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Boys & Girls Club gets another grant

After receiving a $27,000 grant from the Meadows Foundation, Scurry County Boys & Girls Club has received another grant — this time from the Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland in the amount of $12,500.

"All this is very good news to Scurry County and most especially to the youth of the county," said Scurry Youth Center board president Lannie Lee, who made application for the grants.

According to Lee, the Abell-Hanger Foundation award is a challenge grant, meaning the club must meet the same amount from another source or through local contributions. The Abell-Hanger Foundation has permitted the Boys & Girls Club to use the $27,000 grant from Meadows as the match.

Lee, chief of the Snyder Police Department, handed the check from Abell-Hanger to County Judge Ricky Fritz where it has been placed in a special account for the remodeling and renovation of the club. To date, $39,500 is in the account.

All grant monies received have been made to Scurry County since the Boys & Girls Club is owned by Scurry County. According to Lee, he will meet with Judge Fritz and Dave Harlin, Boys & Girls Club board president, in the near future to work out a project plan for the remodeling and renovation of the club.

Lee also announced that a third foundation, the M.S. Doss Foundation in Seminole, has given notification that it will be adding to the project, too.

1996 OFFICER OF THE YEAR - City officer Mike Ward was named Snyder Police Officer of the Year by Police Chief Lannie Lee. Ward has been on the department's staff as an officer since December, 1994. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ward is selected policeman of year

A 1988 graduate of Snyder High School has been named 1996 Officer of the Year for the Snyder Police Department.

Mike Ward, who was commissioned as a police officer in December of 1994, was selected by Police Chief Lannie Lee for the honor, based on selected scoring criteria related to individual officer intitiative.

Ward was reared in Snyder and attended Western Texas College after graduating from SHS. He also attended and graduated from the West Central Texas Council of Governments Law Enforcement Academy.

He was initially employed at the police department as a records clerk.

He is married and his wife Sandy is employed at Wal-Mart as a claims clerk. The couple have two children, three-year-old Christopher and one-year-old Hunter.

The officer of the year program and the officer of the month program were initiated in December of 1995 by Lee to recognize and reward officers who demonstrate a committment to the department's goals of safety, security and service to the community.

The City of Snyder and West Texas State Bank are co-sponsors of the program.

Insurance bids on court agenda

Scurry County commissioners are hoping for good news when they open and consider bids for county health insurance Monday morning.

Faced with premium increases of some 42 percent over last year, the court went out for bids at the end of the year with hopes of cutting an expected insurance premium of $517,000. Last year's bill was $354,000.

The present policy expires at the end of this month.

The court will also consider a yearly resolution to participate in the Texas narcotics control program, reports from the county extension office, minutes from the Scurry County Welfare Board and payment of bills.

The meeting is set to begin at 10 a.m.

Mesa Ag Conference is Monday

Seminar in Lamesa has a lot to offer area producers

LAMESA — The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is planned here all day Monday, and Scurry County producers are extended an invitation to attend.

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMPs for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," said Terry Millican, Scurry County extension agent.

The conference will be held in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street. Registration is $20 at the door. The program will begin at 8 a.m. and end shortly after 4 p.m., with lunch provided.

Sponsors are the Texas Agricultural Extension Services in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, Garza, Midland, Martin and Howard counties. The program will feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control and weed control for cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts.

Farm Program and production outlooks will also be discussed.

Speakers include Mindy Shugart with the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Brent Bea, Dr. Jack Wayne Keeling, Dr. Robert Lemon, Dr. James F. Leser, Dr. Edward G. Smith, Dr. Jackie Smith and Dr. Billy E. Warrick with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Four and a half continuing education units will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at the program. Producers can determine the number of CEUs they have accumulated by calling TDA at 1-800-835-5832.

MLK Day prompts few closings

Scurry County financial institutions will be closed Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Mail will be placed in the boxes at the post office, but there will be no home delivery of mail, said postal officials.

Students in the Snyder ISD will have a holiday, but students at Ira and Hermleigh will have classes as usual.

Scurry County Courthouse, City Hall, Scurry County Museum and Western Texas College will operate on their normal hours.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Middle age is a time in life when the broad mind and narrow waist exchange places."

Gayle Lomax, Snyder school superintendent, is this month's program chairman at the Rotary Club.

A recent guest speaker was Larry Hoeffer, a linebacker coach for the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Hoeffer coached at abilene High when Lomax was high school principal. Hoeffer's mother was a teacher he attended school in Snyder until his family moved to abilene where he graduated and later played football for McMurry.

Hoeffer said the Red Raiders enjoyed success the past few years, but said there are always incidents that delivers a hardy dose of reality.

Hoeffer said it happened to him just before Tech was set to leave for San Antonio and the Alamo Bowl. He was shaving when the telephone rang.

He told his wife to take a number. She returned and informed him it was Sports Illustrated calling. Hoeffer said he wiped his face and hurried to the phone, thinking he had a chance to make the big time.

The guy on the other end said, "This is Sports Illustrated calling and for only $39.99..."

On the same day, Rotary bulletin editor Dr. Bryan Cave included some classified ad bloopers that he had found on the internet:

--Illiterate? Write today for help.

--Auto repair service. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

--Stock up and save! Limit one per customer.

--Dog for sale. Eats anything and is fond of children.

--For sale. Antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

--Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

--Three-year-old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred.

--Vacation special. Have your home exterminated. Get rid of aunts.

--Man, honest, will take anything.

--Used Cars. Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first.

--Our bikinis are exciting. They are simply the tops.

'Abner' auditions will begin Monday

Auditions for "Lil' Abner," the Ritz Theatre spring musical, will be held Monday and Tuesday at the theatre, located on the south side of the square.

Auditions will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and from 5 until 7 p.m. Tuesday.

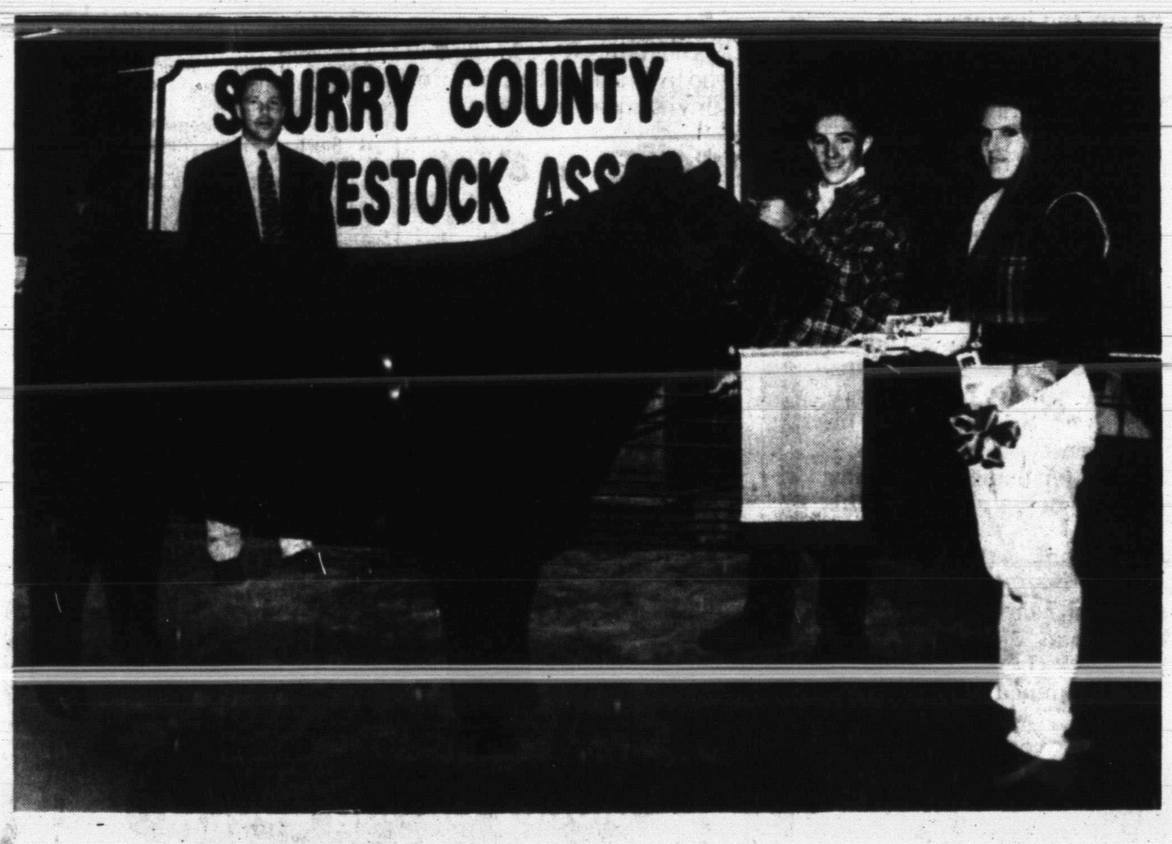
The cast of approximately 35 will include such characters as Lil' Abner, Daisy Mae, Marryin' Sam, Pappy and Mammy Yokum, Stupefyin' Jones, Moonbeam McSwine, Earthquake McGoon, General Bullmoose, Hairless Joe, Lonesome Polecat, Appassionata von Climax, Evil Eye Fleegle and a host of others.

There are eight solo parts and others will be part of various chorus numbers. All roles are for high school or adult performers.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing a number of his or her choice and provide their own accompaniment. A piano, tape deck and CD player will be available.

The popular musical comedy, based on the Al Capp comic strip by the same name, is scheduled for production April 10-13 and 17-20.

Sam Robertson will be the musical director. Call 573-4053 or 573-4892 for additional information concerning auditions.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Rad Eicke, with the Scurry County 4H, entered the grand champion steer Friday evening at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show held in the coliseum. He also won the Showmanship award. Chris Skaggs, left, was judge, and stock show queen contestant Shauna Huddleston presented the award. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Lambs, steers exhibited at livestock show

Celeigh Sterling of Ira FFA exhibited the top lamb and Rad Eicke of Scurry County 4H entered the top steer in this year's Scurry County Junior Livestock Show.

The show was to conclude today with an early-afternoon auction, naming of the queen and presentation of awards.

The reserve champion lamb was entered by Brandon Hackfeld of Scurry County 4H; Elyse Merritt of Snyder FFA exhibited the reserve champion steer.

Showmanship honors went to Eicke and to Audra Oliver of Ira FFA.

Championship buckles were awarded by the Wagon Wheel Ranch and the Kiwanis Club. Reserve champions received bags from T&K Dairy and Jaramillo's, and Showmanship bags were donated by Farm Bureau Insurance and The Shack.

Injury to child case to be tried

Jury selection begins Monday morning in 132nd District Court in the case of a man being tried for injury to a child.

Raymond Martinez Jr., 40, is charged with the offense, a third-degree felony. He is being represented by local court-appointed attorney Isaac Castro.

Martinez is alleged to have cut a juvenile female with a knife on Sept. 15, 1996.

Prosecuting the case will be District Attorney Dana Cooley.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

Jury selection is to begin at 9 a.m.

ASK US

Q—What percent of students enrolled in Snyder public schools attend class each day?
A—Over 95 percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 46 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Saturday, 21; no precipitation; total for 1997, .42 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday, sunny. High 55-60. Southwest wind increasing to 15-25 mph and gusty. Saturday night, clear. Low around 30. Sunday, sunny. High around 65.

Chris Vera
Windy Sunny Sunday

Sunset: 6:05 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.

Of 17 days in 1997, the sun has shone 14 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There are no guarantees.
From the viewpoint of fear,
none are strong enough.
From the viewpoint of love,
none are necessary.

- Emmanuel

Witness to Cosby murder too upset to aid police

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police were unable to produce a sketch of the person believed to have killed Bill Cosby's son because the main witness to the homicide is too upset to help.

"We do not have a sketch to give out at this time because the witness is very traumatized by the event and by the public exposure that occurred yesterday," police Chief Willie Williams told reporters Friday.

Ennis Cosby, 27, was gunned down by the side of his Mercedes-Benz sometime before 1:45 a.m. Thursday after he stopped to change a flat tire.

Williams said the female witness saw "a homicide," but he refused to clarify whether that meant she had seen all or part of Cosby's slaying — or just the suspect.

The (New York) Daily News reported today that the woman, who went to help Cosby fix his tire, told police the suspect tapped on her car window as Cosby worked on his automobile.

"She got a good look at him," a law enforcement source told the News.

The woman became frightened and sped away, returning minutes later to find Cosby fatally shot in the head, according to news reports.

Police have not released the identity of the witness, but news reports have said she is a 47-year-old screenwriter.

"We're working with her and our graphic artist to make sure that when we have a sketch available, that it's something that's good and it's really focused towards one individual," Williams said.

Sergio Robleto, the retired commander of the Los Angeles Police Department's South Bureau homicide division, said extreme emotional trauma was not unusual for a homicide witness.

"They cannot complete the drawing because it hurts so much," he told KCAL-TV. "It's better to stop it at that time and say, 'we'll give you some time to clear your thoughts.'"

Investigators have no suspects in the killing, but are interviewing several 911 callers and other people who may have seen events before and after the shooting, Williams said.

Police say Cosby may have been the victim of a roadside robbery attempt.

Williams also said he had a long discussion with Bill Cosby. The entertainer's first words were not about his son, but about a teen-age girl killed in another Los Angeles shooting on Thursday.

Corie Williams, 17, was shot to death when an apparent gang member fired on the bus she was riding on her way home from school.

"If we ever thought this was a special man, this conversation certainly confirmed that," Williams said.

The Cosbys, Williams said, will not be visiting their Pacific Palisades mansion here for at least two weeks.

Phil Caputo, who identified himself as a close friend of Ennis Cosby, said he was among those police had interviewed.

Caputo, his voice quaking with emotion, said on CNN's "Larry King Live" that he had spoken to Ennis Cosby shortly before the killing, but said police had asked him not to elaborate on the conversation.

Williams sought to portray the Cosby probe as not receiving special attention, noting it was among three Los Angeles murder investigations begun that day.

"Even though some homicides may get more public attention," Williams said, "every death is one death too many in our city."

But it was the Cosby killing that gripped Los Angeles on Friday. Los Angeles County Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke said they planned to introduce a motion Tuesday that would establish a $25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Cosby's killer.

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Twin sisters found in 10-below weather

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Jennifer and Kourtney Woracek, 3-year-old twin sisters, were discovered in 10-below temperatures wearing only pants and light shirts after they apparently woke up during the night and decided to go outside and play.

They were found huddled together early Friday. Jennifer was unconscious; Kourtney was barely conscious.

The girls were hospitalized overnight with severe frostbite and exposure. Jennifer was in critical condition, Kourtney in stable condition.

Jennifer's body temperature was less than 70 degrees and her heart had stopped, Children's Hospital officials said. Doctors revived her and performed heart and lung bypass surgery, pulling the child's blood out of her body and warming it before recirculating it.

The twins apparently wandered from their home, said police spokesman Sgt. William Muldoon. The girls' father awoke, saw a light on and then discovered the open door. He called 911 shortly after 4 a.m.

An hour-long search ended when an officer followed small footprints in the snow, across a four-lane street and up a hill to the alley 1½ blocks from the house.

Kourtney was huddling over her sister to keep her warm, Muldoon said.

"It was really a miracle that we found them," said Officer Mary Schindler, one of the officers who discovered the children. "This neighborhood was full of back yards with places to hide."

Police said it was not clear how long the girls had been outside.

Kissing cops have resigned

MIAMI SHORES, Fla. (AP) — Their colleagues complained police officers Robert Davis and Tammy Merritt spent too much time in a department substation, presumably filling out paperwork.

Investigators set up a hidden camera and found out why: The two were whiling away the graveyard shift smooching.

Davis, a married 42-year-old, and Ms. Merritt, 32, were suspended, then resigned in late September when internal affairs investigators asked whether they had sex while on duty. Both refused to answer.

Co-workers complained earlier that month, saying they couldn't rely on the two for backup. Investigators recorded several occasions where they reported on the log they were out on crime calls while they were actually in the substation.

Neither officer is listed in the phone directory or could be located to comment Friday. Ms. Merritt's lawyer also could not be reached.

The matter had remained a secret in this community north of Miami until this week when a television station with a penchant for steamy stories requested the file and broadcast the videotape.

"Anytime you put an attractive man and woman together working, you're just asking for trouble," said retiree Rose Marie Baille, who lives across the street from the tiny stucco substation.

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

The Spanish Inn
A Bright Spot In Our Hometown!

SPANISH INN FAMILY — The Rodriguez family, pictured from left, are Ralph, Michael, Joni Gonzales, Dorothy, Chon and Mary Ann.

A family business — The Spanish Inn — is this month's recipient of Snyder National Bank's Hometown Spirit Award.

The Rodriguez family moved to Snyder from Big Spring on July 4, 1976, opening their restaurant business in the former Blazing Saddle location on North College Ave.

"Roger Mize and Snyder National Bank contacted us and got us to come to Snyder," said Ralph Rodriguez. "He was something else. He told us he would back us because he wanted Snyder money to stay in Snyder."

Rodriguez said the family first wanted to get its feet on the ground, so it delayed building in the current location until November, 1977."

The Spanish Inn was an instant success, and continues to be one of the area's favorite dining establishments. "People come from all over the area," said Joni Gonzales. "During the holidays, people took green beef enchiladas back home with them."

The family business credits their success to a pair of factors — consistency and good service. "We have some of the best help. Sue Rawlins (a waitress) has been with us from the start."

The family had been part of the Big Spring Spanish Inn, started as the Casa Blanca in 1943 in Big Spring.

Ralph's wife, Dorothy, started in the business with his parents in September, 1943. Ralph and daughter, Joni, agree that Dorothy is the secret. "She's the best cook," beamed her husband. "She can make anything." Joni adds, "Everything is made fresh daily."

When Dorothy and Ralph started here in 1976, a son, Chon, and his wife, Mary Ann, were part of the business. Joni and her husband, Tom Gonzales, were attending Texas Tech. Joni joined the business in May, 1981, and Thomas teaches in the Snyder ISD. Since that time, Chon's son, Michael, has joined the business to become the family's fourth generation in the firm.

The secret to the consistency is Dorothy, Chon and Mary Ann in the kitchen. "They serve up every meal," says Joni. "Nobody else does it. Even our regular customers are consistent — many order the same meals every time. Even though Chon works the kitchen and rarely sees customers, he has a special talent of identifying them by their order."

Some 18 months ago, the Spanish Inn added additional seating and updated restrooms to meet federal standards. The restaurant now seats 150 persons. In the evenings, it's not unusual, Ralph says, to turn the tables three or four times.

"We never miss work," added Joni. "We close the week between Christmas and New Year and two weeks during the summer." During that time however, the family is working — cleaning, painting and often putting down new carpet or putting in new equipment.

For years, folks have marveled at the fact that the restaurant can be closed for two weeks, and reopen with the same booming business.

The Spanish Inn not only is a good family business, it is an excellent community member. "We support all kinds of kids' activities," Ralph said. These include stock shows, rodeos, school concession stands and sponsorship of softball teams. The Spanish Inn adopted Northeast Elementary in the Adopt-A-School program. The company also participates in the bi-monthly blood drive by offering seven food certificates.

The Rodriguez family is also known for being loyal Dallas Cowboy fans. "The Super Bowl won't be as much fun this year."

Michael, who works the front with Joni, is the only family member who has strayed from the Cowboys. He's a 49er fan. Chon and Mary Ann have one other son, Mark; and Tom and Joni have three children, Josh, Ira and Bianca.

Dorothy Rodriguez, with 53 years in the business, says little and just smiles. Her husband, Ralph, summed it up, "There's no other place like it."

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Man recorded in fondling incident gets 20-year term

HOUSTON (AP) — A man caught on videotape forcing a 10-year-old girl to fondle him in a supermarket aisle was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison.

State District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin winced in disgust as she viewed the security camera videotape just before handing Felix Salazar, 26, the maximum sentence under Texas law.

Last June, Salazar threatened to kill his 10-year-old neighbor if she didn't fondle him in a public place, Harris County prosecutor Lance Long said.

Salazar took the girl to a empty aisle in a Fiesta supermarket on Houston's southwest side and forced the girl to reach into his pants and fondle him. Afterward, he gave the girl $1.

Most of episode was captured by a security camera. Security personnel at the store alerted police and gave them the tape as evidence.

"It was pretty gross to watch," Long said of the tape. "It was not a pleasant thing to look at."

Six months ago, Salazar pleaded guilty to two counts of indecency with a child. He had molested the same girl once before.

At the time of his arrest last summer, Salazar was living illegally in Houston. The Monterrey, Mexico, native was working at a local bakery and had no previous record, Long said.

Defrocked minister loses court case

FORT WORTH (AP) — Barry Bailey, the once-renowned pastor of First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, must pay $3.7 million to seven women and one of their husbands because of sexual misconduct, a jury decided Friday.

The panel deliberated for 14 hours before voting 11-1 to hold the defrocked minister liable, ending the five-week trial.

Five of the plaintiffs testified that Bailey made lewd comments and late-night phone calls to them and that he fondled them. Three others testified they had sexual relations with him, with two alleging years-long liaisons. The man said Bailey's relationship with his wife hurt his marriage.

The jury actually ruled that Bailey mistreated eight female plaintiffs, but one woman, Jayne Gardner, was not awarded damages because the panel decided her complaint happened outside the statute of limitations.

"The message was (jurors) felt this type of conduct causes serious harm," said plaintiffs' attorney Broadus Spivey. "They evaluated it and they reached some very substantial figures."

The jury said Bailey, who for 18 years led his denomination's third-largest church, breached his counseling relationship with and sexually exploited only one woman, VickiJo Brozovic. She was awarded $983,500, including $682,250 in punitive damages.

Ginger Pierson, who testified Bailey began counseling her when she was 16 then started a decade-long sexual relationship with her when she was 23, was awarded the largest amount: $1.3 million, $882,000 of it in punitive damages.

"It's never been about money," plaintiff Alison Lovett, a former church member, said after the verdict. "It's always been about doing the right thing and what is right.

"I'm sorry for him. I wish that he would get help," she said.

"(The verdict) lets me go on. It lets me go back and be with my family and forget about this."

Another plaintiff, Ruby Woolridge, said her relationship with Bailey left her with feelings of "devastation, invasion and a loss of hope."

"But this case restored my hope," she said.

It could have been worse for the 70-year-old Bailey; the plaintiffs, including an eighth woman, had sought $14.3 million in actual damages and up to four times that in punitive damages.

Bailey, who has steadfastly denied the women's accusations since they became public 30 months ago, had no comment after the verdict, citing a pending civil suit filed by two other women and his plans to appeal this verdict, said his attorney, R.H. Wallace.

"We're obviously pleased with parts of the verdict and disappointed with parts of the verdict," Wallace said.

Bailey's damages are expected to be paid by insurance companies through two homeowners policies. However, the insurers are fighting their liability in state and federal court.

In closing arguments, plaintiff's attorneys hammered the point that he was a predator who used his position to exploit them.

The defense countered that the women banded together with the allegations to attempt to win the "lawsuit lottery."

The trial featured testimony about late-night telephone calls, masturbation, sex acts that were alleged to have taken place between Bailey and three of the plaintiffs, and lurid discussions in his office.

With his wife of 43 years looking on, Bailey took the stand in early December and steadfastly denied the charges against him.

"I can only say to you I didn't have sex with them," Bailey said.

Later, he reiterated that he had never abused his position in his relationships with the women.

"I certainly had a responsibility not to do harm to them," he testified, "and I didn't do harm to them."

Bailey, a minister for 46 years, was a popular and by most accounts charismatic preacher until the allegations forced him to resign in August 1994.

Retailer who sold Roby ticket receives his money

SWEETWATER (AP) — The gang from Roby has begun receiving their $46.6 million. On Friday, the guy who sold them the second-biggest lottery jackpot in state history got his cut.

Jim Carson received a check for $466,619.81, the 1 percent bonus retailers get from the Texas Lottery Commission when they sell any Lotto Texas jackpot-winning ticket.

"How does it feel? It feels great, wonderful." Carson said during the brief ceremony at his Longhorn Liquor store.

What will he do with the money? Probably pay for whatever legal fees the winners incur from their big payday.

Why? Because Carson also is one of the winners.

See, when Peggy Dickson brought the $420 she had collected ($10 each from 42 people) to buy the tickets for the Nov. 27 drawing, Carson joined the group by throwing in another $30, bumping their pool to 450 tickets.

Carson's bonus was the second-largest the Texas Lottery has awarded, following the maximum payout of $500,000 given to the retailer who sold the state's biggest jackpot of $53.9 million in 1994.

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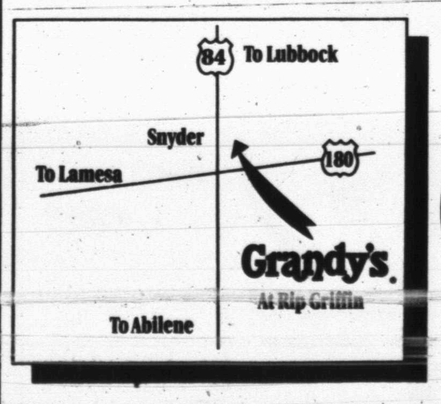

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Coordinating Board: It's every university for itself

AUSTIN (AP) — The state agency that oversees higher education has told state universities that they will have to interpret for themselves the law on awarding race-based scholarships.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said the universities are on their own because state Attorney General Dan Morales has refused to make an official opinion.

Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale said Friday that no opinion would be given because the guidelines are sufficient.

"I don't like that," Coordinating Board Chairman Leonard Rauch of Houston told the Austin American-Statesman. "We need that opinion."

Rauch said he would approach Morales again.

The comments came after University of Houston System Chancellor William P. Hobby Jr. wrote a letter to Morales on Wednesday, asking for advice on the legality of race- and gender-based financial aid that UH continues to offer.

Most of the UH programs are privately funded.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that a race-based University of Texas admissions policy was unconstitutional and that race cannot be used as a factor in admissions. The ruling became law when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the case.

Morales' subsequently advised that Texas schools employ race-neutral policies in admissions and financial aid decisions.

The Coordinating Board was poised Thursday to change its rules for administering minority scholarships and approve a statement saying that schools use only "race-neutral" criteria in making decisions about admissions, financial aid and retention programs.

Instead, the board decided not to change its rules and advised schools Friday to use "only criteria that are consistent with current federal and state law."

Asked what the law is, Rauch said, "it's up to each university to decide."

The board backed away from changing its scholarship rules because the Legislature has specified that certain grants be designated to minorities.

"We're caught in a bind between what the attorney general is telling us and what the Legislature has required," Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth said.

However, the University of Houston still is awarding the scholarships six months after a federal appeals court limited affirmative action programs in Texas higher education.

Morales' letter did not address privately funded aid, which constitutes about 90 percent of the nearly $2 million UH awards in minority scholarships. In many cases, the school would have to forfeit money not used for the stated cause.

"There is a question of whether a 2-1 panel decision of the 5th Circuit can be regarded as overruling the U.S. Supreme Court's Bakke decision, which permits the consideration of race," Hobby noted in his Wednesday letter to Morales.

Tisdale said Friday that Morales would issue an opinion on Hobby's request, but an answer could take months.

Lawyers for UT and Texas A&M University have endorsed Morales' guidelines, and no other school in the state publicly has bucked the advice.

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Low test scores threaten universities' accreditation

HOUSTON (AP) — A state report criticizing Texas universities of not doing enough to prepare future teachers could threaten those schools' accreditation to certify teachers.

Even schools with high passage rates on tests required to enter the profession are at risk because so many prospective teachers are barely passing their board exams, the report found. Those scores may not cut it once passing-score requirements are raised.

The report was prepared by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board staffers in response to Gov. George W. Bush's call for improved teacher education. It will be forwarded to Bush and the Legislature.

The report also found that one-third of the state's teaching jobs are filled by teachers who are not certified in the field in which they teach, and that 31 percent of new hires are not certified to teach. (School districts can grant emergency permits to hire people who haven't been certified.)

"This is an early warning to a lot of universities that they'd better get their programs in better shape or they will lose their ability to certify teachers," Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Kenneth Ashworth said in Saturday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "It could put some schools out of business, considering the importance of teacher training at some places."

Ashworth predicted that in April the Coordinating Board will approve the report's recommendation of imposing a moratorium on all new programs at institutions with low-passage rates on teacher-certification state boards.

As part of an accountability program that kicks in next year, the state Board for Educator Certification, which was created by the 1995 Legislature, will put on probation or rescind the right to recommend certification from those schools with low-passage rates, said board executive director Mark Littleton.

He said the rates have not been determined yet.

Teacher-training accountability has slipped since the 1989 state Legislature stopped prospective teachers from getting degrees in education. The state subsequently lost its national accreditation, a fact cited last year by three national reports that blasted Texas' teacher-training system relative to other states.

The Coordinating Board report said the lack of national accreditation and standards was the sole reason for the poor showing, and recommended a study into a comparison of how Texas standards compare with national standards.

Students must pass board tests in teaching methods and a field of expertise to become certified teachers. If they want to teach bilingual education, they also must pass the ESL test.

The report recommends counting field-based teacher training toward tenure, additional requirements in math and science for elementary teachers, hearings on university-wide responsibility for preparing teachers, and more reviews of teacher-training programs.

But it is the proposal to impose a moratorium on all new programs at schools with low teacher-certification passage rates that Ashworth said should get schools' attention.

"There's probably no single subject more important to the state of Texas than teacher certification, and we're only now starting to realize how much work we have to do," Ashworth said. "It's hard not to believe (that) former teaching colleges that have become universities have relegated teacher training to a less important role — with serious consequences. That can't continue."

Financial Focus

Would you rent a house and not live in it? Would you subscribe to cable television and never turn on the TV? Of course not. Yet many people continue to pay taxes on money they don't currently use.

Many people have money socked away in conventional savings accounts and certificates of deposit (CDs) earning regular interest left to compound. That's good, except that at the end of the year, taxes are due on that unused interest. Even mutual fund shareholders who reinvest dividends are faced with tax liabilities at year-end. Like it or not, that's paying taxes on something you probably don't plan to use until the future.

Rather than paying taxes on unused earnings, you could let some of your money work for you tax-deferred until you decide to use it. A variable annuity, offered by most major insurance companies and mutual funds, lets you do just that.

Variable annuities may be a reasonable place for part of your money. Most variable annuities offer a variety of mutual funds within an insurance contract. Mutual fund managers invest the money, and the insurance company provides the guarantees and the tax deferral.

To see the difference tax deferral can make, let's look at two hypothetical $100,000 investments with an average annual growth rate of 10 percent over 10 years. (A reasonable rate, considering that the average annual return for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index from 1926 through 1995 was 10.5 percent). A $100,000 taxable investment would have compounded to $188,689, assuming the investor was in the 36 percent federal tax bracket.

A tax-deferred investment, however, would have grown to $268,506. That's a difference of nearly $80,000 in only 10 years - more than $600 a month! During that 10 years, the money you otherwise would have used to pay taxes was allowed to grow tax-deferred. And when you withdraw your money, you pay taxes only on what you take out.

In evaluating variable annuities, look at several to examine their performance history. Remember, past performance does not guarantee future results, but it can indicate how successful the money managers have been.

Like any investment, variable annuities have their pros and cons. The good news is that they shelter income and growth, and offer certain guarantees. The bad news is that there are withdrawal penalties prior to age 59-1/2 - similar to an individual retirement account (IRA).

Before you invest in any variable annuity, understand your contract. Scrutinize the insurance company's rating and dependability. Know the investment manager, and ask for performance figures.

A variable annuity is not an investment cure-all. But it may be a reasonable alternative to taxable investments.

First Baptist sets dedication service Sunday

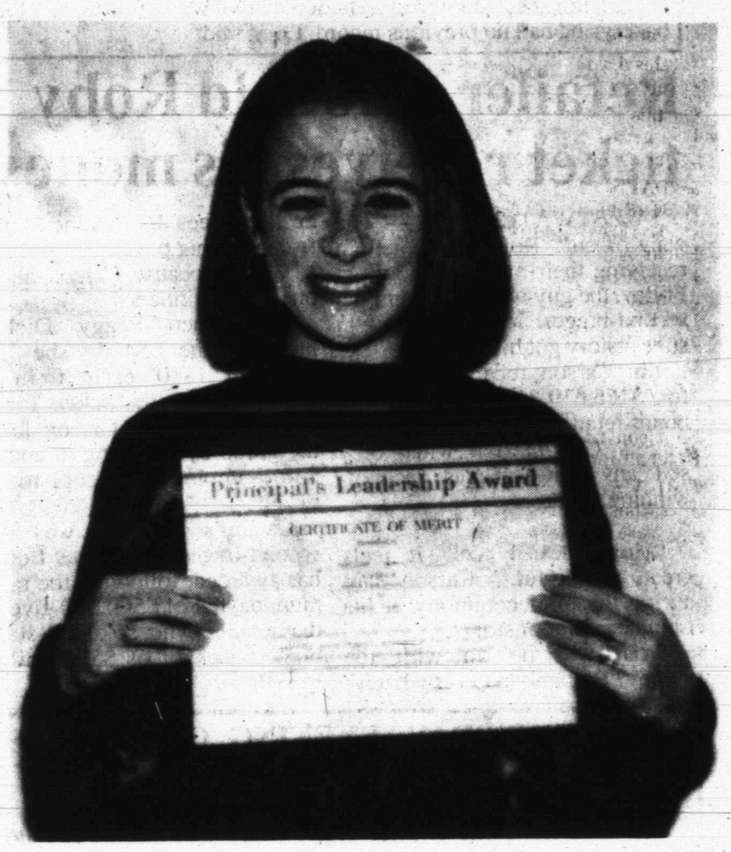
First Baptist Church of Snyder will celebrate the purchase of a new organ with an organ dedication service Sunday at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Rodgers Model 960 organ exemplifies the latest digital technology, with the capability of authentically reproducing pipe organ sound, as well as the sounds of other musical instruments.

Special guests at Sunday's dedication will include Rodney Rodgers, Rodgers Organ representative from Jent's House of Music in Lubbock, and Jim Jordan, keyboard specialist from Jent's House of Music in Amarillo.

Jordan will be the featured musician and will present a varied concert of selections on the Rodgers 960.

The public is welcome to attend the service and celebrate with the First Baptist Church family.



Christina Garner

SHS's Garner nominated for a PLA program award

Christina J. Garner, a Snyder High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) Program.

The program is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The award program is funded by Herff Jones, Inc.

Larry Scott, Snyder High School principal, announced the nomination, which places Garner in the competition. One hundred and fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive $1,000 college scholarships.

"Garner has demonstrated exemplary achievement in her work and participation in her school and community," said Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, NASSP excecutive director. "She is a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities, as well as academic performance, the PLA scholarship helps assert the importance of a well-rounded education.

NASSP is the nation's largest school leadership organization, representing more than 41,000 middle-level and high school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Honor Society and National Junior Society, National Association of Student Councils, and American Technology Honor Society, collectively serving an additiona 56,000 advisers and more than one million students.

Helms placed on Dean's List

Kendra J. Helms of Snyder, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Helms is an early childhood major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Sparlin makes RC Dean's List

Marc Sparlin was named to the Richland College President's List for the spring and fall 1996 semesters.

He was also selected to receive honorary award recognition by having his biography published in the National Dean's List. Sparlin was nominated for the award by Phi Theta Kappa.

Students earning the award must maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

He is the son of Bud and Sharlot Sparlin.

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Simpson jury allowed to hear conspiracy allegations

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Jurors in the O.J. Simpson civil trial won't hear about Simpson's acquittal in the murder trial during closing arguments next week, but his lawyers can suggest he was framed by police.

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki ruled Friday that Simpson's defense team may argue that police may have planted and contaminated evidence and that damaging photographs may have been faked.

The ruling was a victory for Simpson in the wrongful death trial. The judge had forbidden attorney Robert Baker from arguing in his opening statement that some evidence had been planted.

"I'm not the jury, and I don't pretend to make a determination as to the significance, or lack thereof, of the various pieces of evidence," Fujisaki said. "I will permit the defense to argue."

The ruling came in a long, tedious and sparsely attended hearing in which attorneys wrangled over the wording of jury instructions.

Simpson, 49, is being sued by the relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Testimony ended Thursday and closing arguments begin Tuesday morning. The jury instructions are to be read after summations, probably on Thursday.

Date Book

Jan. 19, 1997

Today is the 19th day of 1997 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1825, the process for storing food in tin cans was patented.

On this day in 1840, Antarctica was discovered.

On this day in 1937, Howard Hughes flew across the United States in just under seven and a half hours.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Watt (1736-1819), inventor; Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Confederate general; Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), writer; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), painter; Jean Stapleton (1923-), actress, is 74; Phil Everly (1939-), singer, is 58; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), entertainer, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Cy Young, Tris Speaker and Napoleon Lajoie were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "From childhood's hour I have not been / As others were — I have not seen / As others saw." — Edgar Allan Poe

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, the mercury dipped to 37 below zero at New Whiteland, Ind.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 15) and full moon (Jan. 23).

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Jan. 18, 1997

Today is the 18th day of 1997 and the 29th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1778, English explorer Captain James Cook discovered the Hawaiian Islands, which he named the Sandwich Islands.

On this day in 1966, Robert Clifton Weaver was sworn in as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, becoming the first black Cabinet member in U.S. history.

On this day in 1990, Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington, D.C., was arrested for drug possession.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles de Montesquieu (1689-1755), political philosopher; Daniel Webster (1782-1852), U.S. statesman; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), writer; Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), comedian; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Curt Flood (1938-), baseball player-labor figure, is 59; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 in Super Bowl X.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If I knew of something that could serve my nation but would ruin another, I would not propose it to my prince, for I am first a man and only then a Frenchman... because I am necessarily a man, and only accidentally am I French." — Charles de Montesquieu

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1980, eight people died when fog caused a freighter to ram a bridge near Gothenburg, Sweden.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I read your answer to "Perplexed in Riverdale," concerning the woman whose husband was a retired naval officer who required his daughter to call his fellow officers by their rank. You agreed with the naval officer, stating that "a 12-year-old (especially the daughter of a naval officer) should have no trouble remembering the ranks of her father's fellow officers."

Your answer upset me no end. I am a retired veteran of 20 years of service, and the day I retired was the day I hung up my uniform and my rank. However, it seems as though some retired officers have a hard time separating themselves from the military, especially feeling like nobodies since they are no longer in power.

The 12-year-old girl is *not in the military*, and therefore should not be required to remember any military rank or call any military personnel by their rank. During my tenure in the military, I often had active-duty personnel ask me which rank came after so-and-so (e.g. What is the next rank after a full colonel?). These were personnel with up to three and four years of service. What would ever make you believe that any civilian, whether 12 or 50 years old, would have the need to know the level of military ranks?

My wife, for instance, served with me for a period of 16 years as a civilian. When asked about a person's rank, her answer was, "I don't know any rank in the military other than my husband's. He's a sergeant." I sincerely don't think she even knew what level I held as a sergeant. And that was fine with me, because I was in the military, not my wife or children. So neither my wife nor my four sons were ever required by me to refer to any of my friends by their rank.

In my view, you goofed big time. I would suggest you retract your answer to "Perplexed in Silverdale", and let this 12-year-old child be a civilian — which she is!

JOSEPH J. MURRAY, RET.

DEAR MR. MURRAY: I received numerous reprimands for that answer, much to my surprise. I had assumed that to a child raised in a military atmosphere, addressing adults by their rank would be nearly second nature — and not too difficult to learn. However, many military parents disagreed with my presumption. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As the wife of a retired Air Force officer, I do not agree that children should be taught to address active-duty military persons by their rank.

One of the main reasons we did not teach our children to address their friends' parents by rank was because we didn't want the children to feel that one person deserves more respect than another just because of rank. They were taught that adults were to be respected because of their age and wisdom, not because they had attained a higher rank than another person.

By the way, even though I spent 19 years as an Air Force officer's wife, I still cannot tell a Navy officer's rank by the insignia!

Although this time I strongly disagreed with your call, I generally agree with you, and I thank you for being there for us.

EMILY L. MAHEU,
NICEVILE, FLA.

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DEAR ABBY: Our son is getting married soon. The bride's parents say this is the '90s and we should split the cost as they are "our kids." What the "kids" want will cost $6,000 total.

They claim they have gotten the lowest prices for this big day. Are we responsible for paying 50 percent?

I told my husband about the financing, and he said it's customary for the bride's father to pay for the wedding. Others who have married children say they've split the cost.

I don't think splitting the cost is such a bad idea. Perhaps when our two daughters get married, we can say, "Hey, this is the '90s — and we'll pay half."

What do you say, Abby?

STRESSED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR STRESSED: Traditionally, the bride's family pays for the wedding and reception. However, today it is not unusual for the groom's family to offer to share the cost. In many cases, the couple will pay for their own wedding.

DEAR ABBY: My heart aches for "Someone in Georgia," who buried her firstborn child who died from a drug overdose. I too lost my beloved son from an accidental overdose of "recreational" drugs.

My son was well-educated, talented and handsome. He was not a master of deceit, but he was a substance abuser who eventually became addicted. I was aware my son had a problem and would have done anything to help him. The realization that I had no control over the situation or my son, that he had to want to help himself, was devastating. The powerful grip these drugs have over mind and soul is incomprehensible. These young people do not want to die.

The "Just Say No" campaign was well-meant, but the truth is "It Takes a Village." Our families, friends, neighbors, police, teachers and clergy need to be aware and get involved. The drugs on the street today are stronger and more lethal than ever before. Our kids are addicted before they know what hit them.

As a mother who bonded with, nurtured and loved her firstborn son, I empathize with anyone who has lost a child. The void is painful and everlasting.

A SADDENED MOM WHO'S
GOING TO STAY INVOLVED

DEAR SADDENED MOM: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your beloved son. My heart goes out to you. Kids who are in trouble with drugs are in over their heads. Anyone who can offer help should not hesitate to do so.

Many years ago, I printed the following, which had been published in the Congressional Record. I wish it were not as timely today, but sadly, it may be even more so:

"'King Heroin is my shepherd; I shall always want ...'

"These tragic words, part of a twisted rewording of the beloved 23rd Psalm, were discovered recently in Reidsville, N.C., in a closed car alongside a dead heroin addict. She was 23 years old.

"Her death was ruled a suicide. A hookup with the car's exhaust had sent carbon monoxide fumes from a running motor into the vehicle. Here's the complete 'Psalm.'

"'King Heroin is my shepherd; I shall always want. He maketh me to lie down in the gutter.

"'He leadeth me beside the troubled waters.

"'He destroyeth my soul.

"'He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness.

"'Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear no evil, for thou, Heroin, are with me.

"'Thy needle and capsule comfort me. Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family. Thou robbest my head of reason.

"'My cup of sorrow runneth over. Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Damned forever.'

"Also found in the car with the dead woman was this written message:

"'Jail didn't cure me. Nor did hospitalization help me for long. The doctor told my family it would have been better, and indeed kinder, if the person who got me hooked on dope had taken a gun and blown my brains out. And I wish to God he had. My God, how I wish it!'"

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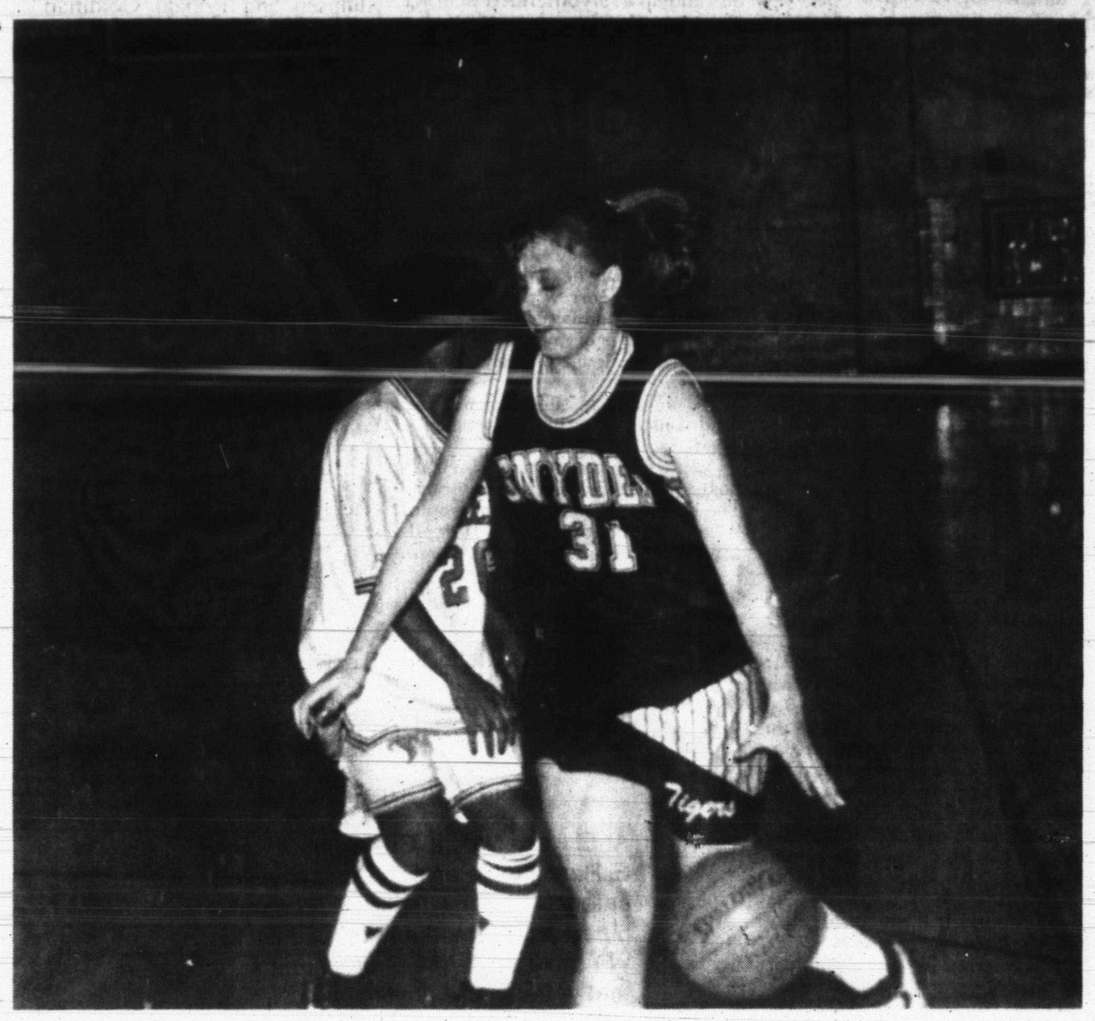

DRIVING THE LANE — Snyder's Jamie Burleson (31) drives past her Lamesa defender. Burleson finished with 2 points in the Tigers' 72-65 district 2-4A win Friday night. (Photo By Jamie Sharp)

In 75-62 overtime win...

Snyder's Lady Tigers blow past Tornadoes

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

LAMESA — The Lady Tigers rode into Lamesa and stole the Tornadoes' wind with a 72-65 overtime victory Friday night.

"This was a great team effort," said Coach Rick Archer. "We played really well and everybody contributed."

From the opening tip, it became apparent that the game was going to be a battle. The Tornadoes drew first blood when Snodgrass canned a wide open 3-pointer. Snyder's Alicia Peoples answered right back with consecutive buckets to put the score at 4-3 at the 5:30 mark. The score see-sawed back and forth until Lamesa's Sheppard drove the baseline and broke a tie to put the tally at 11-9 with 2:00 left to play.

Erica Garvin blocked the Tornadoes' next shot attempt and converted it into two points to tie the game at 11-11. Shannon Hall hit a wide open jumper at the free throw line and Darla Blackwell nailed a jumper at the buzzer to end the first quarter with the Lady Tigers on top, 16-11.

Snyder cooled down in the second, shooting only 22 percent from the field, and trailed heading into the locker room at the half.

Lamesa ended a four minute scoring drought when Fleming hit a jumper in the corner, bringing the Tornadoes to within four with 5:47 left to play.

Lamesa scored on its next two possessions to go ahead, 18-17. The Tigers answered right back though as Blackwell and Garvin connected on their shot attempts, putting the Tigers back on top 21-20 at the 3:22 mark. Later, Brooke McGuire canned a three to put Snyder within a point, 26-25 with 60 seconds to play in the half.

Lamesa scored another field goal and Snyder's Haley Brown added a free throw to make the score 28-26 at the half.

In the third, the Lady Tornadoes extended its lead early. Shannon Hall accounted for the Tigers' first two buckets of the third, with a jumper and a three to bring the Tigers to within five.

Snyder had an opportunity to cut into Lamesa's lead at the charity stripe, but could only convert three out of six to make score 37-34. Lamesa hit a jumper at the 3:49 mark to go up by three. The Tigers' Jamie Burleson scored with 23 seconds left to put the Tigers up 40-39 at the end of the third.

The Lady Tigers and the Lady Tornadoes treated the attending fans to an action-packed fourth quarter.

At the one-minute mark, the Tigers found themselves locked in a 60-60 tie when Tiffany Garza stepped to the free throw line with a chance to put the Tigers ahead. Garza missed her first attempt, but nailed her second, putting Snyder up 61-60. Snyder fouled Lamesa's Sheppard, but she also converted on one of her two chances, tying the game at 61-all.

The most controversial call of the game came at the apparent close of the contest. Lamesa's Fleming found herself trapped at half-court when the buzzer sounded. The Tiger bench and stands erupted when the referee signaled that Snyder had fouled Fleming.

Fleming stepped to the line with no time on the clock needing to only sink one out of two to give Lamesa the win. She couldn't connect under the pressure, though, and the game went into overtime.

The Lady Tigers made it clear that they would not give Lamesa another chance at the win during the extra period. Snyder came out and sank their first three baskets to establish a commanding lead. It was all it took to put the Lady Tigers on top for good as Lamesa was forced to send the Tigers to the line in hopes of a miss. Snyder made the Tornadoes pay by sinking six out of 12 to clinch the victory.

"We played really well when we needed it, and we battled back when we were down," Archer said. "Leslie Daniell hit some key baskets, and you don't expect that from a sophomore."

Garvin finished with 12 to lead the Tigers. Hall and Daniell each bagged 10 and Garza added 8. Melanie Kidd and Blackwell nailed 7 and Alicia Peoples contributed 6. Hess finished with 5, Brooke McGuire ended with 4 and Jamie Burleson rounded up the night with 2.

The win brings the Tigers' district mark to 3-3 and their seasoh record to 16-10. Lamesa drops to 1-5 in loop play and 9-14 for the season. In other District 2-4A action Friday, Levelland ripped Plainview 51-32, and Frenship bagged Estacado 82-30.

Next up for The Lady Tigers are the 6-0, 22-0 Levelland Loboes Tuesday night in the Snyder High School gym.

Girls basketball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Levelland	6	0	22	0
Plainview	4	2	19	7
Frenship	4	2	18	10
Snyder	3	3	16	10
Lamesa	1	5	9	14
Estacado	0	6	2	21

Friday's Results: Snyder 72, Lamesa 65 (ot); Levelland 51, Plainview 32; Frenship 82, Estacado 30.

Irvin absent; sex consensual

DALLAS (AP) — The woman who accused two Dallas Cowboys players of sexual assault recanted after police confronted her with evidence that Michael Irvin wasn't at Erik Williams' house the night of Dec. 29 when she had sex with Williams and another man, a police affidavit says.

Alibi witnesses and telephone records convinced Dallas police that Irvin did not participate in the violent sexual assault alleged by Nina Shahravan, according to the four-page arrest warrant affidavit released Friday.

When police detectives confronted the 23-year-old former topless dancer with the evidence on Jan. 10, she gave a written voluntary statement conceding that Irvin was not at the location and that she willingly had sex with Williams and another man, the affidavit says.

The document was used to obtain a perjury warrant. She appeared with her attorney at the county jail on Thursday and was held briefly before being released on bond.

Her statement recanting her allegations has not been made public, and her attorney has challenged it, saying she was not given the opportunity to consult with counsel prior to signing it.

The lawyer, J. David Smith, said Thursday that a far as he's concerned, her original allegations still stand against Irvin, Williams and the third man who has not been identified.

Police said they traced Irvin's whereabouts Dec. 29 through records of signals coming from his cellular phone to an area between three relay antenna towers, an official involved in the investigation said.

Irvin's attorney, Royce West, has also said that Irvin's whereabouts could be verified for most of that day and that he was nowhere near Williams' home. Irvin has said he hasn't been at Williams home in about 18 months.

Ms. Shahravan had alleged that she was raped by Williams and the other man while Irvin held her at gunpoint and videotaped the assaults. Police obtained a search warrant of Williams' residence and found a videotape of Ms. Shahravan having sex with Williams and another man. But police said that what they saw on the videotape didn't constitute sexual assault.

Irvin, Williams and their lawyers have steadfastly denied that the football stars were involved in any crime.

Calcavecchia leads Hope

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — The difference between a 3 and a 6 on his scorecard, and a round of 66 instead of 72?

A very lucky break, Mark Calcavecchia said, laughing.

Trudging along at 1-under-par for the day, not a good place in the low-scoring Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Calcavecchia shanked his 1-iron off the tee into trouble on his 13th hole.

"The ball wound up barely in bounds, about four inches from the stake, which was sort of in my line," said Calcavecchia, who finished Friday with the Hope lead, one shot in front of Jay Don Blake.

"I hit an 8-iron through the trees and over and around the houses. It went 161 yards and hooked about 40 yards, and the ball landed on the green, about 30 yards from the pin," Calcavecchia said. "I made the putt, so I went from a possible 6 to a 3.

"I was 1-under for the day at that time, and if that ball had been out of bounds, I would probably have shot a 72 instead of a 66. That was the whole deal."

Calcavecchia, who began his round on the back nine at La Quinta Country Club, made that key birdie on No. 4, a 397-yard par 4. That turnaround began a rousing finish that saw him birdie five of the last six holes for a 6-under-par 66 that move him to 19-under. Blake also had a 66 to keep it tight at the top.

Five players were tied for third at 14-under, including John Daly and Don Pooley. Daly shot a 64 and Pooley had a 63 to stay in contention.

Daly, who had a triple-bogey 8 on his way to a 73 in the second round, was a model of consistency during the third, carding 32s on both the front and back nines.

Fred Couples, finally getting untracked, shot a third-round 64 to move within nine strokes of the lead.

Larry Rinker, who led the first day and was tied with Calcavecchia at the top the second day of the five-day tournament, shot par to fall six shots behind Calcavecchia.

Calcavecchia, the 1989 British Open champion, took the lead despite playing on what is considered the hardest of the four courses.

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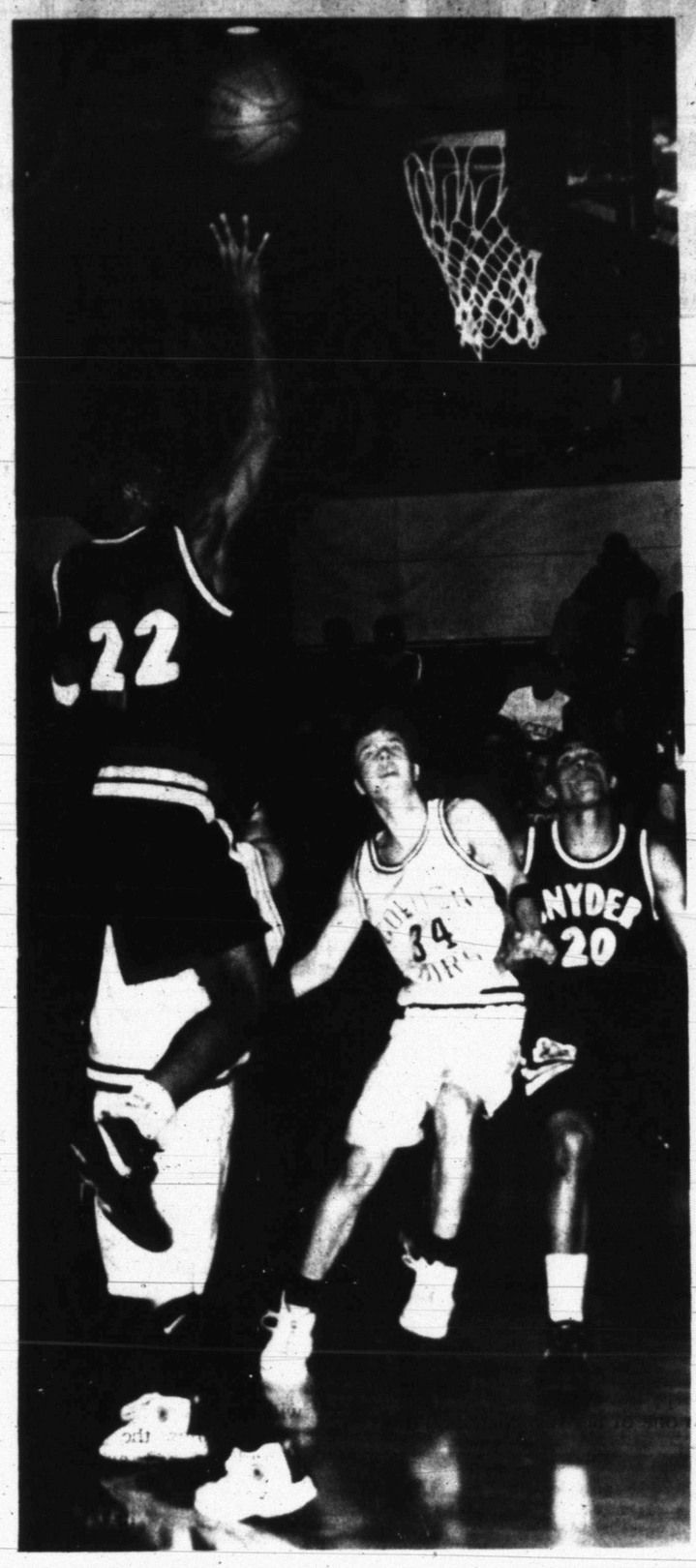

COME FLY WITH ME — Snyder's Jeremiah Johnson soars to the hoop in during Snyders' 54-52 district win on Friday night. Shown awaiting the rebound is Snyders' Matthew Fambro (20). Fambro finished with 10 points. (Photo By Wade Warren).

54-52...

Tigers edge Lamesa Tors

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

LAMESA — The Lamesa Tornadoes gave the Snyder Tigers a run for their money, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers roared to a 54-52 District 2-4A victory Friday night.

"We showed a lot of heart," said Coach Bud Birks, "and it helped us leave with a victory."

The Tigers opened the first quarter with consistent play and red-hot shooting. The Tigers went five for six in the first 4 minutes to go up 13-11. Lamesa hung in the game though with inside scoring from their 6-9 junior, Andy Ellis. Snyder's shooting cooled off in the closing minutes of the quarter, allowing the Tornadoes to take a 21-18 lead at the buzzer.

Snyder's hot streak went ice cold in the second, where the Tigers shot a miserable 12 percent from the field. Tough defense kept the Tornadoes from building too great of a lead though. At the 2:49 mark, Lamesa held a 28-27 lead, but proceeded to score at will in the final minutes of the quarter, giving the Tornadoes a 32-28 halftime lead.

Snyder got back on track in the third by shooting 54 percent from the field. Rick Henderson started it off with a trey from the corner to bring the Tigers within three at the 6:49 mark. Henderson then rejected Ellis and converted it into two points to put the Tigers back on top at 40-38.

'Late in the quarter, Jimmy Taylor wheeled and dealed down low to put the Tigers up 42-38, but Lamesa answered back with a jumper from Thyrone Harris with 10 seconds to bring Lamesa within two at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter was a close battle that the Tigers managed to win. Taylor and Henderson scored four apiece in the opening minutes to put the Tigers up 50-44. Lamesa came back with a 3-pointer from Kyle Welcher that brought the hosts to within three.

Matthew Fambro converted two free throws at the 1:22 mark to put Snyder up 52-48, but with 44 seconds left, Fambro fouled Chris Roberts who converted the three-point play.

With the Tigers up 52-51, Ramsey Castillo nailed a jumper with 25 seconds for a 54-51 Tiger advantage. Henderson then blocked Ellis down low to prevent the Tornadoes from catching up.

In the final 10 seconds, Lamesa had three chances to put the ball in the hoop, but the Tornadoes could not convert, and the Tigers came away with a 54-52 district win.

Henderson finished the night with 20 points to lead the Tigers. Taylor backed him up with 11 and Fambro added 10. Castillo bagged 7, while Justin McNair contributed 3. Jeremiah Johnson rounded up the night with 1.

The win brings the Tigers' loop record to 2-2, and their season tally to 16-10. Lamesa falls to 1-3, and 17-7.

In other District 2-4A action Friday, Plainview defeated Levelland, 53-37, and Estacado dropped Frenship, 75-73.

The Tigers will play host to the 2-2, 10-17 Levelland Loboes Tuesday night in the Snyder High School gym. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

Boys basketball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	4	0	12	12
Plainview	3	1	12	11
Snyder	2	2	16	10
Levelland	2	2	10	17
Lamesa	1	3	17	7
Frenship	0	4	11	14

Friday's Results: Snyder 54, Lamesa 52; Plainview 53, Levelland 37; Estacado 75, Frenship 53.

Rodman's outburst to cost a cool million

CHICAGO (AP) — Phil Jackson was brief. He walked into a post-game news conference, made a few general comments, took no questions on the major topic of the day and walked out. See ya.

If Dennis Rodman was on his mind, Jackson, the articulate and often thoughtful coach of the Chicago Bulls, wouldn't say. Or he couldn't.

Rodman was hit Friday with the second longest suspension in NBA history — at least 11 games — for kicking a courtside photographer last Wednesday in Minneapolis.

Michael Jordan did offer an opinion, saying the Bulls must go ahead without Rodman because it's all they can do.

"We deal with it. We can't control him. We all know that. Dennis is going to do what he has to do. We as a team have to go on," Jordan said after the Bulls beat the Milwaukee Bucks 100-73 without their leading rebounder.

"We all have to answer to the system and the system has stated he's not around for a while, so we have to go out and play basketball.

"I'm not Rod Thorn, I'm not David Stern and I'm certainly not Dennis Rodman. They (the league) levied whatever they thought was fair and no matter what I say, they're not going to back and change it."

Jordan added that the Bulls would welcome Rodman back once the suspension is over.

Rodman's latest of many outbursts, kicking courtside cameraman Eugene Amos in the groin, is the most expensive of his strange and eventful career.

"He's certainly lost his incentive money. I would think the 11 games of his non-deferred money is going to be well over a million dollars," general manager Jerry Krause said.

Derby day double: Hollyfield vs. Tyson

NEW YORK (AP) — Every year, the first Saturday in May means the Kentucky Derby. This year, it also will mean Holyfield vs. Tyson.

It will be mint juleps, "My Old Kentucky Home," a blanket of roses and a place in horse racing lore for the winner in Louisville. Six hours later, it will be a scene of champagne and chips — as in poker — bright lights and limos in Las Vegas as Tyson-Holyfield II.

Holyfield will be try to show his 11th-round stoppage of Tyson Nov. 9 was not a fluke.

Call his upset victory whatever you want, but it positioned Holyfield to earn a minimum $35 million purse for the rematch, which also will be held in the MGM Grand Garden. And he could earn as much as $40 million, according to Jim Thomas, his attorney.

Tyson reportedly will make in the neighborhood of $20 million, which would feed a lot of oats to a lot of racehorses.

"Holyfield's paycheck will be the biggest purse, not only in sports history, but for any one performance, including show business," said Jay Larkin, an executive vice president for Showtime, which will be involved in the fight's pay-per-view distribution.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	28	10	.737	—
NewYork	27	10	.730	½
Washington	19	18	.514	8½
Orlando	15	19	.441	11
NewJersey	10	25	.286	16½
Boston	9	26	.257	17½
Philadelphia	8	29	.216	19½
Central Division				
Chicago	34	4	.895	—
Detroit	27	9	.750	6
Atlanta	24	11	.686	8½
Cleveland	21	16	.568	12½
Charlotte	21	16	.568	12½
Milwaukee	18	18	.500	15
Indiana	17	19	.472	16
Toronto	13	24	.351	20½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	30	9	.769	—
Utah	26	12	.684	3½
Minnesota	16	21	.432	13
Dallas	12	23	.343	16
SanAntonio	10	26	.278	18½
Denver	10	28	.263	19½
Vancouver	7	32	.179	23
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	28	11	.718	—
Seattle	28	11	.718	—
Portland	21	17	.553	6½
GoldenState	15	22	.405	12
Sacramento	16	24	.400	12½
L.A.Clippers	14	22	.389	12½
Phoenix	13	25	.342	14½

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New Jersey 105, Philadelphia 103, OT
Miami 103, Washington 92
Golden State 98, Indiana 91
Chicago 100, Milwaukee 73
Houston 88, Dallas 78
San Antonio 96, Sacramento 76
Utah 106, Vancouver 68
Toronto 94, Portland 92
Seattle 96, Cleveland 84

Saturday's Games
Washington at Boston, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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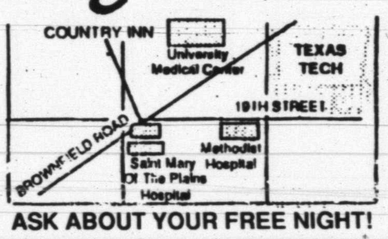

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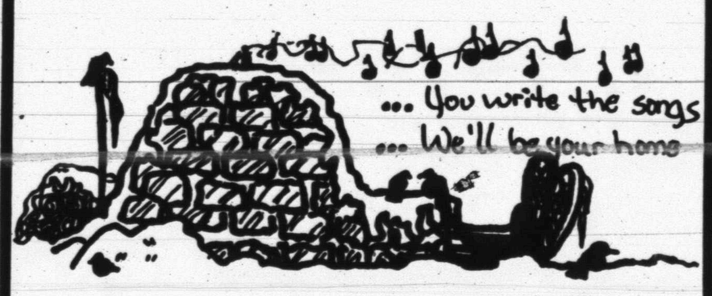

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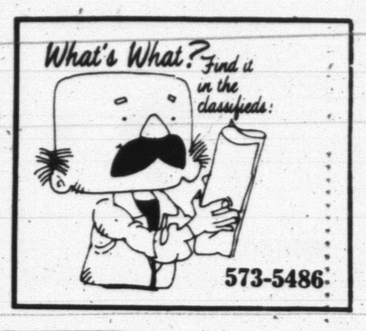

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QUEEN CANDIDATES — Queen candidates for the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show are Stephanie Perkins, 4-H; Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA; and Shauna Huddleston, Snyder FFA. The queen was to be named shortly before Saturday's auction. (Staff Photo by Shirley Gorman)

Stock show: Steer and lamb results

Steer Show

Class 1, Lightweight British: 1. Elyse Merritt; 2. T'Leah Eicke; 3. Katie Voss; 4. Lacy Crawford; 5. Lacy Crawford.

Class 2: T'Leah Eicke; 2. Cody Beaver; 3. Rad Eicke; 4. Randi Reed; 5. Margan Miller; 6. Malorye Miller.

Champion: Elyse Merritt; **Reserve:** T'Leah Eicke.

Lightweight, Cross: 1. Katie Voss; 2. Chad Beaver; 3. Morgan Miller; 4. Maloyre Miller; 5. Cody Beaver; 6. Cody Cribbs.

Class 4, Heavyweight Cross: 1. Rad Eicke; 2. Elyse Merritt, 3. Chad Beaver, 4. Randi Reed, 5. Cody Cribbs.

Champion: Rad Eicke; **Reserve:** Elyse Merritt.

Grand Champion of Show: Rad Eicke, 4H; **Reserve:** Elyse Merritt, Snyder FFA.

Showmanship: Rad Eicke, 4H.

Lambs

Fine Wool, Lightweight: 1. Stephanie Perkins; 2. Celeigh Sterling; 3. Seth Crawford; 4. Jessica Hallford; 5. Seth Crawford.

Heavyweight: 1. Brandon Hackfeld; 2. Colton Long; 3. Jackie Beck; 4. Tyler Frey; 5. Stacy Perkins.

Champion: Brandon Hackfeld; **Reserve:** Colton Long.

Fine Wool Cross, Lightweight: 1. Travis Frey; 2. Audra Oliver; 3. Tyler Frey; 4. Carla Smith; 5. Carla Smith; 6. Keila Helms; 7. Keila Helms; 8. John McHaney; 9. Justin Boyd; 10. Stacy Perkins.

Heavyweight: 1. Tyler Frey; 2. Brady Hackfeld; 3. Brady Hackfeld; 4. Brandon Hackfeld; 5. Travis Frey; 6. Audra Oliver; 7. Colton Long; 8. Stephanie Perkins; 9. Travis Fry; 10. Lori Eckert.

Champion: Travis Frey; **Reserve:** Tyler Frey.

Southdown: 1. Jackie Beck, Champion;; 2. Stacy Perkins, Reserve; 3. Hadley Hirt; 4. Stephanie Perkins; 5. Temi Thompson; 6. Jenise Judah; 7. Jacki Thompson.

Medium Wool, Lightweight: 1. Celeigh Sterling; 2. Travis Frey; 3. Carla Smith; 4. Marci Krueger; 5. Billy Joe Digby; 6. Chris Doggett; 7. Chris Doggett; 8. Jason Eckert; 9. Chris Doggett; 10. David Digby.

Mediumweight: 1. Audra Oliver; 2. Celeigh Sterling; 3. Celeigh Sterling; 4. John McHaney; 5. Hadley Hirt; 6. Brady Hackfeld; 7. Audra Oliver; 8. Stephanie Perkins; 9. Keila Helms; 10. Will Henderson.

Heavyweight: 1. Colton Long; 2. Tyler Frey; 3. Colton Long; 4. Jackie Beck; 5. Keila Helms; 6. Jackie Beck; 7. Hadley Hirt; 8. Brandon Hackfeld; 9. Marci Krueger; 10. Will Henderson.

Champion: Celeigh Sterling; **Reserve:** Audra Oliver.

Grand Champion of Show: Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; Reserve Champion: Brandon Hackfeld, 4H.

Showmanship: Audra Oliver, Ira FFA.

Birth control pills recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bristol-Myers Squibb is recalling 150,000 packages of the birth control pill Ovcon 35 because of a packaging error that the government says puts certain women at significant risk of pregnancy.

Friday's recall affects one batch of Ovcon 35's 28-day birth control regimen.

The contraceptive comes in a blister-pack with four rows of seven tablets. The rows represent weeks, and the tablets are to be taken in order. The first three rows of peach-colored tablets contain the birth control, while the last row contains green-colored dummy pills that are taken during menstruation.

Downy Jr. doing well in drug rehab program

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. is getting rave reviews in a court-ordered drug rehab program.

The Oscar-nominated actor is an "enthusiastic participant" in the program, a progress report disclosed in court Wednesday.

"So far, so good. I do want to congratulate you on your efforts, and also let you know it isn't over yet," Municipal Court Judge Lawrence Mira told Downey.

Downey was sentenced Nov. 6 to three years' probation for drug and weapons charges and ordered to a live-in drug rehab program for about three months.

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Sunday, Jan. 19, 1997

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be extraordinarily fortunate today with projects you direct personally. Do not be arrogant, just make sure that you call the shots. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A confidential matter can be resolved today, and this will benefit you as well as someone you love. Do not let others handle this situation for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Everything will work out well for you today if you can deal with a number of key people simultaneously. Focus on the group instead of the individual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your ability to achieve significant objectives will be better today than tomorrow. Take advantage of this trend now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you will be well-equipped to cope with big problems because you will exercise good judgment. Try to envision success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Companions will respond to your requests for favors today, but don't ask for something if you don't really need it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be part of a winning combination today. You and a close companion have a knack for success, so you should work together when possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something good you presently have going for you can be expanded today. Keep an open mind and don't limit your possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An influential contact you've developed recently can help you at this time. She will gladly agree to open new doors for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be discouraged today if the desired outcome of an important arrangement appears to be in doubt. You will have good luck today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A number of good things are stirring for you today that could put you in a happy frame of mind. Associates will find that you are an easy person to please.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Everything could work out better for you in the long run if you take care of important financial affairs today instead of tomorrow.

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Births

Amy Warr and Jason Highfield of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Eric Andrew Highfield, at 10:34 a.m. on Jan. 8 in the University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed two pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullard of Snyder, Tony Warr of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Highfield of Snyder.

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico Inc., acting by and through its Agent, Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc., P.O. Box 633, Midland, TX 79702, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject salt water, H2S, and CO2 into the Canyon Reef formation, Salt Creek Field Unit (05254) Lease, Well No.R13W. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles NW from Clairemont in the Salt Creek Field, in Kent County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6150' to 6800'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

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Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open for the **PURCHASE OF FUEL AND BULK OIL** on Monday, February 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., during Special Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

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Although neither wanted to go before the other, Mother left in March much to Daddy's dismay, but he left early enough in December to be home to enjoy Christmas together just as they had for the past 60 years.

The Family of Alfred & Ollie Vernon

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To the many friends who were so generous with their acts of kindness, beautiful floral offerings, and all who assisted in any way, we wish to say thank you and may God's richest blessings rest on you and yours.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 20, 1997

Unique opportunities might present themselves to you in the year ahead. These could be beneficial if they are utilized properly, so assess each one individually.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Co-workers might tax your patience today. However, strive to be tolerant and understanding. There might be legitimate reasons for their peculiar behavior. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It will be imperative for you to keep your financial affairs in order today. Do not let your expenditures exceed your earnings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Guard against the inclination to deviate from your schedule today. Once you get on a roll, don't look for excuses to cut your speed or alter your course.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should assess each situation realistically today, but try to push negative thoughts out of your mind. If you don't, you will not be productive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not forget or ignore people who have helped you in the past, especially if one of them requests a favor from you today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are capable of significant achievements today if you utilize the resources you have at your disposal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually you depend on the strength of your convictions, but today you might entertain so many self-doubts that it will be hard to see beyond your weaknesses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not put yourself in a position which will require you to request favors from friends. They might not be in the mood to help, and rejection could be embarrassing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, avoid alliances with people whose goals and objectives are not the same as yours. Arrangements of this kind could be unproductive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Approach your work with a positive attitude today. If you think you can breeze through an assignment, you probably can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, resist the temptation to take risks. You could lose many of the things you've worked hard to gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You must be cooperative today if you want to appease your mate. He or she will reciprocate, and you both will benefit.

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Report says...

Steak not unhealthiest item on steak house menu

WASHINGTON (AP) — A juicy slab of steak isn't the worst thing you can order at a steak house, but then it isn't the healthiest choice either, a consumer group says.

In its latest restaurant-food survey, the private Center for Science in the Public Interest turned its fat-and-calorie counters on steak houses nationwide, including some of the largest chains.

What they found was that steak isn't so bad after all.

"A cheese fries appetizer is worse than any of the steak platters we analyzed," senior nutritionist Jayne Hurley said Friday. "In fact, it's worse than anything we've ever analyzed, including a plate of fettuccine Alfredo," which the group has described as a "heart attack on a plate."

According to its analysis, that particular appetizer — more than a pound of french fries buried beneath cheese, crumbled bacon and ranch dressing — had more than 3,000 calories and 217 grams of total fat.

The government recommends a daily maximum of 65 fat grams for adults.

Second-worst appetizer was the battered, deep-fried onion, which had 116 fat grams and nearly 1,700 calories, the survey found.

"My advice would be to share it with the whole table," said Edith Hogan, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

Steak is fine, she said, as long as diners heed this advice: "You've just got to remember that you've got to balance this and probably stay on the treadmill an extra half-hour."

The healthiest dishes at steak houses are barbecued chicken or grilled fish, Ms. Hurley said. But she also said it is possible to build a decent meal around a slab of sirloin or chunk of filet mignon by choosing healthy side dishes — vegetables, salads with low-fat or fat-free dressing and a baked potato with just one tablespoon of sour cream.

A trimmed 12-ounce sirloin steak, which the public interest group said was the leanest beef choice, had 1,100 calories and 58 grams of fat when served as a platter with a Caesar salad and baked potato with butter.

Substitute an identical amount of New York strip steak and the platter has 1,280 calories and 76 grams of fat.

Choose a 20-ounce porterhouse instead and you're looking at 1,640 calories and 107 grams of total fat.

But the National Restaurant Association countered that beef eaten today has 27 percent less fat than a decade ago. It also said beef is an important part of a healthy diet that provides diners with such essentials as protein, zinc, B vitamins and iron.

"Restaurateurs have found that, above all, consumers want choice," said W.W. Naylor, the trade group's chairman. "They want steaks and fish and pasta and salads — and the freedom to choose for themselves."

The center previously studied Italian, Mexican and Chinese restaurant dishes and movie-theater popcorn, finding nutritional problems with many of them.

Senior Center News

Bridge and Nine Ball will get activities underway in the Senior Center on Monday morning.

Domino players will be sharpening their skills for a domino tournament scheduled on Jan. 27.

Hoss Clayton and his band will present a musical program at 11 a.m. Tuesday while 42 players will gather at 10 a.m. Bingo is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday. Bridge games are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Friday, followed by the Friday Sing Along at 11:30.

The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m. Friday. Senior Citizens can have their blood pressure checked between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Friday.

A program on nutrition will be given in the dining room at 11:45 Thursday morning as the crowd gathers for the noon meal.

"Nutrition is important for people of all ages and senior citizens are encouraged to pay particular attention to the need for a balanced diet," a Senior Center spokesperson said.

A hot meal is served at the Center at noon Monday through Friday. Senior citizens who need transportation to the building for the meal can arrange it by calling the office at 573-4035.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Watch moles for dangerous changes

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandson has many, many moles on his body. They are brownish black, range in size from a pencil eraser to a silver dollar and have continued to grow as he got bigger. There are fine hairs growing from many of the moles and the lesions sometimes itch. His twin sister has no moles. What is this condition and what should be done about it?

DEAR READER: I believe that your grandson has "dysplastic nevi," moles that are usually (but not always) inherited.

In most instances, these nevi cause no health problems for several years. Then they may begin to undergo troublesome changes (darkening and bleeding), which indicate that they could be evolving into melanomas, a highly malignant skin cancer. People with dysplastic nevi who have a family history (parents or grandparents) of melanoma are at highest risk.

Patients with these nevi should be closely monitored by a dermatologist. Any suspicious moles should be biopsied and removed immediately. Such patients must avoid excessive exposure to the sun and should be taught self-examination (at the appropriate age) to detect worrisome changes. Many dermatologists rely on periodic color photographs of most of the patient's body to compare nevi from one examination to the next.

Dysplastic nevi can continue to appear well into middle age, unlike normal, harmless moles which are ordinarily present from birth. Once again, the principal risk in patients with dysplastic nevi is a family history of melanoma. Such a history mandates ongoing frequent examinations by a skin specialist. Lesions that darken or otherwise change should be removed.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain what a "lung density" is. I had a routine chest X-ray, followed by a CT scan, that showed what my doctor termed a "whitening" in the upper portion of my left lung. I'm 71, in good health, don't smoke, and never had a lung problem.

DEAR READER: The appearance of an X-ray picture depends on the pattern in which the X-rays strike the film. Dense tissue, such as bone, absorbs X-rays so that fewer reach the film and the resulting image is white.

Organs such as the lungs, which contain air, absorb fewer X-rays so that more reach the film and cause a black image. Organs of intermediate density, such as liver and heart, produce a gray image.

In your case, some structure of intermediate density is present in your lung. This could be an infection, scar tissue, a growth — in short, anything that is more dense than air-containing lung. A CT scan works the same way as a regular chest X-ray, but gives added definition.

Depending on the CT findings, you may need further testing, such as a needle biopsy. Ask your doctor about this. Although the "whitening" may reflect a serious disorder, it could also represent something like scar tissue that requires no treatment. At this point, a diagnosis is imperative. Your physician can discuss this with you and, perhaps, refer you to a pulmonary specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A close friend of mine just died of cancer of the pancreas. Her doctor told me that there is really no way to diagnose this condition until it reaches an advanced state. Her cancer was eventually discovered with a CT scan.

It occurred to me that a good preventive health measure might be to obtain periodic CT scans in, say, all people over 65. What do you think of this proposal?

DEAR READER: I used to think that it was an unnecessary waste of money and resources. But, I must admit, I've had second thoughts, since several of my patients have asked me the same thing. One even went so far as to undergo the procedure and was quite relieved at the favorable, normal results. (He paid for it himself.)

You're correct that many cancers (especially of the ovary and pancreas) are difficult to diagnose in their early stages. Doesn't it then make sense to perform routine CT scans on healthy older adults every year or so? Maybe.

CT scans ordinarily cost between $800 and $1,500. I'm told by my radiologist colleagues that the radiation exposure is acceptable. Given the potential benefits, why wouldn't a well-heeled — and perhaps well-healed — consumer spend this amount for the purpose of detecting a curable cancer or other affliction (such as an abdominal aortic aneurysm) as part of a routine examination?

I don't have the answer.

However, I'd be willing to bet that more and more people are going to consider this option seriously. Medicare and health insurance won't pay for routine CT scans, but I think that this issue is worthy of public debate. It's something we all — doctors and patients — ought to think about.

To my knowledge, there have been no definitive reports or studies in the medical literature that address this proposal. We probably need some research on the topic.

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Grandy's opens at food court here

There's a change in place at Rip Griffin's Truck Center as the Lubbock-based company has opened a new, franchised Grandy's restaurant.

Located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 84 and 180, Grandy's joins Burger King as one more way to stop traffic in Snyder.

"We're excited about adding Grandy's to our food court," said Leonida Whiteley, Rip Griffin Fastop's food court supervisor. "Many of our customers had requested we add a good quality chicken restaurant to our food court."

Whiteley said the firm had tried barbecue and pizza at the court, but with only limited success.

"We feel like Grandy's will be a big favorite with hometown folks, as well as the traveling public," said Whiteley.

"Grandy's is known for its high-quality, reasonably price and home-style meals such as fried and grilled chicken."

The Rip Griffin Fastop food court occupies approximately 3,000 square feet and will seat 108 people by the end of the week, once new seating is installed.

The restaurant will employ 18 people when it is fully operational, said Whiteley.

Lunch and dinner at Grandy's will be served from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday.

"Co-branded facilities in alternative locations such as the one at Rip Griffin's offers Grandy's a great opportunity to expand into geographic locations where free-standing restaurants may not be feasible," said Brian Hunt, Grandy's director of franchise sales. "We're thankful for this opportunity to expand upon our existing relationship with Rip Griffin, because they're a top-notch organization with unlimited growth potential."

There is a Grandy's in Rip Griffin's facility in Tulia.

Grandy's, Inc. is a Lewisville-based chain of quick-service, home-style family restaurants. The restaurant offers fried and grilled chicken, country fried steak and other foods such as vegetables and freshly baked rolls.

2 former Plano mayors sentenced for bank fraud

DALLAS (AP) — Two former mayors of the northern Dallas suburb of Plano were issued prison sentences on Friday for their roles in the failure of Plano Savings and Loan Association.

David B. McCall Jr. and Jack Harvard both had admitted to involvement in more than $25 million in fraudulent loans made at the thrift in the mid-1980s, before it failed.

McCall, 72, was sentenced in Beaumont to six months in prison, to be followed by five year's probation after he pleaded guilty in October to making and causing false entries to the books and records of the failed thrift.

U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb of Beaumont also ordered McCall to pay $100,000 in restitution.

Cobb sentenced Harvard, 49, to two years in prison after he pleaded guilty in September to related charges and agreed to be a government witness against McCall. Cobb directed the sentence to be served concurrently with a seven-year prison sentence from an unrelated case.

Harvard also was ordered to pay $100,000 in restitution.

In 1995, Harvard was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined $973,309 after being convicted of breaking federal banking laws while he was chairman of Willow Bend National Bank.

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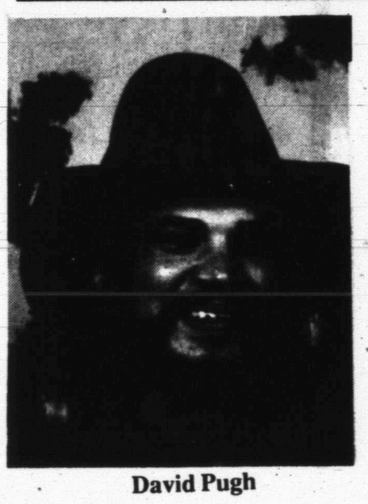

David Pugh

David A. Pugh

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Funeral service is set for 3 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Snyder's First Baptist Church for David A. Pugh of McMinnville, Ore. The Rev. Miller Robinson of Snyder, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Pugh, 31, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, in CWVMC Hospital in McMinnville.

Born on June 23 in Campbell, Calif., he married Teresa Anne Clark on Oct. 28, 1989 in Houston. He was reared and attended high school at Alvin. He later joined the U.S. Army and was a member of the Rangers, stationed in Germany. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Texas.

He and his wife moved to Humble and to McMinnville in 1990 where he worked as a carpenter. He was a member of the McMinnville Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Pugh of McMinnville; a son, Justin Pugh of McMinnville; his father, Ronald Pugh of Texas; his mother, Sie Pugh of Aptos, Calif., a brother, Brian Pugh of Texas; his father- and mother-in-law, Lindy and Carla Clark of Richardson, formerly of Snyder; a brother- and sister-in-law, Stanley and Marie Clark of Snyder; and a sister- and brother-in-law, Denise and John Stufflebeam of Allen.

What's Up?

Yearbook deadline nears

Time is running out to buy a 1997 Snyder High School yearbook. Books purchased before Thursday will have the buyer's name on the cover. After that date, it will not. Yearbooks will not be sold after Feb. 1. The price is $40. Anyone who has put a deposit down on a book is reminded that the balance is due by Feb. 3.

AARP chapter to meet

The local AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. Roy Baze will bring the program. The board of directors will convene following the meeting.

Bible study video tapes

Five Bible study video tapes will be seen on TCA Cable TV Channel 2 over the next few weeks. They will be followed by a new series titled The Story of the Bible. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Monday. The first tapes are "The Terrible Cost of Sin," followed by Lesson One in The Story of the Bible: "The Beginning."

Central Parent Council

Central Elementary Parent Council will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday. All parents are welcome.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Windbreak trees deadline

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Jan. 31. For more information or to place an order, come by the Upper Colorado SWCD office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. or call 573-6317.

Hall to teach at Church of the Hill

Dudley Hall will be teaching the Word Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Hills, 14 miles north on U.S. 84. Turn left at the Fluvanna cut off (Highway 612). The church sits on the left before topping the hill.

Study in England meeting

An informational meeting is set for 5 p.m. Wednesday on the WTC campus in 2B110 for persons interested in a two-week study abroad program in England, starting June 9.

The program is for college credit, English 2322. Study leaders are Jana Martin, WTC English instructor, and Beth Bowen, SHS English teacher. Cost of the program is $2,199 plus $97 college tuition.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Circus tickets being sold

Representatives from Circus Gatti will be contacting local residents offering tickets to the circus, which will held at a yet to be determined date in February. Scurry County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring the event.

Volunteer help sought by museum

Scurry County Museum is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to help assemble a large pre-cut doll house. If you are interested, please call the museum at 573-6107.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-4-8
(seven, four, eight)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 5-13-20-28-34
(five, thirteen, twenty, twenty-eight, thirty-four)

Three taken into custody Friday

Three arrests were made Friday, including two late in the evening following an assault.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male for minor in possession and an 18-year-old male for public intoxication in the 2700 block of 23rd Street at 10:47 p.m. following a report of an assault around 10 p.m.

A 20-year-old male was taken to Cogdell Hospital by private vehicle as a result of the assault. He was treated and released and refused to file charges.

One 25-year-old male was arrested at 2:08 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of 33rd Street for driving while license suspended.

At 10:56 p.m. Friday, an ambulance was requested to take a 25-year-old male to Cogdell Hospital following an apparent drug overdose. The man was admitted to the hospital for observation and an offense report for overdose was submitted.

In other activity Friday, Paul Anderson requested to speak to an officer at 10:31 a.m. in reference to the theft of a rug. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Leland Wallace requested to speak to a deputy at 12:06 p.m. Friday in reference to someone stealing some hay. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Donna Mills requested to speak to an officer at 5:38 p.m. Friday in reference to someone taking items from her vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 2:05 a.m. Saturday in reference to damage to a pickup parked at the Pizza Inn, belonging to Keith Herrley.

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Toni Jackson continues remarkable recovery

The future continues to look bright for Toni Jackson and her family.

When Snyder Daily News readers were first introduced to Toni at age 9 in May of 1993, she was battling a form of cancer called acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL.

In addition to being diminutive — she carries just 54 pounds on her three-foot, seven-inch frame — Toni is almost deaf.

Since growth hormone tests were normal, Toni's doctors think four-feet, two- or three-inches is the tallest the 13-year-old will be.

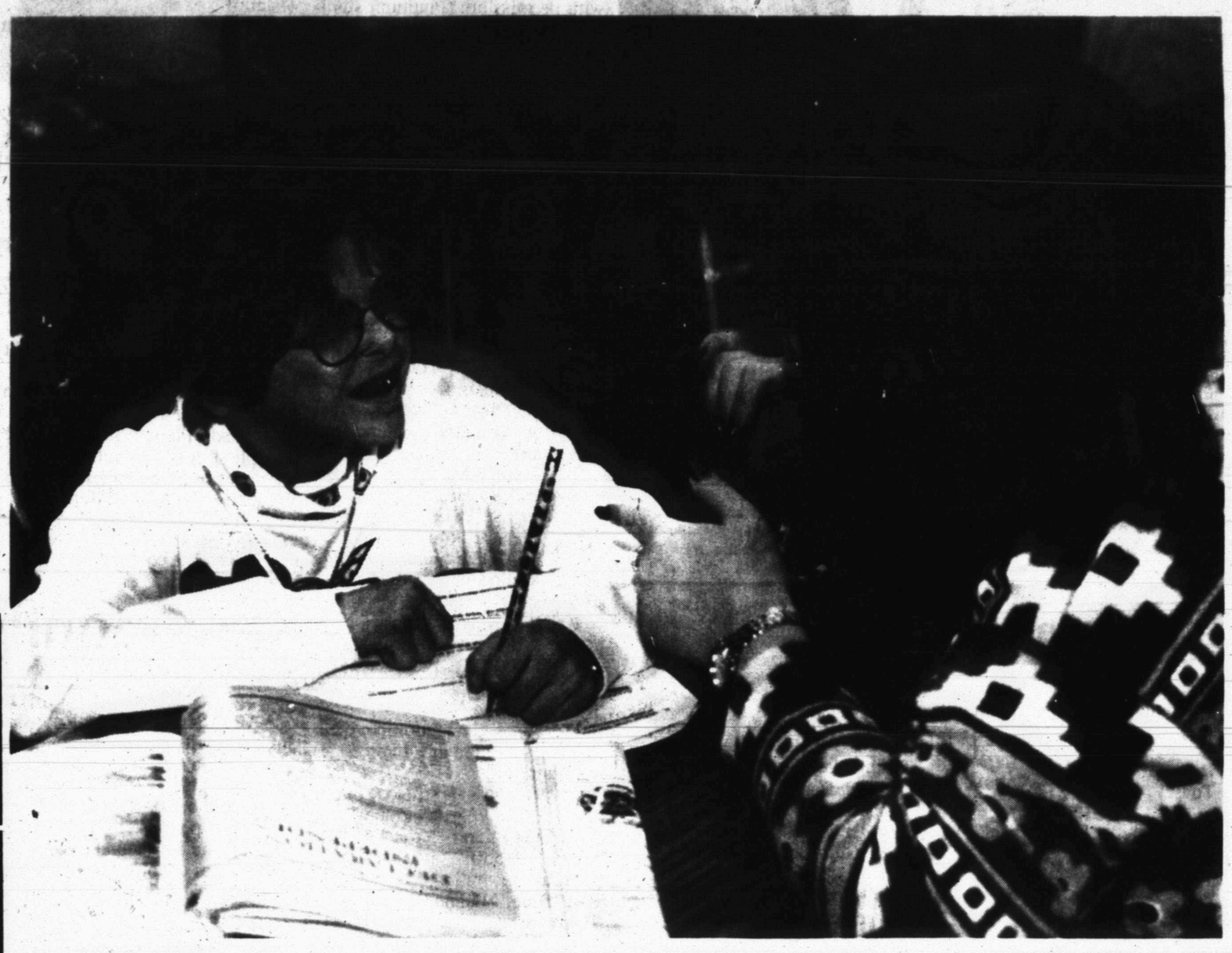
Though the odds have been stacked against her most of life, the Hermleigh fifth grader is now in her fourth year of remission, and doctors place her chance of a complete recovery at 90 percent.

She has an annual checkup next month at the Southwest Cancer Center in Lubbock. If this one goes well and the next one in February of 1998 is equally encouraging, then Toni could be declared "cured."

That's remarkable, considering that Toni's parents, Barry and Sandra Jackson, were once told their daughter had less than one percent chance for remission.

Though the past four years have been filled with many ups and downs, the future looks very bright for Toni and her family.

During the rough years, Toni was a homebound student. By the 1993 fall semester, Toni's schedule combined mainstream classes with special education. When school, Sandra said the students know who Toni is and tell her "hi," even if they aren't in her class. Some are even learning to sign. Since Toni isn't isolated, it helps



MAINSTREAMING — Toni Jackson, Hermleigh fifth grader, has been mainstreaming this school year with the help of Laura McIlroy, an interpreter for the deaf. Toni has been making remarkable recovery from monumental health problems. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

This school year is the first year she has maintreamed all classes with an interpreter for the deaf. She is making As and Bs, Sandra said, "And that's a good as we can ask."

she was absent for a week or more, she reverted to homebound for that week also, Sandra said.

But this school year, Toni has only had to miss one day.

Since Hermleigh is a small

adjust to being a regular student.

Toni's teacher is Cathy Beckman, who has taught 5½ years at Hermleigh. HISD supplies an interpreter for the deaf. Laura McIlroy has filled that roll for the past two years. She is the third interpreter to work with Toni.

Sandra said the two work very well together. McIlroy also babysits Toni and her younger sister, K'Leigh, 8. Though Toni is old enough to stay by herself, Sandra doesn't let her because she cannot hear.

Toni spends four periods a day in Beckman's class, following a slightly modified fifth grade curriculum. In the just-completed fall semester, Toni was one of four students in her grade who earned a gold medal in the academic olympics.

Sandra praised Beckman, who has "bent over backwards" to keep Toni involved.

"Everyone who works with Toni is determined to see that she gets the best," Sandra said.

Hermleigh teachers have even observed deaf education classes in Lubbock, she added.

Toni enjoys physical education classes with Coach Wright, who helps with the things she is not able to do physically, her mother said.

Toni and her sister don't interact much at school because they are in different grades. Sandra said this is probably a good things because K'Leigh will interpret for Toni and that is too much responsibility for her at her young age.

Toni and her family have come a long way since since she was diagnosed with ALL in June of 1990, and the journey has not been an easy one at times. She underwent exhaustive chemotherapy which ended in December of 1992. Though it put her into remission, it also damaged internal organs, including her liver. One kidney is also smaller than the other. The chemotherapy also ate the enamel off her teeth, and she has suffered some eye damage.

According to Sandra, these conditions have not improved, but they haven't gotten any worse. They will have to be monitored throughout Toni's life.

She later had to have 24 operations in 2½ years to correct problems, including an hiatial hernia caused by severe nausea related to chemotherapy. Sandra said new drugs now make chemotheraphy easier on children.

Chemotherapy also affected Toni's retention so that she has to continually review what she learns in school in order to retain it.

At the end of the school year, Sandra said the school sends

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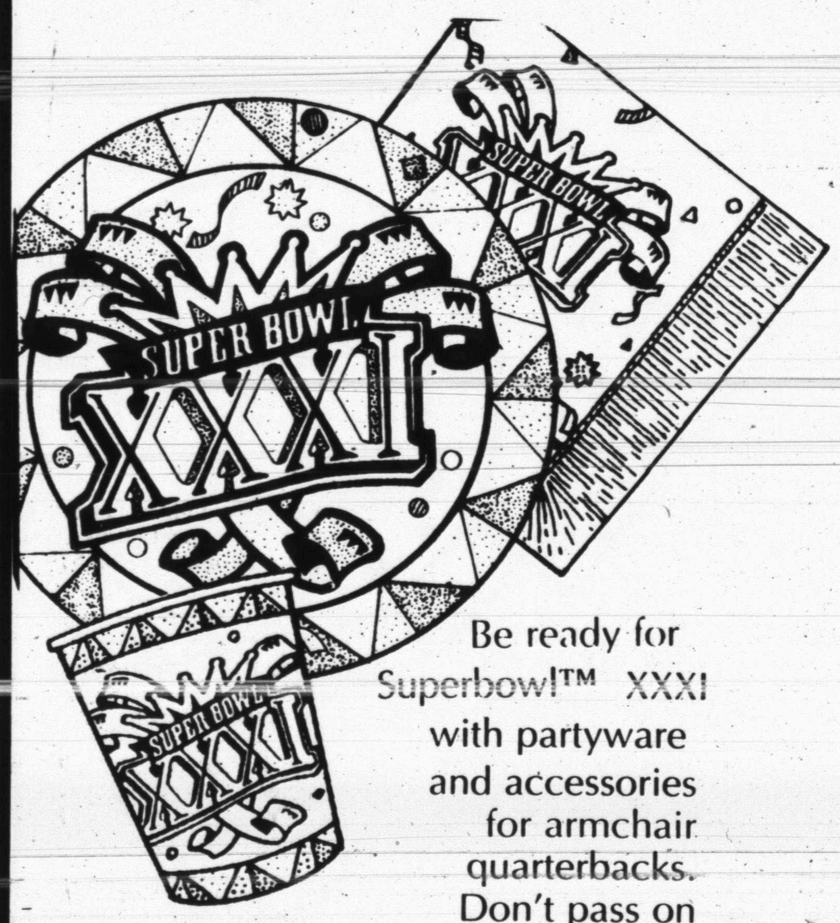

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GS COOKIE ORDER — Jamie Sharp, Snyder Daily News sports editor, places an order for his favorite Girl Scout cookie. Assisting him are LaCresha Schulze, Ashly Pavlovsky and Aeryal Peoples, from left. They are members of Junior Troop 116. Their leader is Donna Schulze, and her assistant is Cathy Peoples. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Girl Scout cookie sale underway

The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale is underway with scouts throughout Snyder offering eight different varieties of cookies.

Offered for the first time are Five World Cinnamon and Iced Ginger Daisies. Also available are old favorites Caramel deLites, Thin Mints, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Patties and the original Shortbread.

The cookie sale benefits the West Texas Girl Scout Council, providing services, programs and facilities. Each individual troop gets to keep a percentage of its sales.

Taking orders will continue through Jan. 24, and if anyone is missed by troop members they may call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Six Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts and two leaders plan to use their profits from this year's and next year's sales toward expenses on a trip in 1998 to Savannah, Ga., Juliette Lowe's home, founder of Girl Scouts.

Approximately 100 Snyder scouts will be taking orders for the cookies to be delivered in early February.

School Menus

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST

All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY

Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

TUESDAY

Juice
Breakfast Pizza

WEDNESDAY

Fruit
Toast & Jelly

THURSDAY

Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

FRIDAY

Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY

Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pineapple

TUESDAY

Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Plum Cobbler

WEDNESDAY

Beef Stroganoff
Black-eyed Peas
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Blonde Brownies

THURSDAY

Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Relish Cup
Tortilla Chips
Iced Graham Crackers

FRIDAY

Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
Chocolate Pudding

Snyder

BREAKFAST

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, milk and juice.

MONDAY

Holiday

TUESDAY

Breakfast Taco

WEDNESDAY

Sausage & Biscuit

THURSDAY

Cinnamon Roll

FRIDAY

Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH

All lunches are served with milk.

TUESDAY

Beef Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese
Chicken Burger
French Fries
Orange Half

WEDNESDAY

Lasagne
Peas
Chef Salad
French Bread
Pears

THURSDAY

Meatloaf
Chicken Fried Steak
Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Peas/Yeast Roll

FRIDAY

Hamburger
Burger Salad
Chili Dog
Tater Tots
Fruit Cocktail

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Spaghetti & Beef
Whole Kernel Corn
Green Beans
Tomato Wedges
Garlic Toast
Tropical Apples

TUESDAY

Grilled Pork Chop
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Lettuce Salad
Lemon Refrigerator Dessert

WEDNESDAY

Liver and Onions
Macaroni & Cheese
Spinach
Heavenly Delight Salad
White Cake

THURSDAY

Chicken Strips
Cream Gravy
Sliced New Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli
Applesauce Salad
Pecan Pie

FRIDAY

Fried Fish
Potato Salad
Boiled Okra
Creamy Coleslaw
Caramel Bread Pudding

Millard Fillmore (1850-53), a Whig, was the last U.S. president who was neither a Democrat nor a Republican.

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Nation's best selling music

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

TOP SINGLES

Copyright 1997, Billboard-Soundscan Inc.-Broadcast Data Systems.

1."Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
2."Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest) (Gold)
3."I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset-Atlantic)
4."Nobody," Keith Sweat featuring Athena Cage (Elektra) (Platinum)
5."I Believe In You and Me," Whitney Houston (Arista)
6."No Diggity," Blackstreet featuring Dr. Dre (Interscope) (Platinum)
7."Mouth," Merril Bainbridge (Universal) (Gold)
8."I'm Still In Love With You," New Edition (MCA)
9."It's All Coming Back to Me Now," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
10."If It Makes You Happy," Sheryl Crow (A&M)

TOP ALBUMS

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1."Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt (Trauma-Interscope) (Platinum)
2."'Romeo + Juliet' Soundtrack," (Capitol) (Platinum)
3."Falling Into You," Celine Dion (550 Music-Epic) (Platinum)
4."Blue," Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
5."Secrets," Toni Braxton (LaFace-Arista) (Platinum)
6."'The Preacher's Wife' Soundtrack," (Arista)
7."'Evita' Soundtrack," (Warner Bros.)
8."'Space Jam' Soundtrack," (Warner Sunset-Atlantic) (Platinum)
9."Razorblade Suitcase," Bush (Trauma-Interscope)
10."Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette (Maverick-Reprise-Warner Bros.) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1."Nobody Knows," Kevin Sharp (Asylum)
2."Friends," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
3."Is That a Tear," Tracy Lawrence (Atlantic)
4."Big Love," Tracy Byrd (MCA)
5."Everybody Knows," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
6."Maybe We Should Just Sleep On It," Tim McGraw (Curb)
7."It's a Little Too Late," Mark Chesnutt (Decca)
8."Pretty Little Adriana," Vince Gill (MCA)
9."One Way Ticket (Because I Can)," Leann Rimes (Curb)
10."Her Man," Gary Allan (Decca)

R&B SINGLES

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1."Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest) (Platinum)
2."I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset)
3."Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
4."I Believe In You and Me," Whitney Houston (Arista)
5."Cold Rock A Party," MC Lyte (EastWest)
6."Nobody," Keith Sweat featuring Athena Cage (Elektra) (Platinum)
7."On & On," Erykah Badu (Kedar-Universal)
8."What Kind of Man Would I Be," Mint Condition (Perspective) (Gold)
9."In My Bed," Dru Hill (Island)
10."No Time," Lil' Kim featuring Puff Daddy (Undeas)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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(While the other charts are based on retail sales, this list is compiled from radio station airplay reports.)

1."No. 1 Crush," Garbage (Capitol)
2."Thirty-Three," Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
3."Discotheque," U2 (Island)
4."All Mixed Up," 311 (Capricorn-Mercury)
5."Don't Speak," No Doubt (Trauma-Interscope)
6."Swallowed," Bush (Trauma-Interscope)
7."Lady Picture Show," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
8."A Long December," Counting Crows (DGC-Geffen)
9."The Distance," Cake (Capricorn-Mercury)
10."Blow Up the Outside World," Soundgarden (A&M)

LATIN TRACKS

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1."Asi Como Te Conoci," Marco Antonio Solis (Fonovisa)
2."No Pude Enamorarme Mas," Los Tigres Del Norte (Fonovisa)
3."Trapecista," Enrique Iglesias (Fonovisa)
4."Piensa En Mi," Grupo Mojado (Fonovisa)
5."El Baile de la Botella," Joe Luciano (Fonivisa)
6."Las Cosas Que Vives," Laura Pausini (Wea Latina)
7."Palomita Blanca," Michael Salgado (Joey)
8."Linda Eh," Grupo Mania (Sony)
9."Como Te Voy A Olvidar," Los Angeles Azules (Disa-EMI-Latin)
10."Potpourri De Quique," Paco Barron y Sus Nortenos Clan (DISA-EMI-Latin)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP; Senior Center; Roy Baze will present the program; board of directors will meet following the program; noon.

Storytime at Scurry County Library will be held for four- and five-year-olds; 1916 23rd Street; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Stargazers, Family Community Education Club, 3117 Ave. T; for more information, call Pauline Broyles at 573-5144; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

Atheneum Study Club rescheduled meeting; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter of ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday based on the traditional African festival of the harvest of the first crops. It begins on Dec. 26 and lasts for seven days.

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Local couple's daughter wed in formal ceremony in Arkansas

JOPLIN, Ark. — Shanna Lee Veazey and Mark Jeffery Dickson, both of Benton, Ark., united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 in Joplin United Metodist Church. The Rev. Johnny Bratton, minister, officiated the double-ring ceremoy.

The bride's parents are Ben and Carol Veazey of Snyder and the bridegroom's parents are Raymon and Dorothy Dickson of Jessieville, Ark.

The candelight rites featured cream bows and luminaires at each church pew. Candles were placed on the organ and piano, graced with greenery, ribbon and tulle. Other candles, tulle and ribbon accented the railing and a large floral arrangement was placed at the altar.

Soloist Sherri Frakes of Euless sang "I Will Be His Love" and "I Do," by Paul Brandt. Another soloist, J.D. Frakes, the bride's uncle, sang "The Lord's Prayer." Sam Robertson of Snyder directed the sound system.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a cream colored scroll brocade print gown with long sleeves with French cuffs, edged with pearls. The off-the-shoulder bodice had a bow in the back which attached an A-line skirt, edged with matching pearls, and had a short train.

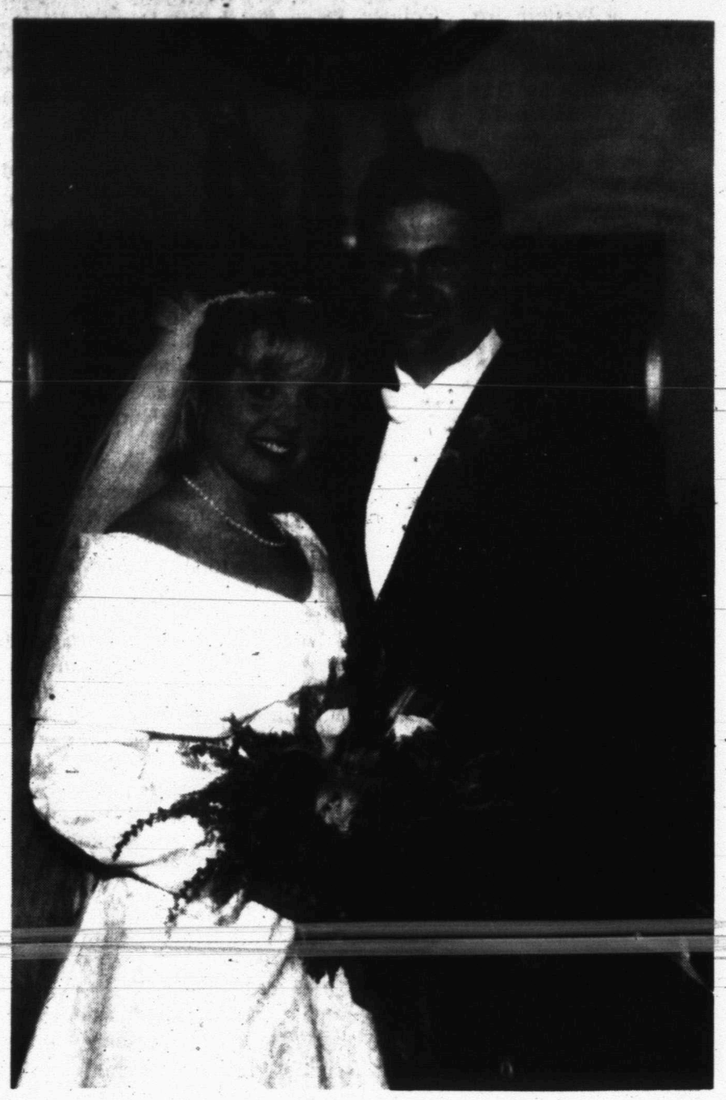
Her three-layered tulle veil, attached to a pearl headband, fell to the waist.

Her clutch bouquet of roses, sunflowers, wheat and other brightly colored flowers was tied with gold and fall colored ribbons.

Matron of honor was Andrea Kiker, sister of the bride from Littlefield. Bridesmaids were Ginger Smith of Bryan and Marjann Morrow from Hot Springs. They wore gowns of dark green taffeta. They were tea-length and featured empire waists and short sleeves. The attendants carried small clutch bouquets of bright fall flowers with ribbon streamers matching the bride's.

Flower girl was the groom's cousin, Kelsie Blake from Hot Springs; ring bearer was Matt Dickson, his nephew from Jessieville.

Best man was Kevin Blake from Hot Springs and groomsman was John Applegate, also from Hot Springs. Ushers included Benny Blair from Jessieville and Steve Watson from Hot Springs. Male attendants wore black double breasted tuxedos with cream colored shirts and black bow ties. The groom wore a cream colored bow tie.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jeffery Dickson
(Contributed Photo)

Stephanie Doughty from Oklahoma City registered guests.

The reception was held in Mountain Harbor Resort in Mount Ida and food was provided by Catered Affairs by Glenna, located in Hot Springs. Flowers were by Maries' Flowers and decorations were by the bride's aunt and uncle, Victoria and Phil Price.

Centering the bride's table, covered with a cream cloth and skirt adorned with a skirt of champagne flutes and gold ribbon, were the bride's bouquet, candles and an arrangement of fall flowers.

Fresh flowers topped the three-layered Italian cream cake with cream cheese frosting. Fresh flowers also bedecked the second layer, separated from the top layer with columns.

The groom's table was covered with a matching cloth and held a German chocolate cake, decorated with chocolate shavings. Fresh flowers centered the table. Caterers provided a large assortment of hors d oeuvres.

The couple's honeymoon was a week in Nassau and they have made their home in Benton, Ark.

The bride was reared in Snyder and is a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School. She is also a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant, institutional management. She is currently a catering director at a country club in Little Rock.

Dickson is a 1982 graduate of Jessieville High School and attended two years at Garland County Community College. He is currently a landscape foreman in Hot Springs Village.

Most popular video rentals, sales

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

VIDEO SALES

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1."Independence Day," (Fox)
2."Toy Story," (Disney)
3."Mission: Impossible," (Paramount)
4."The Nutty Professor," (MCA-Universal) (Platinum)
5."Matilda," (Columbia TriStar)
6."Riverdance-The Show," (VCI-Columbia Tristar)
7."Twister," (Warner)
8."311: Enlarged to Show Detail," (PolyGram)
9."James and the Giant Peach," (Disney)
10."The Land Before Time IV," (MCA-Universal)

VIDEO RENTALS

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1."Independence Day," (Fox)
2."The Rock," (Hollywood-Buena Vista)
3."Eraser," (Warner)
4."The Cable Guy," (Columbia TriStar)
5."The Nutty Professor," (MCA-Universal) (Platinum)
6."Fargo," (Polygram)
7."Mission: Impossible," (Paramount)
8."Striptease," (Columbia TriStar)
9."A Time to Kill," (Warner)
10."Dragonheart," (MCA-Universal)

KID VIDEO SALES

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1."Oliver & Company," (Disney)
2."Mary-Kate & Ashley: Hotel Who-Done-It," (Dualstar)
3."Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave," (BBC-Fox)
4."The Land Before Time IV," (MCA-Universal)
5."Sky Dancers: Pink Volume," (Cabin Fever Entertainment)
6."Sky Dancers: Blue Volume," (Cabin Fever)
7."Schoolhouse Rock: America Rock," (ABC-Paramount)
8."The Aristocats," (Disney)
9."Mary-Kate & Ashley's Hawaiian Beach Party," (Dualstar)
10."Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out," (BBC-Fox)

End Advance for Friday, Jan. 17.

A coral reef is created by the interaction of polyp, fish, worm, crab, plant, mollusk and plankton.

After the American revolution, Polish patriot Tadeusz Kosciuszko used the reward given to him by the newly independent colonies to buy the freedom of black slaves.

COUNTRYPLACE
Yankee Candles 573-1817 Dreamsicles
Bride & Groom Registry
Kima McLarty & Scott Coltharp
Michelle Pilgrim & Gary Martin
Gaylene Dobbs & John McMackin
Holly Barkowsky & Bart Bynum
Laci Naylor & Greg Box
Renee Matthews & Rayland Goswick
Amanda Olsen & Daniel Espinosa
Elaine Whitfill & Mike Bragg
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♣ K 8 5

West
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♥ K J 7 6 2
♦ 9 5
♣ 10 6 2

East
♠ Q J 8 7 4 2
♥ Q 10 5
♦ K J 2
♣ 9

South
♠ ---
♥ A 8 3
♦ A Q 6 4
♣ A Q J 7 4 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			2 ♠
Dbl.	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Paint the wrong picture

The hard part — all right, one of the hard parts — of writing this column is knowing that you, the reader, can see all 52 cards, unlike the players at the table. So, a deal like this one doesn't have quite the same impact on the printed page. Still, West found such a great opening lead that he deserves the publicity. Not that West was an unknown toiler. He was the peripatetic Pakistani, Zia Mahmood, who splits his time between the bridge clubs of London and New York, and the golf courses of the world.

East opened with a weak two-bid, showing a decent six-card suit and some 5-9 high-card points. Over South's takeout double, West's three-heart response specified values in the suit with spade support.

When you look at the full deal, it seems that five clubs must make. How did Zia, sitting West, persuade one of the best-ever declarers, world champion Alan Sontag, to go down?

Zia led the spade *three*. After ruffing, Sontag ducked a heart, East winning with the 10 and returning a low spade. When Sontag ruffed, Zia dropped the ace. Now came the club ace, the heart ace and a heart ruff in the dummy, bringing down East's queen. Next, Sontag cashed dummy's club king, East discarding a spade.

It was time to play the diamonds — but how? It looked as though East had the king-queen-jack of spades and the heart queen. So, he couldn't have the diamond king too. There was apparently only one chance. Sontag played a diamond to his ace, drew the last trump, and continued with a low diamond: one down. Wonderful!

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Recipes For The Cook

It has been said that soup warms the heart as well as the soul. The problem is, it doesn't always appease the appetite. A bowl of soup is often used as a prelude to a larger, heartier dish, but there is no reason that a good soup can't make a delicious, satisfying main course.

The perfect way to add some bulk to a soup is with pasta, and the perfect time to start experimenting is January, which is National Soup Month.

According to "Pasta Soups & Salads" (Time Life Books), another edition in the Williams-Sonoma Collection, the kind of pasta suitable for soup should be a size and shape that enables you to pick it up with a spoon and eat it without the pasta slipping or slithering back into the bowl. Some good choices are elbows, farfalle, tortellini and ditalini, but of course, any shape will do as long as it's broken into spoon-size pieces.

For a satisfying meal, accompany a pasta soup with a mixed green salad, a crusty loaf of bread or home-baked quick bread, fresh fruit or another favorite dessert, and your choice of beverage.

The pleasures of pasta soups include high nutritional value, ease of preparation, ability to combine well with all types of foods and abundant ways in which they can be served. In addition, they offer both heartiness and visual appeal.

CHICKEN AND FARFALLE VEGETABLE SOUP

Serves 6

You can use many different kinds of vegetables in this soup, selecting whatever is in season. Good options include asparagus, sugar snap peas, carrots and Swiss chard (silverbeet). Try other medium-sized pasta shapes in place of the farfalle.

1 small chicken quartered and skin removed
2½ quarts water
1 large yellow onion, peeled and coarsely chopped
1 carrot, peeled and coarsely chopped
6 parsley sprigs
1 tsp. finely chopped fresh thyme
2 bay leaves
3 celery stalks with leaves, trimmed and cut diagonally into ½-inch pieces
½ small head Savoy cabbage, coarsely chopped
8 ounces green beans, cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
6 ounces dried farfalle
¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
Salt and freshly ground pepper
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. In a large pot over high heat, combine the chicken, water, onion, carrot, parsley, thyme and bay leaves and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer, covered, until the chicken falls from the bone, about 1 hour.

2. Remove the chicken from the broth and cool. Strain the remaining broth and return it to the pot. Discard the vegetables. Remove the chicken from the bone and discard the bones. Tear the meat into 1-inch pieces and reserve the meat separately from the broth.

3. To the pot, add the celery, cabbage, green beans and farfalle and simmer, covered, until the farfalle is al dente, 10 to 12 minutes. Add the chicken, parsley, lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Heat, stirring occasionally until the chicken is warm.

4. To serve, ladle into individual bowls and top with the Parmesan cheese.

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Medicare, Medicaid expected to grow more slowly than before

WASHINGTON (AP) — Balancing the federal budget just got easier because the Congressional Budget Office said Medicare and Medicaid will grow more slowly than expected.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office sent lawmakers updated figures Thursday showing that over the next five years, projected spending for Medicare will be $56 billion less than CBO estimated a year ago.

More dramatically, Medicaid spending will be nearly $80 billion lower than projected, the budget office said.

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee, said he was disappointed that Medicare spending projections were not rosier.

Only about $15 billion of the savings is expected to come from the trust fund that finances hospital care, which is still projected to go bankrupt by 2001, Thomas noted.

"It underscores the need for Congress and the president to forge a bipartisan agreement to save Medicare, without resorting to accounting gimmicks or tax increases," he said in a statement.

The budget office now expects Medicare spending from 1998 through 2002 to total $1.35 trillion, compared with $1.4 trillion last May. The new five-year projection for Medicaid is $618 billion, down from $697 billion in May.

The Clinton administration plans to offer Medicare savings of $100 billion over five years, most of it from cutting fees paid to hospitals, doctors and health maintenance organizations, an administration official said Thursday.

About $20 billion of savings in Medicare would come from cutting payments to HMOs. The federal government now pays HMOs 95 percent of the cost of treating an average beneficiary. The administration plans to cut that to 90 percent, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

But the Clinton administration also plans to offer Medicare recipients new benefits, including free mammograms, respite care for Alzheimer's patients and screenings for diabetes and colon cancer, the official said.

The preventive care measures should save money in the future by catching diseases early. But the proposal, part of a plan to balance the federal budget by 2002, does not include such savings in its projection, the official said.

Women could get free mammograms every two years, and Alzheimer's disease victims would qualify for 24-hour home care while their families take a break from caring for them, the official said.

The administration also wants more money for rural counties, which have complained they are shortchanged under current funding formulas.

In Medicaid, the health care program for the poor, President Clinton has proposed cutting projected spending by more than $20 billion over five years. But that plan also calls for new spending, meaning actual savings will equal only $7 billion to $9 billion, the official said.

New spending proposals will include help for legal immigrants hurt by last year's welfare reform effort, as well as an aid package for the District of Columbia and assistance to Puerto Rico, he said.

The budget office predicted Medicaid spending would drop largely because more recipients are required to get their care through managed care plans.

Morris considered suicide as news of affair went public

WASHINGTON (AP) — Discredited presidential adviser Dick Morris said he considered suicide after learning that his relationship with a Washington prostitute was about to go public during the Democratic National Convention.

"Who wouldn't?" Morris responded Thursday night when asked by television talk show host Larry King if he thought of killing himself.

Later in the interview on CNN's "Larry King Live," Morris said his wife stayed with him after the news broke "for the first couple of months — not because she was committed to the marriage ... but because she cared about me and didn't want me to slit my throat, and she was with me day, after day, after day."

In a separate interview, for WCBS-TV's "Sunday Edition" in New York, Morris said President Clinton has "shifted from being an extrovert to being an introvert," spending long meetings listening but saying little.

He described the president as making decisions alone at the White House, playing solitaire with an unlit cigar in his mouth in a small room where a "huge beautiful portrait of Chelsea" hangs on the wall.

"He's become a person that has become much more judicious than action-oriented, much more Asian in his philosophy," Morris said.

Clinton and Morris continue to talk from time to time, but Morris is not playing a role "formally or informally" as an adviser to the president, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

Morris also said he conducted polls routinely on "Clinton-era scandals" and used the results to help the president shape his responses.

In an interview to promote his book, "Behind the Oval Office," Morris said by telephone that he polled almost weekly about whether voters felt the Whitewater inquiry was being conducted fairly.

He said the congressional inquiry headed by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., was generally considered overly partisan by those he surveyed. More than half usually described prosecutor Kenneth Starr's inquiry as unfair.

Kidd to receive honorary Oscar

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Legendary choreographer Michael Kidd has given Hollywood some of its greatest movie moments. At this year's Oscars, he'll get a special moment of his own.

The Academy of Motion Pictures of Arts and Sciences said Thursday that Kidd will receive an honorary Oscar at the ceremony in March.

Kidd's first credit was the 1952 film "Where's Charley?" That was followed with four decades of classics including "The Band Wagon," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Guys and Dolls," "Star!" and "Hello Dolly!"

Jury mixup turns felony into misdemeanor

VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP) — A jury that wanted to convict a man of felony involuntary manslaughter for shaking a baby to death mistakenly handed down a misdemeanor verdict.

Because the guilty verdict on a reckless misconduct charge was the only one read in court Thursday, the law requires that it stands.

That means James Kevin Evans faces a penalty of up to 12 months in jail and up to a $1,000 fine. Had Evans been convicted of the felony, he could have received a maximum of 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Evans faced felony murder and aggravated assault charges in connection with the Aug. 19, 1995, death of 14-month-old Skye Thompson Prine, the daughter of the woman Evans was living with.

Autopsy findings ruled Skye's death the result of "Shaken Baby Syndrome."

Prosecutor David Miller said jurors thought if they found Evans guilty on the reckless misconduct charge he automatically would be found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

But Miller said jurors needed to return two verdicts.

Jurors let the bailiff know as soon as they left the courtroom that an incorrect verdict had been read.

But a verdict entered in open court cannot be changed, Miller said. There cannot be an appeal and there won't be a new trial.

WTC news

Registration

Individuals interested in taking classes at Western Texas College this spring still have time to enroll.

The final day to register for classes is Tuesday. The registration process now begins at the WTC Administration Building.

In addition, Tuesday is the final day to add or drop classes for individuals already enrolled this spring term.

For more information about classes, call 573-8511.

WTC courses

Basic computers

Some space is still available in both a day and night class offered for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers. The classes are scheduled this spring by WTC's Electronic Office Technology Department.

CIM 131 (Basic Computers/Information Processing) meets on an MWF schedule from 11-11:50 a.m. There is a night class also eacy Monday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

Hands-on applications in Windows '95 version 7, Word, Excel, Access, and graphics will be included. For more information, contact instructor Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

Interested students may enroll for the spring term at WTC through Tuesday.

Microcomputer word processing

WTC's Electronic Office Technology Department is offering a microcomputer word processing class this spring using Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows 95 software and some space is still available in both a day and night class.

The class, listed as CIM 132, is scheduled on an MWF schedule from noon until 12:50 p.m. and Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

The classes are designed to teach all types of business word processing applications as well as word processing functions and procedures.

Pre-requisites include OFAD 1312 (Keyboarding/Typing 2) and CIM 131 (Basic Computer/Information Processing) or equivalent.

Students should type at least 35 words per minute and have some basic knowledge of computers, noted instructor Joann Snider. She said it is an excellent class for those who wish to brush up on office and computer skills.

One hit wonder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One-hit wonder Matthew Wilder is tearing up the charts again — this time as a producer.

Wilder's bouncy single "Break My Stride" on his 1983 debut album went to No. 5 on the charts.

The follow-up bombed and his name faded into obscurity. Now Wilder has returned to head of the charts, not as a star but as producer of No Doubt's multi-platinum album "Tragic Kingdom."

After years of writing for others and taking production jobs, Wilder was asked by an Interscope A&R agent to work with the struggling ska-rock band No Doubt.

Commission keeps policy, says it will monitor it better

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Commission on Human Rights has decided to keep a travel policy that allows thousands of dollars worth of state-paid trips related to an international human rights association.

But the commission voted Thursday to begin monitoring travel more closely, with a formal review every three months.

The suggestion for periodic review came from agency Executive Director Bill Hale, who has made a dozen in- and out-of-state trips related to his post as president of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies.

According to agency records reviewed by The Associated Press and Hale's figures, IAOHRA-related travel by Hale and others at the agency totaled about $19,000 for the 1996 fiscal year, ending Aug. 31.

That was nearly 19 percent of all agency travel expenditures in the year. Hale's share, which amounted to more than $9,000, included trips to San Francisco, Hilton Head, S.C., Canada, Monterrey and Miami Beach.

"I have no problem at all ... with coming to the commission and explaining why I'm going to Mexico for a trip" and how it will benefit Texas, Hale told the commissioners Thursday.

Involvement in IAHORA allows Texas to influence national funding and policy decisions and benefits the state agency, which handles employment and housing discrimination cases, Hale said.

He is allowed to authorize travel of agency personnel, including himself, within the United States, Mexico and Canada. He gives the commission his itinerary.

Commissioner Charles Taylor of Houston said he supported Hale's role in the international group but voiced concern about "outside scrutiny" of travel expenditures.

"When it's not really clear what direct impact this particular trip would have, we might not see the impact for two or three years down the road ... that kind of keeps that negative outside perception that we may be taking trips that we don't need to go," Taylor said.

Two commissioners suggested changes in procedure.

Lynn Ellen Rubinett of Austin suggested that unusually large expenditures should be discussed beforehand by the commission.

She cited an IAOHRA conference last year in Fort Worth, for which the state paid more than $7,700 in travel expenses and $4,900 in registration fees. The expense included flying Mexico civil rights dignitaries into Texas.

Ms. Rubinett emphasized, however, that she supports IAOHRA participation. She said her job as commissioner is to do the right thing rather than worry about public perception.

"Perhaps we have a job to (do to) educate the public about why this is important and why this expenditure is in our interests," she said.

Chairwoman Laura Keith of El Paso suggested Hale may be able to conduct some association business by telephone, rather than taking a trip. He agreed.

The oversight commission reviewed expenditures after Ms. Keith raised questions about international travel at a December meeting. She was appointed to the commission last year and accompanied Hale to a Canadian human rights conference.

Ms. Keith said there was no suggestion that any state policy had been violated, but said she simply wanted to look at the issue.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Glendale Garvin, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Tennessee Pipeline Construction, four 1997 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Lario Oil and Gas, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Flower Grove Coop Gin, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Orvel Griffith, 1996 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

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

Bubba Dennis, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Darwin M. Brand, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Snapp Lease Works, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dora Rodriquez, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Electric Submersible Pumps Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Weldon Walker, 1997 Jeep wagon from Snyder Chrysler.

Theresa and Kenneth Mitchell, 1997 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Jimmy and Tasha Rinard, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

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

Charles Claxton, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

L.R. French Jr., 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Steve J. Miller, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Edward Lee Walker of Snyder and Telena Kay Parker of Abilene.

Filed in District Court

Sandra Rushing vs. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, suit for damages.

The W.D. (Dewey) Everett Trust; the Fay Everett Trust for W.D. Everett Jr.; the Fay Everett Trust for Jess Everett; the Fay Everett Trust for Don Roland Everett; and the Fay Everett Trust for Dewey Fay Miller, Application for order approving partition of trust assets and sale of trust assets.

Deed Records

Michael Lynn Terry, individually and as community survivor of Linda Kay Terry, to Mary Sullivan, all the northeast one-quarter of Section 122, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mary Sue Boren Green, independent executrix of the estate of Willa Eddythe Boren, to Mildred Jane Boren Elmore, all of Lot 8 in Block 9 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Mary Sue Boren Green, independent executrix of the estate of Willa Eddythe Boren, to Mary Carolyn Boren, all of Lot 16 in Block 4 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Mary Sue Boren Green, independent executrix of the estate of Willa Eddythe Boren, to Gordon David Boren, all of Lot 7 in Block 9 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Mary Sue Boren Green, independent executrix of the estate of Willa Eddythe Boren, to James Elliott Green, all of Lot 9 in Block 8 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Mary Sue Boren Green, independent executrix of the estate of Willa Eddythe Boren, to Paul Edward Green, all of Lot 4 in Block 8 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Mary Sue Boren Green, independent executrix of the estate of Willa Eddythe Boren, to Mary Sue Boren Green, all of Lots 9, 6, 11 and 13, all in Block 5 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Michael Dean and Jane Louise Clifton to Tammy Carlene Kaska, the east 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition.

Alice B. Goodridge, sole trustee of the Alice B. Goodridge Revocable Trust, to Penelope Bauche, Kimberly Ann Bauche and Karen Lynn Bauche, an undivided interest in 534 acres in northwest Mitchell and southwest Scurry counties, commonly known as the Coleman Ranch.

Aubrey M. and J. H. Blalock to Gerald D. Perkins, a 56 x 102-foot tract in Lot 2, Block 2, Original Town of Snyder.

Jose and Marta R. Valdez to Vicente Valdez, a tract out of the west one-half of Block 19 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Tommy F. and Mary E. Williams to Wilma D. and Tamara C. Bumpers, Lot 35 in Round Top Acres, a subdvision of Sections 185 and 186 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Scurry County Folks

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by Shirley A. Gorman

Hermleigh fifth grader still recovering

Toni's reading and math work and they review it with her all summer long.

Toni works with a speech therapist one hour each week throughout the summer. She is getting better at communicating, something Sandra credits the speech therapist with.

From birth, Toni had been completely non-verbal.

Even though Toni's ALL was in remission, her troubles did not stop there. Just when it seemed she was getting better, Toni lost her appetite and some of the precious little body weight she had at the time.

In Toni's case, this problem was all the more serious because she weighed a scant 25 pounds and could not afford even the loss of one pound.

For two years, Sandra said, Toni had to be hospitalized every two months or so because of this new problem. When Toni's condition was finally diagnosed as chronically sick child syndrome, Sandra said they were greatly relieved.

Chronically sick child syndrome is a relatively new diagnosis reserved for children who have been sick for so long that they do not know how to act well, Sandra explained.

She said it is being diagnosed more often as more children are surviving devastating, life-threatening diseases.

Sandra said they were told that is it more common in girls who undergo chemotherapy during their pre-adolescent years.

The family was also told that because so much had been out of control in Toni's life, that she began asserting control through not eating.

They also learned that Toni had turned eating into a battle of wills with her parents.

Toni's complex problem was attacked from several different directions. Sandra said they worked with a pediatric gastroenterologist, a behaviorist, a nutritionist and a psychologist.

Once they determined why Toni wasn't eating, Sandra said the doctor told her daughter that if she did not eat and lost two pounds then they would feed her through a feeding tube. Which is just what the doctor did — for about four times — before Toni realized they were serious.

To encourage Toni to eat, Sandra said they purchased a special scale that weighed to the one-fourth pound. They also made a chart and every time Toni gained a fourth pound she got to put a mark on the chart.

When she gained a whole pound, they treated her to special food such as a sundae. In about six months, Toni doubled her body weight, from about 25 pounds to 54 pounds.

Sandra said they monitor Toni closely. When she does not want to eat, they try and determine whether it's because she really isn't feeling well or if she is just being stubborn.

Since she has gained quite a bit, Sandra said they probably would not be alarmed unless she lost about five pounds.

For now, one of their main goals is maintaining Toni's weight and stamina, rather than gaining weight.

Sandra said they are also working to raise Toni's self-esteem which has suffered because she has been ill for much of her life.

While they can't fix her height or her deafness, Sandra said they can help her teeth.

She is currently wearing braces and will have crowns put on some of her teeth. Though Toni isn't happy about the braces, Sandra said she is happy about the anticipated benefits.

Sandra said, "It's neat that Toni is doing so well all around." She said they also use any excuse to have a celebration.

At first they celebrated every month without chemoptherapy. Now, she said they celebrate every six months. They also celebrated weight gain.

It has now been 19 months since Toni was last hospitalized and nine months since the feeding tube was necessary.

They are also planning a "cured" party for Toni, if all goes well with her next two annual checkups. The Southwest Cancer Center will also have one for her.

Though Toni has improved greatly, concerns remain. Sandra said since her daughter has built up an immunity to antibiotics and penicillin, it takes the trial and error method to find a medication that will work.

That can be expensive. The family no longer has health insurance because Toni's medical bills exceeded the $3 million policy they did have. She is not eligible for any other insurance because of her pre-existing conditions, Sandra said.

The family does not qualify for any assistance programs.

At the first hint of illness, Sandra said she calls one of the doctors in Lubbock who is very good about reassuring her.

She doesn't have to call near as often as she used to, Sandra said.

As Toni's strength and stamina improved, she began "testing the boundaries" to see what she could do, Sandra said. At one time, she had to be kept almost totally isolated so as not to be exposed to germs.

She is amazed that they don't have to do that anymore. Now, Toni's brother, Eric Davis, 18, who lives in Waco, can visit more often, as can other relatives and friends.

Toni likes to watch television and she continues to ride Brandy, the horse she received from the Make A Wish Foundation in 1993. For a very long time, Sandra said Toni had to kiss Brandy on the nose every night before she would go to bed. Brandy is so gentle that he would hang his head over the fence waiting for the kiss.

Sandra says the horse is "spoiled rotten."

When Toni's medical problems first surfaced, the family had to adapt to a difficult situation which Sandra said brought them closer together.

Barry and Sandra spent a great deal of time at the hospital with Toni. For years, most of the family's attention had been focused on her.

Once Sandra and Toni started spending more time at home, K'Leigh had to get used to having them around. Sandra is now a student at TSTC in Sweetwater, where she is studying accounting.

This is the first year that Sandra has been able to go to school. She loves it and is having a lot of fun.

Barry works as a welder and is sub-contracted to E.D. Walton.

Sandra said it is good to see the family "happy, excited and enthusiastic. We have more good days now. It's kind of nice to see everyone bounce through and have a good day."

Toni does have her grouchy days, Sandra said, but the family is patient because of all she has gone through.

"Toni's feeling her way because she isn't a little girl but she isn't full grown either," Sandra said.

Not being able to talk on the telephone frustrates Toni because she sees her sister do it. As soon as Toni's spelling and typing skills improve, her parents want to get her a special machine that translates typing into voice and voice into typing. All calls are routed through an operator, so each one would involve a long distance charge.

One note of sadness is that Sandra lost her dad, Jessie Wiggins of Colorado City, last March. That was a big adjustment for everyone, Sandra said. Her mother, Evelyn Wiggins still lives in Colorado City. Toni's other grandparents are O.E. and Vera Jackson who live nearby.

As Toni's annual checkup nears, Sandra can't help but worry a little, but she said she tries not to dwell on it. Worrying is probably something she will also do, regardless of how old Toni is, Sandra said.

Though things continue to look encouraging, she knows that Toni would have few options if she did relapse. Chemotheraphy is out and so is a bone marrow transplant, due to Toni's internal damage.

But, for now, Toni and family cherish the good times as they look to the future and a promise of an ever brighter tomorrow.

BRIGHTER DAYS —Now that Toni Jackson, left, continues to recover from a life-threatening illness, she and her family are facing brighter days. She is shown with her mother, Sandra, and sister, K'Leigh. Not shown is her dad, Barry Jackson, and brother, Eric Davis. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Court to hear parochial aid case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to consider reversing its 12-year-old decision barring public school teachers from offering remedial help at parochial schools.

A new decision, expected by July, likely will provide important new constitutional guidelines for church-state relations. Arguments will be held in April.

Friday's court, far less demanding than it once was in requiring a strict separation of church and state, said it will study appeals by New York City school officials and parents of parochial school students.

The Clinton administration supported the appeals in a friend-of-the-court brief that said the 1985 Supreme Court ruling was wrong and resulted in "hundreds of millions of dollars" of needless administrative costs.

By a 5-4 vote in 1985, the nation's highest court ordered New York to stop sending public school teachers into parochial schools to teach such subjects as remedial reading and math.

"The symbolic union of church and state inherent in the provision of secular, state-provided instruction in the religious school buildings threatens to convey a message of state support for religion to students and the general public," the court ruled back then.

On the current court, only Justice John Paul Stevens voted with the majority in the 1985 decision in Aguilar vs. Felton.

In recent years, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor — two dissenters from the 1985 ruling — have been joined by Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas in calling for reversal or at least reconsideration.

Noting comments by those five justices, the appeals acted on Friday said it was "apparent ... the result in Aguilar no longer may command the support of a majority of this court."

"The underpinnings of Aguilar have been eroded by subsequent decisions," the appeals added.

The 1985 ruling did not ban public school teachers from helping parochial students. In fact, such help for low-achieving students from poor families is mandated by a 1965 federal law known as Title I. But the ruling prohibited public school teachers, paid with federal funds, from teaching at religiously affiliated schools.

In New York City, such remedial help has been offered since 1985 in mobile vans parked near parochial schools or at some other off-campus facility.

Acting Solicitor General Walter Dellinger, in a brief filed in behalf of the Clinton administration, said "hundreds of millions of dollars ... which otherwise could have been used for instructional services have been spent on administrative costs made necessary only because of the need to comply" with the 1985 ruling.

A federal trial judge refused to overturn the effect of the 1985 ruling, rejecting efforts that relied on a federal court rule allowing people to seek relief from a court order if "it is no longer equitable that the judgment should have prospective application."

U.S. District Judge John Gleeson noted that "it is at least unusual, if not extraordinary, that the losing parties to a Supreme Court case can point to such promising indicia that they would win the case now." But he said the demise of the 1985 ruling "has not yet occurred."

His ruling was upheld last year by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lawyers for those New Yorkers who originally challenged the use of taxpayer-paid teachers in parochial schools urged the justices to reject the appeals. The idea of using a federal procedural rule to attack an 11-year high court precedent is a "monstrosity," they said.

Foundation set up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Inspired by a hit movie, Grammy-winning composer Michael Kamen has established the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to make musical instruments available to children.

"Our goal is simple. We plan to make the joys and benefits of active music-making accessible to our nation's young people," said Kamen, who composed the score for "Mr. Holland's Opus."

In the film, actor Richard Dreyfuss portrays a passionate teacher who engages the imagination of his students through music.

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There's nothing quite like a good old-fashioned book

Deanie Francis Mills

Turns out, Captain Picard had the right idea, all along.

For those pitiful few of you who actually do not know who Captain Picard is: He's the bald-headed captain, played by British Shakespearian powerhouse Patrick Stewart, of the Star Ship Enterprise in the syndicated television series — and recent feature film — "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

If you were a Trekki, or Trekker, or whatever they're called these days, you would know that Captain Picard, among other talents, is an amateur archeologist and a collector of ancient artifacts. Among his most treasured possessions are books. Real books with bindings and everything; classical works such as "Moby Dick," that he actually reads by turning real pages.

Everybody else in the 23rd century reads books from these little computerized devices which look suspiciously like Game-Boys. But Picard values learning and culture, and one of his greatest pleasures is to pick up one of his olden books and read.

So here we are, plodding away in the waning years of the very old-timey 21st century, creaking along with regular books, when along come the gods from Mount Olumpus — you know the ones, with names like Bill Gates and Steven Johnson — young wunderkind nerds of the first order, who invented home computers in their garages a few years back and became billionaires before they'd advanced very far into their thirties — to tell us that soon, every single thing on this green earth will be digitalized and computerized and nobody will want to read silly old cumbersome books anymore when they can carry around an entire Encyclopedia Britannica on a disk no bigger than the palm of their hands.

The day would come, they predicted, when authors would simply transfer their manuscripts directly from their home computer to the publisher's computer mainframe through a telephone modem, and the book would be "published" in cyberspace, where all the cool people hang out. Libraries would be nothing but collections of computers and advanced databases and computer nerd librarians to help out, and nobody would even want actual real books around anymore except collectors of quaint archeological artifacts.

So, if that's the case ... one wonders why Bill Gates, Nicholas Negroponte of MIT, Steven Johnson, (editor of the Web magazine "Feed"), "Hotwired" columnist Jon Katz, and so-called "cyber-pundit" David Shenk ... are all having books published by these dusty old printing presses owned by such publishers as Knopf and Harper Collins?

Oh ... and this is the best part: It seems that "Wired" magazine, which was one of the earliest cyberspace magazines ... has started its own publishing company. To publish books. The kind with pages that turn.

Reporters from different newspapers around the country posed the question, "How come? How come you all want to publish real books now when just recently you were making fun of 'tree-killers'?"

Of course, these guys can't answer a direct question with a direct answer that you or I could possibly understand. They have to use words like "interface." Petter Rutten, publisher of "Hardwired," says, "Because it's the interface that my audience has. It's still the prime interface that people consuming information have."

Translated: People like real books better.

Not that cyberspace doesn't have a raw edge in the business of transmitting information. David Weir, managing director of programming at "Hotwired," points out that the digital environment "fosters the quick, current impulsive, and irreverent." People like the give-and-take of chat rooms and e-mail and discussion forums. They like grabbing the headlines online before the evening news. (I know I do. It makes me feel just so darn hip.)

But when it gets right down to it, when people want to delve deeply into a subject or enjoy a good story, and take some time to think about it and enjoy it ... they don't want to do it stuck in front of their computers at their desks. They want to curl up in bed or their favorite chair with a cup of tea or snacks nearby. They want to snuggle.

You just can't snuggle with a computer. Working the hours I do .... believe me, I've tried. It just doesn't work.

Not that I won't someday be transmitting my book manuscripts by modem to my New York publisher — already. I FAX in my columns to the SDN rather than delivering them in person, which is handy and convenient but kinda sad, too. I miss pestering my editor in person.

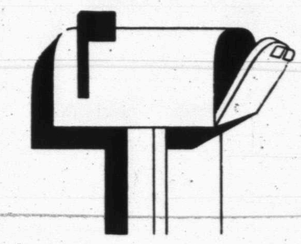
And someday, we may be consulting the Encyclopedia Britannica through a little hand-sized computer that resembles a Game-Boy. But we will still want to take a good book to bed. Captain Picard had that part right.

And by way of segue ... I'll use my little space here to announce that MY latest book, "The Jigsaw Man," is FINALLY out. As many of you know, it was published already overseas in hardcover and paperback, but my American publisher postponed it for more than a year. I'll be donating one of those hardcovers to the Scurry County Library, and you should be able to find the paperback original version at bookstores and finer Wal-Marts everywhere. (The local Wal-Mart has already sold out, I believe, but I'll be nudging the distributor to bring down a few more copies this week.) And no, I will not be doing a book signing for this book, sorry.

"The Jigsaw Man" was my first attempt at depicting an FBI investigation on a national scale. It contains a twist on the Kennedy assassination — no conspiracy theories — based on the latest documents released by the FBI who cooperated with me in the writing of the book.

Who knows ... If I did my job right ... Maybe someday Captain Picard will be browsing through it, up there on the Starship Enterprise.

Could never have made it without their help



Dear Editor:

This is something that I've been going to do for a long time.

Anyway, after this past Sunday I knew it was time to let our friends know we could never have made it without their help. It's great to live in such a wonderful country. W.T. and myself have been at Dermott so many years until it is home sweet home to us. This is where we will live and die. It's not been easy; our friends are so wonderful, they helped us all the way. Thanks.

This past September, W.T. needed to get his checkup, which comes once a year. I asked Dr. McSpadden about this test that W.T. might need to have. I had this on my mind and just could not forget it. Something kept telling me to go ahead and talk to Dr. Mac about the test. They did the test on Thursday.

The next week, I believe it was Monday, my phone rang and it was Dr. McSpadden. In his kind voice he told me about W.T and said he needs to see a urologist. He made the appointment for us to see Dr. Howard Beck in Lubbock. He was told very quickly, and I mean quickly, to have surgery. This going back and forth to Lubbock was sure something we have never had to do but it got better each trip we made. It was something we had to do.

The urologist told him to see his heart doctor before they did surgery, we did what we were told to do. He took several tests at the St. Mary Hospital. They came and told W.T. that he had to have open heart surgery which meant four by-passes. By that time I was thinking "Lord what will we do." It all went well.

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Thanks, everyone!

Dear Editor:

As the season ends, and we reflect on the special memories, we want to express our thanks and appreciation to the people who made our square and downtown area so pretty this Christmas.

Donna Fowler did a program for our study club outlining the many steps and problems that finally evolved into our lighted Christmas Angels around the downtown area.

We want to thank Donna, the Price Daniel Unit inmates, the chamber of commerce, and the city workers who made this project so successful. Our courthouse and square were outstanding and something Snyder could show with pride.

Thanks again to everyone who had a part in this project.

The Altrurian Daughters
Francene Allen-Noah, President
Snyder

Editorial Roundup

On prescribing marijuana

The Victoria Advocate

Medicinal marijuana use is all the rage, but studies showing the drug is good medicine are decidedly mixed, with the negative data outweighing the positive.

Before widespread use of any medicine is allowed in this country, rigorous testing is required. That's why the Clinton administration should direct the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a definitive study on the medicinal use of marijuana.

It should have been done long ago. Despite claims that the drug can alleviate the suffering of cancer and glaucoma patients, it also has some significant side effects, namely getting stoned. National Institute of Health experts say there's no evidence that smoking marijuana provides any health benefits, particularly none that can't be found through synthetic alternatives absent the side effects. However, some of the more reckless activists favor medicinal marijuana uses, specifically for the side effect of getting stoned.

To allow our current lax attitudes toward drug use to become mixed up in the debate over the purported medicinal benefits of marijuana is asking for trouble. That's precisely why science should resolve the issue. A National Academy of Sciences study that includes clinical trials could prove whether smoking marijuana has medical value, and if so, exactly how it should be used. Medicinal marijuana laws and the national debate are premature without the scientific certainty of whether the drug can be safely used.

Until we know if marijuana is an effective medicine, the Clinton administration is right to crack down on doctors who prescribe it. While states should exercise certain powers, promoting drug use is not one of them. Neither state legislatures nor voters should be deciding what medical procedures and drugs are permissible. Science must decide that.

Research and clinical trials could take some time. But just as doctors are not allowed to prescribe or recommend any drug until it is proven safe, they should not be allowed to do so with marijuana. Doctors who recommend marijuana before the research is completed should be penalized.

Federal drug czar Barry McCaffrey warns that doctors found to be recommending marijuana to patients could lose their license to prescribe drugs or face criminal charges. That is reasonable, since doctors who prescribe other drugs that lack FDA approval are subject to penalties. Why should marijuana be any different?

President should not be immune

The Dallas Morning News

Should the president of the United States be immune from prosecution for illegal acts he may have committed before becoming president?

That is the question before the U.S. Supreme Court... as it considers Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton.

The answer is: No, the president — any president — should not be immune.

The federal appeals court that ruled the case should proceed was correct: The Constitution did not create a monarch; it created a citizen president.

The Supreme Court should uphold the principle that all citizens, even presidents, are answerable to justice. This does not mean that people should be free to harass presidents with frivolous lawsuits. In all circumstances, reasonable attempts should be made to determine whether lawsuits have merit before they are allowed to be adjudicated.

Mr. Clinton argues unpersuasively that forcing him to defend himself in court would open himself and future presidents to floods of baseless lawsuits and distract him from the nation's affairs.

Possibly. But there is no indication yet that he or any other presidents have been so afflicted. Just because that might happen in the future is no reason to deflect justice in the present. If such a flood of litigation does happen, that phenomenon would merit another review of the legal standard.

As for distracting him from the nation's affairs, that is a probable and lamentable byproduct of Ms. Jones' lawsuit. But presidents are no less responsible for their private acts than are other members of this polity.

Ms. Jones' case appears more solid than earlier critics acknowledged, as a recent cover story in Newsweek makes plain. A former Arkansas state policeman admits he escorted Ms. Jones to Mr. Clinton's hotel room. She told several people immediately after the 1991 encounter that Mr. Clinton had requested oral sex. She claims to be able to describe "distinguishing characteristics" of Mr. Clinton's private anatomy.

Delaying Ms. Jones' lawsuit until after Mr. Clinton leaves office in 2001 would effectively kill her complaint because evidence would be more difficult to marshal. Witnesses die; memories fade.

If the Supreme Court feels that Mr. Clinton constitutionally is entitled to a king's X until he leaves office, it should at least require him and other witnesses to testify immediately, so as much evidence as possible will be retained. No one is above the law.

More than one form of abuse

Bill McClellan

The word for today is abuse.

You probably saw the story where a California family is suing Mattel because a Cabbage Patch Kids Snacktime doll chomped on their daughter's hair.

The suit also names Wal-Mart, the store where the family purchased the doll.

We all knew it was just a matter of time before some freeloading deadbeats hired a sleeze to try this scam. They are asking $25.5 million in damages.

There's no physical harm here, except for a little hair the nine-year-old girl lost when the doll "attacked" her.

But their lawyer claims the whole family will require pyschological help for "mental and emotional injuries."

How many sessions with a shrink do you reckon you can buy for $25.5 million?

Don't bother to put a pencil to it. That's not how these things are decided. The lawyer said he came up with the figure by estimating the doll's profits and tripling them.

Hmmmm, yes, I can see how $25.5 million would perk up someone's mental state.

If this isn't lawsuit abuse, I don't know what is.

Hopefully, Mattel won't settle out of court — which is undoubtedly what the family and lawyer are anticipating. If it does get that far, surely the judge will have enough common sense to toss the case — and the family — out of court. Hopefully with a Snacktime doll attached to each of their respective rear ends.

It makes you wonder, has this little girl ever fallen off her bike and skinned her knee? Has she ever been hit in the head with a soccer ball or been scratched by a cat?

Apparently not, because according to their lawyer, the entire family was devastated over this blatant doll "attack."

Can you imagine the mental duress this family must go through on a day to day basis? God forbid if mom burns the toast.

There is real hurt going on in this world, though. Real pain. It's another kind a abuse that should have us all concerned — child abuse.

A Dallas orthodontist is working to get other professionals in her field to help.

Patricia Simon, director of orthodontics at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, is leading the fight. Through her efforts, the Texas Dental Association is starting a program to train dental professionals on how to spot and report child abuse.

Studies show that when a child is abused, more often than not the injuries show up around the head and mouth — hence the focus on dentists.

How well the program works will depend on the dentists, themselves. The fact is, many dentists — like most of us — are uncomfortable reporting their suspicions. Some don't want to chance losing a customer. Others are afraid the family will make trouble, Simon said.

Those feelings are understandable, until you put yourself in the child's situation. He is unable to help himself. The problem doesn't go away if he ignores it. He has to rely on someone to step forward.

This is nothing new. Healthcare officials and educators are supposed to report child abuse when they suspect it. But too many times, those suspicions are never voiced. And we all have seen stories were authorities have been repeatedly informed of abuse, and done little or nothing about it.

That's why it is important for everyone to get involved.

Here's to the dentists and their resolve. Hopefully, their example will catch on and spread.

There are those who are abusing our children, and those who abusing the system.

We need to put a stop to both kinds of predators.

Cellular phone law has loophole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Grove makes no bones about it. For a fee, his North Carolina company will modify a radio scanner to pick up cellular phone conversations.

Isn't that illegal?

Grove says no.

But cellular telephone executives and others disagree.

To protect cellular callers' privacy, a federal law, which took effect in 1994, made it illegal for companies to import, manufacture and sell in the United States scanners that work on cellular frequencies.

Federal regulations say radio scanners "must be incapable of operating" on cellular frequencies or cannot be "readily altered" by the user to work on them.

Grove insists that he is within the bounds of the law and federal regulations because his company, Grove Enterprises Inc., neither sells nor markets altered scanners.

"There is no caveat, no direct prohibition against modifying those scanners which are here," Grove claims.

While those precise words are not used in the law or regulations, communications attorneys say companies or individuals that modify scanners to pick up cellular signals are violating federal provisions.

"The creative lawyers always claim loopholes," said Thomas Wheeler, president of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association.

"The intent of the Congress was clear, and I believe that will be backed up by the courts and if not by the Congress itself. It is wrong," he said.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the incoming chairman of the House Commerce Committee's telecommunications subcommittee, wants to hold hearings in early February to look into abuses of the law and possible loopholes.

"Clearly, the intent of the law is to not only prevent the sale of scanners that can intercept cellular phone calls, but also to prevent their reconfiguration," said Tauzin's spokesman Ken Johnson.

The issue came to prominence after a Florida couple picked up on a police scanner and then taped a phone conversation during which Republicans plotted strategy for House Speaker Newt Gingrich in the wake of ethics charges. One person involved in the conversation was on a cellular phone. Parts of the tape were subsequently printed in The New York Times.

Grove said the company was contacted by the FCC a year and a half ago about possible violations of the federal provisions. Grove said the company defended its practice as legal and has not heard back the agency since.

The FCC declined to comment.

"By our interpretation we feel that this is definitely following the guidelines of the law and that we are not in violation," Grove said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Grove Enterprises advertises its modification services on the Internet.

"Here's all you need to do," the company tells prospective clients at its web site. "Call the Grove technical line ... to discuss your modification request. Mail your unit with payment plus shipping and precise instructions."

Depending on the model, the company charges from $40 to $115 to make the changes to pick up cellular signals. Grove said the company does not get many such requests "because there are only a few scanners presently being sold that can be altered."

The company will modify a scanner only after it has been sold.

Anthony Lake...

CIA nominee to face scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans on the Senate Intelligence Committee are sifting through what they regard as the political baggage Anthony Lake carries into his upcoming confirmation hearing to head the CIA.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the committee chairman, said Lake will face extensive questioning about his opposition to the Vietnam War, his views on keeping Congress informed, and his role in an Iranian arms shipment to Bosnia.

"Mr. Lake is entitled to a fair hearing, and we're certainly going to see that he gets a fair hearing," Shelby told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday.

"But the nomination is troubling, bothersome to me because the president should send to the CIA someone that we don't have to rigorously examine — that the nomination speaks for itself. But this nomination has got some baggage with it at the outset."

If President Clinton's nomination of Lake to be CIA director bogs down, Shelby said he would move quickly to urge Clinton to make a second choice.

"We should not leave the agency in limbo," Shelby said. "If this nomination develops into controversy, which it may or may not, I would certainly do that. ... The CIA needs leadership, it needs good leadership."

Democrats appear inclined to support Lake, but their backing is not uniform.

"I don't think there will be any problem," said Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, an Intelligence Committee member. "I don't see any groundswell."

Shelby said the committee would hold open hearings Feb. 11-12 followed by a closed hearing Feb. 13.

Western Texas College

President's List

Ten students from Western Texas College were named to the President's List for the fall 1996 semester, the highest scholastic ranking attainable at WTC.

To be honored, students had to maintain a 4.0 GPA while taking at least 15 academic credit hours.

Two of the students making the President's List are from Snyder, Cindi Burrow and Clay Koening; and four are from Colorado City, Chelci Dell Beaird, James Beavers, Landon Kelley and Rebecca Sweet.

Others named are Rebecca Gruben, Roscoe; Joshua Nash, Sweetwater, Lila Jo Rector, Knox City; and Morten Vildhøj, a native of Denmark.

Dean's List

Twenty-five students at Western Texas College were named to the Dean's List for the 1996 fall semester.

To be named, students must have a 3.5 GPA and carry at least 15 hours of course work.

Seven students from Snyder were recognized: Pam Foster, Brooke Cozart Gober, David Griffith, Paul Morrison, Bobby Roemisch, Jessica Williams and James Wolf.

Other Scurry County residents named were Dena Williams of Fluvanna; Jeremy Howard of Ira; and Stephanie Uptergrove of Hermleigh.

Two from Sweetwater were honored, Jessica Critz and Carolyn Tidwell. Others named include Leslie Burelsmith, Tatum, N.M.; Justin Cheyne, Aspermont; Cody Cummings, Garden City; Michael Daniels, Panhandle; Mark Harrington, Lubbock; Colin Howeth, Haskell; Michael Jones, Winters; Sahala McCloy, Morse; Jamie Stewart, San Angelo; Tonya Tiday, Graham; and Michael Turner, Mineral Wells.

Two of the students named to the Deans List are out of country transfer students. They are Kelly Smith from Wimborne, Alberta, Canada; and Irene Suchkova, a native of Russia.

Merit List

Western Texas College has announced its Merit List students for fall 1996 including 24 from Scurry County.

The Merit List is comprised of students enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 15 semester hours who earn a GPA of at least 3.5.

In all, 52 students were honored on the 1996 Fall Merit List. Twenty-three of these were from Snyder to include Lea Anne Deleon, Sallie Eime, Josie Espinoza, James Fillpot, Brenda Fouts, Michael Gilbert, Sharon Gill, Lou Harding, Anita Hernandez, Edgar Wayne Knox, Brittany Lee, Melody Martin, Shane McCarter, Sherri McClure, Michael McQuerry, Kellie Miller, Jesus Parra, Kathryn Robbins, Craig Roberts, Charlesta Scott, Lea Ann Shields, Michelle Carol Wood and Jason York. Also named to the list was Gina Goolsby of Ira.

Others named to the Merit List include students:

—From Loraine, Maria Calderon, Paula Hollis and Jennifer Walker..

—From Colorado City, Mitzie Cribbs, Rebecca Denison, Anita Humphries and Chad Morris.

—From Roscoe, Clinton Allen and Sam Waddell.

—From Sweetwater, Stuart Brasuell, Jason Hulcy, Julie Montgomery, Virgil Marvin Poe, Teri Riney, Brenda Sharp, Clint Stewart and Scott Jeffrey Stroman.

Others are Heath Bankston, Mason; Kenneth Beasley, Houston; Jonathan Carroll, Hawley; Joe Cardoso, Paducah; Brandy Loeffler, Mason; Jana McCloy, Morse; Rawleigh McCullough, Big Spring; Scott Nickell, Abilene; Cody Parrott, Coleman; Chasity Rickman, Hereford; and Junicki Kikkawa, Culver City, Calif.

Q&A

Is my child at risk?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News, in coopertion with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devotes this weekly column to readers' questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

This week, we will answer a question that came in recently: "Is there an increase in drug use among teens in Texas? How can I tell if my child is at risk?"

The problem of drug use among our teens is still on the upswing according to an article in the December 1996 "New View," newsletter of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"More than 34 percent of Texas 7th through 12th graders said they had used illegal drugs at some point in their lives, up from 22 percent in 1992," the report stated. The TCADA survey was based on responses from more than 106,000 students in grades seven through 12 in more than 70 school districts in the state.

The trends in tobacco use among secondary students showed that not only were children trying cigarettes at younger ages, fewer than 39 percent said they thought tobacco was very dangerous. And a whopping 75 percent of students surveyed said it was very or somewhat easy to get their hands on tobacco. (And lest readers shrug "Oh well, it's just cigarettes," the facts indicate that teenage cigarette smokers are 100 times more likely to smoke marijuana and use other illegal drugs in the future.)

Of teens surveyed, fewer seem to believe that marijuana is dangerous and report that it is more available than even four years ago. The number of teens who said they had smoked marijuana in the previous month rose from 7 percent in 1992 to 16 percent in 1996.

However, alcohol is still the intoxicant that Texas teens abuse most consistently, according to the report. Twice the number of students reported using alcholol in the last month than had used marijuana. Nine percent of teens said they had gone to class drunk at least once and 26 percent reported they had driven a car while drinking.

The use of other drugs was relatively low but higher than figures from the past four years. Use of inhalants went down but still remained high among seventh and eighth graders. Correction fluid was reported to be the most frequently abused substance.

Parents in the Snyder area can learn more about this problem by watching a special program, "Masquerade," on KTXS Channel 12 on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 5:50 p.m. Popular youth speaker Milton Creagh blows the cover off the "casual user" myth and unveils the reality behind drug and alcohol use among teens.

Pamphlets to help parents learn more about recognizing the symptoms of illegal drug use in their children can be picked up at our Snyder CADA office on the west side of the square.

Send your questions to P.O. Box 695, Snyder TX 79550, or call (915) 573-1141. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously.

Letters to the Editor

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He made the surgery fine; this was Sept. 20, a day I'll never forget. I've always heard out of something bad came something good, and it did.

My grandson from Houston came to be with his Paw; he did feed and take care of our cows.

Our granddaughter worked at St. Mary's which was a great blessing for us. They were both so sweet to us. I watched them talk together each day and visit, which they hardly knew each other. One day my grandson looked at me and said, Maw I have a cousin which makes me happy.

I knew they both enjoyed visiting each day and, thanks to God, that helped me along the long stay at the hospital.

W.T. did great day by day. The doctor told him he was ready now to have his second surgery. So we made plans for Nov. 11 to have it done as quickly as possible for he had needed it done since September.

In between the surgery my neighbor and friend, Mr. Vollie Shipp, said to me, "Marguerite, if you will get the wheat seed for me I'll plant W.T's wheat for him at no charge," and he did. A friend in need is a friend indeed. I was so thankful for his kindness.

These things that friends did sure kept W.T. trying to get well. Tommy and Beth Guynes had invited us for Thanksgiving Dinner. I heard Beth tell Paw, you'll make it to eat turkey with us, I know you will, don't give up.

Yes, he did eat Thanksgiving dinner at Tommy's & Beth's home. We enjoyed it very much. Things kept getting better each day. After W.T.'s second surgery he still did better day by day. He went to Tommy and Beth Guynes' for Christmas. I was so thankful, in fact, I stopped thinking about what all had took place since September.

My friends would call and tell me they were praying for W.T. Some of this was sad and some made me happy. The words that was said to me came from Nell Walker. She said "Marg, God can do anything He tells us, He's with us in the beginning and to the ending."

She is so right. I know God has been with W.T. or he could not have made it, for he has been through a lot.

Blake and Nell are our dear old friends we will never forget. Old friends will never die. They will live on in our hearts.

This Sunday morning as all of you know, has been a cold time. I was up early to make coffee. I soon found no water in our house. This had never happened in all the years we have lived here. I called up to Cliff's and Kathy's house; they had water. In a few minutes up drove these two people ready to help us.

W.T. happened to remember what had been done in 1978. We had a water well drilled and Tommy Williams, who lives on Highway 84, was the person who saved us by the bell. He told W.T. in a few words — I fixed a valve or a cut-off so if you ever need water in your house it will be there. The water was sure needed now. W.T. was not able to do a thing but Cliff Hall soon turned that valve which wasn't easy, for it had never been used in all these years.

This man doesn't give up easily. He soon had water running in our house.

Mr. Tommy Williams, without your help and thinking we would never have made it. You were so right. It took from 1978 to now, but your thinking sure was a great — job well done.

I am so thankful for Tommy Williams. He will never know how happy I was to see water running in our house. The weather is still very cold and may get worse. I do believe God sends things our way to make us appreciate life more.

Also to live better and love one another the way we should. We send all of our love to Home Health care for taking good care of W.T. everyday. Also to Vollie Shipp for seeing to our little sick calf. The help of Clifford Hall for coming by, saying hello and helping feed our cattle.

The phone calls asking how W.T. was. You all that came by to see W.T. and visit him while he was in St. Mary Hospital, it helped us so much.

Sometimes I felt like crying but in a way I just couldn't. I was so happy for all of our dear friends and neighbors. All of you mean the world to us. Thank you, God, for being with us all the way. Without you it could not have been done and W.T. and myself love you very much.

Love always,
W.T. and
Marguerite Steel

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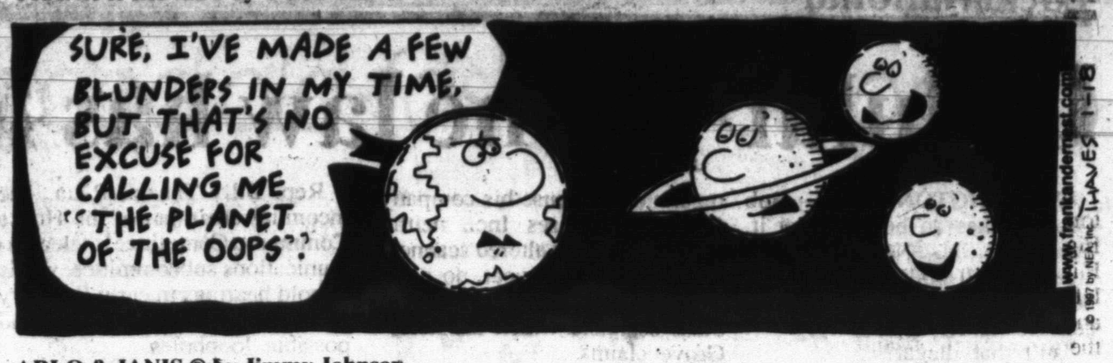

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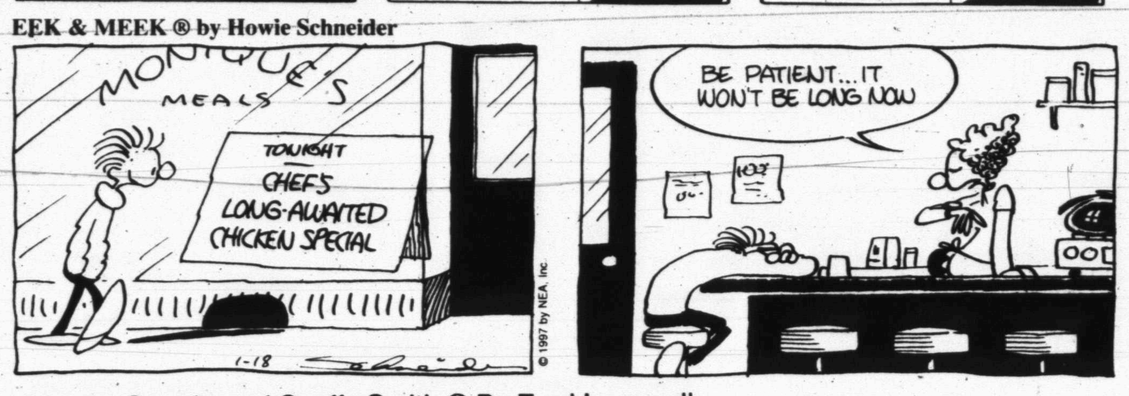

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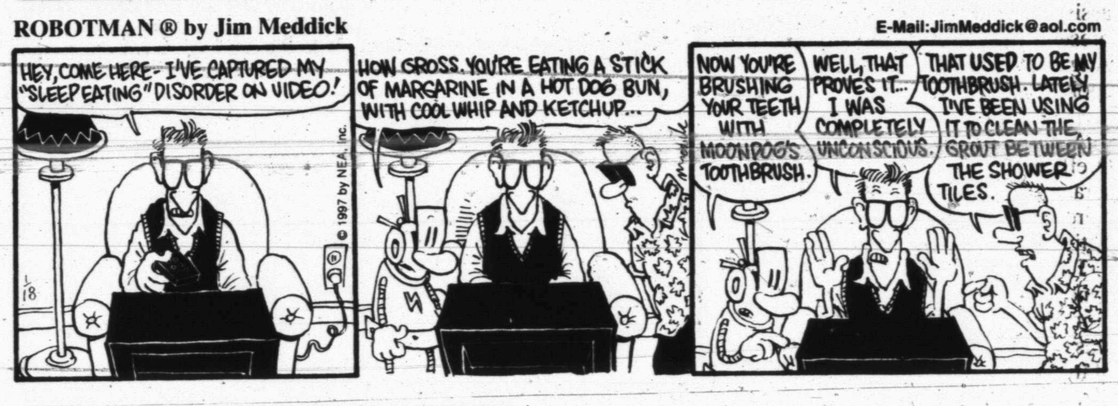

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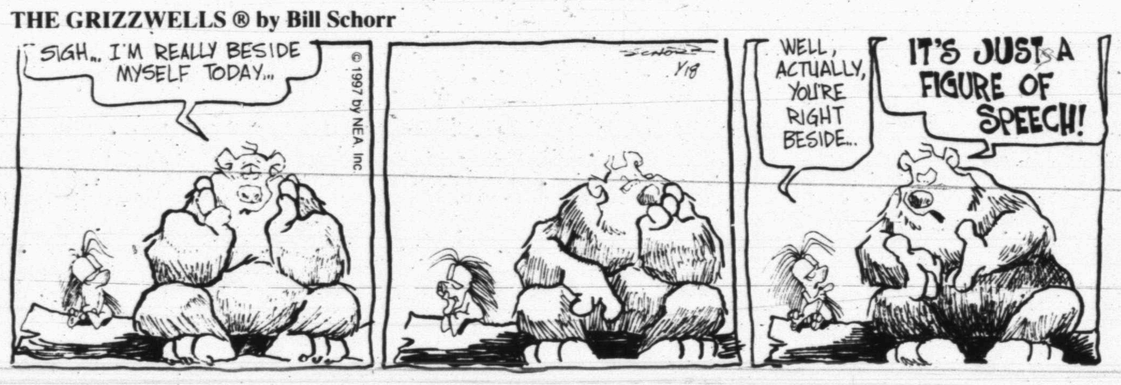

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ACROSS

1 Singer Anita —
5 Scandinavian god
9 Investigative agcy.
12 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
13 Actress Pitts
14 Comparative suffix
15 Core
16 At a distance
17 Lawyer F. — Bailey
18 Actor James —
20 Disburse
22 Aircraftsman
23 Retainer
24 City in Nebraska
27 Requiring payment
31 Sticky fruit
32 Ringing device
34 Concert halls
35 Dog in Garfield
37 Fizzy quaff
39 Flee (sl.)
40 Member of an international movement
42 — — barrel
44 Foot part
45 Chemical suffix
46 Possessed
49 Ivy, e.g.
53 Shame!
54 Tennis pro Nastase
56 Tear down
57 Chemical suffix
58 Lunchtime, for many
59 Charles Lamb's pen name
60 Actor Danson
61 Ancient serf
62 Room feature

DOWN

1 Fumbler's word
2 Just — — (act!)
3 Poker stake
4 Hebrew God
5 — Mountains of Arkansas
6 Crazy
7 Rose — — rose
8 Cares for
9 Type of cabinet
10 Existed
11 Irritated
19 Fine steed
21 Type of fish
23 Crease
24 The Wizard — —
25 Skirt length
26 Currency exchange premium
27 Thicken, as blood
28 Unemployed
29 Approach
30 Explorer Vasco da —
33 Being
36 Grafted, in heraldry
38 First-rate (2 wds.)
41 Antiseptic
43 Swerved
45 Goodnight gal
46 Think nothing — —
47 Broad
48 Require
49 Grafting twig
50 — Alto, California
51 Singer — Pinza
52 Raise
55 — Angeles

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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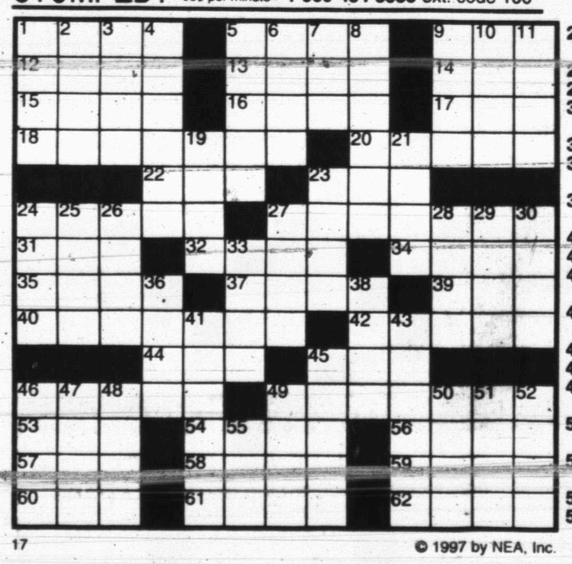

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"Think I'm an egotist just because I come three times a week to look myself up in 'Who's Who'?"

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Ice likely cause behind commuter plane crash

DETROIT (AP) — Investigators know that after a smooth flight in icy weather, Comair Flight 3272 banked too far to the left, rolled almost upside-down and back again and plunged into the ground.

What they don't know is why. But based on what is known so far about the crash Jan. 9 that killed all 29 people aboard, aviation experts say Ice on the wings — and how the pilots reacted to it — is a leading possibility, along with engine trouble or some combination of these factors.

"There's several things that could have gone wrong. They all seem to have something to do with ice," said C. William Kauffman, professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan.

When ice forms on wings, it alters their aerodynamic shape and makes them less able to keep the plane in the air, increasing the chance of a stall that can send the aircraft into a roll.

The Detroit Free Press reported Friday that another theory has emerged: that the Embraer 120 twin-engine turboprop was thrown out of control by turbulence from a jet passing overhead.

The jet flew 1,500 feet directly over the smaller plane, Michael Gearhart, vice president of market support for Embraer, told the newspaper.

But an official of an airline that flies Embraer 120s who requested anonymity told the Free Press that air traffic controllers asked Flight 3272 to slow to 150 knots so the jet could overtake it and land.

"When the two blips merged on the radar screen, that's when all hell broke loose in the cockpit" of Flight 3272, the airline official said, referring to the point at which the jet passed over the Comair plane.

"The pilots probably should have alerted air traffic control that they couldn't slow to 150 knots, given that they were flying in icing conditions," the official said.

Federal and Comair officials declined comment on the Free Press report.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, the Embraer 120 went into a leftward tilt. At the same time — 17 seconds before the plane crashed — a stall warning went off in the cockpit.

The NTSB has said the plane had slowed to 167 mph when it started to dive. Even though that is above the normal stall speed, Kauffman said it may have been too slow for a turn made in icy weather.

The Embraer 120 has deicing boots — rubber balloons that run along the edges of the plane and inflate to break off ice. But sometimes ice can build up too thick for the boots to break. And the only way to tell if there is ice on a plane's wings is to look out the window.

The possibility of crew error — in maintaining airspeed or watching for ice, for example — is one of the things that the NTSB will look at.

"We go in with an open mind and look into everything," NTSB spokeswoman Shelly Hazle said Tuesday. "Pilot error is definitely something we look at."

It's also possible the pilots did not know if they were going too slowly. Ice can cause the plane's air speed indicator to give an incorrect reading, said Richard Jensen, a professor of aviation at Ohio State University.

Pilots who flew the plane before the accident reported no problems with its deicing equipment. The plane was deiced before leaving Cincinnati, the NTSB said.

Other pilots in the area reported light to moderate icing. But planes can ice up differently — even the same model in the same area, said Tom Irvine, facility manager of the icing research wind tunnel at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland.

Ice may not have been the only problem Flight 3272's pilots were facing. Based on what the NTSB has said, it appears pilots tried to shut off the plane's right engine for reasons as yet unclear.

NTSB member John Hammerschmidt said controls to shut off that engine and turn on its fire extinguishers were found in the "on" position. They could have been switched by the force of the crash, but several experts said that's unlikely because the levers and switches are in different parts of the cockpit.

The Embraer 120 can fly with just one engine, but going into a stall at less than 4,000 feet would leave a pilot with little room to maneuver.

The pilots made no mention of engines on the cockpit voice recorder, and Hammerschmidt has said the propellers both dug holes in the ground when they landed, meaning they were still turning on impact.

The right engine had been replaced five days before the accident as part of routine maintenance, said Comair spokeswoman Meghan Glynn. That fact is not significant in itself, experts said, but will surely be looked at.

Another likely focus for investigators is the autopilot's role, some experts said. This possibility also involves ice on the wings.

At the time the airplane entered its final left turn, it was flying under autopilot. After the turn started, the autopilot tried to pull the controls back to the right.

When the stall warning sounded, the autopilot disengaged — whether the pilots switched it off is unclear — and the plane immediately went into a dive.

Experts repeatedly pointed to the example of the 1994 crash of an ATR-72 plane near Roselawn, Ind., that killed all 68 people aboard.

In that accident, the plane's autopilot was compensating for the ice dragging on its wings. The pilot apparently didn't notice the icing, and when the autopilot was turned off, the plane plunged.

As investigators in the Comair crash continue their work, some of the answers may remain buried in the ice-covered former church field in Raisinville Township.

Balcony death ruled homicide

Coroner: Woman too small to have come across rail without help

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The coroner's office ruled a Houston woman's fatal fall from a hotel balcony a homicide, contradicting her boss' claim that she accidentally fell over the railing while having consensual sex with him.

"Because of the railing being so high and her being so small in stature, it is felt she could not have come across that rail without assistance, and assistance was present," said Scott Carrier, a Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman.

An autopsy found that Sandra Orellana, 27, suffered bruises, scratches and other injuries which were not the result of the fall or hitting the railing, Carrier said.

The coroner's finding, announced Thursday, comes two months after Miss Orellana's body was found outside a hotel in City of Industry. Her boss, Robert Salazar, never reported the death, but claimed it was accidental when authorities questioned him.

Salazar was booked for investigation of murder after the Nov. 13 death. He was released after the district attorney's office declined to file charges, citing a lack of evidence.

Miss Orellana's sister, Katheryn Orellana, told investigators that Miss Orellana didn't get along with Salazar and was looking forward to seeing her fiancee in Hong Kong. She said her sister was considering filing a sexual harassment claim against Salazar.

After receiving this information, investigators conducted tests in which they dropped mannequins from the balcony to determine how Miss Orellana would have fallen. They found that her body was found in a position that was not consistent with Salazar's statements.

Miss Orellana and Salazar arrived Nov. 12 on a business trip and checked into adjoining rooms at the Sheraton Resort and Conference Center in Industry Hills. They worked at Skill-Master Staffing Services in Houston.

Salazar, a married father of two, told detectives Miss Orellana lost her balance while pushing herself up on the balcony railing outside the eighth-floor room.

Detectives are conducting tests to determine if Miss Orellana was sexually assaulted, but Carrier said it may be weeks before the tests are completed.

Toxicology tests revealed the woman had a moderate amount of alcohol in her body, but no illicit drugs, Carrier said.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Angie Prewett said the sheriff's department still considers the case an open investigation.

Investigators will present new information to the district attorney's office, which will decide whether to file charges, said Sheriff's Lt. Ray Peavy.

Salazar is in Houston, but has resigned from his post as a vice president at Skillmaster, officials said.

TWA crash remains a mystery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as a presidential commission seeks to improve aviation safety, investigators still cannot solve the mystery of the TWA 800 disaster.

It was six months ago today that the Paris-bound Boeing 747 exploded off the coast of Long Island, killing all 230 people aboard.

"It is because we know the terrible toll that airplane crashes take — on the victims, of course, on their families, their friends, their communities" — that the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security was formed, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday, as he requested an update on the TWA disaster.

"All three theories, a bomb, a missile, or mechanical failure, remain," reported Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"No physical evidence of a bomb or a missile has been found," Hall said. But neither has evidence been found that would rule out those possibilities.

The FBI has been sharing the investigation and special agent Edwin Worthington told the commission that "thousands of leads have been followed, thousands of forensic tests have been conducted; none has unlocked the mystery" of the crash. "All three theories ... remain viable," he agreed.

The rapidly increasing amount of air travel could lead to weekly crashes unless the current accident rate is reduced, the commission was warned at its hearing.

"If we just look at the average growth rate worldwide, and the average accident rate worldwide, simple math shows the likelihood that one aircraft accident will occur somewhere in the world every week by the year 2005, if accident rates remain at current levels," Charles Higgins, vice president of the Boeing Co., said in testimony for the commission.

Accident investigations usually cite several causes, or a series of events, leading up to a disaster, Higgins said. Human error is most often the cause. Two-thirds of air fatalities in the last five years have been attributed to loss of control in flight or planes striking terrain, he said.

The United States, with 48 percent of the world's airline passengers, has the lowest accident rate at 0.5 accidents per million flights, he said. Western Europe is next at 1.1 accidents per million trips; and in some regions, rates are as high as 12 accidents per million departures, he said.

The explosion aboard the Boeing 747 reportedly was centered in the area of the nearly empty center fuel tank. Hall said tests are continuing into the possibility that static electricity might somehow have triggered such a blast.

In addition, he said, some 90 feet of the structure around that tank is being reassembled, damage patterns are being analyzed and experts from the California Institute of Technology are studying the explosive properties of the fuel used on the plane.

Lubbock's mayoral candidates are short on political experience

LUBBOCK (AP) — The political ripples continue to be felt from former state Sen. John T. Montford's acceptance of the Texas Tech University chancellorship last summer.

A special election to replace ex-Lubbock Mayor David Langston, whose run at Montford's vacant seat ended in failure last month, will take place Saturday.

Windy Sitton, who resigned her City Council seat to vie for mayor, joins perennial candidate Cecil H. Puryear, Gilbert J. Montes and The Mad Hatter (yes, that's his name).

Langston chose not to pursue his old seat after losing to Robert Duncan in a Dec. 5 Senate runoff election.

Ms. Sitton, 52, has held office since 1994 and is the only candidate to have won a past election. Her popular pro-business, pro-taxpayer image and $44,022 in reported contributions make her favored to become the city's first female mayor.

"There's no reason in the world we can't be the capital of the Southwest," Ms. Sitton said.

Puryear, 70, a fixture at council meetings and a frequent critic of its members, is making his third run at the mayor's seat.

"We need someone to remind (council members) that they're working for the people," he said.

The Mad Hatter, formerly known as Robert Guimbellot, ditched his old name because it was hard to spell and pronounce. The game store owner's love of hats and offbeat personality spawned his monicker and, like Ms. Sitton, he believes this West Texas agricultural hub can be an economic force.

"Lubbock is going from a big town to a small city ... and we've got to keep attracting businesses, especially with the closure of Reese Air Force Base," said Hatter, 28, a 10-year resident.

Sears associate Gilbert Montes remained in Lubbock after being stationed at Reese from 1979 to 1984.

"It's not necessarily a good thing that it's closing, but it's happening," said Montes, 44, of the air base, which is shutting down this year. "If redevelopment is done right, I think we can be ahead."

AOL promises to fix problems

NEW YORK (AP) — Beset by technical glitches and frustrated subscribers, America Online apologized and promised to aggressively address the problems.

The nation's largest online service had more technical trouble Thursday, a day after its second major outage since the summer forced it to shut off service to 100,000 users, or about half the subscribers online at the time of the problem.

AOL has been struggling to accommodate a flood of users who are taking advantage of a new pricing policy that allows unlimited access for $19.95 a month.

The outage Thursday shut down the online service's chat rooms for about two hours after a periodic upgrade. Company spokeswoman Trisha Primrose and other company officials could not explain the problem.

HONOR ROLL

Central Elementary
Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Yuliana Arellano
Chase Ashworth
Kimberly Bell
Morgan Bilderback
Barrett Bowlin
Dondi Brock
Jessica Calvert
Jason Cave
Michelle Cave
Bryan Clifton
Seth Cooper
Teddi Crenwelge
Abel Estrade
Ashley Flores
Will Floyd
Kayla Hartzog
Rachel Herrera
Tyler Hogan
Ashley Hyer
Emily Jones
Whitney Kinney
Tara Kubena
Cale Lancaster
Amber Luecke
Chase Luft
Austin Lyle
Curtis Mason
Megan McCormick
Sirena Medrano
Aeryal Peoples
Garrett Pinson
Claire Pollard
Jeremy Reed
Nathan Ricossa
Jessica Robbins
Jill Rodgers
Kim Rodriquez
Rudy Rodriquez
Natasha Schwoerer
Blake Seale
Chris Smith
Cade Simpson
Tina Speedon
Tye Stone
Breanna Talavera
Jessica Taylor
Anya Terraza
Shaela Vineyard
Jay Weaver
Christi Williams
Dustyn Williams
Celina Wilson
Kelsea Wofford
Glyn Wright
Tyler Zalman

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A-B Honor Roll
Veronica Aguilar
Cody Alaniz
Omar Alcala
Zeck Arizmendi
Ashley Bailey
William Banks
Ashley Barrera
Ozzy Benitez
Cristal Bernal
Bridget Block
Laura Boyd
Austin Brunson
Jennifer Cambell
Hector Campos
Wes Chandler
Vanessa Chavez
Michah Coffee
Elizabeth Dominquez
Gena Dooley
Blake Fenner
Stanley Forbes
Kennon Garcia
Tommy Garza
Stephanie Grant
Chance Grantham
Trevor Groat
Kim Henkell
Tino Hermisillo
Jackie Hernandez
Camry Hill
Adam Hooper
Rudy Ibarra
Kenetra James
Katherine Johnson
Cody Johnston
Mark Keller
Jana Lewis
Joe Limones
Erica Little
Jordan Lollar
Amelia Lopez
Chris Lopez
Ginelda Lopez
Valerie Lopez
Domingo Lucra
Eric Martinez
Juan Martinez
Mallory Martinez
Steven Martinez
Raymond McClain
Kate Morrell
Amanda Murray
Chad Nickerson
Calvin Nobles
Whitney Parks
Samantha Pena
Tyler Price
Jamie Putnam
Wendy Reed
Matt Reigh
Justin Riddle
Krissie Roberts
Tonya Robles
Jeremy Ruiz
Noe Ruiz
Kelli Rushing
Keith Smith
Chris Suber
Nita Swan
Temi Thompson
Stephen Tippens
Casey Toland
Marcus Torres
Toni Townsend
Lauren Turley
Jonathon Vasquez
Caliber Vigneau
Ashton Wall
William Wascom
Jason Wenninger
Kiki Wofford
Leslie Wright
Alex Zamarripa
Laura Zamora

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Danisha Akins
Bradley Barry
Jacy Beccue
Tanner Bloom
Nathaniel Clarady
Clint Cooper
Courtney Cox
Casey Crain
Nicole Dabney
Ashley Edwards
Jarrod Fletcher
Abby Foree
Cori Fouts
Alan Gray
Eric Guadarrama
Kayla Guerrero
Jerrica Gutierrez
Erin Hackfeld
Thomas Hefner
Justin Hertel
Hadley Hirt
Heather Holmes
Lesli Jackson
Paul Jackson
Patrick Jones
Traci Jordan
Matthew Kerr
Lacey Kincaid
Dante Martinez
Cindy Morin
Matthew Morris
Marisa Munoz
Codi Nichols
Cade Owen
Stephanie Parmer
Tony Pena
Brooke Pinkert
Heather Polk
Phillip Rice
Blake Robertson
Colton Robertson
Tyler Rogers
Adam Sauceda
Kelsey Shaw
Karen Taylor
Nikki Timora
Whitney Warner
Kalli Wesson
Logan West
Stacey Williamson
Chelsea Wood

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Dustin Babcock
Lee Ann Benitez
Adam Booker
Brandon Bragg
Adrian Brooks
Briana Burk
Sarah Carpenter
Eric Carranza
Omar Castaneda
Lico Castillo
Krista Chaidez
Hope Cole
Kim Cooper
Max Cormack
Jesus Cosio
Amanda Covington
Jessica Davis
Jeffrey Dungan
Riley Dunham
Lacee Early
Esme Estrada
Zack Garcia
Tara Gilliland
Cassie Gordan
Nathan Graves
Paul Haines
Jessica Hallford
Corie Hernandez
Joshua Hernandez
Sheila Hicks
Jessica Hines
Jason Hook
Brooke Jackson
Russell Lee
Jennifer Lopez
Jeremy Lopez
Logan Martin
Jodi McGinty
Meggan Minor
Kelly Moore
Casey Newby
Buddy Ogletree
Raul Olvera
Crystal Pena
Micaela Quiros
Mechelle Renfro
Brad Richardson
Jennifer Schwoerer
Adilene Segura
Luis Silva
Christopher Smauley
Eric Torres
Kirisa Torres
Joshlyn Tovar
Brent Tyler
Kevin Valdez
Jose Velasquez
October Wells
Heather Zajicek

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Tass Baze
Shana Blackard
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Marissa Chaidez
Garick Clayton
Bethany Clements
Sarah Crawford
Ashley Darnell
Jordan Dea
Jordan Donelson
Kelby Drum
Andra Dunham
Alexis Dupree
Brad English
Kristel Fitts
Meagan Fletcher
Adrienne Garcia
Molly Haire
Jennifer Halverson
Rankin Hardin
Gretchen Hollis
Roberto Jaramillo
Ashley Jenkins
Kelsi Johnson
Josh Kemp
Hollie Lammert
Megan Langham
Callan Lee
Abby Levens
Emily Long
Corey Longorio
Jed Martin
Ashley Martinez
Boicy Martinez
Molly Mason
Sterling Millhollon
Diane Morin
Barrett Munson
Katie Neves
Nichole Ornelas
Rebecca Pavlovsky
Joe Perez
Peter Perez
Stacy Perkins
Josh Pickerel
Bradley Price
Destiney Proctor
Tanner Reed
Lee Scott
Jessica Sollis
Elizabeth Stewart
Justin Stoker
Chance Tatum
Sara Thornhill
Kendall Tidwell
Cami Trout
Andrea Valadez
Amanda Whitson
Stephanie Williams
Misha Wofford

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Kenny Alcala
Lucy Amarillas
Aleida Arellano
Laura Arellano
Andrew Bane
Tiffany Barry
Jay Bearden
Sara Bradberry
Desiree Braziel
Kyle Bryan
Mandy Burns
Zach Cain
Yvette Cerda
Katie Chandler
Mitchell Cole
Kyle Dortch
Chet Dove
Ashley Frederick
Paula Fritz
Christy Garcia
Matthew Garza
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Tabitha Gomez
Candice Gordon
Hayley Grant
Gerrico Greenlee
Blake Grimmett
Jon Guy
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Katie Haggard
Matt Hale
Kris Hatley
Eliza Hernandez
Bryan Huddleston
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Melissa Jerome
Blayne Kelley
Tiffany Kubena
April Lollar
Francisca Luna
J.J. Mandrell
Bridgett Manlief
Chad Martin
Nickki McKinney
Marcus Medrano
Caleb Olibas
Brooke Peterson
Isaac Ramon
David Rodriguez
Chase Rushing
Brandi Russell
Roberto Suacedo
Leeann Shankles
Kerissa Simmons
Mattie Smith
Anabelle Solis
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Justin Squires
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Lacie Thompson
Brock Tyrell
Melissa Vasquez
Marcus Villareal
Cody Wall
Joseph Ynguanzo

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A Honor Roll
Daniel J. Brown
Kara A. Brumley
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William T. Cotton
Kellie J. Dodson
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Jacob D. Pechacek
Zipporah D. Peoples
Adrian J. Perez Jr.
Alberto R. Perez
Natalie N. Perez
Tyler G. Pollard
Hailey A. Putnam
Brady D. Reed
Richard C. Reed
Felisha F. Riggins
Austin T. Rinehart
Adam C. Rodgers
Kevin R. Rodgers
Shawn M. Roemisch
Trey E. Roland
Virginia M. Roth
Isaac J. Sanchez
Sheenette E. Sanchez
Bobby D. Sands
Leah N. Sloboda
Christopher T. Sorrells
Tiffany G. Stanley
Matthew D. Stokes
Jennifer A. Suber
Afton N. Sutter
Christopher L. Townsend
Tyler W. Trout
Jeffrey W. Turner
Andrew J. Vargas
J. Michael M. Varnell
Anthony Vasquez
Clay E. Williams
Jennifer L. Williamson

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Cody R. Beaver
Thomas C. Bowen
Bradley T. Bynum
Stormy B. Clark
Kasey M. Collier
Cassie A. Cooper
Trace R. Dennis
Crystal M. Garcia
Stacey L. Garcia
Charles R. Gorman
Mark W. Haines
Meagan N. Hatley
Haley C. Holmes
Marci L. Kruger
Tyson L. Kubena
Andra B. Lancaster
Nicholas C. Landes
Jeremee N. Lester
David R. McAnally
Justin M. McBroom
Brandon T. McGuire
Anthony R. McKamie
Christopher L. McLeod
Cole McLeod
Joseph L. Minefee
Tyler E. Neves
J. Brooks Nunley
Noble W. Pinson
Jeffrey D. Proctor
Whitney H. Rogers
Jennifer M. Ruiz
Nathan C. Smith
Tate H. Thompson
Katie A. Voss
Dustin M. Whitson
Anna L. Williams
Jason L. Williams
Kate E. Wright

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Teofilo T. Alaniz
Amber D. Alexander
Marcus L. Barboza
Zane C. Bedell
Clifton K. Beights
Alex C. Best
Kallie A. Billingsley
Joseph E. Bishop
Robert T. Boyd
Kendall K. Brewster
Christopher M. Burchfield
Joanna M. Burk
Tony J. Cagle
Timothy T. Castillo
Sara G. Cave
Shannon L. Chambers
Lori R. Chesser
Steven C. Crain
Hester A. Davis
Jennifer L. Deel
Misty D. Doty
Erin M. Dunham
Kristen R. Early
Haley B. Elkins
Samantha E. Everett
Sharon M. Fisk
Lynn M. Fogleman
Vanessa J. Freeman
Rachel D. Fritz
Shiloh D. Fritz
Thomas R. Gladden
Amy M. Haddox
Jason B. Hall
Wes A. Hardin
Justin W. Hill
John T. Hunter
Christy M. Jones
Melissa R. Jones
Joshua P. Key
Jackie W. Kincaid
Dawn M. Lopez
Bernice S. Macias
Ricky W. Martin
Leticia J. Martinez
Richard A. Martinez
Zackery C. McCright
Jeremy D. Miller
Morgan S. Miller
Ruben J. Olvera
Bernice B. Ornelas
Adam B. Owen
Sidney A. Owen
Michael L. Pendleton
Chasity M. Perales
Brodie T. Pierce
Sarah E. Pilgrim
Carcie A. Posey
Tyler T. Riggan
Crystal B. Rodriguez
Casey S. Row
Jay G. Scott
Britt Sharrock
Keeli D. Shoemake
Bailey M. Stoker
Justin H. Stokes
Sean M. Thomas
Pauline S. Torres
Rosangela Villasana
Roger D. Warr
Erika M. Ynguanzo

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Callie M. Bane
Jeremy D. Bowden
Neil A. Cooper
Claire E. Cotton
Jessica P. Dea
Alma N. Estrada
Lance W. Foreman
Whitney S. Graham
Timothy R. Green
Valery B. Haines
Leslie A. Hancock
Jordan A. Hardin
Kara D. Harrison
Melinda K. Langham
Lyndell B. Lee
Ashley D. Long
Garrett P. Luft
Cameron M. Mackey
Kyle R. McClendon
Brandon B. McCraw
Mark G. Medley
Jarred D. Minefee
Kimberly L. Moore
Kristin N. Murray
Jennifer L. Newman
Latisha M. Nichols
Kayla M. Phillips
Leslye K. Starnes
Dana R. Stribling
Tiffany R. Sutter
Jared W. Thornhill

Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Natalie L. Alexander
Zachary A. Allred
Joshua Arizmendi
Kara R. Babcock
Shannon D. Barnes
Jonathan D. Barrow
David R. Beard
Jennifer M. Bell
Casey J. Blackard
Jared R. Boyd
Cary A. Brown
Jennifer N. Bryan
Sarah L. Bryant
Lindsey L. Bunch
Melina C. Campos
Casey L. Chaney
Amanda L. Clark
Brian K. Coffman
Mateo G. Coronado
Stephanie A. Davis
Landon E. Day
Eric N. De Leon
Jason T. Dennis
Julienne D. Dooley
Robert G. Early
T'Leah L. Eicke
Justin L. Englert
Leslie L. English
Melissa K. French
Mario Fuentez
Ryan N. Gibson
Matthew J. Grimmett
Jesse D. Haines
Austin G. Haire
Lisa A. Hall
Will D. Henderson
Melissa R. Hicks
Nicholas L. Jaquez
Kamerron D. Kallemeyn
Christopher G. Kellner
Jose L. Lopez
Levi M. Mandrell
Kevin D. Marshall
Shahala K. Massingill
Patricia A. May
Dana N. McCright
William P. McKamie
Leslie A. Mitchell
Jessica L. Olibas
Neomi Perez
Stephanie G. Perkins
Heath N. Pinkerton
Tara J. Price
John R. Rasmus
Cheryl A. Reed
Audra V. Reneau
Derek S. Reston
Martha J. Rivera
Karynn E. Rodriguez
Vicky Ruiz
Michael D. Rushing
Angela Shoemake
James A. Smith
Robert M. Stanley
Lela E. Stevens
Riley A. Tatum
Chad W. Thomas
Ashley P. Tucker
Crissida A. Tyler
Patrick S. Vantine
Emily Vinson
Lane A. Whitefield
Kaylen R. Whiteley
Brooke N. Williams
Devin M. Williams

Hermleigh ISD
Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp
Megan Kariainen

Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Kelvin Doggett
Nicholas Eaton
Christopher Gaddis
Steven Hembree
K'Leigh Jackson
Kristi Jones
Brittany Kelley

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Robby Anderson
Samantha Berry
Crystal Bridges
Alana Culp
Danni Webb
Johnathon McClure

Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Dylyn Richards
Frank Smith
Georgianna Smith
Summer White

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
James Coonrod
Megan Lee

Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Shae Rinehart

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Valerie West
Dustin Williamson
Justin Williamson

Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Amanda Bayer
Courtney Bridges
Toni Jackson

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terrel Culp

Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Lauren Lee
Misty McClure
Clarissa Sauceda

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Christina Arellano
Lacy Doggett
Steven Doggett
Rocky Glover
Chris Lee
Julie Mireles
Kendra Nachlinger
Jeremy Roemisch
Sabrina Terry

Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Billy Lambaren

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Trina Chandler
Joey Garza
Randi Herrington
Jared Higgins

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Caleb Callaway
Kendra Dacus
Nicholas Free
Crystal Jackson
Tony Molina
Brandy Wood

Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Michael Duhaime
Jennifer Roemisch

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Melissa Brasuel

Eleventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Jason Eckert
Larry Lambaren
Ricky Luna
Gilbert Rios

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Anna Tahkapaa

Twelfth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Kara Engle
Brandy Gill
Kelly Gonzalez
Misty Perry
T.J. Wood

Ira ISD
First Grade
A Honor Roll
Mark Barnes
Karen Coonrod
Josh Hall
Laura Juarez
Clayton Long
Jimmie Schooler

First Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brett McClure
Kendyll Pilcher

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Nickelynn Bays
Aryn Calley
Corbin Clements
Blake Mayo
Jessica Odom
Brittney Sims

Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Tyrelle Gilbert
Joey Groce
Derrick Watson
Kate Wall

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
Rachel Caldwell
Sara Caldwell
Mandy Green
Whitney Payne

Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brittany Dickerhoff
Travis Frey
David Kirk

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
Colton Long

Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Wesley Kellner
James Sutton

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Rusty Josey
Wes White
Nathan Wilkins

Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Chad Everton
Charles Walker
Jess Wall
Lindsey Wilson

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Colter Brown
Geoffrey Pinkerton
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling

Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Kali Clements
Tyler Frey
John Gainer
Michelle Nettles

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendra Krop
Loryn Brown

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Lecia Knight
Brandy McGinty
Cade Tucker
Dani White
Joshua Wilson

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Tara Allen
Davi Barnes
Morgan Clements
Kacie Daves
Trey Shirley
Tosha Walker

Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Heather Darnell
Kristen Harless
Traci Jones
Donnie Sims
Seth Sterling
Bryce Wilkins

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Jenson Gainer
Katie Howard

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Jerek Brown
Korby Calley
Logan Daves
Jamee Goolsby
Amber Haarmeyer
Jose Juarez
Josh Long
Rickard Wilkins

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
E'Lissa Goolsby
Lindsy Josey
Terri Robinson
Carla Smith
Brook Wilkes

Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Emily Hardy
Perry Jamison
Amber Martinez
Audra Oliver
Tye Shirley

Eleventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Jackie Beck
Starcia Bohannon
Billy Box
Jacey Davis
Chris Gee
Olga Juarez
Amanda Sims
Charity Sims
Hayley Smith
Benji Cross

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Adam Davis
Lisha Leatherwood

Twelfth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Amanda Darnell
Kyle Lomax
Stacey Taylor
Rikki Wilkes

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