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Little Dribblers...

Thousands expected for tournament here

Approximately 140 youth basketball teams will converge on Snyder this week for the National Little Dribblers All-Star Tournament.

The games, which will be played at different sites around the area, are expected to draw about 6,200 spectators from Texas, California, Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Washington.

Tournament play begins Wednesday and runs through the weekend.

Snyder will have a host team entered in each of the three age groups which are Junior (10 and under), Major (12 and under) and Senior (14 and under).

The teams in each age group will then be placed in a division based upon population of the city from which they hail. The Continental Division will be comprised of teams from towns with less than 2,500 people. The American Division consists of towns with a population between 2,500 and 10,000.

Snyder will compete in the National Division against teams from cities with a population of more than 10,000.

Contests will be played at Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh High Schools, along with Western Texas College and Travis Gym.

Scurry County Coliseum was selected as a host venue when the tournament was originally slated for Snyder. But a change of dates by the National Little Dribblers Association scratched the coliseum as a possibilty due to other events already scheduled for the arena.

Snyder has been a member of the National Little Dribblers Association since 1969.

Community food garden concept will be considered

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance has announced plans to start a community garden to support the Food Cupboard with fresh vegetables.

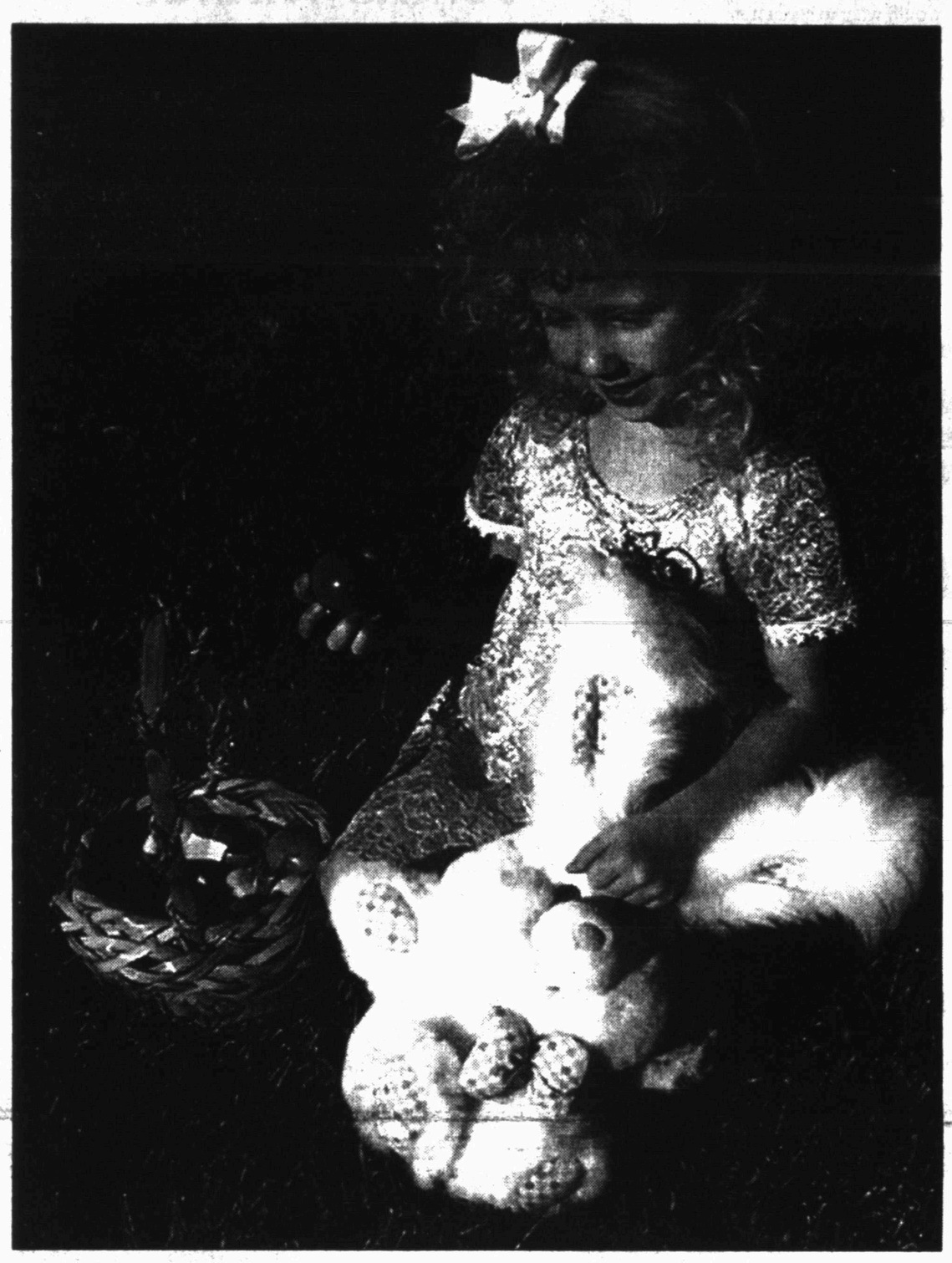
An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church.

Land has been donated for the project.

Gardens are used by the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock, and have been highly successful, according to organizers.

Roy Riddle and Jerry Sears, experts in the community gardening experience for the South Plains Food Bank, will be guest speakers.

Anyone interested in helping with the project is invited to the meeting.



HEY, MR. EASTER BUNNY — Five-year-old Darian Clayton visits with one of her favorite Easter bunnies as they get in some practice for a hunt on Easter Sunday. Darian and her buddy wish everyone a "Happy Easter." (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Making a budget work means going without a lot of things you don't need."

Anyone who is technology challenged is generally over 40. He's the guy who can't operate the VCR, much less those so-called user-friendly computers.

Despite resistance from us guys who had rather go to the post office than search for e-mail, technology is bursting out.

Bill Gates, computer zillionaire, recently said if the automotive industry had kept up with technology like the computer industry, then Americans would be driving $25 cars that get 1,000 miles a gallon.

Some auto industry executives were quick to respond: "Yes, but would you want your car to crash twice a day?"

They went on to offer this tongue-in-cheek response to Microsoft Built Cars:

--Everytime they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.

--Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason, and you would just accept this, restart and drive on.

--Occasionally, executing a maneuver would cause your car to stop and fail. You would just reinstall the engine, and for some strange reason, accept this too.

--You could only have one person in the car at a time, unless you bought Car95, but then you would have to install more seats.

--Mac would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast, twice as easy to drive, but it would only run on 5 percent of the roads.

--Mac car owners would get expensive Microsoft upgrades, which would make their cars run much more slowly.

--The oil, gas and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single "general car default" warning light.

--New seats would force everyone to have the same size bottoms.

--The airbag system would say "are you sure?" before going off.

--In case of a crash, you would have no clue as to what happened.

The Infernal Revenue Service is recommending electronic filing.

Trusting the IRS and a computer both is just too much to ask.

Snyder ISD plans to pursue action over bomb threat call

A person who made a bomb threat at Snyder High School Wednesday will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Those were the comments of Supt. Gayle Lomax on a call received at the high school during the lunch hour stating there was a bomb in the building.

"Principal Larry Scott made the decision to evacuate the building with a fire drill, and the police were called," said Lomax.

No bombs were found, said Lomax.

Lomax said the school has a caller ID system, and the call was traced to a pay telephone at Century Fuels on College Avenue. The police have identified a female juvenile who they believe made the call, said Lomax.

"We take these things very seriously," added the superintendent. "We'll cooperate in every way with the police to prosecute in situations like this."

Physician recruitment ongoing here

Administrators for Cogdell Memorial Hospital and St. Mary Hospital are working to recruit physicians for Snyder, with some apparent success.

One physician is already under contract to come to Snyder and two others have made a recent visit to look over the hospital and community, said Jeff Reecer, Cogdell CEO.

Dr. Robert Rakov, a board-certified family practitioner, will be joining the St. Mary Health Care Clinic sometime late this summer after completing a rural medicine fellowship. Dr. Rakov is a former Air Force physician who wants to enter into private practice.

Reecer said Cogdell is actively recruiting John and Phyllis Byrd, board certified family physicians who currently have their practice in Nebraska.

"They made a visit in mid-February and it appears they are trying to chose between Snyder and another site," Reecer said of the Byrds, who are interested in obstetrics as well. "We're trying to get them back for a second visit."

Snyder was already in need of additional family practitioners when Dr. Gary Nussey decided to cut back his practice and Dr. W.B. McSpadden died last month.

"We had already identified that we needed two more physicians, so now we aren't down just two, but down almost four," said Reecer.

"We and St. Mary are trying to look at options to get more physicians in immediately. Bringing in a physician or physicians on a temporary basis to get us through may be an option," he said.

"Meanwhile our doctors are doing all they can. They can only work so much and see so many patients. They've been very good about meeting this problem, but we are all aware what we need is more physicians and we're working on that."

Northern Ireland's biggest party supports peace accord

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The executive committee of Northern Ireland's biggest political party voted Saturday to back the historic peace deal aimed at ending 30 years of violence — a victory for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble.

Facing rebels in his ranks, Trimble appealed to his pro-British Protestant followers during an acrimonious five-hour meeting to accept the compromise peace accord reached Friday. He said he was delighted by their support.

Opponents argued that the agreement was a sell-out to the Irish Republican Army.

But the party's 110-member executive committee voted to back the peace deal. It will now be considered by the party's full council at a meeting in Belfast next Saturday, but Trimble said he does not expect a reversal.

"When people sit down and analyze this document I believe the result will be even stronger in our favor," he said.

Trimble said he understood the deep reservations, which he also shared. But he said: "The people calling me a traitor are only a small group who have over the last number of years called everybody in this party names."

William Thompson, an Ulster Unionist lawmaker who vowed to vote "no" when the accord is subjected to a referendum May 22 in Northern Ireland, said the campaign to scrap the agreement would not end with Saturdav's vote.

"We will continue to fight it all the way. Mr. Trimble may claim this to be a victory but it's anything but," he said.

Trimble — whose party opposes Irish unity and is central to making the agreement work — went to the Ulster Unionists' downtown Belfast headquarters early Saturday to sell the pact.

DWI trial starts here on Monday

A 39-year-old Sweetwater man, Rudolfo Velasquez, will go on trial Monday in 132nd District Court, charged with a June 12, 1993 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

A panel of 125 prospective jurors has been called to report at 9 a.m. Monday. Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney will preside.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case, and the defendant will be represented by court-appointed attorney Pete Greene.

Law Enforcement Banquet scheduled May 5

Law enforcement personnel from across the area are making plans for the 5th annual Northwest Texas Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet, scheduled May 5 at Scurry County Coliseum.

State Rep. David Counts, sponsor of the annual event, will serve as master of ceremonies. Guest speaker will be John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

All law enforcement personnel, their spouses and staff are invited. This includes members of the Texas Department of Public Safety, sheriff's departments, police departments, Texas Rangers, justices of the peace, Texas Parks & Wildlife officials and Texas Department of Criminal Justice officers.

"This is an opportunity for members of the legislature to show their appreciation for the work these men and women do and honor them for their outstanding service to the cities, towns and communities where they live and serve," said Counts.

Mayor David Holt will give the opening remarks. Dinner music will be provided by Cindy Nix.

The "Cooper Fiddlers," a group from Cooper High School in Abilene, will perform. Cooking the meal will be Jerry Baird.

ASK US

Q—In reference to the Cogdell Foundation, can someone making a donation request that it be used for a specific purpose, such as to help purchase equipment for the Heart Gym?

A—Yes. Gifts can be restricted to a particular area or purpose.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 79 degrees; low, 49; 7 a.m. Saturday, 51; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy; Low near 60. SE wind 10-20 mph, gusty. Sunday, cloudy to partly cloudy. Windy. High around 85. S wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Cheryl Massey
Windy

Sunset: 8:10 p.m.
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Of 100 days in 1998, the sun has shone 98 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

Emerson

Two deputies injured in bizarre attack

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A heavily armed man who would identify himself only as "Skip" shot a deputy in the back before crashing his bomb-laden van head-on into a patrol car, authorities said.

The camouflage-clad man, who suffered minor cuts in the crash Friday, would not say why he did it. Sheriff's investigators say he may have had an accomplice.

"He said once we know who he is, everything will come into focus," Sheriff Glen Craig said. "He's a very cool customer. He's showing no remorse.

"He's changed his story about three or four times so we're not really sure exactly what his motive is," he added.

Deputy Mike Butler's bullet-proof vest protected him and he suffered only a graze when he was shot. Butler, who was released from the hospital with 15 stitches, said he had no idea why anyone would want to shoot him.

The driver of the patrol car, Deputy Jared Beck, was hospitalized with sore ribs and listed in good condition.

The van and the patrol car burst into flames after the crash. About 75 people in a square-mile area were evacuated for several hours because the van's driver told a deputy that hundreds of rounds of ammunition and a pipe bomb were inside.

The bomb squad searched the wreckage, found fragments of a bomb and concluded it detonated during the blaze. They later found a second, live pipe bomb.

"We haven't received any kind of threat, nothing that would indicate anything like this," Craig said.

Undersheriff Lou Blanas said deputies think a second man was in the van, at least during the shooting, but they don't know what happened to him.

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Central Awards

Fifth six weeks

Central third graders have received the following awards.

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UNIT RECOGNITION

Danny Courtney, Julie Cruz, Cassie Mhoon, Candice Lee, Cinthia Arellano, Allie Brewster, Jesse Robinson, Beth Witte, Lupe Zuniga, Kimberly Dupuy, Brandon Morris, Greg Pesina.

SJHS Awards

Snyder Junior High School competed against Sweetwater and Lamesa middle schools Thursday afternoon in the 1998 UIL District 2-4A academic meet held at Sweetwater Middle School.

The results follow:

—Calculators: (Grade 7) Taylor Cotton, 1; Tyler Kerr, 2; Matthew Stokes, 3; (Grade 8) Charlie Gorman, 1; Marci Kruger, 2; Kate Wright, 3.

—Dictionary skills: (Grade 7) Kristina Mayer, 1; Veronica Maldonado, 2; Erika Estrada, 3; (Grade 8) Dustin Whitson, 1; Cliff Beights, 2; Jason Hall, 3.

—Impromptu speaking: (Grade 7) Jason Guynes, 3; Chris Sorrells, 4; Jacque Alvarez, 5; (Grade 8) Sarah Pilgrim, 1.

—Maps, graphs & charts: (Grade 7) Natalie Perez, 4; (Grade 8) Joe Bishop, 1; Jason Williams, 5; Crystal Rodriguez, 8.

—Mathematics: (Grade 7) Duran Lopez, 1; Jacob Macias, 2; Kasey Wemken, 3; (Grade 8) (tie) Melissa Jones and Jeremee Lester, 1; Crystal Garcia, 3.

—Number sense: (Grade 7) Kellie Dodson, 1; Matt McCormick, 3; Zach Starnes, 4; (Grade 8) Brandon McGuire, 2; Wade Pinson, 3; Nick Landes, 4.

—Oral reading: (Grade 7) Afton Schwertner, 3; Jessie Keller, 4; Cassandra Darlin, 5; (Grade 8) Haley Elkins, 1; Cassie Cooper, 2; Joanna Burk, 4.

—Ready writing: (Grade 7) Whitney Jones, 1; Cozy Jones, 2; Christan Curry, 7; (Grade 8) Ryan McAnally, 2; Stacy Garcia, 3; Craig Bowen, 6.

—Science: (Grade 7) Lilli Valdez, 1; Jacinda Judah, 4; Sarah Boley, 7; (Grade 8) (tie) Andra Lancaster and Jeffery Proctor, 3; Amber Alexander, 5.

—Spelling: (Grade 7) Wendy Proffitt, 1; Marci Rodriguez, 6; (Grade 8) Samantha Everett; Tito Alaniz, 4; Erika Ynguanzo, 8.

Alternates who participated but were not ranked include: (Grade 7) Clark Reed, Lina Olvera, Isaac Sanchez, Erin Cooley, Cassi Guerrero and Lupe Rodriguez; and (Grade 8) T.J. Cagle, Kendall Brewster, Brodi Pierce.

The 1998 UIL sponsors were Margaret Corkran, Sonja Hanks, Linda Huestis, Terry Huestis, Marsha Krenek, Stewart Long, Gary Moore, Janeen Patterson, John Richardson, Virginia Trevey, Theresa Vest, and Sylvia Sapsky.

Authorities cannot confirm story of baby who survived

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The revelation that a 9-month-old baby had been found alive in a house demolished by a tornado was a feel-good story that emerged from the rubble of the deadly twister.

Now authorities say they can't confirm that the baby was found alive and don't believe the story is true.

Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Woodward had said Thursday that a baby was found in the rubble of the storm but that he had no further details. On Friday, Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Ozley also said a 9-month-old was found with the help of a helicopter's heat-detecting device.

He said rescuers had been looking for the infant all day. He had few details — such as the baby's name or gender, or the fate of family members — but did say the baby "was all right."

Later Friday, though, Ozley said the department had not been able to confirm the story, which had gained widespread coverage. Ozley said officers apparently had picked up erroneous information.

Birmingham police and county Emergency Management Agency officials also said they did not know of any baby being discovered.

Amanda Liner receives award

Amanda Lynn Liner of El Paso has been named a United States Award Winner in student council. The recognition is bestowed by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

Liner attends Montwood High School.

She is the daughter of Fred and Donna Liner of El Paso. She is the granddaughter of Jimmie and Pat Cornett and James Liner, all of Snyder.

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Two die in tank blast

ALBERT CITY, Iowa (AP) — A propane tank at a northwest Iowa turkey farm exploded after it was set ablaze by teen-agers riding all-terrain vehicles. Two volunteer firemen were killed.

"From what we can determine, it was an accident," said Buena Vista County Sheriff Charles Eddy. "It wasn't vandalism."

Eddy said there will be no charges filed against the teen-agers.

The firefighters — Tom Archer, 47, and Larry Walsh, 45, both of Albert City — died in the Thursday night explosion at the Herrig Brothers farm, about 80 miles northeast of Sioux City. Six other volunteers and a deputy sheriff were injured, none seriously.

It was the worst accident involving firefighters in Iowa since two volunteers were killed battling a blaze in West Burlington in 1990, the state fire marshal's office said.

Firefighters initially approached the tank because it appeared safe.

HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE — April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Judge Ricky Fritz recently signed a proclamation, witnessed by members of the local Family Pride Council which is affiliated with the Children's Trust Fund in Texas. From left are, Rollin Swanson, Jo Ann Nunley, Katherine Roberts, Carolyn Torres, Joan Bunch, Cathy Reed and Zola Schlegel. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Teamsters candidate faces off against Hoffa

YAWKEY, W.Va. (AP) — A onetime oil field roustabout who followed his father into the Teamsters, Ken Hall's next big hurdle is a name that is still magical among many of the union's members.

Hall, 41, is running for general president of the Teamsters against Detroit labor lawyer James P. Hoffa, the son and namesake of the union's most famous leader.

"My father was a Teamster, too, but I can't run on his record," Hall said in an interview Friday.

Teamsters for a Democratic Union, a reform caucus, announced Wednesday that it would back Hall. The support of the group's 8,000 activists is considered crucial to anyone running against Hoffa.

Armed with the caucus' backing and the prominence he earned in last year's strike against United Parcel Service, Hall hopes to pull off a victory against Hoffa and his famous name.

"If he was named Smith, or Jones, and he said 'I want to be president of the Teamsters and I've never negotiated a contract', he'd be laughed out of the hall," Hall said.

Hall launched his campaign Sunday after weeks of maneuvering among the supporters of incumbent president Ron Carey, whose 1996 re-election was thrown out because of an illegal fund-raising scheme that used union money for his campaign.

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Cogdell's Loretta Lee receives recognition

Loretta Lee, speech-language pathologist at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, was recently presented the "Award of Honor" by the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

There are 4,000 members in this association, a non profit professional organization of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in the state of Texas.

The association recognized Mrs. Lee for more than 20 years of service to the state association and for her outstanding contributions to the profession of speech-language pathology.

Nominating letters described Mrs. Lee as devoted to the profession and the association, "a true example of professional excellence, and one who diligently fulfills all duties."

The award was presented during the annual awards banquet held in Houston at the Westin Galleria Hotel on April 3.

Attending the banquet in Mrs. Lee's honor were her husband, Lannie, her daughter, LaTrisha, her cousins, Judy and Tom Dargis, and her supervisor at the Cogdell Rehab Department, Cathy Trout.

Other local family members included her son, Lyndell, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bryce.

Loretta Lee

Mrs. Lee holds a master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, and is experienced in the treatment of all types of communication disorders, such as language delay, language loss following a stroke, articulation and voice disorders and stuttering.

In addition to working with patients at the Cogdell Rehab Services Center, Mrs. Lee also works with Cogdell Home Health Services for patients who are homebound.

Women given 5 to 15 years for starving child

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A judge sentenced a woman to five to 15 years in prison for starving her 5-year-old mentally retarded daughter to death.

Supreme Court Judge William Bristol then recommended Gloria Gross serve her entire sentence, rebuking the 39-year-old mother for subjecting "your own helpless daughter ... to a long and agonizing death."

By the time she died of malnutrition last summer, 5-year-old Tonya Daniels weighed just 23 pounds. The girl had virtually no muscle over her bones and cockroach bites dotted her arms and legs.

"I'm sorry I didn't take better care (of her) than I should," Ms. Gross said through tears Friday.

Authorities say Tonya was born severely retarded as a result of her mother's cocaine use during pregnancy. The girl was diagnosed with cerebral palsy during infancy.

Ms. Gross was convicted of second-degree manslaughter in March after a four-day trial.

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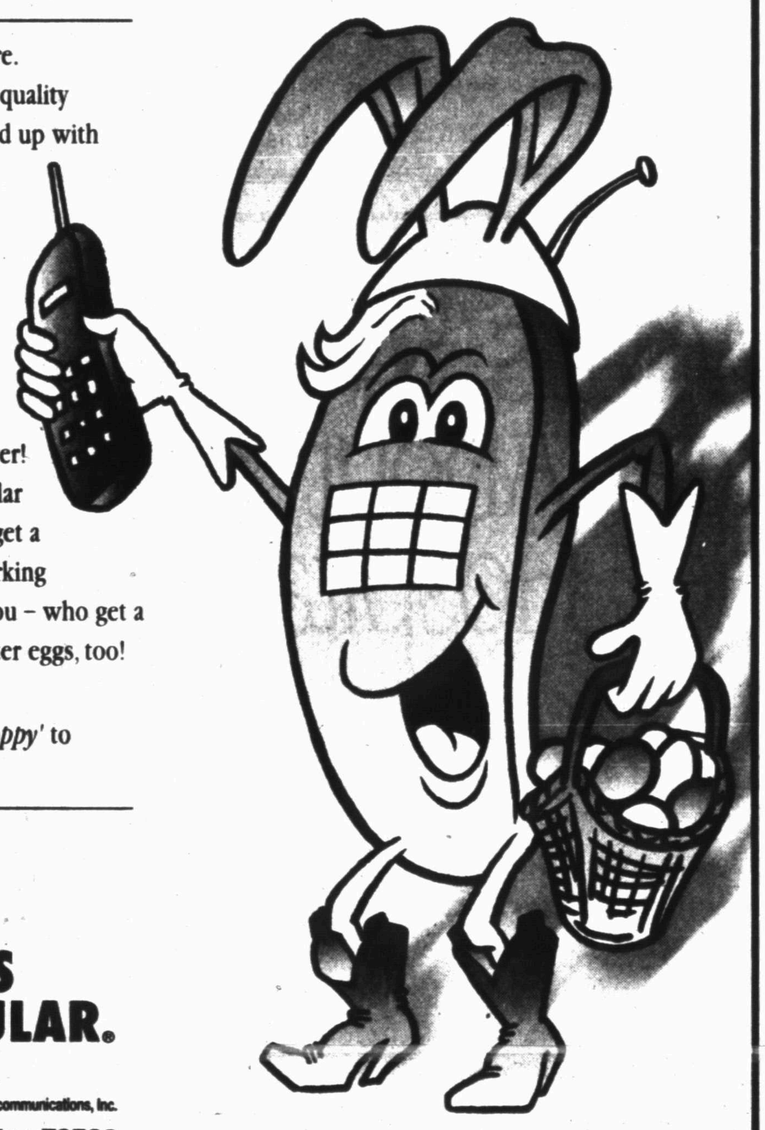

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BLUE RIBBONS — Blue ribbons are a reminder that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Members of the blue ribbon committee of Snyder's Family Pride Council are from left, Rollin Swanson, Joan Bunch, Cathy Reed and Zola Shlegel. Blue ribbons will be distributed at local businesses and youth of the First United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches will tie blue ribbons on the trees around the courthouse and on the gazebo. (Contributed Photo)

George Michael speaks out for first time since his arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In his first public comments since he was arrested for allegedly committing a lewd act in a public bathroom, George Michael told CNN "I won't even say it's the first time it's happened."

"I put myself in an extremely stupid and vulnerable position, especially because I'm in the privileged position that I am," the British pop singer said in an interview aired Friday night. "I've put myself in that position before."

Michael, 34, was alone in the restroom at a Beverly Hills park Tuesday evening when an undercover officer saw him allegedly commit the unspecified act, police said.

He apologized to his fans, saying he not only embarrassed himself but them as well.

"I just want to let them know that I'm OK," Michael said, adding, "I wanted to let them know that this is not going to finish me off."

Also in the interview, Michael described his sexuality as "ambiguous."

"This is as good of a time as any," he said. "I want to say that I have no problem with people knowing that I'm in a relationship with a man right now. I have not been in a relationship with a woman for almost 10 years."

Michael, perhaps best known for his hit "I Want Your Sex," earlier canceled an interview slated to air Friday night on "Dateline NBC." A show spokesman said it was postponed for legal reasons at the request of Michael's attorneys.

The singer was booked for investigation of misdemeanor lewd conduct and released after posting $500 bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned on May 5.

Prosecutors are to decide by next week whether to file charges. At most, Michael will be charged with one count of lewd conduct and one count of indecent exposure, authorities said.

WELLNESS WEEK — Snyder Independent School District will observe Wellness Week next week. Tiger Gym and Fitness Center is helping SISD employees meet their wellness goals. Kristy Glass, from left, and Chris Bane, school nurse, presents a certificate of appreciation to Angela Hatley, gym owner. Chelsie Birks is also shown. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Wellness Week slated next week for SISD

April 20-24 has been designated as Wellness Week for the Snyder Independent School District. Special events have been planned at each campus for staff and students.

Subjects addressed will include nutrition, CPR, high blood pressure and others. Staff members will be encouraged to participate in a wellness screening offered by St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

Ongoing programs include Walk Across Texas, a program in which staff members form teams and walk across Texas, winning prizes along the way as well as membership at Tiger Gym and Fitness Center.

Tiger Gym owners, Angela and Kerry Hatley, have worked with SISD to provide a special membership package for employees and their families.

Other merchants involved in the wellness program include Spanish Inn, Subway, Thompson Shoes on the Square, Taco John, Bynum Boyd Advertising, Buchanan Printing, Tiger Mart, A's Silkscreen and Initial Ideas.

War booty bells to stay in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — For now, anyway, two Bells of Balangiga that were seized from a Catholic church in the Philippines as war booty nearly a century ago will keep their place of honor in a windswept memorial on Wyoming's high plains.

The fate of the bells was one of the topics in the Oval Office during Friday's working lunch between President Clinton and Philippine President Fidel Ramos. Their meeting yielded no resolution on the bells, but Ramos said Clinton promised to push the idea of sharing them.

Filipinos want their bells back. But lawmakers and veterans' groups oppose the idea of moving them from their home at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, just north of Cheyenne, and Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., welcomed the latest word.

"History brought the bells to Wyoming and it is there they should stay," said Thomas, who has introduced a bill in Congress that would prevent objects from U.S. war memorials from being returned to other countries.

Bishop Joseph Hart, the leader of Wyoming's Catholic Church, said he was sorry the dispute remains unresolved.

"It is obviously my hope that these bells can still be returned to the Catholic churches from which they came in a way which respects the feelings of all involved," he said.

The bells were rung on Sept. 28, 1901, to signal an ambush on members of the 9th Infantry who were garrisoned in the coastal village of Balangiga, on the Philippine island of Samar, to protect it from insurgents.

The ambush killed 48 soldiers. In retaliation for the attack, troops from the 11th Infantry, which wasn't involved in the ambush, seized the bells from a church on Samar.

Along with a confiscated cannon, the bells were carried back to Fort Russell, the 11th Infantry's base after the war. The cannon and bells are now the featured items in "Trophy Park" at what became Fort F.E. Warren and, later, F.E. Warren Air Force Base.

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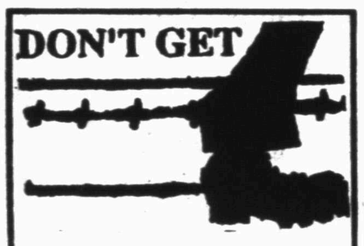

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Psi Zeta announces executive officers

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College has named its local executive officer board and the chapter member who will represent Phi Theta Kappa's District 1 next year on the state-wide executive board

Ron Baker, a sophomore from Colorado City, will be the chapter's representative to the five-person student board which coordinates and plans all activities of the Texas Phi Theta Kappa Region.

Baker will serve as vice president for District 1, a post held this past year by Psi Zeta's Charlie Sweatt of Hermleigh.

The regional executive board is comprised of four vice-presidents, each serving their respective district, and a board president.

District 1 includes such schools as Amarillo College, South Plains in Levelland, Midland College, Odessa College, Vernon Regional Junior College, Howard College and El Paso Community College.

Baker, who now lives in Colorado City, will also be a member of the local chapter executive board. He is married and he and his wife, Bobbie, have a pre-school-age daughter.

Other students named executive officers are:

—Angela Biggers, a freshman majoring in business administration. She is from Snyder and is the daughter of Frank Biggers of Colorado City and Anita Peavy of Snyder. She is involved in the Student Senate also, currently serving as secretary.

—Genieva Breitweiser, a freshman majoring in elementary education. She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and is the daughter of Abel and Eva Gaona. She is married to Bill Breitweiser.

—Jessica Hodges of Snyder, a freshman majoring in biology. She was named to the Dean's List after the fall semester. She is the daughter of Sandy and Allen Hodges.

—Keri Kemp, a freshman majoring in education. She is from Snyder and is the daughter of Rick and Shelia Kemp.

—Nicol Mazarova, a freshman majoring in business. She is originally from Slovakia and attending high school in Colorado City her senior year. Her host family in Colorado City is D'Dee and Tommy Morris. She is a member of the International Student group on campus.

PSI ZETA - The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College recently named executive officers. From left, top row, Ron Baker, Angela Biggers, Genieva Breitweiser; bottom row, Jessica Carmen, Keri Kemp, Nicol Mazarova. (WTC Photos)

Intercollegiate Press Association...

Texan staffers receive awards

Staff photographers and opinion page writers for the Western Texas College newspaper were singled out for honors at the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention March 26-28 at Bryan-College Station.

In the Picture Story category, Texan photographers Amanda Gutierrez-Baez of Snyder and Brian Welch of Denver City placed 2nd for a full page of photos illustrating Halloween dance activities at WTC this past fall.

In addition, staff photographer Sagit Shlezinger of Snyder received an honorable mention for her photo previewing the WTC stage production "Sylvia" last fall. She was entered in the News Photo category.

In the Critical Review category, two newspaper writers were honored for reviews written in Texans printed in the spring of 1997.

Joshua Nash, who now attends Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, placed 2nd in the category for a musical review of the rock group Veruca Salt; and Pamela Foster, who now attends Angelo State University, won 3rd for her review of the video release of the movie "Lone Star."

The Texan entries competed in Division 3 comprised of two-year and four-year schools with enrollment up to 2,000.

The "Texan" and its staff under adviser Donny Brown have won 38 awards at TIPA since1989.

Brown and five students attended the convention. Students attending were Patrick Hancock of Aspermont, Amy Lester of McCamey, April Martin of Rotan, Sagit Shlezinger of Snyder and Charlie Sweatt of Hermleigh.

The group toured also the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum housed at Texas A&M.

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FDA guidelines aimed at reducing produce contamination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is issuing farm and processing guidelines to reduce bacteria in fruit and vegetables by improving practices ranging from hand-washing to disposal of manure.

The voluntary guidelines detail a series of practices in fields and in the food industry intended to curb growing incidences of illness from such microbes as E. coli and salmonella on lettuce, tomatoes and other produce.

"No farmer or business person wants an outbreak from their product," Joe Levitt, director of FDA's food safety programs, said Friday. "These are important prevention techniques that will really help."

The rise in illness from produce has several causes: Health-conscious Americans are eating more fruit and vegetables, but modern processing and shipping mean they frequently change hands and come from all over the world. Sanitation practices aren't consistent.

In addition, more virulent strains of bacteria continue to appear, challenging weaker immune systems of the elderly, the young and people with such diseases as AIDS.

"Most of the calories in a healthy diet should come from fruits, vegetables and grain products," said Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services. "That recommendation makes it even more critical for government and industry to work together to ensure that fresh produce is wholesome and safe."

The guidelines run many pages, ranging from how to ensure the cleanliness of water used to wash produce and for packing ice to worker hand-washing training and even where to locate toilets in the fields.

"This will help reduce the incidence of workers in the field or outside packing areas relieving themselves elsewhere (as in the fields)," the FDA document says.

Levitt said the standards were developed after hearings that included farm and processing interests and should not be impossible to implement. Once the guidelines become final, Agriculture Department agents in local offices will help with putting them in place.

"They are real, they are helpful and they are doable," Levitt said.

Still, farm groups reacted cautiously, saying that many of the guidelines are already in place at the state level and that they could be a precursor to new requirements.

Wild flower art work on display

Wild flower art work created by Scurry County school students is on display in the Scurry County Museum through the first week in May.

Wild flower walking tours of the WTC Prairie are also underway. Students enrolled in Dr. David Kattes' classes are conducting the tours.

Various specimens of wild flowers are marked and a map noting the flowers' locations is available at the museum.

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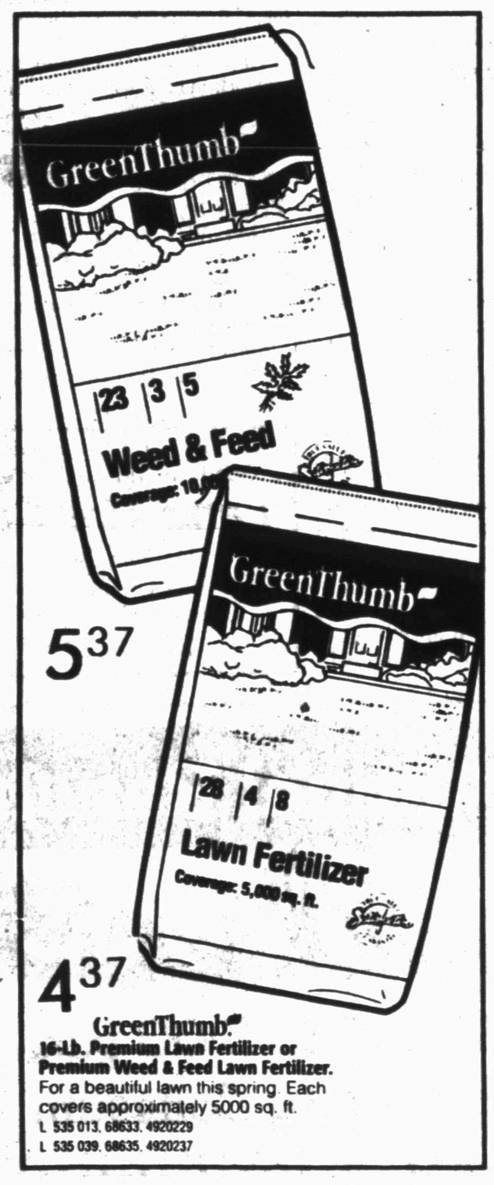

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SPORTS

Cats break Mats in 12

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Tigers have proven all season they have the talent worthy of a state ranking.

Friday, they showed they have the character to match it.

Snyder pitcher Clay Berryman fanned 19 Estacado batters, going the distance and then some, before David Smith belted a two-run shot in the bottom of the twelfth for a 4-2 victory over the Matadors.

Snyder maintains sole possession of first place in District 2-4A with a 4-0 mark. The Tigers, 19-3 on the season, are ranked fifth in the state and will wrap up the first half of the league schedule Tuesday at Plainview.

Berryman, pitching on just two days rest after throwing all seven innings Tuesday at Frenship, picked up his ninth victory of the year.

But for awhile, it seemed as if the Mats would unseat the district leaders.

"We needed a game like this," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "When things aren't going your way, you've got to have somebody rise to the occasion. And we had some kids do that tonight."

Snyder took a 2-0 lead after three innings on singles by Sonny Cumbie and Smith. Estacado starting pitcher Andre Brinson threw primarily breaking balls, not allowing the Tigers to get a pitch they could drive.

"Brinson makes you hit a lot of ground balls," Herrera remarked. "We've got to give Estacado a lot of credit. They took us out of our mode at the plate. We weren't as selective as we have been in the past and they had us swinging at some bad pitches."

Meanwhile, Berryman was showing no ill effects from throwing 99 pitches on Tuesday. The senior ace sat eight Matadors down on strikes through the first four innings.

To begin the fourth, Estacado coach Richard Ortiz made a change on the mound. Out went the junk-balling right-hander and in came southpaw freshman sensation Bobby Livingston.

The switch to a left-handed power pitcher proved key in the contest, as it kept the Tigers off balance at the plate and gave Estacado the momentum.

With Livinston on the hill, the Mats picked up their intensity in the field, posting outs with spectacular plays — including a catch by Arkese White leaning over the dugout fence in the fifth.

In the top of the sixth, Estacado's offense struck with a little help from mother nature and the Tigers.

White led off by reaching base on an error by short stop Matt Rodgers. Berryman fanned the next batter, bringing up Livingston.

The freshman lifted a fly ball into left field which Banks Alexander lost in the sun, allowing White to score. On the relay throw, Snyder had Livingston hung up between second and third. But the Tigers threw home and Livingston escaped to third base.

Brinson then delivered a sacrifice fly to knot the tally at 2-2.

As the Tigers' play faltered defensively, Snyder became flustered at the plate. Livingston needed only 21 pitches to retire Snyder over a three-inning span.

Berryman continued to work himself out of jams. Twice he spun, picking runners off base.

"I told the guys that we weren't playing up to our potential," Herrera stated. "We weren't playing up to our ranking. But the mark of a good team is one that can keep battling and find a way to win when it's not playing its best."

Snyder had the first score of the extra frames in the tenth when Smith hit a one-out triple into left field that Estacado also misplayed due to the sun.

Ortiz then called for intentional walks to Dustin Fish and Eric Lang. But with the bases loaded and one away, Livinsgton responded.

The young hurler struck out Banks Alexander and Cumbie to kill the Snyder threat.

But the Tigers got the spark they needed in the top of the twelfth to steal the momentum.

With only one out and Matadors on first and second following base hits, Estacado's Justin Hibbler sent what looked to be a run-scoring base hit into the gap in center field.

But a sprinting Smith dove, snaring the ball about a foot off the ground to save the go-ahead run.

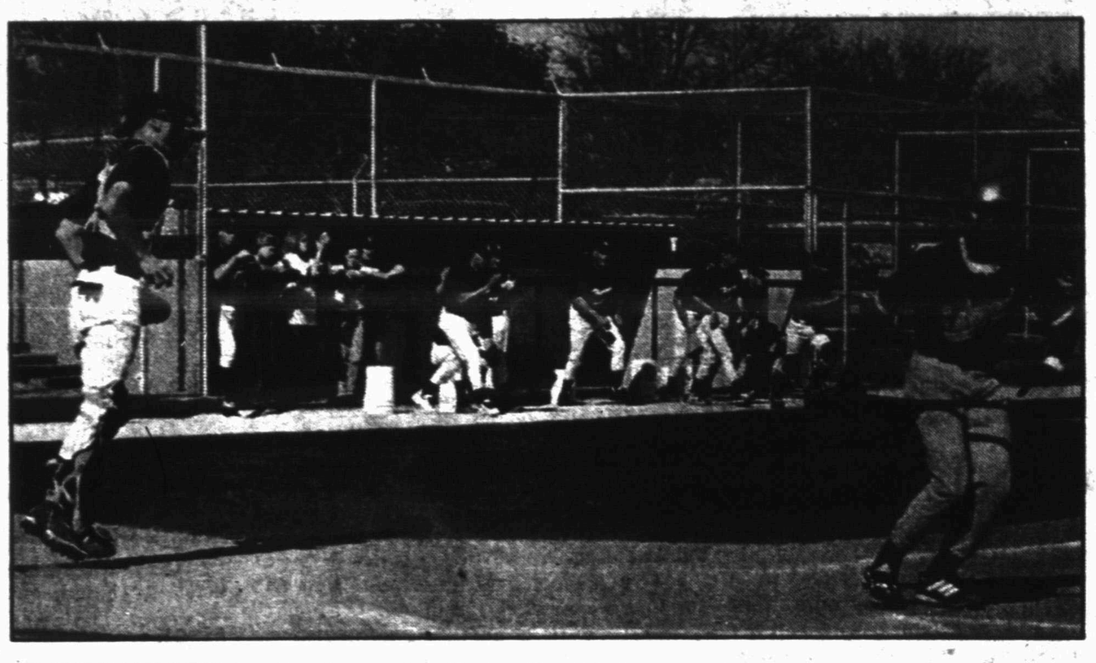
"David got a good jump on the ball and made a spectaular play," Herrera said. "That was a highlight play."

But Smith wasn't through delivering.

In the bottom of the inning, Kyle Beck reached on an error by the short stop, bringing Smith to the plate.

The senior center fielder didn't hesitate, belting the first pitch offered him for the fourth time in the contest — this time over the fence for the game winner.

"It was a fantastic game," Herrera remarked. "Estacado did a great job, I'm very proud of our kids for hanging in there and doing what they had to do to win."



STRUCK HIM OUT — Snyder catcher Sonny Cumbie jumps to his feet while his teammates rush from the dugout following a Matador strikeout during district action Friday at Moffett Field. The Tigers toppled Estacado, 4-2, on a David Smith home run in the twelfth inning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Estacado	ab	r	h	bi
Saldana lf	5	0	0	0
Livingston cf	5	0	1	1
Brinson p	5	0	0	1
Sanders cr	0	1	0	0
Lancaster c	5	0	1	0
Rangel dh	3	0	2	0
Reyna ss	2	0	0	0
Davis 3b	4	0	1	0
Livingston rf	5	0	2	0
Hibbler 2b	5	0	0	0
White 1b	5	1	2	0
Totals	44	2	9	2

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border dh	6	0	1	0
Berryman p	6	0	1	0
Roemisch cr	0	1	0	0
Beck 3b	6	1	1	0
Smith cf	6	1	4	3
Fish 1b	4	0	1	0
Lang 2b	3	1	1	0
Alexander lf	4	0	0	0
Mandrell ph	1	0	0	0
Cumbie c	4	0	2	1
Hernandez rf	4	0	0	0
Totals	44	4	11	4

Estacado	000	002	000	000	2	9
Snyder	011	000	000	002	4	11

2B — Berryman, Livingston; 3B — Smith; HR — Smith (4).

LP — Livingston, 8 innings, 7 H, 3 BB, 12 SO; Brinson, 3 innings, 4 H, 2 BB, 2 SO.

WP — Berryman, 12 innings, 9 H, 0 BB, 19 SO.

Bane sets SHS record in 300-meter hurdles

BIG SPRING — The most successful member of the Lady Tiger track squad this season racked up another accomplishment Thursday at the Big Spring Relays.

Freshman Callie Bane, who has consistently garnered points for the Lady Tigers, set a Snyder High School record in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.95 seconds.

The time netted Bane a sixth-place finish, as San Angelo Central entrant blistered the track with a 44.25.

Nabbing the Snyder girl's only other points was Ashley Delce. The freshman secured fourth place ion the triple jump with an effort of 35-1.

In the boys division, another Snyder freshman fared well. Jared Thornhill finished fourth in the pole vault, after clearing a height of 12-6.

Helling beats Toronto for 2nd time in a week

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rick Helling seems to have the Toronto Blue Jays' number, at least in the early going. Now the Texas Rangers want to see how he fares against the rest of the American League.

Helling allowed six hits over eight innings in a 4-3 victory Friday night, the second time he beat the Blue Jays in a week.

"I felt terrible over the first four innings, but the more I pitched, the better I felt," said Helling, who earned a spot in the Rangers' rotation with a strong spring. "I thought I threw well from the fifth inning on. I hope I can keep it going."

Helling (2-0) struck out four and walked one to pick up his 13th major league victory. He threw a four-hitter in a 5-0 victory over the Blue Jays on April 3 in Toronto.

The Rangers made several outstanding defensive plays behind Helling, and he was appreciative on a night when he struggled early.

"Our defense is solid, one of the best in the league," Helling said. "When you've got defense like we have, the pitcher wants the hitter to put the ball in play."

John Wetteland pitched the ninth and worked around Jose Canseco's one-out homer for his second save. Canseco also had a solo homer in the fourth, but the Rangers took advantage of third baseman Ed Sprague's error to score three times in the seventh inning.

Canseco has four home runs this season, all against Texas, and 28 career multi-homer games.

"I'm just mad we didn't pull this one out," Canseco said.

The Rangers played their sixth consecutive errorless game Friday and have only two errors in eight games. Toronto had two errors Friday, giving the Blue Jays nine in as many games.

"We feel very good about our defense," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "The pitchers know that when there's a ground ball, the play will be made, and when there's a fly ball, it's going to be caught."

Trailing 2-1, the Rangers loaded the bases in the seventh against Dan Plesac (0-1) on pinch-hitter Roberto Kelly's double, a walk to Mark McLemore and Rusty Greer's single.

Blue Jays manager Tim Johnson brought in right-hander Paul Quantrill to face Juan Gonzalez, and the move looked good when the Texas slugger chopped the ball to third.

But the easy one-hopper glanced off Sprague's glove and went into foul territory, allowing Kelly and McLemore to score. Gonzalez was credited with an RBI, giving him 13 in eight games.

Greer went to third on the play, and he scored on Ivan Rodriguez's sacrifice fly for a 4-2 lead.

"We can't give up games like that," Johnson said. "We have to play right."

Local Sports Schedule

Saturday

Baseball: Snyder JV at Estacado, noon.

Sunday

Golf: WTC at State JUCO Tournament, practice round, Wildflower Country Club, Tyler.

Monday

Golf: WTC at State Juco Tournament, first and second rounds, Wildflower Country Club, Tyler.

Golf: Snyder JV and varsity boys and girls at Frenship, district finale.

Baseball: Snyder JV at Lubbock High, 6 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder freshmen at Abilene High sophomores, 5:30.

Tuesday

Golf: WTC at State Juco Tournament, final round, Wildflower Country Club, Tyler.

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Plainview, 6 p.m.

Softball: Snyder JV and varsity at Abilene High, Will Hair Park, 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

Brown ties school record...

'Dogs 2-0 in early going of district

IRA — Jerek Brown tied the Ira High School record for strikeouts twice in the same week, powering the Bulldogs to a 2-0 start in district play.

Brown fanned 13 batters in Ira's 10-5 victory over Loraine on Tuesday, before matching the feat Thursday in an 8-4 decision over Westbrook.

"Jerek was very dominant and really had good control in windy conditions against Loraine," Ira coach Joee Gainer said. "We were fortunate that his pitch count was low for him to go the distance."

The Bulldogs showed both power and speed in the district opener.

Drew Wall belted an inside the park home run, while Seth Sterling busted a triple. Brown and Jenson Gainer both doubled in the contest.

Perry Jamison used his quickness to steal four bases, with Trey Shirley stealing three.

Things didn't start out as well against Westbrook, as Ira trailed 3-2 in the sixth. But the Bulldogs mounted a rally.

Gainer and freshman Cody Kellner each slapped a double as the 'Dogs sent six runners home, claiming the 8-4 victory.

"We had an idea of what Westbrook would do," Gainer remarked, "and we just stayed to the fundamentals."

The Bulldogs will be on the diamond again Tuesday when they face Hermleigh at 5 p.m. at Moffett Field.

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SPORTS

Duval, Couples share lead

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — When he won the Masters in record fashion last year, Tiger Woods took 40 shots on the first nine holes, made a minor swing adjustment on the 10th tee and left the field behind.

On Friday, he was simply trying to stay in the hunt.

At the end of another day filled with missed greens and missed opportunities, Woods stared at a 15-foot par-saving putt on the 18th hole, one that broke three inches to the right and then an inch back to the left.

"I made some mistakes earlier and I didn't want to have another bogey," Woods said. "I felt I needed to make that putt and finish even for the day."

Ahead of him in the clubhouse was David Duval, who put on a Tiger-like birdie blitz on the back nine for a 68 that put him at 5-under-par 139.

Right behind Woods was former Masters champion Fred Couples, also at 5-under and showing no signs of letting up.

The putt slipped in the left side, curled around the lip to the other side and finally settled safely in the bottom of the cup.

"I'm right there in the ball game, where I can shoot a good score," Woods said.

But it's not the same game he played last year. Or the same course.

"The course is winning," Couples said. "I'm leading with David Duval, but Augusta National is doing what it's supposed to do."

The deceptive, swirling winds kept scores down again for the second straight day, leaving only eight players under par going into today's third round.

Scott Hoch, who missed a 2-foot birdie putt in a playoff against Nick Faldo in 1989 and wound up losing on the next hole, missed a par putt of the same length on the 16th hole and finished with a 71 for 3-under 141.

Woods shot a 72 — he hasn't broken 70 in nine straight rounds — and was joined at 143 with Phil Mickelson (69), Paul Azinger (72), Jose Maria Olazabal (73) and Jay Haas (71).

The second-round surprise was Jack Nicklaus, who brought Augusta to life with a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th that put him at 1-over 145 and six strokes behind — the same margin he trailed by in 1986 going into the weekend when he won his sixth green jacket.

Nicklaus' round of 72 was particularly impressive considering Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Tom Lehman and Tom Watson failed to make the cut.

"I don't expect to beat the kids," Nicklaus said. "But when we get tough conditions, I'm going to have a chance. Maybe I can scratch around and scare somebody."

Only Couples and Duval managed to make somewhat of a run as the winds calmed only slightly Friday afternoon in chilly temperatures.

Couples' fortunes turned on No. 12, one of the scariest par-3s in the world but one that has treated him well over the years. When he won in 1992, a blade of grass kept his ball from trickling into Rae's Creek on Sunday. In the first round, he was able to play a shot out of the bank with one foot in the water.

After consecutive bogeys — and after watching playing partners Olazabal and Paul Stankowski miss the green — Couples grooved a 9-iron to 20 feet and holed it for birdie.

"What was crucial was hitting the green," he said. "The putt was a bonus."

He followed that with a 10-foot birdie on the par-5 13th and got back to five under with a 7-iron that rolled back to 10 feet on the par-3 16th.

Duval had the longest day of the leaders. He was on the course at 7:30 a.m. to finish off his first-round 71 with three straight pars, and was still at one under after a bogey at No. 12.

"If there was one thing I could fall back on, I was hitting it solid," Duval said. "And as long as I did that, I knew I'd make a few putts."

They came in bunches, four birdies over a five-hole stretch starting with a two-putt from 30 feet after hitting the 13th green in two with a 4-iron.

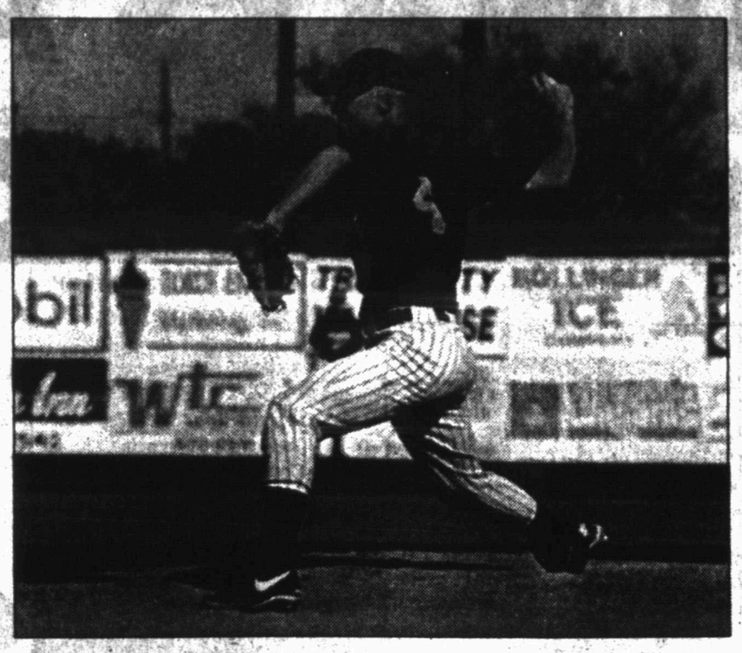
Woods played the par-5s at Augusta last year in 13 under, and has some making up to do on the weekend. Remember the par-5 15th that Woods routinely reached in two with a wedge last year? He's had to lay up twice in two rounds — the wind had a lot to do with that — and did the unthinkable Friday by making bogey.

Still, his streak of no three-putts is now at 114 holes, and he made a couple of nervy 4-footers that kept it going.

And Woods had a feeling Augusta — no matter how tough it is playing — hasn't seen the best of him yet.

Even Couples conceded that Woods is always capable, especially considering what happened last year.

"Tiger put on a show," Couples said. "It happens. There are guys that score 60 or 70 in the NBA, but they don't do it every night."



SLINGING IT — Snyder's Clay Berryman delivers a pitch Friday during action against Estacado. The Tiger senior threw all twelve innings in the 4-2 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grand slam by Piazza sinks Astros

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Piazza became the first player to hit grand slams in consecutive games for the Los Angeles Dodgers, highlighting a 7-2 win Friday night over the Houston Astros.

Piazza's seventh career grand slam — he did not hit one all last season — came on a 3-0 pitch in the eighth inning from reliever Mike Magnante.

Ramon Martinez (2-1) struck out 10 in eight innings. He gave up two runs and four hits in eight innings.

Martinez hit a two-out double in the sixth and scored on Eric Young's single, tying it at 2. Bob Scanlan relieved Shane Reynolds (1-1), and Todd Hollandsworth hit a triple to put the Dodgers ahead.

Martinez, who beat Cincinnati 1-0 in his previous start with eight innings of one-hit ball, blanked the Astros on two hits for five innings before the Astros took a 2-1 lead in the sixth.

Reynolds led off with a single and Craig Biggio followed with a ground-rule double.

Texas candidate list grows short

AUSTIN (AP) — With Washington's Bob Bender and Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson withdrawing from consideration, Utah's Rick Majerus and Clemson's Rick Barnes are the frontrunners to fill the basketball coaching vacancy at the University of Texas.

Texas officials have talked to both Majerus and Barnes and were pleased with the interviews, a high-ranking university source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Friday.

Wake Forest's Dave Odom drew the interest of some members of the Texas screening committee. However, Wake Forest athletic director Ron Wellman said Friday that UT officials hadn't yet sought permission to interview Odom.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that Odom declined to be interviewed by Texas.

Majerus, 50, who led Utah to the national championship game, has refused to discuss any coaching searches, telling the Deseret News of Utah, "I'm the coach at Utah. That's where I'm at."

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	5	3	.625	-
Atlanta	5	4	.556	½
NewYork	5	4	.556	½
Montreal	1	8	.111	4½
Florida	1	9	.100	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	8	2	.800	-
Milwaukee	7	2	.778	½
St.Louis	6	3	.667	1½
Houston	6	5	.545	2½
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	3
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	8	2	.800	-
SanFrancisco	6	4	.600	2
LosAngeles	4	5	.444	3½
Colorado	4	7	.364	4½
Arizona	2	8	.200	6

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 1, Atlanta 0
Chicago Cubs 13, Montreal 0
Pittsburgh 4, Florida 1
Milwaukee 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 18, Colorado 7
Los Angeles 7, Houston 2
San Diego 6, Arizona 4
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 3

Saturday's Games

Florida (Hernandez 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 2-0), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 1-0) at Milwaukee (Eldred 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 2-0) at Montreal (Perez 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 0-2) at Colorado (Thomson 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 0-0) at San Francisco (Estes 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Martinez 1-0) at Philadelphia (Green 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 1-0) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Adamson 0-0) at San Diego (Smith 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 1-0) at Montreal (Hermanson 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 1-0) at Philadelphia (Stephenson 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Medina 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 0-1) at Milwaukee (Wagner 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-0) at Colorado (Astacio 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Blair 0-2) at San Diego (Hamilton 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Politte 1-0) at San Francisco (Hershiser 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Halama 0-1) at Los Angeles (Park 1-0), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	7	2	.778	-
NewYork	4	4	.500	2½
TampaBay	4	4	.500	2½
Boston	4	5	.444	3
Toronto	3	6	.333	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	7	1	.875	-
Chicago	4	4	.500	3
KansasCity	4	5	.444	3½
Minnesota	4	5	.444	3½
Detroit	3	5	.375	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	5	3	.625	-
Anaheim	5	4	.556	½
Seattle	3	6	.333	2½
Oakland	2	5	.286	2½

Friday's Games

Cleveland 8, Anaheim 5, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 17, Oakland 13
Boston 9, Seattle 7
Detroit 7, Baltimore 1
Kansas City 5, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 0
Texas 4, Toronto 3

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 1-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 1-1) at Detroit (Thompson 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 0-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Candiotti 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 0-2), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 1-0) at Kansas City (Belcher 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gorecki 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Bere 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 0-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-1), 8:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 1-0) at Detroit (Keagle 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 1-0) at Cleveland (Wright 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 0-0) at Boston (Wakefield 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hanson 0-0) at Texas (Burkett 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tewksbury 1-1) at Kansas City (Pachardo 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 1-0), 2:05 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	54	24	.692	-
NewYork	42	36	.538	12
NewJersey	40	36	.526	13
Orlando	39	39	.500	15
Washington	38	39	.494	15½
Boston	35	42	.455	18½
Philadelphia	30	48	.385	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	59	18	.766	-
y-Indiana	54	23	.701	5
y-Charlotte	47	30	.610	12
y-Atlanta	46	31	.597	13
y-Cleveland	44	33	.571	15
Milwaukee	35	42	.455	24
Detroit	35	43	.449	24½
Toronto	15	62	.195	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	59	18	.766	-
y-SanAntonio	53	25	.679	6½
y-Minnesota	41	36	.532	18
y-Houston	40	38	.513	19½
Dallas	19	59	.244	40½
Vancouver	17	59	.224	41½
Denver	10	67	.130	49

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	58	20	.744	-
y-L.A.Lakers	56	21	.727	1½
y-Phoenix	52	25	.675	5½
y-Portland	44	33	.571	13½
Sacramento	27	51	.346	31
GoldenState	16	61	.208	41½
L.A.Clippers	16	62	.205	42

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games

Detroit 102, Washington 83
Indiana 105, Atlanta 102, OT
Cleveland 91, Chicago 85
Seattle 103, Dallas 101
Denver 128, Sacramento 103
Portland 99, L.A. Clippers 95
Houston 93, Golden State 89

Friday's Games

Boston 82, Orlando 80, OT
Atlanta 99, Charlotte 87
Miami 111, Toronto 105, OT
Minnesota 107, Philadelphia 102
San Antonio 99, Seattle 84
Utah 126, L.A. Clippers 109
Phoenix 114, L.A. Lakers 105
Houston 97, Sacramento 85

Saturday's Games

Portland at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New York at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 6 p.m.
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Sports Briefs

Volunteers needed

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Volleyball tournament

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Registration forms may be picked up at the WTC athletic office. For more information contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Softball tryouts

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Tryouts for pixie 7-8 and 10-under will be Tuesday.

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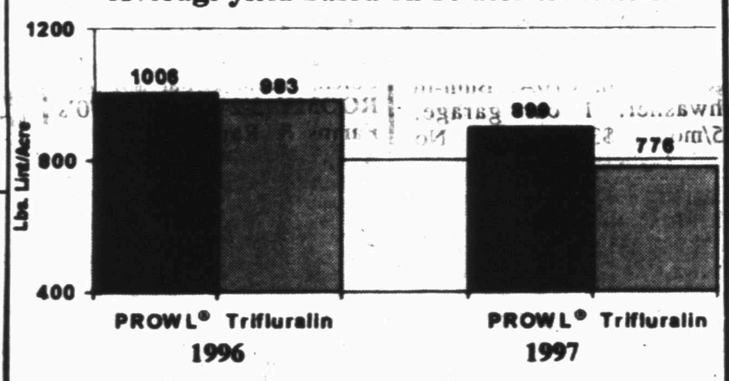

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BID NOTICE
Western Texas College will be accepting bids on (2) Air Conditioning Units until 1:00 p.m. April 27, 1998. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone 915-573-8511, Ext. 203.

April 7, 1998
NOTICE
The Rotan ISD is accepting applications for the following positions:
FOOD SERVICE MANAGER
Applications will be accepted until April 17, 1998.
For an application and information concerning the referenced position, please contact:
Jim D. Copeland, Superintendent
915-735-2332 office
Rotan Independent School District
102 North McKinley
Rotan, Texas 79546
Rotan ISD is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes all applicants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas §
County of Scurry §
To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of EDWARD EARL FOREE, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,428:
The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of EDWARD EARL FOREE, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 9th day of April, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to VERNA LEONE FOREE, 2209 43rd Street, Snyder, Texas 79549 within the time prescribed by law.
Excecuted this 8th day of April, 1998.
(s) VERNA LEONE FOREE
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
EDWARD EARL FOREE,
deceased

The Snyder Independent School District will accept sealed bids until 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 14, 19987 at the School Administration Building, 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549 for a High Capacity WAN that has the capability of delivering Video, Data and Voice. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling Betty Morgan at (915) 573-5401 or by writing to the address above. The Snyder Independent School District reserves the right to reject all proposals or bids, waive any and all technicalities and accept the proposal which will best meet the needs of the district.

NOTICE OF Trustee ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION Regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Ira, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Ira Texas:)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 2, 19 98, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect two trustees (2).
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de mayo de 19 98 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos (2) regentes.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Ira Community Center, Ira, Texas
El Centro Público de Ira, Ira, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantado en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
Ira ISD Administration Office; la oficina de administracion de Ira
(location) (sitio)
between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1998 (date)
(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 15 de abril, 1998 (fecha))
and ending on April 28, 1998 (date)
(y terminando el 28 de abril, 1998 (fecha))

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*
(La votación en adelantado además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de las maneras:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)
Carolyn Carter
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantado)
P.O. Box 240
(Address) (Dirección)
Ira, TX 79527
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)
Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
April 24, 1998 ; 24 de abril, 1998
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 6th day of April, 19 98
(Emitido este día 6 de abril, 19 98)
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

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Tobacco trial set to enter new phase

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — After a three-year court fight, the lawyer leading the state's fight with the tobacco industry says he finally has his "smoking howitzers."

Michael Ciresi is representing the state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield in their $1.77 billion lawsuit against the major cigarette makers. His firm received 39,000 internal documents Monday that the tobacco companies fought long and hard to keep locked up.

Ciresi likely will begin introducing the much anticipated documents Tuesday.

Though he is prohibited from discussing the documents specifically until they are introduced in court, Ciresi said Thursday evening they have proven to be as incriminating as his team hoped.

"It really is utterly unbelievable," Ciresi said, citing in particular what the documents show about the involvement of tobacco company lawyers in their clients' alleged wrongdoing.

David Bernick, an attorney for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., said the documents contain "lawyer gossip," but they won't help the plaintiffs prove their case.

The most important test of their relevance, he said, is whether there is any information in the papers that would have made a real difference in anyone's decision to smoke if the information had been released earlier.

"If you apply that touchstone, there is nothing in these documents," Bernick said.

The state and Blue Cross claim the tobacco companies should have to pay $1.77 billion to cover the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses. They also seek unspecified punitive damages.

The defense claimed the 39,000 documents were protected by the attorney-client privilege, but Ramsey County Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick rejected that. Minnesota's appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to overrule him.

Ciresi said some documents highlight the points his side has been trying to make in court for weeks — and they do it more vividly. He said they would have been particularly useful during the testimony of James Glenn, the head of the Council for Tobacco Research.

The tobacco industry set up the CTR in 1954 with the stated purpose of funding independent research into smoking and health issues. The plaintiffs contend the CTR was a cog in a public relations ploy by the cigarette makers — guided heavily by their lawyers — to fool people into doubting the link between smoking and disease.

The plaintiffs rested their case provisionally March 24 — before they got the 39,000 documents. They reserved the right to come back and call new witnesses or recall old witnesses to discuss what they found. But Ciresi said he was no longer sure whether they needed to do that, and he doesn't want to keep the jury longer than necessary.

"We will want to do something," he said. "I'm just not sure what at this point."

While the jurors have not been sequestered, Judge Fitzpatrick has instructed them not to discuss the case with anyone, and they're prohibited from reading or watching news reports about the trial.

Births

Michael and Shondra Davis of Comanche announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Blakelynn, at 1:51 a.m. on March 30 in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed one pound, seven ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Wade and Hazel Davis of Comanche and maternal grandparents are Donna Robinson and Jim and Billie Robinson, all of Snyder.

Hoyle and Joan Holladay of Snyder proudly announce the birth of a new granddaughter, Anna Elaine Erekson, born Monday, April 6, 1998 in Fredericksburg, Tx.

Parents are Ronny and Denise Erekson of Rocksprings, Tx. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Welcoming the baby home are two older sisters, Naomi and Ruth. Other relatives include one grandmother Pauline Erekson of Rocksprings and one great-grandmother, Thelma Ford of Snyder.

Paid Announcement

Smylie makes Eagle Scout

J. William Smylie, the grandson of James C. Smylie, former Snyder resident, has recently been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts of America.

Smylie began his scouting journey as a Cub Scout in 1987 with Den 1 Pack 493 of the Columbia Pacific Council in Vancouver, Wash.

On his trail to Eagle, Smylie earned 25 merit badges, among other recognition, and served as an assistant patrol leader, troop guide and senior patrol leader.

Date Book

April 11, 1998

Today is the 101st day of 1998 and the 23rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France and was banished to the Isle of Elba.

On this day in 1890, John Merrick, the Elephant Man, died at the age of 29.

On this day in 1968, one week after the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., President Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), poet; Charles Evans Hughes (1862-1948), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Dean Acheson (1893-1971), U.S. secretary of state; Joel Grey (1932-), actor, is 66; Louise Lasser (1939-), actress, is 59; Bret Saberhagen (1964-), baseball player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, the Boston Celtics defeated the St. Louis Hawks, 121-112, to win the NBA championship series in five games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nonviolence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our very being." — Mohandas K. Gandhi

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1974, a tornado in Bangladesh destroyed more than 2,000 homes in 17 villages.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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April 12, 1998

Today is the 102nd day of 1998 and the 24th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1945, President F.D. Roosevelt died at the age of 63, three months after beginning his fourth term.

On this day in 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space — he orbited the Earth once, and was in flight for 108 minutes.

On this day in 1985, Jake Garn of Utah became the first senator to fly in space, on board the space shuttle Discovery.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Clay (1777-1852), U.S. statesman; Lionel Hampton (1913-), musicia ., is 85; Ann Miller (1923-), dancer, is 75; Herbie Hancock (1940-), musician, is 58; David Letterman (1947-), TV personality, is 51; David Cassidy (1950-), singer-actor, is 48; Shannen Doherty (1971-), actress, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Larry Mize defeated Greg Norman to win the Masters golf tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would rather be right than be president." — Henry Clay

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1945, 128 people were killed by tornadoes in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday
Sunday, April 12, 1998

Your chances for material growth look strong in this cycle. Conditions might not always be optimum, but the general trends will keep moving in a favorable direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An endeavor in which you're presently involved hasn't looked too favorable over the long haul. However, you could experience a change for the better today when it turns into something nifty. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It might be essential to make a difficult decision today that could affect a sensitive friend. Regardless, it's best to do what you believe to be proper instead of placating your pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There a chance you might be a rather slow starter today, but once you get into gear, your productivity will be impressive. Get past the initial obstacles without introducing complications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't endorse business proposals at face value today, even if a respected associate makes the presentation. There could be some hidden twists and turns that aren't apparent to him/her.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your mate's input in matters that affect you collectively might be a tad off the mark today. It's best you try to maintain control over this development.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who respects your judgment might come to you for advice today. Out of kindness you might tell this person what you think s/he wants to hear instead of what you truly believe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might go to extremes where your material interests are concerned. In some instances you'll be remarkably bright, but in others you could be careless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to advance your self-interest today you may have to toot your own horn. Progress could be impeded if you are unduly modest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you're not easily intimidated by challenges, but today your self-esteem might be rather low. Later in the day you'll discover that these negative thoughts were only fantasies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't waste money today in order to look good in front of others. It won't impress them nearly as much as it could depress you when your funds thin out at the end of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Poorly defined goals or obscure objectives diminish your potential for success today. To succeed you must be exact regarding your targets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you've been spending a lot of time imagining how you want to handle a particular situation, it's time to get your head out of the clouds and start running with the ball.

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Your Birthday
Monday, April 13, 1998

Exciting developments could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. This could be a time when many of your hopes, aspirations and expectations can be fulfilled.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It looks like some of your basic handiwork could become effective today in a financial matter with domestic overtones that you have been trying to resolve. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be watchful today, because an unusual opportunity might present itself and permit you to profit from being a mediator in bringing two dissenting factions together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Over the next few days your probabilities for fulfilling two ambitious objectives look promising. However, you'll still have to earn what you get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Beginning today there could be an observable improvement where your social life is concerned. Help things along by taking advantage of any invitations you receive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A shift in circumstances might transpire today that will involve you, even though you might be unaware of it. When the dust settled, this event will have beneficial ramifications.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be in your element today if you're fortunate enough to participate in some form of group activity. Fun things happen when the gang gets together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Financial trends are beginning to look more encouraging for you at this time, so it behooves you to be money-minded. Probe for openings that could lead to a fatter wallet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Dealings you have at this time with prestigious or influential persons should work out well. They'll take as serious an interest in your activities as you will in theirs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might gain something of material value today through an unusual arrangement. It could be the result of a forgotten good deed you've done for someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Agreements you negotiate today should prove to be constructive for all parties concerned. A strong foundation will make for amity among the parties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is an interesting cycle in which a number of your worthwhile objectives can be achieved. They will be of equal importance, but unrelated to one another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Friends in general will find you a pleasant companion today. They'll want to partake of the excitement you generate when you're around them.

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President Salvador Allende of Chile was deposed in a military coup in 1973. The new leaders said Allende had committed suicide.

Cards Of Thanks

Thank You

One is not gone who touched the lives of others in such a warm and caring way.

Words cannot express the void we feel in our hearts. We always knew that Terry Don was a wonderful husband and father, now we know how special he was to all his friends and family. That he was respected and loved by the people he came in contact with.

Thank you to all those who sent flowers, cards, and called or came by to visit while he was in the hospital.

To everyone who came to the house as soon as we returned home, we appreciate everything you did. To everyone who came by our home, brought food, sent flowers or cards, made donations in his memory, and called us to ask if they could help, we are truly grateful.

We feel blessed to be surrounded by so many friends and loved ones. We love each of you.

Charlotte, Tracie, and
Timothy McDowell

In Memory Of

In Loving Memory Of
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There isn't a day that goes by that we don't think of you. We will cherish the many birthdays we shared with you. Although we may not be able to hold you in our arms, you are constantly in our hearts and you are always in our thoughts. You left us beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide. Although we cannot see you; you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

Happy Birthday

Simon Quiros, Sr.
and Children & Grandchildren

To Our Friends and Friends of Kevin
for every thought and prayer, we thank you.

To those who traveled so far to say goodbye, we are truly touched.

For every deed and act of kindness we are eternally grateful.

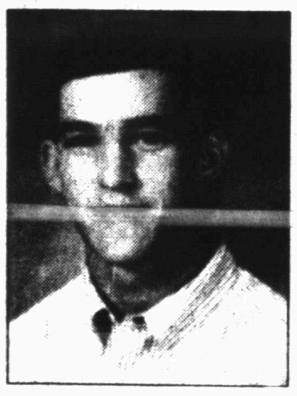
For every tribute of song, words, food, cards, flowers or memorials, we are overwhelmed.

For every heart that aches along with ours, we pray for healing.

To know Kevin is warmly, safely resting in God's loving arms gives us strength to go on.

And the promise that we will all be together again, laughing and rejoicing, gives us hope.

Anyone who knew Kevin knew he liked nothing better than to laugh, so in his honor, lets all try to have at least one good laugh today.



Kevin Lacik

We love you,
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Harold & Irene Lacik
Leroy & Nona Key, Opal Key
A host of loving relatives

SERVICE AWARD — Billy R. Tarter, right, an engineering technician in the Texas Department of Transportation's Snyder area office, was recently honored with a 35-year service award. Maribel P. Chavez, Abilene district engineer, presented the award to Tarter during an awards ceremony. (TxDOT photo)

Tarter receives 35-year award

ABILENE — Bill R. Tarter, Snyder area office employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was recently honored with a 35-year service award.

Tarter, an engineering technician in the Snyder area office, began his TxDOT career in October 1962 as an engineering aide. He has worked in the Abilene district's Snyder area office since joining the department.

He is a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School and the son of Carrie Tarter of Snyder and the late Carl Tarter.

Tarter is married to the former Connie Cox of Snyder. They have one daughter, Lea, age 23, and a grandson, Johnathan.

May We Introduce..

Olivia Long

Medicare Manager / LVN

Olivia has worked at Snyder Healthcare Center for four years. She got her nursing degree at TSTC. She has been married for 20 years and lives in Loraine.

Olivia enjoys gardening, camping and fishing in her spare time.

Of Snyder Healthcare Center she says, "I have such a large new family with all the residents and their families. I really enjoy helping people".

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Snyder team first in crops

CLARENDON — More than 1,800 students from across the state of Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma tested their judging skills in the 17th annual Clarendon College Judging Contest recently.

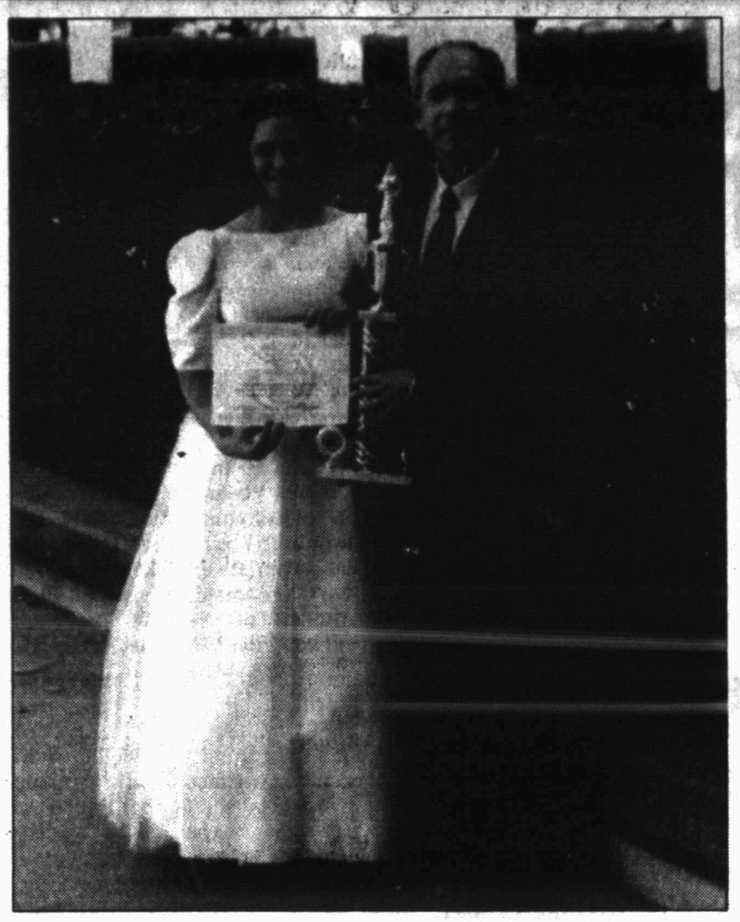
Twenty-seven 4-H clubs and 126 FFA chapter teams competed in more than 15 judging contests. Teams competed in contests ranging from livestock and horse judging to entomology and land judging.

The Snyder team was first in the FFA Crops Judging Contest and Janette Allen and Blake Bell were 1 and 2 respectively in individual competition.

Fergie plays squash

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, played squash in a charity event to raise funds for an inner-city youth center — then posted $4,000 bail to spring the program's founder from jail.

Ramon "Tru" Dixon was arrested for failing to pay child support. Miss Ferguson met Dixon last year when she was in Pittsburgh to film a segment on inspirational people for her first television special.



TOP TWENTY — Jessica Sollis recently competed in the Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Achievement Program in Waco. Shown with her father, Wendell, she holds the trophy and certificate she received. (Contributed Photo)

Jessica Sollis places in top 20 at program

Jessica Sollis, daughter of Wendell and Dustee Sollis, recently competed in the Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Achievement Program in Waco.

The achievement program is open to girls 9-13.

Jessica was chosen in the top 20 of 156 contestants and was one of 10 girls selected for eligibility for a $500 scholarship at a Texas university when she is a senior in high school.

Jessica also competed in the talent contest, where she played a classical piece on the piano then switched to the fiddle while her father accompanied her on the banjo. Their selection was a Texas medley of historical cowboy pieces.

The contestants are judged on academics and achievements, 30%; interview, 30%; poise presentation in gown, 20%; and personality, 20%.

Several local businesses and individuals helped sponsor Jessica. They are: West Texas State Bank, Edward Jones, J.C. Penney, Deep Creek Shoe Repairs, Wagon Wheel Ranch, Landes Home Furnishings, Country Place, Tiger Mart, Big Country Autoland, Snyder Drug, Claudene Atwood, Pat Falls, Bill Holloway and Elmo Hall.

Contamination by Listeria prompts blue cheese recall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Possible listeria contamination prompted a Wisconsin manufacturer to pull its 4-ounce packages of Treasure Cave Blue Cheese squares and crumbles off supermarket shelves.

No illnesses have been reported to the manufacturer, Beatrice Cheese Inc., but the company said Friday that consumers should not eat the products because of the potential for serious illness. The listeria monocytogenes bacteria can be fatal to young children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems. It also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled packages of blue cheese squares have "sell by" dates of 07/27/98, 7/21/98, 7/28/98 and 8/01/98. The recalled blue cheese crumble packages have "sell by" dates of 10/25/98, 10/19/98 and 11/01/98. The products were distributed nationwide.

ARROW OF LIGHT — Nine Cub Scouts participated in a recent arrow of light ceremony. They include front row, Conor Johnson, Justin Rios, Christopher Smauley, Jarrod Fletcher, Antoine Jeffery; and back row, Cody Sneed, Scott Downing, Ryan Sales, Quinn Long.

Nine boys participate in arrow of light event

An arrow of light ceremony for Cub Scout Pack 177 was recently held at Grace Lutheran Church. Nine boys participated in the arrow of light ceremony which is the highest rank a boy can receive in Cub Scouts. They have also graduated to Boy Scout Troop 27.

The boys dressed in Indian costumes borrowed from Big Spring's Boy Scout Troop 5 which helped put on the ceremony.

The boys include Conor Johnson, Justin Rios, Christopher Smauley, Jarrod Fletcher, Antoine Jeffery, Cody Sneed, Scott Downing, Ryan Sales, Quinn Long.

Rocker settles suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Troubled rocker Tommy Lee agreed to settle a civil lawsuit alleging he roughed up a paparazzi cameraman outside a West Hollywood nightclub.

The settlement averted a trial set for Monday in the lawsuit accusing Lee, 35, of throwing Henry Trappler to the ground outside a West Hollywood nightclub on Sept. 29, 1996.

Trappler suffered a displaced hip and other injuries prompting a four-day hospital stay and months of recuperation, his attorneys said.

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NATHAN ZALMAN, KENT WRIGHT

Nathan is the son of John and Donna Zalman, III of Hermleigh. He has five brothers. He is a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. As a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School, he was inducted into Who's Who among American High School Students in 1993-94. He attended Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in Dallas, Texas, graduating in February of 1998 as salutatorian of his class. He is also a member of Phi Sigma Eta Fraternity.

"The position of Funeral Director as a profession in small communities such as Snyder is extremely difficult at times. It is during those times, one knows for sure that his/her calling is from God alone. In my 20 years of experience of being a Funeral Director, this fact has been proven numerous times."

"When someone calls to visit with me about their desire to pursue a profession in the field of Funeral Directing, encouragement on my part is easy because I know what it feels like to be in the position of helping people. The experiences Nathan has had of working with young people involved in football and baseball, was instrumental in his choice of becoming a Funeral Director. From the first interview I had with Nathan, I sensed his caring and compassionate nature, combined with his desire to help people during one of the most difficult times of their lives."

"We are extremely pleased that Nathan has chosen to "come back home" and become not only a vital asset to our firm but also an asset to our community. He shares our beliefs...that you only get out of a community what you put into it! We are excited about the fact that he is willing to become fully involved in our community. Working with others to help Snyder remain the kind of city that people want to live and work in!"

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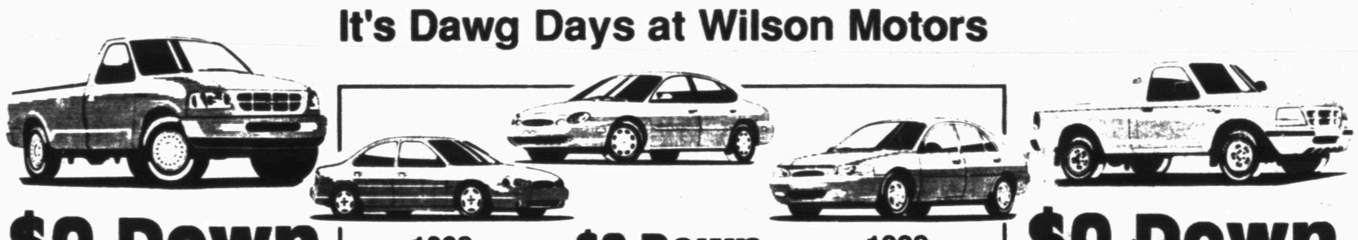

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Internet phone services' fee postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the time being, people making calls over the Internet won't have to pay for supporting the nation's telephone system. That could change, but not anytime soon.

The Federal Communications Commission, in a report to Congress on Friday, said it is not ready to conclude that the long-distance calls carried over the Internet or other data networks should be regulated as a telecommunications service.

Such a finding could require IDT Corp., Qwest Communications, Level III and other Internet phone companies to pay fees to support affordable telephone service. That would result in higher rates to customers.

Some Internet telephone services "bear the characteristics of telecommunications services, but we do not, however, believe it is appropriate to make any definitive pronouncements in the absence of a more complete record," the FCC said. It left the door open to future regulation, however.

FCC Chairman Bill Kennard said the commission would try to resolve whether Internet phone companies should be forced to pay fees when the agency responds to specific complaints and petitions. Kennard said the FCC would not open a proceeding on its own to regulate Internet phone companies. Last week, FCC officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the FCC would move forward on its own.

"We can't dodge these questions forever," Kennard said.

The FCC's report did not recommend that America Online Inc. and other providers of Internet service pay access fees, as local phone companies and others have argued they should. Internet service companies say they indirectly pay the fees now when they buy network services from traditional phone companies.

But the report did suggest that Internet service providers that use their own networks to provide Internet services could end up having to pay fees to support the nation's phone system. Most Internet service providers don't fall into this category, officials said.

Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth refused to support the FCC's report,

Report: Karadzic trying to negotiate terms of surrender

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader during the ethnic war in Bosnia, is willing under certain conditions to surrender to the U.N. war crimes tribunal and stand trial, The Washington Post reported Saturday.

He was prepared to surrender twice in recent weeks to NATO peacekeepers for extradition to the tribunal in the Netherlands, but the transfers fell through at the last minute, according to the report. The Post cited as its source unidentified diplomats who were quoting the current moderate Bosnian Serb leaders.

Karadzic has discussed terms of surrender with those leaders and seems most worried about where he would serve his sentence if convicted by the U.N. tribunal, senior Western officials told the newspaper.

The State Department on Thursday said Karadzic, blamed for some of the worst atrocities of the 3½-year war that ended in 1995, should turn himself over to the tribunal.

Spokesman James P. Rubin refused comment on a report asserting that special forces from the United States, the Netherlands and Britain have been training for weeks to seize Karadzic from Pale, seat of the Bosnian Serb wartime leadership.

The Post, however, said Karadzic is trying to make the best deal for himself, rather than continue eluding capture by Western soldiers.

U.S. officials are discounting a report that Karadzic, not seen in public since September 1996, has fled the Serb area of Bosnia.

Disturbance leads to arrests, citations

A disturbance call from 2803 Ave. X shortly before 11 p.m. Friday resulted in four people being arrested and others issued citations for various offenses, including minor in possession of tobacco.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, an 18-year-old male for consumption of alcohol by a minor and an outstanding city warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia and a 19-year-old male for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

A 16-year-old female was also taken into custody for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

One other person was arrested early Saturday morning. A 30-year-old male was taken into custody for Class A assault/family violence.

Friday, officers took a 33-year-old male into custody at 12:58 p.m. in the 1700 block of 23rd Street for driving while license suspended.

In other activity Friday, a report of a possible prowler was made at 10 p.m. from the 200 block of 35th Street. A report of a possible prowler was made at 1:26 a.m. Saturday from the 1000 block of N. Avenue R.

An accident involving a vehicle and a motorcycle around 5:30 p.m. Friday at the intesection of 25th Street and College Avenue sent one person to the hospital for treatment of injuries. An accident report was unavailable Saturday morning and Cogdell Hospital refused to release any patient information.

Small holes found in bomber

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small holes have been discovered in one of the Air Force's eight B-2 stealth bombers, damage that could cost up to $500,000 to repair, the service announced Friday.

The cause of the damage was unknown, but it may have been caused by a lightning strike, said Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Jay DeFrank.

All the service's B-2s are based with the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. Each aircraft cost $2 billion.

The damaged aircraft bears the name "Spirit of Missouri."

Damage amounts to small holes in the stealth material on one of the wings, the spokesman said. The plane is covered with specialized materials that enable it to absorb or deflect radar signals and thus avoid detection.

The damage occurred to the front edge of one of the wings, said Lt. Eric Elliott, a spokesman for the Air Combat Command at Langley, Va., which has responsibility for the planes.

Elliott said the damage, which initially had been thought to carry up to a $2 million price tag to repair, had been found to be less extensive than first thought, and therefore not as expensive.

Elliott said the plane was struck by lightning Feb. 26, but that no damage had been detected until the past several days. "They think that's when it could have occurred," the spokesman said.

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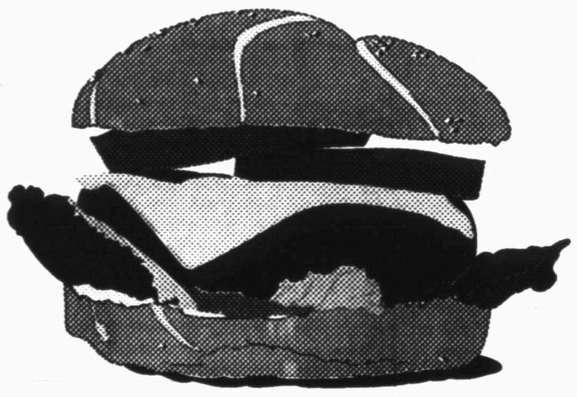
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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

'The Victor'

"The Victor," a dramatic Easter musical, will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church. The public is invited.

Jubilee Ministries Revival

Jubilee Ministries Revival with evangelist Jerry Murphy will be at 908 E. Highway 180 at 7 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

First Baptist Easter Service

First Baptist Church of Snyder Easter Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium. The community is invited.

Ira United Methodist

Ira United Methodist Church will have a sunrise Easter service at 7 a.m. Sunday. Breakfast will follow.

Planetarium show

WTC Planetarium will present "Through The Eyes of Hubble" at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the WTC science department. Admission is free.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "The View From the Cross," followed by "God is My Strength" will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

SHS Class of 1968

Snyder High School Class of 1968 will have a reunion planning session at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Patterson Petroleum meeting room, 4500 Lamesa Highway. For more information, call 573-2400.

Alzheimers forum

Social service director James Rhodes has arranged for Sue Davis to address the community on Alzheimers at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Healthcare Center.

First United Methodist turns 115

"Building a Legacy of Love" is the theme for the 115th anniversary of the First United Methodist Church, set next Sunday. There will be no early worship service. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. Fellowship in Wesley Hall will be at 10:30 a.m. and worship begins at 10:50 a.m. A noon meal will follow. Bishop Alfred Norris will be the guest speaker.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold its annual Sausage Festival next Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage will also be sold by the pound. There were be raffles, game booths and a country store.

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is needing donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday, April 25. Twelve homes will be repaired. Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541 or dropped off at West Elementary or Sam Robertson Insurance office. Groups or individuals wishing to volunteer can contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. Call 573-6301.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

'Funding Sources for Geriatrics'

Murphy Watson will address the community on "Funding Sources for Geriatrics" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Snyder Healthcare Center.

Baseball boosters fund-raiser

Snyder High School Baseball Boosters are selling caps and T-shirts at all home games. They are also on sale at the high school and Lang Tire. Proceeds will go into the high school baseball fund.

Parents of SHS seniors

Parents of SHS seniors are reminded they need to make a $20 donation to help pay for the senior steak supper and all-night graduation party. The funds can be taken to the high school office or mailed to Barbara Eicke at Box 111. Checks should be made out to the Snyder High School Senior Class 1998.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-12-15-24-35
(One, twelve, fifteen, twenty-four, thirty-five)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-4-3
(Two, four, three)

SHS graduate copes with multiple sclerosis

Inaugural MS Walk, benefit country concert planned next Saturday

Almost in the blink of an eye, Michael Torres' life changed.

In May of 1992 he was getting ready to graduate from Snyder High School. Long-range plans were already in the works — college and then a career as a probation officer, something Michael has always wanted.

Athletically inclined, he had participated in all sports, including football, which he began in the pee wee league.

As graduation day loomed, Michael began experiencing vision problems. At first, it was periodic blurry vision, then he saw spots before his eyes, and sometimes his eyes wouldn't focus. Occasionally, he would fall while walking.

He didn't then understand what was happening to him.

Graduation day arrived, bright with promise and hope, and Michael received his diploma, along with fellow seniors.

About a week later, his physical problems intensifed. He began falling down more and became very ill. He was subjected to a battery of tests in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. Three months later, doctors diagnosed multiple sclerosis.

MS has changed not only Michael's life but his family's, too. He lives with his mother, Mary Porras, who is also his driver. Michael said that's difficult for her, because he depends on her to get his wheelchair into and out of the car.

Having MS means that Michael has to rely on his mother and family more than an average 24-year-old. He said he is grateful that "I can count on them."

In the beginning, he became isolated and avoided contact with people. However, he is more outgoing since he has accepted that he has MS and is confined to a wheelchair. "I am still the same person I was before I got sick," he said.

He still keeps in touch with high school friends who have also accepted the changes in his life.

Some of them will be participating in next Saturday's MS Walk. He is excited about the way people are pitching in to help with the walk, Snyder's first to benefit multiple sclerosis. He also wishes that he had gotten involved with MS projects sooner.

At the MS kick-off party several weeks ago he said he met another local person who also has MS.

Though in a wheelchair, Michael still exercises and stays as active as possible. But he has to rest and not over-do physical activity. His arms tire easily.

The intensity of Michael's illness varies and he has both good days and bad days. He calls weather his "worst enemy" because temperature changes aggravate his MS, and the really hot days cause him to become fatigued quickly.

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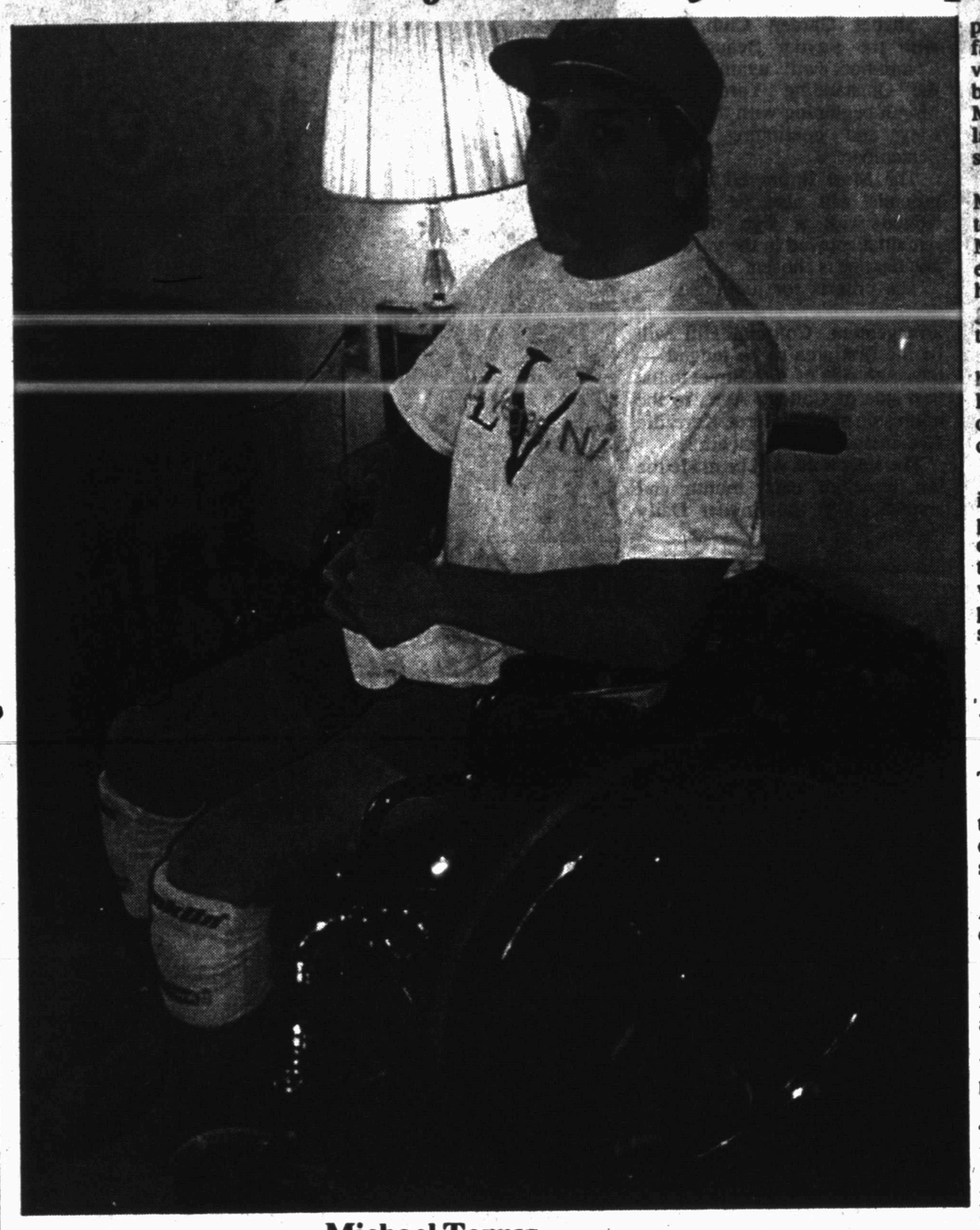

Michael Torres

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

MS Walk, concert

The 1998 Multiple Sclerosis Walk will be held next Saturday at Towle Park. Proceeds will benefit local programs and client services.

In addition to the MS Walk, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, West Texas Division, and KSNY are teaming up to sponsor a concert on the evening of April 18 to raise money to support local services of NMSS.

The walk will begin with a 9 a.m. registration at the National Guard Armory in Towle Park. The five-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served by BJ Services.

Everyone is encouraged to participate and walk-ons are welcome.

Autographed memorabilia and benefit concert tickets for the Brad Hawkins show that evening will also be sold at the park. KSNY plans a live radio remote.

The concert with Hawkins, a country artist, will begin at 7 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium, with doors opening at 6 p.m. The opening band will be Los Lonely Boys.

Concert tickets are available for a $10 donation at KSNY or West Texas State Bank. Seating is limited. All proceeds will benefit the West Texas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Local sponsors of the MS Walk include KSNY, WSI, BJ Services, Pennzoil Petroleum Company, Southern Electric, YZ Industries, Reef Chemical, Grumpy's Cafe, Amco Medical Service and Bollinger Ice.

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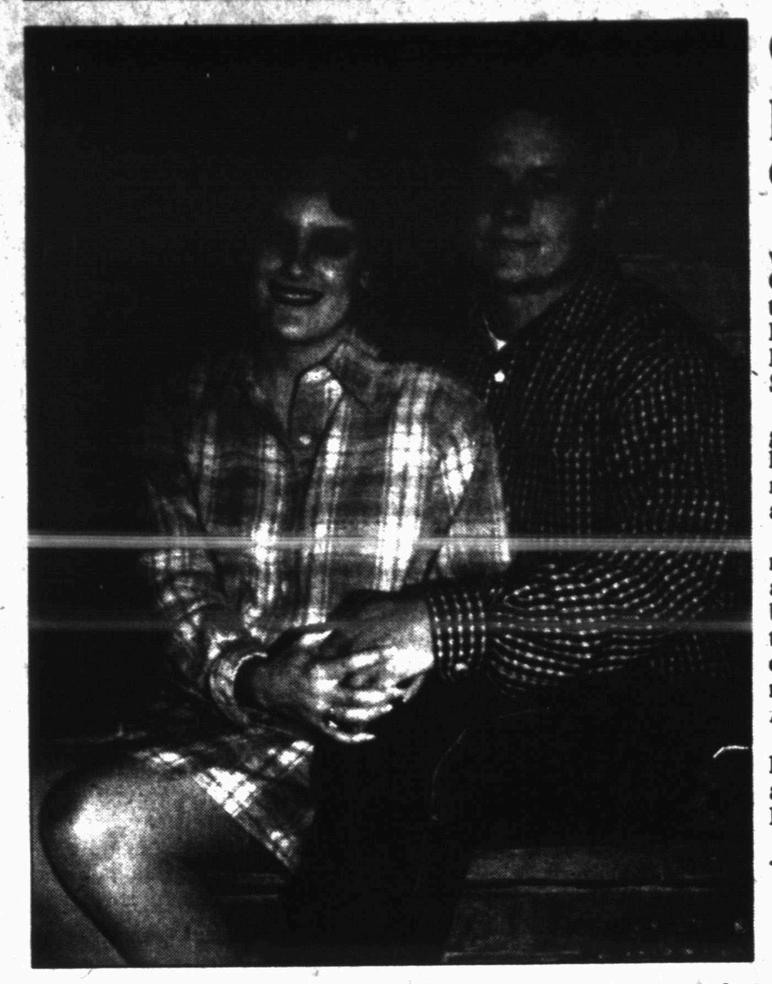

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Cindy Sharp announces the engagement of her daughter, Shelley Renee, to Cody Lynn, son of Ricky and Toni Shields. A garden wedding is being planned for June 13 at 6 p.m. at the home of the bride's grandparents, Bernhard and Lois Bartels. (Contributed Photo)

Garden club plans 'yard of the month'

Snyder Garden Club, along with the Snyder Beautification Committee, will again sponsor the Outstanding Yard of the Month beginning with the first of May and continuing through September.

The Most Improved Business grounds will also be acknowledged with a sign that will remain displayed in the yard until another one is chosen.

The criteria for judging is — neatness, color, and balance in arrangement. Colonial Hill will be the first area to be judged — the south side of 37th Street to the east side of College Ave., to the north side of 20th Street, Kerrville Ave. including the west circle.

The selections will be made the last week of each month and announced in the Snyder Daily News.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lynn Digby
(Contributed Photo)

Jodie Shepard, Bo Digby...

Vows said in church

Colonial Hill Baptist Church was the setting Sat., March 21, for the wedding of Jodie Maurine Shepard and Gary Lynn (Bo) Digby. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of the church, officiated at the 7 p.m. double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Glenn and Freda Shepard and the granddaughter of Alfred and Sammie Chambers of Coleman and Charles and Vertie Shepard, and the late Zelma Shepard of Ballinger.

The groom is the son of the late Jimmy and Doris Digby and the grandson of Mrs. Mildred Wilson of Snyder and the late Ira Wilson.

Paula Howard, church organist and family friend of the bride, played pre-wedding selections as well as the traditional bridal march and processional.

A large ivy-covered brass heart with 55 candles in spiral and heart-shaped candelabras provided a soft setting for the wedding. The mother of the bride and Dolly Batchelor, the groom's aunt from Simms, lit the couple's candles on the unity stand.

Christen James, cousin of the bride from Hillsboro, lit all other candles as Kenny G.'s "Wedding Song" was played. "Keeper of the Stars," by Tracy Byrd, was played as the couple lighted their unity candle.

Escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by both parents, the bride was attired in a gown of ivory symphony satin and floral lace. It was designed and made by the bride's mother and Ellen Rumpff, a family friend from Austin, formerly of Snyder. The empire gown had a sweetheart neckline and lacey jacket with sheer sleeves that came to a point at her fingertips.

Her gown and cathedral-length train were embroidered with ivory scallops along the hemlines with bows, double rings, and heart designs delicately done in shades of ivory and peach especially for the bride by Mrs. Rumpff. For the reception, it was gathered bustle-style with loop and pearl cluster button closings. She wore baby's breath in her hair.

For something old, Jodie wore pearl earrings that belonged to her late paternal great-grandmother, Eula Mosley. She also wore a gold pendant necklace belonging to her maternal grandmother that held the diamond in her grandmother's engagement ring which she received from the bride's maternal grandfather in 1948. Something new was her wedding gown and her ivory lace-up wedding boots. Something borrowed was a pair of tiny diamond and pearl earrings from her aunt, Tena James from Hillsboro, and something blue was the garter made by her mother.

Jodie carried an arm bouquet of mixed spring silk flowers. The deep purple iris, a gift from her sister, was a favorite from childhood. Peach tulips, her personal favorites, peach tiger lilies, purple statice, peace roses, and iridescent baby's breath complemented each other. The three white tulips were in memory of her paternal grandmother and the groom's parents. A small gold butterfly, the Japanese symbol of happiness, was also nestled into her bouquet.

Lori Elston of Marshall was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Lucy Gregg from Abilene; Courtney James, cousin of the bride from Hillsboro; and Joylynn McGrew, sister of the bride from Snyder. Their deep purple, tea-length dresses featured scoop necklines in the back and cap sleeves, and plaid cummerbunds and sashes were in shades of deep purple, hunter green and gold. Pearl necklaces and arm bouquets of silk peach tulips and tiger lilies tied with peach and white ribbons completed their attire.

The bride's and attendants' bouquets, bountonnieres and houseparty corsages were all designed and made by the bride's mother.

The groom and his attendants were dressed in Nashville-style black tuxedo jackets, white shirts with black western cross ties, black Wranglers and boots. Billy Joe Digby of Hermleigh was his uncle's best man.

Groomsmen included Jimmy Digby, the groom's nephew from Snyder, John McRaney from Hermleigh, and Clynt James, the bride's cousin from Hillsboro. Ushers were Steven Crain, the groom's nephew from Snyder; and the bride's cousins, Christopher Bailey from Highland Village and Ty Porter from Ozona. The bride's nephew, Tyler McGrew, was ringbearer.

Casey Crain, the groom's niece, presided at the register book and handed out wedding programs.

At the reception held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch Party Barn, guests were welcomed into a room decorated with garlands of ivy and ficus trees accented with hundreds of tiny white lights. Tables were centered with helium-filled balloons, in the bride's chosen colors of peach and purple, tied to horseshoes. Purple and gold metallic confetti on purple and white cloths compeleted the table decor.

Balloons and lights outlined the dance floor where the bride and groom danced to "Next Step in Love," by Clay Walker, for their first dance together as husband and wife.

The bride's nine-layer cake was decorated with peach icing and ivory scallops. The hunter green wrought iron stand and columns that held the cake was decorated with English ivy and purple pansies. It was designed and created especially for the bride by Jana Glass.

The groom's three-tiered chocolate cake was baked and decorated by the bride's aunt from Highland Village, Donna Bailey, and her sister, Joylynn. It was decorated with miniature gold and white cowboy hats, horses and boots, and was topped with three large chocolate-covered strawberries.

The buffet held an assortment of hot and cold foods, chocolate-covered strawberries, white chocolate-covered white grapes, peach punch and coffee. Members of the houseparty included the bride's cousins, Catressa Garza from DeSoto and Aimee Bunting from Clyde, the groom's cousin, Brandy Digby, Katie Howard, Billie Adams, Judy Brown, Cyndee Gayle, Jana Glass and Meloney Early, wedding coordinator.

Donna Bailey was photographer and Jeremy Howard was the videographer.

The couple's new home in is Abilene.

Radioactive felines at home

SAN ONOFRE, Calif. (AP) — Two Southern California Edison employees are aglow about adopting four cats that have lived at the San Onofre nuclear power plant since they were born there more than two years ago.

The felines, which were radioactive when they were found as 6-week-old kittens by a security guard at the plant in February 1996, were decontaminated with thorough baths.

The two males, named Alpha and Beta, were going home with civil engineer Pauline Alten, while females Gamma and Neutron were headed home with technical specialist Ken Sheeks.

The four black cats have lived at the plant on the Pacific Coast about 50 miles north of San Diego since the guard found them.

The kittens carried relatively low levels of cesium and cobalt. Their mother was nowhere to be found, so health physics specialists fed the kittens using an eyedropper during the decontamination period.

The cats "have provided delightful entertainment and have been great companions for our employees," said Mary Jane Johnson, manager of San Onofre's environmental protection group.

But plant employees decided it was in the cats' best interest to provide them permanent homes.

Carpet baron gives $1 million to church

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — A Dalton carpet magnate gave $1 million to a local Catholic church to help it expand to accommodate the wave of Hispanic immigrants moving to northwest Georgia.

The gift to St. Joseph's Catholic Church was made by Carl Bouckaert, president and CEO of Beaulieu of America, said to be the third-largest carpet company in the world.

"There is no doubt that the growth of the church is due in large part to the growth of the Hispanic community, which plays a vital role in the success of our industry," Bouckaert said.

The 200-seat sanctuary of St. Joseph's, built in 1957, draws about 1,700 faithful to Mass each Sunday. About 64 percent of the worshippers are Hispanic, Father Daniel Stack said.

Bridal Registry

Shaun Derouen and Jon Derouen
Shelley Abendschan and Preston Huguley
Annie Ragland and Brandon Martin
La Donna Tarpley and Dave Hanes
Megan Harris and Glenn Lewis
Abbey Boles and Wesley Griffin
Haley Patterson and Clint Wilson
Julie Zeck and David Smithey
Wendi Sharp and Jerrod Short
Kayla Drain and Matthew Dickey
Holly Sanders and Cody Avants
Julie Lang and Brandon Lee
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♠ K J 5 4
♥ A 10 5 2
♦ 7
♣ A Q 4 3

West
♠ 8 6 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q J 10 8 4
♣ 8 5 2

East
♠ Q 10 9 7
♥ 9 8 7 4
♦ A K 9
♣ 7 6

South
♠ A 3
♥ K Q J
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ K J 10 9

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Tricks by the dozen

Is there some secret method to counting at the bridge table? In the supermarket, someone hands over a $100 bill for groceries amounting to $84.73. He or she is given $15.26 in change. Immediately, the shopper requests the extra cent. But ask that same person to count to 12 at the bridge table, and suddenly it is an unattainable goal. I wish I knew the solution.

In today's deal, almost all my students failed to make six clubs despite my telling them in advance to count their tricks. The one successful declarer was James French, from Vero Beach, Fla.

How would you have planned the play after the opponents cash a diamond trick, then switch to a heart?

It isn't easy to reach six clubs on such limited values. The key is that North's singleton diamond is opposite four low cards, making the fit wonderful.

Outside trumps, you start with six tricks: two spades and four hearts. So, you need six trump tricks. That means two ruffs in one hand or the other. By far the best approach is to ruff two diamonds in the dummy.

After winning trick two with the heart king, ruff a diamond with dummy's club queen (it doesn't hurt to play safely), return to hand with a trump, ruff another diamond with the club ace, draw trumps (discarding spades from the dummy), and claim.

J. Paul Getty said, "If you can actually count your money, then you are not really a rich man." But if you can actually count tricks correctly, you will be a rich bridge player.

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Women named to high post

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Women have been appointed for the first time to a top leadership body of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Delegates named Linda Booth of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Gail Mengel of Independence to the Council of 12 Apostles. The council is second only to the three-member First Presidency in the church hierarchy.

"This is a day of celebration for us all," delegate Marjorie Troeh of Independence said as she hugged Mengel.

Council members have administrative and spiritual responsibility for specific geographical regions.

The vote by the 2,800 delegates was overwhelmingly in favor of the women. It came during the week-long World Conference at church headquarters in Independence.

In 1984, the church voted to ordain women as ministers, thus allowing them to serve on the council. The vacancies are the first since 1984.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Jane Hinton directed all games of duplicate bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Five tables.
1. Sandra Rhodes, Dee Stearns.
2. Mary Bast, Johnnye Van Dever.
3. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.

SUNDAY

No game

TUESDAY

Four tables.
1. Jane Hinton, Frances Stevenson.
2. Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
3. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

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School Menus

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All meals are served with choice of milk; all breakfasts are also served with assorted dry cereal and chilled juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Easter Holiday

TUESDAY
Breakfast Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY
Waffles

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

TUESDAY
Corn Dog or Macaroni & Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato
Sweet Peas
Apple Crisp
Texas Toast

WEDNESDAY
Corn Dog or Nacho Grande
Lettuce & Tomato
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Chocolate Cake

THURSDAY
Corn Dog or Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Chilled Fruit

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Sweet Peas
Cobbler
Dinner Rolls

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BREAKFAST
All meals are served with milk

MONDAY
Holiday

TUESDAY
Juice
Glazed Donuts

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup

THURSDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

LUNCH

TUESDAY
Corn Dogs
Steak Fries
Tomato Wedges
Lemon Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Sausage Pizza
Buttered Corn
Shredded Lettuce
Fruit Jello

THURSDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Relish Cup
Crackers
Frozen Fruit Cup

FRIDAY
Holiday

Ira

MONDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peaches

TUESDAY
Beef Pasta
Black-eyed Peas
Fried Okra
Bread
No-bake Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Manager's Choice

THURSDAY
Chicken Pattie w/Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Jello w/Fruit

FRIDAY
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wynette honored

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Some of country music's heavyweights are singing the praises of Tammy Wynette, who died this week at age 55.

Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, Lorrie Morgan, Randy Travis and the Oak Ridge Boys were scheduled to sing at a memorial service for the "first lady of country music." The service, scheduled to run into the evening, was at the Ryman Auditorium, former home of the Grand Ole Opry.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentin Morin Jr.
(Contributed Photo)

Couple married in Rotan in double-ring ceremony

Veronica Jean Gomez and Valentin Morin Jr. exchanged nuptial vows at 6 p.m. on Feb. 21 in the Rotan Community Center. Judge Marshall Bennett of Rotan officiated the double-ring vows.

Carlos and Sylvia Rodriquez of Snyder are parents of the bride. Valentin and Pat Morin of Rotan and Carmen Morin of Sweetwater are parents of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriquez and Valentin and Pat Morin were candlelighters.

Father of the bride gave her in marriage as she wore a white silk floor-length gown. Her sleeves were adorned with roses and roses graced the dress back which flowed into the train.

She wore a long white veil with cascading baby's breath and greenery.

Kimberly Brade of Lubbock, maid of honor, wore a knee-length burgundy silk dress. She carried a bouquet of burgundy roses with greenery.

Flower girls were cousins of the bride, Courtney Bramlett of Lubbock and Valarie Thamez of Snyder.

Joe Garcia from San Antonio was best man. He wore a black tuxedo, with a penguin tail, over a black vest.

Guests registered at a table, covered with a white lace cloth decorated with burgundy bows.

A reception followed the ceremony in the center. The bride's table, covered with a white lace cloth, featured burgundy bows, and was centered with flowers and candles.

The three-tiered "All That Glitters" wedding cake was displaying gold ribbon and pearls with floral puffs between each layer.

The groom's table held a two-layer chocolate cake with white icing and each layer was decorated with black ribbon.

The couple made their home in Lubbock where the bride is a secretary for Venetian of Lubbock and the groom is foreman for Host Ice Co. The bride is a graduate of Snyder High School and attends International Business College and the groom is a Rotan High School graduate.

Special Easter eggs made for blind son

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — The department store cashier gave Margaret Paoli a funny look as she rang up the customer's 40 toy cellular phones.

"She said, 'So you're stocking up on toy cellular phones? Do you run a preschool?'" Mrs. Paoli asked.

Not exactly. Her husband, Mark, needed some parts from the phones to make their Easter eggs making beeping noises.

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Nation's best recorded music

By The Associated Press

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TOP SINGLES
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1. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
2. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silkk the Shocker (Def Jam)
3. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Gold)
4. "Frozen," Madonna (Maverick)
5. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
6. "Romeo and Juliet," Sylk-E. Fyne featuring Chill (RCA)
7. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
8. "Sex and Candy," Marcy Playground (Capitol)
9. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse) (Platinum)
10. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Sony)

TOP ALBUMS
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1. "'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Platinum)
4. "Ray of Light," Madonna (Maverick)
5. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
6. "Moment of Truth," Gang Starr (Noo Trybe)
7. "Pilgrim," Eric Clapton (Duck-Reprise)
8. "Retaliation, Revenge and Get Back," Daz Dillinger (Death Row)
9. "Love Always," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA) (Platinum)
10. "Life or Death," C-Murder (No Limit)

COUNTRY SINGLES
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1. "Bye Bye," Jo Dee Messina (Curb)
2. "Perfect Love," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
3. "Then What?" Clay Walker (Giant)
4. "If I Never Stop Lovin' You," David Kersh (Curb)
5. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
6. "This Kiss," Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
7. "Two Pina Coladas," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
8. "Dream Walkin'," Toby Keith (Mercury)
9. "Out of My Bones," Randy Travis (DreamWorks)
10. "Nothing But the Taillights," Clint Black (RCA)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES
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1. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
2. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Music)
3. "My Father's Eyes," Eric Clapton (Reprise)
4. "As Long As You Love Me," Backstreet Boys (Jive)
5. "I Don't Want to Wait," Paula Cole (Imago)
6. "You're Still The One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
7. "Give Me Forever (I Do)," John Tesh featuring James Ingram (GTSP-Mercury)
8. "Recover Your Soul," Elton John (Rocket)
9. "Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket)
10. "Landslide," Fleetwood Mac (Reprise)

R&B SINGLES
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1. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silkk the Shocker (Def Jam)
2. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
3. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Gold)
4. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M)
5. "Romeo and Juliet," Sylk-E. Fyne featuring Chill (RCA)
6. "A Rose Is Still A Rose," Aretha Franklin (Arista)
7. "No No No," Destiny's Child (Columbia) (Platinum)
8. "It's All About Me," Mya featuring Sisqo of Dru Hill (Interscope)
9. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
10. "What You Want," Mase (Featuring Total) (Bad Boy) (Gold)

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. "The Way," Fastball (Hollywood)
2. "Sex & Candy," Marcy Playground (Mammoth-Capitol)
3. "Closing Time," Semisonic (MCA)
4. "I Will Buy You a New Life," Everclear (Capitol)
5. "Don't Drink the Water," Dave Matthews Band (RCA)
6. "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)," Green Day (Reprise)
7. "My Own Prison," Creed (Wind-Up)
8. "Push It," Garbage (Almo Sounds-Interscope)
9. "My Hero," Foo Fighters (Capitol)
10. "Clumsy," Our Lady Peace (Columbia)

CLASSICAL ALBUMS
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1. "Viaggio Italiano," Andrea Bocelli (Philips)
2. "My Secret Passion — The Arias," Michael Bolton (Sony Classical)
3. "In Concert," Andre Rieu (Philips)
4. "Bach: The Cello Suites," Yo-Yo Ma (Sony Classical)
5. "Piazzolla: The Soul of the Tango," Yo-Yo Ma (Sony Classical)
6. "The Vienna I Love," Andre Rieu (Philips)

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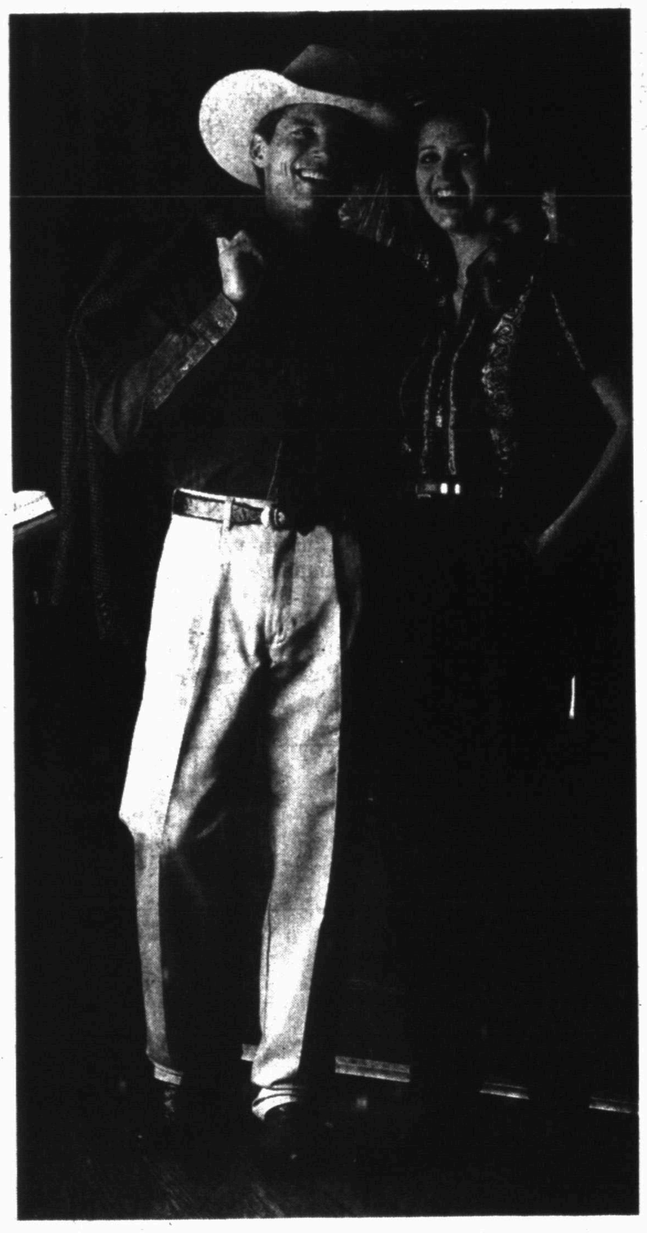

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Morris Shaw School of Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave. For more information, call 573-2850; no reservations needed.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Musical Review," by Dorothy Kayser's students; Barbara McGee, hostess; 4:15 p.m.

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; "Wildflowers in Scurry County," by Britt Canada, WTC professor; Brenda Hedges' office; Vickie Bell and Gay Idom, hostesses; 7 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7:30 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.

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters; MAWC; "Spring is Here," by Donna Fowler; Shirley Stewart, Gussie Gray and Maribeth Vestal, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

BRIDAL TEA — Julie Zeck of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Snyder, was honoree at a bridal tea last Saturday in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. She is the bride-elect of David Smithey. They plan to marry on July 18 in the Forrest Hills Baptist Church in Nashville. Shown from left are Pam Patterson of Dallas, mother of the future bride; the honoree; Emily Zeck, the honoree's sister from New York; and Margaret Smithey of Nashville, mother of the prospective groom. Not pictured are the bride-elect's grandmothers, Faye Patterson and Martha Shiebel, both of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Shopper loses half of her nose after checkout

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A woman with more than the authorized number of items in a supermarket's express checkout lane lost a portion of her nose in a knife attack by another customer.

Vickie Lemons, 27, was slashed with a pocket knife after the other customer followed her into the parking lot Wednesday, police Capt. Joseph Purpero said.

Lemons lost about half her nose and underwent surgery Thursday, her fiance James Powell said. Her arm also was cut.

"This is not small. The lady just went crazy," Powell said.

A checkout clerk whose lane was free motioned to Lemons even though she had more than the 10 items allowed at that cash register, Powell said.

A 41-year-old woman who followed Lemons to the lane "took umbrage because Lemons exceeded the 10 items," Purpero said.

Store employees detained the woman until police arrived.

Couple sets wedding date

Bill and Arettus Ann Sullivan announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Megan Beth Sullivan of Odessa, to Arlan Heath Price, son of Max and Linda Price of Odessa.

A wedding ceremony is set for 7 p.m. on April 17 in the Westside Apostolic Church in Odessa.

Their grandparents are Boe and Marie Moffett and Miriam Cochran, all of Snyder, and great-grandmothers are Corynne Sullivan of Snyder and Fern Price of Dalhart.

Danish ancestery now obtained online

AALBORG, Denmark (AP) — If you yearn to find out more about your Danish ancestors, don't waste valuable leisure time during your big trip to Denmark. Write or message ahead.

That's the advice of Henning Bender and Birgit Flemming Larsen, the archivists who run the Danish Emigration Archives here.

The easy part is that some archive information can be accessed online, in what they say was the first emigrant database to appear on the Internet. And you can contact them by e-mail. They can help you evaluate whether the archive will be useful or refer you to other sources.

The hard part is nailing down enough facts about your family to get started and learning to manuever through obstacles having to do with the original ship lists, data lost in war or over time, and the Scandinavian patronymic tradition.

The emigrant archives at Aalborg are particularly valuable because they are based on records collected before departure between 1869 and 1940 by the Copenhagen police, who were cracking down on unscrupulous emigration agents. Thus the police ledger material — containing name, age, occupation, place of birth, family status, last known residence, etc. — is less likely to be skewed by translation or bookkeeping errors. Bender emphasizes that the records are not complete. Some are still being entered into the database, and others were lost during the German occupation in World War II, when they were stored haphazardly in various locations. But with other resources he hopes for "a compromise between what is possible and what is not possible."

For overall background, a personal visit to the archive building, which also houses the Aalborg City Archives, will be fruitful.

The Danish Emigration Archives web site is at http://www.cybercity.dk/users/ccc13656. This site also lists addresses for similar archives throughout Europe through the Association of European Migration Institutions, of which Henning Bender is secretary.

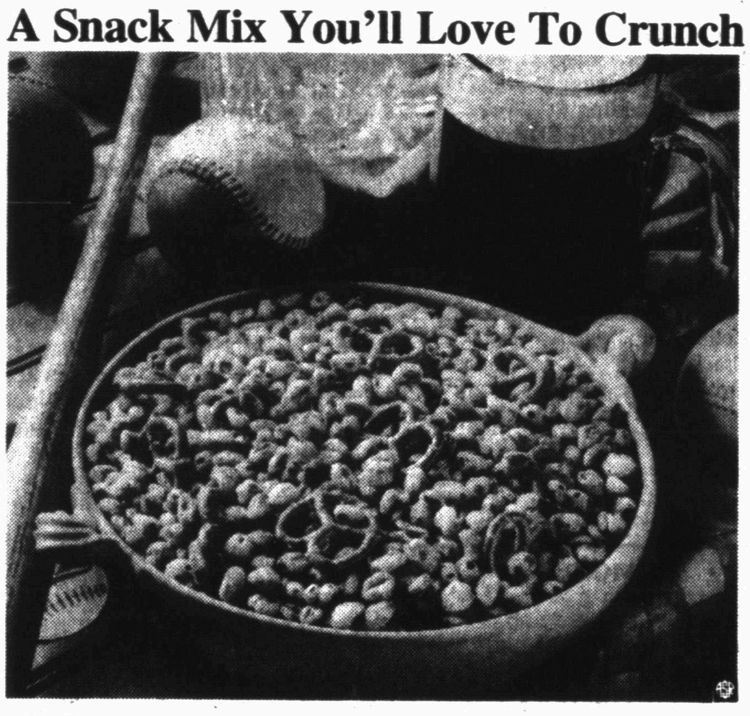
Help is needed to locate classmates

Planning is underway for a reunion of Snyder High School classes of 1952 and 1953. Assistance is needed in locating several classmates.

Anyone having information on the following are asked to call Polly Underwood at 573-2175. Addresses missing for the class of '52 are Joyce Barron McMurray, Betty Best Hollister, Jimmie Helen Borum Leonard, Cleta Brown Jackson, Mary Cansler, Peggy Joyce Carroll, Imogene Courtney, Paul Hailey, Jerry Hedrick, Jim Holcomb, Thomas Kirkland, Fay Koonce Johnson, Winford Miller, Connie Moore, Wanda Morehead, Ruth Orr Swan, Jewel Pieper Jackson, Roy Roundtree, Norma Jo Rouse, Jerry Smith, June Sommerfield, LaVerne Townsend, Edna Walker and Jane Wilson.

Members of the class of '53 include Patricia Barclay, Ronny Bayouth, Don Blair, Sue Cox Jeffress Elrod, Nancy Chunn, Elaine Daughterty, Bill Fisher, Ann Forsythe, Darrell Green, Melvin Herrington, Margaret Hutchin, Bill Johnson, Edna Leavings, Billy Leeder, Janice Lloyd, Theresa Malone, Clara Marks, Lee Marshall, Richard Newton, Hazel Redding, Gregory Rodman, Peggy Scott, Eddy Shelton, Carolyn Simpson, Richard Wansbrough, Sylvia Jane Weber and Catherine Younger.

A Snack Mix You'll Love To Crunch



Snacking can be a healthful habit, even when you're trying to lose a few pounds. The trick is to choose foods that provide more than just empty calories. Low-fat, low-sugar ready-to-eat cereals, for example, contribute essential vitamins and minerals which are often lost when cutting calories.

For a tasty change of pace, *Honey Mustard Munch 'n' Crunch* is a quick-to-fix mix of puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal and pretzels with a tangy-sweet honey-mustard coating. Make the mix ahead and store tightly covered, so it's ready when that next snack attack hits. The puffed cereals weigh in at 50 calories a serving, making them a smart choice for snacks as well as breakfast, whether counting calories or just trying to eat more healthfully.

For more snack ideas, send your name and address to ***Smart Eating for Busy People***, P.O. Box 487, Chicago, IL 60690-0487. Offer good while supplies last.

Honey Mustard Munch 'n' Crunch

About 7 cups

2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1-1/2 tablespoons honey
6 cups *Quaker* puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal
1-1/2 cups small fat-free pretzel twists

Heat oven to 250°F. Combine mustard, oil and honey; mix well. Drizzle over cereal; stir until evenly coated. Pour onto rimmed baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes, stirring once. Remove from oven. Stir in pretzels. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

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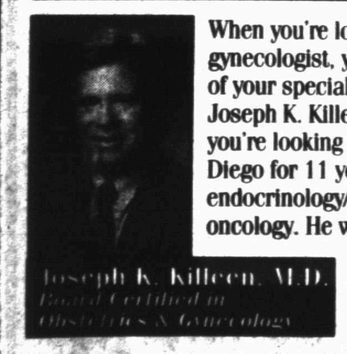

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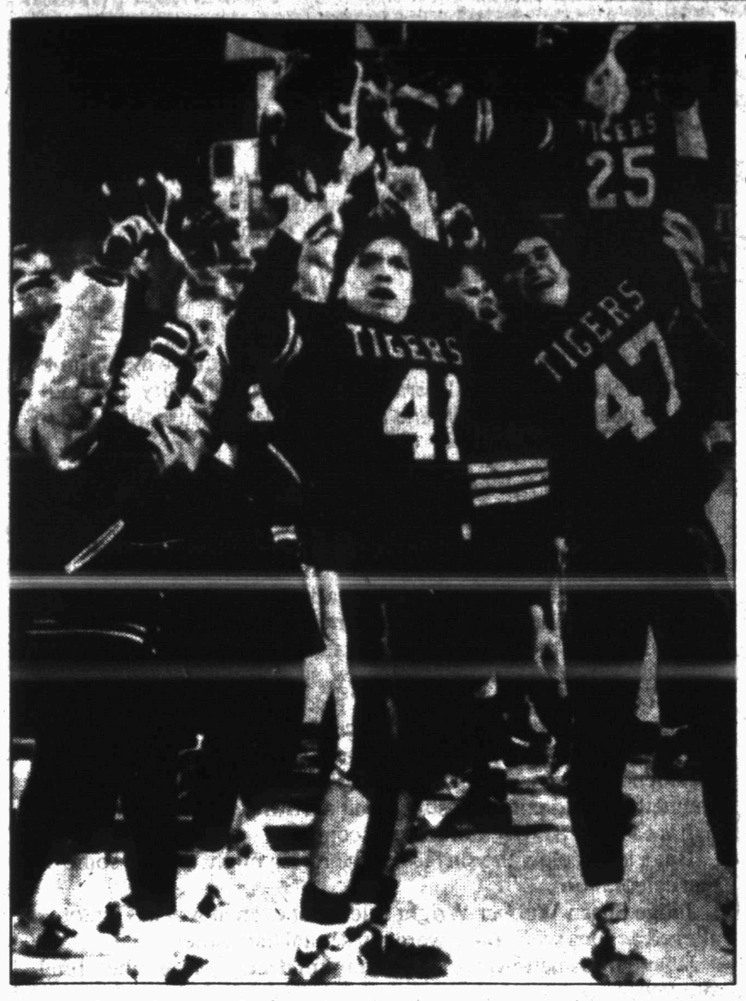

ESTATIC TIGERS — In 1992, Snyder Tigers' victory over the Lamesa Tornadoes put them in the 4A bi-district playoffs. Snyder's 7-4 mark made the second winning season in a row for the Tigers. Michael Torres was No. 41 on the team. (SHS Photo)

Michael Torres

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On a good day, he is able to do more and enjoys going outside and wheeling around the apartment complex where he lives. He is often accompanied by his niece amd nephew, who ride their bikes.

"They keep me busy," he said.

These are some of the good times, but there are also days when he does not feel up to doing anything. Those are the most difficult ones, because inactivity worsens the way he feels.

Michael had no idea what MS was before being stricken, but immediately began reading a variety of books the doctor had given him. He learned, among other things, the importance of diet. He must avoid greasy food and eat plenty of vegetables.

About once a year, Michael is hospitalized at St. Mary where he receives steroids through IVs, five hours daily for seven days.

This year, he was scheduled to go into the hospital the week before the MS walk.

In 1995, he felt well enough that he did not need the steroid treatment.

Presently, he is taking weekly injections of Avonex, which slow leg spasms. They are administered by his brother.

Michael returns for check ups in Lubbock as his illness warrants.

In past years, he has also taken physical therapy, both in Lubbock and at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, which he said helped his legs not to become stiff. Therapists had him walk using a walking bar.

Michael's vision problems continue, and he now needs a magnifying glass to read.

The spring after he graduated from SHS, he enrolled at Western Texas College. He attended on and off for three semesters before dropping out altogether.

Michael said he did so because it was difficult for him to get around the campus. The MS also adversely affected his ability to focus and concentrate on his studies.

He wants to return to school and he would still like to become a probation officer, even though he knows it will be more difficult for him now.

Michael is also interested in computers.

While his life today is not the one he once imagined for himself, Michael has come to realize that he can enjoy life. He said having MS has caused his outlook to change as well.

He said his illness has helped him to "see the things I missed before. I used to take advantage of life. I was on the go all the time. Now I can see the things I should have been seeing all along."

Though his pace is slower, Michael's life is still marked by both good days and fun days. He is optimistic about the future. While there is yet no cure for multiple sclerosis, researchers are hopeful that a cure may be found within 10 years.

Multiple sclerosis

Multiple sclerosis is one of the most common central nervous system diseases among young adults in the US, yet its cause and cure still await discovery.

Typically, MS strikes adults between the ages of 20 and 40, people with growing careers, young families and many years of productive life ahead of them.

Approximately 500,000 Americans have MS today, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each week.

The disease develops when the insulating fatty substance (myelin) surrounding the body's nerve fibers is destroyed and replaced by scar tissue.

No two cases of MS are alike. Symptoms may include tingling sensations, numbness, slurred speech, blurred vision, muscle weakness, poor coordination, fatigue, bowel and or bladder problems and paralysis.

This unpredictability is often the most devastating part of the disease.

Most people with MS continue to lead productive lives with normal life spans. Much can be learned about coping with the symptoms of the disease, and the West Texas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society offers assistance by providing various services for individuals and their families. It is a non-profit organization which provides services at little or no cost.

The information above was taken from the pamphlet, "One Thing People With MS Can Count On," provided by the West Texas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

'Republic' jury breaks for weekend

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors in the Republic of Texas fraud trial broke for the holiday weekend Friday afternoon without reaching a verdict.

They are scheduled to resume deliberating the fate of nine separatists at 9 a.m. Monday.

Members of the Republic of Texas are accused of defrauding banks, retailers and others of $1.8 billion through the use of worthless warrants.

Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren, his wife Evelyn and seven followers were charged with various counts of federal conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud and aiding and abetting last spring. Their trial began in early March.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Do vitamins affect dementia?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that some types of dementia are caused by a vitamin deficiency? If so, which ones?

DEAR READER: A deficiency in folic acid or vitamin B-12 can lead to the profound mental changes called dementia. This is why doctors usually check folate and B-12 blood levels when testing a patient with disordered thinking. Moreover, many authorities advise folate and B-12 supplements for elderly patients whose diets may, for one reason or another, lack necessary nutrients. For most adults, however, a well-balanced diet will supply all the required vitamins and minerals.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins & Minerals." 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: I am terribly allergic to cats. However, I have a beautiful cat to whom I am very attached.

Because of a prostate problem, I cannot take over-the-counter decongestant medications. My doctor has given me shots, which are ineffective. I don't want to get rid of my cat. What can I do to relieve my allergic reaction?

DEAR READER: Many antihistamines, especially those to which decongestants have been added, may slow urination in men with enlarged prostate glands. Furthermore, most nonprescription antihistamines have the additional disadvantage of sedation, which can make daytime use troublesome.

Some patients in your situation would bite the bullet and hustle their felines off to another home.

Other patients might consider desensitization injections administered by a trained allergist.

As a third option, I suggest the prescription antihistamine Allegra, which is safe, nonsedating and has not been reported to affect the urinary tract. Ask your doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can a man father a child at any age? When does he become infertile?

DEAR READER: As men age, their sperm become less vigorous and numerous, but conception can occur as long as one sperm meets a receptive female ovum. The problem, as you know, is getting the sperm to the right place at the right time: If an older man is unable to achieve an erection or orgasm, the motility of his sperm becomes a moot point.

There are numerous medical reports of elderly men fathering children in their 80s and 90s. I suppose the most famous example is Charlie Chaplin who, as I recall, became a father in his 80s.

Therefore, the answer to your question is straightforward: Regardless of age, if an elderly man is able to have intercourse, he can impregnate a partner. As a sidelight, he could probably also provide viable sperm for artificial insemination.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: How much alcohol is there in an average portion?

DEAR READER: One standard drink (1.5 ounces of spirits, 6 ounces of wine or 12 ounces of beer) contains 12 grams of alcohol. Moderate daily drinking is now considered to be one to two drinks for a man and one drink for a woman or person over 65, because females and the elderly do not metabolize alcohol as efficiently as younger men do.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there any guidelines concerning drinking patterns? When does heavy drinking become alcoholism?

DEAR READER: As I have written before, alcoholism is basically an attitude, a state of mind. The alcoholic doesn't have to drink all day out of a paper bag and live in a soggy cardboard box on the street. If a person consumes alcohol to get drunk — even though that may take place only on occasion — he or she is probably an alcoholic.

In a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine (Feb. 26, 1998), physicians from Yale University School of Medicine published the terms and criteria of alcohol use. Here is an abridged version.

1. Moderate drinking:

(a) Men — two or fewer drinks a day.

(b) Women and the elderly — maximum of one drink a day.

2. At-risk drinking:

(a) Men — more than 14 drinks a week or more than four drinks on occasion.

(b) Women — more than seven drinks a week or more than three drinks on occasion.

3. Alcohol abuse: significant impairment or distress, such as failure to fulfill obligations, recurrent use in hazardous situations, legal problems involving alcohol and continued use despite social or interpersonal problems.

4. Alcohol dependence: maladaptive pattern of alcohol use, leading to three or more of the following criteria:

— Tolerance (progressively more consumption to achieve the desired effect).

— Withdrawal symptoms — or use to avoid symptoms.

— Use of larger amounts than intended.

— Persistent desire or unsuccessful attempts to cut down.

— Excessive time spent obtaining alcohol or recovering from its use.

— Important activities given up or reduced.

— Continued use despite physical or psychological problems.

5. Hazardous use: person at risk for adverse consequences.

6. Harmful use: excessive consumption associated with physical or psychological harm.

In short, alcoholism is said to be present when a person drinks excessively, despite unmistakable personal and interpersonal consequences.

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

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Health officials working to halt rubella outbreak

AUSTIN (AP) — Those traveling south of the border during the Easter holiday, especially pregnant women, are being warned about an outbreak of rubella in Mexico blamed for more than two dozen cases in Texas.

About 10 cases of rubella, which is spread by droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, are reported in Texas each year. So far this year, 26 cases have been reported, including 18 in a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center in Port Isabel.

All 18 detainees were from Mexico or had recently traveled to Mexico, where more than 2,000 cases of rubella have been reported, the Texas Department of Health said.

State and federal health officials inoculated all 650 detainees at the south Texas center last week.

"We are trying to stabilize the situation in Port Isabel," said INS spokesman Daniel Kane. "Everyone is safe. In addition to inoculating the detainees and staff, we are concerned about the surrounding communities on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border."

The eight other Texas cases are scattered throughout the state. All had traveled to Mexico or had been exposed to someone who recently went there.

Health officials are most concerned about pregnant women in their first trimester.

The effects of the viral disease, also known as German measles, are mild in most people: low-grade fever, nagging aches and pains, irritated eyes, swollen lymph glands or a rash. But the effects on a developing fetus can be severe.

Rubella vaccinations have been required in the United States since 1971.

"Most Texans should have been vaccinated," Jan Pelosi of the Texas Department of Health immunization division said Friday.

Rankings disputed by males

NEW YORK (AP) — Four-hundred-and-ninety-eight business owners were thrilled to make Working Woman magazine's list of the 500 largest woman-owned companies.

But for No. 25 Lynn Johnson and No. 387 Gale Burkett, the rankings caused some chagrin.

Those who knew them well were quick to point out that each failed one key criterion: They are decidedly male.

"I've been called a lot of things, but never chairwoman," Burkett said.

In Johnson's case, perhaps the name of the company should have been a clue: Johnson BROTHERS.

There were phone calls. There were titters — enough, apparently, that Johnson declined to discuss the matter with a reporter. Johnson's name appeared in an abbreviated list that accompanied an Associated Press story about the rankings earlier this week.

"There's been enough giggles," his secretary said Friday.

Burkett learned of his fame from a colleague.

"This guy called me and says, 'Did you just get back from Sweden?'" said Burkett, who confirmed being born with both X and Y chromosomes. "I said 'No, why?.' He said, 'Isn't that where you go for a sex change operation?'"

The confusion apparently stems from the fact that Burkett's wife, Jean, is a vice president of his company, Houston-based engineering services company G.B. Tech. Working Woman's criteria require that the main shareholder is a woman.

For the magazine, for and about professional women, assuming two corporate chiefs were women on the basis of their names alone proved an embarrassing presumption.

The magazine said it would correct the list in its July/August edition, out June 2.

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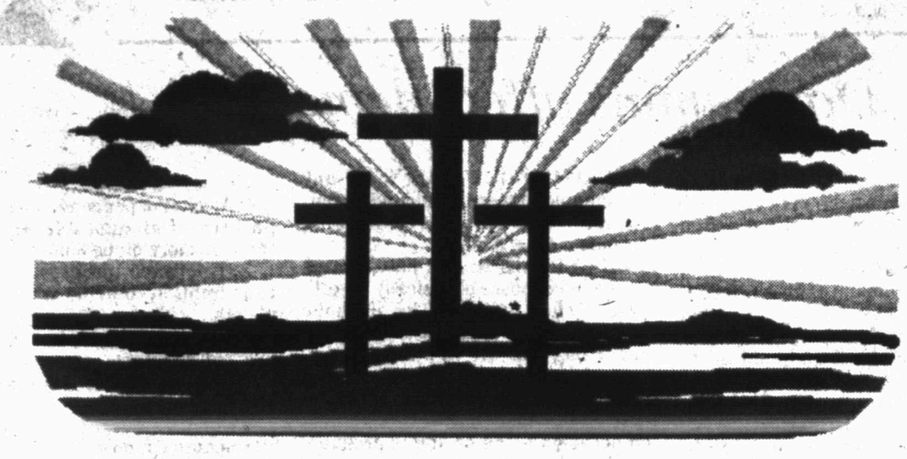


There were Sundays this winter in some parts of the country that were so springlike people were whistling "Put on your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it..."

Now watch it snow on Easter — if not this Easter, then maybe in 2005 when Easter comes on March 27. There is no telling what the weather will be on any given Easter because there is no telling on what date Easter will fall. Between now and 2008 we will celebrate Easter three times in March, when there may be nary a crocus or a daffodil in bloom. Yes, it could snow.

Why don't we have a fixed date for Easter so it occurs on the same Sunday every year — say, the last Sunday in April or the first Sunday in May?

The way the Church calendar is set up now, Easter can come as early as March 22 or as late as April 25 — even later in the Eastern Orthodox churches, which calculate the Easter date according to a different formula.

The western churches observe Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox (March 21). This was a formula established by the Council of Nicaea in 325.

There have been various efforts through the years to get the churches to agree on a common date for Easter. The Roman Catholic Church has said it would not be opposed to fixing Easter on a definite Sunday, provided an agreement can be reached with the "separated brethren" — the Orthodox churches.

Some church leaders, however, are loath to tamper with a decision made by the Council of Nicaea, the first general Church Council in the history of the church. This is when the Nicene Creed was formulated.

On the other hand, apart from considerations of ecclesiastical unity, an Easter festival that falls on a different day from year to year is an inconvenience to the civic community — spring vacations in the schools, for example. The Catholic Encyclopedia says "If Easter were freed from dependence on the moon, there would be obvious social and economic advantages."

One owner of a greenhouse business, responding to a poll on whether there should be a fixed date for Easter, says, "Every year our planting schedule has to change. This causes some difficulties for us."

There would be no theological objections to having a fixed date for Easter. The Council of Nicaea had Easter coincide with the full moon for practical, not theological reasons.

At that time, the pilgrims going to Jerusalem to celebrate Easter usually went in groups down the eastern side of the Mediterranean and were harassed by brigands — especially at night. The Church thought they might have additional protection if they had the full moon.

Now that pilgrims no longer need the full moon's protection when they go to Jerusalem, some churchmen feel a movable Easter has become an "absurdity."

Many Easter worshippers would prefer a later Easter simply because of the better weather in late April or May. One woman answering a questionnaire on the subject says, "When the flowers are out in profusion, the Easter message of new life in the risen Christ is reinforced by nature's own celebration of the rebirth of all creation."

One pastor has his own mercenary reasons for preferring a late Easter. "The slump in church giving," he says, "sets in right after Easter. Therefore, the later that Easter comes, the better."

Clinton and the polls

The Index-Journal of Greenwood, S.C.

If we believe polls, many of them indicate that Americans don't care what President Clinton does in his private life. They believe the only thing that counts is how he conducts "presidential" business.

Morality counts. It is especially important in the top elected office in the land whether some people think so or not.

Forget that, though, and ask this question: Is that way of thinking the reason for more liberal attitudes about fidelity and adultery, or does more adultery and a lack of fidelity cause that kind of thinking?

Paula Jones case

Henderson (N.C.) Daily Dispatch

President Clinton and his supporters have been celebrating a huge victory in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

A federal judge (and former law student of the president's) threw out the Jones lawsuit.

Barring a successful appeal of the decision by Jones' lawyers (a very unlikely development), this puts an end to one part of the president's legal woes and puts pressure on independent counsel Kenneth Starr to put up or shut up on his own investigation.

It's easy to see why Clinton and company were celebrating.

But a look below the surface of the ruling might temper some of that celebration.

Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled that even at worst, Clinton's alleged actions with Jones were not sexual harassment.

Whether his actions violated common decency is another thing altogether. ...

Sexual harassment

The Seattle Times

A judge's dismissal of Paula Jones' lawsuit helps draw clearer distinctions between what is sexual harassment — the legal version — and what is not.

Not every clumsy pass made by a boorish guy meets the legal definition of sexual harassment. Not every creepy act creates a hostile work environment. Not every problem can be solved in court.

Women especially have to be careful not to foster a victim culture in the workplace. Indeed, they sell themselves short if they go to work each day as fragile flowers who'll wilt on a moment's notice. Most of the time, women can handle these situations themselves.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright rules, appropriately, Jones' claims met neither the quid pro quo definition of harassment nor the hostile work environment definition. Jones' contention, for example, that she suffered because she didn't receive flowers on Secretary's Day mocked — and cheapened — legitimate cases. ...

Going into the business of not raising hogs

Bill McClellan

You probably saw the story out of Michigan where environmental officials sent a "cease-and-desist" letter to a landowner because of the dams built on a river which runs through his property.

"It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced piece of property," the notice read. "A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity."

Sounds reasonable in this day and age anyway, until you know the details.

The dams on Spring Pond were being built, not by the landowner, but by beavers.

So the Department of Environmental Quality received this tongue in cheek reply back from the landowner: "Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers or do you require all dam beavers throughout this state to conform to said dam request?"

Redfaced DEQ officials dropped the case.

Helen Feinsod passed along the following article from some unknown publication on how government works, or at least, how we perceive it to work.

Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My friends, Charlie and Rachael, who live over on the Cumberland Plateau, received a check the other day for $1,000 from the government. It was for not raising hogs and they are so pleased that I've decided to go into the "not raising hogs" business next year.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best type of farm not to raise hogs on and what is the best breed of hogs not to raise?

I want to be sure that I approach this endeavor in whatever manner is in keeping with all government policies.

Frankly, I would prefer not to raise Razorback hogs; but, if that is not a good breed not to raise then I can just as easily not raise Yorkshires or Durocs. I remember that, years ago, we raised Poland-China hogs and I guess they're about extinct. They should be considered, however, because it would make my business of not raising them easier.

As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be in keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised. Does your office supply forms for this? I didn't raise hogs last year but since there are no records of numbers, I suppose I can't apply for retroactive pay.

My friend Charlie is very excited about the future of this business. He had been raising hogs for more than 20 years and the most he ever made was $420 in 1980. That is, until this year when he got your check for $1,000 for not raising hogs.

If I can get $1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get $2,000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 "not raised" hogs, which will give me $80,000 income the first year. As I get more experience, I'm sure the project will grow and then I can afford an airplane.

Now, another thing, these hogs I am not raising will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn and wheat. Will I qualify for payments for not raising wheat and corn not to feed the 4,000 hogs I am not going to raise?

I want to get started not feeding as soon as possible as this seems to be a good time of year not to raise hogs and grain.

I am also considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send me any information on that also.

In view of these circumstances, I understand that the government will consider me unemployed and I hope to file for unemployment and food stamps as soon as possible.

Be assured that you will have my vote in the coming elections.

Patriotically yours,
Otis Deal

P.S. Would you please notify me when you plan to distribute more free cheese?

Wasteful federal government

The Valley Morning Star

If anyone actually believed, as is sometimes said, that the federal government's budget has been trimmed to the essentials, last week's news about government financial statements and audits should disabuse them of the notion.

The Clinton administration — to its credit, in response to a new law it had supported — produced the first-ever detailed federal financial statements history, and the General Accounting Office audited them.

The bottom-line finding: There are billions of dollars every year in government transactions and property that can't be accounted for. Government accounting systems are in such terrible shape that experienced auditors can't even come up with a credible estimate of just how much money has disappeared from view.

"This was about 210 years overdue," Rep. Steve Horn said Wednesday. Horn, a Republican, is chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. But at least, he said, the financial statements provide a base from which to begin reform. Among the more egregious examples of waste, as Horn outlined: the Medicare program overpaid claims by more than $23 billion — 14 percent of all benefit payments — in 1996, while the Pentagon simply can't find some $25 billion worth of equipment.

The Pentagon has more than 200 different accounting systems, so trying to get a consolidated statement is not so much like comparing apples and oranges as it is comparing apples and poems. HUD wastes more than $1 billion a year. "We had previously asked each government agency to submit a strategic plan that includes ways to measure success and failure and rejected most of them as insufficient," Horn said.

"Without a comprehensive and comprehensible financial picture, it's almost impossible even to begin improving efficiency." Under the new law, the executive branch is required to produce a "consolidated financial statement" every year and the GAO, the investigative "watchdog" arm of Congress, audits it, much as an outside accounting firm is asked to check the books of major corporations.

The GAO found deficiencies in most government agencies' ledgers — it gave "passing" grades to only seven of 24 major agencies — with the Defense and Justice departments being among the worst offenders. While the financial statements have been touted as a brave step toward accountability, Horn told us that nine major departments — including Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Interior and State — haven't even submitted their financial management reports yet. In a way, these results shouldn't be surprising.

No institution, public or private, is free of inefficiencies and no bookkeeping system is perfect. But unlike a business, the government does not have a "bottom line" to discipline it. If a company loses money long enough to sloppy internal practices and does not take corrective steps, it will go out of business. The government simply passes the bill along to taxpayers. A consolidated financial statement and audits alone will not solve the inherent problems.

But they will at least give those with a sharp eye for reform or downsizing a first look at the size and shape of the problem. Then the real work to initiate budget discipline, establish meaningful measures and scrutinize outcomes, can begin.

Letters

Thanks from AHA

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the businesses and individuals of Snyder who took part in the American Heart Association Heart Walk last Saturday, April 4.

It was a chilly morning, yet these Snyderites came out in force to show support for the AHA.

I would like to thank the businesses who sponsored our T-shirts, mile markers and other merchandise and supplies.

Through the support of the many businesses and individual walkers, the American Heart Association was able to raise over $4,000 in funds to combat America's #1 killer, heart disease.

Events like this develop from the combined efforts of individuals who give of themselves to put ideas into action and I send out heartfelt thanks to the AHA board members who organized the 1998 Heart Walk: Matt and Lisa Cross, Carol Gulseth, Mike McWilliams, Rona Sikes and Mary Ann Wright. I send a special thanks to former Snyder resident Bekky Butler, who led our aerobic warmup prior to the walk. And, finally, to my husband, Daniel Chasteen, for idea-bouncing and loving support throughout the planning, event day and cleanup.

I thank you all,

Sincerely,
Dee Chasteen
President
Scurry County Chapter
American Heart Association

Wraslin' with the tax rustlers

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm

When people stop by the gas station for a fill-up, they find some good news and some bad news printed right on the pump. The bad news has always been that roughly a third of the price of a gallon of gasoline went to the government in taxes. The good news was that the money went to build roads. The only problem was that the good news hasn't been true in years. Between 25 and 30 cents out of every dollar of gasoline taxes was being siphoned off to pay for anything but roads.

That's about to stop, and Texas drivers are going to benefit.

The Senate has now passed a highway bill which provides $10.866 billion to improve Texas roads. This marks the culmination of nearly two years of hard work in trying to get the federal government to live up to its commitment to use gasoline taxes to build and repair roads.

During the debate, when others said we couldn't make good on our promise because they needed the money for something else, I joked that their situation was a little like a cattle rustler's dilemma:

There is the rustler who has been rustling cattle off the Gramm ranch. We call the sheriff, and the sheriff comes out. The sheriff hunts him down, and he brings him to us. But, we know this guy. He's a neighbor, and we don't want to put him in jail. So the sheriff tells him that he has to quit rustling these cattle. And the rustler says, "But I'm used to eating all this beef! It's easy for you to say, but where am I going to get my beef?" Well the right answer under this circumstance would be, that ain't my problem.

The rustling will now cease, and that will be a clear victory for the driving public in Texas. It will literally save the lives of people who are dying because of bad roads. With an improved infrastructure, it will mean about 13,000 more jobs, more growth, more opportunity all over the country. People will spend less time in traffic and more time doing productive things with their families or at work.

We have 31,000 miles of substandard highways and tens of thousands of substandard bridges in Texas, and this funding will give us a chance to fix them. The farm-to-market system was built in the 1930s, and those roads had a life expectancy of about 30 years. We passed that milestone around 1960, yet we are still using those roads today. Moreover, our newest highways, the big interstates, were built in the 1950 and 1960s and they are deteriorating rapidly.

In addition to Texas' $10 billion share, this bill creates a $450 million trade corridor-border infrastructure fund to finance such programs as the special 'NAFTA Highway' designations that are being sought for I-35, the planned I-69 in South and East Texas and the I-10/I-25 link at El Paso.

Our roadways are vital to the Texas economy, and I have worked hard to keep the federal government honest when it promises that our gasoline tax will go to build and repair them. I'm proud that we're going to keep the promise, and that Texans are going to benefit.

Sen. Gramm invites your comments on this and other issues. Write to him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Earl W. Ashby, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Aubrey Ray and Virginia Darden, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tracy L. and Tina Long, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

B&F Well Service, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Cliff Price, dba C&R Feed Co., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Janie Luera, 1998 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Gelco Corporation, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Exxon Corporation, 1998 Dodge from Cherry Hill Dodge.

Nancy and Jack Vancamp, 1998 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Laura Hall, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Grimmett Brothers, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

David C. Brown, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charlotte Smith, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

H.H. Terry, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Bobby Cortez Jr. and Claudia Ramirez Hinojos, both of Snyder.

Brandon Jon Martin and Andrea Dawn Ragland, both of Edmond, Okla.

Lonnie Ray Fisk Jr. of Fort Benning, Ga. and Buffie Lynn Wilson of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

First Deposit National Bank vs. Virgina Henderson, suit on debt.

William Cory Maxfield vs. P.R. Warren, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Aurelia Almanza vs. Hunter G. Crawford, suit for deceptive trade practices.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Lisa Gayle Nachlinger and James Eric Nachlinger, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Orlando T. and Joann G. Benitez, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Rosemary Escobedo, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Dwenna Nettie Harmon, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Leon Don Schattel, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Joaquin Alarcon, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Dennis D. Gard to H.H. and Billie J. Terry, Lot 4 in Block 25 of the Winston Company Replat of the south one-half of Blocks 24-28 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Jimmy Jay and Yvonne E. Johnston to Tommy J. and Carolyn Cronk, all the northwest one-quarter of Section 136, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Gary Falkin to Jim Dyer, the northwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter and the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of Section 541, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Billy Ray and Pamela Jo Browning to Tomas A. and Joni Gonzales, tract one being a 195 x 50-foot tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 195 x 80-foot tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Tomas A. and Joni Gonzales to Billy Ray and Pamela Jo Browning, tract one being all the west 100 feet of Lot 1 and the west 90 feet of the north 25 feet of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the A.D. Dodson Addition; tract two being the east 50 feet of Lot 1 and the east 50 feet of the north 25 feet of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the A.D. Dodson Addition.

Scurry County, Trustee, to Juan and Rosa Sifuentes, Lot 6 in Block 22 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Barbara Elizabeth Smith, sole devisee under the will of Claud E. Flemming, to Lillian Sands, a 75 x 150-foot tract out of the middle part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lillian Sands to Barry Runnels, a 75 x 150-foot tract out of the middle part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Pat and Nancy Alexander to Adam and Priscilla Olvera, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 11 of the Adams Addition.

Judy Smallwood, independent executrix of the estate of Joneil Smallwood, to Judy Smallwood, 1.431 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 135, Block 97, H&TC survey.

James Wade and Doris Sands to Freddie J. and Amy S. Lewis, a tract in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Monte K. and Pamela L. Olson to Marvin R. and Cherrie C. Toombs, all of Lot 4 in Block 4 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Spending bill threatens vouchers for housing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeanette Mobley and her son spent two years in a homeless shelter on Chicago's North Side before a federal housing subsidy allowed them to move into a safe, clean apartment in 1994.

Now, as Congress threatens to remove much of the money from the subsidy program, she worries that she could once again find herself on the street.

"I just shudder to think what would happen," Mobley said. "I could lose where I live."

The House recently agreed to take $2.2 billion from the $12.6 billion rental assistance program and use it for emergency disaster programs and military deployments.

The Senate passed a similar bill but chose to draw the emergency funds from an expected budget surplus. Lawmakers from the two chambers will have to reconcile their differences when they return from their spring break later this month.

If the House version stands, Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said, an estimated 1 million people might find themselves homeless when the new budget year begins in October. He accused the House of solving one problem "by creating another."

"These are people who have no other resources and no other recourse," Cuomo said.

The average subsidy differs by location. In Mobley's case, the money pays her full $533 monthly rent.

The average annual income of the families helped by the subsidy program is $7,500. Their contracts for rental vouchers are renewed annually. The Clinton administration has not yet figured out how it would choose which contracts to cut.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Closed for Easter.

TUESDAY

Beef stew, fried squash, pickled beets and onions, fruit salad, cornbread

WEDNESDAY

Macaroni, cheese & ham cassereole, mustard greens, carrots, tomato wedges, chocolate cake

THURSDAY

Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, savory peas, lettuce & tomato salad, red applesauce

FRIDAY

Fried fish, broccoli-rice & cheese casserole, corn O'Brien, creamy coleslaw, peach cobbler

Senior Center News

The following activities are planned at the Senior Citizens Center.

—Monday: The Senior Center will be closed for Easter.

—Tuesday: 42/88 will be played at 10 a.m.; exercise at 11 a.m.; social security from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; swimnastics, 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

—Wednesday: Bingo will begin at 10 a.m.; exercise at 11 a.m.; income tax aide, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; line dancing at 1 p.m.

—Thursday: Tri-chem begins at 9 a.m.; choir practice at 10 a.m.; exercise at 11 a.m.; Senior Saints will perform at 11 a.m. and swimnastics from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

—Friday: The bridge tournament begins at 9:30 a.m., the blood pressure clinic is set for 9:30 a.m. and exericse will be at 11 a.m.

May Day is three weeks away and seniors are encouraged to pick up BBQ tickets at the center office and sell them. The tickets will also be sold at Wal-Mart on Saturday, April 25 and at May Day.

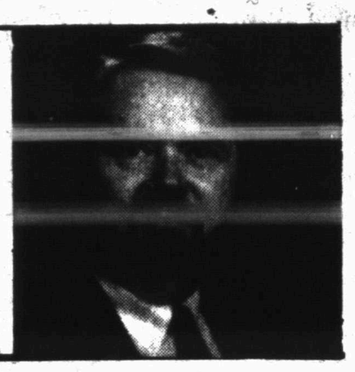
The Mobil cooking team will prepare the brisket. Volunteers are making crafts and quilts. Anyone may volunteer for May Day. Just call 573-4035.

Volunteers will also be needed to help with the consession stands for the Little Dribblers National Basketball Tournament to be held in Snyder, Wednesday through Sunday.

Volunteers may phone either the center or the Boys and Girls Club, 573-3344, for more information.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



The Seven C's of Admirable Character

My favorite definition of character is that it is how a person acts when no one else is looking. Our character is our moral and ethical strength.

You cannot buy admirable character with money, influence it with fame or pervert it with power. It is valuable, desirable and achievable. No one is born with admirable character, you build it one thought, one action and one habit at a time.

Study those whose character you esteem, I think you'll find they possess most of the traits I've listed below.

Character cords

•**Courage** — Mark Twain said, "Courage is resistance to fear, mastering of fear — not absence of fear." Courage lets you face fearful circumstances. Courage lets you stand firm when you want to run. It is easy to be brave when you're not near the battle. Courage allows you to face all of life's battles.

•**Consistency** — I hired a secretary once who claimed she could type 60 words per minute. Her typing was awful. When I asked her about her claim she said simply, "I can type 60 words per minute. Some words ... some minutes." A common bond you will find among men and women of admirable character is that their actions produce consistent, reliable results day-by-day.

Common sense — Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes." The real problem with common sense is that it isn't all that common. The ability to make sound decisions based on inherent good judgment and natural logic is rare. Yet, it is common in people with admirable character.

•**Cooperative** — The dictionary defines cooperative as "marked by a willingness to work together for a common end or purpose." A person of character will always be a team player. This doesn't mean that a person who possesses character will do anything that any other group or individual desires. Any activity undertaken must meet his or her ethical standards.

•**Commitment** — When a reporter asked CBS news anchor, Walter Cronkite, about his success he replied, "I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got." When a person of admirable character pledges to do something, it is a commitment. They keep going until stopped, then they start again and keep going. When there is no way, they find a way. They are flexible in finding solutions. Being committed is not the same as being stupidly stubborn.

•**Contentment** — The inmate wrote the letter from prison. His upcoming trial would likely bring the death sentence. Yet, in his letter he wrote, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." You can read the rest of St. Paul's words in Phillipians, Chapter 4.

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, uttered these words with his dying breath, "This is the last of earth! I am content." The real measure of a person of admirable character is his or her ability to enjoy life regardless of the circumstances.

•**Charity** — This word has two main meanings 1) To give to others, and 2) to love. People of admirable character blend both into one. To them, charity means that they love God so much that they express that love by helping others.

They do not give reluctantly, but cheerfully. They not only give cheerfully, but adequately, but they give to enable others to acquire the ability to become self-supporting thereby eliminating the need for charity altogether.

Yes, our character is our moral and ethical strength. Guard it carefully. It is much easier to maintain it, than to regain it.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX. 79105.

Wynette's memorial conducted

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tammy Wynette was remembered as a role model by Naomi Judd and a sister by Dolly Parton at an emotional memorial that concluded with Wynette's signature song, "Stand By Your Man."

A crowd of 1,500 jumped to its feet at the conclusion of the country music standard. It was sung Thursday at the Ryman Auditorium by Lorrie Morgan, who called Wynette her idol.

Wynette died suddenly Monday at her home of a blood clot to the lungs. A funeral service and burial were held in Nashville before the 75-minute public memorial at the former home of the Grand Old Opry, a hall where Wynette had performed many times.

"We had three queens in country music and one of them's gone now," Judd said, referring to Wynette, Parton and Loretta Lynn. Although she was on the bill, Lynn did not attend because she was overcome by her friend's death, Parton said.

Randy Travis, Wynonna, Parton, The Oak Ridge Boys and Rudy Gatlin performed, while Merle Haggard appeared on video. George Jones, Wynette's husband from 1969-75 and former duet partner, attended but did not speak or perform.

Gospel songs including "Peace in the Valley" and "How Great Thou Art" were performed, and many stars added anecdotes about Wynette.

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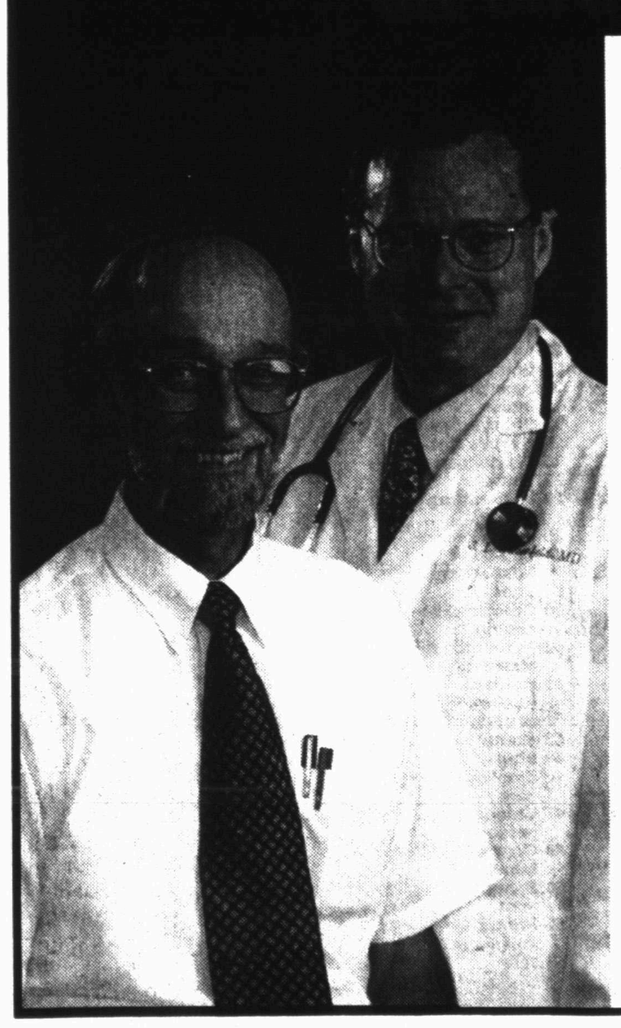

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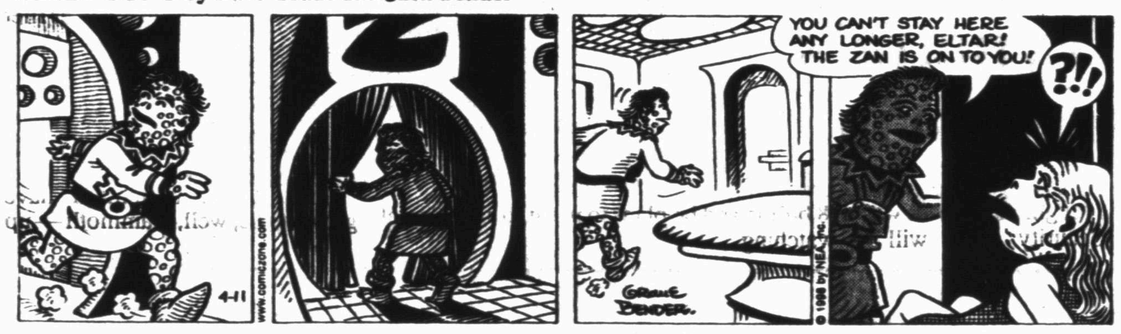

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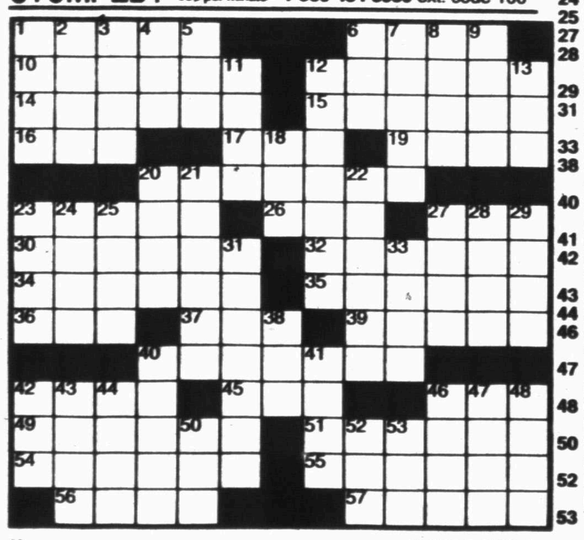

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Carjackings reflect Arizona city's auto-theft rankings

PHOENIX (AP) — A Texas man learned first hand why Phoenix and Tucson are among the nation's capitals in terms of auto thefts but his experience was somewhat out of the ordinary — his daughter was still in the car when it was stolen.

"I panicked. I really did. It was only five or 10 minutes but it seemed to go on forever," said Allen Bagby, 34, of Carrolton, Texas, whose car had yet to be found late Thursday but who got his daughter, Kristen, 11, back safely within a few minutes of Wednesday night's theft.

In Tucson, two women whose vehicles were carjacked were found in the trunk of their cars after having been driven around the city but otherwise unharmed.

In Mesa, a self-proclaimed gang member released recently from prison was arrested in Sunday's carjacking of three female teen-agers outside a Mesa convenience store.

One of every 58 vehicles registered in the Tucson area — 7,895 out of 459,924 — was stolen in 1996, enough to rank Tucson eighth nationally in terms of car thefts, an insurance center study of FBI data showed.

And in the Phoenix-Mesa area, ranked sixth nationally in those terms, thieves made off with one of every 55 vehicles registered — 30,552 out of 1.69 million.

Even those figures were well short of the worst — in the Jersey City area of New jersey, one of every 36 was taken, making it No. 1 in the nation in auto thefts.

That was no consolation to Bagby, who had stopped to register at a motel after spending the day vacationing in the Grand Canyon with his daughter.

"A million thoughts went through my mind, what someone might do to her, about all the perverts out there," he said. "I was trying to block all the bad thoughts out of my mind and rationalize that the thief just wanted the car and didn't know she was inside, but it didn't help."

Kristen had been asleep in the back seat when Bagby entered the motel. He left his keys in the ignition, something he said he had never done before.

Kristen, barefoot and wrapped in a blanket, was kicked out at a shopping mall a few miles away and was reunited with her father by law enforcement officers.

On April 1, a Gilbert mother fought off a man trying to carjack her car with her two small children in the back seat and the engine still running. A 20-year-old transient, Erin Daniel Bryant, was arrested, Gilbert police said.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merritt
Community Coordinator

Many of you who listened to the State of the Union message, heard President Clinton predict a budget surplus and recommended it be used to protect Social Security.

In recent weeks we have heard or been reminded that both Social Security and Medicare would soon be moved from the "back burner to the front burner" and that time has arrived. Thus, it is imperative that the senior adults of Scurry County stay alert, keep their eyes and ears open, know what is going on, and be prepared to act to protect themselves.

As stated previously, AARP has some of the finest mninds and most experienced retirees from many professional vocations keeping watch over events in Congress and keeping us informed as to what is being discussed.

Congress is already debating ways to spend a possible budget surplus. We, plus Congress, must remember our obligation to future generations. America was able to arrive at this viable economic position because a path of fiscal responsibility had been followed.

In no way should we disregard the lessons that brought us to this position. Wise American families save and spend wisely. While the strong economy has improved the budget outlook, an economic turnaround would do just the opposite.

To be truthful, if a budget surplus dose emerge, it is the result of growing Social Security reserves. In 1998 alone, $80 billion will be added to the Social Security Fund. Those reserves are dedicated to future retirement benefits. Such reserves should not be used to finance current consumption. We owe the Boomer generation (the newest members of AARP) and generation X-ers a continued commitment to retirement security.

Instead of committing a budget surplus (if it emerges) to short term consumption, we must think longer term. Even though Social Security will be able to pay full benefits to 2029 and 75 pecent of benefits thereafter, we have an obligation to future retirees and generations to strengthen the program now so they can be confident of its future. We can strengthen Social Security now by keeping the growing reserves separate from demands for current consumption. In addition, by making gradual changes in the program over the next few years, we can keep Social Security in balance and in tact for generations to come.

After writing the above I stopped to see who was being featured on "Larry King Live" on Wednesday night. Newt Gingrich was the guest on the program. He announced instead of $8 billion dollars as first thought the surplus was $18 billion and he plans to use it to save Social Security ... we will be watching.

Hungry bears target mountain resort

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — Some surprise guests in this mountain resort hang around for weeks at a time, gobbling down pounds of food every day.

Yogi and the others know a good thing when they see it — these well-fed freeloaders aren't about to turn down cozy digs and abundant tasty leftovers. That has made overstuffed black bears a big problem in Mammoth Lakes.

Nestled amid towering Sierra Nevada peaks, the resort has become home to about 30 bears that dig dens beneath houses and hotels, often ripping out building insulation to line their caverns.

"We went under the hotel to check on a plumbing leak and our maintenance man realized he wasn't alone down there," Jeff Modic, property manager of Mammoth Lakes Travelodge, said last week.

Freeloading isn't allowed, but try telling the bears.

For dinner, all they have to do is lumber through town and rummage through trash bins. They're likely to find leftover filet mignon, rack of lamb and salmon from the town's best restaurants.

While black bears in the wild munch on grass, berries, acorns and occasional meat or fish, these bears make a habit of pigging out. And bears in Mammoth have grown to be, well, mammoth — up to a staggering 650 pounds, more than double the average weight.

Like many Western towns that are sprouting amid once remote forests and mountain ranges, Mammoth is learning to live with wildlife attracted by more reliable food sources — and tasty trash.

"There's no doubt that more and more people are moving into the fringes of bear habitat," said Mike Pelton, one of the nation's leading experts on black bears and a professor of wildlife science at the University of Tennessee.

Along with the hazier boundaries separating human habitats from bear territories, black bear populations are on the increase in most states, Pelton said.

"Those two facts make it pretty obvious there's going to be more human-bear conflict," he said.

Mammoth's problem was compounded a few years ago when officials banned hunting within city limits and established a no-shooting perimeter extending beyond town, turning Mammoth into a virtual wildlife sanctuary.

"We're kind of the Berkeley of the Sierra," joked Steven Searles, Mammoth's official bear manager.

Searles, a glass-cutter by trade, was hired to work with police after a 450-pound male bear strolled through a crowded elementary school playground and a cub bit a resident on the behind.

So far, the bears have been well-behaved and "fun to look at," police Chief Michael Donnelly said. Tourists and residents try to get up close and snap pictures.

That's what worries Donnelly. The bears may appear tame but can become "vicious and move with the speed of lightning when frightened or provoked."

Searles had to develop nonlethal ways of banishing the bears.

"We have to show them we're the dominant ones and it's not OK for them to be here," said Searles, a longtime hunter and trapper who has taken to naming the bears — including Bertha and Ace — to keep better tabs on them. "We have to speak their language."

That means showing up SWAT-style at bear-infested sites with pepper spray, bean bag bullets and flashbang devices to try to drive the animals out.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Silverware-Loading Conflict Is Examined Top to Bottom

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Frustrated in Denver," I felt compelled to reply. The argument between the husband and wife centered around how to correctly wash flatware (spoons, forks, knives, etc.) in an automatic dishwasher. The husband insists the business end should face up, with the handles facing the bottom of the basket. The wife insists the opposite.

You told the wife, "Your husband is wrong." The fact is, Abby, you are wrong. I have a degree in food service administration and have worked in the field for 20 years. I can assure you that the states in which I have worked (New York, Texas and Virginia) have public health codes that require all food service establishments to wash soiled flatware as described by the husband in Denver.

By placing the "business end" of the utensil up, you get much cleaner flatware. My wife was skeptical until she proved it in our dishwasher at home.

G.M. GASPER,
SPRINGFIELD, MO.

DEAR G.M.: The face with the egg on it is mine. I apologize for judging the poor husband harshly. However, according to the instruction manual for many dishwashers, my answer was half right. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You recently advised a couple that flatware should be placed with the handles up in the dishwasher.

The instruction guide for our new dishwasher says:

"Place items in the basket with some handles up and some down. This prevents them from nesting together and improves cleaning results. Knives or sharp, pointed items should be placed in the basket with the handles up."

DIANA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DIANA: Thank you for your support. I needed it! The number of food service professionals who disagreed with my answer was disconcerting. On the bright side — it's nice to know that so many of them read my column.

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DEAR ABBY: From time to time you print a letter about overcoming shyness. I would like to share some wonderful advice my mother gave me many years ago.

As a teen-ager, I was desperately shy and dreaded school parties and dances. One day my mother said to me, "You know, dear, being shy is really being selfish. You are spending too much time thinking, 'What kind of impression am I making? Am I saying the right thing? Do I fit in?' The next time you go to a party, instead of thinking about yourself, look for someone else who seems shy and make an effort to talk to that person."

It worked. However, my life didn't change overnight, and there are still times when I walk into a roomful of people and my heart pounds. But now instead of standing alone, I reach out to someone who is also alone. I've made some wonderful friends that way — and I overcame my shyness.

ROBIN SKONE-PALMER,
LAS VEGAS

DEAR ROBIN: Your mother was not only wise, she had keen insight. I suspect she understood your shyness so well because she had experienced the same feelings in her youth. My compliments for sharing her wise counsel. I'm sure it will go a long way in resolving the problem for many people.

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DEAR ABBY: You and "Concerned Mom in Indiana" were dead right about parents who jeer and bully children in sports contests. Children's sports are about participation, sportsmanship, character development and other healthy habits that last a lifetime. It's inexcusable to jeer or berate sixth-graders on a basketball court. Had the parents and coaches spent more time in their YMCA, they would certainly have learned that.

YMCAs, which last year helped more than 7 million children learn about sports and sportsmanship, support a code for spectators that many adults would do well to heed:

YMCA SPECTATOR'S CODE

(1) Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are not miniature pro athletes.

(2) Be on your best behavior. Don't use profane language or harass players, coaches or officials.

(3) Applaud good plays by your own team *and* the visiting team.

(4) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.

(5) Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.

(6) Condemn the use of violence in all forms.

(7) Respect the officials' decisions.

(8) Encourage players to always play according to the rules.

Abby, professional athletes are not always good role models for our children, but the good sportsmanship and healthy lifestyles gained in our country's gymnasiums and on its courts and playing fields can make our children good role models for each other, for us, and for future generations. But first, adults have to let them play and send them the right messages.

DAVID R. MERCER,
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, YMCA OF THE USA

DEAR DAVID: I'm sure that many readers — not to mention athletic coaches — will thank you for sharing the YMCA's Spectator's Code. Put into action, it provides a healthy atmosphere for children to build not only athletic skills, but life skills as well.

I agree that children model their behavior after the adults who care for them, and they often learn more from what they observe than what they are told. That's why it's important for all adults — not just sports heroes — to set a good example.

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DEAR ABBY: We have a problem. We just heard from some old friends we haven't seen in a while. They are coming for a visit and plan to stay at our home. They told us their arrival date, but didn't mention when they plan to leave.

I am having a disagreement with my husband over this. I say it is OK to ask our friends how long they plan to stay. He insists that it would be in poor taste to do so.

Who's right?

UNSURE IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR UNSURE: There is nothing wrong with asking guests how long they plan to stay. A hostess needs that information in order to stock the refrigerator.

If their answer is "indefinitely," then I'd say you have a problem.

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Annual charity concert slated

NEW YORK (AP) — Tenor Luciano Pavarbtti will hold his annual charity concert this year in Modena, Italy.

Pavarotti said Thursday the June 9 concert will benefit the Pavarotti & Friends Liberian Children's Village, to provide refuge for children in the war-torn West African nation.

Performers are to include Jon Bon Jovi, Natalie Cole, Celine Dion, the Spice Girls, Stevie Wonder and Trisha Yearwood, among others.

Nursing home operator battles labor scholar

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — After seven years helping to organize woodcutters in Mississippi and hospital workers in Boston, Kate Bronfenbrenner returned to academia in 1986 to study what is now a paramount topic in labor relations.

The Cornell University scholar zeroed in on tactics U.S. companies use to beat back unionization drives and counter-strategies unions find work best. Her research, a dozen years later considered the most comprehensive of its kind, periodically gets her invited to testify before Congress.

Now, to her dismay and the collective ire of her academic brethren, one of the corporations subjected to her scrutiny is suing her for slander.

At a town meeting in Pittsburgh last May, Bronfenbrenner described Beverly Enterprises Inc., America's largest nursing home operator, as "one of the nation's most notorious labor law violators."

She maintained Beverly fired workers for union activity, harassed and spied on others and illegally altered wages in a systematic campaign of coercion to keep unions from gaining recognition at dozens of its nursing homes.

Describing her comments as false and defamatory, Beverly sued her in February for at least $225,000 in damages. The company also demanded that she open up her research to inspection as part of pretrial discovery.

Bronfenbrenner has refused, claiming that her data is based on thousands of confidential interviews with organizers and workers. She has vowed to go to prison rather than turn over sensitive records to Beverly.

"This represents a real threat to the ability of scholars to do research on corporate behavior and speak about it in a public forum," said Bronfenbrenner, director of labor education research at Cornell since 1993.

Now, the forthright but soft-spoken 44-year-old daughter of Urie Bronfenbrenner, a child development pioneer who helped found the preschooler Head Start program, has been transformed into an academic cause celebre.

More than 500 professors signed an e-mail petition decrying the lawsuit as an attack on free speech and academic freedom.

"People view this, and properly, as a way of saying to people, 'Don't say or do stuff that will be displeasing to big corporations,'" said Julius Getman, a University of Texas law professor who organized the petition.

Some have even cast the legal thrust against the scholar as a low punch in the slugfest between America's revitalized right wing and its resurgent labor movement.

Bronfenbrenner thinks she was targeted because "union organizing has become the focus of the labor movement and I have the expertise on the one subject getting the most coverage right now. Corporate America would love to get hold of my data."

Beverly's senior vice president, Donald Dotson, accuses Bronfenbrenner of acting more like a union propagandist than an objective academic.

"We've been putting up with this kind of thing for 15 years so we're drawing the line," he said. "There's this effort to demonize the company and it's been very successful."

Beverly, based in Fort Smith, Ark., said it has been subjected to a smear campaign by unions struggling since the 1980s to win entry into its 567 nursing homes. Only one in 10 are covered by collective bargaining pacts.

Bronfenbrenner doesn't hide her pro-union sympathy — part of her job is teaching courses on union organizing.

But she insists her background does not interfere with her professional standards or her willingness to expose faults in both organized labor and management.

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