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Home Of Gaynel Cline

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Behind every successful man is a woman telling him to straighten his tie."

April is almost history, and folks at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce have been busy making final arrangements for next month's Western Swing Festival.

The four-day event begins May 17, but there's plenty of work yet to do. Chamber executive Donna Fowler and her staffers are seeking volunteers (workers) to help pull off the event which hopefully will be an economic boost for the community.

Folks to help decorate the coliseum are needed Sunday and Monday. Tuesday is the "burgers and beans" dinner and jam session at Jack Greene's spread. When the festival kicks off on Wednesday, there will be need for ticket takers, etc.

For months, chamber staffers have been answering mail and e-mail about the events – how much, where to stay, where to park an RV and where to eat.

Chamber staffer Gaynel Cline told us about a kid's inquiry from Salado, located on I-35 between Waco and Austin.

The second grade boy, realizing that Snyder is located "way out in West Texas," wanted to know about our community.

"I am especially interested in what you eat," he said.

Dr. Robert Clinton and his wife, Wanda, were back in Snyder Tuesday to help honor R.C. and Amy Patton, longtime Snyder citizens.

Patton, one of the original trustees of Western Texas College, is retiring after more than 30 years of service.

During his remarks, Dr. Clinton said that WTC should "retire his board chair." He further suggested that they give it to Patton, since nobody will be able to fill it.

A lot of deserving comments were made about the Pattons, but some things were not said.

In attendance were two of R.C. Patton's sisters – Bernice Stapleton of San Angelo and Nell McClung of Floydada.

Said Mrs. Stapleton, "A lot of nice things were said today. It's a good thing they didn't call on me. I could really tell 'em some stuff."

R.C. just grinned, saying he was relieved Sis wasn't on the program.

Everybody had experienced "going back home" and finding things not quite like you remembered.

Dr. Clinton, the first president of WTC, previously was an educator in the Snyder ISD - serving as choral director, high school principal and finally as superintendent of schools.

Dr. Clinton was visiting with, one of his former students, Derwin Thompson, now senior vice president at West Texas State Bank.

Dr. Clinton mused, "We drove around town. You know, the high school building has shrunk."

Swing festival just around the corner



Dave Alexander

Snyder's first home-grown Western Swing music festival is fast approaching with many events planned where local citizens can rub shoulders with the entertainers.

A kick-off "burgers and beans" dinner will be held at Jack and Linda Green's place on May 16 and the cost is $5 per person.

That price also includes a dance, and an opportunity to witness one of the biggest jam sessions ever held this side of Interstate 35, said Donna Fowler, Snyder's chamber of commerce manager.

"We will also have an auction of very nice items that have been donated by Snyder and area merchants, plus those in attendance can bid on a dinner furnished by the Spanish Inn," Fowler said

"This is not just a 'dinner,' because it includes dinner with Dave Alexander, Tommy Allsup and Billy Mata," said Fowler.

Also new this year is a fiddle contest on Wednesday, May 17, under the direction of Ricky and Darrell Boen. And on Saturday night, there will be a dance contest following the Texas Playboys concert.

"There will be cash prizes for the winners of the waltz and western swing contests," said Fowler.

Several local entertainers will perform, including Cowjazz, Cindy Nix and Texas Sand.

The grandson of Jo and Marlin Terrell will be playing here for the first time with Highway 6.

Jeremy Watkins attended school here at one time, and also plays in Rick Trevino's band.

For the benefit of the local merchants, a bus will be furnished for festival-goers to shop from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily.

Ticket prices are $20 per day, and there is a special ticket price of $10 for those attending the festival after 6 p.m. The event runs from May 16-21 at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Jackson's second term as sheriff is on Demo's agenda

Scurry County Democratic executive committee will convene at 7 p.m. Monday in the county courtroom to discuss the first step to ensure Sheriff Darren Jackson serves a second term as sheriff.

Jerry Gannaway, newly-elected county Democratic chairman, said the possibility of selecting a Democratic nominee for sheriff will definitely be discussed. Gannaway would not speculate on the committee's expected action.

The only certainty is that Jackson cannot be the official nominee. The unopposed Democratic sheriff who was seeking his second four-year term, was disqualified as the nominee because he affiliated himself with two political parties by voting in the Republican primary.

That mistake also prevents Jackson from being the Demo nominee or running as a write-in candidate. Since there were no Republican candidates for sheriff, the GOP may not nominate a candidate for the November general election.

It has been discussed openly that Keith Collier, retired sheriff, will be placed on the ballot as a stand-in for Jackson. Collier has said he is willing to have his name placed on the ballot, but has steadfastly said he will not campaign nor take office.

Democrats hope that a strong vote for Collier will send a message to the Scurry County commissioners' court that they want the court to appoint Jackson to the office, which in theory, would become vacant on Jan. 1.

Presently, the court is comprised of three Republicans and two Democrats.

A potential roadblock in that scenario is the possibility of a declared write-in candidate. A write-in candidate would be required to pay a filing fee of $600 and declare for the office between Sept. 8 and Oct. 6. The general election is Nov. 7.

NHS induction Sunday

Snyder High School's National Honor Society will induct 49 new members in a ceremony set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Worsham Auditorium.

Trevor Kerr will deliver the opening remarks, while the invocation will be given by Lauren Hackfeld.

SHS principal Larry Scott will make the opening remarks, while new members will be presented by Lacey Kidd, Sally Barham and Layne Scott.

Senior inductees into the NHS are Ashley Baremore, Lindsey Birk, Liz Brown, Joe Esparza, Adrian Gonzales, Laura Greenwood, D'Ann Hager, Jon Hensley and Irene Hernandez.

Others are Colin Jones, Tara Kincaid, Laura Lewis, Kaycee Marricle, Jenny Mayer, Randi Reed, Justin Rosson, Seth Rosson, Cathy Tatum, Christy Tomlinson and Josh Ward.

Junior inductees are Callie Bane, Melina Campos, Claire Cotton, Jessica Dea, T'Leah Eicke, Ryan Gibson, Whitney Graham and Jesse Haines.

Others are Valery Haines, Austin Haire, Jordan Hardin, Kara Harrison, Kellie Henderson, Melinda Langham and Lyndell Lee.

Other junior inductees include Cameron Mackey, Kyle McClendon, Brandon McCraw, Mark Medley, Jennifer Newman, Sandra Nussey and Kayla Phillips.

Others are Tara Price, Audra Reneau, Leslye Starnes, Dana Stribling, Tiffany Sutter, Jared Thornhill and Emily Vinson.

Senior members of the honor society are Janette Allen, Duane Allred, Wade Ashby, Sally Barham, Cara Best, Laura Canada, Jodi Dennis, Trey Gorman and Lauren Hackfeld.

Other senior members are Christina Holder, Trevor Kerr, Lacey Kidd, Alesha Miller, Justin Phillips, Courtney Rinehart, Amber Schwertner and Layne Scott.

Commissioner says tobacco money useage vote not neeeded

Money already budgeted, says Lindsey

Two items of business are listed on the Monday morning agenda for the Scurry County Commissioners' Court, and neither includes the use of tobacco funds the county is to receive as part of the tobacco company settlement.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said the court will probably comment on the tobacco funds, but the matter does not have to be an action item because the money is already a part of the county's budget.

County Judge Ricky Fritz told the Cogdell Hospital board of managers Thursday that the court would fund the budgeted $140,000 to the hospital, despite the county's share being about $60,000 less than expected.

The county is expected to receive $104,636.

Lindsey said Thursday that she thought the matter would be brought to a vote before the court.

In action items, the court will open bids and consider the purchase of a motor grader for Precinct 1. In addition, commissioners are expected to proclaim the week of April 30 through May 7 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. on the second floor of the courthouse in the courtroom.

'Hoedown' planned

Gateway Family Services Inc., formerly Noah Project-West, has planned a celebration for its new name and independence.

A fun-filled evening has been planned for Friday, May 12 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

A barbecue dinner will be served beginning at 7 p.m., and a dance will follow until midnight.

Tickets are $25 each and reservations are necessary by May 8. Tickets may be reserved by calling 573-4351.

7 p.m. Monday...

SHS choirs to showcase talent with spring show

Members of two Snyder High School choirs — Mastersingers and Tiger Jazz — will combine their talents for a spring show to begin at 7 p.m. Monday at Worsham Auditorium.

Reflections: Music From The Past include a dessert, which will be served during intermission.

This is the first time the SHS choirs has done a concert and dessert performance, said Ronda Haire, director. The show will include a variety of musical selections.

Tiger Jazz, the SHS Show Choir, will begin the evening with selections from the 1930s and 1940s with several Big Band "swing" songs.

The SHS Mastersingers will conclude the concert with solo and group selections from Broadway shows. Haire said the audience will enjoy hearing tunes from *Phantom of the Opera, The King and I, Cats, My Fair Lady, West Side Story, South Pacific, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Paint Your Wagon, The Sound of Music, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Man of La Mancha,* and a medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein on Broadway.



ALL SHOOK UP — Members of the Calvert Little Dribblers, returning home from a tourney in Levelland, escaped injury Friday afternoon when their van was in collision with another vehicle on Highway 84 near the Precinct 2 barn. They are shown waiting for tranportation to Snyder where they gathered at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center while plans were made to continue their trip home. (SDN Staff Photo)

40-year prison sentence given

A Snyder man was sentenced to 40 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a guilty plea entered Friday in 132nd District Court.

Domingo Miramontez Trejo, 61, of 308 3lst pleaded guilty to four counts of indecency with a child, offenses from as early as July, 1995. The latest offense occurred in 1999.

Trejo was first indicted in 1999 and was re-indicted last February.

Because of three prior felony convictions, the second degree felony was enhanced. The defendant was previously found guilty of burglary, rape and voluntary manslaughter.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong handed down the 40-year prison sentence.

Central Texas firm to build new post office

Donald Smith Construction of Horseshoe Bay will build Snyder's new post office on the site of Snyder National Bank's former drive-in facility.

The Central Texas company was awarded the bid for the 8,280 square-foot building this week.

Kathy Bjurman of the Postal Service's real estate division in Dallas said Friday that actual work on the facility will begin in mid-summer.

"The first order of business will be tearing down the old banking facility," said Bjurman.

"We expect the new masonry-type facility to be completed around the end of the year," said Bjurman.

The facility will be privately-owned, and the post office will lease the property.

Site work is expected to begin almost immediately, and core borings of soil samples were being taken Friday.

ASK US

Q—What happened to Sebastian Jaimes in the stabbing case of Raymond Vera?

A—Jaimes pleaded guilty to the charge Feb. 11 and was sentenced to five years in TDCJ, assessed a $750 fine and ordered to participate in a boot camp program.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 84 degrees; low, 60; 7 a.m. Saturday, 60; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, breezy; 40% storm chance, some severe. Low mid 50s. SE wind 15-25 mph, gusty. Sunday, partly cloudy, windy; 20% storm chance; high 80-85.



Bailey Richardson
Stormy

Sunset: 8:22 p.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.
Of 119 days in 2000, the sun has shone 116 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nurture your mind with great thoughts.
—Benjamin Disraeli

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SISD reading improvement program praised

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Three years ago, Snyder Independent School District launched a Reading Initiative called Academics 2000.

Its objective then, as it is now, is to improve early childhood and elementary education so that students are fully proficient in reading by the end of the third grade and continue to read at or above grade level by the end of the fourth year.

The local Academics 2000 program was recently evaluated by the Texas Education Agency, and it passed with flying colors.

That came as no surprise to SISD officials since the program's success has already been evident from students who have improved their reading ability and acheived higher TAAS test scores.

Three elementary schools — Central, Stanfield and Northeast — earned TAAS exemplary status in 1998-1999. TAAS recognized schools for that same school year are West and East.

Snyder's Academics 2000 program is so highly regarded that it is the only school district selected for evaluation by the Texas Education Agency and Publishers Resource Group, Inc., an evaluating consulting firm for the TEA.

On April 17, more than 40 persons, representing the SISD administration, elementary schools, parents, community and business members, and the Region XIV Education Service Center, gathered in the boardroom of the administration building to share perspectives on Academics 2000.

Teachers praised the Accelerated Reader Program, noting that it has helped improve students' ability to read as well as do better on TAAS tests.

The many volunteers who read to students praised that program. Everyone who spoke at the evaluation sessions was enthusiastic about Snyder's effort to improve reading.

PRG representative Ester G. Smith of Austin conducted several 45-minute question and answer sessions. She was accompanied by Sheetal Nasta, a research associate.

Beverly Trudgen of Austin was the TEA representative from the agency's Academic Office 2000.

Following the evaluation Dr. Smith said, "The Snyder ISD Academics 2000 project is an example of what the Academics 2000 grant program hopes to achieve."

Trudgen commended Snyder ISD for its comprehensive three-year reading improvement grant and indicated that its program was selected by the TEA as a case study from more than 400 Academics 2000 programs across the state.

SISD officials who attended the day-long session included Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent; Barbara Granato, director of special programs; and Mary Ann Juarez, community liaison.

The evaluation covered the school years 1996 through 1999. In 1996-1997, the district received $150,000 in TEA grant money through the Academics 2000 program. The sum was $105,000 for 1997-1998. SISD received $60,000 for 1998-1999.

Even though Academics 2000 funding was not available during the 1999-2000 school year, Juarez said that the programs instituted during the past three years have been continued through additional grant monies provided by the TEA's Investment Capital Fund Grant.

The success of Snyder's program greatly depends on local administrators, teachers, staff and an army of indispensable parent and community volunteers who work at various campuses.

Also involved are local businesses which serve either as an adopt-a-school partner or have adopted the entire district.

Juarez said the three grants transformed the district's administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members. It has helped to focus teachers, parents, students and community members on the importance of reading and the integration of reading into other educational components.

She also said that through a comprehensive professional development program, it has improved teachers' knowledge and skills of how to teach reading more effectively.

She noted that the district's Academics 2000 grant program also has strengthened and expanded the parent and community involvement programs, making parents and community members partners in the process of educating young children.

The TEA grant funds which SISD received for the past three years allowed the district to purchase computers for individual classrooms, expand the Accelerated Reading Program by purchasing materials (including books for the libraries), Saxon Phonics and other programs which will help students reach their full potential in reading.

The school district also was able to hire liaisons and aides, plan staff development activities, provide technology, offer teacher and parent training, and to purchase library books.

Volunteer programs and tutoring programs were established. The TEA funds also helped local elementary schools implement family reading nights, provide practical parent education, and establish reading clinics. Community-wide reading celebrations have been held.

Staff members have also been able to attend Reading Renaissance, the state AR conference.

Snyder ISD has been notified that it will receive a $275,000 grant for the 2000-2001 school year, beginning June 1. Juarez said activities targeted for this grant will include the expansion of current reading programs, a community-wide reading program, implementation of a family literacy project - including technology, computers for the elementary schools, staff, parent and community training.



EVALUATION — Snyder ISD's three-year reading improvement program — Academics 2000 — was evaluated April 17. Members of the PRG evaluating team included, seated from left, Sheetal Nasta, and Dr. Ester Smith. Beverly Trudgen, TEA representative, also attended. SISD officials pictured back row from left include Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent; Mary Ann Juarez, community liaison; and Barbara Granato, director of special programs. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Thank You Snyder!

We want to express our appreciation to our many friends who made the reception for us so special on Tuesday. We have enjoyed our association with Western Texas College and it has been a privilege to serve as a trustee. We have enjoyed all our years and friends in the Snyder community. We look forward to many more years of friendship.

Sincerely,

Amy and R.C. Patton

Jury awards family $22 million

DALLAS (AP) — In a case against Ford Motor Co., a jury has awarded $20 million to a Dallas family whose infant was left paralyzed and dependent on a respirator when an airbag deployed after a collision.

Lawyers for Ford and the family disagree over the automaker's liability, however, because the jury found the child's mother to be 67 percent responsible for the injuries.

A spokeswoman said Ford's liability under Texas law is no more than $2.3 million. But the family's lawyer said he will ask the judge to order Ford to pay the entire $20 million verdict.

Samantha Roblez, then 11 months old, was sitting in a forward-facing child-safety seat in the front passenger seat of a 1995 Ford Mustang driven by her mother, Lydia Ramos, when the car ran into the rear of a pickup on Dec. 12, 1998.

The Mustang's bumper was lower than the pickup's, and the Mustang's airbag sensors hit the truck bumper, causing the airbag to deploy, said Todd Tracy, the family's lawyer.

Tracy argued that the airbag should not have deployed during the crash, which he estimated occurred at 7 to 12 mph. The bags are supposed to deploy at 14 mph, he said.

Ford contended during the trial that the baby's car seat was not secured by the car's seat belt. The automaker also argued that Samantha, at 22 pounds, should have been in a rear-facing child seat buckled into a rear seat.

"This was a tragedy, but it resulted from the disregard of the air bag warnings," said Ford spokeswoman Susan Krusel. "This 11-month-old infant was placed unrestrained in the front of the car despite warnings that infants should not be placed in the front seat."

Tracy argued that the child's seat was buckled into the Mustang's front seat.

Samantha was hospitalized for four months, and her medical expenses exceed $950,000, Tracy said. A quadriplegic, she must be cared for around the clock by a nurse and her parents, the lawyer said.

During the trial, Samantha was brought into the courtroom for 15 minutes while Ramos showed the jury how she cares for the child.

"She is a happy little girl. She laughs, she cries. She's learning to talk and she loves to be around people," Tracy said.

The six-person jury found both Ford and Ramos negligent, putting Ford's liability at 33 percent.

It also awarded Ramos $10 million to care for Samantha until age 18, $8.5 million for Samantha's care after age 18, and $1.5 million to Ramos for mental anguish and loss of consortium, Tracy said.

Auctioned items may be linked to Elian

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A weathered "raft," a page from a coloring book and a jar of air supposedly containing aromas from Little Havana are a sampling of the Elian Gonzalez-related curios available on the eBay auction Web site.

The "100% Genuine Raft Used by Elian!!!" drew more than 30 bids, with a high offer of $212.50 late Friday. The seller claimed he bought it at a government warehouse, and that the item won't be released until June 1.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Roger Krass in Miami said he doesn't know what happened to the inner tube on which Elian was found adrift, but he "doubts seriously" that it would be possible to purchase such a thing at a government auction. He said most rafts used by illegal immigrants are destroyed.

The seller — whose eBay screen name is "digitalcollectibles" — posted a picture of a tubeless tire attached to a 9-by-5 slab of plywood covered with straw.

"I figured dump it while it's hot. It's in the news every day," said the Mt. Laurel, N.J. man, who asked that his real name not be used."

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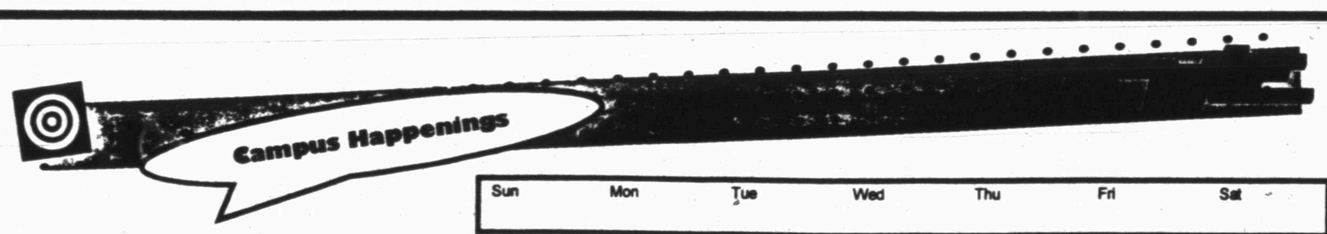
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May 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April Showers Brings May Flowers	1	2	3	4 Awards Day Ceremony 10:30 Central Courtyard	5 Graduation	6
7	8 Twilight Breakfast 9-9:30 p.m.	9 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 May-mester Registration is from 2-6:30 p.m. Registration for Kids College	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Begin 4-day work week	23	24	25 Last day to withdraw from institution for May-mester Registration for Summer Session 2-7:00 p.m.	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Campus Closed	30 6&9 week summer session classes begin	31 Last day to register for summer session			

Kid's College Regular Registration will be at the Scurry County Museum Lobby from 2-7:30 p.m.
For more information, call Liffin Molter at 573-8511 Ext. 223

Final Exam Schedule

- Wednesday, May 3
6:30 Exam Time 6:30-9:20 W Evening Class Time
- Thursday, May 4
6:30 Exam Time 6:30-9:20 TH Evening Class Time
- Monday, May 8
8:00 Exam Time 9:30-10:45 TTH Class Time
10:00 Exam Time 12:00-12:50 MWF Class Time
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- Wednesday, May 10
8:00 Exam Time 8:00-8:50 MWF Class Time
10:00 Exam Time 11:00-11:50 MWF Class Time

Graduation will be held at the Central courtyard at 7:30 p.m.
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The Public is invited to come by, visit and register for prizes to be given away Thursday

Biker Sunday set at Colonial Hill BC

Plans are already underway for "Biker Sunday" to be held at Colonial Hill Baptist Church on Sunday, June 11.

Services will begin at 10:45 a.m. Terry Ohlman of Lubbock will be the evangelist, and Mike and Cheryl Snow of Midland will provide the music.

Bike rodeo games, operated by the Christian Motorcyclists Association, will follow the services. Local merchants have donated door prizes.

The entertainment will be a live band and food will be provided. There will be no charge for the day's events.

Even though Biker Sunday is a ministry "by bikers for bikers," John Rogotzke, a local member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, said, "Everyone is welcome."

He said events like the upcoming Biker Sunday are "good for bikers and for the community. We are just folks like everyone else."

He said the CMA is a ministry rather than a club, and it has 76,000 members worldwide, who are all trained in some kind of ministry, prayer or mechanical etc.

"Most bikers are just like you and me," Rogotzke said. "But there is one percent who aren't."

He said CMA ministers use bikes as a "tool" to reach out to people through Christ in order to get them to turn their lives around. We "establish a presence" at a rally, dressed in leather attire, just like the other riders. We show through example that there are other alternatives. We plant the seed and it may be years before it takes affect."

Rogotzke said he was brought back to Christian ideals 10 years ago during a similar Biker Sunday.

He noted that some members of the organization have been religious all of their lives. Others have converted and some came from the gutter.

In addition to providing a ministry for people who like to ride motorcycles, he said CMA also supports a Bible program, which helps provide Bibles in countries where they are illegal.

CMA also provides motorcycles and dirt bikes for ministers in Third World countries who have to travel in jungles where no cars can go.

Besides donating the bikes, Rogotzke said the Christian Motorcyclists Association also provides riding instructions and mechanical support.

Kellog to use genetically altered crops

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — An effort to force Kellogg Co. to stop using genetically altered crops failed when shareholders overwhelmingly defeated a resolution.

Friday's vote came amid claims from two groups of nuns that the crops are unsafe and put the company at risk for lawsuits. Regardless, the resolution was voted down by 94 percent of the shareholders.

"If we thought there was anything ... that even hinted at these products being unsafe, we would have taken them our of our food a long time ago," chief executive Carlos Gutierrez told shareholders.

Activists, including Greenpeace, have lobbied the world's leading cereal company to end use of genetically altered ingredients.

The company has removed or is in the process of removing such ingredients from its European and Australian products.

Key To The Kingdom
"What Does It Take to be One of God's People"
Historical Christian Evidences
Lesson 11
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
May 1, 7:00 pm

6 from Snyder on Honor Roll

ABILENE — Six students from Snyder were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1999 semester at Abilene Christian University.

They include LaTrisha Faye Lee, Nova Love Dea, Melanie Joyce Kidd, April Kristen Baker, Marcus Wayne Daughtry and Josue G. Coronado.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Survivor of Holocaust to speak here

Snyder Junior High School students will have a chance to learn about the horrors of the Holocaust from one of the survivors of the Dachau Death Camp — Helene Levi Shiver of Lubbock, who will speak in the school auditorium at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

She is the sole survivor of her family, 108 people in all. In 1942, as family members were celebrating Shiver's great-great-grandfather's 104th birthday, they were abducted from their home and taken to the Dachau Death Camp in Germany.

American forces liberated the camp on April 29, 1945. By then she was the only one in her family still alive.

With no family, country or a home, Shiver, who had only an eighth grade education, had to rebuild her life.

She will share her story Tuesday afternoon.

Snyder resident honored by HSU

ABILENE — The Hardin-Simmons University School of Music recently honored Karomy Drum of Snyder at the annual awards program in Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall.

Drum received the Ruth Skiles Endowed Memorial Scholarship.

An SHS graduate, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Drum of Snyder.

Blake Robertson receives TIP honor

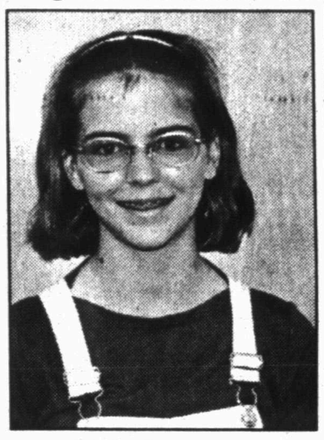
DURHAM, N.C. — TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, is sponsoring a series of recognition ceremonies to honor some of the most talented seventh graders in the United States. This year more than 21,100 students are invited to attend State Recognition Ceremonies.

Scurry County's honoree is Blake Robertson who attends Snyder Junior High School. She is the daughter of Dayton and Bettsey Robertson.

Blake qualifies for a state ceremony. Qualifying scores include 510 on both the SAT Math and Verbal tests or a 28 in both the ACT Math and Verbal scores, a 30 in reading and 27 in science reasoning.

TIP sponsors both State Recognition Ceremonies and a Grand Recognition Ceremony, for the very highest scoring students. Students invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony earned a math or verbal score on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) higher than 90% of college-bound high school seniors as part of TIP's 19th annual Talent Search. Of the 87,034 students who participated in the 1999-2000 Talent Search, 1,287 qualified for this honor. These students also qualify for state recognition.

In addition to the Grand Recognition Ceremony, many Talent Search participants are also honored at ceremonies in their home state. Students attending the state ceremonies scored as well or better than the average college-bound high school senior on either the SAT or the ACT. TIP's recognition ceremonies are



Blake Robertson

the largest of their kind in the nation with nearly 43,000 students, parents and teachers attending in 1999.

TIP's Talent Search identifies seventh-graders in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the top five percent on a national achievement test.

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Judge sentences former police officer

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County jury sentenced a former Dallas police officer to two years in prison for stealing an unspecified amount of money from drug dealers he arrested.

Daniel E. Maples Jr., 27, had already pleaded guilty to the charge of theft by a public servant earlier in his trial when the sentence was handed down on Friday.

He and a co-defendant, former officer Quentis R. Roper, were charged with taking money they found on drug dealers and others during arrests during their patrols.

Maples, 27, turned himself in to authorities in December 1998 and decided to cooperate fully, naming other officers involved in the scheme.

CRP program gets extension

Washington has approved the state committee request for a 60-day extension for emergency grazing of CRP acreage.

No additional charges will be assessed for individuals that continue to meet their grazing plan and grazing the same acreage. There will be a charge of 10 percent of the annual rental payment for any new acreage grazed on this subsequent period of any new application filed during the extended period. If you have questions, call the Scurry County Farm Service Agency at 915-572-0171.

Dennis attends freshman clinic at Southwestern

WEATHERFORD — Jodi Pat Dennis of Snyder was among 177 high school seniors who attended the second of five freshmen orientation clinics on April 21 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

A total of 420 high school seniors has enrolled at Southwestern for the 2000 fall semester with two more clinics coming up in June and August..

At the clinics, students spend the day at the SWOSU campus, meet individually with academic advisors and enroll in classes for the 2000 fall semester. The students, along with parents, hear presentations about services and activities at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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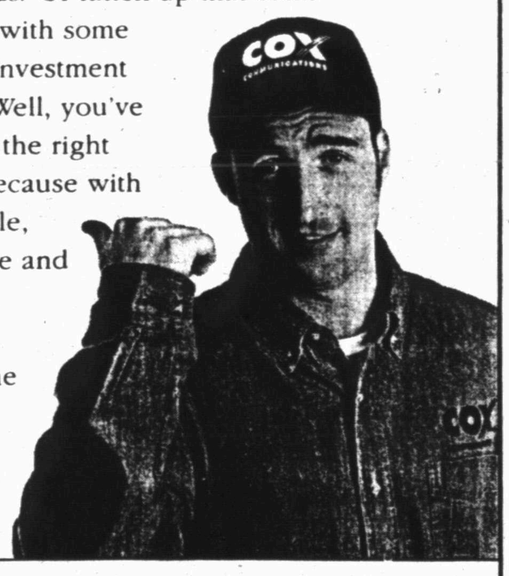
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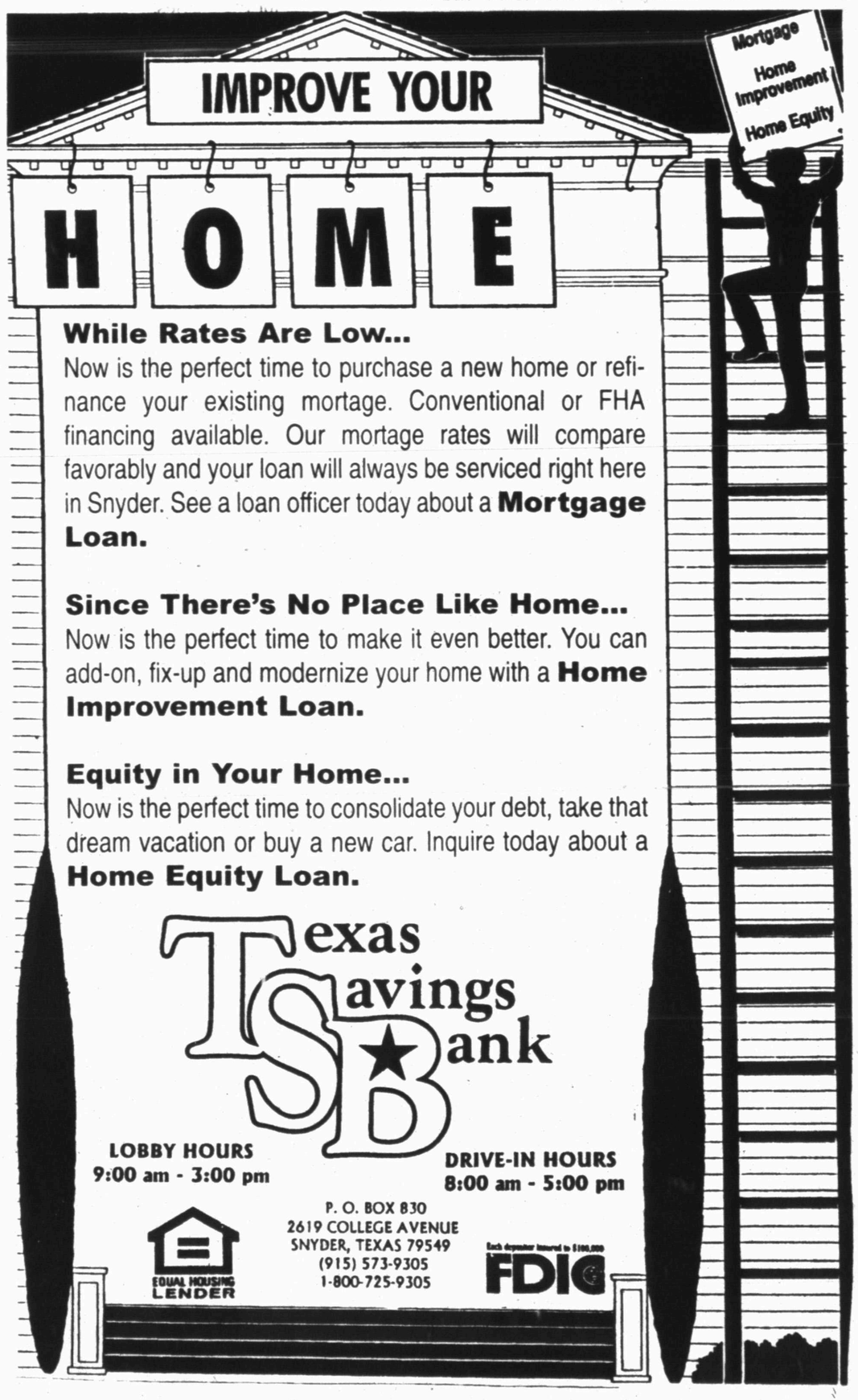


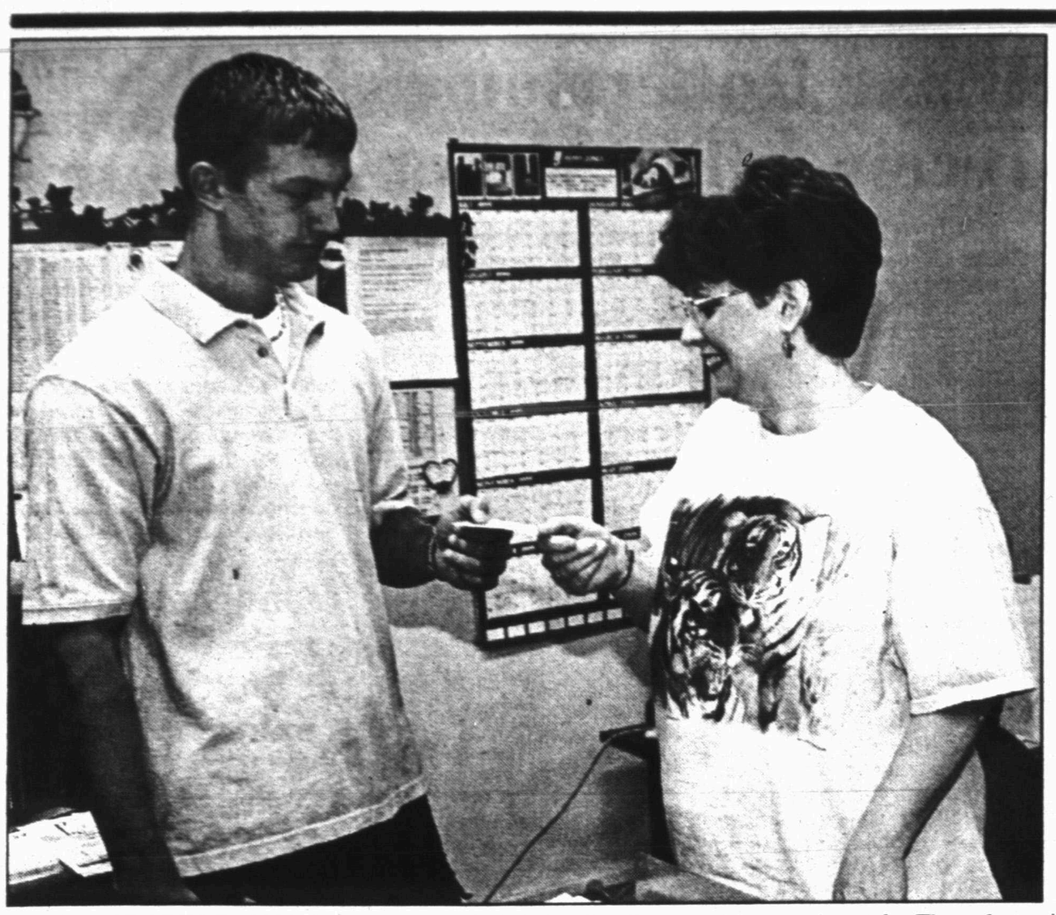
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SNYDER SPORTS BANQUET — Snyder High School's all-sports banquet is set for Thursday at Jack Greene's place. Pam Snedeker, secretary to SHS principal Larry Scott, hands out tickets to Justin Rosson. Tickets for parents and non-varsity members are $5 each. Parents are asked to bring lawn chairs. Serving will begin at 6 p.m., followed by awards at 7. A dance will begin at 8 p.m. and continue until midnight. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



QUILTS GALORE — Scurry County quilters have been busy making quilts for next Saturday's May Day. Quilters pictured with a few of the 31 large quilts that will be auctioned are from left, Thadine Harless, Edna Laster, Viola Stone, Cary Patrick. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Same sex couple prepares for prom

FLOYD, Va. (AP) — A teenage girl and her female date are preparing for a high school prom, despite strong opposition from community leaders and concerns over their safety.

Scores of parents and other community members have turned out at recent school board meetings to oppose Tiffany Lapine's plan to attend the Floyd County High School junior prom with another girl.

The American Civil Liberties Union took Tiffany's side and told school officials on March 29 that barring her from taking a female date would be illegal.

School officials ultimately decided that Tiffany could attend tonight's prom with her date, who is not a student at Floyd County High.

"We've had a lot of difficulty over this," principal Norman Blanchard said.

Labor contract is approved

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Concession workers at the Staples Center have approved the first labor contract, averting potentially embarrassing labor strife at the site of this summer's Democratic National Convention.

The contract covering 450 workers at the arena was approved Friday by a vote of about 65-0, said David Koff, a senior research analyst with the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union. There was no minimum number of votes necessary to ratify the contract, he said.

The union and concessionaire Ogden Entertainment had been feuding since the center opened in September, and were under pressure to reach a deal before the Democratic convention starts in August.

Concession stand attendants, who make up the bulk of the workforce, will see their hourly pay increase from an average of $8.76 to $10.55 immediately, Koff said. Yearly increases will push the wage to $12.50 an hour by March 1, 2004.

The 41/2-year deal also provides family health insurance, vacation time, paid holidays, a pension plan and a legal services plan, Koff said.

Workers, labor leaders and officials from Ogden and Staples Center praised the contract at a news conference.

"In just a few short weeks from now, this is going to be the centerpoint of the world's attention. We intend to have a very smooth convention," said Miguel Contreras, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

May Day is May 6

It's just two weeks until May Day, May 6, at Scurry County Coliseum, beginning at 2 p.m. From then until 6 p.m., a variety of activities will be available including entertainment, the silent auction, crafts and baked goods.

Local businesses have donated items for the silent auction. Seniors will make homemade baked items and crafts.

Seniors are reminded that home baked breads, cookies, brownies, and cakes are needed to sell in the booths. Due to health regulations, homemade pies cannot be sold, only commercially ones.

The barbecue will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets will cost $6 per plate and may be purchased at the Senior Center, from seniors or at May Day. The ExxonMobil cooking team will donate and prepare the brisket.

The quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Grady and Molly Morris as the auctioneers. Items to be auctioned include 31 large quilts (embroidery, pieced, candle wicking, applique, panel, fabric painting), one comforter, 12 baby quilts, 8 afghans and a pair of collectible china dolls called Laughing Baby."

"All of the quilts are special and unique," says Pam Fenton, activities director, "but we have one quilt this year that has generated tremendous interest. Our quilters have made a Mobil quilt with the Pegasus on a white background with, red, white and blue borders."

A work schedule will be posted at the Senior Center and she encourages everyone to volunteer. Most of the workers will be seniors, but children of seniors are also invited to help raise money for the center. Call 573-4035 to volunteer.

The Sparkle City Line Dancers will perform from 2 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Deep Creek Cloggers will take the stage from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Kitchen Band will perform from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Hoss Clayton Band will be on from 5 to 6 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken spaghetti, chopped broccoli, whole kernel corn, chilled peaches, peanut butter cookie

Tuesday

Butter beans & squash casserole, southern fried okra, green onions, cornbread, bananas & strawberries

Wednesday

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, tomato wedges, bread pudding

Thursday

Cheeseburger and the fixins, potato chips, baked beans, tropical fruit

Friday

Fried fish, savory potatoes, boiled okra, creamy coleslaw, coconut pudding

Senior Center News

Winners of the nine-ball tournament are first place Truman Wilson and second place Jack Harless.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Volunteers who have offered to pick up silent auction items are asked to contact Pamela Fenton at the center Monday or Tuesday, if possible. In order to avoid duplicate visits to businesses, each volunteer will be given a list of businesses to contact.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will perform at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Senior swimnastics will meet at Western Texas College on Tuesday and Thursdays at noon. May 9th will be the last day for swimnastics.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will perform at Snyder Healthcare at 11 a.m. and line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class will meet at 9 a.m., the domino tournament begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunshine Choir will perform at Snyder Health Care at 10 a.m. The swimnastics class at WTC is from 2-3 p.m.

Friday

Volunteers are asked to meet at the center at 9 a.m. to help transport items to the coliseum for May Day preparation. If you can help with May Day preparations on Friday or Saturday, contact Pam at 573-4035.

The blood pressure clinic and bridge will begin at 9:30 a.m., "88" play at 10 a.m., and the sing-a-long at 11:30 p.m.

District judge finds against MP3.com

NEW YORK (AP) — The Internet-based music service MP3.com plans to continue operating as usual after a judge concluded it is infringing the copyrights of the nation's major record companies.

Robin Richards, president of MP3.com, said the company would conduct "business as usual" and would appeal the Friday ruling by U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff.

The one-page order by Rakoff was the first significant ruling challenging the San Diego-based company that allows users to instantly hear music and add their personal music to a play list.

Other lawsuits nationwide seek to help define the rules of how music will be played on the Internet.

Documents filed in the case in Manhattan before Rakoff show that the record companies themselves are creating alliances with various companies to ensure they get paid for music played and sold on the Internet.

The major record companies argued in a lawsuit filed earlier this year that MP3.com made unauthorized copies of 45,000 compact discs, loaded them onto computer servers and permitted its customers to download the music.

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**You can make contributions as long as you're working* — with a traditional IRA, you cannot make any contributions past age 70-1/2. However, as long as you continue to earn income, you can contribute up to $2,000 a year to a Roth IRA. And if you have at least $4,000 in earned income, you also can contribute to your spouse's Roth IRA, even if he or she doesn't have any earned income.

**You won't be forced to make withdrawals* — Once you reach 7-1/2, you have to make minimum withdrawals each year from a traditional IRA, even if you don't need the money. Plus, you'll have to pay income tax on your withdrawals. A Roth IRA has no such requirement: you can keep the money in your account for as long as you choose.

**Your family pays no income taxes on inherited Roth IRA funds* — You may not outlive the money you have accumulated in your Roth IRA. If that happens, you can leave the assets in the account to your heirs, and they won't have to pay income taxes on it. (However, Roth IRA proceeds may result in increased estate taxes.) On the other hand, your heirs would have to pay regular income taxes on any money they withdraw from an inherited traditional IRA.

Of course, you may already be contributing to a traditional IRA. Should you convert this account to a Roth IRA if you plan to continue earning income during your retirement years?

There's no one right answer for everyone. But you need to be aware that you will have to pay income taxes on the entire converted amount. That could have a significant impact on your tax situation; you may be better off withdrawing the funds you need each year from your traditional Ira and paying income taxes on the withdrawals. Even if you choose this route, you can still open a new Roth IRA.

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DOWN UNDER THE SEA — Two first grade classes at Northeast Elementary presented *Down Under The Sea* on Thursday and Friday. Teachers are Sandy Baker and Staci Bollinger. Dorothy Kayser is the music teacher. Baker's students (top photo) are from left, bottom row, Demetri Gunderson, Roy Daniel Mojica, Brook Bollinger, Eric Overton, Zac Smith, Angel Guerrero; middle row, Leslie Quinonez, Jonathon Black, Timothy Paternostro, Sammy Ruiz, Naomi Garcia; top row, Elsa Gallegos, Rudy Perez, Anthony Lopez, Chad Pechacek, Amanda Gutierrez, Kassidy Henderson, Tiffany Stack, Isabella Torres. Bollinger's students (bottom photo) are from left, back row, Samantha Morin, Skylar Jones, Eric Morin, Lilly-Ann Wasson, Alexander Yanez, Juan Ruiz, Staphany Arizmendi; middle row, Jody Pittman, Donnie Medrano, Maranda Guynes, Michelle Vasquez, Priscilla Molinar, Alex Pesina; bottom row, Brittany Garcia, Samantha Shankles, Devin Blackwell, Paden Kinney, Nick Morin, Brittany Carbajal. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Did doctors hasten Washington's death?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read that our first president, George Washington, died because his doctors bled him so much. Was this just another example of physician-induced suicide?

DEAR READER: No, it wasn't. And to back that up, I'll summarize a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine (Dec. 9, 1999).

George Washington was confined to his bed in December of 1799 because of difficulty breathing, hoarseness, fever and throat pain. He was attended by four physicians, several slaves and his wife.

During his terminal illness, he underwent numerous bloodlettings, for a total of 82 ounces, a significant quantity. His treatment also included a tonic made of molasses, vinegar and butter; gargles with tea and vinegar; calomel and tartar emetic; and blister therapy. Antibiotics were unheard of at the time and probably would have saved his life.

On Dec. 14, after a final bloodletting, Washington seemed to improve, albeit temporarily. At 10:30 p.m., he died.

The president was attended by the foremost physicians of his time, and medical historians today agree that he received "heroic therapy" for the 18th century. Still, at the time of his death, there was controversy over his care. Many people believed that bloodletting was the cause of Washington's demise. Subsequently, some 20th century authors have charged that he was murdered. The cause of death was officially diagnosed at Cynanche trachealis, an inflammation of the throat and larynx. Now, modern authorities have concluded that Washington died form bacterial epiglottitis, an acute infection of the throat.

In 1799, tracheostomy (surgically placing a breathing tube in the trachea) was rarely undertaken. However, this relatively simple procedure (by modern standards) might well have saved the former president's life.

Whether Washington's death was hastened by bloodletting will remain a mystery. In all likelihood, his therapy was at best, ineffective; at worst, dangerous. Will today's practitioners one day he held to a higher standard when treating terminal illness? Is it likely that, someday, cancer chemotherapy will be considered to be primitive and brutal? Surgery unnecessary? Antibiotics irrelevant? Probably so, as science provides astounding new solutions for disease, and — especially — disease-prevention.

For now, I'd have to conclude that Washington's death — like the demise of every historic figure — has to be viewed in the context of its time. What the former president's physicians undertook was silly and ineffective, but it was the best available therapy at the time. Did it hasten Washington's death? Probably. But consider: Hundreds — perhaps thousands — of people die every year, in our age of enlightenment, from medical treatment and surgical procedures. Before pointing fingers of accusation at Washington's physicians, we should remember how pitifully inadequate their therapy was. And we mustn't fail to appreciate the psychological trauma, frustration, sense of loss and powerful emotions — as they are today and will be in the future — that affected the doctors who cared for Washington. Indeed, while medical sophistication has improved in the last 200 years, good doctors still take personally the death of their patients. This is a constant and I hope that it never changes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two ear-nose-and-throat specialists have failed to diagnose the cause for an earache that I've had for two months. Would X-rays clarify the situation?

DEAR READER: Indeed they would, and I'm a little surprised that your specialist duo did not order them. I say this because your ear pain may not be coming from your ear at all. For example, it could be the result of a dental problem, such as an abscess. Or tempero mandibular joint syndrome, inflammation of the jaw joint. Finally, the nerve disorder called neuralgia can cause ear pain and may require special testing by a neurologist.

Teen sentenced to prison for sending e-mail threats

DENVER (AP) — A Florida teen has been sentenced to four months in prison for threatening in an e-mail to finish what two student gunmen started last spring at Columbine High School.

U.S. Attorney Tom Strickland said Friday's sentencing of Michael Ian Campbell, 18, delivered a message that Internet threats will not be tolerated.

"When we first charged this case, we made it clear that this kind of conduct was serious conduct that had serious consequences, that these types of threats would not be tolerated," Strickland said.

On Dec. 15, Campbell sent an online message telling Columbine sophomore Erin Walton he would finish what gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold started when they killed 13 people at Columbine High School, then shot themselves in April 1999.

Transcript mistakes not enough for new trial

DALLAS (AP) — Problems with a court transcript are too minor to warrant a new trial for Darlie Routier, the Rowlett homemaker death row for fatally stabbing one of her two sons in 1996, prosecutors say.

Prosecutors also said a claim held by Routier's defense lawyers — that a record of an important pretrial hearing is missing from the transcript — is irrelevant to her appeal, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

Routier's attorneys requested an appeal last month, arguing that the original court transcript was filled with 33,000 errors, and a court-ordered reconstruction was incomplete.

But prosecutors wrote in court documents filed Friday that Routier "does not even assert, much less prove, one single issue that she would be barred from appealing due to an inaccuracy in the record."

Kemp recognized

SAN ANGELO — An Angelo State University fraternity member from Snyder has been selected for induction into the Order of Omega, a national Greek Honor Society recognizing academic achievement among active members of a social fraternity or sorority.

He is Christopher K. Kemp, the son of Rick and Sheila K. Kemp.

To qualify for membership in the Order of Omega, students must be an active member of a social fraternity or sorority that is recognized by the National Interfraternity Conference or National Panhellenic Conference.

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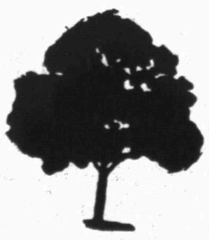
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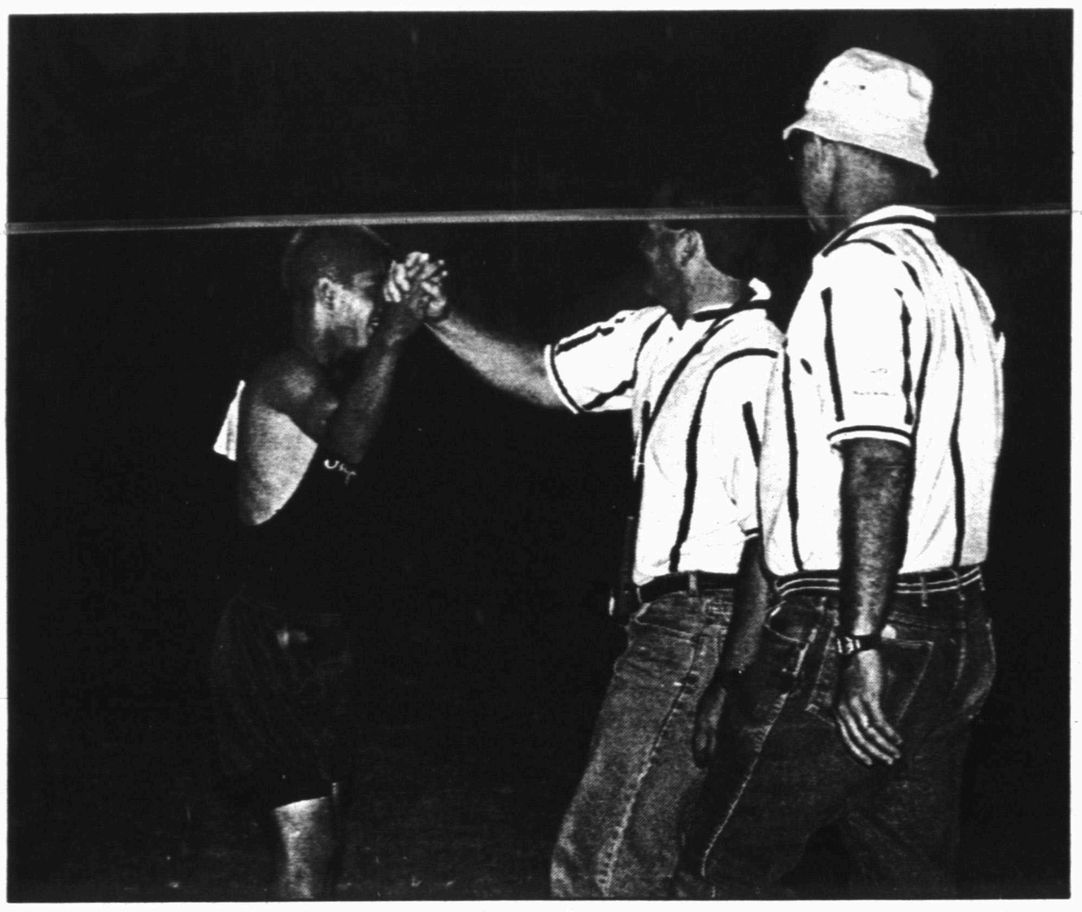
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SPORTS



YOU'RE GOING TO STATE — Snyder's Rudy Martinez receives congratulations from Coaches Chad Rogers and Tommy Doyle (far left), after finishing second in the 3,200-meter run Friday night at the regional track meet in San Angelo. Martinez will compete in the state meet May 12-13 in Austin. (SDN Staff Photo)

With six more chances on Saturday...

Snyder qualifies two athletes for state meet

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Snyder has had its share of track success over the years. Back when team members were known as thinclads, and events were measured in yards instead of meters, the Tigers consistently battled for the state title.

Friday night at the Region I-4A Track and Field Meet, the current group of Tiger tracksters took their first steps toward rebuilding the program.

Two Snyder athletes qualified for state, and the Tigers grabbed the early lead on the first day of the regional meet at Angelo State's Multi-Sports Complex.

Pole vaulter Jared Thornhill and distance runner Rudy Martinez earned spots in the state meet, and Snyder has six more chances at earning state berths on Saturday, including two in the girls' competition.

Overall, it was just the start Snyder coach Chad Rogers was looking for.

"Rudy and Jared picked the perfect time to set personal records," said Rogers. "Our kids came down here with a purpose. They didn't come here, just to say that they made it to regionals. They want to move on, and every time you think their back is against the wall, they come out battling."

Thornhill cleared 15 feet to finish second in the pole vault, while Martinez covered the 3,200-meter distance in 9:40.08 to grab the runner-up spot.

Mark Medley was third in the discus, and Wade Pinson posted the fastest time in the preliminaries of the 110 hurdles with a 14.14. Jesse Haines finished 12th in the pole vault.

Medley was due up Saturday afternoon in the shot put, and Martinez still has the 1,600 left to run Saturday night. In addition to the finals of the 110 hurdles, Pinson was also scheduled to compete in the high jump.

For the Snyder girls, Loryn Brown was to have competed in the triple jump Saturday afternoon, followed by Amy Braziel in the shot put.

Thornhill was the first Tiger to notch a state berth. The junior's only struggle came at the 14-foot mark, the same height he cleared to win district.

Thornhill cleared 14-0 on his third attempt, then soared over the bar at 14-6 on his first try, but he still needed to clear 15-0 to earn a spot at state.

"I had never cleared 15 feet in a meet before," said Thornhill. "But I used a different pole after I got over 14-6 and it worked pretty well. It feels great. I've been looking forward to this ever since last year."

Frenship's Sage Thames won the event, setting a meet record at 16-2.

For Martinez to qualify in the 3,200, he also had to post a personal best mark.

Lake View's Ruben Solis went out like a rabbit, and Martinez sat a distant third after three laps.

But midway through the race, Solis started to tire. El Paso's Marco Gallegos, along with Martinez, easily surpassed the Chief runner.

With Gallegos pulling away, Martinez would have to hold of Ricky Ontiveros of Fabens to grab the runner-up slot. Martinez ran the final 400 meters in 67 seconds to cross the line five seconds ahead of Ontiveros.

"I knew Solis couldn't hold that pace, so I just sat back and ran my race," said Martinez. "I was in third when we started the final lap, but I sped up a little and made the other guy use his kick, early. Then after he was done, I used my kick to pass him. This is what I've been working for all year long, and it feels great."

Pinson's time in the prelims of the 110 hurdles was .10 seconds faster than Weatherford's Zach Moore who finished second in the same heat.

Pinson was clocked by handheld watches at 14.71, but the AccuTrack timing system used at regional events put the official time at 14.14.

"The AccuTrack is a little slower than what handheld times will read," said Rogers. "But either way, Wade was flying. He's a lot faster than people think, and I think he opened some eyes today."

In addition to Thames' record in the pole vault, Sweetwater's Willie Amos set a regional mark in the 300 hurdles with a time of 36.67.

The regional event concludes with Saturday night's finals at 6 o'clock.

The state meet will be held May 12-13 at Mike A. Meyers Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Region I-4A Track & Field Meet

Boys' Finals

Pole vault: 1. Thames, Frenship 16-2, 2. Thornhill, Snyder 15-0, 3. Payne, Joshua 14-6.

Long jump: 1. Hamilton, Sweetwater 23-7 1/4, 2. Fuller, Cleburne 23-6 3/4, 3. Smith, WF High 23-1 1/4.

Discus: 1. Rowden, Fort Stockton 156-11, 2. Flood, Hereford 156-2, 3. Medley, Snyder 155-6.

3,200: 1. Gallegos, EP High 9:32.18, 2. Martinez, Snyder 9:40.08, 3. Ontiveros, Fabens 9:45.66.

Boys' Prelims (top 3 qualifiers)

100: Williams, Lake View 10.34, 2. Lanier, WF Hirschi 10.46, 3. Shepard, Clint 10.72.

200: 1. Williams, Lake View 21.15, 2. Chance, Lake View 21.26, 3. Shepherd, Estacado 21.82.

400: Martin, Stephenville 47.51, 2. Manuel, Denton 48.81, 3. Scott, Estacado 49.20.

110 hurdles: 1. Pinson, Snyder 14.14, 2. Moore, Weatherford 14.24, 3. Daniells, Dumas 14.32.

300 hurdles: 1. Amos, Sweetwater 36.67, 2. Daniells, Dumas 38.45, 3. Crawford, Brownwood 38.85.

4x100 relay: 1. WF Hirschi 41.20, 2. Lake View 41.33, 3. Everman 41.73.

4x400 relay: 1. Estacado 3:19.59, 2. Everman 3:21.64, 3. Stephenville 3:22.22.

Girls' Finals

Long jump: 1. Williams, Denton 18-9 1/4, 2. Menchaca, Weatherford 18-8 1/2, 3. Sauls, Borger 18-4 3/4.

Discus: 1. Pearson, Castleberry 132-2, 2. Ayers, Canyon 132-0, 3. Lanergan, Stephenville 123-10.

3,200: 1. Lee, Pampa 11:03.60, 2. Marable, Canyon 11:24.44, 3. Mascas, Denton Ryan 11:54.80.

Girls' Prelims (top 3 qualifiers)

100: 1. Bayne, Boswell 12.10, 2. (tie) High, Estacado and Hurd, WF Rider 12.22.

200: 1. Lewis, Burleson 25.10, 2. Williams, Denton 25.23, 3. Evans, Pampa 25.54.

400: 1. Sibley, Everman 54.19, 2. Thomasson, Burleson 58.28, 3. Wright, Lake View 58.41.

100 hurdles: 1. Morton, Pampa 15.12, 2. (tie) Chitwood, Canyon and Palmer, Palo Duro 15.29.

300 hurdles: 1. Baker, Canyon 44.66, 2. McGee, Stephenville 45.01, 3. Byrom, Azle 45.40.

4x100 relay: 1. Everman 47.90, 2. Denton 48.69, 3. Levelland 49.02.

4x200 relay: 1. Levelland 1:43.32, 2. WF Hirschi 1:43.47, 3. Brownwood 1:43.54.

4x400 relay: 1. Everman 3:54.99, 2. Canyon 4:01.85, 3. Hereford 4:02.40.

WTC women lead final rodeo

STEPHENVILLE — In the final regional rodeo of the year, the Western Texas Lady Westerners are gaining momentum for their charge to the national finals.

Western Texas had eight women in position for the short round Friday night at the Tarleton rodeo in Stephenville.

While the Lady Westerners were dominating the action, the WTC men were having their share of problems in the first two rounds. Only three Westerners had notched a spot in the final round, heading into Saturday morning's slack.

"Our men's team just isn't having a spectacular rodeo," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "They're doing a lot of things right, but then something little will trip them up. But we had such a big lead in the regional standings coming in, I don't think this should hurt us that much."

In the women's competition, Western Texas holds down five of the top 10 places in the long round of the goat tying.

Sequin Downey is second with a time of 8.2 seconds, followed by Tibba Smith at 8.4, and Brandee Brock at 8.5. Jill Childers sits sixth with a 9.1, and Terra Bynum is ninth at 9.4.

"Our women's team is having a great rodeo," said Rhodes. "They're performing well in every event, and that's what you like to see."

Childers also sits second in the breakaway roping with a 2.4, followed by Smith's 2.5.

In the barrel racing, Jamie Standifer's time of 15.56 from Thursday held up to keep her in the top spot.

For the Western Texas men, Wes Stevenson is second in the bareback competition, and Wes Dinwiddie is 10th in bull riding. Cimarron Boardman and Smith sit ninth in the team roping event.

The rodeo was to have continued with slack Saturday morning, followed by Saturday night's finals.

The Tarleton rodeo wraps up the regional season. Western Texas leads the men's and women's regional standings, and will qualify for the national finals June 12-17 in Capser, Wyo.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

Golf: PDU's Special Olympics Benefit Golf Tournament at Snyder CC

Golf: Lions Club Golf Tournament at Western Texas College

Rodeo: Western Texas at Tarleton rodeo in Stephenville

Track: Snyder at regional meet, ASU's Multi-Sports Complex in San Angelo

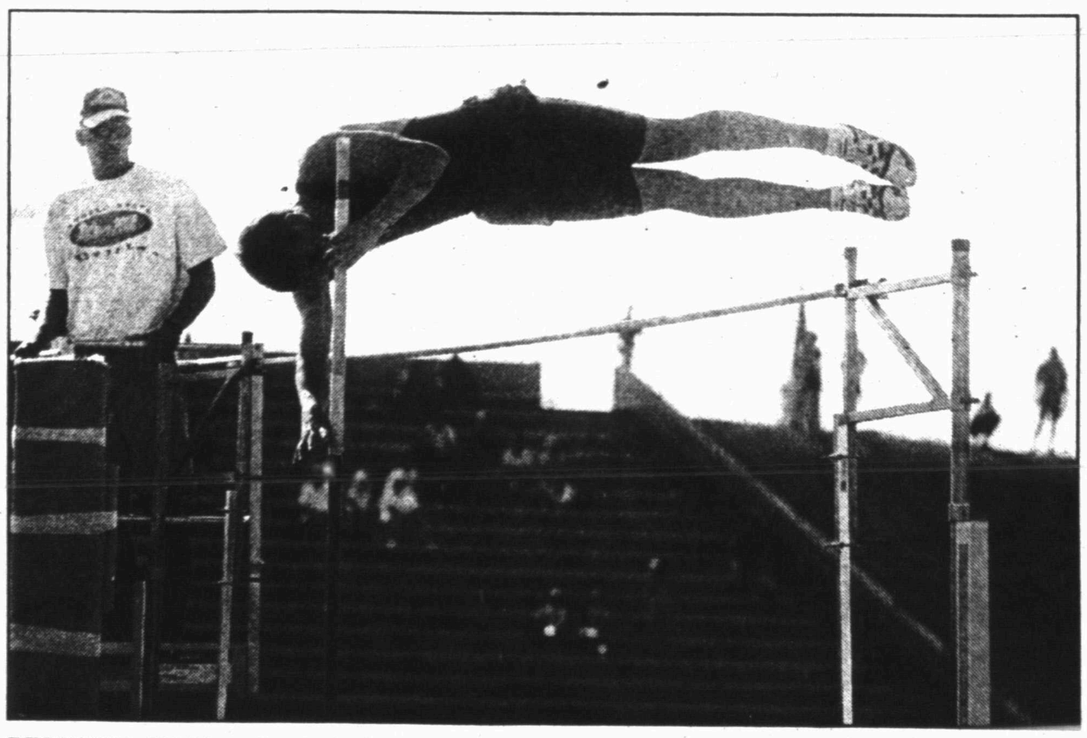
Track: Ira at regional meet, ACU's Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene

NBA Playoff Glance

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)
Friday, April 28
Philadelphia 81, Charlotte 76, Philadelphia leads series 2-1
Saturday, April 29
Miami at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 1
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, TBA
Tuesday, May 2
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary
New York at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Portland at Minnesota, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA
Wednesday, May 3
Miami at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
Thursday, May 4
Milwaukee at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Minnesota at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Philadelphia at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Friday, May 5
Detroit at Miami, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, if necessary
Seattle at Utah, TBA, if necessary
Toronto at New York, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 27
Toronto 2, New Jersey 1, Toronto leads series 1-0
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia, 0, Pittsburgh leads series 1-0
Colorado 2, Detroit 0, Colorado leads series 1-0
Friday, April 28
Dallas 4, San Jose 0, Dallas leads series 1-0
Saturday, April 29
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 1
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 4
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 5
Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary
Dallas at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 6
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, May 7
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, Noon, if necessary
Colorado at Detroit, Noon, if necessary
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Monday, May 8
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 9
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., if necessary
Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary
Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 10
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 11
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m., if necessary



PERSONAL BEST — Snyder's Jared Thornhill set a personal mark by clearing 15 feet in the pole vault Friday at regionals. The vault earned Thornhill second place and a spot at the state meet. Frenship's Sage Thames set a regional record at 16-2 to win the pole vault. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS

Home run pushes 'Stangs past Tigers

ANDREWS — Riding a five-game winning streak, the Snyder Tigers looked poised to grab at least a share of the District 5-4A baseball title.

But in the district finale, Andrews' Tyson Dever had other ideas.

Dever belted a pair of home runs Friday night to help carry the Mustangs past the Tigers, 8-7, in the final game of the regular season.

The squads finished league play tied for the runner-up spot at 7-3. After the contest, Snyder won a coin toss and will enter the playoffs as the second seed, followed by Andrews. Lake View claimed the 5-4A crown with a mark of 8-2.

"I told the guys not to get their heads down," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "We wanted to win a share of the district championship, but the important thing is we're in the playoffs. Our team is really improving lately, and anything can happen in the postseason."

Friday's finale looked early on as if it would be a low scoring affair.

Andrews starter Brock Johns held Snyder scoreless for the first four innings, while Tiger hurler Sonny Cumbie surrendered only two runs through four.

The Mustangs second run of the night came in the third when Dever blasted his first homer over the right-centerfield fence.

Trailing 2-0, the Tigers answered with a long ball of their own in the fifth when Brian Gordon busted a solo shot to bring the Tigers within a run.

But in the bottom of the frame, Andrews widened the gap with three runs on an error, three hits and a wild pitch.

Following the Tigers' blunder in the field, the Mustangs returned the favor with five errors in the top of the sixth that help fuel a six-run inning for Snyder.

With Snyder owning a 7-6 advantage, it was time for Dever to go to work again.

After two Mustangs drew walks to start off the bottom of the sixth, Snyder reliever Ralph Ramon buckled down to strike out Bryan Holt and Derek Hicks.

With two outs and a full count, Dever smashed his second home run of the game, a three-run job that gave his squad the final lead of the night.

"I thought Ralph did a good job of coming in and getting the first two guys to strike out," said Herrera. "It was just a good job by Dever of coming through for his team. That's the way it was the whole game. Our kids stepped up to help us out, and so did the Andrews kids. It was a pretty good game."

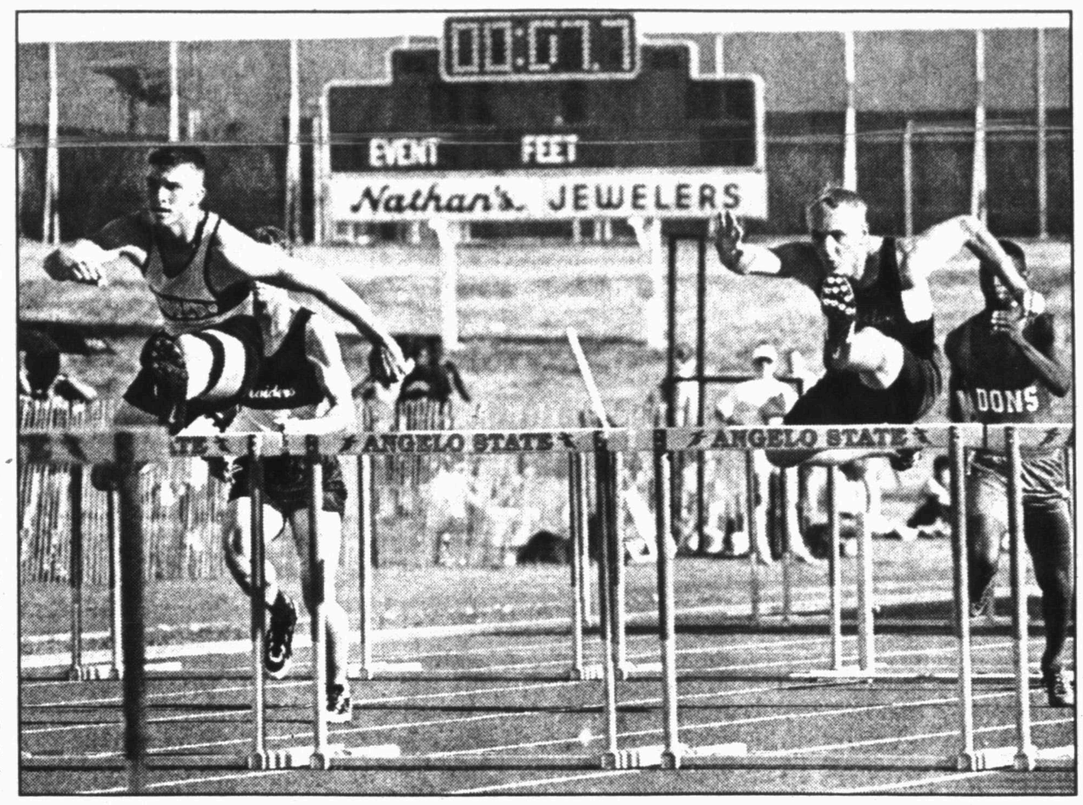
Snyder finishes the regular season with a mark of 14-13, and will face the third-place team from District 6 in the first round of the playoffs. The District 6 race was still undecided, heading into Saturday.

Regardless of the opponent, the bi-district series will be held Friday and Saturday.

District 5-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	8	2	15	11
Snyder	7	3	14	13
Andrews	7	3	17	10
Big Spring	6	4	13	11
Sweetwater	2	8	12	14
Fort Stockton	0	10	6	14

Playoffs: Lake View wins district title. Snyder enters postseason as No. 2 seed, by virtue of a coin flip. Andrews is the third seed.



HEADED FOR THE WIRE — Snyder's Wade Pinson clears a hurdle on his way to the fastest time of the preliminaries Friday at the regional track meet. Pinson posted a time of 14.14 seconds in the event, ranking him first heading into Saturday night's finals. The SHS sophomore was also set to compete in Saturday's high jump event. (SDN Staff Photo)

Balk hands Rangers 4-3 loss

BALTIMORE — Just when the reeling Texas Rangers thought they had lost in every frustrating way possible, reliever Jeff Zimmerman proved them wrong.

"It was unbelievable how it ended," Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez said Friday night after the Baltimore Orioles won 4-3 on Zimmerman's ninth-inning balk. "Just unbelievable."

The Rangers' ninth loss in 11 games was decided on an awkward — and illegal — stop-and-start motion by Zimmerman (0-3) as he readied his 1-1 pitch to Baltimore catcher Greg Myers.

With the game tied 3-3, Cal Ripken led off the ninth with a single and was replaced by pinch-runner Mark Lewis. Will Clark doubled to the right-field corner, advancing Lewis to third.

Before Zimmerman could deliver his third pitch to Myers, he wanted to have Rodriguez run through the signs again. But by halting his delivery, he gave the Orioles their eighth straight victory at Camden Yards.

"Zimmerman started and stopped. He started his motion and stopped his motion and stepped off," said second base umpire Dan Iassogna, who simultaneously called the infraction with home plate umpire Ian Lamplugh.

"Four umpires out there, and none of us have ever seen that," Iassogna added.

There was no opportunity for the Rangers to dissent — the umpires quickly left the field. Not that they had any reason to argue.

"Obviously, it was pretty blatant," a dejected Zimmerman said of the first balk of his two-year major league career.

"There was no doubt in my mind that he did it," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

Texas was cruising along behind right-hander Esteban Loiaza, who limited the Orioles to five hits — four of them singles — in the first five innings.

Chad Curtis' two-run homer in the third and back-to-back doubles by Ruben Mateo and Gabe Kapler in the fourth gave the Rangers a 3-0 lead.

But the Orioles rallied, setting the stage for their third win this season in their final at-bat.

Jeff Conine — the replacement for left fielder B.J. Surhoff, who was ejected by Lamplugh for arguing a called third strike in the first — hit Loaiza's first pitch of the sixth into the seats in left-center.

The next inning, Baltimore's Mike Bordick tied the game with his seventh homer, a two-run shot off Loaiza. Bordick increased his league-leading RBI total to 29.

Just when it looked like extra innings were probable, the game

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	16	6	.727	—
Montreal	13	8	.619	2½
New York	14	10	.583	3
Florida	13	11	.542	4
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	9
Central Division				
St. Louis	15	8	.652	—
Cincinnati	10	12	.455	4½
Pittsburgh	9	13	.409	5½
Chicago	10	15	.400	6
Houston	8	13	.381	6
Milwaukee	8	14	.364	6½
West Division				
Arizona	14	9	.609	—
Los Angeles	12	10	.545	1½
Colorado	11	12	.478	3
San Diego	11	12	.478	3
San Francisco	9	12	.429	4

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 5
Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1
Houston 7, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 4
Colorado 12, N.Y. Mets 5
Atlanta 7, San Diego 2
Los Angeles 5, Florida 3
Montreal 9, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati (Villone 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 0-0) at Milwaukee (Stull 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 2-0) at Colorado (Yoshii 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 2-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 2-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 3-0) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 0-2) at San Diego (Lopez 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Montreal at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	14	7	.667	—
Baltimore	13	9	.591	1½
Boston	11	8	.579	2
Toronto	11	13	.458	4½
Tampa Bay	9	13	.409	5½
Central Division				
Chicago	16	7	.696	—
Cleveland	12	7	.632	2
Kansas City	11	12	.478	5
Minnesota	11	13	.458	5½
Detroit	5	16	.238	10
West Division				
Seattle	12	9	.571	—
Anaheim	11	13	.458	2½
Oakland	10	13	.435	3
Texas	8	14	.364	4½

Friday's Games
Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 2
Cleveland 4, Boston 3
Baltimore 4, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 0
Oakland 5, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 8, Seattle 5
Tampa Bay 11, Anaheim 2

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 1-0) at Detroit (Mlicki 0-4), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (R.Martinez 1-1) at Cleveland (Finley 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-0), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 0-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 0-2), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 1-0) at Minnesota (Milton 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 1-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-0) at Anaheim (Hill 2-3), 10:05 p.m.

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

Daves nabs second trip to Austin

ABILENE — Coming into the regional track meet, Ira shot putter Logan Daves wasn't favored to make a return trip to the state meet.

Evidently, someone forgot to tell Logan.

Daves came through with his best effort of the season Friday, posting a distance of 48 feet, 3 inches to grab second place at the Region II-A track meet at Abilene Christian's Elmer Gray Stadium.

With the runner-up finish, the Ira senior earned his second consecutive trip to the state meet May 12-13 in Austin.

Bronte's Blake McKee won the event with a toss of 48-8 1/2.

In girls' competition, Ira's Morgan Clements cleared 4-10 to grab fifth place in the high jump.

The Lady Bulldogs still have the 800-meter relay to run Saturday night.

Also scheduled to compete for Ira on Saturday is Jose Juarez who will make his bid for a state berth in the 800 and the 400-meter dash.

The top two from each event will advance to the state meet.

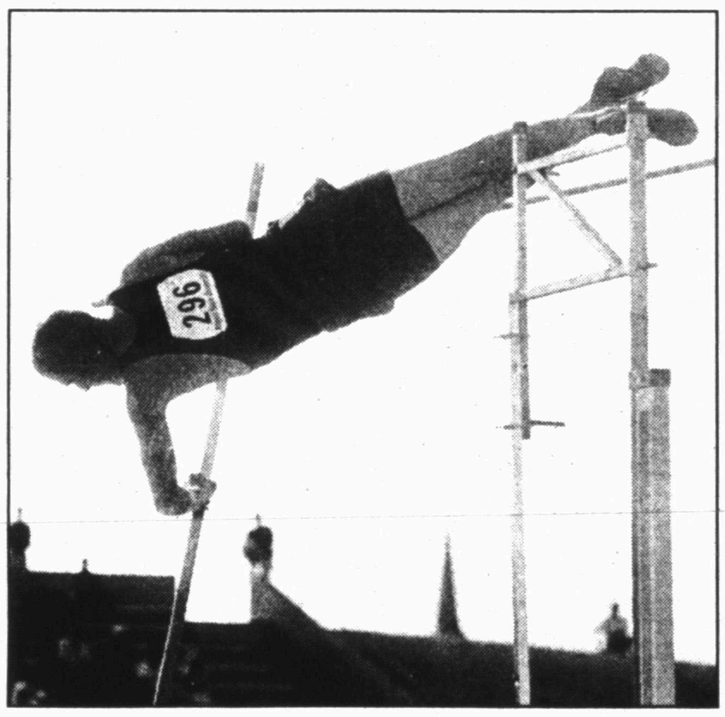
Sooners down Red Raiders in final frame

LUBBOCK (AP) — Oklahoma broke open a tie game in the ninth inning and topped Texas Tech 7-4 on Friday.

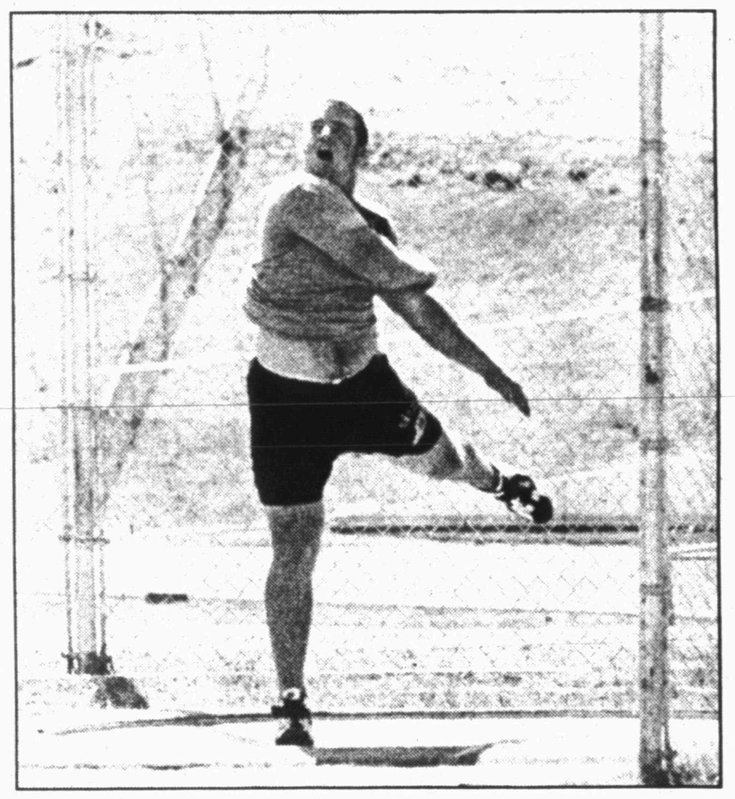
Rocky Cherry (6-4) recorded the win. Blake McGinley took his first loss, falling to 4-1.

Texas Tech tied the game with single runs in the fifth and sixth.

Then, in the ninth, McGinley retired the first two batters before allowing four straight hits. The Sooners got the go-ahead run on an interference call that allowed Jerome Godsey to score.



SAILING INTO THE SUNSET — Snyder's Jesse Haines catches a piece of the bar during Friday evening's pole vault competition at the regional meet. Haines finished in 12th place. (SDN Staff Photo)



LET IT SAIL — Snyder's Mark Medley releases the discus Friday during action at the regional meet. Medley finished third in the event, and was to have competed Saturday afternoon in the shot put. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

WGA holds weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format will be low net foursomes on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play Thursday's at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.


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REMEMBER WHEN – The annual Fluvanna homecoming is set for June 9-10 at Scurry County Coliseum. Those in attendance will be reminiscing about photos such as this from the 1952-53 school year of the first and second grades. Shown on the front row, left to right, are Marquita Milliken, Barbara Durham, Keitha Kever, Glenda Wiman, Robyn Beaver, Janie Gleghorn and Sue Herring. On the back row, from left, are Edna Kellner, Gwen Landrum, Mary Ellen Ainsworth, Mary Ellen Eckert, LaRue Reeder, Joann Wilkins, Margaret Hernandez, Melvin Kellner, Bobby Stansell, Evelyn Cervantes, Johnny Wilkins and Leonard Hernandez. (Photo courtesy of Sue Herring)

ABC/Disney grants Time Warner another extension

HOUSTON (AP) — ABC/Disney has again granted Time Warner Cable more time for negotiations in their battle over retransmission rights.

Disney/ABC said Friday it would extend its agreement to let Time Warner carry ABC affiliate KTRK-TV on its cable system through May 24, but the cable company was noncommittal on the proposal, the Houston Chronicle reported in today's editions.

An existing 30-day extension of the retransmission agreement expires at midnight Sunday. ABC proposed that the new one expire the last day of the ratings period known as the May sweeps.

"We're well aware of Disney's assertion that simply by offering an extension, we're required to accept that," said Mike Luftman, spokesman for Time Warner Communications. "Our lawyers are studying that."

ABC/Disney in February began threatening to withhold Time Warner's right to retransmit Houston ABC affiliate KTRK-TV when negotiations over a 10-year national retransmission deal broke down.

It's the fifth deadline extension ABC has offered since the original deal expired at the end of 1999.

KTRK-TV general manager Henry Florsheim had no comment when told that Time Warner was studying the Disney/ABC extension proposal.

When asked about progress in the negotiations, he replied, "We have yet to see Time Warner seriously address our demands. We are very concerned they are hoping to sneak the AOL/Time Warner merger through before addressing these issues."

One offer being made by Time Warner would extend the retransmission agreement through the end of the year, which was scorned by Preston Padden, Disney's executive vice president of government relations.

He and Florsheim said Time Warner's settlement proposals have been "materially worse" than the one the cable company offered in December.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 30, 2000

In the year ahead you're likely to find yourself with more initiative and courage than usual. But it will enable you to make changes more to your liking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) That new project in which you just got yourself into is deserving of your full time and attention. Put forth the necessary effort to bring it to fruition today. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the y r ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you need a favor from someone, this might be the day to request the aid. In general, people are upbeat and ready to go to bat for those they like.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Knowledge you recently acquired can be put to good uses today, especially with mental puzzlements. This fresh ammo will assure a more rapid untangling of the problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of taking a back seat today, go for the gold when it comes to competitive elements or situations. Your fight and determination will surface as needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Armed with the right partner today, you and your counterpart should do quite well in any undertaking you tackle together. You'll compliment each other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A situation not of your own making might occupy your time today. However, once you get going on it, you'll rapidly work things out to your satisfaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chances are some friends or acquaintance will be sharing a lot of your time today, engaging in activities that might be more physical than mental. It'll be a fun day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Working on projects for the home today will not only save you a bunch of money, they'll beautify the space in which you dwell. Everyone will appreciate your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might have to use bolder tactics than usual in order to further a personal ambition, but it should prove to be successful as long as you don't get out of line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Give financial arrangements top priority today when it comes to handling the budget. You can find ways to make or save more than you might realize.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If things are happening fast enough to suit you today, don't sit around waiting for what you want to come to you. Take direct action yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Search deep within you today for the tools it takes to achieve your aims. You already possess all the talent needed to improve your position in life.

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Like most Taureans, you'll be in a rather fortunate learning cycle in the year ahead. Whatever you learn at this time will benefit you more than usual. Be a searcher of knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) With a little detective work, an arrangement about which you've been dubious could benefit you a great deal. Whatever the outcome, it will transform your thinking. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to get someone to support an issue you feel strongly about, discuss it with him or her in detail today on a one-to-one basis. You can't sell everybody at the same time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) By thinking of the work you must do today as making improvements for the future, you'll put more heart into them and they'll seem far easier to accomplish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A romance could be kindled today with someone you may have known for some time but never thought of in that light. It could be the start of something good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before beginning anything new today, finish up some old projects you've left dangling. You'll be able to finalize them to your satisfaction, giving you a fresh start on things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Arrangements into which you enter today could hold more benefits than you realize. Once you get into the negotiations, fresh thinking will enrich the project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chances are you should be able to save yourself a bundle of money today by first shopping around for the components involved. That includes the selection of a serviceperson, as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're likely to make a strong, favorable impression on others today, regardless of the circumstances or your involvements. If someone needs impressing, do so now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Bring constructive common interests to the forefront today, and a better understanding of what is right for the entire family can be achieved at this time. Hold nothing back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might come to your attention today that someone is interested in what you have to say about a mutual involvement. Contact this person and check it out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If there are any money issues that you'd like to revise, try to upgrade them today. Your financial trends appear friendly to these kinds of arrangements.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone with whom you have dealings wants to hear about your views on a mutual endeavor as much as you need to hear about his or hers. Get together and bring each other up to speed.

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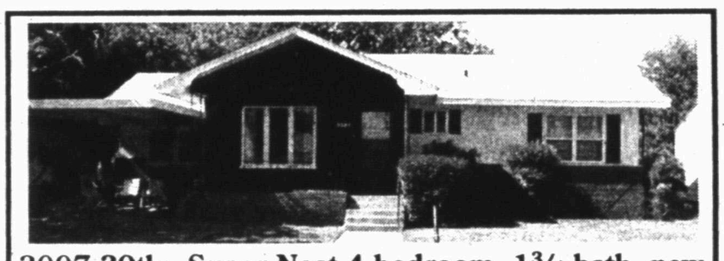
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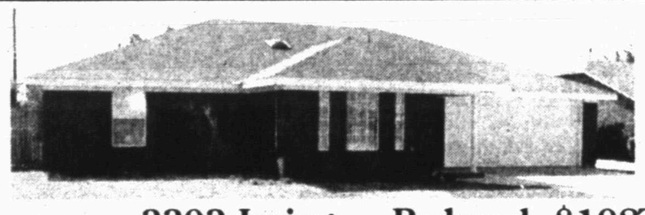
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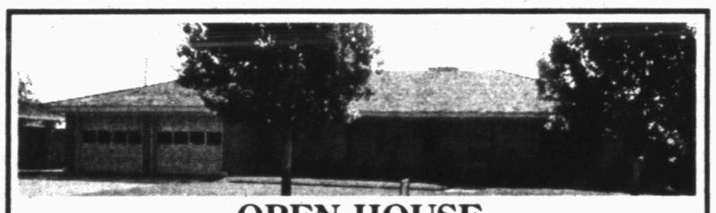
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To "Our Friends" and Family we want to tell everyone how much we appreciated all the kind words spoken to us, the prayers that were said, the food prepared, the beautiful flowers and plants sent, and the memorials for Eddie, most of all the support and love we needed.

A special thank you to all the teachers and friends at Snyder High School, our friends at Cogdell Hospital, Barry Tubb, Randy Glasscock, Vance Voss, Randy Gordon, Bobby Wall, Don Franklin, Bell-Cypert-Seale, Marty Akins, The First Baptist Church Family and First Christian Church Family.

We lost someone very close to our hearts, our Dad and our friend. We will miss Eddie greatly.

Thank you all for being there for us. We will never forget your kindness.

Love,
Sharon, Brandon and Zach Rollins

THANK YOU

The Family of C.W. Addison wishes to express its sincere appreciation for your kindness, thoughtfulness and most of all your prayers during this time of our great loss. Thanks to Dr. Bid Cooper, Vista Care Hospice, Ira Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Martin, Dr. Marty Akins and the ladies of First Baptist Church.

Thanks to all who helped us through this difficult time. May God Bless each one of you.

Billy & Dorothy Gober & sons
Steve & Peggy Hicks & sons

Date Books

Saturday, April 29, 2000
Today is the 120th day of 2000 and the 41st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1894, Coxsey's Army, a band of about 500 unemployed men led by social reformer Jacob Coxsey, arrived in Washington, D.C., to petition Congress for measures to relieve unemployment and distress.

On this day in 1932, "One Man's Family" debuted on the NBC radio network.

On this day in 1992, actor Emilio Estevez and singer Paula Abdul were wed at a courthouse in Santa Monica, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951), publisher; Duke Ellington (1899-1974), composer-pianist; Hirohito (1901-1989), Japanese emperor; Rod McKuen (1933-), poet, is 67; Zubin Mehta (1936-), conductor, is 64; Jim Ryun (1947-), runner, is 53; Daniel Day-Lewis (1957-), actor, is 43; Michelle Pfeiffer (1957-), actress, is 43; Andre Agassi (1970-), tennis player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Philadelphia left-hander Steve Carlton threw his 3,000th major-league strikeout in a game against Montreal.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Gray skies are just clouds passing over." — Duke Ellington

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 26) and new moon (May 4).

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Sunday, April 30, 2000
Today is the 121st day of 2000 and the 42nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1926, the commercial transmission of photographs by radio across the Atlantic began. A photograph of the Pilgrims' Society dinner was transmitted from London to New York City in an hour and 25 minutes.

On this day in 1945, "Arthur Godfrey Time" debuted on the CBS radio network.

On this day in 1992, the last episode of "The Cosby Show" was broadcast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Lehar (1870-1948), composer; John Crowe Ransom (1888-1974), poet-critic; Cloris Leachman (1926-), actress, is 74; Willie Nelson (1933-), singer-songwriter, is 67; Jill Clayburgh (1944-), actress, is 56; Isiah Thomas (1962-), basketball player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Milwaukee Bucks defeated Baltimore to win the NBA championship in a four-game sweep.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Decision is a risk rooted in the courage of being free." — Paul Tillich

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Colleges debate sweatshop issue

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (AP) — If the Worker Rights Consortium wants to improve conditions at foreign factories where college sports apparel is made, it needs to work with the manufacturers, universities involved in the new anti-sweatshop group say.

Delegates from 37 schools met at the Big Ten Conference headquarters and agreed the watchdog group should give universities more than three seats on its 12-member governing board, and should find ways to cooperate with the industry.

"We have to put these issues on the table if this organization is going to work," said Larry Mann, associate chancellor of the University of Illinois.

Labor practices at foreign factories under contract to shoe and sportswear makers have come under criticism.

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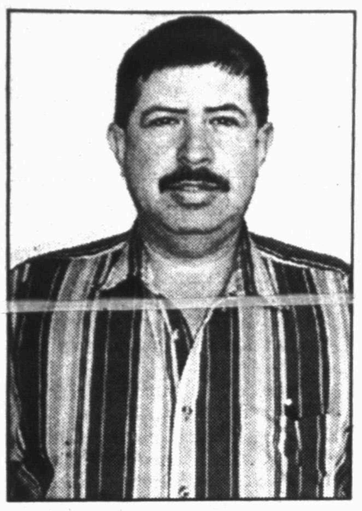
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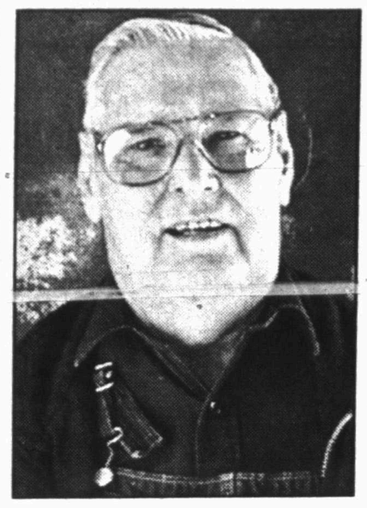


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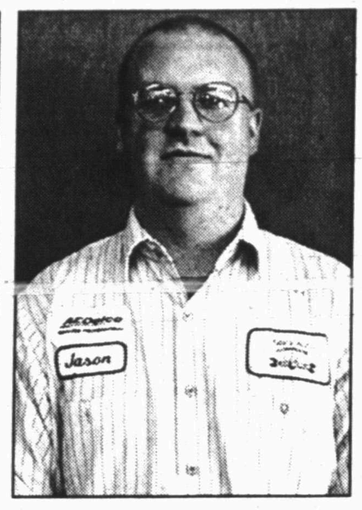
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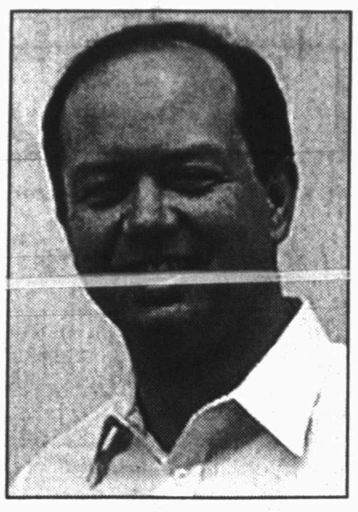
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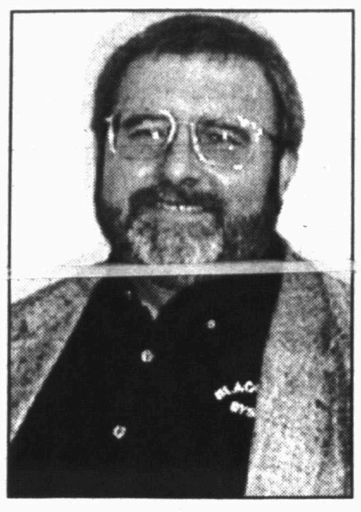
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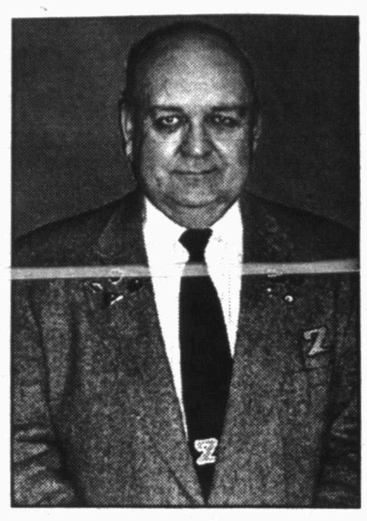
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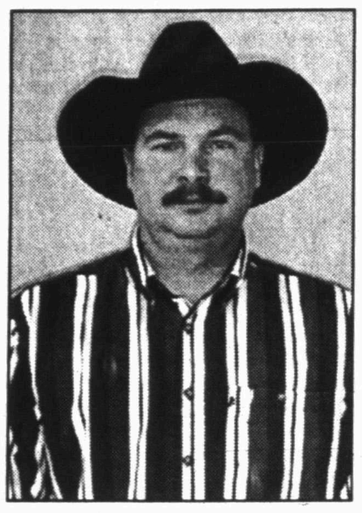
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WTC Board Place 6



John Zalman III
WTC Board Place 6



Dennis Taylor
Ira School Board
Place 4

Candidates for Place 4 on the Ira ISD board of trustees:

1.) What is the most pressing problem facing Ira ISD today from a state level?

Dennis Taylor: State educational funding

Gilbert Sanchez: unfunded mandates

2.) What is the most pressing problem facing the district from the local level?

Taylor: Re-staffing — a lot of time and work is being spent to find qualified personnel to fill the number of vacant positions within the school system.

Sanchez: maintaining a high level of education

3.) Are there any specific goals you would like to see accomplished at Ira ISD over the next few years? If so, what are they?

Taylor: My goal is to do my part in maintaining the excellent rating of our school system. This can be done by working with the other board members and administration to make sure that we have the best qualified personnel available for the educational welfare of all children in the school system.

Sanchez: To see that the educational needs of all students are met.

Candidates for District 4 on the City Council:

1.) What do you consider to be Snyder's primary assets and how can they best be utilized?

I. E. Martin: The people of Snyder are the primary assets. Then there is the landfill, the new water plant and the sewer plant. The best way these can be utilized is to keep them repaired, and add the new things to them as they come along.

Jason Spradlin: I think Snyder's primary asset is the people of Snyder. I think Snyder has outstanding schools and college. We are also a strong church community. These three working together will strengthen Sn[illegible]

2.) What is the most pressing problem facing Snyder residents today? Outline the solution to this need.

Martin: The decline in oil revenues and the loss of jobs. To work with the DCOS and the mayor and the other council members to bring new industry into town.

Spradlin: The biggest problem in Snyder today is not enough jobs. We need more businesses in Snyder and industry. In order for us to have a strong economy, we need more of our people working here and spending money in Snyder.

3.) State any specific goals you would like to see accomplished over the next few years.

Martin: I would like to continue to work with the S.T.A.R. program and to try to get the best franchise we can with Cox Communications.

Spradlin: I hope for more jobs and stronger economy. I hope to see more people staying in Snyder and more people moving to Snyder. I hope to see our people and churches becoming stronger in helping Snyder overcome whatever trouble comes our way.

4.) Define briefly the role of a city council member.

Martin: Work with the mayor, and the other members of the council. Work with the city manager and with other people to do the best job we can.

Spradlin: I believe a city councilman should listen to the community, be honest and trustworthy and to be able to make decisions for the community to better the community. I pray with God's help to be the councilman that Snyder needs and to make decisions to make Snyder stronger.

Candidates for Place 6 on the Western Texas College board:

1.) What is the most pressing problem facing WTC today from a state level? (mandates, lack of funding, etc.)

John Zalman III: An increase of state funding would always help any institution, including WTC. I would maintain those political ties and contacts, e.g. Rep. David Counts, at the state level in order to be aware of upcoming possible changes to funding and other legislation that would influence or impact WTC.

James Hanks: It is my opinion that the most pressing problem facing WTC at any level is that of funding. All efforts must be made to increase and improve the funding WTC has. The local economy cannot support the college on its own. The lack of pursuit of grants has hurt the college severely. We cannot wait for funding to fall in our laps. It must be pursued and run to ground. The leadership of the college must be made to understand the result of cutting programs cuts students from the student body. The on-campus enrollment is down and continues to drop at WTC while other schools in the area have increased. We have a problem that cutting programs has not/will not fix.

Scott Richburg: The most pressing problem facing the college from the state level is the method in which programs at the college are funded by the state. Program funding is based on student enrollment during the funding year, which is every other year. This results in the college having to have the financial resources available to start up and fund the program until the state funding is in place. At best there is a delay of one year before the state funding is available, and the delay could be as long as two years. This means that for the college to take advantage of education opportunities in the rapidly changing educational environment there must be a fairly large contingency fund available specifically for this use.

2.) What is the most pressing problem facing the college district from a local level?

Zalman: I believe, and I think most would agree, that local tax funding of WTC is the most pressing problem. A decreasing tax base resulting from drought, impacting farming and ranching operations, and the continuing oil industry's decline in Scurry County have resulted in program cuts at WTC. These cuts are neither desirable nor welcomed, but unfortunately were necessary.

Hanks: See answer to question 1.

Richburg: I think there are two equally pressing problems at the local level. One is the declining tax base from which the maintenance tax for the college is derived. The college needs this revenue, but the taxpayers don't need a tax increase. Creative thinking needs to find other means of revenue to replace the decline in this area without going to the taxpayers with a tax increase. The second problem is the declining population in the college service area. Our traditional student base is declining, and the educational opportunities for them have increased with the use of technology in the delivery of education. The college must make available the educational products that will compete well in our area and that will draw students from outside our service area.

3.) Would you like to see WTC reinstate the sports of women's basketball, men's basketball and men's golf. Explain you position.

Zalman: Yes, if we can afford it! Presently, WTC can't…simple economics. If and when WTC can afford an athletic program, it should be backed whole-heartedly and with sufficient funding to make it competitive. Athletics draw students (athletes and non-athletes) to WTC to get an education. The primary roll of a college institution is the continuing education of our younger generations.

Hanks: YES. Sports programs help any school. They are a point around which the student body can come together. For every athlete the program pulls in, you have a boyfriend or girlfriend that may also come to the school. Athletics have been a part of college life for decades and unless WTC is planning on becoming a purely academic school, sports needs to be a part of campus life.

Richburg: I would like to see sports programs reinstated at WTC. The criteria for reinstatement must be threefold. First, the funding for the programs must not be detrimental to the educational mission of the college. Funds needed to attract and keep quality personnel and to develop new programs must not be used to fund athletics. Second, the funding must be sufficient to create a competitive program. The teams will represent the college, and we should put together a respectable program and not a second rate effort. Last, this program should not be funded at the increasing expense of the taxpayer.

4.) Do you think WTC should eliminate all sports programs, including the rodeo program? Explain you position.

Zalman: No, as long as the program can come close to breakeven, financially. According to information I have received, the rodeo program is doing fine. However, the golf course has lost nearly a million dollars since its inception. Where could that money have gone? Who has it cost? The taxpayer? The faculty and staff of WTC? The students? Yes, it has cost all of them, and us too. It is very desirable to keep the golf course, but can we afford it? As a board member, I feel it would be my job to be open to ALL — administration, faculty, staff, students, taxpayers and voters — to solicit and receive their ideas about WTC and its operations. One key to WTC's survival and growth is doing it, efficiently.

Hanks: This is merely question #3 in reverse. WTC as it now stands cannot support going to a purely academic institution. The school does not have the academic strength to make such a move. Sports need to remain a part of the school. There are other schools that are two-year campus schools that are not having the same problems WTC is having. At the very least, WTC needs to look at what these schools are doing and figure out how we can do the same thing here. Adapting it to our campus and concerns of course. We do not need to reinvent the wheel. We do need to find out what is the problem with the wheel we have and either repair or replace it. It is simple to say the school is short on funds. The real question becomes, then, how do we as a school and community come up with the funding for the school without taxing our residents beyond what they are already paying. Right now WTC is known across the U.S. as a rodeo college. While that is great, that in itself is not enough. Rodeo is a wonderful sport, but WTC needs to be known for a great deal more than rodeo. I realize the changes I am talking about will not be easy or quick, but they are changes that need to be made and need to be made NOW.

Richburg: The rodeo program should not be eliminated. The program has over 50 students participating. Many of these students are at WTC specifically for the rodeo program. These students represent almost $180,000 in revenue from state funding. The Rodeo Booster Club provides approximately $18,000 in scholarships, and the college is paid about $15,000 for participation in the national championships. The team competes well at the national level and the program draws students from all over the world. This program is both a financial asset, and a tremendous marketing and public relations tool.

The last day to vote absentee is Tuesday, May 2 for the May 6 Election

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Cuban exiles mad over Elian's seizure planning peaceful rally

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban exiles, angry about how Elian Gonzalez was seized by federal agents, looked to send a strong, but peaceful message by converging in Little Havana for what leaders promised would be the community's biggest protest yet.

All week, Cuban exile leaders speaking via Spanish radio have urged people to participate in the rally, planned for this afternoon.

"This is a moment where the three generations of Cubans that are here are coming together in favor of supporting the child Elian and denouncing the aggressive way that they entered his home," said Andres Nazario Sargen, of Alpha 66, an anti-Castro group.

Protest organizers envision thousands funneling into Calle Ocho, Little Havana's main street. A series of remarks by community leaders are planned, and everyone has been repeatedly told to protest without violence.

Many Cuban exiles took to the streets in protest after agents from the Immigration and Naturalization Service raided the home of Elian's Miami relatives last week. The demonstrators set more than 200 fires, burning mostly tires and trash, Police clad in riot gear arrested more than 350 people and cleared away thousands more from Little Havana.

Still, the fallout from the raid and the way Miami Police handled protesters sank the city government into chaos. By Friday, a day after the mayor fired the city manager, the city's police chief resigned.

Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle made a plea for the community to remain calm.

"Elian is gone for now and my heart is broken," he said in a statement released Friday. "But South Florida must stay united. We cannot allow this tragedy to destroy our community."

Elian's Miami relatives are concerned about the "chasm that has developed in the wake of Elian's illegal seizure Easter weekend," Lazaro said through his spokesman Armando Gutierrez.

Minorities targeted in shooting spree

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The violence started at a suburban home, where a Jewish woman had been shot dead, and quickly spread to an Indian grocery store, a Chinese restaurant and, finally, a karate school.

Over the course of an hour, police say a man targeting minorities calmly drove across the four Pittsburgh suburbs Friday afternoon and methodically picked out his victims.

By day's end, five people had been shot dead. They included the Jewish woman, a black man, two men of Asian descent and another man of Indian descent. A second Indian man was critically wounded.

Police arrested Richard Scott Baumhammers, 34, an immigration lawyer and the son of Latvian immigrants who lived in suburban Mount Lebanon.

He remained jailed early Saturday in Beaver County, where he was arrested shortly after a 22-year-old black man was shot and killed in a karate studio. Baumhammers was charged with homicide and reckless endangerment in that shooting.

Authorities said his arraignment was pending on the other slayings, which occurred in adjacent Allegheny County.

"We are taking a tack of ethnic intimidation — a hate crime," said Paul Wolf, acting Allegheny County Police superintendent.

The deadly shooting spree was the second of its kind in the region since March, when a black man allegedly yelled racial epithets and killed three white men.

"It was an attack against us all, because it sought in its violence to divide us by the color of our skin and the nations of our ancestors," Gov. Tom Ridge said from Pebble Beach, Calif., where he was speaking to a Republican group.

"We are struggling to make sense of what appears to be yet another brutal racist rampage."

Outside Baumhammers' brief arraignment Friday in Beaver Falls, about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, a crowd jeered him and called for his execution. He smirked as police led him around in a bulletproof vest.

The killings took place within a 20-mile range through suburbs surrounding Pittsburgh. The shooter was armed with a .357-caliber handgun, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported today.

Police received first word of the shootings shortly before 2 p.m.

U.S. proposing second, more elaborate system of defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is proposing to Russia that it clear a legal path for an elaborate anti-missile system to shield the United States from an attack from the Middle East.

It would be the second phase in a program that requires modifying the 1972 U.S.-Soviet Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Russia so far has refused, warning that changes could touch off an arms race, but its negotiators have been willing to talk about the plan.

The first phase, as outlined to The Associated Press on Friday by a senior U.S. official, would involve 100 launchers and new radar. President Clinton is expected to urge Russian President Vladimir Putin to go along with amending the treaty to legalize the limited defense system when the two leaders meet in Moscow on June 4-5.

Deployment is envisaged for 2005. The shield would be designed for protection from attack from Asia. North Korea, at this point, is considered the most-ly likely Asian country to attack U.S. targets.

The second phase, involving additional interceptors and radar and a second deployment site, would rely on an orbiting satellite system that is not due to be completed before 2010, said the senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

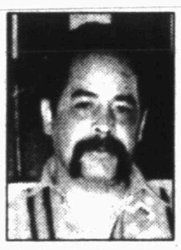
As a result, the administration, while notifying Russian officials of the program, is leaving negotiations over the details of the second phase to its successor, the official said.

Obituaries

Refugio Sanchez

1957-2000

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Refugio "Cuco" Sanchez, 43, of Sweetwater.



Refugio Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez, a former Scurry County resident, died Friday, April 28, when two tractor-trailer rigs collided about three miles west of Cameron.

Born March 18, 1957 in Floresville, Mr. Sanchez was a 1977 graduate of Hermleigh High School and he was an employee of Roadrunner Trucking of Roby. He married Victoria Martinez on Aug. 17, 1998 in Sweetwater.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Sanchez of Sweetwater; two sons, Abel Sanchez of Loveland, Colo., and Steven Sanchez of Dime; one daughter, Amanda Sanchez of [illegible] land; two stepdaughters Thomasson and Em[illegible]tinez, both of Sweetwater sisters, Adelpha Sauce[illegible] Hermleigh, Silvia Quiros of Snyder, Gloria Sosa of Snyder and Irene Saucedo of Dallas; six brothers, Andrew Sanchez, Louis Sanchez Jr., Arthur Sanchez, all of Snyder, Dionicio Sanchez of Hermleigh, Mario Sanchez of Sweetwater and Rosendo Sanchez of Levelland; his mother, Modesta Sanchez of Hermleigh; and three grandchildren.

His father, Louis Sanchez Sr. died Sept. 8, 1995.

Cliff Mitchell

1982-2000

MIDLAND – Cliff Mitchell, a Lee High School junior, died Thursday, April 27, at his home.

Funeral service for Mr. Mitchell, 17, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Donald Haffman officiating. Burial will [illegible] in Resthaven Memorial [illegible]er the direction of [illegible]ral Home.

S[illegible], 1982 in Mid[illegible] member of the [illegible]all team and [illegible] Church. [illegible]e his par[illegible] and Charlotte [illegible]idland; a sister, Me[illegible]f Midland; his gra[illegible]arie and Tex Leach of S[illegible]etwater, Magdalene Pridemore of Brownwood and Michael Hill of Sweetwater; his aunts and uncles, LaWayne and Janet Fagan of Midland, James and Sandra Hand and James and Sandra Hand.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Ellis Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of choice.

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Wind feeding fire in Arizona

PHO[illegible](AP) — Hundreds of firefighters watched in vain as wind whipped the flames a wildfire that has charred more than 3,000 acres of the Tonto National Forest.

The fire had been moving steadily northeast, but Friday evening it started to make a run to the west.

About 360 firefighters, including some 100 brought in Friday, were trying to stop the blaze with the assistance of at least two engines, a helicopter, three air tankers and two airplanes.

While officials expected to work around the clock devising strategies to snuff the blaze, they pulled most crews off the fire lines Friday night because of the dangerous, windy conditions.

Winds lessened overnight, but the humidity rose and firefighters said little progress was being made.

"We're seeing real radical fire behavior," Tonto National Forest spokesman Jim Payne said. "We're seeing very gusty winds. Right now, the fire is consuming entire trees."

The National Weather Service's weekend forecast offered little relief with lower temperatures but continued winds through Sunday.

The fire started Wednesday afternoon in the Sierra Ancha Mountains northeast of Phoenix. Forest Service officials believe the fire was of human origin and urged anyone who was in the area at the time to come forward as a potential witness.

The rapid pace of the fire has been fueled by bone-dry trees and large amounts underbrush. Rugged terrain also has kept firefighters from gaining ground, authorities said.

Stolen car found; owner arrested

City officers were called to the 2700 block of Avenue O shortly before 7 a.m. Friday as Adrian Rodriquez reported his 1991 Pontiac had been stolen sometime after midnight Thursday.

Officers located the vehicle about an hour later in the 1800 block of 28th Street.

That was the good news for Rodriquez.

The bad news was that Rodriquez was arrested by officers for felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Rodriquez was later released from jail after posting a $25,000 bond.

Three other persons were arrested Friday.

An 18-year-old male was taken into custody at 9:35 a.m. in the 4200 block of Avenue V for driving under the influence of alcohol.

At 10:31 p.m., a male juvenile was taken into custody at the Sonic and released to Larry Thompson, juvenile probation officer.

City officers arrested a 44-year-old male in the 900 block of College Avenue at 11:55 p.m. for DWI.

In other activity, deputies filed a report for a state jail felony offense in reference to someone taking the gate and fence from Snyder Cemetery.

Officers also investigated two reports Friday night of persons not paying for gasoline at Town and Country on 37th Street. The amounts were $15 and $14.

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Word Is Life anniversary

Word Is Life Deliverance Church will observe its 10th anniversary and dedication celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday at 312 Coliseum Drive. The public is invited. A meal will be provided following the services.

Ira kindergarten signup

Kindergarten registration for Ira students will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Students must be five before Sept. 2 and will need to bring birth certificate, social security card and updated immunization record.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will consider six felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Band boosters

SHS band boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the band hall to finalize banquet plans and to take scholarship applications.

SJHS 7th grade program

Snyder Junior High will have a program for incoming 7th graders and their parents at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium.

Fellowship for missionaries

Paul and Kathy Savage, missionaries to Tanzania, will be in Snyder Monday. A potluck dinner is set for 6 p.m. in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish.

VFW Auxiliary installation

VFW Ladies Auxiliary will have installation of officers at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the VFW Hall.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday to make plans for the sports banquet.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What Does It Take to be One of God's People," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 11."

Ira First Baptist revival

Ira's First Baptist Church will have a revival at 7 p.m. starting Tuesday and ending Thursday. Wes Massey will be the evangelist.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. The next topic is "Expanding Your Child's Reading Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Hermleigh Cemetery meeting

The Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited.

5th grade band signup

A one-day registration for 5th graders wanting to be in the 6th grade band is set from 3:45 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Northeast Elementary auditorium. A parent or guardian must attend with student.

Class of '75 reunion

The SHS Class of 1975 will have a 25th reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the home of Pam Underwood Gibson, 2707 36th. Call 573-2386.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The annual meeting of the Pyron Cemetery Association will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Inadale Community Center, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

New CHIP program

The new CHIP program is designed to provide medical coverage for children whose parents can't afford private insurance. A CHIP representative will be in Snyder on Tuesday, May 9. Applications and assistance will be available. Applicants will need to bring their last two months income verifications, or a letter from their employer, and verification of day-care expenses. If you h[illegible]ve any questions, call 1-800-592-7433.

SHS Pops Concert

Snyder High School's Pops Concert will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 each and will go on sale Monday.

Amateur radio club

The Rolling Plains Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the Scurry County Library. Anyone interested is invited. For more information call 573-2222 or 573-8182 after 5 p.m.

Union Baptist revival

A two-week revival will be held by Union Baptist Church. The church will observe Heaven's Jubilee May 7-13. Following regular service on May 14, Mickey Wagoner will be the evangelist May 15-17.

Project Graduation 2000

Anyone interested in making donations of cash or merchandise for Project Graduation for the SHS class of 2000 can call 574-6080 for additional information.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-12-24-13-7

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 0-94-28-99

Could two 'Baby Bills' be better than one?

SEATTLE (AP) — A pair of Microsoft companies could double consumers' choices, but could also create twice the monopoly power in the software industry, analysts say.

Even if the software giant is broken up, which is by no means certain, its products might continue to dominate the market, even if they come from separate companies.

Under a plan submitted Friday to a federal judge by the Justice Department and 17 states, Microsoft Corp. would be divided into one company that would produce the Windows operating system, and another that would make software programs such as the Microsoft Office suite of spreadsheet, word processing and other business applications, including the Internet Explorer Web browser.

"If this breakup plan were to make it all the way through appeals, it could create a lot of confusion in the marketplace," said Rob Enderle, an analyst with the Giga Information Group. "Long-term, we'd find a lot more benefit, but it might be with two very dominant companies instead of one."

Microsoft's billionaire chairman, Bill Gates, called the government's proposal "out of bounds and out of touch," and says he will continue to fight in appeals court even as the company tries to continue conducting business as usual.

Under the proposal, Gates and the company's other directors would be forced to choose which "Baby Bill" they would hold stock in, while other stockholders would receive shares in both companies.

The government asked that the companies be barred from reuniting for 10 years from the effective date of a breakup.

"This decree will not limit Microsoft's ability to add new features to its products or otherwise to innovate," said Joel Klein, the Justice Department's antitrust chief. "But by turning loose the power of competition in the operating systems business, this decree will stimulate innovation throughout the software industry. ... The American consumer will benefit enormously from this proposed remedy."

Microsoft has until May 10 to respond to the government's proposal. Bill Neukom, the company's general counsel, said Microsoft will ask for a major extension of that deadline.

Because Friday's filing is only a recommendation to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, consumers are unlikely to see any changes to the software on their personal and business computers for at least two years.

Jackson previously ruled that the software giant is a monopoly that illegally bullied competitors and stifled innovation, hurting consumers in the process.

If he follows the government's recommendation and it survives the appeals process, the immediate impact of the remedies could come within months as computer makers, no longer required to adhere to Microsoft's previous business practices, begin making custom alterations to the way Windows is presented to the customer.

"This could bring a whole new wave of interesting competition for hardware manufacturers," said Chris LeTocq, an analyst for the Gartner Group. "Think about it. Each computer maker could include new and different things to really add value and make their computers stand out from the rest."

The actual breakup would bring on another set of changes.

Ideally, the applications half of Microsoft would start developing versions of its Office software for operating systems used to run computer servers and networks for businesses and other organizations.

In the Justice Department's view, that would reduce a key advantage for Windows, because users wouldn't feel as compelled to avoid rival operating systems just because they can't run some popular programs.

Meanwhile, the operating system company could continue producing Windows, not only for personal computers, but also for handheld devices and consumer electronics — a plan already in the works at Microsoft. That plan offers consumers a unified base for all their devices, giving them the ability to access their e-mail, Web pages and personal data from any device, from TVs to cell phones.

Consumers, faced with a series of confusing choices, might simply stick with the Microsoft products they're used to. And software programmers would probably be happy with that.

"The people who develop software would still have a lot of incentive to develop strictly for Windows, because for the foreseeable future, it will still be the dominant system out there," said Charles Hill, an economist at the University of Washington.

Hand-written Christmas card sells well

LONDON (AP) — A hand-drawn Christmas card sent by John Lennon to Beatles manager Brian Epstein sold for $8,600 at auction Thursday, 33 years after Epstein died from a sleeping pill overdose.

However, the troubled manager's personal diary, chronicling Epstein's struggle to come to terms with his homosexuality, failed to generate the anticipated interest among buyers. The diary attracted a top bid of $12,000, well below the set minimum.

The diary and card were put up for auction at Christie's in London by Epstein's former chauffeur, Bryan Barrett, 70.

"I've never done this before and I'll probably never do it again," Barrett said.

The auction included 15 guitars owned by songwriter and producer Lincoln "Chips" Moman. A 1956 Gibson Super 400 CES guitar given to Moman by Elvis Presley guitarist Scotty Moore was sold for $108,000 to an unidentified buyer.

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Avenue D Baptist Church to mark 50th

Avenue D Baptist Church will celebrate 50 years in Snyder Sunday with special services with several former pastors as guest speakers.

The first will be Rev. Calvin Brown, speaking at 10 a.m. He served as Ave. D pastor from June 1982 to July 1987 when he became a missionary.

Rev. Jack T. Riley, also a former pastor, will follow at 11 a.m. He served from January 1967 to November 1970.

After a noon luncheon, Dr. Darold Baldwin and Rev. John Shugart, will speak at the 1:30 p.m. services. Rev, Shugart served as interim pastor from November 1990 to June 1991.

Pastor Charles Day invites everyone to celebrate with them.

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The First Baptist Church of Snyder instituted the Avenue G Baptist Mission on April 17, 1949 and called Rev. Cone Merritt as pastor of the mission. Rev. E.K. Shepherd was the pastor of the Mother Church and A.C. Alexander was the chairman of the missions committee.

On April 24, 1950, Rev. J.W. Arnett, district missionary, acted as moderator to constitute the Avenue G Baptist Mission into the Avenue G Baptist Church. Forty-nine people were the charter members and they called Rev. Cone Merritt as pastor. Tom Caldwell was the treasurer, Mrs. Tom Caldwell, clerk, and George Lloyd was the music director.

The church moved to the corner of Avenue D and 30th Street in 1951 and changed its name to the present one, Avenue D Baptist Church. Sunday School was held in some old barracks on the east side of the building.

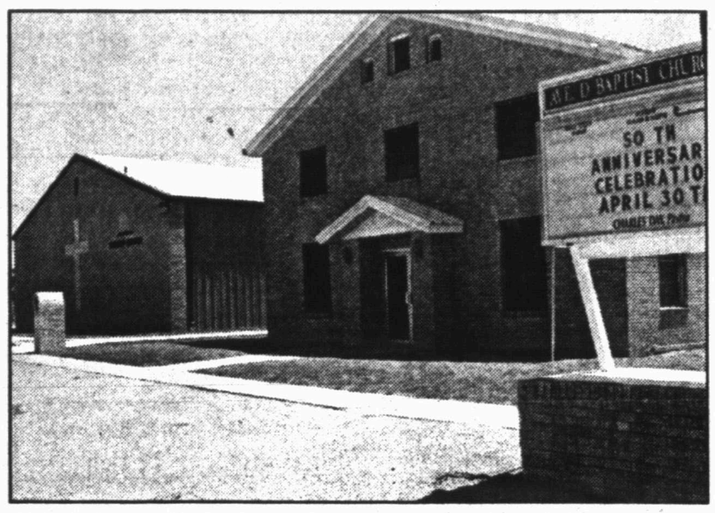
In 1958, a worship center was built behind the present building. On Dec. 23, 1989, a fire destroyed the worship center. The fellowship hall was modified into a worship center.

Groundbreaking for the new worship center, on the east side of the building, was on March 24, 1996. The building was completed and dedication services were held on Oct. 27, 1996.

Former pastors include: Rev. Cone Merritt, April 1949 to July 1951; Rev. Floyd Strickland, December 1951 to January 1955; Rev. Avery Timmons, April 1955 to July 1956; Rev. A.J. Martin, December 1956 to April 1960; Rev. O.D. Carpenter, July 1960 to July 1963; Rev. Bobby Phillips, September 1963 to July 1966; Rev. Jack T. Riley, January 1967 to November 1970; Rev. J.C. Appleby, April 1971 to October 1972.

Others include Rev. George Magnor, April 1973 to February 1976; Rev. Ken Danuser, July 1976 to December 1977; Rev. Joe Stansell, January 1978 to 1980; Rev. Calvin Brown, June 1982 to July 1987 (left for mission field); Rev. Terry Lyles, August 1987 to November 1990, (pastor when worship center burned); Rev. Tim Coffman, June 1991 to May 1993; Rev. Charles Day, December 1994 to the present.

Interim pastors include Rev. Alfred Altum, September 1980 to June 1982; Rev. John Shugart, November 1990 to June 1991; Rev. Charles Day, July 1993 to December 1994 when he became pastor.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS — Avenue D Baptist Church will mark its 50th anniversary on Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

East Elementary principal to retire...

Stories, pictures of Kennedy needed for memory album

Principal Wayne Kennedy of East Elementary is about to close out 43 years of service at Snyder Independent School District. If you have any memories of Kennedy as a principal, teacher or co-worker, the present staff would like you to share it with them. The photos and stories will be put into a special memory album to be presented to him at a retirement party on May 9, from 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church's garden room.

All contributions will be appreciated. Please send photos to East Elementary, ATTN: Christy Smith at 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Tx. 79549. Any stories or other rememberances can be faxed to her at 915 574-6870 or call 915 573-1769.

Smith said, "Mr. Kennedy will be truly missed."

Kennedy began teaching at Central elementary in 1957 and moved to West Elementary where he taught 5th and 6th grades. In 1979, he moved to Stanfield as a principal. Besides his current assignment, he has also been the principal at Northeast and West Elementaries.

Local teacher likes serving on TCTA's Board of Directors

Two years ago, Charlotte Clifton of Snyder decided to run for a director's position on the Texas Classroom Teachers Association board because "it was an opportunity to serve a great, first-class organization, which helps both teachers and kids."



Charlotte Clifton

She has one year remaining on her two-year term and is considered the senior director for District 14 which covers 13 counties in North Texas including Scurry, Nolan, Fisher, Stonewall, Haskell, Jones, Shackleford, Eastland and Comanche.

Wendell Whittenburg of Sweetwater also represents District 14. He was recently elected to a two-year term. He had previously served on the board.

The board meets twice a year.

As a TCTA board member, Clifton represents her district and helps set policy for the statewide association, and assists leaders of TCTA local affiliates in her 13-county area.

Clifton's job has two main responsibilities. "I represent teachers throughout the state, especially in my area. Any concerns they have, I can take to the state level."

She said TCTA provides a "direct link" to legislators in Austin. Policy-makers of the statewide organization work closely with the legislature, Clifton added. During the last legislative session she said lawmakers considered adding new achievements tests for the elementary grades. TCTA opposed the idea because the organization felt that it would present too much of a burden for teachers because elementary schools, unlike secondary schools, are not usually departmentalized. Therefore, they are responsible for teaching more subjects.

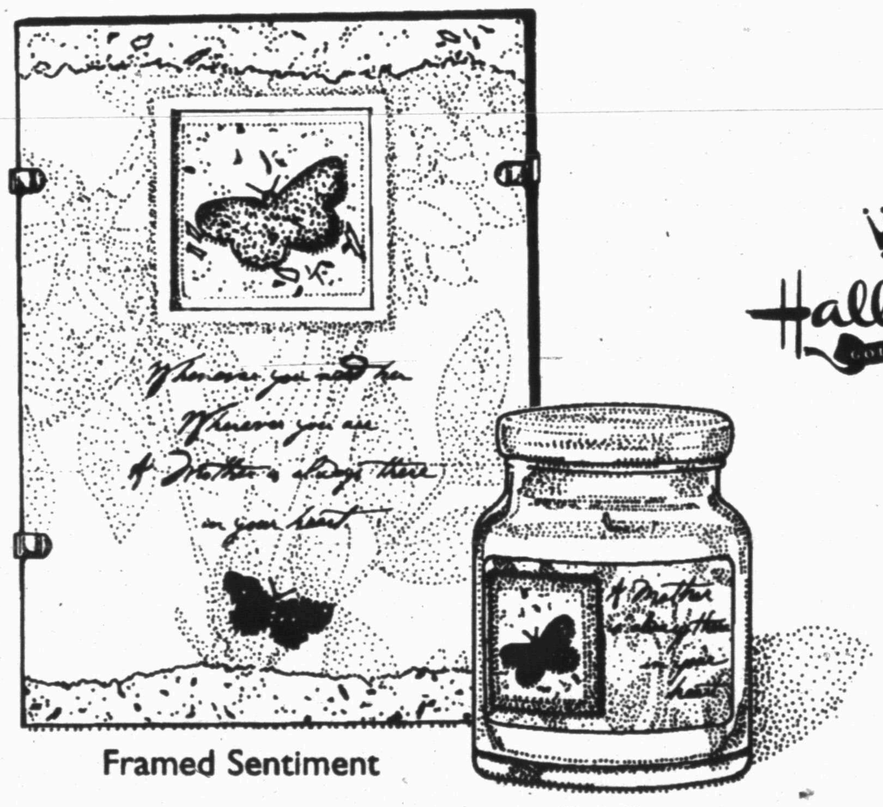
Clifton said TCTA officials met with Teel Bivins, chairman of the education committee, who carried their concerns to the legislature. The proposal was later revised.

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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14

Give
Mom's Heart Wings



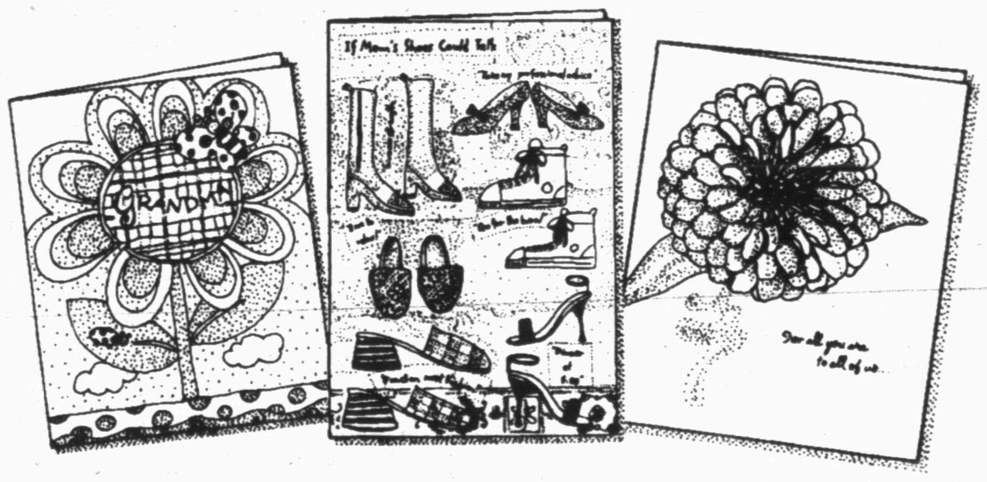


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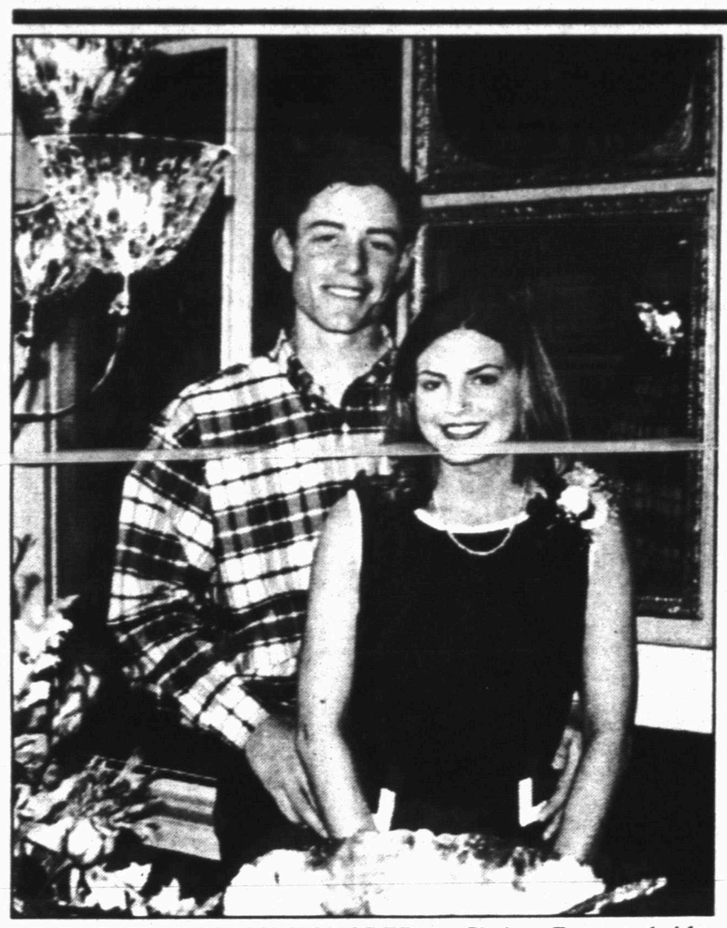


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LITTLEJOHN-ROSSON HONORED — Christa Rosson, bride-elect of Brett Littlejohn, were honored at a wedding shower held in the home of Thomas and Vina Strayhorn. Christa's parents are Jim and Melissa Rosson of Snyder and Brett's parents are Robert and Jan Littlejohn of Clovis, N.M. They will wed on June 10 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Former resident to celebrate 90th birthday in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Rachel Rogers McDonald's granddaughters will host a 90th birthday celebration for her on Saturday, May 6, at Paradise Point Resort in San Diego.

Rachel was born and reared in Wopanaki, Okla., and moved to Southern California in her late teens.

In 1954, she moved to Texas with her first husband, Marvin Rogers, and during the late 1960s opened Rachel's Dress Shop in downtown Snyder. She operated a successful business for 18 years.



Rachel Rogers McDonald

Two years after the death of her first husband in 1974, she married George McDonald, a pharmacist from Rotan. She retired from the apparel business in 1980 and devoted a good deal of her time to working with her husband helping people in the local retirement homes with their pharmaceutical needs.

Two years after his death in 1995, she moved to San Diego to be closer to her granddaughters, Joyce Lyke, Cynthia Silverman and Ellen Cajka.

Within the last year she has found a new love interest that will also turn 90 in May. "Life can begin at 90," said Rachel. She lives at 3563 Promontory Street, San Diego, Calif. 92109.

Teach communication skills. Even children who have trouble speaking need to show happiness, sadness, fear and the need for protection. If a child cannot speak, teach some simple signs that you both understand to mean things like "I need help," "I'm hurt," or "I'm afraid."

Bridal Registry

CHRISTA ROSSON AND BRETT LITTLEJOHN
RACHEL HUDDLESTON AND JUSTIN LOCKNANE
RACHEL MOORE AND RALPH J. SHANAFELT
STEPHANIE WEST AND CODY LEWIS
ANGEL SCARBER AND ROBERT KEE PATTERSON
LAURA COLLINS AND MATTHEW WHITE
KELLY GONZALEZ AND BANKS ALEXANDER
KATHRYN ROBBINS AND SCOTT HALL
JAMIE BASS AND DANIEL SCHLUMPF
AMY LEWIS AND CHAD MARTIN
MARY HOLLIS AND RAMSEY CASTILLO
AMANDA KEILS AND HEATH PORTER
KARRAH GRISWOLD AND TODD IGLEHART
KARAN MCANELLY AND CHARLES KITTLES
MICHELLE ROEMISCH AND MATTHEW BYROM
TABITHA GILBRETH AND CHAD CARTER
JACKIE BECK AND ERIC ROBERTSON
KRISTI HARRIS AND JEREMY HOWARD
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GENEVA MARTINEZ AND TRACY LOYOLA
BECKY STRAUT AND BRADY COLLIER
LISA NIX AND CHRIS BARGAS
CANDACE BARROW AND JUSTIN STRIBLING
KARA GOWIN AND CHRISTOPHER FUENTEZ
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Keys to Garden Art," by Betty Wood; hostesses, Marie Armstrong and Janice Blackwell; 9:30 a.m.

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

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

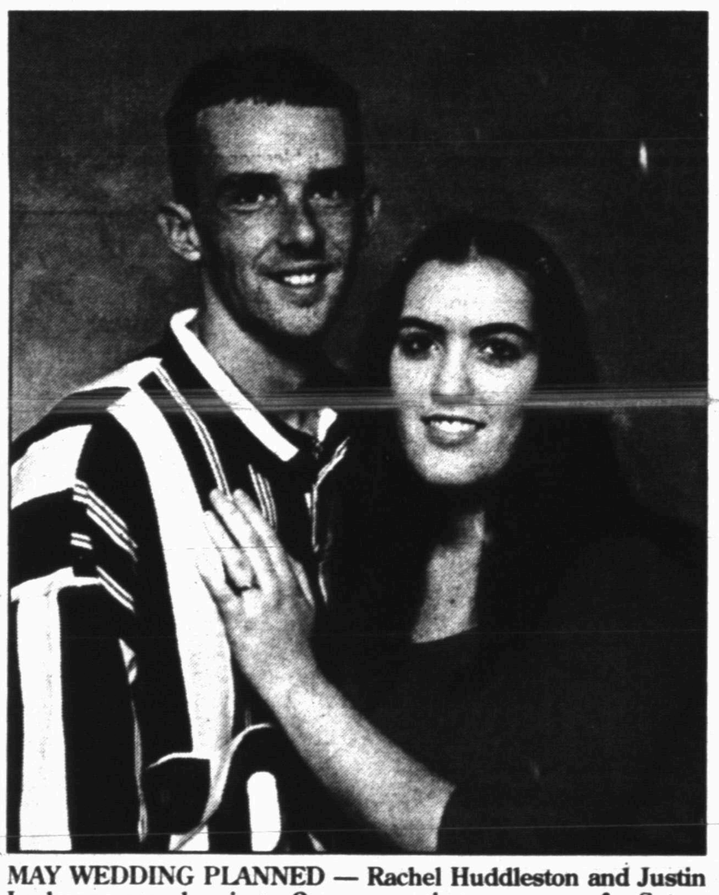
Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

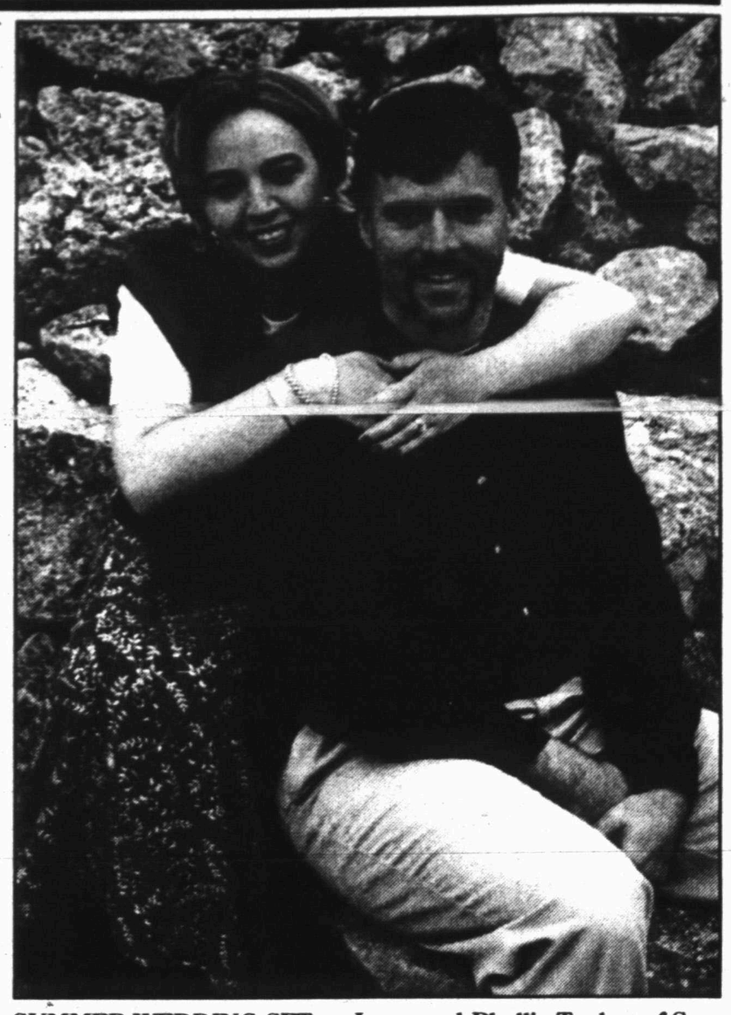
Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.



MAY WEDDING PLANNED — Rachel Huddleston and Justin Locknane are planning a 2 p.m. marriage ceremony for Saturday, May 27, in the First Christian Church. Rachel is the daughter of Mike and Neva Huddleston and granddaughter of Clarence and Earlene Payne and Minnie Buchanan, all of Snyder. Justin is the son of Ron Locknane of Artesia, N.M., and Jerry and Chris Scrivner of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



SUMMER WEDDING SET — Jerry and Phyllis Tucker of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jeri Lynn Tucker of Bryson, to Jeff Cox of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Noah and Elene Reeves of Snyder. His parents are Joseph and Ellen Cox of Bowie. Their wedding is set for July 1 in the Garden Gazebo in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	04-29-00
	♠ 2	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ A J 8 7 6	
	♣ K 10 7 6 5	
West		**East**
♠ A K J 5 4		♠ 10 9
♥ A 4 3		♥ J 10 8 7
♦ Q 10 2		♦ K 9 5 4
♣ 9 8		♣ Q J 2
	South	
	♠ Q 8 7 6 3	
	♥ Q 9 6 5	
	♦ 3	
	♣ A 4 3	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

The choice is an either or an or

By Phillip Alder

As you know, the declarer enjoys a considerable edge because he can see his whole army. The defense is given the opening lead to try to balance the books, as it were. Yet it isn't a fair trade; far more tricks are blown by the defense than by the declarer. What would be your choice from that West hand against three clubs?

North's two no-trump is the Unusual No-trump. It shows at least 5-5 in the two lowest unbid suits, here the minors. It is one of my least favorite conventions because usually the opponents win the auction. Then the overcall has painted a perfect picture for declarer. He plays as if your cards were transparent. My instinct is to use the bid only when you have a powerful hand, one with which you expect to buy the contract. Yet that has the drawback of rarity.

East had no convenient way to show his limited values. Doubling would have been dangerous, but would have worked because West did very well, leading a trump.

Declarer played two rounds of diamonds, for one ruff in hand, but when he led a heart toward dummy's king, West rushed in with the ace and returned his second trump. Now the contract was dead.

If West had led a top spade before switching to a trump, though, the play would have gone like this: Spade ace, club to the jack and ace, diamond to the ace, diamond ruff, spade ruff, diamond ruff, heart. Declarer would have won nine tricks.

If you have an ace-king in a suit not bid by the opponents, lead either the ace or a trump — there's no third choice.

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge games were directed by Jane Hinton at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY, April 21

A. Group
1. Mippy Brownlee, Nona Morrison.
2. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

B. Group
1. Mippy Brownlee, Nona Morrison.
2. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Pat Floyd, Billie Marie Long

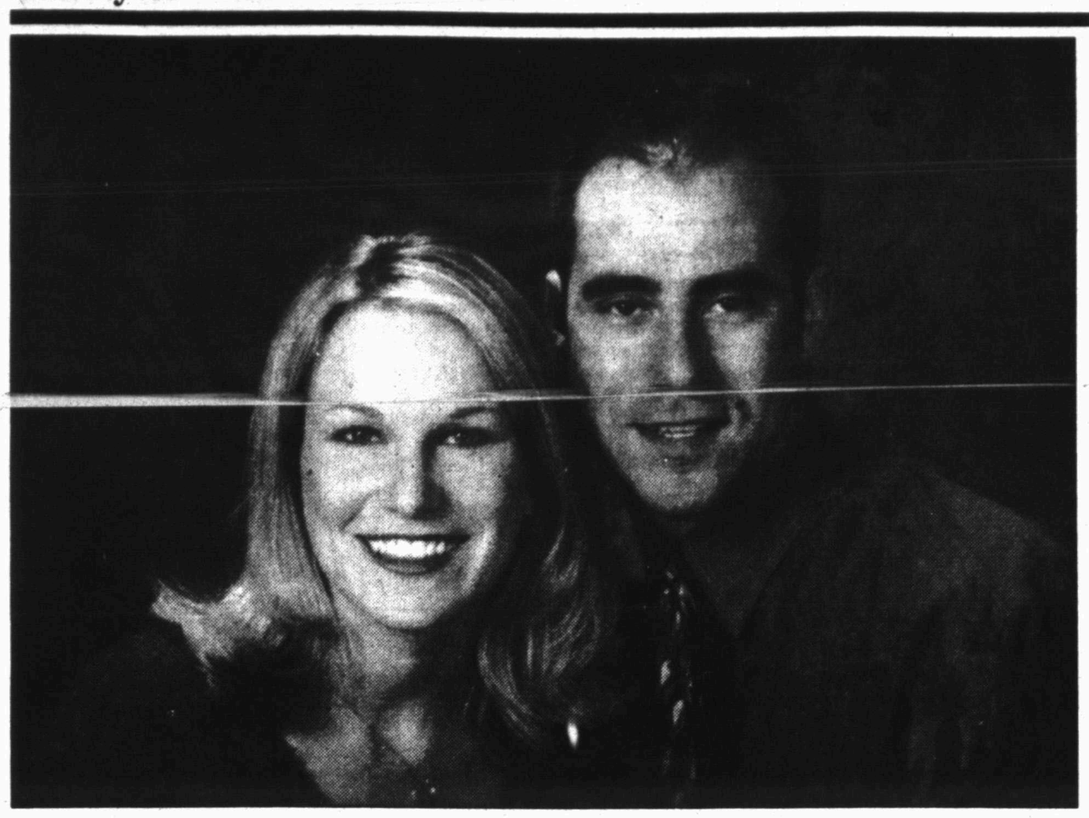
Tuesday, April 25

1. Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.
2. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
3. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
4. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.

Teach children to seek help. Let children know that they should always tell you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or anyone who hurts them, no matter what that person says. Help children feel comfortable talking to you about everything.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Rae, to Jeff Streetman, both of Plano. They are planning a Sept. 16 wedding at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Plano. Jeff is the son of Jolene Streetman of Sundown and Roger and Teresa Streetman of Howe. Amanda is the granddaughter of Bill Mapes and Opal and Bill Cooper, all of Snyder. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Tips for making homemade donuts

By Marialisa Calta

I hate to sound like an alarmist, but our breakfast breads are going down the tubes. The flabby roll now served as a "croissant" in fast-food restaurants, for example, has nothing but its name in common with the light, multilayered, flaky crescent produced by trained bakers. Likewise, the puffed-up rounds of dough-on-steroids masquerading as "bagels" these days have nothing to do with the chewy, boiled-then-baked creations that old-fashioned artisans used to produce by the bushel. But I think the worst indignity has been heaped on the doughnut.

Gone are the days when every town had a baker who knew how to turn out impeccably-crafted doughnuts — sugared, filled and glazed — for the breakfast rush. Now we are stuck with flaccid, greasy, way-too-sweet horrors peddled by fast-food chains.

Eating a homemade doughnut takes you right back in time to the days of the village baker and the neighborhood diner. It's practically patriotic. Next stop: croissants.

Tips for making doughnuts:

— Let the cut, uncooked doughnuts sit for 10 to 15 minutes before you fry them.

— If you don't have a fry-vat, use a Dutch oven or a wok. You will need to have about 3 inches of vegetable oil in the pan. Ten cups (3 pounds) of solid vegetable shortening works for a 4-quart Dutch oven.

— Heat the oil until it reaches 350 to 375 degrees. Use a candy/deep-fry thermometer to monitor the temperature, and adjust the heat as you cook to keep it steady.

— If you don't have a doughnut cutter, use two spoons to make doughnut holes (see recipe for Buttermilk Doughnut Holes, below).

— Don't crowd the pan. Fry a few at a time to prevent breakage.

— If topping with sugar or cinnamon, do it while doughnuts are still warm.

— Cake-like doughnuts freeze well. If you aren't going to eat them immediately, seal them in freezer bag and freeze up to a month.

PLAIN DOUGHNUTS

3-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons solid vegetable shortening
2 eggs
3/4 cup milk, preferably whole milk
Solid vegetable shortening or vegetable oil, for deep-frying
confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Line a baking sheet with paper towels or a brown paper bag.

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon. Using a pastry blender or two knives, cut in the 2 tablespoons solid vegetable shortening.

In a small bowl, mix together the eggs and milk. Add to the dry ingredients and stir.

On a well-floured surface, pat the dough out until it is 1-inch thick. Cut the doughnuts with a well-floured doughnut cutter. Allow them to rest for about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat 3 inches of oil in a Dutch oven until it reaches about 360 degrees as measured by a candy/deep-fry thermometer.

Using tongs, drop the doughnuts and the holes into the hot oil, a few at a time. Cook until quite brown, turning once, for about 3 minutes. Drain on the prepared baking sheet. Serve plain, or dust — while still warm — with confectioners' sugar.

Enjoy immediately or freeze up to a month. Yield: If you use a 2-1/2-inch doughnut cutter, you will have a dozen doughnuts and holes.

BUTTERMILK DOUGHNUT HOLES

1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
grating of whole nutmeg (or pinch of powdered nutmeg)
pinch of cinnamon
1 egg, at room temperature
2/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
vegetable oil or solid vegetable shortening for frying

Line a baking sheet with paper towels or a brown paper bag.

Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together. Add the nutmeg and cinnamon.

In a bowl, whisk together the egg, 1/3 cup of the sugar, the buttermilk, and melted butter (be sure the melted butter has cooled a little). Combine with the dry ingredients and mix until smooth. Let sit for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a deep, heavy skillet, add oil to a depth of 2 inches. Heat until it registers 360 to 375 degrees as measured by a candy/deep-fry thermometer.

Using two teaspoons, scoop the batter with one and slide it off into the hot oil with the other. Let the dough fry until nicely browned, about 2 minutes, turning halfway through cooking. With a slotted spoon, transfer the cooked doughnut holes to the lined baking sheet.

Put the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a small brown paper bag. While the doughnuts are still hot, shake them in the sugar to coat. Cool on a wire rack and enjoy immediately or freeze (see above). Yield: 2 dozen holes.

BROWN SUGAR DOUGHNUTS

2 cups brown sugar
2 cups cake flour
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
2 eggs
1 egg yolk
4 tablespoons butter, melted
Vegetable oil or solid vegetable shortening, for deep-frying

Line a baking sheet with paper towels or a brown paper bag.

Sift all the dry ingredients together into a large mixing bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the milk, eggs, egg yolk and the melted butter (be sure the melted butter has cooled a little). Pour into the dry ingredients and stir. Cover and refrigerate 30 to 60 minutes.

On a well-floured surface, pat out the dough into a circle about 1/2-inch thick. Cut the doughnuts with a well-floured doughnut cutter. Allow them to rest for about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the oil until it reaches about 360 degrees as measured by a candy/deep-fry thermometer.

Using tongs, drop the doughnuts and the holes into the hot oil, a few at a time. Cook until quite brown, turning once during cooking — about 3 minutes, total. Drain on the prepared baking sheet.

While still warm, dust with confectioners' sugar. Enjoy immediately or freeze up to a month. Yield: If you use a 2-1/2-inch doughnut cutter, you will have about a dozen doughnuts and holes.

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School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Friday
Teacher In-service
LUNCH
Monday
Fried Ham
Potato Wedges
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Cup
Tuesday
Hamburger Casserole
Parsley Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Gingerbread
Wednesday
Frank Wraps/Salsa Sauce
Pork & Beans
Carrot Sticks
Chocolate Pudding
Thursday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Spanish Rice
Shredded Lettuce
Pineapple Fruit Bars

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk; the breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted cereal, toast with jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Scrambled Eggs
Tuesday
Oatmeal
Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Thursday
Biscuits with Sausage
Friday
Holiday
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chili Mac
Seasoned Corn]
Tossed Salad
Applesauce
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Tater Tots
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
Pizza or
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Green Peas
Cookie
Thursday
Burrito or
Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Tamale Pie
Vegetable Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Cake
Tuesday
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cookies
Wednesday
Chicken Pot Pie
Shredded Lettuce
Brownies
Peaches
Thursday
Steak Fingers
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Shape-ups
Friday
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Apple Crisp



VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD — Barbara Granato, special programs director, was given the vocational service award by the Snyder Rotary Club. Snyder school superintendent and Rotarian Gayle Lomax made the presentation honoring Granato for her d[illegible]lication and commitment to improve education of special needs children in SISD. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Elizabeth Taylor to receive fellowship

LONDON (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor's lifetime of work on screen has earned her another honor: fellowship in the British Film Institute.

Institute Director Jon Teckman praised Taylor on Friday for her film performances and her dedication to social causes, particularly in fighting AIDS.

"We are delighted that our first fellowship award of this new century should be going to such a worthy recipient," Teckman said. "An Oscar-winning actress with more than 60 films to her credit, Dame Elizabeth is universally acknowledged as one of the superstars of the silver screen."

"We are particularly pleased that we are also able to recognize her charitable work," he added.

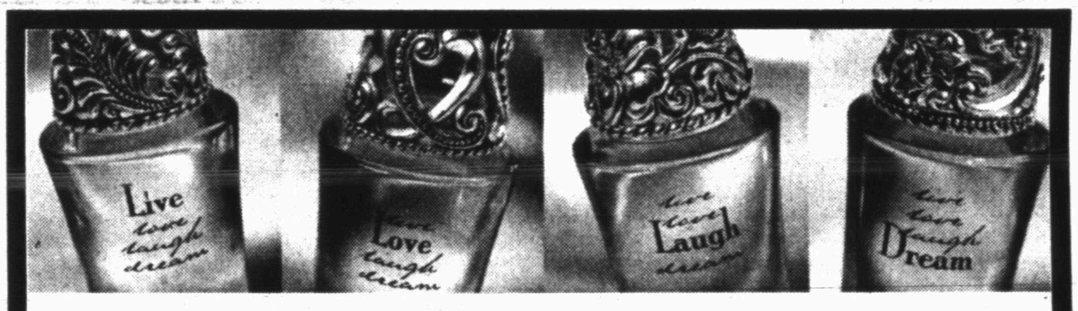
Taylor, 68, was designated a dame on Queen Elizabeth II's coveted New Year's list of titles and awards. Last year, she received the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Fellowship.

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Uncle Sam wants you..... to fill out your census form

CHICAGO (AP) — A decade ago, Leona Torres didn't fill out her census form. This time around, she is a census "enumerator," pounding the pavement — and on doors — to help anyone who hasn't yet filled out and returned a census form.

In some major cities, that's a tall order. While 65 percent of households nationally mailed in their forms, only 59 percent of Chicagoans and 58 percent of New Yorkers returned theirs.

"We need better schools and better hospitals. We need a lot of help with our parks," the 44-year-old mother of two tells naysayers as she stands outside their doors in her predominantly Hispanic, working-class neighborhood just southwest of downtown Chicago. "Think about your future and your children."

Officials say it is frequently people in neighborhoods like these — often poor, often minorities — who are left out of the count that authorities use for such things as budgeting for social services and drawing up congressional districts.

"The very people who aren't counted are often the ones who need the services most," says Don Davis, who is coordinating census activities for Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

An enumerator's job can be a tough one, often requiring detective work in neighborhoods not known for their safety.

Michael Nicodemus, a 57-year-old enumerator who also has a security systems business, went to one address in a poor Philadelphia neighborhood Wednesday and found a corner store gated and locked, the apartment above apparently vacant.

Eventually he learned from a passer-by that the owner of the store had been shot and killed, and his son, who used to live there, had closed up and left the area.

There are challenges in rural areas, too.

In North Dakota, census workers have encountered wary residents and remote homes — some without telephones — on the state's four Indian reservations.

Karen Hoovestol, Census Bureau office manager in Bismarck, N.D., said some workers have been "up to their hubcaps in mud" and have had to walk three miles to get someone to pull them out.

Census officials say such extra efforts are crucial for an accurate count. They estimate 12.5 percent of American Indians on reservations were missed in 1990, making them the most undercounted minority in the nation.

A key to a successful count is having enumerators canvas their own neighborhoods.

"A lot of people know me or they've seen me walk my dog. It helps a whole lot," says Sandra Limbrick, an enumerator who's already helped several people, many of them elderly, fill out forms in her neighborhood on the east side of Louisville, Ky.

The Census bureau also is also trying to hire enumerators who speak other languages. It's a critical point in the area east of Boston that census supervisor Francisco Dominguez oversees, where more than 20 languages are spoken.

Even if there is a language barrier, face-to-face contact helps, he said: Non-English speakers are "more likely to respond to somebody than to forms."

Census workers also try to ease any fears residents may have, carrying with them forms that explain the bureau's strict confidentiality policy. They're allowed to skip some questions, including those about household income, if a person insists.

But Joseph Trinidad, a 22-year-old Michigan State University student who's taking the semester off to do census work in New York City, says it's not usually fear or privacy concerns that keep people from filling out their forms. More often, he says, it's simple forgetfulness or lack of interest.

"They threw it away or the April 15 deadline for returning it had passed," said Trinidad, who makes $18.50 an hour — among the highest hourly rate for enumerators, many of whom will work well into the summer.

The government still has enumerator jobs open. In Virginia, 4,200 enumerators began work Thursday, while 6,800 positions were still waiting to be filled.

"It's the most important job in the Census," says Christina Flores, a team leader in one of the bureau's Chicago offices.

On the Net: http://www.census.gov

Whitman's veep chances tarnished by abortion issue

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — She would love to be known primarily as a tax-cutter, but Gov. Christie Whitman of New Jersey cannot shake free from the divisive effects of the abortion debate within the Republican Party.

Her support of abortion rights — particularly her veto of legislation to outlaw the operation that critics call "partial-birth abortion" — dominates discussion about her chances of being tapped by fellow Gov. George W. Bush as his vice presidential running mate.

"The right fringe, unfortunately, care more about one issue than they care about winning the presidency, and they are willing to torpedo the ability of the party to shape the agenda of this country for the 21st century," Whitman, 53, said in an interview.

"Because they judge people by one issue — and not always accurately on even that one issue — they are going to say some pretty nasty stuff, and they have been," she said.

Political analyst Stuart Rothenberg is among those who believe Whitman could harm Bush's chances by causing internal strife that Republicans can ill afford in their quest to recapture the White House.

"The Republican right would go absolutely bananas if Whitman were nominated," Rothenberg said.

Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., an anti-abortion activist in Congress, said simply, "It is just not going to happen."

A one-time county legislator, daughter of two rock-ribbed Republicans who held prominent roles in the party in New Jersey and nationally, Whitman burst into the headlines in 1990 by nearly defeating Democratic Sen. Bill Bradley.

Building on her strong showing in that race, she ran for governor in 1993 promising a 30 percent income tax cut. Her victory over Democrat Jim Florio, the incumbent, made Whitman the Garden State's first female governor.

She moved quickly to fulfill her campaign pledge, and her office says she has enacted 37 separate tax cuts since taking office in 1994.

Whitman has also made land preservation and education top priorities, establishing academic standards for public schools and proposing a 10-year plan to save 1 million acres of open space and farmland in the nation's most densely populated state.

Still, she only narrowly won a second four-year term in 1997, hurt in part by the campaign of a Libertarian candidate who emphasized that he was the only abortion opponent in the race.

The state constitution bars her from seeking a third term.

Whitman's star was at its height in the Republican Party four years ago.

Oft-mentioned as possible running mate for Bob Dole, Whitman was viewed as a woman who could break the party's glass ceiling as a member of the national ticket. In the end, she was named co-chair of the San Diego convention as Jack Kemp got the running-mate prize.

The following year, the Republican-controlled New Jersey Legislature passed a bill to outlaw the late-term abortion procedure that foes call partial-birth abortion.

Whitman vetoed it and advocated her own version, which included a clause permitting the procedure if the mother's health was at stake. Republican lawmakers voted to override the veto, with support from some Democrats.

As for her vice-presidential chances this year, Republican political analyst Steve Salmore, formerly of Rutgers University, said Whitman has become too much of a a lightning rod for anti-abortion factions — as shown when Gary Bauer took potshots at her during debates in New Hampshire.

"It would make that issue a major issue of division in the convention. I don't think George Bush needs that," Salmore said.

Whitman herself has complicated the issue.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Generations of rings can't all fit on bride's finger

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to a wonderful man whom I adore, but I have a problem I haven't seen in your column. He gave me his grandmother's ring as an engagement ring. I didn't want to ruin the moment and tell him that I preferred to wear my deceased mother's rings that my father was keeping for my marriage. The sentiment and style make them precious to me.

Would it be wrong for me to ask my fiancee to allow me to wear my mother's rings rather than his grandmother's? I realize this is an unusual request, but I am the one who will be wearing the rings daily. Your advice would be appreciated. **— TOO MANY RINGS IN ARIZONA**

DEAR TOO MANY RINGS: No, it is not wrong to ask your fiancee how he would feel about your wearing your mother's rings — if you ask tactfully. Tell him how honored you are that he wants you to have his grandmother's ring, and offer to wear it on your right hand. If the idea seems to bother him, perhaps you could have your mother's rings sized and wear them as a pinky ring, have the diamonds placed in a pendant to wear on a chain around your neck, or have the rings made into a pin.

Chances are that as long as you plan to wear his grandmother's ring, he'll agree to your wearing your mother's rings on your left hand since they mean so much to you.

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DEAR ABBY: Please print this so my daughter-in-law will read it.

As the mother of the man you married, I grieve over what may happen in the future.

When my son married you, he took you and your child into his heart. He has a big heart. He expressed to me how happy he was with his family and how he hoped that someday he would also be a father to his own child.

You have been married three years, and because of your age, your biological clock is running out. There appears to be no sign of another child in the picture.

I grieve that he will never know the joy of having a child call him Daddy. Your child calls him by his first name.

I grieve that he will never know the joy of walking his daughter down the aisle or seeing his son marry.

I grieve that he will never know the greatest joy of having his own grandchildren.

Most of all, I grieve that you do not really love my son enough to make the ultimate sacrifice of bearing a child for him. **— GRIEVING IN THE SOUTHWEST**

DEAR GRIEVING: Your desire for a child for your son is understandable, but I hope that in the future you don't grieve that, because of your intrusiveness, you no longer have a close relationship with your son, daughter-in-law and step-grandchild.

The reason your daughter-in-law is not pregnant is none of your business. There may be medical reasons that you are unaware of, including the possibility that your son's sperm count is too low and he cannot father a child.

Please make your heart as big as your son's, and remember that children are a gift, not a sacrifice!

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DEAR ABBY: My father, the late Wilferd A. Peterson, wrote an essay that I feel is needed by parents who are floundering in this day of terror in the schools. I have heard on the radio and seen on television the same idea expressed in various ways, but none expressed it as well as my father did in his essay.

The "Art of Parenthood" was published in "The Art of Living Treasure Chest" (Simon and Schuster), but I would be pleased if you would print it in your column. **— LILIAN PETERSON THORPE, PINEHURST, N.C.**

DEAR LILIAN: Your talented father offers valuable advice in this essay. I am pleased to share it with my readers. Read on:

THE ART OF PARENTHOOD
by Wilferd A. Peterson

"Of all the commentaries on the Scriptures," wrote John Donne, "good examples are the best."

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When we set an example of honesty, our children will be honest.

When we practice tolerance, they will be tolerant.

When we demonstrate good sportsmanship, they will be good sports.

When we meet life with laughter and a twinkle in our eye, they will develop a sense of humor.

When we are thankful for life's blessings, they will be thankful.

When we express friendliness, they will be friendly.

When we speak words of praise, they will praise others.

When we confront failure, defeat and misfortune with a gallant spirit, they will learn to live bravely.

When our lives affirm our faith in the enduring values of life, they will rise above doubt and skepticism.

When we surround them with the love and goo ess of God, they will discover life's meaning.

When we set an example of heroic living, they will be heroes.

Don't just stand there pointing your finger to the heights you want your children to scale. Start climbing, and t ey will follow!

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DEAR ABBY: April 30 is a "memorial day" for many Vietnamese people, because we lost our loving home country, Vietnam, due to the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

I would like to express my appreciation to American individuals and the families of those who supported and sacrificed for my country during the Vietnam War, and to those who opened their hearts to welcome us, the refugees, to resettle in this country.

Your sacrifice and generosity deserve blessings. **— PETER TRAN, GARLAND, TEXAS**

DEAR PETER: Thank you for a beautiful letter. It will be particularly meaningful to Vietnam veterans, as well as the families of soldiers who died in the conflict.

I have found Vietnamese people to be upstanding and hardworking, and we are enriched by their presence.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Hard-line former president says reformists anti-Islamic

TEHRAN, Iran — A leading hard-liner criticized reformers as anti-Islamic on Friday, hours after police broke up a violent student protest against the closure of 16 pro-democracy newspapers.

Speaking at Friday prayers at Tehran University, former President Hashemi Rafsanjani accused the reform movement of undermining the 1979 Islamic revolution.

"The liberals are now initiating reforms against Islam and freedom. These people are not hiding their attacks against Islamic values and the principles of the revolution," said Rafsanjani, who heads a powerful body that advises the government.

He categorized reformist journalists as "biased and hired writers."

"They are paving the way for the foreign domination of Iran. We should not let our enemy penetrate into Iran through their agents inside the country," Rafsanjani told a crowd of thousands.

After the prayers, about 1,000 hard-line demonstrators shouted slogans against Culture Minister Ataollah Mohajerani, whose ministry granted the freedom that has spawned a flourishing pro-reform press.

Hard-liners have used their dominance in the judiciary to close 16 reformist newspapers and detain two leading journalists in the past eight days. Their actions are widely seen as a bid to roll back the democratic reforms initiated by President Mohammad Khatami since he took office in 1997.

The crackdown on the media appears to have its origins in the rout of the hard-liners in February legislative elections, when the conservatives lost control of parliament for the first time since the revolution. The reformists won about 70 percent of the legislature's 290 seats, illustrating that Khatami's reforms had gained nationwide popularity.

The electoral authority, which is controlled by hard-liners, has annulled the results of 12 seats won by reformers and said that, owing to irregularities, there might be changes in Tehran, where reformists won 29 of the 30 seats.

Runoffs to decide 66 seats will be held May 5.

Campaigning began Thursday. Analysts say the reformists are disadvantaged by the crackdown on their allied newspapers. Only one reformist newspaper, Bayan, remains on the stands because it has not been as outspoken as the others.

"The hard-liners are prepared to use brutal force to suppress the reformists," said Mahmoud Sadri, editor of the Hammihan daily, which had tried to strike a balance between the two factions, but whose tone changed in favor of the liberals since the crackdown.

Sadri said the closure of the Mosharekat daily, which was run by the president's brother and was the mouthpiece of the dominant bloc in the incoming parliament, was a sign that hard-liners "see no limits to their crackdown."

In protest against the closure of the newspapers, some 200 students threw stones and burned tires at Tehran's Shahid Beheshti University in the early hours of Friday, a journalist told The Associated Press.

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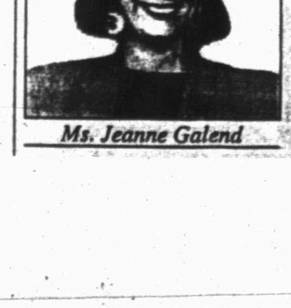
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Reports: Feds to require lower-speed air-bag tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government plans to require automakers to use a 25 mph test for air bags, an industry-backed move designed to better protect children and smaller adults, according to published reports Friday.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration will issue the order next week instructing automakers to begin using the test in 2003, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal reported.

Automakers will be required to install air bags that inflate forcefully enough to cushion occupants as a car crashes into a solid wall at 25 mph.

NHTSA previously had said it supported an eventual return to the 30 mph test to ensure the bags would deploy forcefully enough to protect unbelted adults in high-speed crashes.

NHTSA spokesman Tim Hurd would not comment on the reports, saying the rule had not been finalized.

Some consumer groups that favor the 30 mph test argue automakers could use sensors and dual-speed air bags to make sure the devices do not deploy too forcefully and harm children and smaller adults.

"This is engineering malpractice," Joan Claybrook, president of consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, said of the new rule.

Until 1997 NHTSA had required a 30 mph test to try to prevent deaths to passenger-side occupants due to air-bag deployments, often in low-speed accidents. It made the test optional in 1997 and automakers quickly installed less-forceful air bags in cars.

Government data show that air-bag deaths have declined sharply for those model years.

NHTSA's first draft of the rule included a return to the 30 mph standard by 2008. The rule would have been phased in gradually, with automakers allowed to use the slower speed until 2003.

The newspapers reported that the Office of Management and Budget, which reviews proposed rules, rejected that proposal, saying arguments for the 30 mph test were not convincing and could harm those they are meant to protect.

As of April 1, there had been 158 air-bag fatalities, 92 of them children. Air bags have saved the lives of some 5,000 people since the 1980s, according to government statistics.

Under the rule, automakers will phase in the new air bags starting with 2003-model cars.

Clifton

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When the next legislature meets, Clifton said TCTA is interested in securing state funding for teachers' health insurance. The bill was presented at the last session, but it did not pass. She said TCTA feels that individual school districts could benefit from the change.

She noted that the last legislative session did have some good things for teachers, which they are grateful for.

Snyder's TCTA chapter has over 150 members including teaching and para-professionals.

TCTA is a non-profit, non-union association that was founded in 1927. It is the only statewide education association that limits active membership to public school teachers and related non-administrative education personnel.

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Clifton teaches part-time 7th and 8th grade reading at Snyder Junior High School where she has taught for the past 12 years. Previously, she taught second grade in Lubbock.

She earned her bachelor's degree at Lubbock Christian University. She obtained her masters degree and reading specialist certificate from Texas Tech University.

She is married to Rod Clifton, owner of Bubba Teeth, Inc. They have three children. Bryan is in the sixth grade. Stacey is a second grader and Justin is four years old.

Q & A

Is tobacco really that bad?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Is Tobacco Really that Bad?

As smoking cigarettes continues to be the number one preventable cause of death in the United States the debate seems to be getting easier. Last week we looked at some pretty hard facts about tobacco use and its financial impact on the rest of society. But what about the other forms of tobacco? This week we will look at cigars, pipes, snuff, and chewing tobacco. We will also take a closer look at nicotine. With all the dangers surrounding the use of tobacco it would seem odd that the next generation would use.

First let's look at the difference between the different forms of tobacco. There are actually 70 species of tobacco. The two cultivated species are common and wild tobacco. But no matter what form tobacco comes in, it is still tobacco. The same chemicals are in all forms. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco, which are smoked; snuff, which can even be inhaled through the nose; and chewing tobacco; which is chewed but not swallowed. Cigars consist of three types of tobacco. The filler, or core, consist of small pieces of leaves. The binder holds the filler in place and then the wrapper. In other words the size of the tobacco gets bigger from the center out. Pipes simply use shredded and crushed tobacco. All of these forms can cause the same respiratory diseases as well as heart disease. If anyone tells you that those scented tobacco pipes are safer than cigarettes they are lying. You can change the scent of gasoline but it will have the same effect if consumed.

What about these other forms of tobacco? Chewing tobaccos are generally made from thick grades of leaves to which flavorings are added. Snuff is made simply from grinding tobacco into fine powder. Then it is generally scented with spices to change the scent and flavor. Nothing can make it safer. Tobacco contains at least 43 cancer causing chemicals regardless if you roll it, shred it, crush it, smoke it, snort it, inject it, inhale it or eat it. It will damage your health as well as those around you. Sniffing snuff can give you cancer of the nose. Snuff and chewing tobacco can give you cancer of the mouth, throat.

So where does nicotine come into all this? Nicotine can truthfully be referred to in one of two ways: a poison or an addictive drug. The definition of nicotine is: an oily substance found in tobacco leaves that act as a stimulant ("Nicotine," Microsoft Encarta Online Encyclopedia.) It is also very addictive and forms the base for many pesticides. Only a small amount of nicotine is found in tobacco products, but that is all that is needed to get someone hooked. Because nicotine is so addictive it is extremely difficult to quit using. But just like it is possible to stop using any drug anyone can cease using tobacco.

The best reason to quit is for the next generation. According to the Texas Department of Health 31% of middle schoolers and 43% of high schoolers in Texas public schools use some form of tobacco. More than one-fourth of all Texas sixth-graders already have used tobacco. Many parents are "lighting the way" for their sons and daughters to follow in their deadly habit. About 90% of all smokers start before they are 18 years old.

With all this information the number of people using tobacco in the United States is steadily dropping. Today about a third of all cigarettes produced in the United States are exported to other countries. Your big tobacco companies are spending big bucks to attract new smokers elsewhere. Do your part to help clean the air about tobacco use. The greatest thing for you to do for yourself and others is to set the example. If you currently use tobacco you can quit. It is the single greatest thing you can do for those who love you. If you don't use you are showing the way to a better future for yourself and those around you.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Ernie and Elayne Hanson, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Chisum Capital Inc., 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Techtel Communications Corp., two 1999 GMC vans from Big Country Autoland.

Christene M. Huddleston, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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Jennifer L. Petty and Mary l. Smith, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Helen E. Miller 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

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Eddie and Rebecca Phy, 2000 Ford Excursion from Wilson Motors.

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Cockrell Production Co., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Toby Joe Robinson of Seagraves and Jinger Elaine Hancock of Denver City.

Filed in District Court

Ira ISD vs. M.L. Duke, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Ira ISD vs. Heirs to the Estate of Willard Gladson, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Hermleigh ISD vs. Debra Row, et al, delinquent tax suit.

First Select Corporation vs. Charley D. Stone, suit on sworn account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jackie Wayland Kincaid Jr. and Terri Lynne Kincaid, divorce granted.

Providian National Bank vs. Effie Elliot, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Margaret P. Linville, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of A.B. Linville, to Frank Maurice Herridge, Lot 1 and the west 5 feet of Lot 2, both in Block 1 Section 1 of the Martin Addition.

Dorothy M. Taylor, individual executrix of the estate of Opal L. Taylor, to Dorothy M. Taylor, Lots 1-3 and the west 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 31 of the Lundy Park Addition.

Tommy Joe and Violet Diane Arnold to Murry Charles and Vicky C. Bell, an 0.617-acre tract in Tract 46 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, J. P. Smith survey.

Murry Charles Bell, individually and as independent executor of the estate of M. Fickas Bell, and Lana Bell Galloway, to Murry Charles and Vicky C. Bell, the south 100 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 20 of the Blankenship Addition.

Rodney Eugene Dupree, attorney-in-fact for Randal Dale Dupree and Wanda Louise Dupree, to Peyton Charles Greene, Lot 14 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

Sandra Bradshaw Poe to Randall E. and Wanda J. Wells, the south one-half of Lot 1 in Block 47 of the Blankenship Addition.

Clarence W. and Earlene Payne to Kevin James Courtney, Lot 6 in Block 41 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Bobby Rex and Patricia Lynn Kuhl, all of Lot 12 in Block F of the Towle Place Addition.

Mario C. Herrera to Gomezindo and Rosalinda Tovar, a 0.1722-acre tract in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Coy E. and LaDean Rhodes to Jim and Carrie Richardson, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 78 of the Scarborough's Addition.

Leroy Key to Wesley Roy Key, tract one being 18.2 acres in the northwest one0-quarter of Section 73, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 38.24 acres in Sections 54 and 73, both in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 2.54 acres in Sections 54 and 73, both in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being 8.083 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 54, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract five being a tract in Section 73, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Daymon Fikes to Alice Daniels, the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 21 of the Adams Addition.

John H. Calkins, Trustee of the Tweet Kimball Trust, to Cherokee Ranch Foundation, the west 83 acres out of the south 242.73 acres in Section 251, Block 97, H&TC survey.

NASA: Atlantis launch delayed until May 18

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' launch on a mission to fix and lift the international space station is off until mid-May, NASA said Friday.

After three frustrating weather delays this week, shuttle managers had hoped to squeeze in a fourth try next Wednesday. Top agency officials decided against bumping a weather satellite launch scheduled for that day, and Atlantis had to go to the back of the local rocket lineup.

Atlantis' next launch attempt, as a result, will be May 18.

The three-week delay means the space station may have to dip into its limited fuel supply to boost its orbit, which has been slipping almost two miles a week because of increased solar activity and its effect on the Earth's atmosphere. Atlantis' crew was supposed to raise the station using shuttle fuel.

Atlantis' seven astronauts also were supposed to replace bad batteries aboard the space station. Two of the six electricity-producing batteries have failed and two others are showing signs of deterioration. At least three are needed to maintain station control.

Now, that will have to wait.

The 10-day mission previously had been delayed one week in order to give commander James Halsell's sprained ankle time to heal.

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On the Net:
NASA's human spaceflight: http://www.nasa.gov/index-m.html

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Letters to the editor

'Journalism' or not?

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of how your selfish acts of "journalism" have caused heartache, pain and endless tears. I am aware that obviously you have little or no feelings or regrets for any wrongdoing that was imposed on a grieving family, but if only one person at your newspaper realizes the great injuries that has been done, I have succeeded in my task.

On April 13, you printed a story that advertised the death of a former Snyder man who had been killed in a car accident earlier that morning. Before the wife of the deceased could be informed of her soul mate's death, your newspaper had a story complete with graphic pictures out on the stands.

On that tragic day, the friends and family of the deceased not only had to deal with the shock and anguish of losing such a wonderful man, but they were also confronted with pictures of vehicles crushed beyond recognition.

It no doubt took a great effort to rush that story to make it in the April 13 edition, since the wreck had only happened that very morning. I find it despicable that you not only cared so little about the feelings of the people you claim to inform and serve, but you also made a deliberate effort to get it done so quickly. The pictures on the front page of your paper on April 13 were unnecessary, graphic and heartless. The people of Snyder are not interested in seeing their neighbors slain in the newspaper.

I previously had a great deal of respect for the journalism community, but that respect was ruined when through teary eyes, I saw the pictures of the accident you felt were so necessary to print.

The family and friends were devastated enough, but you seemed to have no trouble enhancing our grief. If being a great journalist means sacrificing people's feelings for the sake of a few snapshots, and delivering terrible news before the family can even be notified, then congratulations, you are the best group of journalists I have had the misfortune to come in contact with.

Mendi Floyd
Stepdaughter of the deceased

Who loves the children?

Dear Editor:

Who really loves the children? Could it possibly be the following?

Those who fled Europe from religious persecution and came to America and established the first seven churches.

The militia who furnished their own guns to give us a free nation.

The framers of the Constitution who gave us the bill of rights, freedom of speech and religion. That no religion could control the government. That the people who are the militia could not have the arms taken away from them. That each state had its rights.

President Lincoln, who upheld the Constitution, saying all men were created equal.

President Andrew Jackson, who would not let a central banking system to be formed. Representative Lindbergh, who said we did not need the federal reserve system. That we did not need a government within our government, and money is a government within itself.

The President Ronald Reagan even though shot with a gun, decided the people should have guns.

The judge who would not take the Ten Commandments off his courtroom wall.

The men and women who do not lie on income tax. The people who drive at the posted speed limits. Who do not give false evidence in court and are faithful to serve on jury duty.

The young woman who gets with child, but will not abort the child. The young man, who gets a girl with child, marries and stays married to the young woman.

The man who loves his wife as himself, the woman who loves and respects her husband.

The home that has a gun to protect the family from intruders. The gun is shown children and taught that it is loaded only for self-protection. That they may use the gun with supervision. No reason for a child to want guns as he or she already has one.

The family that knows children are to be corrected so they will know what will hurt them and be good for them. We are taught children obey your parents.

The school teacher who spanked little Jimmy because he hurt someone. The teacher who taught good morals. The teacher who did not show how to have sex and how being safe made it alright.

The doctor who helped the sick when he knew he would receive no pay.

The policeman who would not take a bribe.

The God of Heaven and Earth who gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in Him should not perish. The obedient Son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross so that we might have the hope of eternal life.

The Father and the Son taught to love your neighbors as yourselves.

Yours truly,
Surry Gillum

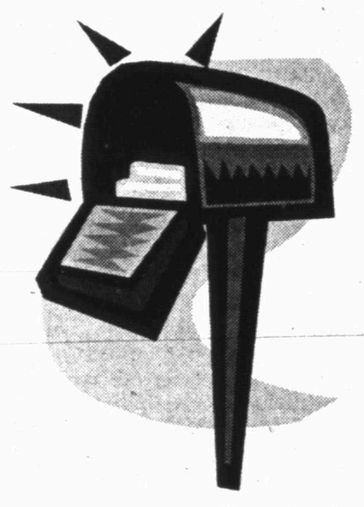
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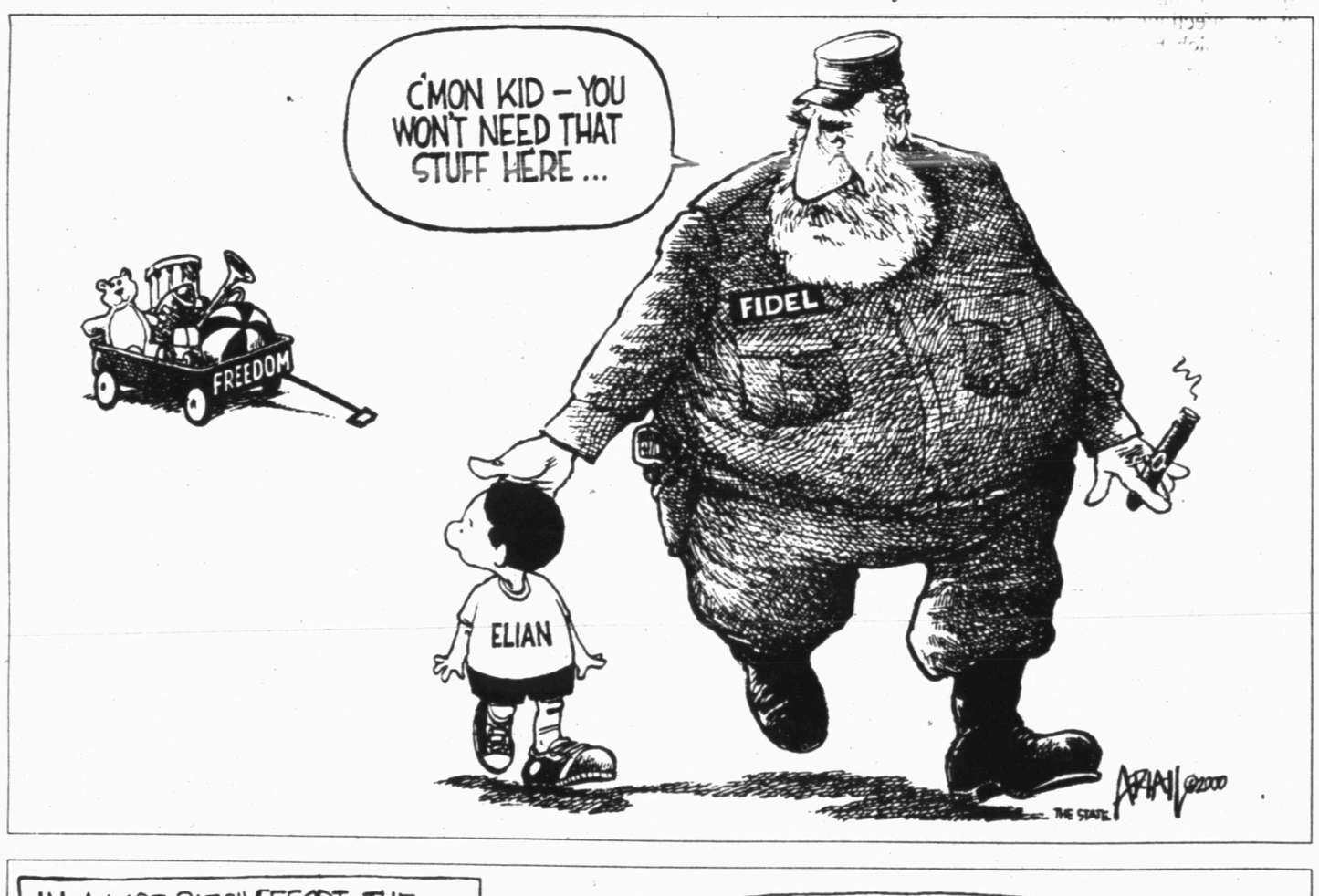
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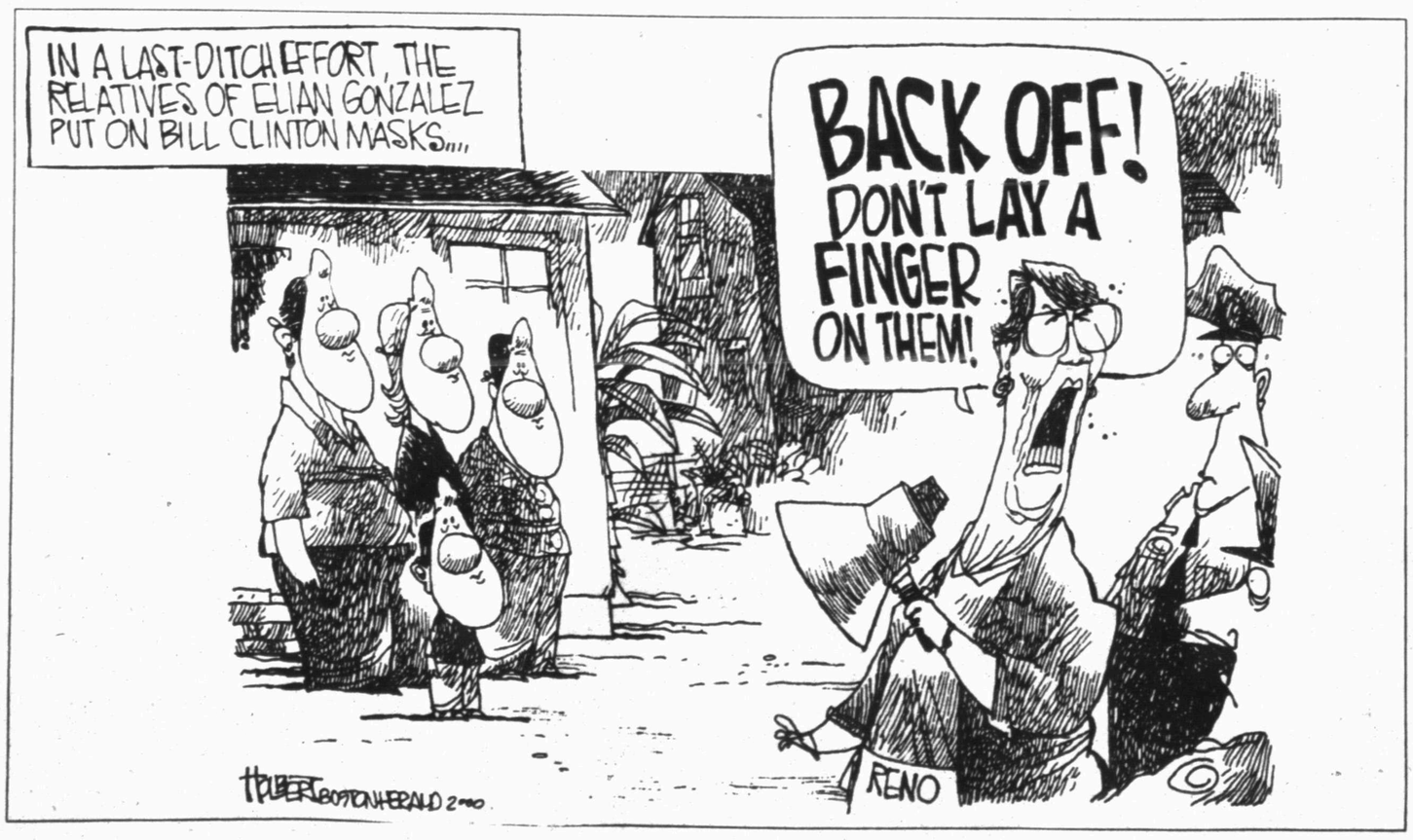
I am writing to you because I was born in Texas, but moved away when I was three years old when my mother and father were killed in an automobile accident and when I was seven years old after relocating in Snyder.

Since then I have lived in and out of foster home until I was 16 years old. I am now in prison and have never felt so lonely in my life. I pray (through the kindness of your heart) that you will publish my letter in your local newspaper. Some of my relatives may still be living in or around Pecos or somebody might remember me from school. All letters will be answered and anyone who would like to share a smile from time to time.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Odessa American

On theory behind Wall Street drop:

Even though the stock market recovered April 17 and 18, with the Dow and the Nasdaq index of high-tech stocks both up, the question remains: Why did the market tumble over the previous two weeks?

The Dow was down 616 points (5.6 percent) the first two weeks of April. And the Nasdaq index of high-tech stocks was down a staggering 1,252 points (27 percent).

There are several plausible explanations, including the popular wisdom that this was an inevitable adjustment among high-tech stocks that have been valued way above what the actually earnings of the companies would justify. Others suggest the market still is reacting to the April 3 ruling by Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that Microsoft had violated antitrust laws. The ruling, in this view, signaled that the government might become much more involved in the new high-tech economy something Nobel economist Milton Friedman has been warning about.

Then there is Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, still warning that the threat of inflation is too high (running at a 5.6 percent annual rate in the last three months), meaning he might boost interest rates higher.

Uncertainty in the dot-com economy about congressional action on Internet taxation may also be playing a part in the high-tech stock fall. The Republican proposal in Congress to ban Internet sales taxes has met opposition from Democrats, who want only a two-year ban.

But perhaps the most intriguing explanation for last week's crash came from Jude Wanniski, an economist, and financial columnists James Glassman, author of "Dow 36,000: The New Strategy for Profiting from the Coming Rise in the Stock Market."

Wichita Falls Times Record News

On history lessons not learned:

In certain science fiction books from the '50s, a sinister Big Brother strove to keep a somnolent population in ignorance and darkness by deliberately manipulating reality, blurring the distinctions that keep a people grounded in a specific time and place in history.

Life imitated art in the old Soviet Union, where the government officially erased the past it preferred to ignore or annihilate, effectively destroying the roots of society to keep it afloat in a present built largely on fabrications and myths.

Among the lessons we should have learned from both art and life is an obvious one: a people who don't know where they came from cannot define their own destiny and can easily be controlled by force or by coercion of the powerful who substitute fantasy for reality in the pursuit of their own ends. By fiat, we will apparently learn this lesson the hard way in our own country and in our own time.

It will not be Big Brother that imposes the lesson on us by stealth and prevarications. It will be we ourselves. Or, perhaps the use of the future tense is inappropriate here. Perhaps the present tense is more apt.

That's because it is now that we find an increasing number of young people stumbling into a future without benefit of knowledge of the past. A recent survey by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni tested the historical knowledge of seniors at what one national magazine ranks as the top 55 colleges in the United States.

And the students were woefully dumb on the subject. A report on the test findings in the Washington Post says the students were so ignorant of their history that:

— Only about half knew that George Washington warned in his farewell address against establishing permanent alliances with foreign governments;

— Not even 25 percent correctly identified James Madison as the Father of the Constitution;

— Only 22 percent could identify the source of this phrase: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people."

— Just 25 percent said they were familiar with the Emancipation Proclamation and a few more knew what Reconstruction was.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

On shooting questions:

A West Texas police chief's refusal to release information about a shooting raises questions.

The Levelland Police Department could use a crash course in crisis management and the state's open records laws. Law enforcement officials in that West Texas town have certainly mishandled events after the April 16 shooting of a 19-year-old man.

What is known about the episode is scant: a Texas Department of Public Safety officer saw a Chevrolet Baretta doing about 60 mph through a stop sign shortly after midnight. The DPS trooper dropped back when a Levelland squad car took up the chase, which lasted about four minutes. According to the DPS, the trooper's video camera recorded the Baretta colliding with the Levelland officer's car.

Someone fired at David Rodriguez, the driver of the Baretta. He died the next morning at Lubbock's University Medical Center from a gunshot to the head.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal has run into a blue-and-tan brick wall trying to obtain incident reports — information that the state attorney general's office and the courts have ruled must be available for public inspection. The paper filed a lawsuit Thursday asking a judge to order the city to turn over the records.

Levelland Police Chief Ted Holder initially said that release of the records would compromise the investigation into what happened. Now he's saying that his department is not even conducting an internal investigation. Holder also contends that none of his officers filed any reports about what happened that night. DPS officials are making the same claim.

The Austin American-Statesman

On judicial contributions lawsuit:

From the state's chief justice to just-a-citizen, Texans know that the state's system of choosing its judges is a mess.

Voters are deterred by partisan elections that in some urban areas feature dauntingly long lists of choices. Jurists are discouraged by the need to glad-hand and solicit campaign contributions. And judges appear compromised when campaign donors appear before them in court.

Something ought to be done about that, contend public-interest groups that are challenging the state's judicial campaign-finance system. They say the system is more than a mess — they contend that it's unconstitutional.

The challenge from Public Citizen, the Gray Panthers and some attorneys who practice in Texas courts should shake the state into action. There's been far too much hemming, hawing, procrastinating and being embarrassed in the national media about our "justice for sale" system. Lawmakers shouldn't have to be forced by the federal courts to clean up a situation that virtually everyone agrees is tainted.

Minorities, Demos criticize Bush on his census stand

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush is navigating the tricky shoals of census politics, drawing fire for opposing an adjustment designed to reduce the historic undercounting of minorities.

Bush says he simply wants everyone counted, not estimated. But that answer is being rejected by Hispanic and black leaders in his home state and — in this election year — by his Democratic presidential rival, Vice President Al Gore.

"I want to say to Governor Bush, if you really believe that every American counts, it's time to stand up to the operatives in your own party and support a census that counts every American," Gore has said.

The Census Bureau and congressional Democrats favor the use of statistical sampling in the once-a-decade effort, adjusting to account for populations typically missed including minorities and inner-city dwellers. Actual counters began knocking on doors Thursday after an estimated 42 million households declined to fill out and return forms by mail.

Congressional Republicans oppose the use of sampling, contending the Constitution demands an actual enumeration. But Democrats contend the GOP simply fears sampling could redraw political lines to Democrats' advantage.

Bush's anti-sampling stance contradicts the unity he preaches on the campaign trail, says the leader of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"Bush should know better because he traditionally has a large following of Hispanics in Texas and you would think he would want more of these people counted," said LULAC President Rick Dovalina, a Texan. "But I guess he just doesn't have faith in the Latino population."

The Texas NAACP also is displeased by the governor's position, and estimates that the 1990 undercount of nearly half a million Texans deprived the state of almost $1 billion in federal money.

"A lot of people are not counted who would really benefit from the programs that are in place and the money would be more appropriately deployed if people were accurately counted," said Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe.

For Bush to reverse his position would be the "statesmanly thing to do," Bledsoe said.

A complete head count is the way to go, Bush says.

"I've always said that the best count is an accurate count," he said last week during a Texas campaign stop.

Bush's campaign says his standing in minority communities remains robust and it's because of the deep respect he has for them that he favors an actual count.

"Governor Bush took this position because he believes, based upon principle, that every American of every ethnic group should be counted," said campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker. "He wants all of the Hispanics and all of the minorities in Texas and elsewhere to be counted, not estimated."

The campaign is quick to point out that not all minorities favor sampling. One of Bush's close allies, San Antonio Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla, agrees, saying the opinions of minority group leaders "really don't represent the grass-roots members of that minority group."

"But the media takes that word as gospel," said Bonilla, who favors an actual count.

The census is a tough call for Bush, says University of Texas-Pan American political scientist Jerry Polinard. It's not just the promise of more federal money for Texas that is involved, he said, but also "bringing more power to the Democrats."

The Supreme Court has ruled that sampling-enhanced numbers cannot be used in congressional apportionment, the process by which the House's 435 seats are distributed among the states. Left unspecified was whether sample-adjusted numbers could be used to allocate federal dollars or to draw political boundaries.

States will have the option of using either adjusted or raw census data to redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries.

"I'll make up my mind after I see all the facts," Bush said last week. The man who would take his place if he wins the White House, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, also has not said which way he will go.

Texas is one of 16 states required, under the Voting Rights Act, to clear any election law change with the Justice Department or a three-judge federal panel to ensure that minority voting strength isn't diluted.

Each redistricting plan in Texas dating to 1971 has been the subject of a lawsuit, and the chairman of the Texas House redistricting committee expects another legal challenge in 2001 if a determination isn't made soon about what set of numbers to use.

British study inconclusive

LONDON (AP) — Preliminary results of a study to gauge how many Britons could be infected with the human form of mad cow disease have provided little insight into the extent of the threat, government scientists said Friday.

The deaths of 53 people in Britain have been attributed to a variant of the brain-wasting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Experts believe it is a human version of bovine spongiform encephalopathy and that people get it by eating contaminated beef.

Researchers working for the Department of Health analyzed 3,170 preserved samples of tonsil or appendix tissue for traces of an infectious protein called prion, which has been found in the appendixes and tonsils of people who have the disease.

None of the samples showed the protein, they said.

"The fact that no positives have been found is welcome news, but these early results should not be taken as an indication of an 'all clear,'" said Britain's chief medical officer, Dr. Liam Donaldson.

Dr. Les Borysiewicz, a professor of medicine at the University of Wales who chaired the committee reviewing the data, said it would be inappropriate to draw any conclusions from the study's negative results.

"The first thing we need is a better diagnostic test," he said.

The test used, while the best available at the moment, has limitations, he said.

"We're quite a way away from being able to give reassurance," Borysiewicz said. "It really does not take us further in estimating the size of the epidemic."

Scientists believe most of the cases of infection with the human form of mad cow disease occurred in the late 1980s, before the introduction of controls to prevent contaminated meat getting to the table.

How many people eventually succumb to the disease, which emerged in 1995, largely depends on the length of its incubation period, which scientists say may be up to 20 years or more. Estimates of the number of people who could be infected range from about 100 to hundreds of thousands.

The scientists intend to test a total of 18,000 samples, including freshly removed tonsils and appendices.

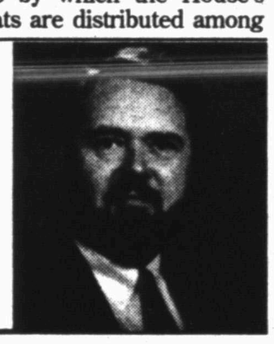
Dr. Graham Medley, an expert on Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease at Warwick University, in England, said it is difficult to anticipate what is to come.

"If the incubation period is 10 years, then we are in the middle of the epidemic," he said. "If the incubation time is 30 years, then we are only at the beginning. We have never before seen this disease in humans and we simply do not know at the moment."

British beef was banned in Europe for two years following an outbreak of mad cow disease and the emergence of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The ban was lifted in August 1999 everywhere but France.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Words of Wisdom XXV — The Reader's Digest Version

This column might well have been titled, "Wisdom from my mother-in-law's bathroom." Yes, the golden thoughts for this column came from Helen Keith's recreational reading supply. My wife discovered this treasure trove while recreating at her mother's home near Gainesville, Missouri. She later shared several of these powerful thoughts with me and I immediately knew it was worthy of Words of Wisdom column.

The source was published in 1983 and is titled, "A Treasury of Days — 365 Thoughts on the Art of Living." It is a Reader's Digest book published by C. R. Gibson Company, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Daily Doses of Wisdom

(You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again. — Bonnie Prudden

(People are like stained-glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within. — Elizabeth K(übler-Ross

(He who never made a mistake never made a discovery. — Samuel Smiles

(Enthusiasm is the thing that makes the world go round. Without its driving power nothing worth doing has ever been done. It alleviates the pains of poverty and the boredom of riches. Apart from it joy cannot live. Therefore, it should be husbanded with zeal and spent with wisdom. To waste it is folly; to misuse it, disaster. — Robert Haven Schauffler

(I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught. — Sir Winston Churchill

(The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth and have it found out by accident. — Charles Lamb

(Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

(All anybody needs to know about prizes is that Mozart never won one. — Henry Mitchell

(What really matters is what happens in us, not to us. — The Rev. James W. Kennedy

(The older I get, the more wisdom I find in the ancient rule of taking first things first — a process which often reduces the most complex human problems to manageable proportions. — Dwight D. Eisenhower.

(Success does not necessarily mean that we must earn a great deal of money and live in the biggest house in town. It means only that we are daily engaged in striving toward a goal that we have independently chosen and feel is worthy of us as persons. A goal, whatever it may be, is what gives meaning to our existence. It is the carrot on the stick that keeps us striving — that keeps us interested — that gives us a reason for getting out of bed in the morning. — Earl Nightingale.

(Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute. — Gil Stern

(We probably wouldn't worry about what people think of us if we could know how seldom they do. — Olin Miller

(The haves and the have-nots can often be traced back to the dids and the did-nots. — D. O. Flynn

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Scurry County Service Men & Women

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Oldest English newspaper is closing

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — South Asia's oldest English-language newspaper, The Observer, announced Friday it was suspending publication.

Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited, the state holding company that owns the 166-year-old daily, wants to restructure its newspaper production. The 10,000-circulation Observer was its first victim, and will cease publication May 1.

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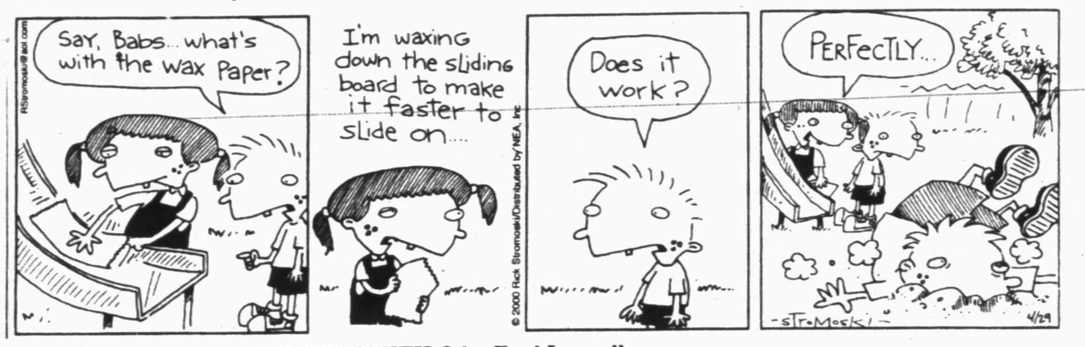
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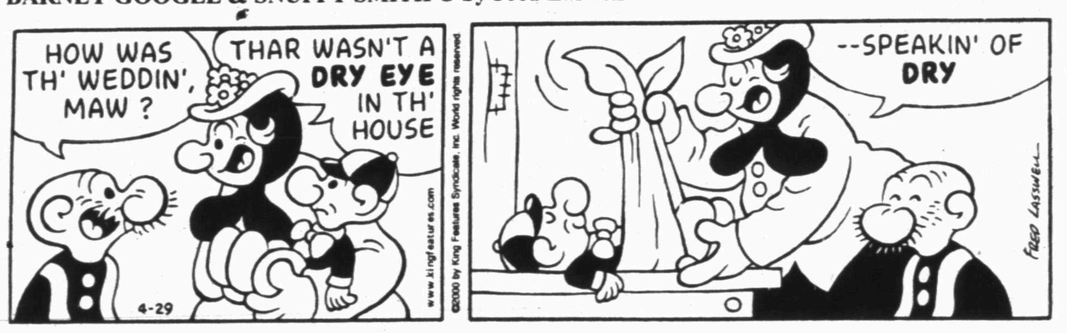
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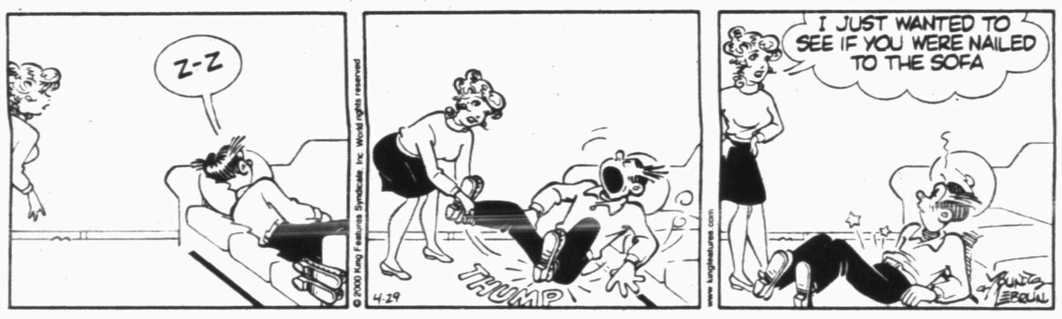
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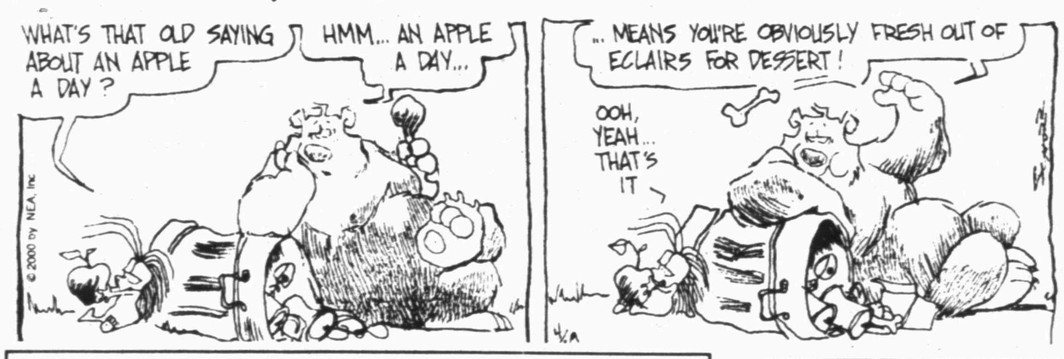
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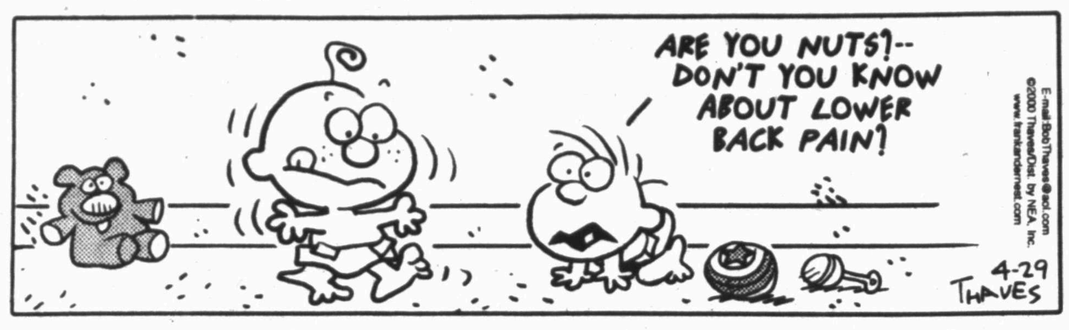
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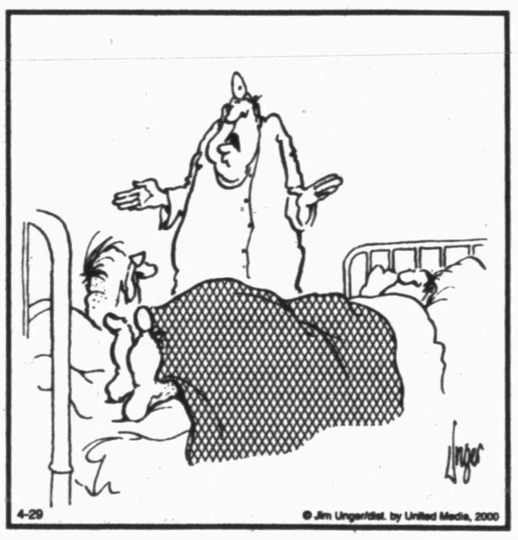
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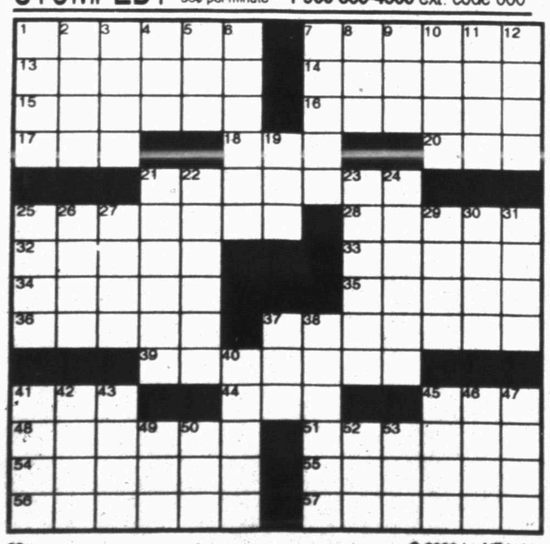
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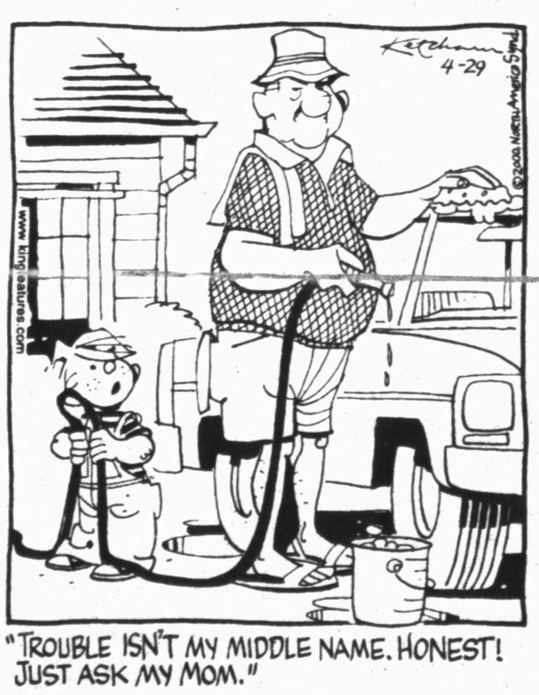


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"TROUBLE ISN'T MY MIDDLE NAME. HONEST! JUST ASK MY MOM."

Some Texas teachers have second job

AUSTIN (AP) — By day they work to educate the state's children. By night, 28 percent of Texas' 250,000 public school teachers rent out videos, play at piano bars or tutor to make ends meet, according to a Sam Houston State University study released Friday.

"Teachers, they make enough but not to the point where they have their own kid going to college," said Ysrael Valencia, a high school math instructor in El Paso who teaches night school three times a week to supplement his income.

Valencia is not alone, according to the study, "Texas Teachers, Moonlighting and Morale: 1980-2000." It was compiled based on surveys mailed to 710 randomly selected members of the 80,000-member Texas State Teachers Association. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent.

The association paid for mailing the surveys but had nothing to do with data compilation or analyzing, said David Henderson, the Sam Houston researcher who has been conducting the study since 1980.

Not only are large numbers of Texas teachers working second jobs to add to their incomes, but 43 percent plan to leave the field or are considering leaving, the study said.

Although poor salary and benefits remained among the top reasons teachers left the profession, this survey reflected the additional amount of stress Texas educators face under the state's accountability system, based largely on results of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

"Lots of them are saying it's the testing," Henderson said Thursday. "I've been everywhere and they say, 'We're not doing much in social studies and we're not doing much in science because the TAAS focuses on reading, writing and arithmetic.'"

"It's not surprising that 43 percent are seriously considering leaving the profession altogether," said Ignacio Salinas Jr., president of the Texas State Teachers Association. "This is bad news at a time when critical teacher shortages already exist throughout the country, but especially in Texas."

The State Board of Educator Certification estimates more than 44,000 teacher vacancies in the next school year with only 14,000 new recruits available to fill the jobs.

Additionally, more than 18 percent of current teachers are teaching at least one class for which they do not have the appropriate certificate.

"It is a huge issue in the state, there's no doubt about that," said board spokeswoman Stephanie Korchek. "Our board has said that the most important thing the state can do to help the teacher shortage problem is not recruitment, but retention."

The state is working on several projects, including a federally-funded teacher support program, and joint initiatives with several state universities and colleges.

But Texas teachers — who, even with a $3,000 annual pay raise from the Legislature last year, earn $3,000 below the national average salary of $41,377 — say those initiatives aren't enough.

"The Texas Legislature must make recruitment and retention of teachers a top priority," Salinas said. "It can solve the financial problem by raising salaries to the national level and establishing a statewide health insurance plan for employees and families."

Study links good day-care with preventing crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — The best day care can keep children from getting into trouble and committing crimes later in life, says research presented at the White House by law enforcement groups Friday.

The report, a compilation of studies comparing children in programs in North Carolina and Chicago with other children, says youths who spent their early years in quality day care were half as likely to be arrested.

Studies also found that troubled tots who didn't go to preschool and receive home visits from social workers were five times as likely to become chronic lawbreakers — arrested four or more times — by age 27.

"We're tired of hearing people pretend there are no answers to how we can prevent youth violence," said Sanford Newman, president of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. The 700-member anti-crime group was promoting child care as a crime-fighting tool at a White House meeting Friday led by Hillary Rodham Clinton, the first lady and New York Senate candidate.

"Child care is not only a lifesaver for working families, it is a crime-fighting strategy for our communities," Clinton said Friday.

"For every dollar we invest in child care we save $5 in crime costs down the line."

The group kept its focus on prevention in the report. It proposed increased spending, saying many poor families are forced to pay a quarter of their incomes for child care.

It also proposed better training and higher salaries for child-care workers.

Polls released along with the child studies found, not surprisingly, that parents and police alike overwhelmingly support child-care and after-school activities.

There is less agreement on whether children should be charged as adults, kept in prisons, or subjected to other increasingly punitive measures, organizers said. The polls found that 17 percent of police chiefs favor charging more juveniles as adults, compared with 12 percent of the public.

Clinton hosts Nordic leaders to mark opening of exhibit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton welcomed five Nordic leaders Friday to mark a new exhibit on Vikings and to declare that Americans should learn more about "this fascinating early chapter" of history.

Clinton, along with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, hosted a luncheon to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the Vikings' arrival in North America and the opening Saturday of a Smithsonian Institution exhibit, "Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga."

"It is amazing to me to look at the Viking ships and imagine that they made it all this way 1,000 years ago," Clinton said. "You have clearly decided to make this a tradition, and you're welcome back in the year 3000."

Clinton joked he couldn't exactly say the Vikings discovered this land, because Americans disagree over who actually did that.

"Italian-Americans revere Columbus. ... Anglo-Americans argue for the primacy of Jamestown and Plymouth as the first colonies," Clinton said. "Franco-Americans remind us to honor Champlain, Cartier and La Salle along side all others. And of course, our Native Americans consider all these people insignificant latecomers."

King Harald V of Norway said 10 million Americans claim Nordic roots "and combine this with a deep felt and unswerving loyalty" toward the United States. In turn, he said, Nordic nations are looking to the United States for lessons in coping with diversity.

"The Nordic countries are becoming multicultural societies, with the opportunities and challenges this presents," Harald said. "The United States has always made it possible for its citizens to cherish their ethnic groups and celebrate their culture."

Also at the luncheon were Queen Sonja of Norway; President Olaf Ragnar Grimsonn of Iceland; President Tarja Halonen of Finland, Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and Prince Joachim of Denmark.

The $3 million Smithsonian exhibit, at the National Museum of Natural History, features a variety of artifacts and traces the lives, travels, jewelry, religion, clothing, poetry and impact of the Norse.

"For all the challenges and superstitions men and women faced 1,000 years ago, they still had the daring and enterprise to look beyond the horizon," Clinton said. "All Americans should know more about this fascinating early chapter of our history."

He said the Vikings' legend can be seen in places like Delaware's New Sweden, Oslo, Minn.; Denmark, Iowa or Holland, N.D. He noted that the spacecraft Viking I and Viking II made the first expedition to Mars in 1976, drawing "Hmms" of approval from his guests.

On the Net:

White House: www.whitehouse.gov

National Museum of Natural History: www.nmnh.si.edu

New guide unveiled to help communities avoid school violence

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno told students crowded into a Houston high school auditorium Friday they can make a difference in preventing school violence.

"I want you to keep telling us what we need to do to help the young people of America," Reno told some 500 junior and senior high students from three Houston-area schools.

Reno was at Forest Brook High School in northeast Houston to unveil "Safeguarding Our Children: An Action Guide," written by the Justice and Education departments to help communities deter school violence.

The 60-page government booklet, being sent to school officials around the nation, urges creation of groups within schools to foster positive discipline, academic success and mental and emotional wellness in students; early intervention with the 10 to 15 percent of students at risk for severe academic or behavioral problems; and immediate intervention for students who continue to have problems.

"Let's understand there should be punishment with the development of these preventative programs," Reno said during about 15 minutes of remarks. "But let it be fair and fit the crime."

Reno said such a balance between prevention and punishment is needed to ensure no repeat of violence like last year's fatal shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado.

Narietha Carter, the student body president at Forest Brook High School, said she was impressed Reno emphasized family and religion must play important roles in instilling values into students that steer them clear of violence.

"Overall I feel safe as a student," Carter, 17, said. "But we are cautious."

Reno never mentioned the Elian Gonzalez custody situation in her address to the students, but told reporters afterward that work is continuing to reunite everyone involved in the dispute.

Reno has come under fire for approving a predawn raid last Saturday that removed the Cuban child from the home of his Miami relatives and reunited him with his father.

ER run extended

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The prognosis is good for Noah Wyle and the staff of "ER."

NBC said Friday it has extended the show's run through the 2003-04 season.

TV viewers "can rest assured that television's favorite doctors of all time will be making house calls at NBC for at least the next four years," said Garth Ancier, president of NBC Entertainment.

Lyme Disease warning issued

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is warning outdoor workers to be especially wary of Lyme disease.

"Outdoor workers are at particularly high risk, and the tick population may continue to increase this season due to the rising number of deer and recent mild winters," David Weld, executive director of the American Lyme Disease Foundation in Somers, N.Y., said Wednesday.

Occupations that carry a high risk of exposure to infected ticks include construction work, landscaping, forestry, brush clearing, land surveying, farming, railroad work, oilfield work, utility line work and park/wildlife management.

Rash, flu-like symptoms, arthritis and heart abnormalities are some of the symptoms suffered by Lyme disease victims.

Daily tick checks, vaccinations and use of insect repellent are preventive measures.

On the Net:

The American Lyme Disease Foundation: http://www.aldf.com

OSHA: http://www.osha.gov

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can too much potassium be bad?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What are the health risks in having a diet rich in potassium foods? All the foods mentioned on high potassium lists are foods necessary for maintaining healthy muscle and nerve functions. Why would a low potassium diet be recommended? — L.K. Oakland, Calif.

Dear L.K.: It all depends on what you mean by "rich." Potassium is a key mineral that regulates the water balance inside the cells. (It works together with the sodium that regulates water balance outside the cells.) Potassium is also involved in the transmission of nerve signals (it keeps the heart beating), muscle tone and the body's acid-base balance. The safe and adequate intake range for an adult is between 1,875 and 5,625 milligrams per day.

A healthful diet would be naturally full of potassium-rich foods, as potassium tends to be found in fruits, vegetables and other whole foods. It is difficult to overdose on healthful foods. The best food sources for potassium include bananas, prunes, potatoes, beet greens and chard, tomatoes, citrus fruit, and avocados.

But it is never good to have too much of anything, and potassium is no exception. There are certain health conditions and medications that can upset the body's normal potassium balance. Some conditions (or medications), for example, might cause the body to eliminate sodium while holding onto its potassium. If this were the case, dietary intake of high potassium foods might have to be monitored. If, on the other hand, potassium levels were low, your physician might tell you to adjust your diet accordingly, or you may be instructed to take a potassium supplement.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My hair is thin and is subject to frequent breakage. Someone suggested Norwegian kelp. Will this nutrient remedy my symptoms and stimulate hair growth? What other natural products would you suggest? By the way, I'm African-American, if that makes a difference. — **S., Nashville, Tenn.**

Dear S.: Kelp, a vegetable that grows in the sea, is primarily known for its iodine content, but it also contains potassium, calcium, magnesium and sodium.

Iodine is an essential mineral that plays a role in the manufacture of the thyroid hormones — the substances that help regulate the body's metabolism. Dry, coarse and breaking hair and hair loss are among the symptoms of inadequate thyroid hormone (hypothyroidism), so perhaps that was the connection your friend was relying upon. It is unclear, though, whether kelp is the answer.

The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for iodine is 150 micrograms — a trace amount. Today, it's rare for anyone eating a varied diet to suffer from an iodine deficiency.

Iodine is plentiful in the ocean but is not well-distributed on land. Foods containing iodine are limited to sea foods, crops grown in coastal areas, and dairy or meat foods from animals that have grazed on feed containing iodine.

One's genetic background, certain health conditions and medications can all have a range of influences on how the hair looks and behaves. A list of specifics would be too long to include here. The quality of your diet is also a factor. I would take a look at what you have been eating and aim for a good mix of fruits, greens and grains. These provide the essential vitamins and minerals. If you so choose, a good multivitamin can provide some insurance in this regard. I would also get a regular intake of seafood or other sources of essential fatty acids.

Keep in mind that regardless of what one eats, the hair will always be greatly influenced by the hair products and treatments one uses. A knowledgeable aesthetician or hair stylist might be able to recommend products well-suited to your particular situation.

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

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Research may lead to reversing cellular aging

WASHINGTON (AP) — They look like regular cows, but they harbor a secret: Put their cells under the microscope and they look astoundingly young.

Massachusetts scientists have cloned six cows that are causing a stir because their cells show none of the worrisome premature aging that researchers previously found in Dolly the cloned sheep. The finding could ease fears that cloned cells age too fast to be useful against diseases.

In fact, the cloned cows — the oldest turned a year old this week, while the others are 7 months — have cells that appear as young as those of newborn calves, researchers with the biotechnology company Advanced Cell Technologies report today in the journal Science.

Unlike Dolly, the cows were cloned from cells nearing the end of their lifespan.

If even very old cells can have their "aging clock" essentially rewound, then scientists might one day be able to clone customized replacement tissues for patients suffering from diabetes, Parkinson's or other diseases, say experts on cellular aging.

It could also mean cloned cows could live longer than normal, says Advanced Cell Technologies' chief scientist, Dr. Robert Lanza. "There's a chance these could be the longest-lived cows on the planet."

But no one will know that for years, cautioned Thoru Pederson, a cellular biologist at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. After all, cows typically live 20 years, and there's more to aging than the cellular characteristic the company is investigating.

"It's important not to overdramatize this as a 'fountain of youth' thing," stressed one of the nation's leading experts on cellular aging, Jerry Shay of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Instead, Shay says, the study provides "the first very dramatic proof" that people's very old cells could one day be rejuvenated for tissue engineering.

Cells can divide only a certain number of times before they die — about 70 times for human cells; around 60 times for cows.

All chromosomes have protective tips called telomeres that prevent a cell's genetic code from fraying during this cellular division. But each time the cell divides, the telomere gets a little shorter. It eventually becomes too short to protect the chromosome, so the cell can no longer divide and eventually dies.

Dolly was the first large animal to be cloned from genetic material extracted from an adult cell. She seems healthy. But last year, scientists discovered her telomeres were too short — while she was just 3, her genetic material was aging at the rate of the 6-year-old sheep from which she was cloned.

Not only did that suggest Dolly could age and sicken prematurely, it meant any cloned cells one day developed as medical treatments might be too old to last in the body and fight disease.

Now Advanced Cell Technologies has discovered the opposite effect: Its six new cloned cows have telomeres significantly longer than regular cows the same age — in other words, the cells look far younger than expected.

When cloned cow cells were put in a lab dish, they divided more than 90 times before dying, the researchers report in Science.

And the company just had four new calves born last month that had telomeres "longer than any I've ever seen," Lanza added.

Nobody knows why.

The cow cloning process is done a little differently than Dolly was cloned. The sheep was cloned from a cell that temporarily stopped dividing, not a terribly old cell. In contrast, Lanza let cow cells divide in a dish for several months until they were at the very end of their lifespan, a period called senescence. He cloned only the oldest of these old cells, ones with incredibly short telomeres.

One theory: Putting super-old genetic material into an egg — the next step in cloning — may prompt the egg to overreact and ensure it produces an embryo with extra-long telomeres, Shay said.

"This is good news," said Huber Warner, associate director of the National Institute on Aging. "This says telomeres can be repaired."

How should technology be used in schools?

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas needs to teach young people how to adapt to an ever-changing, high-tech economy, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry told a group of technology experts Friday.

"We must also start to change the culture — prevalent in some of our schools — from teaching 'computers' to using technology as a portal to help students expand their horizons and learn the skills they need to succeed in the new economy," he said.

Perry said a recent poll of business executives found companies looking for employees who can communicate, work in teams and quickly learn new skills.

"So to succeed in the new economy, young people need basic skills, they need to know technology and they need to be able to adapt that technology," he said. "In other words, we must educate good thinkers."

Perry addressed the Advisory Committee on the Digital Economy, which he formed in November to study the relationship between government and technology. Twenty-one top executives, telecommunications experts, economists and legislators sit on the panel.

The committee was scheduled to address ways to improve the education and skills of the Texas workforce through better use technology in public schools and universities.

Perry said those issues are vital to Texas. "It's no exaggeration to say that education and workforce development are the operating systems of the digital economy in Texas," he said.

A skilled and educated workforce is the state's top priority, he said. "I've often said that education is the best crime prevention tool we have. It's the best welfare reform tool we have."

He said public education in Texas is improving. The Texas Education Agency has announced the highest test scores in history. The number of minorities passing the math portion of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills increased by 25 percent, he said.

However, problems remain. Perry said only 20 percent of Texans have a college degree and Texas ranks only sixth nationally in federal higher education research dollars.

"I'd like your thoughts on how Texas can do a better job of attracting those research dollars here," Perry told the committee.

Safety of furniture flame retardants mulled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Half the chemicals proposed by the government for making upholstered furniture flame-resistant could pose a health risk to people exposed to them in the home, a scientific panel said Thursday.

While researchers found eight of the 16 candidate flame retardants to be safe, not enough information was available to say the others wouldn't cause health problems, including cancer.

"Studies are needed on the other eight to find out how much exposure people would actually have to these chemicals if they were used on home furniture," said Donald Gardner, chairman of the National Research Council panel that wrote the report. The council, part of the National Academy of Sciences, advises the government on scientific and technological issues.

Gardner noted that none of the tested chemicals are currently being used in the United States on furniture.

Fires started on upholstered furniture are among the leading causes of residential fire deaths, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The fires are often caused by small open flames from matches, cigarette lighters and candles.

Since 1993, the safety commission has been considering a flammability standard for all residential upholstered furniture sold in the United States. This prompted Congress to request a study on the health risks posed by the flame-retardant chemicals likely to be used to treat furniture.

Republican Rep. Roger Wicker, whose Mississippi district includes 30,000 furniture workers, wrote the House provision requiring the study.

Wicker said he wants to make sure the safety commission, by pushing for flammability regulation, "doesn't unnecessarily endanger the health and safety of consumers, workers, and the environment."

If the standard is enacted, the chemicals would be applied to as much as 600 million square yards of fabric each year in the United States, the report said.

The panel did not conduct its own testing, but gathered and analyzed existing research on the chemicals. Because there were few studies available, the panel intentionally overestimated the possible exposure people would have from the treated furniture.

On The Net:
National Academy of Sciences: http://www.nationalacademies.org/
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: http://www.cpsc.gov/

Last of 'Queens of Armed Robbery' sentenced

HOUSTON (AP)— The fourth and final member of a teen-age girl gang that called themselves the "Queens of Armed Robbery" was sentenced Friday to 10 years probation.

Michelle Morneau, 18, had pleaded guilty to her role in a series of convenience store robberies last summer in Harris and Montgomery counties.

Morneau, who is now in a drug treatment program and attending college, could have received up to life in prison from state District Judge Mark Kent Ellis.

Under the terms of the deferred adjudication, she will have to attend a boot camp for four months, undergo random drug testing and participate in 2,000 hours of community service work.

"This is your chance," Ellis told her as she stood between her parents, tears streaming down her face. "This is it. No more crying. No more bellyaching. . . . Either you're going to follow the rules of probation or you're not.

"If I see you again, you'd better bring your toothbrush because you're going to go to prison."

Morneau had testified against one of her companions, Krystal Dawn Maddox, who earlier this month was convicted of aggravated robbery and sentenced to 71/2 years in prison.

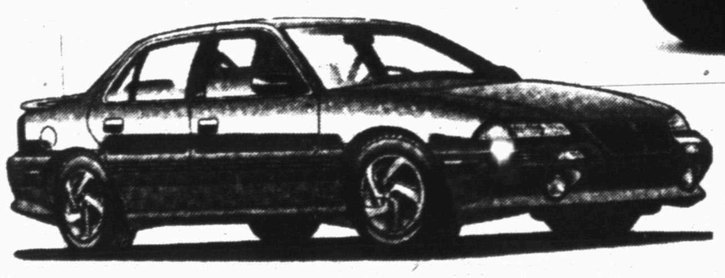
Maddox, 16, the youngest of the four Houston-area girls, was identified as the organizer of the group and was the only one to stand trial. Her trial was moved to Dallas on a change of venue.

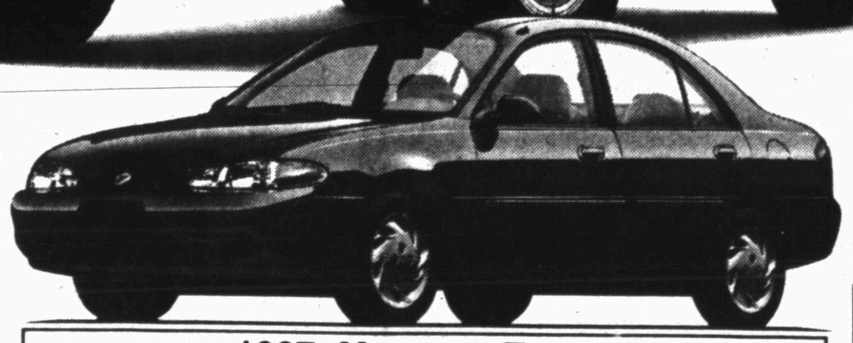
In January, Malissa "Lisa" Warzeka and Katie Marie Dunn, both 17, were sentenced to 7-year prison terms after they pleaded guilty to two counts each of aggravated robbery.

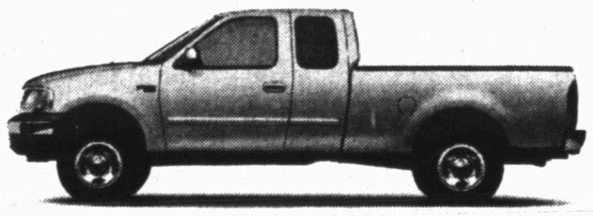
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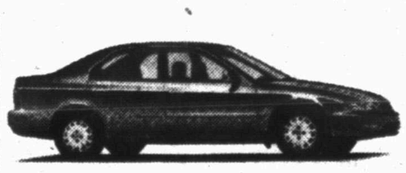


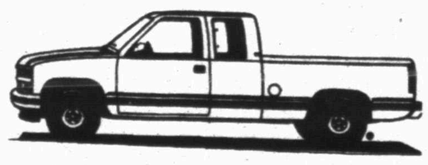
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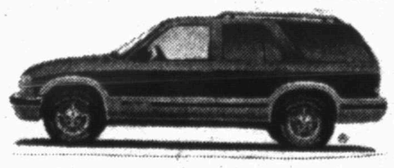
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