."

Fossella's press secretary, Patrick McCarthy, said in a statement that Sipple's resignation had been accepted Wednesday. It did not elaborate.

New York State Democrats had demanded that the New York City councilman, who is running for Susan Molinari's vacated House seat, drop Sipple.

"There should be zero tolerance of spousal abuse, starting with those who aspire to be leaders," Judith Hope, chairwoman of the New York State Democratic Committee, said in a statement. "If Vito Fossella does not immediately sever his relationship with Don Sipple, then what does that say about him or his judgment?"

In the 1992 custody case, both of Sipple's ex-wives testified that he beat them. The subject of the custody dispute, Sipple's son Evan — then 14 — also said in a deposition that his father struck him. His father testified during the trial that he had swatted his son on the buttocks.

Sipple also denied under questioning during the trial that he had abused either of his wives.

Sipple divorced his first wife, Regina Sipple, in 1979, and his second wife, Deborah Steelman, in 1984. He has since remarried.

Neither of Sipple's first two wives alleged during divorce proceedings that they were abused. Both said later that they didn't want to slow down the divorce proceedings.

In 1991, when she learned her ex-husband was earning more money, Regina Sipple asked for increased child support. He responded with a counter-claim for custody of Evan.

Sipple's friends and colleagues argued that abuse allegations made in a bitter custody fight aren't credible. They noted that the judge in the Missouri case awarded Sipple custody of his son.

Dan Schnur, a spokesman for Sipple, said Sipple had no other clients this year.

George Gorton, a consultant to San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, had said earlier, however, that Golding planned to hire Sipple in her bid for the Senate next year. Mother Jones said Sipple also planned to work on campaigns for Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Missouri Sen. Christopher Bond.

"I've known Don for quite a while, and I've never known any jealousy or any anger, not even a little anger," Gorton said. "There's not anything in this (magazine) story that is recognizable as Don Sipple."

Columbia/HCA CFO quits job

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp.'s new chief financial officer quit Friday after spending less than three weeks at the beleaguered company.

Robert Stearns' resignation, announced in a one-sentence statement released late in the day, is effective Aug. 31. The statement noted Stearns was hired July 21, four days before a management shakeup at Columbia, the nation's largest for-profit health care chain.

It gave no indication what prompted the resignation.

Victor Campbell, head of Columbia investor relations, said the company doesn't comment on personnel matters.

The resignation came a day after Dr. Thomas Frist, Columbia's new chairman and chief executive officer, announced an overhaul of the company's business plan. Included was an end to the controversial practice of allowing doctors to buy shares in their hospitals and a promise to sell off its $1 billion home health care business.

Columbia is the target of a sweeping federal investigation looking into whether it overbilled government health programs.

DWI plea nets probated term

A 44-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court Thursday to a felony charge of driving while intoxicated.

Paul Ray Lawson of 106 34th Street was sentenced by District Judge Ernie Armstrong to a five-year probated prison sentence. Lawson was also fined $750, had his driver's license suspended for one year and was ordered to participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

The DWI offense occurred June 15.

Contract talks are continued

DETROIT (AP) — Talks between the United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. assembly plant apparently continued past a midnight strike deadline at a plant where Cadillac's full-size sedans and the Eldorado coupe are made.

Workers began streaming out of the plant, some yelling repeatedly, "Strike, strike, strike." Some hopped in the cars, honking their horns as they drove away, while about five people grabbed pickets and began marching outside the plant.

But shortly afterward early Saturday, a woman came out and told them to put their pickets down because there was no strike. The workers put down the pickets and began to disperse.

"We have been told that an official strike has not been authorized," said Paul Stadafora, a GM spokesman. "The only thing we know is that they are continuing a conversation at this point."

UAW officials involved in the negotiations could not be immediately reached for comment.

A man who answered the phone at the UAW Local 22, who declined to give his name or position with the union, said: "Our union president and negotiating team are still at the plant negotiating. A strike has not been called."

About 20 minutes earlier, Frank Moultrie, a lieutenant in the UAW Local 22, had confirmed the strike had been called, saying: "We have a strike."

He left the plant and could not be immediately reached for comment.

A strike would be the seventh this year against GM and the second in less than a month. A strike last month at a parts plant in Warren shut down four assembly plants, leaving 19,300 workers without work before an agreement was reached.

A strike at the Detroit-Hamtramck plant would not have a similar ripple effect because it is an assembly plant, not a parts plant. But it could delay the launch of the redesigned 1998 Seville, which is key to the luxury carmaker's plans for a major overseas expansion.

The plant, which has about 3,600 hourly workers, began initial, low-volume production of the new Seville last week. It is scheduled to go on sale in January. In a nod to its new international role, the Seville is set to make its world debut at the Frankfurt auto show next month rather than at Detroit's January show.

A strike that disrupts the production ramp-up for more than a week or two could cause problems for the Seville launch, said Chris Cedergren, an industry analyst with Nextrend in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

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If battery holds out, NASA may let rover keep exploring

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Officially done with its 30-day mission, Mars Pathfinder is still in good enough shape to send its rover on more trips, even up a hill to see what lies beyond, scientists said Friday.

Matthew Golombek, project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said in the next few weeks the rover Sojourner will examine more rocks, roll back to the Pathfinder to see whatever may have stuck to a magnetic ramp and then "head for the hills."

"The goal, then, is one of exploration," he said. "Eventually get to the top of the hill and look over the edge and see what a whole new vista looks like."

Meantime, Pathfinder will continue to send back pictures and data, as it has since the air-bag-cushioned craft bounced down a slope to a landing near Mars' equator July 4 for what was designed to be a one-month mission.

Among newly released findings are signs that "dust devils" swirl on the martian surface and that a rock nicknamed Scooby Doo isn't a rock at all, but a martian dirt clod — compacted by unknown means, though water from an ancient time is a tantalizing possibility.

So far, the rover has traveled over 50 yards, circling the landing craft twice, and taken 384 images of the surface. It also has poked and prodded a number of rocks to determine their geological makeup.

"We finally have a feeling of what it would be like to be on the surface of Mars standing there," Golombek said. "We would know what our footprints would look like if we were there."

The lander operates on the sun's energy during the day, and can operate at night on batteries charged by some of that solar power.

Eventually, the batteries will no longer charge. Controllers are now preserving the batteries by reducing the number of charge-discharge cycles.

The new plan lengthens their life by shutting down everything on the lander except a timer on four out of every five nights. The timer turns the lander systems on when the sun rises. Battery-powered activities are conducted on the fifth night.

If all goes well, and the brutal martian environment doesn't cause problems, Pathfinder can operate for months — and beyond, Golombek said.

The goal, now, is to concentrate on more long-range monitoring of the martian weather and surface before possibly sending Sojourner some dozens of yards away from Pathfinder for a journey up a gently sloping hill to the north, Golombek said.

LOOKS LIKE A MOVE — Two Stanfield Elementary teachers, Kim Krueger and Melissa Rosson, packed their supplies in large boxes to be moved. Some classes from the main building will be exchanging with some in the outside buildings. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

FOYER GETS CLEANING — Mayme Roemisch, Diane Dunham and Sandy Tucker, from left, were pictured as they groomed the plants in the foyer at Snyder High School during the Greener Pastures program this summer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Travis Tritt visits

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A flood-damaged neighborhood got a visit from somebody who cares — Travis Tritt.

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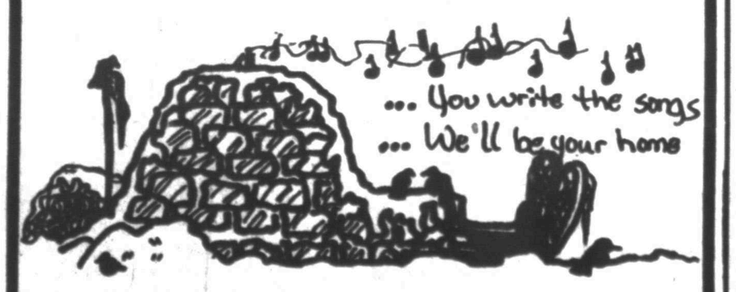

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3000 Crockett 4-3-2 Pool	
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3600 41st 3-2-2 Call	
4107 Jacksboro 3-2-2	$80's
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Nice Office Bldg. Lease/Sell	
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3111 38th Place 2-2-2	$27.5T
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4503 Fredonia 3-2-2 $70's
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Exclusive Colonial Hill 4-3-2cp Extremely nice $140T
Colonial Apts. Lmsa Hwy $30T
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3714 Austin 2-2 $25T
2333 Sunset 2-1-1 CH/A $28.5T
1501 Scurry 3-1-1 CH/A$25T
707 26th 3-1-1cp + 1-1 Apt.
1904 Scott 3-1-1cp $25T
Plainview Schl RD. 2 Story-3A
New Listing-Exclusive 2605 28th 3-2-2 Reduced $79.9T
2410 30th St. 4-2 $39,750T
3403 Irving 4-2 Patio $69.5T
Approx. 327 Acres Reduced
2905 36th 4-2-2cp 2 Lv$87.5T
640 Acres Cult. & Past., Tanks, creek, N. of Camp Springs
4502 Galveston Nice $86.5T
2100 42nd 3-2-1 Reduced $48T
404 35th 3-2 CH/ARed. $30T
2908 Ave.U 3-2-1 CH/A $56.5T
205 37th. 2-2-1 CH/A fp $42.9T
14A Close In $1,286 an Acre
2 Houses outside Snyder$65T
1904 Ave. M 2-1-1 $25T
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Bassridge 3-2-2 Shop $70's
Picture Perfect 3-2½-2 $100T
Dunn 3-2-den 4 + Acres
Older Large Frame 3-2-1
West 30th 3-2-2cp Reduced
3-2-2 Pool Landscaped
Colonial Hill 3-2-2 $80's
3-2-1 Office-fpl & den $90's
4-2-2cp Game Room $80's
4502 Galveston 3-2-2 office
Westridge 4-3½-2cp Pool
Family Home! 4-2-2cp 4A
3718 Highland 3-1-den$40's
4012 Austin 3-2-1 Shop
Scenic & Private 3-3-2 w/2.9A
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Dolores Jones 573-5308
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Shirley Drum 573-1550

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of HUBERT W. GREGORY, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,375:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Hubert W. Gregory, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 7th day of August, 1997, 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 Thelma V. Gregory, 3104 Avenue B, Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 7th day of August, 1997.

(s)Thelma V. Gregory
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Hubert W. Gregory, deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE

D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be accepting bids for the sale of a Liebel Flar Sheim, Hdra Just Urological Table with GE 200MA-100KUP-generator and accessories. Bids will be opened on Friday, August 22, 1997 at 12:00 Noon. Information on this equipment can be obtained by contacting Steve Camp at Cogdell Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas. Cogdell Hospital reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities in bidding except time of filing.

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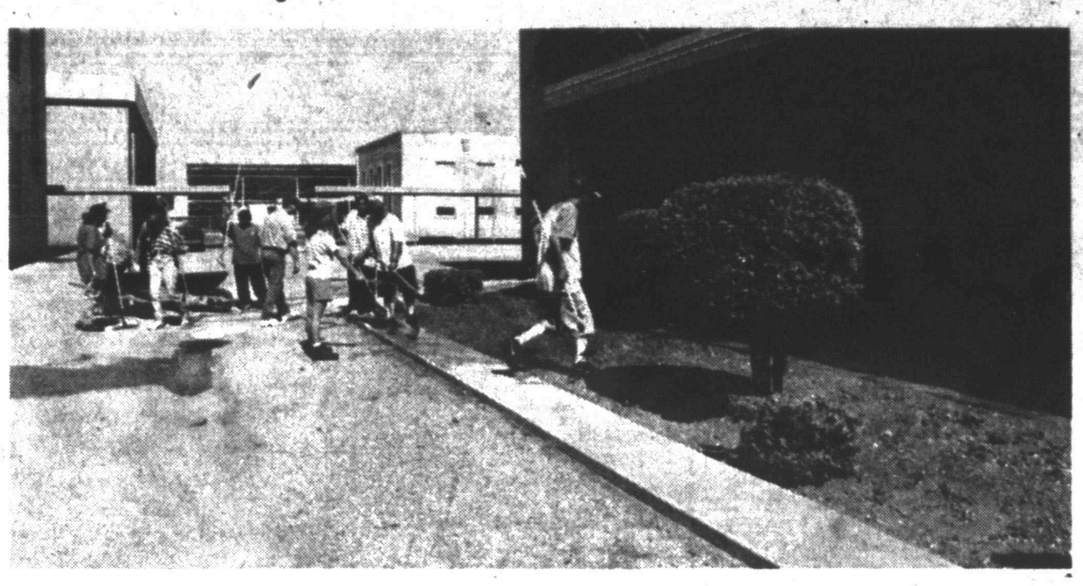

NEW FLOWER BEDS — Students working in the Greener Pastures program, job experience for 14-21-year-olds, have renewed flower beds and built new ones at Snyder High School. Several students were pictured as they completed a bed by the student center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Stamford jury awards woman $1.75 million for loss of hair

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Jurors needed just a few hours to concur that Marian Miller Wood had one whale of a bad hair day.

Wood won a $1.75 million civil judgement against Plano-based J.C. Penney, the result of hair treatments in 1992 that burned her scalp and caused hair loss.

She was about to be honored as "Nurse of the Year" at Norwalk Hospital when she made a series of hair appointments at the J.C. Penney salon at the Stamford Town Center.

The first time Wood visited the salon, her wash and set went fine. A second visit two weeks later did not turn out as well. Her hair turned from blond to brown to orange and then back to blond when she asked the stylist to cover her gray.

After being reassured by the salon's operator, Wood, who is black, went back two weeks later for a relaxer treatment. This time, things turned out disastrous, according to a lawsuit Wood later filed against the company.

Wood said the relaxer treatment was not removed until she told the stylist it was burning her scalp. As a result of the treatment, Wood suffered burns, pain, soreness, hair damage and hair loss, some of it permanent, according to her lawsuit.

Court documents state after the hair loss, Wood required psychiatric counseling, left her job of more than 20 years as a nurse at Norwalk Hospital and moved to the Atlanta region "where she hoped to make a new start."

David Waters, one of Wood's attorneys, said she suffered severe depression.

The jury of five women and one man apparently believed Wood was entitled to considerable compensation.

Last Friday, the jury awarded her the full $753,000 she asked for in economic damages, for lost wages and medical treatment, plus another $1 million in noneconomic damages, for pain and suffering. Her lawyers had not recommended a specific amount for pain and suffering.

Officers jail two on felony charges

A 32-year-old man was arrested Friday afternoon by deputies on a felony motion to revoke probation warrant. Justin Eugene Casey of 1712 Dorsey was arrested at 4 p.m. at his residence.

Casey had been free on $10,000 bond after being arrested Monday on a grand jury indictment for sexual assault.

Another felony arrest was made at 8:14 a.m. Saturday when deputies took a 37-year-old male into custody at the Purple Sage Motel on a felony warrant for non-payment of child support. Arrested was Brian Alan Kirk of 800 Bonnie Drive, Weaver, Ala.

Officers arrested a 69-year-old male at 6:14 p.m. in the 500 block of Coliseum Drive for public intoxication.

Following a report of a disturbance in the 800 block of 27th Street, officers arrested an 18-year-old male for public intoxication.

Early Saturday morning, officers arrested two people in the 1300 block of Avenue K. Taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated was a 28-year-old male. A 30-year-old passenger was arrested on outstanding city warrants for displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker and no liability insurance.

At 6:45 a.m. Saturday, DPS troopers arrested an 18-year-old male on U.S. Highway 84 near the Fluvanna cutoff for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated following a one-vehicle accident.

At 6:50 a.m. Saturday, officers were notified that a vehicle was in the creek bed in the 1700 block of 22nd Street. Officers contacted the owner, Wade Garrett, and then filed an offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and an offense report for felony theft.

In other activity Friday, an offense report for two runaways was submitted at 6:07 a.m. However, the two females, both 15 years old, were located at 10:14 a.m.

Sandra Alcala requested to file an offense report in reference to the theft of a trailer from 901 N. Ave. N. However, she later notified the sheriff's office that she had located the trailer at 6:46 p.m.

Debra Alexander requested to speak to an officer at 5:57 p.m. in the 800 block of 28th Street in reference to a juvenile throwing a rock and breaking her windshield.

Javier Alfaro requested an officer in the 2700 block of Avenue F in reference to juveniles shooting BB guns.

Officers responded to a report of a possible gunshot at 10 p.m. in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue. Officers did not locate anyone with a gun in the area.

At 12:57 a.m. Saturday, a city officer reported he heard several gunshots being fired in the vicinity of the 700 block of Avenue K. However, no one with a gun was seen in the area.

Officers reported an open door at the Kwik Kar Wash at 4:08 a.m. Saturday. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 5:17 a.m. Saturday.

Fine set for pork packer

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — One of the largest pork companies on the East Coast was fined $12.6 million on Friday — the largest water pollution fine ever — for dumping hog waste into a tributary of Chesapeake Bay.

U.S. District Judge Rebecca B. Smith ruled that Smithfield Foods Inc. was liable for nearly 7,000 violations of the Clean Water Act since 1991.

The ruling resulted from a lawsuit by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which accused Smithfield of polluting the Pagan River and destroying documents to cover it up.

"The court has made it clear that even a large, multibillion dollar corporation like Smithfield Foods cannot gain a competitive advantage at the expense of the public's health," said W. Michael McCabe, regional administrator for the EPA.

Smithfield Foods denounced the EPA and said most of the federal violations were permitted under an agreement with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The company said it would appeal and "work with others to change the Clean Water Act enforcement scheme so that the EPA will not be allowed to ... prosecute an enforcement action when a responsible state has previously taken effective action."

Smithfield Foods, which slaughters pigs and packs the meat in two plants along the river, was accused of dumping illegal levels of hog waste into the river for several years.

The decaying waste and excrement raised the levels of phosphorous and other elements in the river, poisoning shellfish beds. The Pagan River has been closed to shellfishing for 27 years because of high levels of fecal bacteria and is considered unhealthy for swimming.

Smithfield Foods argued for a fine of no more than $650,000, citing its agreement with the state

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Seek help for painful foot blisters

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have suffered for years from a rash on my feet. First, the skin breaks out in small blisters, then my feet become painful once the blisters pop. My doctors have not been able to help me. Can you?

DEAR READER: I hope so.

Foot problems can be the bane of doctors and patients alike, because there are so many causes. Before you can relieve the discomfort of your skin irritation, you will need a diagnosis.

Dermatitis is an inflammation of the skin. The feet are uniquely susceptible to this condition, because they are exposed to countless bacteria and yeasts, are often damp or sweaty, may be hot or cold, and — for unknown reasons — are targeted by a variety of diseases including psoriasis and eczema.

Traditionally, physicians usually diagnose the common causes of foot dermatitis: athlete's foot or an allergy to the ingredients in shoe leather. Such diagnoses are often incorrect, and predictably, do not respond to the usual panaceas: antifungal lotions or cortisone cream.

Because the feet are at the end of the circulatory system, every disease that is aggravated by poor circulation thrives on the feet.

For example, the presence of toenail fungus may reflect a serious yeast infection, whereas a patient with eczema elsewhere on the body may simply have eczema on his feet. Therefore, close inspection of the body for other areas of dermatitis is a prerequisite. This should be followed by a fungus culture and perhaps an allergy patch test.

Eczema, a common skin inflammation of unknown cause, frequently affects the feet, beginning as small, itchy blisters that eventually break and lead to pain and cracking. Eczema is often connected with dry skin and allergic reactions. The diagnosis of eczema is made by exclusion; no single test will identify it. Rather, other causes of dermatitis must be excluded by appropriate tests such as fungal and bacterial cultures. Once diagnosed, eczema is treated by eliminating irritants (water and sweat) by frequently changing socks and shoes, using drying agents (Zeasorb AF, Drysol, and others), applying cortisone cream, relying on cold water soaks and soothing dressings, and taking cortisone pills for advanced or resistant cases.

Fungal infections of the feet are the most common skin infections. Although athlete's foot (tinea pedis) may be associated with clusters of dead, white skin between the toes, this affliction is only one of many that can cause dermatitis. It and other fungal infections are diagnosed by specific lab cultures.

A variety of antifungal creams are available without prescription. However, resistant or extensive infections may require prescription pills such as Lamisil to eradicate them.

If the dermatitis seems to be related to an allergic reaction to shoes, a patch test will confirm the diagnosis. Cortisone is the treatment of choice.

Return to your doctor for the analysis and testing that I have suggested.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in an area where Lyme disease is prevalent. My friend was recently treated with amoxicillin for Lyme disease. Will this antibiotic also kill other tick-borne diseases?

DEAR READER: No, it will not.

The deer tick, a ubiquitous and tiny insect, can spread at least three serious diseases when it feeds on humans.

Lyme disease is one. The typical symptoms of this affliction are rash, fever, and muscle aches and pains.

The second disease, human granulocytic erlichiosis, is similar to Lyme disease but lacks a rash. Common symptoms include headache, fever, joint and muscle pains, weakness and difficulty concentrating.

The third disease, babesiosis, also causes symptoms identical to Lyme disease and erlichiosis.

All three disorders are serious, can coexist, and if not treated early, can cause heart, joint and brain damage that becomes more difficult to cure the later treatment is begun.

The diagnoses are made by patients' clinical presentations and by blood tests.

Amoxicillin, an antibiotic frequently prescribed for Lyme disease, is ineffective therapy for erlichiosis and babesiosis. In such a situation, where the possibility of more than one disease exists, experts recommend another broad-spectrum antibiotic — doxycycline — which should be taken for at least a month.

Your friend has probably received adequate treatment, because the coexistence of two or three tick-borne diseases is unusual. On the other hand, it is indeed possible that he could also have a non-Lyme disease that will not respond to amoxicillin therapy. In my practice, I treat all cases of early Lyme disease with doxycycline, hoping that related infections will be eradicated with one course of antibiotic therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: On several occasions, you have advocated the use of Benadryl as a safe and inexpensive sleep aid. However, your readers should be aware that it can worsen glaucoma and therefore should not be used by patients with this eye disease.

DEAR READER: Right you are. Thanks for writing. In some people, Benadryl can increase the fluid pressure within the eyeball. Although not a problem for the average consumer, this reaction could certainly worsen glaucoma — and, incidentally, may also worsen the symptoms of prostate enlargement. I had assumed that people taking any over-the-counter remedy would first read the manufacturer's warnings about its use. But a reminder never hurts.

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Problems walking

NEW YORK (AP) — Penny Marshall had problems walking down Sesame Street.

At a recent event to publicize Kmart's Sesame Street line of clothes, the actress-director tried to lead costumed Muppet characters down a runway when things turned fowl.

As she tried to teach Big Bird to twirl, she lost her footing and grabbed at him for balance, tearing off a right wing. Big Bird was unruffled. "It'll grow back," he told the preteen crowd.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 10, 1997

Your most impressive qualities of character will be utilized and enhanced in the year ahead. Circumstances might call upon you to play a critical role in an important endeavor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When performing an assignment today, you might use similar methods that proved to be unproductive previously. Profit from the past, don't be penalized by it. Leo, 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of being motivated today, you're apt to be slow getting out of the starting blocks. What could be accomplished might not even be attempted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your self-confidence might be at a low ebb today unless you're challenged; when provoked, you will become assertive and commanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone you know from experience who is a poor financial risk might feel you out for a loan today. Help out by offering assistance other than monetary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Valued relationships must be dealt with in a tolerant manner today. Be sensitive to others' feelings so that you don't evoke their ill will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not leave important tasks until the last minute today, because they might remain shelved for a long time. Keep pace with events.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will feel more at ease in social settings today where you can relax, rather than being at a stuffy gathering where you must adhere to protocol.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Peace of mind can be found in your domestic environment today. Leave the pressures of the outside world on your doorstep where they belong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is imperative today that you keep an open mind in all of your assessments. Having preconceived ideas could work to your determent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of letting an old obligation prey upon your thoughts today, start taking positive measures to eliminate it. Be a victor, not a victim.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your associates might not be as enterprising or adventurous as you are today. Do not let their negative input deter your momentum.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Guard against tendencies today to create stumbling blocks where none should exist. Anticipate unproductive courses and avert them.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Aug. 11, 1997

Be patient in the year ahead regarding your expectations for rewards and recognition. Authority figures might not act quickly at first, but they will deliver as promised.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A change of scenery could be good for you and your mate if you've been cloistered too much lately. Put routines aside and step out on the town today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The heavy hand of neglected duties may be stressful for you today. Respond positively, even if you can't clear everything up immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Put sensible limits on what you intend to spend on nonessentials today. If you lack the proper guidelines, extravagance will result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Material fulfillment is quite likely today, provided you see things through to their conclusions. Concentrate on profitable closures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to repeat any past mistakes today. Do not let a selective memory mislead you; treat facts realistically.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your best interests might not be served today if you impose upon others matters that you should attend to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your mate's judgment, as well as your own, might not be up to snuff today. Before making a critical decision, bring in a consultant you both respect.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Co-workers might find you difficult to get along with today. Try not to interpret their suggestions as unwarranted criticism.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, devote your full attention either to business or to fun, but not both. If you mix the two, they won't get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A compromise could be called for today in an arrangement where you and your mate have taken opposing positions. Each must yield a bit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you react negatively to developments today, opportunities that were awarded might be withdrawn. Those with whom you're involved want a winner, not doubter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Credit cards do not make good substitutes for cash today. If you haven't got the money in your wallet, don't get into debt for the sake of momentary gratification.

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'Weird Al' serious

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Irreverent singer "Weird Al" Yankovic turned serious during a visit to the Portland area.

Yankovic gave a backstage pass for Friday's show to a 16-year-old boy who missed a performance four years ago because he was hit by a car.

Jon Harper, who used a wheelchair for six months and still has brain damage, said his admiration for Weird Al started eight years ago when he heard the song "Dare to Be Stupid." Soon he knew the lyrics to parody songs like "Eat It" and was doing Weird Al imitations for friends.

Bloodless bull fights in the U.S.

ESCALON, Calif. (AP) — The crowd cheers as a young matador leads a charging bull through his cape, ending the show by piercing the animal with a spear.

Unlike in Mexico or Spain, however, the spear has Velcro at the end and attaches to a patch on the animal's back.

This bloodless form of a sport usually banned in the United States is a popular pastime for the large Portuguese-American population in the San Joaquin Valley.

"It's a passion, it's an adrenaline rush, it's my profession," said Dennis Borba, who has a plaque that reads "California's First Matador de Toros" and dates to 1986. "You have to have it in your blood."

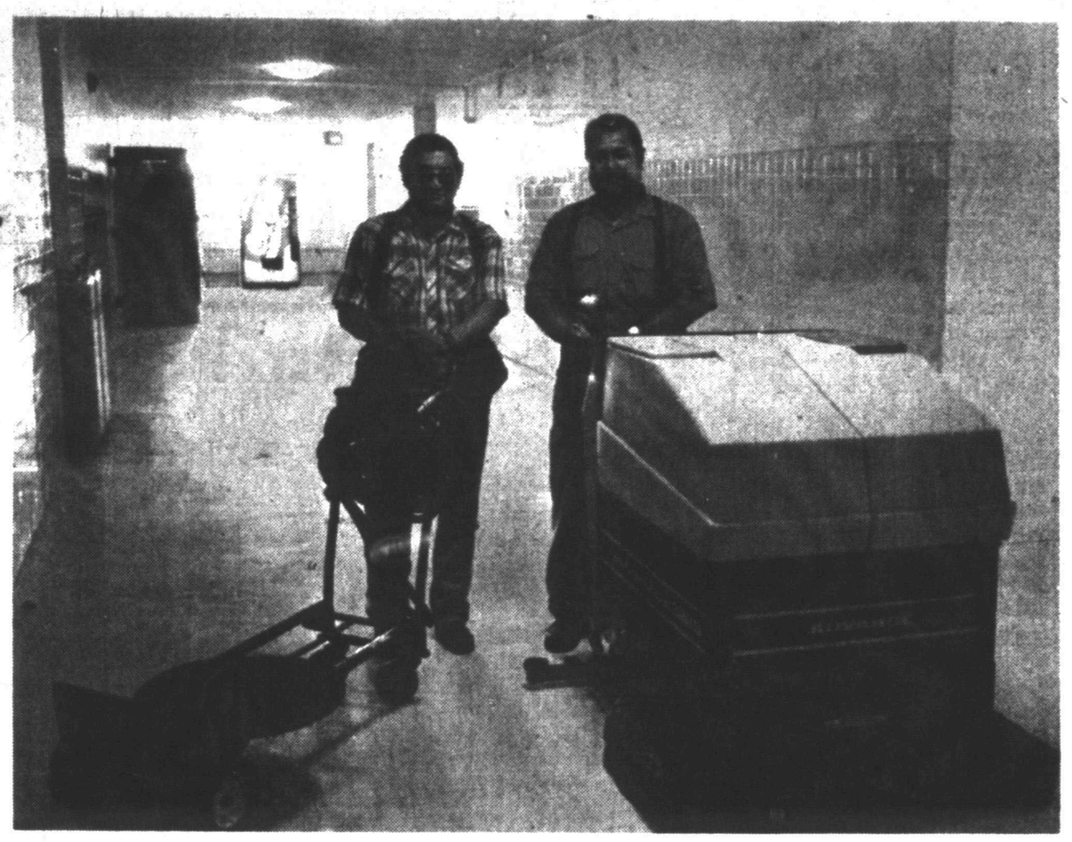
His family has been organizing bloodless bullfights for about 30 years. It began with his father, Frank, who raised bulls for rodeos and bullfights in the 1960s.

By the mid-1970s, Borba was inviting amateur and professional matadors from Mexico, Spain and Portugal. They performed in his 1,100-capacity bullring on the outskirts of Escalon, about 80 miles east of San Francisco.

There are now at least nine bullrings in California, eight of which are in the San Joaquin Valley where many Portuguese dairy farmers emigrated generations ago. The other is at Artesia in Southern California.

Bullfights are only allowed as part of a religious festival like the recent Portuguese Holy Ghost Fiesta. Spectators paying $15 nearly filled Borba's stands for the event that included a performance by him and three teen-agers from Portugal who are training to be professional matadors.

"In places like Spain, besides the president, the most popular people are matadors and soccer players," Borba said.



WAXING CREW — Manuel Espinoza Jr., left, and Raymond Alarcon are getting ready to wax the floors at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

President seems less eager to use line-item veto power

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his list of veto candidates dwindling, President Clinton appears less eager to put the line-item veto to its first use.

A veto decision that aides had hoped Clinton would announce in Saturday's weekly radio address will not come until Monday, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said late Friday. "Deliberations are well advanced. He's honing in on a decision, but he isn't there yet."

Confining himself to the Oval Office and its nearby putting green for much of Friday afternoon, the president telephoned members of Congress and other outside advisers for input on the list of potential veto targets in the recently signed tax and spending bills. He and his aides had already whittled a list of 79 down to a small handful.

Under the line-item veto statute, enacted in 1996, Clinton must exercise any veto by midnight Monday.

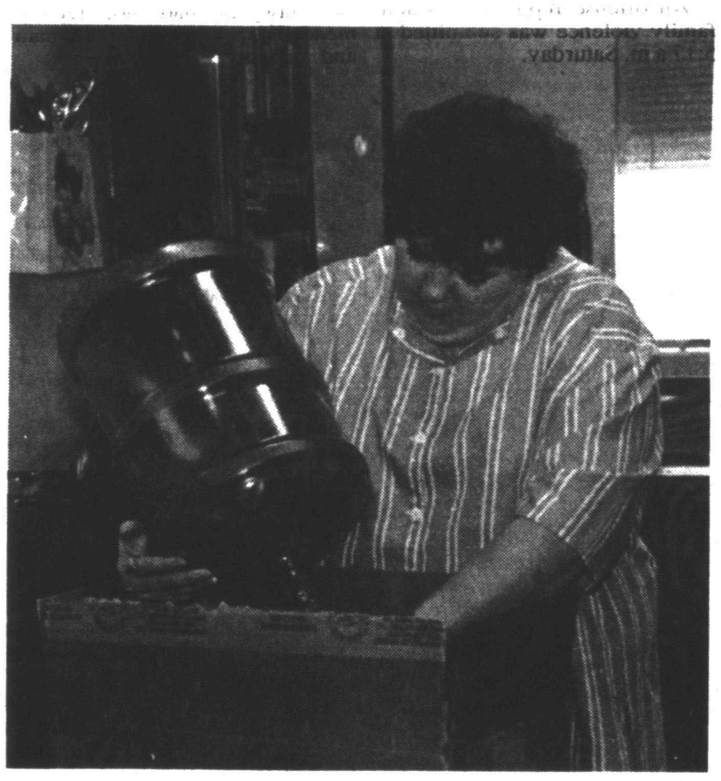
Two days after Clinton told reporters that he expected to wield it on bipartisan budget package, officials held out the possibility that the president may save his first line-item veto for another time.

"There'll be other opportunities, to be sure, to use it," McCurry said. "But if it's used this time, he wants to make sure it's the right decision, and he's going to take the time necessary to assure himself that it is, indeed, in the nation's interest."

But carefully giving Clinton room to decide either way, McCurry added: "I think that he's still looking very carefully at the prospects of using it in connection with this legislation."

The president is mulling over a handful of 79 special-interest tax breaks included in the $152 billion tax cut bill that he signed with great fanfare on Tuesday. Also under consideration are as-yet unspecified items in the spending bill.

An administration official said one of the spending items concerned an aspect of the Medicaid program. The issue is "whether or not there are specific initiatives that cost money out of the Medicaid program that are flawed policy that the administration has consistently opposed," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. He gave no further details.



COIN SAVERS — Suzanne Barrow is sorting through the red IGA coin savers donated to West Elementary School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Amtrak train derails off bridge

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — An Amtrak train carrying about 300 passengers derailed Saturday after flash flooding apparently caused a bridge to buckle. More than 100 were injured but no one was killed, authorities said.

The Southwest Chief derailed at about 5 a.m. as the third of four engines crossed the bridge, leaving cars behind it zigzagged but upright in a desolate desert area 13 miles northeast of Kingman.

"It appears the bridge washed out," Mohave County Sheriff Tom Sheahan said. The low trestle bridge went over a wash, flood-prone low ground that can be dry much of the time. Two cars went askew into the shallow water.

"It felt like you were in car going down the side of a mountain. Everybody was screaming," said Doug Fischer, a passenger from Albuquerque, N.M.

"Some people were thrown over seats ahead of them. The seats broke loose and shifted. There were personal belongings all over the aisles," Fischer said.

"It felt like it was a minute, but I'm sure it was just seconds that the shifting and falling and tumbling went on," said Jonathan Bose, a 43-year-old from Essex, England. "It seemed like an eternity waiting for it to stop."

The train had left Los Angeles Friday evening on the way to Chicago on Sunday.

Helicopters, ambulances and school buses carried the passengers to Kingman, a city of 12,000 where most were taken to a shelter at the junior high school. The injured were treated at hospitals in Kingman, Las Vegas, Bullhead City and Flagstaff.

Officials conducted a car-to-car search of the train and found no fatalities, sheriff's spokeswoman Jody Schanaman said.

The train had four engines and 16 cars, including nine double-decker passenger cars, a baggage car and six for mail, Amtrak spokesman Clifford Black said. The train's manifest listed 307 passengers and 18 crew members, Amtrak said.

Schanaman said the train was traveling 90 mph when it wrecked, a permissible speed according to Jim Sabourin, spokesman for Burlington Northern-Santa Fe, the railroad that owns the track.

"It was such a screeching, bumping feeling," passenger Mae Hoffman, 59, of Costa Mesa, Calif., said. "I felt we were going to topple over."

Passenger Jack Miller said someone had to use a sledgehammer to get the doors open so passengers could get off the train.

Texans resoundingly approve school property tax cut plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans voted resoundingly Saturday to cut local school property taxes by $1 billion over the next two years.

With more than one-third of the votes counted, 363,966 Texans voted for the tax cut; only 19,045 voted against it. That was a 95 percent-to-5 percent margin in what was shaping up as a light turnout.

"I am pleased to have the endorsement of the people for a tax cut," Gov. George W. Bush said about an hour after the polls closed.

"A lot of us worked very hard — members of the Legislature and myself — to convince the people that we had met the basic needs (of the state) and that there was enough money left over to cut people's property taxes. The voters agreed, and I'm very pleased."

The property tax cut was the only question on the statewide ballot. It increases the minimum school property tax exemption from $5,000 to $15,000, a tax savings of about $12 a month for most homeowners.

It also allows homeowners 65 and older to transfer from home to home a proportionate amount of property tax freezes should they move.

"I'm trusting Gov. Bush that it will be some kind of benefit," said Adella Barr, a retirement-age Austinite who voted for the proposed constitutional amendment.

She would not give her age but said every retired person should have voted for the measure.

With a summer election date, the proposal was not expected to draw many of the more than 10 million registered voters. That prompted Bush to make a 17-city tour of the state to urge voters to the polls. The August election was set in order to give school districts enough time to adjust to the change.

Homeowners' savings will roughly equal their school property tax rates multiplied by 100, about $140 a year, Bush estimated.

Since 1995, the governor has pushed an effort to lower and cap school property tax rates. He has called the increase in school property taxes a looming crisis.

After much to-do during the 1997 Legislature, Bush and state lawmakers could not agree on an more ambitious tax overhaul. Instead, they approved the higher tax exemption measure.

Music revue ends Sunday

The Texas Music Revue continues at the Ritz Theatre with the final performance slated for 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

One of the featured acts will be the Praise Music Team from the Word Is Life Deliverance Church, a group of Christians who praise and glorify the Lord.

Kathy Wofford, the pastor's wife, is the pianist and one of the lead singers, along with Sharika, her teen-age daughter.

Completing the group, are Alvin Fabre' on drums and singers, Alisa, his wife, Debra McGlothin and Jackie Hackfeld.

Other revue performers will include Texas Sand, the Wendell Sollis family, Cindy Nix and Reid Johnson.

PRAISE MUSIC TEAM — The Praise Music Team from the Word Is Life Deliverance Church will perform during the Texas Music Revue concluding Sunday at the Ritz Theatre. From left are, Jackie Hackfeld, Alvin Fabre, Debra McGlothin and Alisa Fabre. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Obituaries

Clarence Floyd

1917-1997

BANGS — Graveside service was held Saturday in the Bangs Cemetery for Clarence Floyd, 80, who died Thursday, Aug. 7, in a Brownwood hospital.

He was the brother of Arch Floyd of Snyder.

Born in Electra, Mr. Floyd had formerly lived in Rising Star where he was self-employed in yard maintenance. He was a member of the Assembly of God.

Mr. Floyd married Cleo Bead Snow in 1936 in Purcell, Okla. She preceded him in death.

Survivors also include two daughters, Hazel Lewis of Brownwood and Connie Bond of Rising Star; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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What's Up?

Texas Music Revue

The final performance of "The Texas Music Revue" will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $6.

Football tickets

Because Snyder ISD administrators will be involved in Monday morning's convocation at Worsham Auditorium, varsity season football tickets will not be on sale at the 37th Street office until after 1 p.m.

Bible study videos

Another series of Bible study video tapes is airing on Channel 2. The second tape, "A Mother's Gift to Her Children," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Ira board to convene

Ira ISD board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Items on the agenda include adopting the 1997-98 budget, cost estimates for proposed gym renovation, amendments to the 1996-97 budget and bids for property and casualty insurance.

Health clinic hours extended

Scurry County Health Unit/WIC will hold an extended clinic for immunizations Tuesday. Hours will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. A breastfeeding support class will be held at 6 p.m. the same day. All interested persons may attend.

Historical commission

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Dermott School.

Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the club building, 1500 28th Street.

Seniors and parents to meet

A meeting for seniors and their parents will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, in the Snyder High School student center.

DL office to be closed

The Department of Public Safety driver's license office at the Law Enforcement Center will be closed Aug. 21-27.

End of summer dance

Junior varsity cheerleaders will sponsor an End of Summer Slam at the high school student center from 9 p.m. to midnight Friday. Admission will be $2 per person. Ninth graders and above are welcome. DJ will be Corey Knipe.

Union Methodist Church concert

Three Hearts of Lubbock will present a Christian music concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Union United Methodist Church. There is no charge, but a love offering will be taken. Fellowship will follow and desserts will be available.

The Three Hearts — Tanya Crump, Sue Key and Teena Beadles — will sing a mix of old hymns and more contemporary music.

School supplies

There are a limited number of school supplies left for Stanfield kindergarten through second graders and Central third graders. To purchase the Stanfield supplies, call 573-4261; to purchase the Central supplies, call 573-2159.

Junior High registration

Registration for new 7th and 8th graders continues daily at the junior high school. Students and their parents need to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and report card from their former school. Students enrolled in SISD last spring are already registered and do not need to re-register.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

Pick 3

(AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-6-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-10-11-17.
Number matching five of five: 5.
Prize per winner: $30,810.
Matching four of five: 643. Prize: $359.
Matching three of five: 20,108. Prize: $19.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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Zeta Lambda gives books to newborns

At Cogdell Memorial Hospital, newborns receive their first book before they go home with mother.

The paperback book of "Mother Goose Rhymes," which is added to the kits the hospital provides for new mothers, is courtesy of the Zeta Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honorary teachers' organization.

The distribution of books is headed by Philomen "Phil" Kelley, who is also a "Pink Lady" or hospital auxiliary volunteer.

Since the project began in the spring of 1991, Phil said they have donated some 800 books.

Zeta Lambda members began planning the project the previous year. Helen Mock, Northeast kindergarten teacher and then president of the chapter, had learned of a similiar program during the previous year's state convention.

Phil said that as a teacher, Mock realized that not all children are

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

familiar enough with the English language when they begin school.

The local chapter liked the idea. Phil, Jean Sealy and Durelle Gorman were named to a special committee to look into it.

Phil said the OB nurses at Cogdell were enthusiastic when they were approached. New mothers like getting the books, too.

In the beginning, Phil said they examined several books that Mock had received from publishers. They chose one titled "Humpty Dumpty," but the following year it was discontinued by the publisher.

So they chose the "Mother Goose Rhymes" instead. The books are purchased wholesale through a distributor in Wisconsin.

Periodically, Phil takes a small stack to the hospital and when the nurses run out they always notify her so she can replenish their supply.

Seven years ago, the group decided that baby's first book should be about nursery rhymes, and be a book they could enjoy while growing up.

The book is also important because it may provide a springboard to developing a life-long habit of reading.

To fund the new project, Phil said chapter members decided to add a special tax to their annual dues. This method provides ample funds to purchase the books and eliminates the need for fund-raisers, she said.

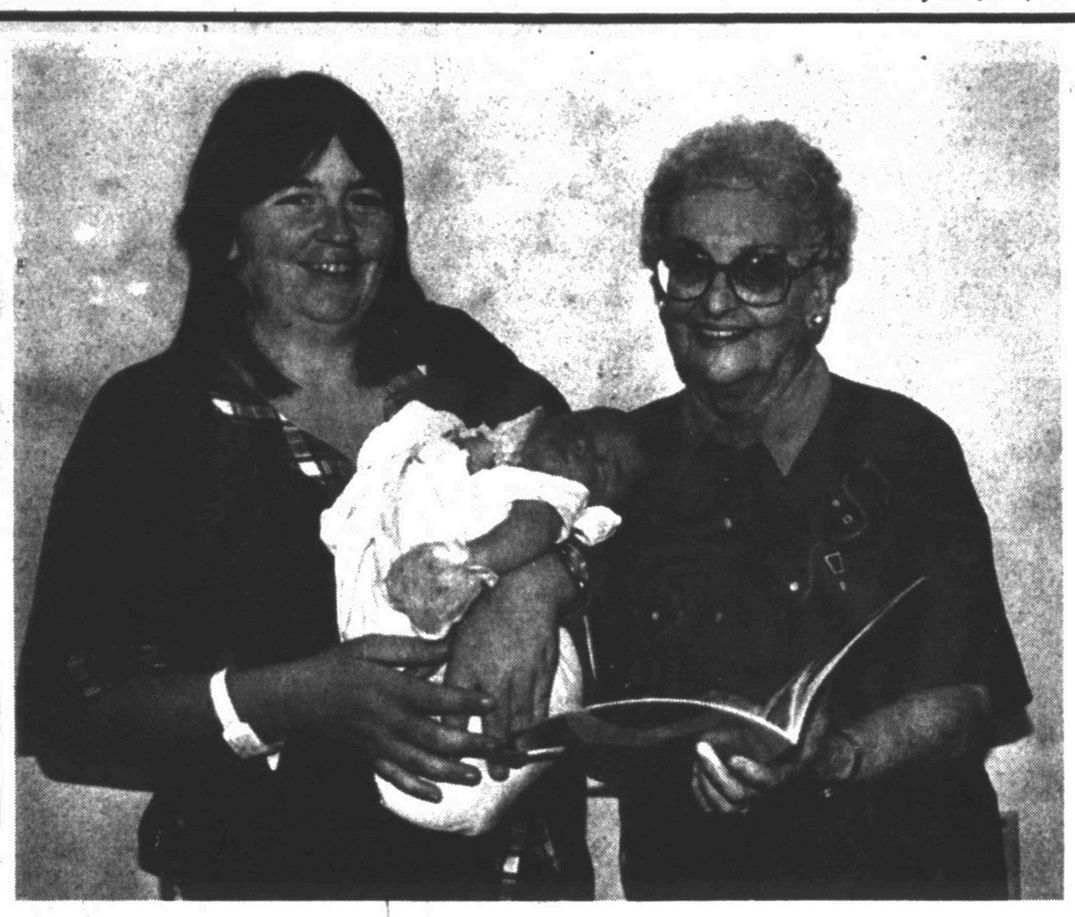
When the chapter decided to go ahead with the project, Phil was asked to coordinate it and serve as librarian, something she was familiar with as she had served as a Snyder ISD librarian from 1957-1981.

She worked at Central for 15 years and at Northeast for eight.

Phil is married to Harold Kelley. They have one son, Joe, who lives in Austin, and a daughter, Ann Uptergrove, who teaches fifth grade at Northeast.

Joe has a son, Justin, and Anne and her husband, Mike, have three children, Stephanie, Casey and Shawn.

Membership in Zeta Lambda is by invitation only.



BABY'S FIRST BOOK — The Zeta Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has been giving babies born at Cogdell Memorial Hospital a book of nursery rhymes since 1991. Phil Kelley, right, presents "Mother Goose Rhymes" to Amanda Smith and her son, Dustin, born July 29. Amanda and her husband, Terry, recently moved here from Carlsbad, N.M. They have a daughter, Kirsten, who is three years old. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Local student, M. Martin, has received scholarship

AUSTIN — In a continued effort to promote excellence in education, the Texas Restaurant Association has awarded its W. Price Jr. Memorial Scholarship to 20 students attending food service programs in colleges and universities in Texas.

Michelle Martin of Snyder has been awarded $700 for the 1997-98 school year. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and upon graduation plans to complete her studies at a culinary institute.

Each year, applicants are screened by their local chapter and recommended to the TRA Scholarship Committee. The Committee then reviews applications submitted and selects the final candidates.

The Texas restaurant industry employees nearly 570,000 people, and wages paid to food service employees in Texas will total $6.1 billion in 1997.

New Tom Wolfe available — on CD or cassette

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Wolfe has come out with his first work of fiction in a decade. Don't clean off your reading glasses, though.

Crank up the tape deck.

In a surprise move, the author of "The Bonfire of the Vanities" and "The Right Stuff" has released his satiric novella "Ambush at Fort Bragg" exclusively on audio.

"Ambush at Fort Bragg," recited in an assortment of dialects by Oscar-nominated actor (and Wolfe fan) Edward Norton, arrived in stores on Monday. The three-hour novella is available on three CDs or four cassettes and carries a suggested price of $21.95 — comparable to most new novels.

Bantam Doubleday Dell Audio Publishing scored the coup, believed to be the first time an author with Wolfe's credentials has released an audio-only work.

"It's an innovative and exciting way to get 'Ambush' out to people," BBD president and publisher Jenny Frost said Friday. "As an author, Mr. Wolfe wants to have his work distributed. And yet he wanted to have his next major print work be his next novel."

The audio deal accomplished both. To promote "Ambush," Frost said, her company has mounted an unprecedented $150,000 campaign that includes a flurry of ads in major newspapers and magazines.

In truth, "Ambush" has already appeared it print. It was serialized last year in two issues of Rolling Stone magazine.

Wolfe, whose last book was 1987's "Bonfire," acknowledged in a statement that "Ambush at Fort Bragg" could turn up in print again. But he said the "innovative opportunity to publish 'Ambush' in audio now" and the "choice of Edward Norton to perform it" convinced him.

Norton was nominated as best supporting actor for his role in "Primal Fear." He played a young murder suspect who is not what he seems.

Wolfe said he is continuing work on a full-length novel but gave no date for its release.

"Ambush" does for TV journalism what "Bonfire" did for Wall Street, skewering it mercilessly. Along the way, Wolfe takes shots at the military, the South and homophobia — with great results, according to early reviews.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Khieu of Midland announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ratha, to Cory Lelek. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lelek of Snyder. The couple's marriage is set for Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Chapel in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

Woolever reunion held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch

The 73rd annual Woolever reunion was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in honor of the late Christi Ann Woolever and to celebrate her birthday on July 25.

The first reunion was held at the Ira Cemetery in 1924 where the family met to work and spread a lunch together.

Reid Johnson entertained the group with magic tricks and an auction was held to defray expenses. In addition, the Local Yokels were guests for the Saturday dinner after their performance. The Yokels include Texa and Duke Ball, Velma Smith, Wana Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Richburg, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Turner, Gloria Browning and Emmitt Askins.

Family members attending included Jack Woolever of Marble Falls; Ron and Tony Woolever of Fort Worth; Brian Sitton of Waco; Melvena Coverdale and Rhianna Hodges of Slaton; Connie Hodges and Shirley Hodges of Lubbock; Dorthy and J.C. Wall Jr. of San Saba; Twylia Roberts, Jacie and Kinsey of Coahoma; Kim Cooksey, Matthew and Luke of Big Spring; Rodney and Janette Wall of Belton; Truman and Evelyene Davis of Midland; Terry Babcock, Susan Chism, Melanie, Matthew, Shawn and Theresa, all of San Antonia, N.M.; and Ricky and Chris Southern and Amber Harris of Farmington, N.M.

Others were Naxey Davis of Plano, Belinda and John Arey of Celeste, Carolyn Stone, Lindy and Cody Lowery of Hayward, Calif.; Mark and Janette Woolever and children from San Angelo; Steve Floyd of Dallas; Jeff Hanson of Lubbock; Jack and Deana Woolever from Joplin, Mo.; and Angel Southern from Lubbock.

From Snyder were Buck and Louise Woolever, DeVelva and Ricky Sorrells, Lorraine Southern, Seth DeMar, Nathan Sorrells, Brandy Gill, Bill Babcock, Bill and Darlene Robbins, Kellie Miller and Tanner, Lisa and Dale Harris, Skylar and Emily, LaOma Floyd, Fran Farmer, Duston and Hayley, Paul Farmer, Darrell Bills, Gaylon, Molly and Curtis Mason, Delwin Bane, Patsy and Buck Sitton and Nancy Blair.

Samaritan, or what!

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — Thomas Eugene Martin thought he was being a good Samaritan last May when he tried to stop a man from beating his dog.

But a court said Martin went way too far when he pulled a gun and chased the dog's owner into his trailer, then took a shot at him.

The dog's owner eventually wrestled Martin to the ground. What's more, the dog bit Martin during the scuffle.

On Wednesday, Martin was sentenced to seven years in prison for the attack.

The dog's name: Lucky.

There were 3,954,000 live births in the United States in 1995 and 2,279,000 deaths, resulting in a natural population increase of 1,675,000.

Elene and Noah Reeves
(Contributed Photo)

50th anniversary celebrated by Elene and Noah Reeves

The children of Elene and Noah Reeves of Snyder honored their mother and father at a 50th wedding anniversary reception on Aug. 2 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Their children and their spouses are Jack and Virginia Tucker from Bedford, Jerry and Phyllis Tucker of Snyder, and Kenneth and Georgann Reeves from Joshua.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves' 10 grandchildren were included in the houseparty.

Reeves, born on April 20, 1921 in Tahoka, and Mrs. Reeves, born on Feb. 13, 1920 at Ira, are both retired. They met in Snyder through mutual friends in 1946 and married on Aug. 10, 1947 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Dixon.

During their marriage, they have also lived in Big Spring, Roswell, N.M., and Lubbock.

Bridge by Phillip Alder

North 08-09-97
♠ A Q J 9 6
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ 9
♣ A 5

West
♠ 8 5 4
♥ ---
♦ A K 10 8 7 6
♣ K J 10 8

East
♠ 7 3 2
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ Q
♣ Q 6 4 3 2

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♦ K

Count to 12, not 11

Ralph Waldo Emerson claimed that you can never have both truth and repose.

In today's deal, you are in six hearts. West leads the diamond king. When East drops the queen, West continues with a low diamond, which you correctly ruff with dummy's heart queen. After East discards a club, how do you continue? Now, either work for the the truth, trying to find the solution before reading on, or repose by reading on immediately.

North's two-diamond overcall was a Michaels cue-bid, showing at least 5-5 in the majors. When South jumped to four hearts, North used Blackwood before bidding a slam that he thought might need the spade finesse. Yet that rated to work because it was through the opening bidder.

As you have contracted for 12 tricks, there's little point in adopting a line that will generate only 11. You have five spade tricks and the club ace on the side. So, you need six trump tricks. That requires *two* diamond ruffs in the dummy. No problem if the missing hearts are splitting 2-2 or 3-1, but what if they are 4-0?

At the time, declarer carelessly cashed dummy's heart king at trick three. When West discarded a diamond, the slam could no longer be made. If South drew trumps, he would get only one diamond ruff. If instead he tried to take a second diamond ruff, East would overruff with the heart 10.

The correct play is a heart to the jack (or ace) at trick three. When West discards, declarer continues by ruffing a diamond with dummy's heart king and finessing East out of his heart 10.

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Feliciano and Anita Rodriguez
(Contributed Photos)

Renewal of vows set...

Couple wed 50 years

Feliciano and Anita R. Rodriguez of Hermleigh will be honored on their golden anniversary at 11 a.m. Sunday in San Antonio, hosted by Billy and Tina Brzezinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogriguez plan to renew their vows during the Sunday event.

The couple met in San Antonio in December of 1945 and married on Aug. 10, 1947 in the St. Alfonse Catholic Church in San Antonio. Rodriguez retired after 42 years at Kelly Air Force Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez have lived in Hermleigh two different times, totaling over eight years. They are members of the Catholic Church. Both were born in San Antonio, Rodriguez on Dec. 16, 1922, and Mrs. Rodriguez on Aug. 10, 1929.

Planning to be in attendance are the couples' children, Mary Ann Rodriguez, George A. Rodriguez, Eugene P. Rodriguez, Beatrice Norma Zamarron, Ernest E. Rodriguez, Beatty Jean Rodriguez and Rose Marie Alvizo, all of San Antonio.

The Rodriguez's have 21 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Defensive Driving Course, one of a two-part course; Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations needed, for more information call 573-2850, 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club meets on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

Six tables, directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Anita Talbott, Ann Davis.
2. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Mary Bast, Ann Spittle.

SUNDAY

Three tables, directed by Dot Casey.

1. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.
2. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Pat Floyd, Billisue Stuard.

TUESDAY

Three tables, directed by Dot Casey.

1. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dot Casey.
3. TIE — Mippie Brownlee, LaVerne Hood and Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.

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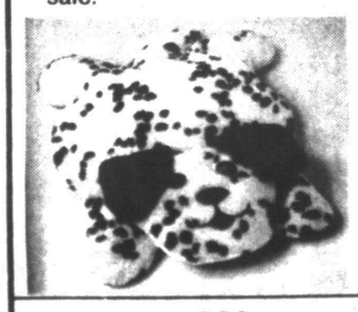

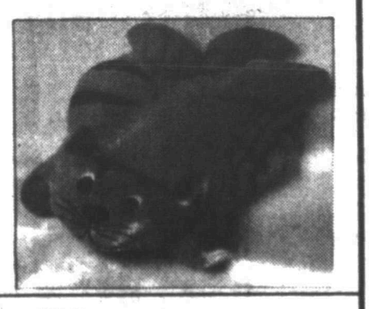

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Snyder ISD welcomes 12 new staffers for new school year

Snyder Independent School District has filled 12 of 13 positions for the 1997-1998 school year. The position still open is that of speech therapist.

New faces will include Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent for curriculum; and Ashly Weaver, elementary counselor.

Also joining the faculty are Kenneth Anderson, West Elementary physical education; Carol Bullard, district wide art; Mechelle Chrane, assistant girls basketball/assistant girls softball coach and will teach English; Shawn Edwards, high school special education; LaTrix Gladson, West Elementary science.

Other new teachers are Janice Northerns, high school journalism and English; Brent Parr, freshman volleyball and basketball/JV tennis and will teach history and PE; Frances White, junior high girls coach and will teacher English; Gust Witt, junior high band director; William Price, junior high football coach and history teacher.

Dr. Melissa Jones graduated from Stamford High School in 1971. She received her bachelor of arts degree in 1975 in English from the University of Texas at Austin, her masters from Hardin-Simmons University in counseling and human development in 1992, and her Ph.D. in 1996 from the University of North Texas in counseling and student services.

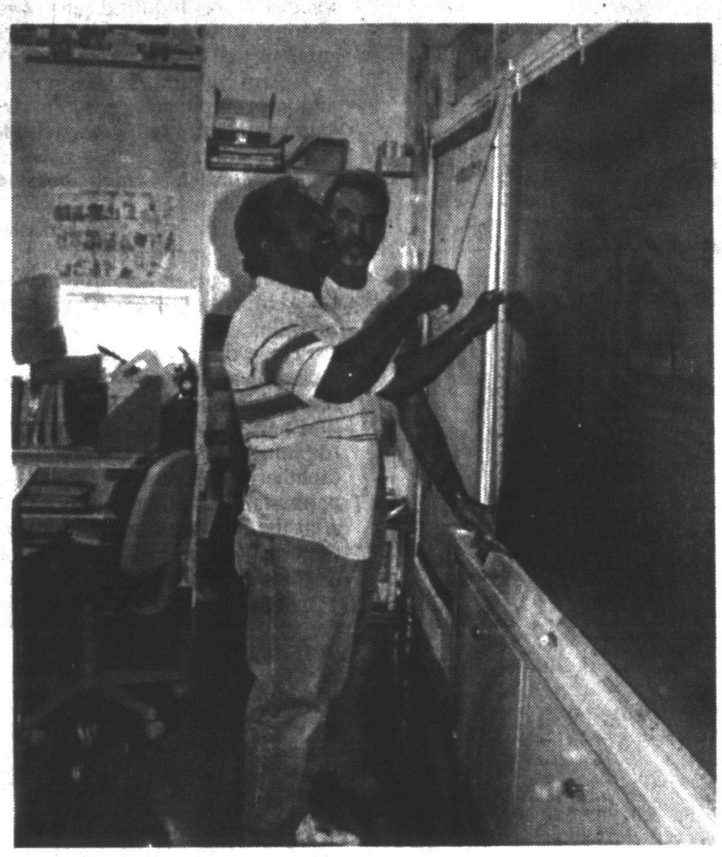
Jones taught one year at Jacksboro ISD and has several years experience as school counselor in Abilene. Before coming to Snyder, Jones was a university professor at Governors State University, University Park, Ill where she was responsible for supervising the work of K-12 school counseling interns. She is also a licensed professional counselor in the State of Texas.

Kenneth Anderson graduated from Kerens High School in Kerens. He majored in exercise sport studies and graduated from Tarleton State University in 1992.

Carol Bullard earned her bachelor of arts from the University of California at Santa Barbara and her teaching certificate from Texas Tech University in 1993.

She has taught art classes at Western Texas College and has studied art in Europe as well as with noted California artists Paul Wonner, William Ptaszynski, Rachel Ulrey and Janet Overin.

Mechelle Chrane returns to Snyder from Wylie ISD in Abilene. She graduated from Clyde High School in Clyde and received her bachelor of science degree in 1992 from Texas Tech University in English and exercise sport studies.



MEASURING CHALKBOARD — Juan Hernandez and Billy Wayne Harris are measuring one of the chalkboards at Northeast so they replace it. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Shawn Edwards graduated from Lamesa High School in 1991 and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1996 from the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, graduating with a degree in political science and business.

LaTrix Gladson received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1994. She did her student teaching in Lubbock and has one year experience at West Elementary teaching English.

Janice Northerns received her associate of arts degree at Western Texas College and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1993 with a degree in English and mass communications.

She finished her masters at Texas Tech in May 1997. She has experience as a teaching assistant at Texas Tech teaching English. She has published many poems as well as fiction/nonfiction journals which have been read at festivals and conferences throughout the state of Texas.

Brent Parr graduated from Lubbock High School and received his bachelor of science degree in history/PE in 1994. His teaching experience has been at Plainview ISD as junior high girls coach and history teacher.

Ashly Weaver attended WTC and graduated from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1994.

She also earned her masters in counseling at ACU. Originally from Colorado City, she taught first grade there for three years and will be the counselor serving West and Stanfield.

She and Debbie Brunson, who will serve as the counselor for Central, East and Northeast will collaborate on some programs.

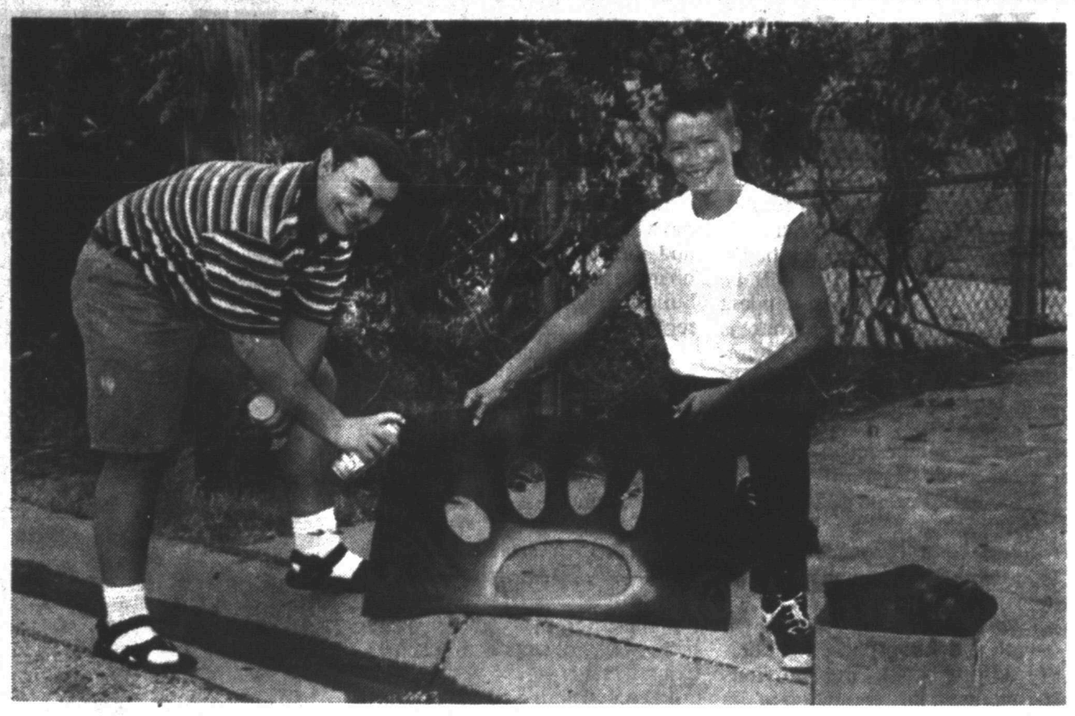
Weaver who is "excited about the new school year" said she is "looking forward to working with the kids."

Frances White graduated from Rotan High School and received her bachelor of science degree in physical education and English from Texas Tech University.

Gus Witt will be the new junior high band director. He graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy. Interlochen, MI, attended the New England Conservatory, Boston, MA and received his B.M. in music education from Oklahoma State University in 1996.

William Price graduated from Wylie High School in Abilene. He attended Texas Tech and received a bachelor of science in history and physical education from Angelo State University.

Price has two years teaching experience.



PAINTING TIGER PAWS — Junior Nicholas Means and freshman Michael Arbuckle, members of the Snyder High School Band, from left, check over supplies needed for painting Tiger Paws on sidewalks at homes and businesses. Band members paint large or small, black and gold paws for donations. Funds will be used to buy instruments, improve the band hall and for after-game refreshments. Those who are not contacted and want Tigers Paws should call Sheila Means at 573-1413 and leave your name, address and phone number. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Elementary schools get 2 counselors

Snyder elementary students will be served by two counselors — Debbie Brunson and a new counselor to our district, Ashley Weaver.

Brunson will be serving students at Central, East and Northeast. Weaver will work with students at Stanfield and West.

Both Brunson and Weaver will provide individual, group and classroom counseling. They will provide support to help students learn effectively by building self-esteem, instilling the motivation to achieve in today's society, interpersonal relationships, cross-cultural awareness and the development of responsible behavior.

They will be there for parents, students and teachers to help provide for successful learning and living in the school, home and community environment.

ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS — Ashly Weaver, left, and Debbie Brunson will be the elementary school counselors for the 1997-1998 school year. Weaver, who is new, will serve West and Stanfield. Brunson will serve Central, East and Northeast. They said they will be collaborate on some programs during the coming year. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Hermleigh School begins Thursday

Work continues on the remodeling of Hermleigh School's elementary building which began in late May. Though it will be "awfully close," Superintendent Jerry Church said the work is expected to be finished by Thursday when the 1997-1998 school year begins.

He said they haven't experienced any major delays but since the "weather has been short it's hard to get all of the things done."

The remodeling project includes completely rewiring and replumbing the building as well as lowering the ceiling.

Church said this work will complete the two-phase remodeling effort begun the previous summer with the renovation of the high school building, including the cafeteria.

The project costs some $500,000 in all and was made possible by a state grant in the amount of $425,000. Hermleigh put up $75,000.

Church and Burton Sandefur, local project manager, have overseen the work this summer which involves several out-of-town subcontractors.

Church said they are saving as many of the original hardwood floors as is possible. They have been sanded down and will be sealed and recoated before school begins next week.

He said that by the time the work is finished that everything visible to the naked eye will either have been replaced or repainted.

Church added that all of the walls not replaced will be repainted.

Companies working on the remodeling project include Henley and Co. of Lubbock, dry wall and ceiling; Stover Electric of Lubbock, all electric work; Dugger Brothers of Cliburne, air-conditioning and heating; Powco Plumbing of Lubbock, all plumbing work; Salinas Floor Finish of Snyder and Sweetwater, refinishing the hardwood floors; LVR Carpet of Lubbock, Eddie Simpson Painting of Lubbock and DSA Management of Cliburne, job supervisors.

In addition, Church said the bleachers at the football stadium have been scraped and repainted and the little overhang or "birdboard" around the high school building has been repainted or replaced.

Regular maintenance has also been carried out.

While students don't have to report until Thursday for regular classes, Hermleigh teachers will begin Monday with orientation and inservice.

Monday afternoon will be devoted to PDAS training. PDAS or Professional Developmental Appraisal System is the state's new way to appraise teachers, Church said.

PDAS training will continue Tuesday morning with all new students registering Tuesday afternoon from 10 a.m. to noon. All campuses will conduct inservice sessions Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, Clarence Spieker, principal, will conduct a pre-registration plus high school career outline session for all sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Teachers will also work in their rooms that day.

Several faculty members will be new for the 1997-1998 school year. Kelley Murphy of Hermleigh and a graduate of Angelo State University, will teach high school English.

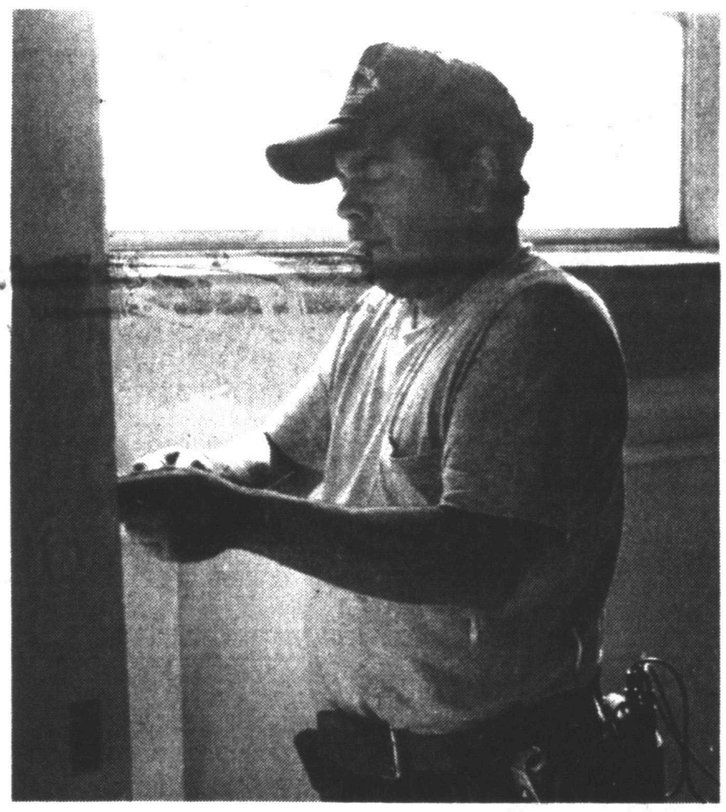
Robert Clindaniel who comes to Hermleigh from New Summerfield will teach math and serve as girls athletic coach. He attended Wayland Baptist College and the University of Texas and graduated from Stephen F. Austin University.

Randy Minter of Lumberton will teach social studies and serve as junior high boys coach. He is a graduate of Angelo State University.

Two faculty members have also been given new assignments. Juan Rios who was last school's junior high boys coach will now coach the high school boys. He will also teach social studies as he did in 1996-1997.

Joyce Lionberger will teach the third grade. Previously, she had been the CEI lab instructor.

STILL AT WORK — Workers are expected to finish the remodeling of Hermleigh's elementary building by Thursday, the first day of the 1997-1998 school year. Phil Dugger is helping to install the return duct for the new air conditioning unit. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



HARD AT WORK — Isaias Durate is one of the electricians who are rewiring Hermleigh Elementary School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

School-age children need immunizations

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) reminds people that children enrolling in public or private school or in licensed, certified or registered child-care facilities must be up-to-date on their immunizations. The Texas Board of Health approved several changes in the ages at which vaccines are required and two changes in the types of vaccines used to satisfy requirements.

Kristin Hamlett, TDH immunization compliance coordinator, said school personnel and child-care providers have been notified of the changes which became effective Aug. 1.

Following are the requirements for school-age children.

Immunization requirments for children ages 5 and 6 include:

•Three doses of polio vaccine, including one received after the fourth birthday.

•Four doses of DTP/DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis/ diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis), including one received after the fourth birthday. Proof of pertussis vaccination is not required for children 5 and older.

•One dose MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) received after first birthday.

•Two doses of measles vaccine for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1991.

Immunization requirements for children 7 and older are:

•Three doses polio vaccine, including one received after the fourth birthday. Polio vaccine is not required for students 18 years and older.

•Three doses DTP/DTaP vaccine, including one received after the fourth birthday and one dose within the last 10 years.

•One dose MMR vaccine received after the first birthday.

•Within 30 days of their 12th birthday, children born between Sept. 1, 1978, and Sept. 1, 1991, must show proof of having received two doses of measles vaccine.

Following are age-specific immunization requirements for children in licensed, certified or registered child-care facilities.

Immunization requirements for children younger than 2 months:

•No vaccines required.

Immunization requirements for children 2 or 3 months old:

•One dose each polio vaccine, DTP/DTaP and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b).

Immunization requirements for children 4 or 5 months old:

•Two doses each of polio vaccine, DTP/DTaP and Hib vaccine.

Immunization requirements for children 6 through 11 months old:

•Two doses polio, two doses Hib and three doses DTP/DTaP vaccine.

Immunization requirements for children 15 months through 4 years old:

•One dose MMR vaccine received after their first birthday.

•One dose Hib vaccine received after 15 months of age, unless a primary series and booster have been completed.

•Three doses polio vaccine.

•Four doses DTP/DTaP.

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. State law gives local school districts and child-care facilities the option of allowing children to attend if at least one immunization in each series has been received. However, the remaining required immunizations must be received as soon as medically feasible.

According to the revised requirements, the DTaP vaccine will satisfy the DTP vaccine requirements, and OPV and IPV can be used interchangeably to satisfy polio vaccine requirements at all ages. The new requirements reflect recent recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Children may have other vaccines such as varicella (chickenpox) or additional doses of required vaccines, Hamlett said.

For more information call the Scurry County Health Unit at 573-3508.

Health Unit hours are from 8:30-11:30 a.m and 1:30-4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

Officials close park known as haven for drug traffic

McALLEN (AP) — A nature park that has become a lair for drug users and prostitutes has been closed while officials clear out syringes, condom wrappers and graffiti and try to clean up the facility's image.

While the 19-acre park is shut down, police said they plan to lobby city officials for an ordinance allowing them to issue citations to park visitors who stray from designated trails.

"(We're) waiting for a city ordinance that would give us a little more enforcement," McAllen police spokesman Mitch Reinitz said Wednesday.

Mayor Leo Montalvo said city officials had not discussed a specific ordinance to address sexual and drug activity at the park.

"What we have to do is clean up the place and make it more family oriented," Montalvo said. "We need to improve the place substantially."

The surge of activity follows an article Monday in The (McAllen) Monitor that exposed problems plaguing the park.

Once a family gathering spot, the park now is littered with syringes and used condoms. Graffiti is splashed across bathroom walls, such as the stark statement scribbled above one bathroom sink: "I Have AIDS."

Restricting rye grass hard to do

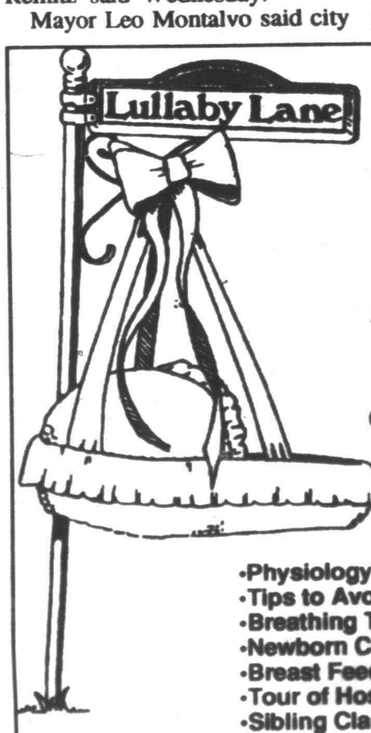
PHOENIX (AP) — A group representing Arizona wheat farmers is asking the state Agriculture Department to reconsider its decision to allow ryegrass planting on golf courses this winter.

Last month, the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation asked Agriculture Director Sheldon Jones to ban ryegrass seed from Oregon, the nation's largest supplier, unless it is certified to be free of the fungus believed to cause Karnal bunt.

The request was the latest attempt by Arizona farmers at lifting restrictions imposed by the federal government. Growers in certain areas are required to test for the fungus and are forbidden from shipping infected wheat out of state.

"Some could say we've succumbed to tourism pressure, but the driving factor is this is the right thing to do long-term for the wheat industry," said Agriculture Director Sheldon Jones.

PAINTING — Kenneth Johnson is painting the entrance to the girls gymnasium at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



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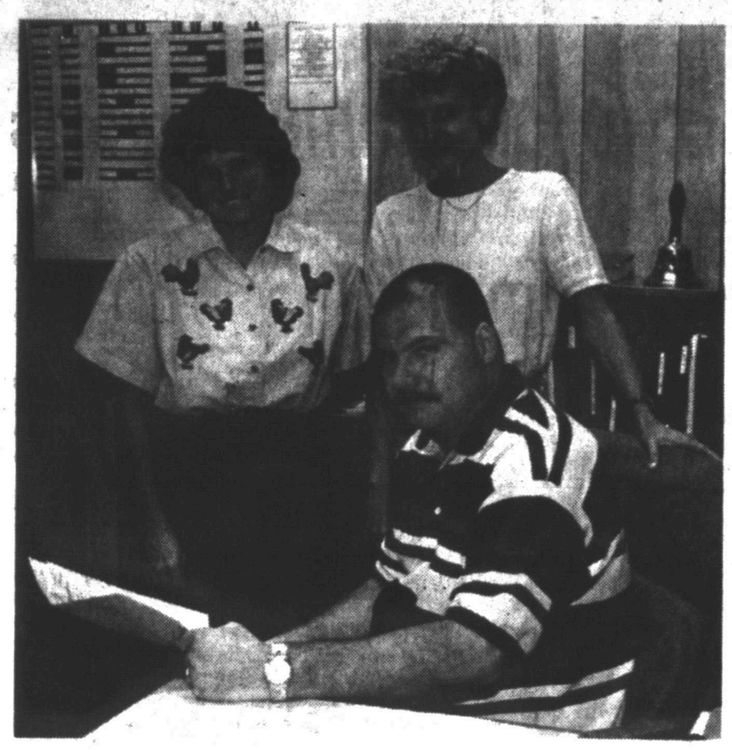
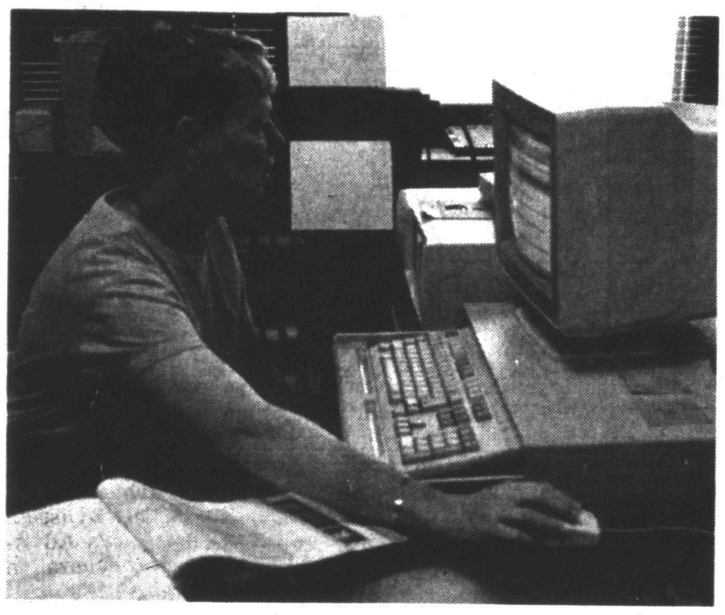
School bell rings Thursday at Ira ISD



READY TO START — Ira personnel are ready for the school to begin on Wednesday. Shown are Rod Schneider, new principal, and in back from left, Debra Brown, principal's secretary; and Theleca Wilson, PEIMS coordinator. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



REVIEWING PROGRAMS — Chesta Schneider, Ira's new English teacher, is reviewing programs on the computer. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

The school bell will ring at 8 a.m. Wednesday at Ira School and administrators couldn't be happier. Both Superintendent Rick Howard and Rod Schneider, new principal, are anxious to get the new year off the ground.

Both are excited about the recently released accreditation report which lists Ira as a "recognized" school. Howard said they narrowly missed being dubbed an "exemplary" school.

According to TASS score results, 96.1 percent of all Ira students passed reading, 93.8 percent passed math and 87.9 percent passed writing.

Howard said he was "very encouraged and excited" about the new year because of the "outstanding new staff members who will be joining our terrific staff."

Schneider, who comes from Ozona, said he is "excited to be here" and is "estatic about the wonderful kids and their parents who are willing to pitch in."

Schneider's wife, Chesta, a 23-year veteran educator, will teach English. Chesta graduated from Angelo State University. Their son, Chet, will be an eighth grader.

Other new teachers include Kathy Gee, special education; Jason Weese, all levels physical education and girls basketball coach; Toby Goodwin, assistant boys coach and math.

Carol Trulock will teach the first grade. Last school year she served as the special education instructor.

Rod Schneider, with 12 years experience in the education field, earned his degree from North Dakota State University.

Gee earned her bachelor of science at Sul Ross University. She served four years as a teacher's aide and has taught for three years.

Weese is a Texas Tech graduate who has taught for one year. Goodwin, a recent Tech graduate, starts his first year next week.

The first day of school will feature the traditional grilled hamburger cookout and homemade root beer.

Teachers will have four days of staff development before the new year begins. They include Thursday and Friday and Monday and Tuesday. Thursday and Friday were comp days, meaning that any teacher who had completed a summer workshop could be excused.

Monday will be the first faculty day, according to Howard.

Some changes in curriculum will also take place. Speech has been added for junior high and high school students. It had previously been a part of the school's curriculum and has been returned due to state requirements.

Ira has also implemented the Accelerated Reader program for all grades. Through this program, students read designated books and take computer tests. Points are earned by passing the tests.

As part of an incentive program, students will be able to cash in the points they earn at the school store. Howard said the AR program has been successful at other schools and they are looking forward to working with it at Ira.

He said they want it to be "somewhat competitive" rather than "very competitive."

Cindy Shoults, gifted and talented coordinator, and Jackie Box, library aide, will manage the AR program.

Howard said they already had many of the AR books in the library and staff members worked throughout the summer to re-catalog the books.

According to Schneider, the tutorial period has also been changed to midday in order to provide students access to classes and information not available during the school day.

Examples are Tammy Shirley who will teach first aid and Becky Hudgins who will offer a computer art program.

The high school will continue to follow the modified block scheduling plan. Two classes have been added for juniors seniors, an Internet course and ACT prepartory class, both taught by David Brown, technology coordinator.

Eighth graders will also have access to a wider curriculum which will include industrial technology careers to alternate with home economics careers. Richard Long, ag teacher, will teach the course.

During the summer break, some work was completed at the school. The exterior was painted and several things were remodeled including three teacher houses, a separate classroom for the Combo and a storage area.

In addition, inmates from Price Daniel Unit have been building a new concession stand and the stadium has been painted. The project isn't completed yet, but Howard complimented the work of the inmates saying, "we enjoy having them here. They work hard and take pride in what they do."

He said one of the inmates is an artist and may paint a Bulldog.

In addition, the school site has also been cleaned up.

INSTALLING SOFTWARE — Chris Gee, senior, seated, and David Brown, Ira's technology coordinator, are installing software for the business lab. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

TAAS testing dates listed for Snyder School students

The state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) will again be administered to students in Texas during the 1997-1998 school year.

Grades 11 and 12 will be tested in TAAS/TEAMS writing, reading and mathematics on Oct. 28-30.

On March 3, 1998, the TAAS writing test will be administered for grades 4, 8 and exit level. On Feb. 26 the exit-level TAAS mathematics will be administered and on March 5, the TAAS exit-level reading test will be given. The exit-level test in March will be for those students failing to show mastery in any area of the test administered Oct. 28-30.

On April 28, TAAS mathematics will be administered to grades 3-8 and writing to grade 10. April 29, TAAS reading will be given to grades 3-8, and mathematics to grade 10. April 30, TAAS social studies will be given to grade 8 and reading to grade 10 students.

May 1, TAAS science will be administered to grade 8. End of course tests will be given for algebra I and for biology I. These tests will be criteron-referenced tests given to all students completing these courses.

"Snyder students have consistently scored above the state average on both TAAS and TEAMS," an SISD spokesperson said. "However, in order to provide assistance to students who find the test difficult, a TAAS preparation class will be taught at the high school. In this class, students will receive direct instruction in the skills needed to pass the TAAS, as well as practice in test taking skills.

"This is one effort in Snyder ISD to reduce the dropout rate and to give all students ample opportunity to meet the requirements for a high school diploma."

Passing the TAAS is a state requirement for high school graduation.

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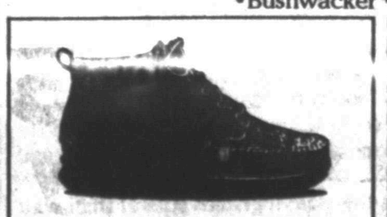

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The public snores; the media ignores

Joseph Spear

The right wing is annoyed about the lack of news coverage being accorded the Senate's hearings on campaign financing.

Heck, I can tell them why this is so in one word.

Z-z-z-z-z-z.

What? Oh, sorry about that. I must have dozed off.

Actually, I need nine words to explain the dearth of media focus: The hearings are boring and they are partisan crap.

They are being conducted by portentous, self-infatuated politicians who have a consummate interest in showing up the opposition and zero interest in fixing the system.

All of America knows this is true except for the ideologues. They, of course, attribute the indifference to a "liberal media" conspiracy. Fox News is OK. The channel that is owned by conservative Rupert Murdoch and presided over by former Nixon strategist Roger Ailes is broadcasting much of the hearings live. But the rest of the stations — ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, PBS, even C-SPAN — are clearly covering up for their pal Bill Clinton.

"Liberal Media Yawn at Revelations in Campaign-Fund Hearings," reads the headline in a front-page "analysis" in the Washington Times on July 14. The same newspapers and networks that "lavished tons of air time on Watergate and Iran-contra," read the Times article, "either ignored the Senate... hearings or presented stories arguing that the hearings don't matter."

And you thought conservatives were familiar with the concept of free marketplace. When was the last time they counted the channels on their cable systems? I've got 64, most of which feature schlock, but all of which afford entertainment that is far superior to the Senate hearings.

The point is, there is a lot of competition for the public's attention, and the networks are acutely aware of it. Indeed, they paid minimal attention to last year's presidential campaign. Daily hearings that feature posturing pols and mind-numbing detail about campaign contributions simply are not going to hack it — especially since fair-minded people know that the accusers are as guilty as the accused, if not more so.

So the hearings are a bust and the conservatives have dragged out their all-purpose scapegoat. Pardon me while I yawn again.

If there's anything more boring than these hearings, it's the right-wing plaint about the so-called liberal press and its alleged conspiracy to soft-peddle Bill Clinton's indiscretions and cover up his trespasses.

What soft-peddle? Last year, several reporters stood up in the White House newsroom, demanded the press secretary comment on whether the president had a sexually transmitted disease, and then proceeded to weave stories around the denial.

What cover-up? Where did we hear about Clinton's supposed fling with Gennifer? His alleged pass at Paula? His draft evasion, his ties to chicken tycoons, his White House coffees, his rental of the Lincoln bedroom, this China connection?

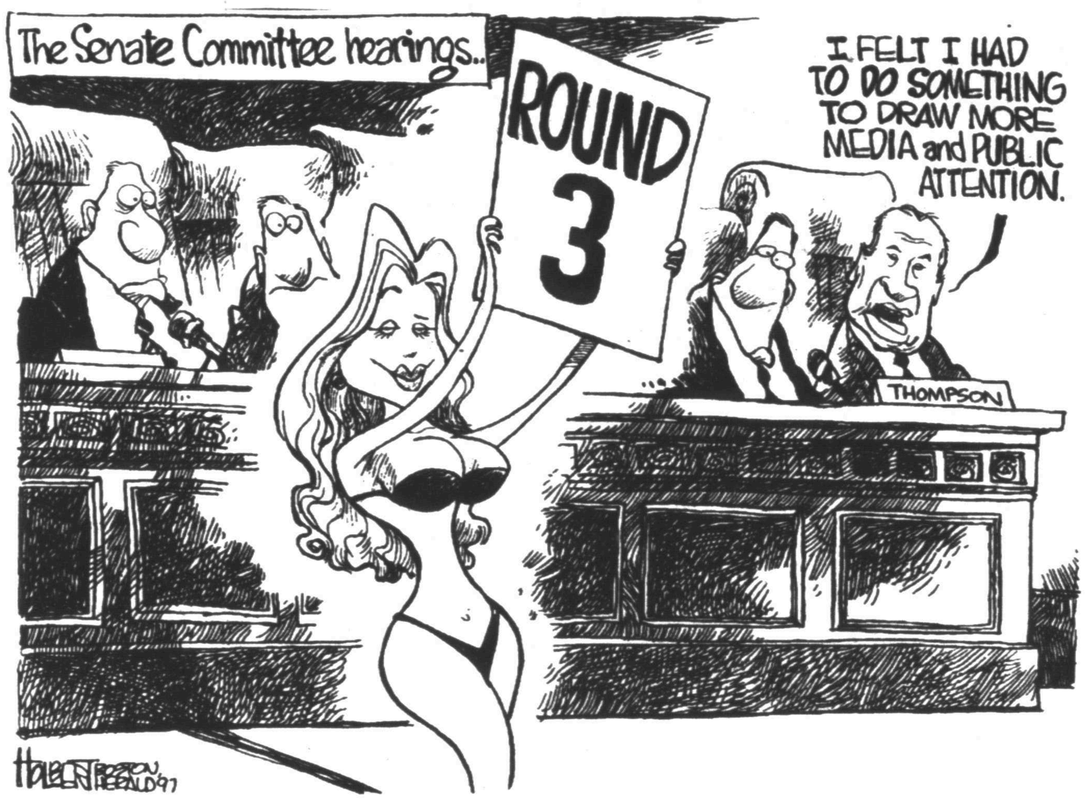
In 1994, Robert Lichter and his conservative Center for Media and Public Affairs examined 4,256 evening news stories broadcast on ABC, CBS and NBS between January 1993 and June 1994, and concluded: "Overall, Clinton's TV coverage has been negative by a greater than 3-to-2 margin (62 percent negative vs. 38 percent positive)." That's more than 2,600 negative stories in 17 months, or five per day.

Even Newt Gingrich was compelled to acknowledge during Clinton's first term that the president was getting mauled by the media. "The press overall has been very tough on the president and Mrs. Clinton," the speaker said.

What conspiracy? In 1995, William Kristol — former chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle and currently editor of the Weekly Standard — delivered this startling confession to the New Yorker magazine:

"I admit it. The liberal media were never that powerful, and the whole thing was often used as an excuse by conservatives for conservative failures."

The truth emerges, though it doth not prevail.



Remembering Timmy

Roaming God's country

Deanie Francis Mills

When the call came on July 6 that another young man close to our family had died in a tragic accident, leaving our son bereft of yet another of his closest friends within an eight-month period, Kent and I were relaxing in a motel room in San Angelo, where I'd given a speech to the San Angelo Writer's Club and a book signing the day before.

The phone call made me physically sick, and later, when the shock had worn off, provoked soul-tearing sobs while I cried, "Too much death! Too much death!" Too much for sure, it seemed, to be faced by a 19-year-old boy — or I should say young man.

I left immediately to be with my son in his little efficiency apartment in Bryan while Kent made arrangements to miss work. Our son could not be alone, we decided. Not with this.

At the funeral in Austin, I told his mother that the loss of her son felt, to us, as if Dustin had lost a twin, or at least a brother. He'd been in and out of our house most of his early years until their move to Austin, and had visited since — most notably when Dustin had lost another close friend Thanksgiving, and he'd driven all the way up here just to be with Dustin during those grim days and give him stength and comfort.

Friends like that are rare.

For those of you who may be wondering if you know this family, chances are you do. The life cut so cruelly short was that of Timothy Wilkerson. His mother, Barbara, did taxes for various accountants in town for many years. In Austin, she became a CPA and a partner in her own firm. His dad, Lynn Wilkerson, was a talented and hard-working sign painter who did much work for area businesses. You can always tell a Lynn Wilkerson sign because, even after ten years, it still looks fresh-painted. In the hill country, he does creative and innovative highway billboards that are always striking and tasteful.

I'll just come right out and say it: in a small town, it's very easy to judge people by their appearances. At the time of his death, Timmy (he wanted to be called Tim but he'll always be Timmy to us) wore his silky, beautiful blonde hair down the middle of his back. It was always clean and groomed, but it was very long. And he liked to wear a black leather jacket and boots. And he smoked cigarettes. Some of his friends were wild. So people would see him, and they would think they knew him.

People see my husband in his cowboy boots and hat and jeans and Western shirts, and they think they know him, too. They assume he likes Country and Western music. (He doesn't. He likes Irish celtic music, actually.) They assume he likes to honky-tonk and line dance. (Forget it.) They assume he rodeos or likes to rodeo. (Not true.) He likes old-time cowboys who know how to work a cow without chutes and pickup trucks, and he wouldn't mind owning a pretty good cutting horse someday, but that's about as wild as it gets with my husband.

So those who might have seen Timmy in recent years would assume he was into all sorts of no-good. Actually, he lived with his mother, worked hard at a good job — he was saving his money to buy a motorcycle — and liked to backpack in the mountains of New Mexico. For the first eight or nine years of Timmy's education, he went to school at a Christian academy, or was home-schooled by his mother. His dad would take him hiking and camping in the mountains, and they would memorize Bible verses about finding God's strength in the hills.

You probably wouldn't know that, to look at him.

A few months ago, Timmy drove up here from Austin with one of his friends and came by the house to see us, even though he knew Dustin was down in Bryan. "Is it okay if we go exploring?" he asked. "We won't leave any cigarette butts in the Chinaberry grove — we put them in our pockets."

Of course, we said. You're welcome here anytime, son.

And that was the last time we saw him.

But I see Timmy. In my heart, I see Timmy every day as he was when he and Dustin would get all rigged out in their little cammie fatigues and their Army surplus backpacks stuffed with beef jerky and canteens of water, and take off hiking across the land for miles, trailing a dog or two, adventuring and making plans.

Barbara and I used to joke about how Timmy was a great kid, and Dustin was a great kid, but when you put the two boys together, this third, evil little kid was born. Oh, what mischief they could make! Dustin says, "Barbara would put Timmy in one room, and you'd put me in another...and we'd climb out the windows and meet up and run off together."

During the July 4th weekend, Timmy had taken Dustin to some of the more beautiful nature spots in Austin. They'd gone swimming in a lovely little tree-lined creek. He told Dustin that he missed the country, and hoped to get back there someday.

And that's where Timmy will always be, in my mind: roaming all over God's country with his dog Rex, always looking to see what's over the next hill.

Letters

Grateful for CMH

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to express my sincere appreciation to and for the staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

We are the parents of five children. The last three were born at Cogdell after we moved to Rotan. At that time, Snyder was the closest place we could deliver. However, that is no longer true, and the last two were born there by choice.

The care we received each time was totally professional, but went far beyond that to the point of hospitality. Our circumstances demanded much of the staff with one delivery being an emergency C-section, and one being born 14 minutes after our arrival at the hospital. Through it all, the care we were given was excellent.

Then our last child was hospitalized at age two weeks, with high fever. Again, we found gracious and professional care.

The citizens of Scurry County are indeed fortunate to have such a facility in Snyder.

Sincerely
Robert & Cathy Posey
Rotan

Appreciated

To the Editor,

Often we may think people do not appreciate the things we do for them, but recently I have had a chance to see that they do care.

One of my hobbies is making video copies for my senior citizen friends without charge. In the past two weeks I have received many thank you cards, in-person "thank yous" and blank tapes.

Thank you - I love you!

Betty Boyd
Snyder

Editorial comment

Role of military

The McAllen Monitor

The U.S. military reached a rather interesting milestone this year, one that many might question in these times of relative peace.

A news release from the U.S. Army noted that in a 90-day period this summer, U.S. troops had been dispatched to 100 nations.

That's 100 different countries where our fighting men and women have been stationed.

The United States is currently at war with no one.

This announcement comes on the heels of a recent announcement by President Clinton that our troops are likely to remain in Bosnia for another year. When they were first dispatched to that Balkan country in 1995, it was promised that they would all be home within a year. ...

Many of our military people are assigned to protect U.S. interests and citizens, such at our embassies across the world. But some uses for our fighting forces outside of the United States seem odd.

For example, they dug water wells in Haiti; built a warehouse in Micronesia; and renovated schools and roads in Belize. Plans have been made to send U.S. troops to guard Brazilian rainforests from illegal loggers, protect endangered species in Venezuela and build nature parks in Colombia.

It is reasonable to ask why U.S. men and women are needed to watch over the rainforests, or to clear land mines in Cambodia and Laos, at U.S. taxpayers' expense, when those countries have their own military and police forces. ...

Exploiting immigrants

The Houston Chronicle

Shame on those who have exploited deaf Mexican illegal immigrants and caused the many other cases of abuse that are never learned of or reported.

Reports of deaf illegal Mexican immigrants have popped up around the country since the discovery of 55 being held in virtual slavery in New York. Since then immigration agents have found 17 more in Sanford, N.C., and a half-dozen or so in Chicago. No doubt there are others.

Such preying upon the vulnerable should be ferreted out and stopped. And those who are profiting by dealing in the misfortunes of others should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The United States is the land of opportunity. It should not allow itself to be used as the land of the enslaved by unscrupulous people who have no regard for the basic rights and dignity of those with physical handicaps.

But the real solution in preventing these practices is in discouraging illegal immigration — in more effective policing of the border so the immigrants don't get here in the first place.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service is belatedly adding 270 INS agents to the Texas-Mexico border, a force that is probably only one-tenth of the number needed to stop illegal border crossings.

It's a start that we appreciate, but effective enforcement of this nation's immigration laws at the border and the workplace will remain hit or miss until the federal government lives up to its responsibility and allocates the many more INS agents and supporting resources that are needed.

Disappearing wildlife

The Waco Tribune-Herald

This phenomenon is not a quirk in statistics. It is a case of a direct cause and effect. Many wildlife species cannot coexist with humans, at least with high concentrations of humans.

While many Texas wildlife species may not be on the verge of extinction, their numbers are rapidly diminishing. Texans can ignore the issue until it reaches the point that the controversial Endangered Species Act is the only resource left to prevent a wildlife species from becoming extinct.

A better solution, however, is for Texas lawmakers, taxpayers and landowners to confront the problem now and decide what level of what species should be preserved and at what price.

There must be a price. Because Texas was able to keep all its public lands when it joined the United States, 97 percent of Texas now is in private hands. Any effort to maintain a wildlife species at an established population level must be accomplished with the assistance of Texas landowners, who should not be forced to join a species preservation effort without just compensation.

There is no question that some wildlife species are diminishing. Older Texans remember routine sightings of horned toads while few younger Texans have ever seen a wild horned toad. By the same token, once-prevalent gray and red foxes now are seldom seen.

Even jack rabbits, cottontails and the once-indomitable armadillo have joined the disappearing act along with other common Texas wildlife species.

The reduction of some species can be attributed to the introduction of competing species, such as fire ants. In other cases the cause might be due to the misuse of chemicals. The loss of Texas buffalo, bear and wolves is due, in part, to over-hunting.

Hunting regulations and the better use of chemicals would go a long way toward overcoming some of the problems.

In the main, the loss of certain wildlife is due to an exploding human population that requires more and more land that once supported wildlife ecosystems.

Coyotes, whitetail deer and raccoons are examples of wildlife species that adapt quite well to the march of human expansion. Most wildlife species cannot co-exist with humans.

With more and more Texas land coming under the plow and the bulldozer, Texans must decide how much they want to pay to preserve a healthy population of jack rabbits, red foxes and armadillos.

It's better to decide now at the state legislative level than wait until animals are on the brink of extinction and then seek emergency help through the enforcement of federal laws of last resort.

Scurry County schools announce meals policy

Three Scurry County school districts have announced their policies for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay for meals served on the National School Lunch Program.

The districts encompass Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira public schools.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown (see accompanying chart) are eligible for free and reduced price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced price meals regardless of income.

Application forms are available in the office of the principal at each elementary school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Again this year, Snyder school staff is available to assist in completing applications. Snyder ISD applications may be returned to the Central Elementary cafeteria each weekday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, Aug. 4-18; and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 19-22. Assistance will also be available three evenings (Aug. 7, 14, 18) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Hermleigh School staff will also be available to assist in completing applications during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Aug. 14.

Ira School staff will also be available to assist in completing applications weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against.

After the application is reviewed, if a Snyder parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may make a request either orally or in writing to Gayle Lomax, superintendent, School Administration Building, 37th St., or call 573-5401 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

To request a hearing, Ira parents should contact Principal Rod Schneider in writing. The address is P.O. Box 240, Ira, 75927.

In Hermleigh, parents seeking a hearing should contact Superintendent Jerry Church, Hermleigh, Tex. 79526 or call 863-2289.

Ira, Hermleigh and the Central Elementary office have a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by an interested party.

County school officials have adopted the family size and income criteria for determining eligibility as shown in the chart. Eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask families to send papers showing that their child should get free or reduced price meals.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	14,597	1,217	281
2	19,629	1,636	378
3	24,661	2,056	475
4	29,693	2,475	572
5	34,725	2,894	668
6	39,757	3,314	765
7	44,789	3,733	862
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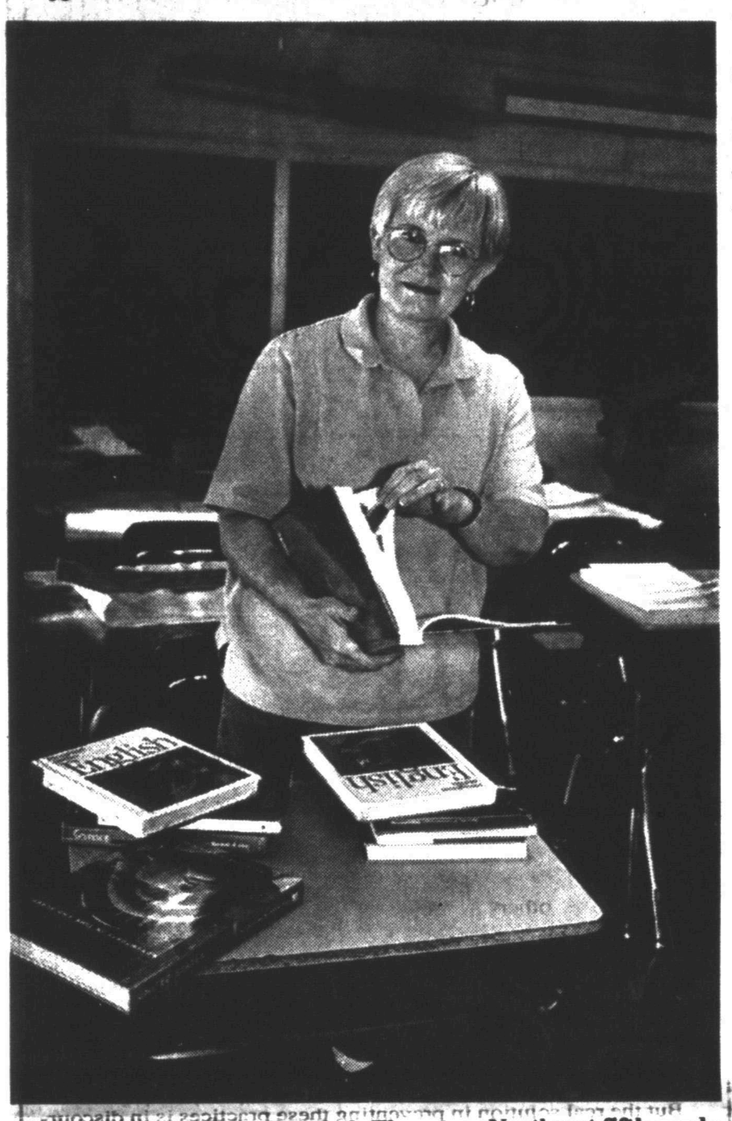
For each additional member, add	+5,032	+420	+97



GETTING READY — Rebekah Thornton, Northeast fifth grade teacher, is getting ready for the new school year. She has changed classrooms from one of the outdoor buildings to the main building. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

ENTERING SCHEDULES — Norma Pickerel is working on schedules for sixth grade students at West Elementary. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder ISD announces price hike

Snyder Independent School District has announced an increase in meal prices for the 1997-1998 school year as follows: paid breakfast, all campuses, 60 cents; reduced breakfast, all campuses, 30 cents; paid lunch, elementary, $1.10; paid lunch, junior high, $1.25; reduced lunch, all campuses, 40 cents; employee lunch, $1.60; visitor lunch, $2.

SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

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First Day of Class - Aug. 19, 1997

HOLIDAYS

September 1	Labor Day
November 26-28	Thanksgiving
December 22-Jan. 2	Christmas
January 19	Martin Luther King Day
February 16	Presidents Day
March 16-20	Spring Break
April 10, 13	Easter
May 8, 25	*Bad Weather Days*

STAFF DEVELOPMENT/ TEACHER WORKDAYS
(Student Holidays)

August 11-15	Staff Development/
August 18	Teacher Preparation
January 5	Teacher Preparation
February 13	Staff Development
May 30	Teacher Preparation

EARLY RELEASE DAYS
Staff Development/Parent Conferences
2 - 4:00 p.m.
(Students dismiss at 2:00 p.m.)

October 1	March 13
November 25	May 28
December 19	May 29

GRADING PERIODS

1st Six Weeks: August 19 - September 26	28 days
2nd Six Weeks: September 29 - November 7	30 days
3rd Six Weeks: November 10 - December 19	27 days
FIRST SEMESTER: AUGUST 19 - December 19	85 DAYS
4th Six Weeks: January 6 - February 20	31 days
5th Six Weeks: February 23 - April 9	29 days
6th Six Weeks: April 14 - May 29	32 days
SECOND SEMESTER: JANUARY 6 - MAY 29	92 DAYS
INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS: 1997 - 1998	177 DAYS
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☐ Staff Development//Teacher Preparation ◯ Holiday
☐ Early Release Day ▒ Bad Weather Days

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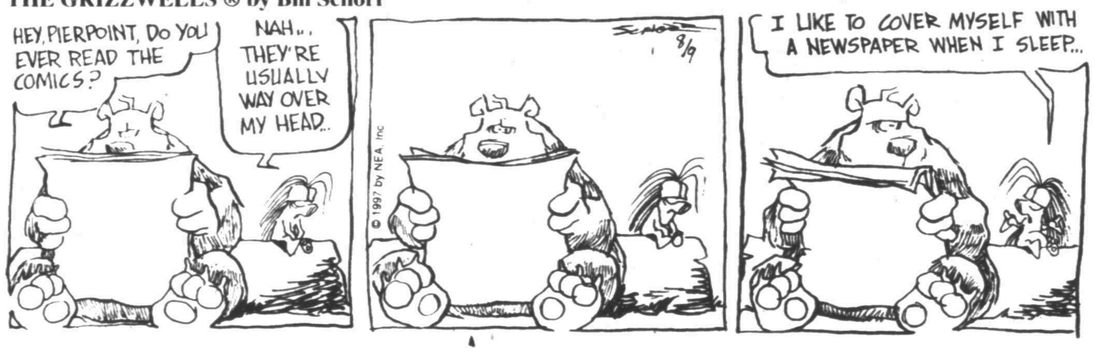

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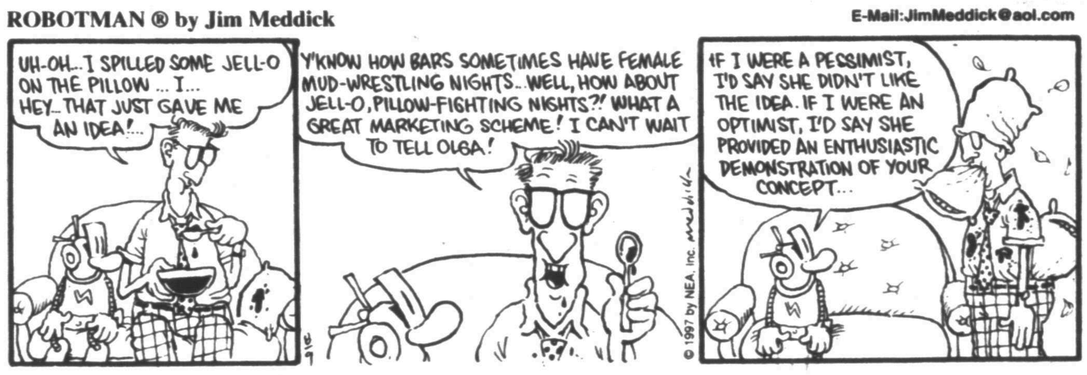

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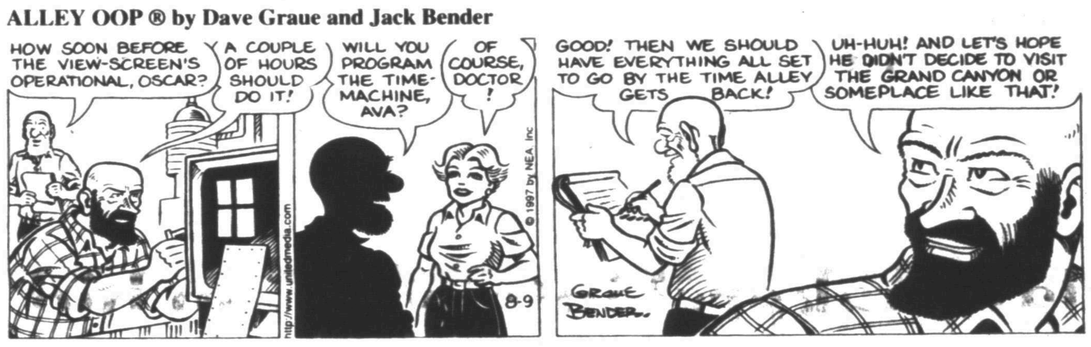

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6 Photo holder
11 Wild sheep
13 Insect antenna
14 Self-defense art
15 Author Washington —
16 Important time period
17 Strike and rebound
19 Bustle
20 — acid
22 Tree snake
25 Actor Danson
26 Reporter Lane
30 Skirt feature
31 — — Rhythm
32 Vast period of time
33 Dole (out)
34 Director Jacques —
35 Ninny
38 Smile broadly
39 Acts like a cop
42 Dog assn.
45 Computer accessory
46 Arizona mining town
49 Porcelain clay
51 Grander
53 Prisoner
54 Kind of tube
55 Comes close
56 Hindu mystics

DOWN

1 Sham
2 Bellow
3 Distinctive air
4 Actress Lupino
5 Door fastener
6 Physicist Enrico —
7 Accelerate (a motor)
8 Inter — (among others)
9 Fix
10 Therefore
12 Passed out the cards
13 Norwegian sea inlet
18 Spawn
20 Feline treat
21 Scales
22 Future attys.' exam
23 Genus of olive trees
24 Uproar
27 Curved molding
28 Small quantity
29 Part of a plant
35 Unassisted
36 Comedian Caesar
37 Aroma
40 Leaves out
41 Georgia university
42 Similar
43 Citizen —
44 Unconscious state
46 Slept like — —
47 The Return of the —
48 Raw minerals
50 Ape
52 Life story, for short

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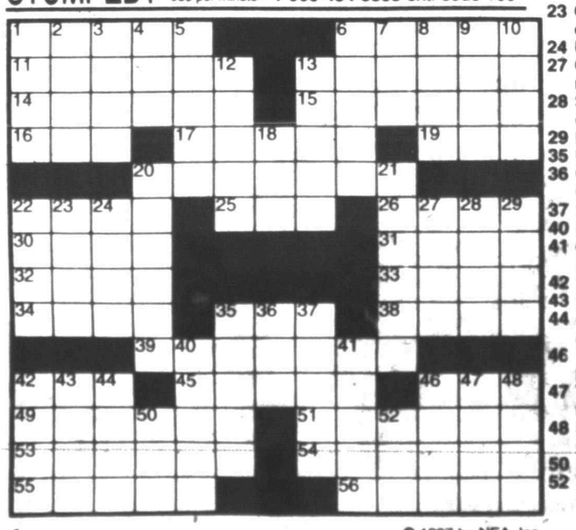

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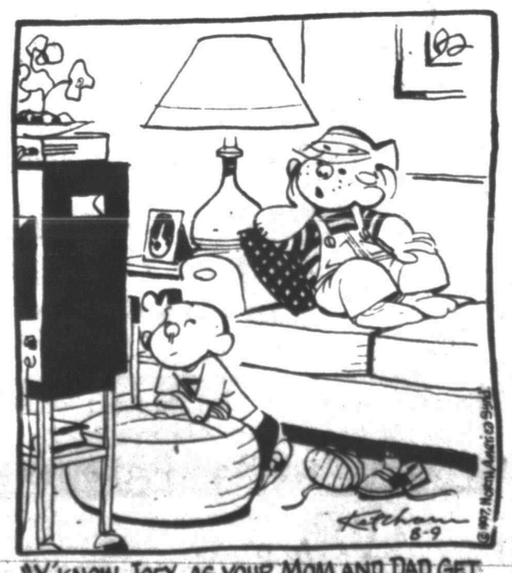


"Y'KNOW, JOEY, AS YOUR MOM AND DAD GET OLDER, THEY ACT MORE LIKE THE PARENTS ON THOSE BLACK-AND-WHITE TV SHOWS."

Bilingual/ESL classes continue in SISD

Barbara Granato, SISD director of special programs, praises the success of students enrolled in the bilingual/ESL classrooms.

Caring, certified bilingual instructors provide quality instruction of students who have a dominant language other than English.

Granato relates that just because a student can speak the English language conversationally, does not mean they are able to be successful in an "academic" language.

The bilingual/ESL program enters its 15th year in Snyder ISD.

All bilingual/ESL classes in grade levels are held at each elementary and secondary school. Students who qualify for the bilingual program will be provided free bus transportation to and from their assigned school if they live in another school attendance zone.

Placement and eligibility for the program is determined by criteria from the Texas Education Agency. A Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) is responsible for annually reviewing the student data compiled for each child considered for the program.

The LPAC will determine eligibility for student participation in the program according to TEA guidelines. Members of the LPAC are the campus principal; Barbara Granato, director of special programs; the campus bilingual or ESL teacher; and a parent of a bilingual student.

Parents of students registering for the first time in Snyder ISD are asked to fill out a Home Language Survey. This form indicates if a language other than English is spoken in the home.

If a language other than English is spoken in the home, then the student will be tested to determine his language proficiency. In grades 2 through 12, current test information will be used as additional data in determining the student's placement in a bilingual or English as a Second Language (ESL) class.

If the LPAC determines the student meets Texas Education Agency eligibility criteria for placement in the program, the parents are notified for permission to place the student in a bilingual class.

Students placed in the program are re-evaluated each spring or at a teacher's request to determine if continued placement in the program is needed. All decisions regarding student placement are made by the LPAC. A student cannot be placed in a bilingual or ESL program without parental permission.

Bilingual grades Pre-K through 3 are self-contained classes which use the same materials as other students in grades Pre-K through 3.

Students are taught using their active language until they speak and understand the English language well enough to make the transition to an all English-speaking classroom. Students in grades 4 through 6 spend their language arts period each day with a bilingual teacher to help them understand the concepts that are being taught in the regular classroom in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

All bilingual students receive English as a second language instruction. In accordance with state and local policy, bilingual and ESL are taught in the public school only for the purpose of assisting the learning ability of limited English proficient students and to enhance their command of the English language.

Secondary students identified will be taught these same skills by an English as a Second Language teacher. These classes will be correlated with their English language arts classes.

Eight certified bilingual instructors serve Snyder ISD students. They include Mike Velasquez, prekindergarten and fourth grade; Celia Barrera, kindergarten; Josefina Velasquez, first grade; Elvira Gonzales, second grade; Magdalena Jaimes, third grade; new teacher Sandi Wells, fifth and sixth grades; Elaine Bragg, seventh and eighth grade; and Linda Trevino, 9th-12th grades.

SNYDER I.S.D
TAAS COMPARISON
1996 - 1997

Grade Level	1996	Change	1997	ACCOUNTABILITY
Third Grade				Acceptable
Reading	89	+2	91	
Math	85	+4	89	
Fourth Grade				Acceptable
Reading	82	+3	85	
Math	84	+2	86	
Writing	89	0	89	
Fifth Grade				Recognized
Reading	85	+4	89	
Math	86	+8	94	
Sixth Grade				Acceptable
Reading	84	+3	87	
Math	88	-1	87	
Seventh Grade				Acceptable
Reading	85	+3	88	
Math	79	+10	89	
Eighth Grade				Acceptable
Reading	89	-2	87	
Math	80	+6	86	
Writing	91	-5	86	
Science	84	+3	87	
Social Studies	76	-7	69	
Exit Level				Acceptable
Reading	89	+2	91	
Math	66	+17	83	
Writing	92	+5	97	

Snyder students served by counselors

High school counselors Charlene Light, Debbie Phillips and Dixie Haggard, SJHS counselor Sylvia Sapsky and elementary counselors Debbie Brunson and Ashly Weaver will be on hand to assist Snyder ISD students for the 1996-97 school year.

These professionals provide a multitude of support services throughout the students' school years.

At the high school level, Light and Phillips are immersed in the students' total program, beginning with developing the master schedule of classes for teachers and students, implementing schedule changes on an ongoing basis, monitoring student grades and evaluating transcripts and registration of new students.

An integral part of their duties is the administration of student tests — the TAAS, NAPT, SAT, PACT and advanced placement tests in the spring for college-bound seniors. Light and Phillips provide career and scholarship information to students and they are daily ordering materials regarding scholarship applications, college catalogs and career information for the students of Snyder High School.

Haggard joins the counseling staff to address the needs of special education and vocational students.

SHS counselors provide financial aid workshops and presentations to the senior classes. Every other year, they organize and coordinate with the Rotary Club and Western Texas College to present "Career Day." This coordination with the members of the Rotary Club, WTC faculty and counselors provides a positive link between the school and the community.

College Night is offered every other year as a school-community service in cooperation with WTC and SHS to allow college recruiters to present information to parents and students regarding college opportunities.

And finally, the counselors deal with students' individual problems. They are there to listen and to help meet the needs of these students on an hourly basis. They handle referrals for psychological assessments and constantly monitor students' progress to prevent dropouts and school failure.

SJHS counselor Sylvia Sapsky is available to help with student guidance activities by working with students and teachers regarding the master schedule, changes in student schedules, documenting students' grades, compilation of the honor roll and monitoring and assisting students having academic and emotional difficulties in the classroom.

Her other duties include referrals for special needs students and cooperating with state agencies for the coordination of school and community services. Sapsky is involved in parent conferences and individual student counseling.

Elementary students will be served by two counselors to Snyder ISD. Debbie Brunson will be serving students at Central, East and Northeast and Ashly Aeaver will serve the needs of students at West and Stanfield.

They will provide individual group and classroom counseling to offer support to help students learn effectively by building self-esteem, instilling the motivation to achieve in today's society, interpersonal relationships, cross-cultural awareness and the developing of responsible behavior.

They will be there for parents students and teachers to help students meet their needs for successful learning and living in the school environment.

"Our counselors' professionalism and expertise in the guidance field is unequaled and we need and appreciate them," said Barbara Granato, director of special programs.

Appeals court slams door on lawmakers' intervention bid

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court panel has slammed the door on a bid by two state lawmakers to intervene to remove Texas prisons from all remaining federal court supervision.

The decision came from a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday.

The judges ruled that state Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, and state Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, must await U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's ruling on their motion to intervene before they ask the appeals court.

Justice, whose court is in Tyler, still has not ruled on Texas' petition to end court supervision of the prison system.

Culberson and Brown had argued that a 1992 settlement in the 25-year-old Ruiz lawsuit has kept state officials from adopting a cost-saving plan to house 5,500 more inmates in some of the older prisons.

The proposal by Comptroller John Sharp could have saved the state $140 million in prison construction costs and another $64 million a year in operating costs.

The lawmakers had said their intervention was essential because state Attorney General Dan Morales, a Democrat, has "misrepresented" provisions in the Ruiz settlement and has failed to raise arguments they say would support ending federal supervision.

But the panel — consisting of Judges Will Garwood, Fortunato P. Benevides and Carl E. Stewart — didn't hold out much hope for the lawmakers' cause.

"We note in passing that it is at best doubtful that either ... is that sort of 'state or local official or unit of government' to whom or which (federal law) grants a right to intervene," the panel said in a 29-page opinion.

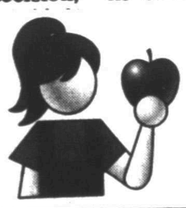
The Texas attorney general's office, which already has taken steps to end oversight, had said the lawmakers' interference was unnecessary.

The panel also rejected early appeals by the state to force Justice to end his prison oversight.

San Francisco lawyer Donna Brorby, who helps represent state inmates in the Ruiz lawsuit, declined comment on the details of the ruling, saying she had not reviewed it as of Thursday. However, she called the conclusion "a careful and correct legal result."

Houston lawyer T. Gerald Treece, who represented the two lawmakers, said he was not surprised by the outcome, but that he and his clients remain dissatisfied with the time being taken to reach a decision in Justice's court.

"Sooner or later, we've got to get a decision," he said.



Snyder I.S.D receives accountability ratings

Snyder Independent School District has received the 1997 accreditation status for the district and the accounting ratings of the campuses.

Accreditation status and campus ratings are based on data from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) scores, dropout and attendance rate standard and college admissions test.

The ratings range from exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable, acceptable, academically unacceptable/low performing to unaccaptable.

The district has received an accreditation status of academically acceptable. While six of the seven campuses have received an accountability rating of acceptable.

The seventh campus, Northeast Elementary, has received a higher rating of recognized.

Throughout the district, math scores showed significant gains. The fifth grade math scores increased by eight points.

Seventh grade math gained 10 points. While the eighth grade math scores added six points. The most significant gain was in the exit level math with a gain of 17 points.

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Snyder students continue to show improvement in state-wide tests. Snyder school administrators say they are very pleased with the ratings.

The comparison chart below reflects the TAAS scores for 1996 and 1997 along with the 1997 accountability rating received by that grade.

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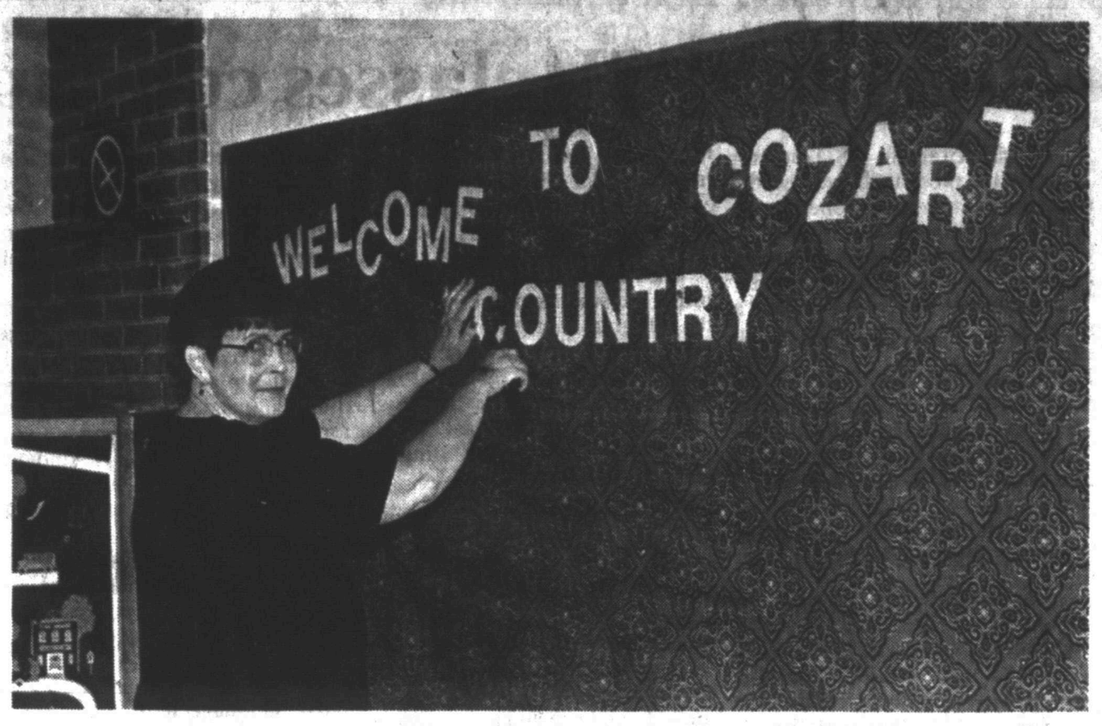
REGISTERING AT EAST — Shirley Tovar registered her daughter, Paige Tovar, for the first grade at East Elementary. Vickie Hess, secretary, helps her with the proper forms to start school Aug. 19. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



ALMOST READY FOR STUDENTS — Stanfield Elementary second grade teacher Linda Cozart prepares her bulletin board for her students when they arrive. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Texas has 2nd largest special education student population

Texas has the second largest student population in the nation of students eligible for special education services.

The state serves approximately 400,000 students in special education programs. Every child who is identified as being an individual with a disability is entitled to a "free, appropriate public education" mandated by state and federal law.

A child may be eligible if he or she has a physical, mental or emotional condition that requires special services in place of, or in addition to, instruction in the regular classroom.

"Snyder ISD adheres to a philosophy of early intervention as being crucial to a child's optimal development," a spokesperson said. "Early intervention remediation provides the greatest success."

If a child is deaf or blind, special education services are available for that child from age 3 to age 22 through the public school system.

Early childhood services may also be available for children with other identified disabilities from birth through age 22.

Eligibility is determined following a referral for indepth assessment and a determination of need addressed by an admission review and dismissal (ARD) committee.

When a child reaches his or her third birthday, he or she may be eligible to receive instruction in areas for speech, language, cognition, social, emotional, motor and perceptual guidelines. Federal and state guidelines are strictly adherred to for determination of eligibility.

Before a child is placed in a special education class, the child must be referred by a parent, teacher or any other concerned individual for an indepth assessment. Student and parent rights are respected throughout the referral and assessment process.

Nothing will be done to or for the child without the prior consent and knowledge of the parent or legal guardian, according to SISD officials. State law requires a school district to diagnose a child within 60 days of the time the referral is received by special education personnel.

When the testing is completed, a committee made up of the parent(s), principal or other administrator, regular teacher and special educator, and representatives of the assessment team meet to agree if the child needs special education services.

If the committee is in agreement that services are needed, an individual education plan (IEP) is developed to meet the student's individual needs.

The IEP identifies the child's specific needs, sets goals and objectives and establishes criteria and a timeline for accomplishing those goals.

Special education classes are more intensive than regular classes, often involving reduced teacher-student ratios for individualized instruction. These classes must be taught by a certified special educator. Instructional arrangements vary according to the specific needs of the individual student.

Children with all kinds of disabling conditions may qualify for special education in Texas.

Angel Duncan and Chris Bane are nurses for Snyder Schools

Angel Duncan and Chris Bane are registered nurses who seek to provide the fullest possible educational opportunity for each Snyder Independent School District student by minimizing absences due to illness and creating a climate of health and well-being for students and staff in the schools.

Snyder ISD school nurses received the state award from the Texas Council of Health for the "All-Wellness Student Program." This award was for the program of dental care and prevention sponsored at the elementary school level. This program is made possible through the community efforts of local dentists who provide screening for elementary students as a public service.

Snyder school nurses maintain cumulative health records on every student in the district, including a record of student immunizations. They administer first aid as needed. They weigh and measure each student in grades K through 6 twice a year and record the data on their permanent record.

They also conduct annual screening for vision and hearing deficiencies for Pre-K through 7, all 9th grade students and new students from another state. They also conduct vision and hearing screening for students referred to the early childhood program as early as age 3 and all students referred for special education assessment.

They assist local dentists in the annual dental survey of all elementary students. They conduct scoliosis screening for all 5th through 8th grade students. Snyder school nurses also conduct blood pressure screening for Snyder ISD professional staff 3 times annually and for 4th graders during Heart Month.

School nurses assist with preregistration of elementary students prior to the beginning of each school year.

Each year programs are initiated by school nurses to increase the wellness of students and professional staff through educational opportunities at each campus.

Duncan and Bane maintain contact with local and state health agencies in regard to special health services required by children and/or their families.

They make home visits and family contacts as referred by campus principals and district administrators.

The school nurses screen students' vision and make referrals to Snyder's Lions Club to purchase glasses for those students who qualify for assistance.

Homework Hotline set to go

Homework Hotline will again be offered to students in grades 4 through 12 by the Snyder Independent School District.

Homework Hotline services will begin Monday, Aug. 25, and end on Thursday, May 21.

Homework Hotline will consist of the high school library being open to secondary students to do research on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, with a librarian on duty for assistance.

Also, the computer lab with access to the Internet will be open to students three days a week with a computer proctor on duty to help. In addition a teacher will be on duty for tutoring at the Boys & Girls Club.

Students having difficulty with English/language arts, mathematics, or history may call 573-1987 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

In addition to the traditional homework hotline, teachers will be available to tutor students one on one in the hotline office as well as on the telephone.

Parents are urged to have their children call Homework Hotline for assistance. The student need not give his or her name when calling. He must simply give his request to the receptionist who answers the telephone. The receptionist will then put the student in touch with a teacher who can answer his or her question.

Homework Hotline will be in operation for the 13th year as of 1997-1998. Parents have commented that their students call Hotline on a regular basis for help in honors classes, as well as regular classes. During the 1995-1996 year, 1,264 students utilized Hotline.

Gifted, talented programs serves students grades K-12

In an effort to comply with policies established by federal and state laws, State Board of Education rules and the local board policy, Snyder ISD has implemented gifted program components to serve grades K through 12.

These instructional programs serve students who are academically oriented and who have above-average knowledge of basic skills. Through these programs, the student is challenged with curriculum and strategies designed to promote his or her natural capacities for creativity, judgment, critical analysis and problem-solving skills.

Locally, gifted students in kindergarten through third grade are "cluster-grouped," within the regular classroom. This grouping concept is similar to that of the reading group. Students are selected based upon standardized test scores and teacher nomination. These students participate in activities designed to increase their creative and productive thinking as well as critical thinking skills.

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade gifted students are selected to participate in full-time Excel classes which meet on their respective campuses, East, Northeast and West. These students have been selected through district-wide screening for participation this year.

Instruction is designed to promote creative and productive thinking. The curriculum is an extension of basic skills and the incorporation of enrichment units. Gifted students in grades 7-12 receive specialized instruction in "advanced" classes, so designated because of the advanced curriculum and level of difficulty.

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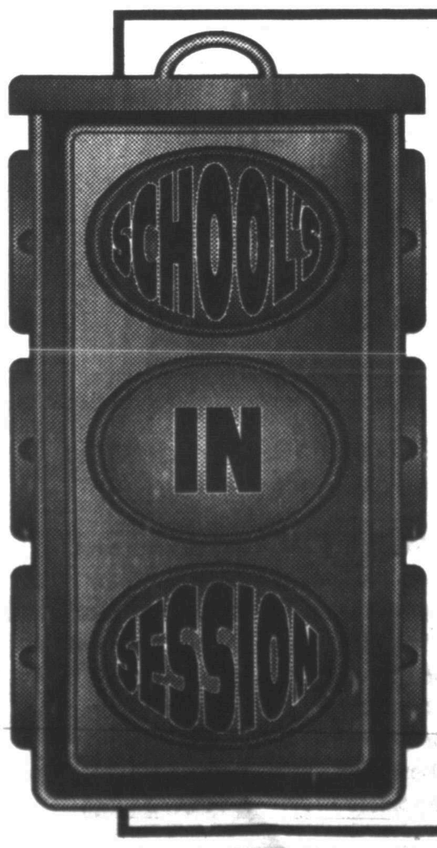

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Prekindergarten
Two boxes 16 Crayons (not jumbo)
One box Kleenex
One pair plastic safety scissors — Fiskars
Two bottles Elmer's Glue — 8 oz. size
One box of washable markers
Boys: One package large plain paper plates
Girls: One package small plain paper plates
One box Ziploc bags, not pleated
Kindergarten
Crayon washable markers, primary colors, broad tip
Crayons, regular, 16 count
Two #2 pencils
Elmer's School Glue, 4 oz.
Two glue sticks or Dab 'N' Stic School Glue
School box, preferably plastic
Scissors
Large box of Kleenex
Backpack or tote bag
Towel, washable (no plastic mats)
First Grade
Two boxes crayons, primary colors, 16 count
Package of #2 pencils
Scissors, sharp point
Elmer's Glue
Two glue sticks
Eraser
School box, preferably plastic, regular size
Crayon washable markers, primary colors, broad tip
Two spiral notebooks, 70 page, wide-ruled
Watercolors
One large box Kleenex
Backpack or tote bag
One pocket folder
One small package map colors
Second Grade
Large box crayons, 48 count
Package of #2 pencils
Two red grading pens
Elmer's white glue (no fluorescent or gel)
Two spiral notebooks, 70 page, wide-ruled
Notebook paper, 400 count, wide-ruled
Markers, Crayola classic washable, 8 count
One large plastic zipper bag (pencil bag)
Scissors, sharp point
Two folders with pockets
Eraser (not art gum or pencil top)
Tote bag or backpack
Two large box Kleenex
Two glue sticks

Please label each of the above items

Northeast
Prekindergarten
Two boxes of 8 regular crayons, not jumbo and not florescent
Shirt to wear for painting
(Be sure name is on it)
Two Dab 'N' Stick bottle glue
School box that snaps shut
No scissors or backpacks
Additional supply list will be sent home after the beginning of school
Kindergarten
One box of regular crayons, 8 count
Two boxes crayons, 24 count
Crayola markers, 8 classic colors, large
Two pencils, #2
Three Dab 'N' Stick bottle glue
Scissors (Fiskars for kids, metal blades)
Large box of Kleenex
Towel for resting (with name on it)
Eraser (pink pearl)
First Grade
Ten pencils, #2
Scissors, sharp point (Fiskars)
Two boxes Crayola crayons, 24 count
Two liquid Elmer's School Glue, 4 oz.
Eraser (pink pearl)
Two spiral notebooks, 70 page
Two folders with pockets (no brads)
Map colors, long
Plastic school box (no larger than cigar box)
Large box Kleenex
Plastic folder (slicker binder) ½-inch ring
Wooden ruler, (standard & metric)
Fifth Grade
One box crayons, 24 count
Map colors, long
Notebook paper, wide-ruled
Two folders with pockets
Wooden ruler (metric & standard)
Two red pens
Six pencils, #2
Two blue or black pens
Scissors (Fiskar metal with sharp point)
Zipper bag for pens and pencils
Two large boxes Kleenex
Highlighter
One folder for library
(Individual teachers may add to list as needed)

Central
Prekindergarten
Two boxes of basic 8 crayons
One box Crayola markers, washable
Two bottles Elmer's Glue
One box Kleenex
One box Ziploc bags, quart size
One box Ziploc bags, gallon size
One package large paper plates
One package small paper plates
No school boxes
No scissors
Backpack
Additional supplies will be requested later during the year
Kindergarten
Blunt scissors, left-handed if needed, Fiskars, metal blade
One package pencils, #2
One box Crayola brand jumbo crayons, 8 count, primary colors
One box Crayola brand regular crayons, 16 count (no neon or washable)
Two large glue sticks and 2 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue
One 2 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue
Package paper plates
One box Ziploc bags
Large box Kleenex
Large towel, no mats
$5 for entire year for cooking and art supplies
Additional supplies will be requested later during the year. Mrs. Pinson's class will need a plastic box (cigar box size.)
First Grade
One big box crayons
One package #2 pencils
Two bottles Elmer's Glue
Scissors
Two large boxes Kleenex
Two big rectangular erasers
One clipboard
One plastic school box
Ruler, metric and inches
One box Ziploc bags
Third Grade
No notebooks and no mechanical pencils
Two packages notebook paper, wide-ruled
Three* 70 page spiral notebook, wide-ruled
Large pink eraser
Elmer's School Glue
One box crayons, 24 count, no giant boxes
One pair Fiskars or Dura-Sharp pointed scissors
Ruler, metric and inches
Three large boxes Kleenex
One package (10-12) #2 pencils
Three folders with pockets and prongs — 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 red
Individual teachers will require additional supplies
*One each: classroom, library and music

West
Early Childhood
Backpack
Two large boxes of Kleenex
Towel or mat (for nap)
Canister of pre-sweetened Kool-Aid
Cookies or crackers (enough for 25)
Paper sacks (brown or white, small or large)
Ziploc bags
Bag of cotton balls
Wet wipes (for washing hands)
Kindergarten
Glue (see teacher for type)
Backpack or bookbag
Crayola water color markers
Eight large, classic colors
One towel
One package cookies each month
Milk money, 20 cents
School box, preferably plastic
Scissors, left-handed if needed
Two boxes crayons, 24 count (no fluorescent)
Two large boxes Kleenex
Water colors with brush (no fluorescent)
Two large boxes Kleenex
Ziploc bags
Two #2 pencils
First Grade
Four #2 pencils
Four pocket folders (sturdy)
Two large boxes of Kleenex
One set of water colors
Small pointed scissors
Box of crayons, 24 count Elmer's Glue (large)
Small box (small)
Water color markers, broad-tipped
Eraser
Backpack or bookbag
Mrs. Kidd's Class
One package #2 pencils
Large bottle Elmer's Glue
One glue stick
Three pocket folders
Safety scissors
Swimming supplies
Swim suit, towel, bag, comb-brush
Toothbrush

Large tube toothpaste
Large box Kleenex
Wet wipes
Two packages cookies, crackers, etc.
Sixth Grade
First day:
Notebook — 2" ring
(No trapperkeepers)
Paper, wide-ruled
Pens, black ballpoint
Pencils, #2 (not mechanical)
Red grading pen
Yellow highlighter
Map colors
Two large boxes Kleenex
Large spiral notebook
Ruler (metric/inches)
Protractor
Supplies for individual classes will be announced by teacher on first day of school
Please label all school supplies

East
Kindergarten
Two Dab 'N' Stick Glue
Crayons, 2 boxes of 16
Two #2 pencils
Supply box (cigar box size, no larger
Large box of Kleenex
Scissors/Fiskars — steel blade, pointed
Crayola washable markers, 8 count
(classic colors)
Colored pencils — 12 colors
Large package cookies each month
First Grade
Colored pencils, 12 count
Crayons, 2 boxes of 16 count
Elmer's Glue, 4 oz. white
Scissors/Fiskars — steel blade, pointed
Two boxes Kleenex
Supply or cigar box (no larger than cigar box size)
Six #2 pencils
Eraser
One spiral notebook, wide-ruled top
Two folders with pockets
Back pack or book bag
Children need to bring a backpack or bookbag each day
Fourth Grade
No mechanical pencils
No trapperkeepers or notebooks
No ink pens
Three folders with pockets
#2 wooden pencils
Two red grading pencils
Scissors/Fiskars — steel blade, pointed
Notebook paper, wide-ruled
Two large boxes Kleenex
Map Colors
Zipper pencil pouch
Highlighter
Wooden ruler (standard, metric)
Crayons
Elmer's Glue (white)
Two spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
Your individual teacher may add other necessary items

School Menus

Snyder

Aug. 19-22
Choice of milk available with all meals, and choice of cereals, toast and juice with breakfasts.

BREAKFAST
TUESDAY
Donut
WEDNESDAY
Waffles w/Syrup
THURSDAY
Breakfast Taco
FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza
LUNCH
MONDAY
Sausage Pizza
Corn Dog
Tossed Salad
Fruit Cocktail
TUESDAY
Rib Sandwich
Chicken Burger
Baked Beans
Pickles
Fruit
Cowboy Cookies
THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cream Gravy
Wheat Rolls
FRIDAY
Frito Pie
Nachos w/Ground Beef
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice

Ira

Aug. 13-15
All meals are served with choice of milk.
WEDNESDAY
Hamburgers
Cookies
Apple
THURSDAY
Pizza
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Peaches
FRIDAY
Corn Dogs
Pinto Beans
French Fries
Juice Bars

Hermleigh

Aug. 14-15
Milk is served with all meals.
BREAKFAST
THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
FRIDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
LUNCH
THURSDAY
Bologna Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Fritos
Pink Applesauce
FRIDAY
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Chilled Peaches

How we learn and keep from forgetting

WASHINGTON (AP) — It takes the brain about six hours to store in memory a new physical skill, such as riding a bike, and this memory can be wiped out if the mind's storage process is interrupted by trying to learn another new skill, researchers said in a study published Friday.

"We've shown that time itself is a very powerful component of learning," said Dr. Henry H. Holcomb, a psychiatrist who heads a Johns Hopkins University group that studies how people remember. "It is not enough to simply practice something. You have to allow time to pass for the brain to encode the new skill."

By measuring the blood flow patterns in the brain, the scientists determined that it takes five to six hours for the memory of a new skill to move from temporary storage site in the front of the brain to permanent storage site at the back.

During those six hours, said Holcomb, there is a neural "window of vulnerability" when memory of that new skill can be easily eroded if the person attempts to learn a second new skill.

"If you were performing a piano piece for the first time and then immediately started practicing something else, then that will cause problems in retention of the initial piece that you practiced," said Holcomb.

It would be better, he said, if the first practice session was followed by five to six hours of routine activity that required no new learning.

The study is published Friday in the journal Science.

"This is a new and important insight into the relationship between motor skill learning and neural activity," said Dr. Carolyn B. Cave, a psychologist and learning researcher at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

She cautioned, however, that not enough is yet known to identify precisely how the successive learning of different skills could interfere with each other.

"The brain is incredibly flexible," said Cave. "It may not be, for instance, that practicing the piano would interfere with what you learned just before from a tennis lesson. The two skills could use different parts of the brain."

In the Hopkins study, the researchers used a positron emission tomography device, or PET, to individually measure blood flow in the brains of 16 test subjects while they learned a new motor skill.

The people were placed into the PET and then taught to manipulate an object on a computer screen by using a motorized robot arm. The test required unusually precise and rapid hand movements that could be learned only through practice.

During this learning process, the PET image showed that blood flow was most active in the prefrontal cerebral cortex of the brain.

After the learning session, the test subjects were allowed to do unrelated routine things for five to six hours and were then retested.

Students with special needs are served by Snyder Schools

Snyder Independent School District's special programs department provides services for students with a variety of special needs.

Educational diagnosticians Daisy Lewis, Susan Stowe and Gloria Terry and associate school psychologist Lee Gregory provide assessment and individual education plan services for students.

Kathy Landes and Tracy Munson, speech pathologists, provide speech and language services to eligible students in Snyder ISD.

Dixie Haggard, special education and vocational counselor at Snyder High School, will provide support and guidance for special needs students in grades 9 through 12.

Parents who have a student with any physical, emotional, language or learning difficulty may contact their campus principal or Barbara Granato, director of special programs at 574-6078.

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